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First Word

Dave Osgood

Hello Members,

Our May meeting is one of the most important meetings of the year and we had the turnout to prove it. Our club takes Spring Fling very seriously, so everyone puts on their game face to ensure a successful event. On Sunday, May 20th, we had our judging clinic and Al did an admirable job of going over the judging sheet. Thanks to all that attended. The new road signs are done and look great, with our logo.

I believe we are the premiere event of the Corvette driving season, kind of like opening day for the Red Sox. Everyone is tired of winter and looking forward to uncovering their cars and showing them off. I think we can take pride in the fact that we are bringing so much happiness and enjoyment to so many people. We may be smaller in numbers compared to other clubs, but boy do we make a difference!

Happy driving and best of health to all.

David

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Vice President Report

Dennis Corrigan

It was great seeing everyone at the meeting, and we had a really big crowd. Would like to see more of you come to the dinner after, as that's where you get to know some of the members better. I'm writing this just after the end of the Spring Fling Clinic we had at my house and which is another good venue to get to know your fellow Gate City Corvette Club members. As our fearless leader will say, "It's all hands on deck for next week for our Spring Fling". Let's get out there and have the best show we have ever had, and we need all the help we can get. As my grandmother use to say, "many hands make less labor."

See you there!

Secretary Report

Allie DeCampo

Notes taken by Heather Shields, as Allie was unable to attend the meeting:

Meeting Starts: 7:01

Greetings, Welcome to May and Welcome back snowbirds

Thanks to MacMulkin

Thanks to Larry S for Newsletter and keep that new content coming!

Dave with new members: Dave and Nancy Wilcox, George Fregone is now an official member!

'Club Postcards' are now on display at the MacMulkin flyer desk.

Vote on Secretary's Report Passed

Treasurer's Report

Paid 195.95 to Ralley for Dash Plaques, and Dan Zelonis for Taxes

44 Trophy's paid for. 7 Short

4-5 Paid Vendors: Silly Puffs, Tracey Girl Ice Cream, NECV?, Norm's Detailing, Flash Card?, Shaved Ice

Dennis is looking for Cruise Ideas!

Detail Clinic at Dennis' house. Please bring a side dish, salad, or desert as well as BYOB. Sunday May 20th, 10am

Ambassador's Report: Dan Fiedler: New Raffle Tickets for Sept 1st Raffle, Please Join the Museum!

Spring Fling: Claudia

New Containers, 14 items so far, needs more

Bring those to the Detail Clinic

Joe is donating iPad Bag, and watch with Corvette Logo from Lotto

Please Support the Club for Spring Fling!

Caravan Report: Larry G

Brief overview for new members. Caravan held every five years, across the USA/Canada

190 Registrations so Far

Many hotels won't give reservations until 50 weeks out

142 from last Caravan across NE

Randy and Larry did another preliminary run of the NE Caravan route, and things are looking to be a good fun time

Looking for advertisers for the Route Book. Which has a day by day breakdown of the routes, hotels, and events.

Also looking for 'Plate Ads' \$25 each

In 2014 NE donated almost 25 thousand to the NCM, with brick sales, bench sales, as well as money from the Caravan

Detail Clinic Tomorrow: NECR

Adam's Detail Clinic, rain expected, 10am till 2pm

Spring Fling

Next Meeting Sunday May 20th, Dennis's House

Day Before Needed for 'Laying out the Lines'

All hands on Deck! Every Club Member is needed to help with Spring Fling

We have the new 'Road Signs' for Spring Fling/Events 30 total

Last Call for Trophies, Vendors and Ads: May?

Club Members Please be there at 7AM

Drawings

50/50 \$51 for Tony!

Member Drawing: Jim Gorman \$50

71 Paid, Honored and Honorary Members

Welcome to George Fregone (new member) and Dave & Nancy Wilcox (prospective members).

