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First Word

Dennis Corrigan

It was good to see everyone at my first official meeting as President. I'm looking forward to a fun and profitable New Year and enjoying many events with the club members.

We are already getting ready for our Spring Fling and need to come up with a good rain date in case we need it. To our new members, this is our only fund raiser and the only judged show in New England. We will need all the help we can get, and as new members you will see how well we work together and get the job done.

I look forward to our next meeting and all the events we have planned for this year so that there will be something for everybody to enjoy.

Save the wave!

The next meeting of
Gate City Corvette Club
March 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...

Continuing to look at things the club can do this coming year, I'm hoping we can get some more folks interested in driving their Vettes in a more exuberant manner! As usual, Jaguar Associate of New England (JANE) plans to run two slalom /auto-crosses this year, one in the spring and one in the fall. I'll add dates to the Facebook calendar once they lock in those dates. The JANE autocross is a fairly lower speed (you aren't going to get out of first gear in the Vette), with a course that emphasizes handling more than raw power (though the power doesn't hurt). Held in a nice big parking lot in North Andover, MA, you don't have to worry about hitting anything - and is a great way to have some fun driving the car in a competitive way.



Bay State Corvette Club has also announced the dates for their four autocross events that they hold at Fort Devens, in MA. The road course based autocross is held on the old airstrips at Ft. Devens, and the length of the course will run about a mile in length. Cones are placed regularly along the track that will keep speeds down as you're forced to focus on the handling as you weave back and forth or slalom around the cones. The cones are in a different pattern every time, so it keeps it fresh and interesting each time you run. This course will allow for slightly faster speeds. I ran the course in 2nd when I attended last year, with a top speed in the final run for the finish at around 60 mph. The four dates for their events are April 21st, June 9th, August 10th, and September 1st. These require signing up in advance at motorsportreg.com, with registration opening 1 month before the event.

I'm also talking with some of the folks at JANE who are considering trying to do an autocross day down at Lime Rock, if we might jump in with their runs. This is still in the very earliest stages, but I'm hoping this might pan out as this can also be a great deal of fun. Some of us enjoyed it a great deal when we got to run at Lime Rock during the last Corvette Caravan in 2014, and I think it would be a lot of fun to be able to run it again with folks. This is another course where most of the run will be in 2nd gear.

Hopefully we can get some cars to join in the fast runs this year! Looking forward to getting mine back out of the garage...

-Larry S.

The Veep



President Dennis Corrigan began the February 8, 2019 meeting by welcoming everyone to the first official meeting of the new year. He took a head count for dinner and the decision was made to go to Shorty's.

Membership Director: Tony Centrella introduced potential new members. He said that during a recent board meeting, the board decided on a one-time fee of \$20.00 to new members to cover the cost of a GCCC t-shirt and name badge.

Dennis mentioned that he would like to have collared shirts with our logo available for purchase by members. He said the board will research and present ideas a future meeting.

Officer at Large: Dave Hill proactively compiled a list of dates of important events for 2019 so that everyone can plan accordingly in advance. Please see Dave's report on page 6 of this newsletter. In addition, he will provide an updated monthly calendar for the newsletter. (Thank you, Dave!)

Treasurer: Dean Gagne presented the treasurer's report. The report was accepted by the membership. Dean stated that all the club's bills have been paid.

Spring Fling: Dean reported that plans for this year's Spring Fling have begun. He reminded everyone that it is time to start contacting potential trophy sponsors. The cost of trophy sponsorship will remain the same at \$65.00. He is also contacting the food vendor that we used last year. He prefers to use just one food vendor who is familiar with the event. There is space for other types of vendors. Gayle Zelonis is working on getting fillers for the goody bags. The decision was made to use the orange trophies left over from last year and order additional trophies in the same color. Norm Wood offered to take responsibility for purchasing the trophies.

Secretary: Allie DeCampo posted minutes from the last meeting in the newsletter. Allie asked for everyone's assistance in providing articles, letters, photos, etc. for the newsletter.

Vice President/Activities: Larry Shields was unable to attend the meeting. Dennis noted that Larry has many ideas for activities for the club.

National Corvette Museum: Dan Feidler encouraged everyone to join the NCM. Please let him know if you sign up for a new membership or renew an existing membership so he can get credit. He suggested checking out the NCM website for the latest museum information.

Dan also mentioned that he has a block of rooms reserved for Corvettes at Carlisle this August.

Corvette Caravan: Larry Goelz said there are still a couple of openings at this time. Planning is already in the works for a 2020 reunion of caravan participants.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ingrid Goelz.

The winner of the member raffle was not present.

Dennis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.



GCCC Membership Report

By: Tony Centrella

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 March Birthdays



Mike DeCampo 3/13
Moe Lussier 3/19

Gordon Vanderpool 3/14
Sandra Vanderpool 3/21

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

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!

Pictures from the Photo Album



What's cookin' with Joe & Carol?



