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### **Gate City Corvette Club**

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### First Word

I want to thank everyone again for helping out at Spring Fling and making it a very successful event. We all have a wonderful time and the proceeds allow us to contribute to several charitable organizations.

We had a good size crowd at our June meeting and a fun filled dinner afterward. Attending these dinners is a great way to socialize and get to know our fellow members. This is especially true for newer members.

Larry, our Veep, has an exciting cruise planned for this coming Saturday. I hope to see a lot of you there and also at our upcoming picnic on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

See you at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and don't forget to "Save the Wave"!

### Dennis Corrigan



**Tilton Veteran's Home Ice Cream Social** (*Photo courtesy of Dave Osgood*)

### Message from the Veep...

This weekend is the first full weekend of summer, and our Vette season is now well under way! The weather hasn't always cooperated, but it's been getting better and we've had some great weekends to get out and do things with our cars. We even had 4 cars head down to the JANE Autocross event this last weekend, with Paul Guimond trying his first autocross (and I think, getting bit by the bug)!

We've got a great cruise planned for the  $22^{nd}$ , heading up to the Nubble Lighthouse in Maine, taking as many back roads as possible to enjoy a leisurely drive as a group. Afterwards we'll be heading back to NH, with a stop at Newick's for plates of seafood (it's just not a Vette event unless we're going out for food). Then in July, we have our club picnic arranged – with quite a spread of meat on the menu including the most important one – the bacon.

Later into August we'll have a bunch of members heading out on the caravan, and then the first week of September we'll have the weeklong return trip for members choosing to tag along for the extended fun. I'll probably try to squeeze another dinner night out somewhere in there as well. But if you have ideas for specific things you'd like to do, places you'd like to see us take a cruise to, then please reach out and let me know. Here's to a great Corvette summer!

-Larry "The Veep"



That Poor Vette... Larry Shields



This... this was once a 2005 Vette. The police believe that speeds in excess of 120mph and alcohol played a role in this spectacular crash. It is believed that the speeding car got some lift, soaring up into the air, before crashing back down onto the road – causing the driver to lose control. The car then struck several trees and two ditches, demolishing the body of the car and hitting hard enough that the **engine broke free of the car**. It ended up in a creek bank almost 500 feet away from the car. The driver & passenger needed to be freed from the vehicle, but survived the crash – being whisked off to the hospital for treatment.

Another testament to the safety features built in these cars!

**President**: Dennis Corrigan began the May 10, 2019 meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking MacMulkin for the use of their facility. He took a head count for dinner at the 110 Grill in Nashua.

**Officer at Large:** Dave Hill reviewed upcoming events. (Please see his calendar in this newsletter.)

**Vice President/Activities Director**: Larry Shields talked about the upcoming cruise to the Nubble Lighthouse followed by dinner at Newick's Restaurant planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alan is putting together an itinerary. Please let Larry know if you are going so that he can provide a count to the restaurant.

**Treasurer:** Dean Gagne presented the treasurer's report. The report was accepted by the membership. Dean also reviewed Spring Fling expenditures and proceeds. He recently sent out an email with his proposal for charitable contributions. Following a brief discussion, the membership was in agreement and voted to make charitable contributions according to his suggestions.

**Secretary:** Allie DeCampo posted minutes from the last meeting in the newsletter. The minutes were accepted by the membership. Allie thanked everyone who contributed content for the June newsletter.

**Summer Picnic:** Norm talked about the summer picnic scheduled for July  $21^{st}$  at Memorial Field in Pembroke. The picnic will be from 10-4 pm under the pavilion rain or shine. The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken and, most important, bacon! Water will also be provided. Please contact Norm if you are planning to attend and include any family members in the count. Let him know what you plan to bring for a side dish or dessert. Norm will lead a caravan from the Bonsai Restaurant at the Massabesic traffic circle or you can follow the directions given on the flyer included in this newsletter.

**Corvette Caravan:** Larry Goelz gave an update on the NE Corvette Caravan. Sue Best has sent out information regarding the mini-caravans, and Randy Flock has sent out emails about various events. \$500.00 will buy you a special parking pass at the museum. Route books will be provided to participants. There will be a tribute in the book to Ann Goulas who passed away June 2018. She was very active in the Corvette community and a state leader for the caravan. GCCC has taken out space in the book to thank state leaders for their dedication to planning the event.

