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First Word

Dennis Corrigan

Well, another month of quarantine and no Spring Fling. I'm not sure when we will have our next meeting, but at least we have been getting in some great rides. Again, I want to thank everyone who showed up for the cruise for Reid's Crew in Merrimack, NH. We had a great turn out and it made me very proud to be the President of GCCC.

We had another Zoom get-together recently. We discussed having the annual summer picnic at our usual location where there is plenty of room to social distance. Norm will contact the town to inquire as to when the park plans to reopen. It would be great to see everyone at the picnic if circumstances allow.

Please stay healthy, keep a safe distance from other people, and wear a mask when needed. I hope to see you driving your cars this summer. Save the wave!

Dennis Corrigan



Photo provided by David Osgood

The June cover photo goes to Dan & Claudia Feidler's C8 against the backdrop of the majestic Presidential Range and the grand and historic Mount Washington Hotel.

Message from the Veep...

Another month passes by, and more events are being postponed or cancelled to help avoid people coming into large gatherings. I was sad to see that even Vettes to Vets has been cancelled for this year, though it makes sense that it likely needed to happen. This will definitely be a different kind of Corvette season for all of us.

That said, I'm proud to say Gate City hasn't been entirely passive during this time. In the last couple of weeks, our members have taken part in two different drive-by / parade cruises to go by the homes of children who were trying to celebrate birthdays without being allowed to have a party. The first was to support Reid's Crew, raising money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. The second was to support the 14th birthday of a young car lover in Nashua, NH. The young man in question even said that the dark blue/black, convertible Vette was his favorite (he clearly has good taste). We may have even helped make a new future Vette owner!

Members have put together some nice day cruises as well during this time. So we can still get out there in our cars and enjoy some of this finally warming weather & sun. Let's keep looking for these fun opportunities to enjoy our cars & camaraderie, while staying safe.

Until next month....

-Larry "The Veep" Shields



Photo provided by Tom Stewart

THAT POOR VETTE



This month's entry comes to us from our neighbors to the north, in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. The poor Vette seen here was a 2019 Grand Sport that had a rather epic oopsie moment. While exact details were not available, the Vette appears to have gotten into some trouble such that it sheared a fire hydrant during the accident, then left the road, flipping such that it landed on its roof. Driver and passenger were unharmed, but that must have been quite the ride!

No meeting this past month so nothing to report. Here's a great photo of Gate City members at the 2018 Vettes to Vets. As expected, this year's event has been cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We look forward to attending next year, and wish the best of care to all of our veterans during this difficult time and always.

David Osgood
The Secretary





Love this t-shirt
Kevin had made by a
vendor planning to
attend Spring Fling.
It looks like there's
no date on it so
that's a good thing.
All set for next year!

GCCC Membership Report

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: Tony Centrella (Membership Director) at

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75 Members – 4 Honored – 4 Honorary

Join us in celebrating the JUNE birthdays



Gerri Sireen	6/7
Brent Aucoin	6/12
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 Tony Centrella.

Hints and Tips:

- 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

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Contact Norma or Nathan 603-521-8358 Mavericksstitchandscreen.com

STAYING SAFE NOT STAYING HOME

by Tony Centrella

Club activities have pretty much subsided during this pandemic time, but many of us are still enjoying the good weather, weekend cruises, and lunches together. With proper safeguards of social distancing, face masks, and plenty of hand sanitizer, we are enjoying our cars and staying safe at the same time.

These outings include cruises to Hampton and Gloucester with stops for takeout lunches and, later in the ride, ice cream! As we drive the back roads, we pass many people out for walks and riding their bicycles and motorcycles. In every instance we get smiles, waves and thumbs up from children and adults alike.

Happy motoring and save the wave!



OLD STAGECOACH SCENIC BYWAY

by Alan Factor

Lo and behold the weather cooperated with our “LETS GET ROLLING” cruise on Friday afternoon, May 8th.

I chose the lovely NH Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway or RT 121. The road has lots of old farms, buildings, houses and monuments. It is close to home and should not be missed as it is only 30 minute run which begins in Manchester, NH and ends in Haverhill, MA.

Nine Corvettes came ready to enjoy a great day. We met at the intersection of 121 and 28 and started out toward MA.

We drove slowly in order to take in beautiful scenery; however, it meant that we missed the therapy that pushing a Corvette on a twisty road gives. The road was definitely Corvette worthy. Ed took the lead while in MA and lead us at a better pace along 111 and 28 past the Robert Frost house and onward to the Goldenrod Restaurant drive-in restaurant on Candia Rd in Manchester for a great lunch. We parked in the Kingdom Hall parking lot next door and enjoyed our social distancing style seafood lunch.