To Join Gate City Corvette Club, visit our website
<http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>
and click on the Membership Info Link

For more information, please contact: Dave Hill (membership Director) at
603-860-8737 or davennh@gmail.com

Join us in Celebrating the June Birthdays



Gary O’Kula 6/29

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

Hints and Tips:

- The Corvette Museum is offering the GM Supplier Discount to members, which can be used to purchase a new GM vehicle.
- If you are an Amazon shopper, use the <https://smile.amazon.com> URL to have Amazon donate a portion of your purchase price to your favorite charity, and we hope that you will select the National Corvette Museum! Every little bit helps to preserve the Corvette treasures at the museum.
- And let’s not forget to become a member of the museum as well!
- Save the Wave

Liz and I purchased our first Corvette, a 2005 C6 Daytona Sunset Orange convertible from a close friend of mine Mark. He was a colleague of mine for many years. When we all decided to leave the company that we worked for, we started a yearly alumnus gathering at his log home in Western New York. This was in 2008. He seldom was able to drive the car due to the road he lived on, which was dirt and gravel. Each year I would ask for his permission to go out to his garage and pull the cover. He would watch me stare and at times drool over this beautiful car. Each year I would tell him the same thing.... When it is time for you to buy a new one I want to be your first call. Well February of 2017, I received an email letting me know he was placing an order for a 2017 Grand Sport and did I want to buy his car.

I told Liz that I wanted to, but this was a crazy idea. I said let's pay off the mortgage and do many more practical things with the money. She stated, "You have to buy this car, you have been talking about it for years." Yes, that was true, I then said but it would be too expensive to insure the car, she asked "Well did you call the insurance company"? Of course, I had not. I then added another roadblock and said we have nowhere to store it, she said we will build a new garage (I received all the approval from the town).

Well, we picked up the car on March 11th, with only 15,938 original miles.

In May, I met Mark at MacMulkin to pick up his new 2017 beauty!

We have since made a few modifications to the car, my friend Mark had added a stainless-steel Billy Boat exhaust to the car. Awesome, but extremely loud. Luckily, I had joined GCCC and met Dennis Corrigan.

I was asking him if there was anything I could do to make the car a bit quieter as Liz and I could not have a simple conversation. Dennis was extremely helpful and put me in touch with a great shop in Merrimack. He then asked me if I was sure I wanted to do this as I would have to talk with my wife! Very humorous, but I assured him we like to talk!

We put the car away in late October with a bit over 23,000 miles, so we did enjoy the car so, so, so very much!

Hoping for a great season of many road trips this year!



Some photos from the Michelin Bash at the Corvette Museum. ZR1 row on the checkerboard. These are the ZR1 prototypes given to the GM execs to drive. They were all fitted with the new Michelin All Season no flat tires coming out in the fall. These cars were driven hard during the Detroit winter and according to the Corvette Senior Engineer, handled extremely well.









Dennis, Jimmy, Tony, and Gordon enjoyed an evening of meeting other area Corvette enthusiasts and some really good steaks. Introducing Gordon's 2010 Grand Sport

A Hidden Gem of an Auto Museum

Dave Hill

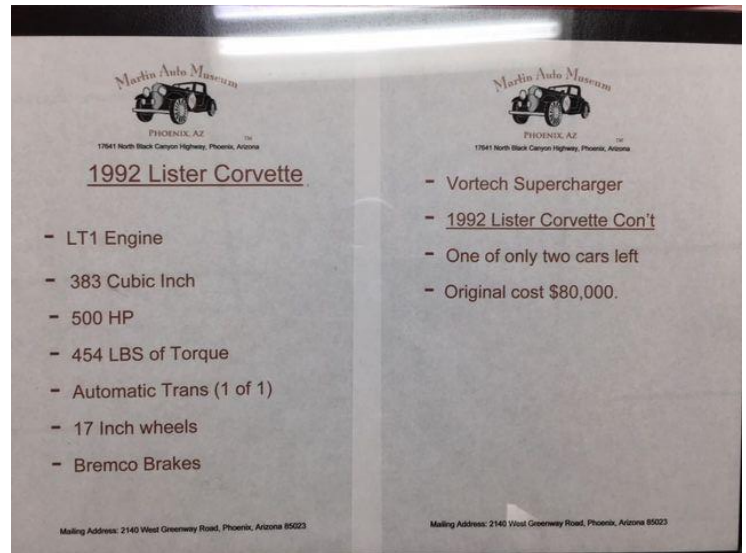
Over spring break, Deb and I took a trip to Phoenix, AZ to visit family and friends. We were looking for something else to do with my brother and his wife and the Martin Auto Museum was suggested by my brother. I had the museum on my Google list of places to visit, so of course I said yes.

