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First Word

Dennis Corrigan

I would like to start out by saying I am proud to serve as the president of our club.

It was nice to see so many members at the Christmas party. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

I'm looking forward to doing the best job I can with the great board of directors we have this year. I plan to meet with the board before our next club meeting in February to discuss what has been working well and where there is opportunity for improvement. Our goal will be to get more members involved in making this one of the best years ever.

Save the wave and see you next month!

The next meeting of
Gate City Corvette Club
February 8, 2019
7:00 pm
MacMulkin Chevrolet
Nashua, NH

Gate City Corvette Club is one of the hundreds of Corvette Clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of GCCC is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. GCCC meets at 7:00 pm the second Friday of the Month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire.

Message From the Veep...

Welcome to 2019, where winter has finally gotten around to reminding us why we put our cars away at this time of year. So while it's not time to do much more than go out to the garage and look wistfully at our parked beauties, we **can** start thinking about the year ahead and even some activities we might squeak in before the cars come out! I've got a few ideas for some fun club events - from potential indoor go-kart racing with K1 Speed near Boston, to some weekend dinner outings as a group, to potentially a trip to one of the NH race tracks to watch a night of racing like we did a few years ago (though no guarantee we can get on the tracks again). My plan is to look into some of the options, and then I'll look to put out some dates for specific events so people can add them to their calendars and let me know who wants to come along for the fun. As much as possible, I'll be asking people to RSVP with me for any of these trips that might require us to place reservations to ensure they can handle a group of our size showing up. For other cruises we might try to do in the warmer weather - we can keep it less formal, if we're heading someplace that can handle bigger groups without advance warning.

So those are some of the ideas I've had. There will of course be our big club event Memorial Day weekend as usual to help organize, and we'll have the big 25th Anniversary of the NCM Corvette Caravan this year as well. I've been working with Larry G. to plan out a return trip back for any club members who might like to join us, like we did after the last caravan. This time we'll be taking a Northern route home, making stops at Mammoth Cave, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the National Air Force Museum, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, laps at Watkins Glen, and a couple of days in the Finger Lakes region to enjoy some wines & local sights. We'll also organize group caravans to some of the larger car shows in the area for folks who want to attend as a group, and we'll coordinate meet up locations & times as we get closer to those specific events. We'll likely be looking at our annual club picnic again this year, plus our fall visit to Castle in the Clouds for a pot luck with lots of scenery (Norm & Sue - I'll likely be asking you for your help & experience on these!).

However... what else would you like to see the club do this year? I'm happy to put together some events like these based on what I think would be fun, and if they work for others - that's great! But what sorts of things would you be interested in doing? Places you'd like to see? Places you'd like to cruise to and eat? Cool events to visit as a group? Throw me an email with any ideas you might have, so I can look into what options we might have.

Looking forward to a fun year ahead!

-Larry S.
The Veep



Annual Holiday Party

The GCCC monthly meeting was replaced in January by our annual holiday party held at the Puritan Conference Center in Manchester, NH. As always, the party was a wonderful opportunity for our members to socialize and enjoy great food and drink. We were fortunate this year to get an upgraded function room with additional space to move about and mingle. Also, the room was very convenient to the bar area! Newly elected president, Dennis Corrigan, thanked the 2018 board members for their dedication. He especially thanked outgoing president, Dave Osgood, for his steady guidance over the past two years. Dennis introduced the new board members for 2019: Dennis Corrigan, president; Larry Shields, vice president; Allie DeCampo, secretary; Dean Gagne, treasurer; Dave Hill, officer-at-large; Tony Centrella, membership director; Immediate Past President, Dave Osgood. Afterwards, we enjoyed a spirited Yankee Swap. Thanks to all those who attended and special thanks to Claudia Feidler for coordinating this fun evening.



Photos courtesy of Mike DeCampo

GCCC Membership Report

By: Dave Hill

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

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Join us in Celebrating the January & February Birthdays



Sharon White 1/9

Ruth Wintle 1/18

Allie DeCampo 1/29

Ellen Osgood 2/1

Tony Centrella 2/3

Dean Gagne 2/4

Joe Michalik 2/20

John Bosco 2/21

Jacquelin Garian 2/22

Deb Hill 2/25

If you do not see your birthday listed and want it to be included next year, please send it to Dave Hill, membership director.

Hints and Tips:

- Coming to a browser near you, a catalog of our official club shirts and jackets. Watch this space for more information. [M and N Sports](#), 6 Broad St, Nashua, NH 03064, is the vendor for club items.
- 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 National Corvette Museum as well!
- Save the Wave!

One of the many things our club prides itself on, is the various charities we're able to help each year. By far my favorite since joining the club has been the Adopt-A-Family program we do over the holiday season. While it has changed drastically from the early days of the club, years before I joined, the spirit of it still holds a warm spot for many club members who've been there since its inception. While we can no longer have a hands on approach as in past years, there is something just overwhelmingly wonderful in being able to insure that kids have a wonderful Christmas.

This year made me especially proud to be part of the club due to the overwhelming support that was given by our members. Due to the more than generous donations and a surprise matching donation, we were able to 'adopt' a total of eleven children and make sure they had not only gifts under the tree but plenty of warm clothing for this winter. In addition to that, we were able to make sure ten families were able to have a fantastic Christmas dinner as well.

