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July 2018 Issue

First Word

Dave Osgood

Spring Fling 2018 is now history. Better to have history than none at all. What a surprise to see Corvettes lined up at 8:00AM on a cold, windy, rainy day, true believers. Another great surprise was to see that caravan from Rhode Island pulling into the parking lot. Talk about loyalty. Our reputation for putting on one of the best shows in New England proved itself on that day. Congratulations to all that participated and all the club members who endured the conditions. I think the wine at the end warmed everyone up.

Upcoming events are everywhere. Don't forget the Veterans home on June 23rd. Ice Cream for everyone. July picnic, mark down August 5th for Corvettes by the Sea, Corvette Club of Rhode Island. They survived the cold and rain, we can suffer in the sunshine and heat.

This is the year that we as club members support the Corvette Museum. 100% participation, now that's an idea. When this club sets its mind to something it always gets it done. Get-R Done! Have fun, be safe, stay healthy. Owning a Corvette is a dream but without all the other stuff life is not complete.

Best,
David

Vice President Report

Dennis Corrigan

Again, we had a good turnout for our meeting. I'm hoping we can get more members to go on cruises this year than last. We have a couple of shows coming up this summer, the one in RI is very important for us to have a good showing as they have been a big supporter of our Spring Fling the last few years. Let's get our cars out on the road and drive them.

Secretary Report

Allie DeCampo

President Dave Osgood began the June 7, 2018 meeting at 7:00 pm. He asked for suggestions for an after meeting restaurant and the decision was made to go to Not Your Average Joe's. He thanked MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility.

Newsletter Editor: Larry Shields thanked everyone who contributed articles and photos for the newsletter. Awesome! Please send a write-up and photo of your first or favorite Corvette, or anything else you feel would be of interest to the club.

Membership Director: Dave Hill introduced Scott, a prospective new member. He is the owner of a 2018 red Z06.

Secretary: Heather Shields recorded the minutes from the May meeting in Allie's absence. The secretary's report was posted in the newsletter prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and the secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer: Dean Gagne emailed the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Spring Fling Recap: Dean thanked everyone for helping out at Spring Fling and talked about the following:

- Dean has been in contact with Anheuser Busch in an attempt to get a rain date that doesn't conflict with other major Corvette functions.
- Although participation was down this year due to unseasonably cold weather, we were able to cover all costs involved in hosting the event.
- Judging forms can be mailed to participants for a handling charge of \$1.00. Dean recommended that judges include notes on the forms to help participants understand and improve their scores at future shows.
- The raffle table, coordinated by Claudia Feidler, was a success with many generous items donated by our members.
- The club has several trophies leftover that can be awarded at next year's Spring Fling.
- More money was spent this year to provide additional food choices for the after-the-show pizza party. (Yeah! It was cold and we were hungry!)

- No advertising was done prior to the show; however, there was a nice write-up in a Nashua newspaper after the show. (Unfortunately, Dean's name was misspelled!)
- Contributions to charities will be discussed at a future meeting.

Officer at Large: Heather Shields presented a list of upcoming events:

- June 23rd – Ice Cream Social & Corvette Show, Tilton Veteran's Home, Tilton, NH
- July 7th - Corvettes and Coffee, Great Bay Corvette Club, Grill 28 at Pease Golf Course, Portsmouth, NH
- July 8th - Club Corvette of CT, 26th Annual Corvette Show & Swap Meet, Guilford, CT
- July 15th - North Shore Corvettes of Mass, 8th Annual Fuzzy Dice Run, Woburn, MA
- July 24th - Annual Founder's Day & Classic Car Exhibit, Extensive 60 vehicle private collection of Robert & Sandra Bahre, Paris, Maine

Please see the monthly calendar in this publication or visit Gate City Corvette Club Facebook for a list of area cruise nights and events.

Dan Feidler stated there have been reports of inappropriate behavior at cruise nights. Consideration for the host businesses and other attendees is expected.

Vice President/Activities: Please contact Dennis Corrigan with ideas for club activities.

National Corvette Museum: Dan Feidler asked everyone to support the National Corvette Museum by becoming a member and also by purchasing Corvette raffle tickets. Please let him know if you join the museum or renew your membership.

2019 Corvette Caravan: Larry & Ingrid Goelz are the New Hampshire State Leaders for the New England Caravan. Larry reported on the following: The Meet & Greet planned for fall in Stowe, Vermont is full. A Meet and Greet may be planned for this spring in Cape Cod. There are currently 200 cars registered for the NE Caravan. Please consider donating \$25.00 to have your number plate displayed on the Caravan website. A list of additional Caravan activities (not included in the initial registration fee) will be released soon.

New Business: The Gate City Corvette Club Annual Picnic will be held at the park in Pembroke on July 21st from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. This event is "rain or shine". The eating area and picnic tables are under a covered pavilion. Members are asked to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Kids and grandkids are welcome. Feel free to bring outdoor games, folding chairs, and don't forget the sunscreen and bug spray. Please let Norm Wood know how many will attend and what you are planning to bring. **The park has a strict no-smoking policy.**

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Jim McLaughlin.
The winner of the member raffle was "Lucky" Bill Balcom.
Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

71 Paid, Honored and Honorary Members

Welcome Scott Cole (prospective member).