The Martin Auto Museum is located along I-17 N, also known as Black Canyon Highway. It is in an unassuming warehouse style building with very little ornamentation. We walk in and expect to have to pay admission, but they don't charge admission, rather they suggest a donation of \$10 per adult. We walk from room to room only to discover there is another room to explore. There is also a lot of automotive memorabilia. You can see some of it in the backgrounds of the pictures.

The first car you see when entering is a 1967 Corvette convertible cut-away car.



Next to it is a 1992 Lister Corvette design study. It is one of only 2 known to exist and was done to see what a Corvette could look like if it was designed by Ferrari.



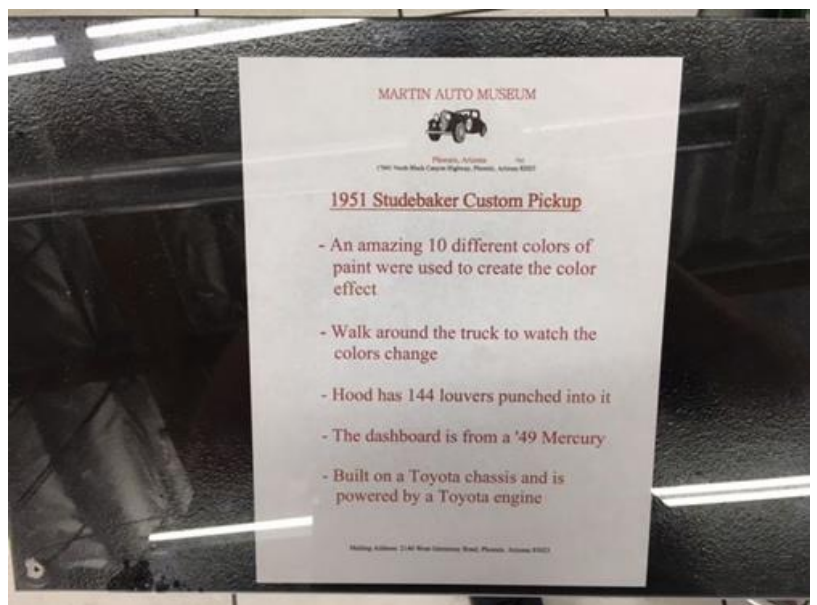
Several more Corvettes sit in a line next to the Lister, here's one example, plus one for the future Corvette owner:



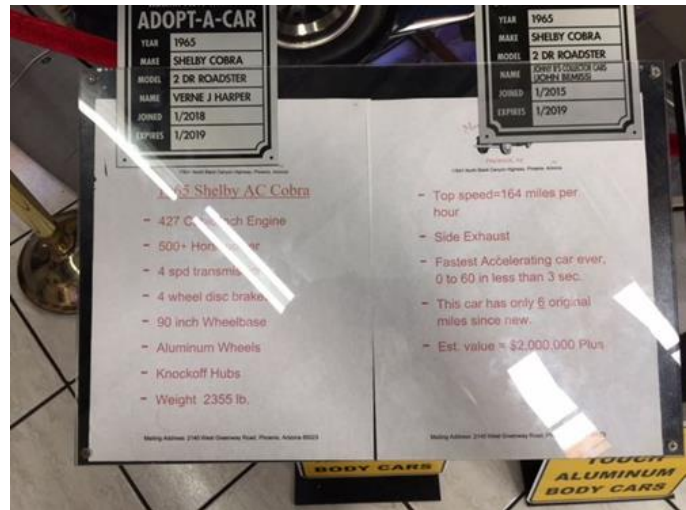
My favorite car in the collection was the 1930 Duesenberg Boattail Speedster. It is a beautiful car, and check out that engine, wow! “This Duesenberg was originally owned by John Factor, one of Chicago’s most elusive gangsters. John was half-brother to the famous cosmetics giant Max Factor. Although he worked for Al Capone and had a scandalous past, John was often seen handing out food to the less fortunate from the back of this vehicle.”