Larry G. announced the C8 reveal is scheduled for July 18 - 19 in California. Larry and Ingrid have been invited to attend and are excited to make the trip.

John Bosco reported on the Tilton Veteran's Home Ice Cream Social. He was fortunate to talk with WWII vets and it was a very moving experience. There will be another ice cream social in December. The Vets really enjoy these visits.

Tony asked everyone to check the member roster on the website and let him know if there are any updates.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ed Lenzi. The winner of the member raffle was Paul Guimond.

Dennis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

## VETERAN'S HOME Spring Ice Cream Social

### by Dave Osgood

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, a small group of us made the annual summer trip to the Veteran's Home in Tilton, NH. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day. With memories of last year's cold rainy weather behind us, this was a lot more fun. The event was held outside under a canopy so we were protected from the heat. Did I say heat? Yes it was actually warm!

John Slavin puts his heart and soul into these events. As I found out, this year he was dealing with a critical health issue at home and still stepped up for the Vets. We all have things going on, especially this time of year, but with the 75th anniversary of D Day perhaps it was a little more special.

The Karaoke DJ was his usual best, singing every song in key and getting the residents to occasionally sing along. We end up having a great time laughing, singing and dancing. Just ask some of our dance professionals like Larry Shields!

The next Ice Cream Social will be in December. We get to put our best foot forward as members of Gate City Corvette Club by helping support this worthwhile event.









Linda and Ellen

### **GCCC Membership Report**

By: Tony Centrella

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

For more information, please contact: Tony Centrella (Membership Director) at 603-321-7546 or allertnec@gmail.com

73 Members – 4 Honored – 4 Honorary

### Join us in Celebrating the July Birthdays



Heather Shields	7/2	Tom Stewart	7/18
Paul Guimond	7/9	Carol DiMeo	7/28
Carol Michalik	7/17	Gayle Zelonis	7/31

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

#### Hints and Tips:

- If you are an Amazon shopper, use the <a href="https://smile.amazon.com">https://smile.amazon.com</a> 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 Charlene & Ed Lenzi



A club picture from 1995 taken at Greely Park in Nashua after the '95 Spring Fling. Notice the members' rides. People look younger!

The first mid-engine Corvette (Indy Car) with the ZR1 engine mounted sideways. The photo was taken at the 40th Corvette birthday party in Boston (1993) with Zora Duntov. GM displayed the Corvette on the Boston waterfront.



### **BAR HARBOR TOUR 2019**

### by Larry Goelz

For many years Vettes of Coastal Maine have put on the Bar Harbor Tour which included a theme for the event and participants are encouraged to come to the Saturday Night Banquet in costume. This year the theme was the "Caribbean".

This was Ingrid and my 10<sup>th</sup> year attending, and it has always been a great event in a wonderful setting – Bar Harbor. When we initially began attending it was just the two of us from GCCC, but in the past 5 or 6 years, others from GCCC have attended with us. This year the Wood's, Shields, and the Davis' were with us.

As always, we met at the Bonsai Restaurant in Manchester and headed out on Rt. 101E to pick up I-95 in Portsmouth. We made a pit stop at the Kittery rest area then proceeded to I-295 just north of Portland and then picked up Rt. 1 just past Freeport for a great drive up the coast. We stopped at Edgecomb Potters and then on to our lunch stop at the Rockport Diner. About 30 miles from the diner a young moose ran out from the woods, crossed in front of us, then continued on into the woods! Upon reaching the Rockport Diner, much to our surprise, it was now closed on Wednesday. A quick check of other places to dine came up with Market Basket, just a quarter mile down the road. After lunch we continued along Rt. 1, enjoying sights of the coastline and eventually came into Ellsworth where we took Rt. 3 into Bar Harbor. As in the past 3 years we had to take a detour to get to the hotel. Maybe this will be the last year for that.

At the Wonder View Inn, we checked in then all met in our room for cocktails and to decide on where we would go for dinner. We were joined by Barry and Deb Shepard who had planned to go to dinner at the West Street Café and invited us to join them. The Café was spacious, had views of the harbor and the food was very good. After dinner we met again in our room for drinks and conversation.