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 July Birthdays



Heather Shields 7/2

Tom Stewart 7/18

Gayle Zelonis 7/31

Carol Michalik 7/17

Carol DiMeo 7/28

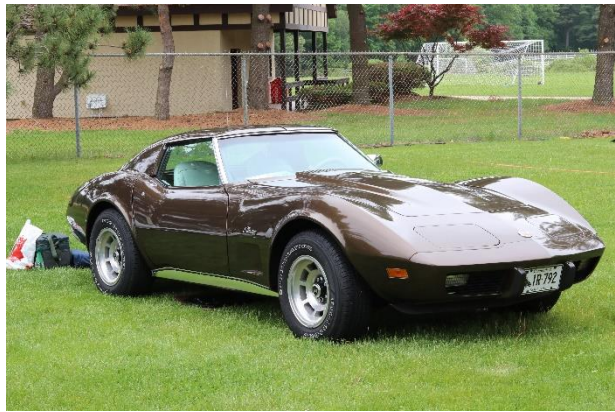
If you do not see your birthday listed and want it to be included next year, please send it to Dave Hill @ davennh@gmail.com

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

Some pictures from our recent Spring Fling event. Though the weather wasn't overly cooperative, it didn't actually rain during the event at all! The threat of the rain did keep the larger crowds we hoped for away though. Thanks to all of the loyal Vette owners who came out anyway to show their cars off, and support our club & our show. Hopefully next year we get a super clear sunny day again!







Hey, I think we recognize that orange car at the very front of the pack at Back to the Beach!



Corvettes, Coffee, and Gate City!

Dennis and Tony's trip to the Corvette Show at the Larz Anderson Museum. Great day with a fantastic showing of about 150 Corvettes on display.



It was time once again to head south to North Andover, MA and join the Jaguar Association of New England for their Spring Autocross event. Running the cones there is always a fun time and a driving challenge to find the trade-offs on speed vs. handling on a short, tight course. Dave Hill & I met at the Kohl's parking lot and drove down together to participate in the day's events. Despite the weather being perfect, the event being on Father's Day weekend seems to have kept numbers down – with only 18 cars running for the 5 official timed laps.

I knew it was going to be a good day when my first run was a low 41 second time, beating my previous personal record by a couple tenths of a second. The run felt smooth & the tires just seemed to grip like nobody's business... I knew that my next runs could be even better if I gave the 427 a bit more speed to try and carry through the turns. I nailed my launch, took an aggressive line that still let me carry a bunch of speed into the turns, and accelerated right into the stop box... and was rewarded with a new personal record a full second faster than my previous best. BUHBYE put down a 40.396 which is an amazingly good time for the course – and was enough to beat all of the other cars that day. My remaining 3 official timed runs were also in the 40s – meaning all 5 of my runs were faster than my previous best (although one technically was slower – since I took a 2 second penalty for knocking over a cone on the first lap). To say I was thrilled is an understatement.

Afterwards I took two more runs in the 427 for unofficial times (one time with a passenger who had a beautiful classic Jaguar and wanted to see what the really fast runs looked like first hand). Then after talking with one of the folks from the JANE club that races a dedicated Jaguar track car at the event, we agreed to do a dollar lap car swap and take each other's cars around the cones. It's always interesting trying to climb into the racing seats & get my big wide feet past the brake to the gas pedal in these types of cars. But I did it and managed to even put down a time that was faster than 3 of the owner's official timed laps for the day. He jokingly came over after we finished our laps and saw the times and said, "I am never letting you drive my car again... you're going to make me look bad."

It was a really fun day once again – though because we were #3 and #4 (appropriate for Corvette Racing!) that meant I never got to get any pictures of Dave running the course, since I was always in line waiting to start right after he finished. Hope to see more folks join us for the runs at their Fall Autocross event. Here are pics of some of the cars that ran over the day...



Larry in the Track Jaguar for a Dollar Lap



Classic Jag Can Still Run the Cones!



Fiat Abarth



This Ford Focus RS was Quick!



A rare non-modified Toyota Supra



A 1960 MGA



Modified for the Track - Triumph Spitfire GT



Subaru WRX



Jaguar XKE



Toyota MR2



<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2018/06/07/corvette-zr1-pace-car-crash-generated-3-4-million-free-publicity-corvette-brand/>

A beautiful blue ZR1 was the Indy pace car, and there were many good vibes about seeing that car out there on the track. That is until driver & GM's head of product development, Mark Reuss, lost control of the backend and had apparently disabled traction control. The poor Vette planted itself into a wall, delaying the race as cars stacked up behind him. On the upside, since there is no bad press – industry analysts estimate that all the extra air time with the car generated around \$3.4 million in free publicity for GM, Chevy, Corvette, and the ZR1.

July 2018 Corvette Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
			Motor Mania			Corvettes and Coffee
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
CCoC Show and Swap Meet					Gate City Club Meeting	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NSCM Fuzzy Dice Run 30th Mustang Mania All-Car Show						CCRI Field of Dreams Founder's Day Paris, ME
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	NECC Cruise Night					
29	30	31				More Events
2018 Dover Elks Car Show						NE Auto Shows Calendar
Weekly Cruise Nights						
Murphy's Taproom Bedford	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvettes of MA	Kimball Farm	Cruzzin' Dreams Hotrod City Wings and Wheels	Kimball Farm Target 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!

Letters, articles, notices, and ads are to be received by the editor by the 20th 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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Picture of the Month



Mike has a message...

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