For the hot rodder in us, here is a 1951 Studebaker Pickup:



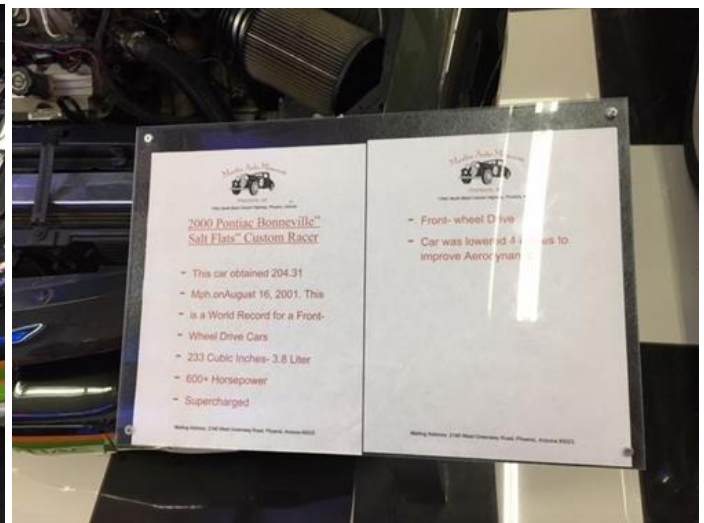
Or maybe you like a 1965 AC Cobra with only 6 miles on the odometer, signed by Carroll Shelby:



Or maybe a 1955 Chevrolet 210 2-door Wagon is more your style:



How about the front-wheel drive car that broke 200 MPH on the Bonneville Salt Flats:



The next time you are in Phoenix, take time to visit the Martin Auto Museum. Visit virtually by going to <http://www.martinautomuseum.org>.

A “Meet and Greet” leading up to the 2019 Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, Kentucky, was recently held in Newport, RI. Gate City Corvette Club members attending were Larry, Ingrid, Norm, Sue, Joe, Carol, John, Priscilla, Mike and Allie.

We arrived at the Mainstay Hotel just in time for lunch with our Gate City friends. Afterwards, we registered upstairs and checked out the New England Caravan merchandise and apparel. Red windbreakers with the National Corvette Museum logo were a popular item given the weather forecast for the remainder of our stay.

That evening we enjoyed a dinner buffet at the hotel. Randy Flock presented a detailed overview of the 2019 Corvette Caravan. Randy and Judy, along with state coordinators, have been busy mapping out routes and planning accommodations for the event. Larry and Ingrid were recognized as the coordinators for NH. The 2019 Caravan will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Museum.

Friday morning we lined up the Vettes and caravanned to Rough Point for a private tour of the Doris Duke estate. The mansion’s oceanside landscape was breathtaking. The weather was a bit chilly and windy so we spent most of our time viewing the interior. We learned that Doris Duke was the driving force behind The Newport Restoration Foundation and responsible for saving and restoring many of Newport’s fine historical homes.



Rough Point

A visit to Fort Adams and the Volvo Race Village was planned for Friday afternoon; however, we opted to take a shuttle for shopping and lunch in the village. Later that evening Joe and Carol braved the cold to participate in the 12 meter sail. They met up with us afterwards and said they had a fantastic sail with the clouds parting to reveal a beautiful sunset.



12 Meter Sail

Trolleys were available on Saturday morning for transport to either The Marble House or The Elms. The mansion tours were followed by a narrated scenic tour of Newport's impressive homes, historical sites, and ocean views. Our driver included many stories about the history of the region and their rich and famous residents.

