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## First Word

Dave Osgood

Hello Members,

I am writing this from Bologna, Italy, where I have been working for four days. Today we travel to Verona and on Monday on to Modena (Ferrari), home on Wednesday, weather permitting. Mixing a little pleasure with work. I know this is a tough assignment, but someone has to do it. Yes, Ellen is with me enjoying all the sight, sounds, and great food.

Back to reality on Thursday, opening the garage and looking at my Corvette, which may never see the light of day until the end of May given these snowstorms.

Now is the time for a full court press (March Madness) for everyone to get out and get at least one sponsor for Spring Fling. If we all participate, it will be a huge win for the club. By the way once you have done it you can be very proud when we start handing out the trophies and your sponsor's name is called.

I wish everyone good health and look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. Let me know your thoughts and ideas. We are always looking for your input.

Regards,  
David

**Gate City Corvette Club, Inc.** is one of approximately 600 Corvette Clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Gate City Corvette Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, NH.

## *Vice President Report*

*Dennis Corrigan*

With all the snow we have had this winter it will be great to enjoy the upcoming spring and summer of taking our cars out and go cruising. We had a good turnout for this month's meeting and I'm hoping we get as much interest in club activities as we do at the meetings. As one member has told me, "I didn't join the club to just come to meetings, I joined so I could go on cruises and to car shows." So, let's make this our best year yet for getting out on the road and enjoying our cars!

## *Secretary Report*

*Allie DeCampo*

President Dave Osgood began the March 9, 2018 meeting shortly after 7:00 pm. He suggested a couple of restaurants for dinner after the meeting and decided on Burtons.

**Membership Director:** Dave Hill was unable to attend the meeting. The membership welcomed our newest members, Gary and Denise O'Kula. They own a 2017 Long Beach Red coupe.

**Secretary:** The February secretary's report (submitted by Heather Shields filling in for Allie DeCampo) was accepted. Allie reminded everyone that the secretary's report can be found in the in latest issue of the newsletter on the club's website.

**Treasurer:** Dean Gagne went over the latest treasurer's report previously emailed to the membership. The report was accepted as presented.

**Vice President/Activities:** Dennis Corrigan requested suggestions for activities/cruises for spring. Larry Shields requested articles and photos for the newsletter. For example, photos along with a brief write-up of your first or favorite Corvette.

Larry also mentioned several events planned for the upcoming spring season:

May 5 – Corvettes & Coffee, Portsmouth, NH

May 5 – Blessing of the Vettes, Corvette Mike New England

May 5 – Corvettes & Classics, Corvette Club of Western Mass

May 6 – Seacoast Cars & Coffee, Portsmouth, NH

May 17 – Meet & Greet, 2019 Corvette Caravan, Newport, RI

May 19 – Corvette Show, Corvette Club of Western Mass, Springfield, MA

**May 27 – Spring Fling, Gate City Corvette Club, Merrimack, NH**

See Gate City Corvette Club's Facebook for a complete listing.

Dan Feidler talked about the Corvette Museum. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the National Corvette Museum's website for information about the museum and upcoming events. His hope is for everyone in our club to become members of the museum. Seniors may purchase a 20-year membership for \$500.00. The museum depends on financial support.

Dan also gave an update on the production of the ZR1. He is looking forward to taking delivery of his new ZR1 around the end of March or beginning of April!

Larry Shields talked about the Corvette Caravan scheduled for 2019. This will also be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum. There are a series of fun Meet and Greets held at various locations in NE during the months leading up to the Caravan. Larry will again plan a special return trip for Gate City members. Dave Osgood suggested a fun club activity might be a trip to NH1 Motorplex in Seabrook. Also, another idea was a cruise to Polly's Pancake Parlor in Sugar Hill.

Dean gave an update on plans for Spring Fling. He is researching pricing for signage. (Joe has been making the signs for the show every year.) He is also looking into purchasing 3 banana flags: GCCC, Spring Fling and Registration. Bag stuffing items are coming in slow. Raffle table items are needed. Trophy sponsors are needed. Dean will send out trophy sponsor forms to the membership again. The cost of sponsoring a trophy is \$65.00 for a set of 3 or for 1 "best of show" trophy. Norm Wood has selected the color bronze for this year's trophies. There are 43 categories of cars that include 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and runner up winners. We award approximately 137 trophies. Dave Osgood asked that everyone try to get at least one sponsor. In the past, some individual members have sponsored trophies. Sponsors can have their business cards and flyers included in the goodie bags. We are still in need of a dash plaque design. Dean mentioned purchasing GCCC static cling labels to display on our car windows. He will work on getting pricing.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dennis Corrigan

There was no member raffle this month.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**70 Paid, Honored and Honorary Members  
Welcome to Gary and Denise O’Kula, new members.**

To Join Gate City Corvette Club, visit our website

<http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>

and click on the Membership Info Link

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**JOIN US IN  
Celebrating the  
April Birthdays**



Dennis Corrigan 4/5

Brad Davis 4/5

Linda Davis 4/10

Carol Whittier 4/13

Bob Gearin 4/17

Larry Shields 4/24

If you do not see your birthday listed and want it to be included next year, please send it to Dave Hill @ [davennh@gmail.com](mailto:davennh@gmail.com)



As a new Gate City Corvette Club member, here's my introduction to members I haven't already met at the meetings.