Beyond the donations, what always is special about helping this charity is getting together with various club members and doing the actual shopping. It's always a fun and often amusing time as we try and navigate how to wrangle bicycles and carts full of clothes and toys. (Jim solves this by just riding his bike down the aisle.). Even more amusing is when those of us shopping are stumped by whatever the latest 'in thing' all the kids must have and none of us have ever heard about. (All I can say is thank goodness for smart phones!) The smiles and laughs we have while mingling back and forth as highlighted by the deer in headlights looks on the cashiers' faces when we roll up with our line of carts and bikes and say, yes, it's all one order.

So thank you Gate City for helping such a great charity. For all the extra donations we are given every year to allow us to exceed the number of kids we adopt every year. And especially to those members who come out and brave the Holiday Shopping season to bring a little extra joy to the world.



Photo Courtesy of Tom Stewart

The annual Holiday Ice Cream Social was held on December 1, 2018 at the Veteran's Home in Tilton, NH. This enjoyable event is coordinated each year by John and Carol Slavin. As in the past, Members of Gate City Corvette Club helped out by purchasing the ice cream for the event. Members also helped by assisting Vets from their rooms and accompanying them during the social. John invited John Katsaros as his special guest. Mr. Katsaros is a World War II veteran and has written a book "Code Burgundy" about his experiences in the war. Monetary donations and goodie bags were accepted. Carol reported that it was great day for everyone involved!

Below: John and Carol take a moment for a photo. John and Mr. Katsaros pose with book in hand.



Photos Courtesy of Carol Slavin

Pictures from the Photo Album



Hey...I know that guy!

Dan Feidler driving a cool looking Corvette over the auction block at the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee, Florida. And...he didn't even buy it!

Photo Courtesy of Dan Feidler

Liz and Tom Stewart

You finally reach that dream of owning a Corvette...



And then you realize you need someplace to keep that Corvette...



Gets expensive, doesn't it?

Corvette photo taken at Watkins Glen in Upstate New York

Photos courtesy of Liz & Tom Stewart



Christmas shopping for Mike always presents a problem for me. He generally buys what he needs or wants when he needs or wants it. I always feel bad on Christmas morning as he opens the usual sweater, shirt and flannel lounging pants...blah, blah, blah. This year was different... I had an idea! Mike often complains about flat spots after sitting all winter - I mean flat spots on the Corvette tires, not flat spots on Mike. So I surprised him with Flat Stoppers that I purchased off the internet. He seemed very pleased with his gift and disappeared into the garage to position the Vette on top of them. Problem solved!

Mike returned inside and, soon after, received a text message from the Corvette. It wasn't a note of thanks; however, it was an alert informing him that the right rear tire was low on air. Since this was the first text he had ever received from any car, he spent some time marveling at the Vette's amazing intellect and ability to communicate. I thought, if only humans had the ability to clearly communicate their problems. Adult humans would have harmonious relationships at home and at work. Humans under two years of age could send a specific alert: I'm cold, my tummy hurts, diaper rash in the works. World peace, maybe! Life would be so much easier.

Anyway, the Vette wasn't kidding. What are the chances that with a mere 850 miles on the odometer there would be a nail in the tire? Are there really that many nails lurking in the streets just waiting for some unsuspecting Grand Sport Corvette Convertible Nail Magnet to pass over it? Mike removed the tire, loaded it into the Jeep, and brought it to MacMulkin. Fortunately, the technician was able to do a simple repair.

The Corvette, hopefully, will now enjoy a peaceful winter with no need to send any more text messages. I would like to send a text to the Vette wishing it sweet dreams until spring. If it had the ability to communicate like a human, the response would most likely be an automatic reply something like this, "I am currently in the garage and tucked away for the winter. If you require immediate assistance, please contact the Jeep or BMW. Thank you and have a nice day."



Flat Stoppers



Not much room left in there!



This poor C5 found itself being heisted by a thief who then promptly went on to lead a high-speed chase to avoid the police. While speeds got up to 70mph in places, the pursuit came to an end when the thief swerved into oncoming traffic and hit a minivan. The police were only too happy to charge him with a few things: including operating under the influence, with prior convictions; operating after his license had been revoked, also with prior convictions; driving to endanger; eluding a police officer; two counts of passing a roadblock; criminal speed; and receiving stolen property.

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2018/10/26/accident-police-pursuit-of-stolen-corvette-ends-in-head-on-collision/>

Why Become a National Corvette Museum Member?

Dan Feidler

The National Corvette Museum was a brainstorm of a few people over 25 years ago. They thought it would be a great idea to start up an organization such as this to bring Corvette owners together. Let's face it; we all have something in common...CORVETTES!

As I've said in the past, the NCM is a nonprofit and gets money to operate through several sources during the course of the year. One way is through memberships; there are several ways to become a member such as individual, business, lifetime, etc. I'm very proud to say that Gate City Corvette Club is a Lifetime Member to the NCM, along with several of our club members. The museum also derives money from visitor admission fees, Corvette raffles, insurance sales and various other programs.

What do you get for being a member? Well, you get to join the thousands of members that enjoy Corvettes. You get admission into the museum anytime at no additional cost and receive a discount on items from the in-house Corvette store. Most of all, members of the museum contribute to carrying on the history and legacy of the greatest sports car ever...Corvette. So what do you say... come and join the NCM. Please see me for more information and sign-up forms or go online at www.nationalcorvettemuseum.com. If you join online please remember to list me as your ambassador. Believe me; you will be helping to support an outstanding organization.

Dan Feidler

Gate City Corvette Club NCM Ambassador

PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **February 20, 2019**

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.

Reports, articles, notices, letters, photos and ads are to be received by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Thank you for helping to make our newsletter interesting and informative!

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