We were off to the Newport Car Museum on Saturday afternoon. Museum owner, Gunther Buerman, was a welcoming host and greeted us with coffee and cookies. (I read online he is a 74-year old former chairman of a major New York law firm, avid sailor and classic car and furniture collector. He is quoted as saying that he "flunked retirement.") The collection of Corvettes, Mustangs and other American muscle along with imported classics were artfully displayed. A few photos below:





The weekend wrapped up with a party at the Atlantic Resort on Saturday evening. We all enjoyed a dinner buffet followed by dancing. Shuttles were available to come and go as we pleased “so we didn’t have to worry about having one too many.” It was a nice ending to a fun and well organized weekend!



Photos courtesy of Joe Michalik

Other scenes from the parking lot...





<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2018/03/22/accident-people-cant-stop-crashing-military-surplus-store-virginia/> - Photo credit: Laura Friedman

Another yellow C4 makes the ranks this month, after it was side-swiped, swerved off the road, and crashed into this military surplus store in Virginia. The interesting thing is that the Vette is only the most recent of vehicles to crash into this poor building. They hadn't even finished fixing the damage from the last crash, where this poor Vette hit into the same place. This store is such a car crash magnet, in its history, it was once even hit three times in one day!

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 VoCM Bar Harbor Tour	2 VoCM Bar Harbor Tour Corvettes & Classics Corvettes & Coffee CT Vettes for Vets
3 VoCM Bar Harbor Tour	4	5	6	7	8 Back to the Beach	9 Back to the Beach
10 Back to the Beach Larz Anderson Vette Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 BSCC Autocross JANE Autocross
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Tilton Vets Ice Cream Social and Corvette Show
24 Medfield Auto Show	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SSCC Cruise Night	NSSC Cruise Night 4pm Sylvan Street Grill, Peabody	CCoCT Cruise Night			

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!

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Picture of the Month



The Blue Devil ZR1, survivor of the sinkhole

Photo Credit: Anthony Centrella

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5th ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW
at the
New Hampshire Veterans Home
139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH
SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2018
2:30-3:30

Corvettes will be on display at the Pavilion and will finish with a parade around the home. Ice cream will be served.

Live Entertainment with Bernie Dougherty

Anyone attending that would like to bring a "Goody Bag" (see attached list) or checkers, chess, or a table game may do so. No food please!

In case of rain, Ice Cream Social will be held inside the Town Hall in back of the Veterans Home. Corvettes- optional.

John and Carol Slavin will be coordinating details.

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NHVV Sunshine Cart

The *Sunshine Cart* provides a wide variety of personal care items for our residents free of charge. The Sunshine cart is particularly important to those residents who are not able to attend shopping trips as it allows them a “shopping experience” at no cost. We are looking for the following list of items to be donated to The Sunshine Cart.

- ❖ Denture cleaning tablets: Efferdent or Polident
- ❖ Denture adhesive: Fixodent or Poligrip
- ❖ Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- ❖ Stick Deodorants Men's & Women's scented
- ❖ Hair combs and brushes
- ❖ Emery boards
- ❖ Toe Nail Clippers/ Nail Clippers
- ❖ Body wash Men's & Women's scented
- ❖ Pre-shave
- ❖ After Shave: (in lotion or gel form)
- ❖ Women's perfume
- ❖ Alcohol Free Mouthwash
- ❖ Lip balm/Chap stick
- ❖ Kleenex tissues (plus lotion brand is nice)
- ❖ Body Lotion and/or Baby body lotion
- ❖ Individually packaged eyeglass cleaner wipes
- ❖ Shampoo: 2 in 1 Shampoo, Baby Shampoo, or Dandruff Shampoo
- ❖ Postage Stamps

A few GUIDELINES when purchasing donations:

- ❖ Residents prefer standard size products that can be used for an extended period. We do not stock travel size items on the Sunshine Cart.
- ❖ Unsafe items such as, liquids containing alcohol, aerosol sprays, medical items, Q-Tips, body powder or food products are not accepted.

Before purchasing products, please contact Lisa Punderson at (603) 527-4449 or e-mail lisa.punderson@nhvh.nh.gov for additional information.

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward sunshine cart items, please make your check payable to NHVV Benefit Fund and reference “Sunshine Cart” on the memo line.