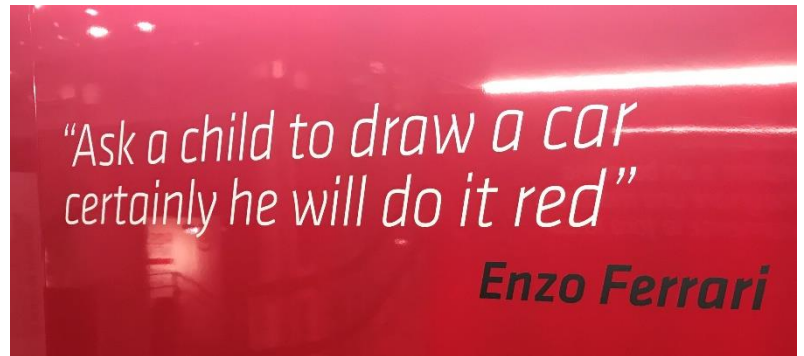
My first corvette is the one I'm currently driving, a Velocity Yellow, 2009 Z06. I purchased my Corvette last July on a whim, as I passed by it just as it was being placed on dealer lot for sale. As I drove by, I turned around immediately, took it for a test drive home to show the wife, and then back to the dealer to negotiate my purchase. The rest is history.

Not my first muscle car, but definitely the one that I have wanted my whole adult life. The C6 body style has always been my favorite and yellow my desired color, so all fell perfectly into place. My story is probably like most stories. After graduation from college there was the wedding, then came the children, and transfers from one state to another as I advanced my career with that one item on my bucket list, owning a Corvette.

Upon retiring in 1996, I purchased several motorcycles, another passion of mine and still a passion. You can never have too many bikes and at the time of the Corvette purchase I had two Harleys, but one had to go so I could make room for the Corvette, a sacrifice I gladly made.

As a biker, I began to seek out clubs where I could meet other Corvette enthusiast such as the motorcycle clubs I have belonged to and happened across Gate City Corvette Club. I enjoy belonging to organized clubs and the activities that clubs afford their members. So far, I have not been disappointed and look forward to participating in all that Gate City Corvette Club has to offer.

Sorry everyone, but when you fly 3,000 miles to Italy and are so close to the factory, it is something you have to do if you love cars.





<https://www.ocregister.com/2018/01/29/chp-in-standoff-with-pursuit-suspect-near-santa-ana-auto-mall/>- Photo credit: Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register/SCNG)

This poor blue C6 found itself with a dislocated front passenger side wheel, after being involved in a high-speed car chase in California. The CHPs observed the woman driver taking the Vette at speeds around 100mph on the freeway. When they tried to pull her over, she decided to try and outrun the law. As she left the freeway and entered local roads, she hit a sedan leaving a local auto mall, damaging the Vette as can be seen here. As you can see, the police were not amused at her attempted high-speed run.

### Calendar Events

<b>April</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM	April Club Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> @ 11AM	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Adams Detail Clinic, 11AM -2PM Hosted by Corvette Mike New England, Presented by Norm's Detailing
<b>May</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> @ 10AM	Blessing of the Vettes Hosted by Corvette Mike New England
5 <sup>th</sup> @ 9AM	Corvettes & Coffee At the Grill 28
5 <sup>th</sup> @ 1PM	Corvettes and Classics Hosted by Corvette Club of Western Mass at Cindy's Drive In
12 <sup>th</sup> @ 10AM	Spring Detail Clinic Hosted by New England Corvette Rentals, Presented by Norm's Detailing
17 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	2019 Corvette Caravan, Meet & Greet Mainstay Hotel & Conference Center, Newport, RI
19 <sup>th</sup> @ 10AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual all Corvette Show Hosted by Corvette Club of Western MA, at Balise Chevrolet, Springfield, MA
20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling Judging Clinic Location TBD
27 <sup>th</sup> @ 8AM	38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Hosted by Gate City Corvette Club, at Budweiser Brewery in Merrimack NH

Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input!

Letters, articles, notices, and ads are to be received by the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Classified ads are to be submitted on a monthly basis, and will not be carried over to the following month. Please contact the editor if you know of a business interested in purchasing advertising space in the newsletter. Thank you.

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*From Calloway Day at Corvette Mike New England, 2009*

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