Thursday morning found most of us at the Inn office having breakfast. As we have for a number of years, Thursday has been our traditional day for the ladies of the group to go downtown Bar Harbor and peruse the local shops and hopefully not purchase much – space is at a premium in the Corvettes! When the shopping excursion was completed, we discussed where to lunch, and the decision was made to head to Southwest Harbor and lunch at Sips, with a run to the top of Cadillac Mountain on the way.





After lunch we headed back to Bar Harbor to clean cars and set up our welcoming station as many would be arriving in the afternoon. The welcoming station included GCCC members, chairs, refreshments (cocktails) and strong arms to wave at the arrivals for the remainder of the afternoon.

Late in the afternoon there was gathering of those who arrived early at the Blue Nose Hotel piano lounge where appetizers were offered and a cash bar. We mingled with those who attended then we had to decide on where to have dinner and the consensus said Jack Russell's Steak House. The steaks were very good as was the other items selected from the menu.

After returning from dinner, some of us met in our room for libations and work on solving the problems of the world! At about 11 PM Larry S, left our room and headed out to the top of Cadillac Mountain to "shoot the stars" as it was supposed to be a good night for observing.

Friday morning saw most of us, again, having breakfast at the Inn office. One of the "events" of the weekend is to locate items placed around the Wonder View Inn and Blue Nose Hotel. At the banquet on Saturday evening, cash awards will be given out to those who find the most items. This morning several of the group came in from a search with such items.

This evening we would attend the event Meet and Greet held at the Bar Harbor Club in downtown Bar Harbor. There were appetizers offered and a cash bar was available. As the Meet and Greet was winding down, the group decided to have dinner at La Bella Vita which was in the hotel next door. All agreed the food was very good. After leaving the restaurant all retired for the evening.

Saturday morning again saw us having breakfast at the Inn's office where some of our group again updated us with their finds. Today is the car display at the town's ball field. After the display, there was a cruise around part of the island with a run up Cadillac Mountain. Our group opted to skip the cruise and head out on the island for lunch at Beal's Lobster Pound. It was noted that there was road construction on the way to the restaurant so we would have to go around it.





When we got to the road construction, there was no way around it, and the torn up roadway was too rough for the Corvettes to navigate. The decision was made head to the Sea Food Ketch. At the Sea Food Ketch, the owner was very welcoming and seated us promptly. All enjoyed the sea food and left feeling full and satisfied.

We returned to the Inn where all made preparations for the evening's Banquet (theme of Caribbean). Busses were provided for transportation to and from the Banquet hall. Upon entering all had their pictures taken, then headed to find their groups tables. There was music playing, and a slide show of the events activities.

Most attendees were in costume relating to the "Caribbean" theme and all were enjoying the various costumes. After a buffet dinner, the awards for finding the most items were presented with Randy Flock finding the most and Larry Shields coming in second. All participants were presented with a plaque for participation in the car display, then 20 names were drawn for a free night at the Inn – Larry Shields won one. There was music and dancing for the rest of the evening.

PARADIS LUAU PARTY

Sunday morning found Norm and Sue skipping breakfast and heading out, as did Brad and Linda. Larry, Heather,

Ingrid, and I had breakfast at the Looking Glass Restaurant which is located on the property. Afterwards we headed for home, with Larry and Heather stopping at Portland to have lunch at their favorite Chinese Restaurant, while Ingrid and I stopped in Kittery for some bread from When Pigs Fly bakery, then on to New Boston.

#### More scenes from the Bar Harbor Tour









Photography courtesy of Larry Shields

### THE CASE FOR A CORVETTE SUV

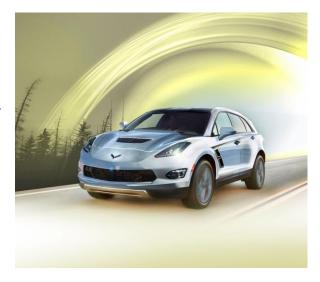
### Submitted by Ed Lenzi

https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/03/29/case-for-corvette-suv

By John Stoll March 29, 2019

As a reporter in the *Wall Street Journal*'s Detroit bureau, I've had a front-row seat while General Motors CEO Mary Barra shed the automaker's money-losing operations in Europe, invested billions in self-driving technology and electric vehicles, and killed off unprofitable vehicle lines. The 57-year-old engineer, however, has one more task to cross off her list before I completely buy into her vision for remaking the General: Fix Corvette.