The new ZR1!

Joe and Carol's New Addition – 2019 ZR1

I have realized that my lovely wife Carol is an instigator and has figured out how to press my buttons. I'll explain; back in August of 2016, we were at MacMulkin Chevrolet for service or something, and whenever we are there we have to go upstairs to say hello and check out all the new Corvettes. "Usually" we leave and go on our way because we're not looking to buy and nothing really jumped out at us. On one Saturday, we're looking over the Vettes - me at one end and Carol at the other when I hear, "Joe, can you come over and take a look at this one." As I approached, I see Carol smiling, excited and pointing to a loaded Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat Z06. I said WOW as soon as I saw it and knew I was in trouble. Well, we bought the Z06, made some personalized changes over the 2-1/2 years we owned it in order to make it a little unique, and won several awards at various Corvette shows.

We loved our Z06. We were very happy with the car and thought that this was it and it will carry us well into retirement.

WRONG, I got a text at work from the "instigator" stating that she received a Facebook notification about a Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat 2019 ZR1 at MacMulkin. Oh, here we go again. First thing next morning Dan Feidler calls me to tell me the same thing. I went to MacMulkin that night to check it out (don't know why I do this to myself) and it's gorgeous, it's loaded, and I'd be losing some sleep thinking about the decision that needed to be made. After a couple days of contemplation and questioning my sanity, we signed the papers, had the Z fully wrapped, and then waited for Dan to get back from Mecum Auctions so that we could start shuffling the Zs around.



To sum it up, the 2019 ZR1 is in the garage accompanying the 1990 ZR-1, and the Z06 went to Corvette Mike of New England and sold rather quickly.

I lost plenty of sleep on this one. I believe that some of you may relate about your decisions. So far Carol drove it about 400 feet and I drove it for 300 feet (from trailer and into garage). We can't wait to take it out for a drive!





<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2019/01/21/accident-emergency-workers-in-sweden-flip-over-a-c7-corvette-z06-following-a-transporter-crash/>

This white C7 Z06 was happily on its way to a new Vette owner somewhere in Sweden, when the car transportation service ran into a bit of a snag. Apparently, the car carrier lost control on a snowy road and tipped over, flinging this poor Vette over onto its roof, alongside a new Camaro. The vehicles that didn't get flung off the carrier didn't fare too much better. Hope this is covered by their insurance!

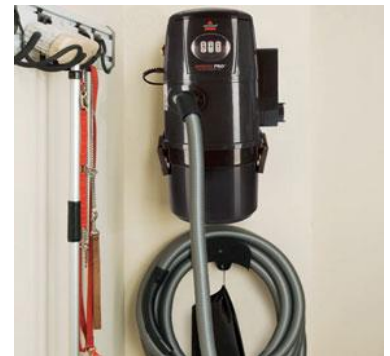
A Great Gift Idea

Tom Stewart

Our daughter Lindsey was thinking of gift ideas for Christmas. She asked Liz about a few different things and then mentioned this awesome Bissell Garage Pro Wall mounted vacuum/blower with auto tools idea!

The details....

- 12 Amp Wet/Dry Vacuum: Picks up both wet and dry messes in the garage, car, workshop, etc.
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- 4 Gallon Semi-Translucent Dirt Tank; Filtration: 2 Stage
- Includes Wall Mounting Kit with extra-long hose that stretches 32-feet. Reach Extension Tools: Extension Wand.



So just a thought.... Mother's day and Father's Day are just around the corner!

Lindsey asked, do you think it is a weird idea to buy your father a vacuum for Christmas? Not when your father owns a Corvette...best gift ever!

Save the Dates

New England Corvette Caravan Meet and Greet	May 16 th – 19 th
Spring Fling Judging Clinic	May 19 th
Spring Fling	May 26 th (Rain date: June?)
Tilton Veteran's Home	June 9 th 2:30
Club Picnic	July 13 th
CCRI Corvettes by the Sea	August 4 th
National Corvette Caravan	August 21 st – September 7 th
Great Bay Driven to Make a Difference	September 21 st
Vettes to Vets	September 29 th
Castle in the Clouds Picnic	October 5 th
Tilton Veteran's Home	December 1 st 2:30

These dates are for club events where we want to ensure as many members are available to participate in. Please keep these in mind when making your summer plans.

Coming soon I will have monthly calendars that have car show, cruise-ins and other events of interest.

Stay Tuned for more information!

Dave Hill

Officer At-Large



PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **March 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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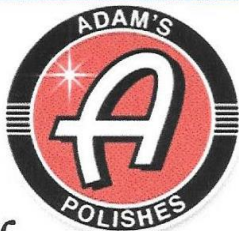
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SAVE THE WAVE



Welcome to the 10th Annual Spring Get-Together and

Detail Clinic

Hosted By

Corvette Mike New England

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When:

Saturday April 6th, 2019

Time:

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Location:

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