Corvette sales have slumped in recent years as the lone twoseat model ages and its core buyers—baby boomers—have more options. A mid-engine Vette, due later this year, could revive interest, but it's a tiny blip compared with the overhaul the brand truly requires. With each passing year, it is increasingly evident that the Corvette needs an SUV variant.



GM declined to make executives available for an interview, but a spokeswoman sent along a *Detroit News* story that included a mock sketch of a Corvette SUV and a line that indicated the newspaper proposed a hit. "Everywhere we went, car fans loved the idea."

Many Corvette fans, however, would surely be appalled. For 66 years, the Corvette has meant one thing: a world-beating two-seat sports car. Ed Welburn, GM's former design chief, told me in a recent interview that the narrowness of the car's mission is key to its success. "Beyond any other at GM, the Corvette team is so focused on offering the Vette at that price point. I simply don't see a Corvette SUV happening."

Adam Jonas, a Morgan Stanley auto analyst and a close watcher of Detroit and Silicon Valley, said GM considers the Corvette an "annuity," meaning it pays consistent returns year after year without the costly headaches that come with having to renew a sprawling lineup, such as those of Buick or Cadillac. Jonas estimates the Corvette delivers \$300 million in annual operating profit.

Why mess with a good thing? Well, because competitors have messed with good things and come away with greater profits. When Sergio Marchionne ran Fiat Chrysler, he spun off Ferrari to the tune of \$10 billion in an IPO. Trading with the ticker symbol RACE, it's now worth \$25 billion—more than FCA itself. Investors, Jonas suggested in a recent note, should wonder why Barra is not working to double or triple the estimated \$2 billion the Corvette is presently worth.

Porsche, controlled by Volkswagen, probably makes for an even closer comparison. It faced the wrath of 911 purists when it introduced the Cayenne, much like GM would with a Vette SUV. Yet the blowback hasn't hindered Porsche's success: The Cayenne now outsells the 911 by a margin of more than two to one, and the brand now earns \$3 billion to \$4 billion in profits annually. The Corvette brand, Jonas estimates, nets a sliver

of that, with profits in the hundreds of millions, even though its respectable 15-percent operating margin is about in line with Porsche's earnings on a percentage basis.

Those profits line investors' pockets and are rolled into new product. So if you're wondering where Porsche got the money for the sexy Taycan electric four-door coupe due next year, not to mention the ever increasing array of 911 variants, look no further than the \$18 billion the brand has earned over the past half-decade, mostly on the backs of the Cayenne and Macan crossovers.

In its admirable attempt to preserve the purity of its halo car, GM is not only leaving money on the table but is also hastening the demise of its most iconic asset. To conquer the battle taking place among top performance brands, GM needs to build a Corvette SUV. I'm guessing it's a matter of when, not if.

This is just so wrong!!! Allie

### **MEMBER NEWS**

### A Special Celebration for David Osgood

David Osgood and University President Kim Mooney

President of my own company with the President of a University...what a day! On Saturday May 18, 2019, my graduating class was honored at the commencement of 2019 at Franklin Pierce University. My Corvette was my graduation gift all these years later.



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.

### **Gate City Corvette Club**

Annual Summer Picnic for Club members and their families

**Sunday July 21, 2019** 

Festivities start at 10 am

### **Memorial Field**

**45 Pleasant Street (GPS Marker)** 

(Junction of Pleasant & Exchange Street)

Continue west on Pleasant St. toward river, keep Pembroke Public Works Bldg. on your left Memorial Field is straight ahead; go down small hill picnic area on your left.

### Pembroke (Suncook), NH



Available at field: Basketball hoops/Horseshoe pits /Paved parking /Bike paths/Softball fields/Bathrooms

Calendar of Events Dave Hill

### Save the Dates

✓ New England Corvette Caravan Meet and Greet May 16<sup>th</sup> − 19<sup>th</sup>

✓ Spring Fling Judging Clinic May 19<sup>th</sup>

Spring Fling May 26<sup>th</sup> (Rain date: June 2nd)

Tilton Veteran's Home

June 9<sup>th</sup> 2;30

Maine / Newick's Cruise

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

♣ Club Picnic July 21<sup>th</sup> 10:00

♣ CCRI Corvettes by the Sea
August 4<sup>th</sup>

♣ National Corvette Caravan
August 21<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>

♣ Great Bay Driven to Make a Difference September 21<sup>st</sup>

↓ Vettes to Vets
 ↓ Castle in the Clouds Picnic
 September 29<sup>th</sup>
 October 5<sup>th</sup>

♣ Tilton Veteran's Home December 1<sup>st</sup> 2:30

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



Figure 1 Calendar courtesy of The National Corvette Museum

Be sure to check with the sponsoring organization for any updates before attending. I've tried to verify as much as I can so far, but there could be additions or deletions as time goes on. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Jul 2019 Corvette Events**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
						Corvettes & Coffee All American Cruise-In Owls Head Trans
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
				Mass Cruisers	Gate City Club Meeting	NCRS Chapter Meet @ Corvette Mikes
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
NSCM Fuzzy Dice Run Corvette Show and Swap Meet				Mass Cruisers		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
GCCC Club Picnic Airport Cruise Night New						<u>Lakes Region</u> <u>Rotary Car Show</u>
28	29	30	31			
		Weekl	y Cruise	Nights		
Murphy's	South Shore	North Shore	Kimball Farm	Cruzzin' Dreams	Kimball Farm	
<u>Taproom</u> <u>Bedford</u>	Corvette Club	Corvettes of MA Westminster Cruise Night	Eddies 529 Club	Hotrod City Wings and Wheels	<u>Target Cruise</u> <u>Night</u>	
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July 14 - Bay State	e Antique Auto Club					

## **Aug 2019 Corvette Events**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
				Mass Cruisers		Corvettes & Coffee
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
CCRI Corvettes By The Sea					Gate City Club Meeting	Bay State Autocross
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Mass Cruisers	New England Dragway Show and Go	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Airport Cruise Night New Bedford MA				Corvettes at Carlisle	Corvettes at Carlisle	Corvettes at Carlisle
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Corvettes at Carlisle Sunnyside Acura Exotic Cars				Mass Cruisers		Cruising Downtown Manchester
	1	Weekl	y Cruise	Nights		
Murphy's Taproom Bedford	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvettes of MA Westminster Cruise Night	Kimball Farm Eddies 529 Club	Cruzzin' Dreams Hotrod City Wings and Wheels	Kimball Farm Target Cruise Night	
		М	ore Even	ts		

## **Sep 2019 Corvette Events**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Bay State Autocross Spindles Annual Car Show					Adirondack VetteFest	Adirondack VetteFest Corvettes & Coffee
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Adirondack VetteFest CT Classic Car Show				Mass Cruisers	Gate City Club Meeting	<u>Corvette</u> Autumn Car <u>Show</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						Great Bay Driven to Make a Difference 2019 Car,Truck,
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
"Vettes at Crystal Mall" Cabela's Classic Car Show				Mass Cruisers		
29	30					
Vettes to Vets						
		Weekl	y Cruise	Nights		
Murphy's Taproom Bedford	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvettes of MA	Kimball Farm Eddies 529 Club	Cruzzin' Dreams Hotrod City	Kimball Farm Target Cruise Night	
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## **Oct 2019 Corvette Events**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
						Corvettes & Coffee
						GCCC Castle in the Clouds Picnic
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				Mass Cruisers	Gate City Club Meeting	
13	3 14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Mass Cruisers		
27	7 28	29	30	31		
		Weekl	y Cruise	 Nights		
	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvettes of MA	Kimball Farm Eddies 529 Club	<u>Cruzzin' Dreams</u> <u>Hotrod City</u>	Kimball Farm Target Cruise Night	
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### **PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING**

### PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is July 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Thank you for helping to make our newsletter interesting and informative!

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