Next stop who knows where...



General Information

The route is located wholly within Rockingham County, and consists of two contiguous segments with distinct interpretive themes. The Old Stagecoach Byway begins in Atkinson at the state border and travels northwest along NH Route 121 through Hampstead, Chester, and Auburn to Massabesic Lake. The adjoining Robert Frost Byway follows NH Route 28 and local routes south through Derry village to the Robert Frost Farm State Park, and continues along local roads eastward until it reconnects with NH 121 and the Old Stagecoach Byway in Hampstead.

The unifying theme of the joint byway is the history and culture of rural Southern New Hampshire. This includes how it was shaped by the early transportation network of the region - most specifically the stage coach service that connected Boston and Concord. More broadly, the byway celebrates New Hampshire's rural landscape and communities - the villages, farmsteads, orchards, and denizens brought to life in the writing of Poet Laureate and former Derry resident Robert Frost.

<https://www.visitnh.gov/trip-ideas/scenic-drives/merrimack-valley/robert-frost-old-stagecoach-byway>

Hertz Is Unloading a Ton of Corvette Z06s While Reportedly Trying to Avoid Bankruptcy

If you're willing to deal with an ex-rental finished in bright yellow, you can get an almost-new Z06 for under \$60,000.

By Mark Hogan
May 18, 2020

<https://www.roadandtrack.com/car-culture/buying-maintenance/a32585545/hertz-corvette-z06-for-sale/>

Rental car giant Hertz is on the brink of bankruptcy, Bloomberg reported earlier in May. It looks like the rental company has already started to unload some of its fleet, as it's just flooded the market with a bunch of cheap Corvette Z06s.

Originally spotted by Jalopnik, this flood of Z06s is the result of Hertz's partnership with Chevy. While the automaker has made many yellow-and-black Corvettes over the years for Hertz, they've usually been base models. But to celebrate its 100th birthday, Hertz commissioned a fleet of Hertz Corvettes based on the Z06 (albeit, inexplicably, without the aggressive front splitter). Those cars were built for 2019 only and are the most extreme Corvettes to ever be rented out by Hertz. Since specialty cars haven't been hit as hard by the decline in used car prices, Hertz probably figured these would still fetch good money.

That being said, they're still priced to go quickly. Hertz has a couple of dozen examples available. All are priced between \$58,000 for the higher-mileage examples and \$63,000 for the "Hertz Certified" cars. That makes them all pretty cheap for Z06s, though it's still new Corvette Stingray money. Since those are hard to come by these days, though, this might be your best way to get a mean, like-new Corvette for this price.



Article submitted by David Osgood

Corvette with 773,338 Original Miles Donated to the Corvette Museum

Yes, it's still running on its original engine.

By Brian Silvestro
November 10, 2017

Last year we told you about a fifth-generation Chevy Corvette that had accumulated over 700,000 miles on its original engine. Now, at 773,338 miles, the owner, Mark Blackwell, has decided to donate the red C5 hatch to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



Blackwell, who lives near Jacksonville, Florida, bought the 2000 Corvette brand new in 1999.

He commutes frequently to Georgia and southern

Florida for work, which explains the massively impressive odometer reading. Doing the math, that's over 100 miles per day over an 18-year span.

As Corvette Museum curator Derek Moore explains in the video below, perhaps the most impressive part about this car is that it's running on the original 5.7-liter V8 engine. It was only 20,000 miles ago that the car needed its original head gaskets replaced.

This isn't the only Corvette Blackwell's put hundreds of thousands of miles on. He mentions his last Corvette made it to 342,000 miles before being replaced. Can't beat that GM build quality, I guess.

Article submitted by Alan Factor

Attention Walmart
Shoppers...

Would the owner of the
white Corvette please
come to the courtesy
desk.



WHY THE CORVETTE GRAND SPORT EXISTS

By Jonathan Lopez — May 28, 2019



Some have labeled the C7 Corvette Grand Sport as nothing more than a “fake” Z06. On the surface, this assertion isn’t entirely misguided. After all, the C7 Corvette Grand Sport is equipped with the same GM 6.2L V8 LT1 engine as the base-model Stingray, producing the same output of 460 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque. However, the Grand Sport also comes with Z06-style body and aerodynamic components, including wider hips and tons of extra vents. With Z06 looks, minus the 650 horsepower and 650 pound-feet of torque created by the Z06’s supercharged LT4 engine, one can see where the “fake” Z06 accusations are coming from. Which leads us to one question – why does the Corvette Grand Sport exist?

To answer that, we’ve gotta start by taking a trip down memory lane.

Back in 1962, Chevrolet launched the Grand Sport program, which sought to create a lightweight C2 Corvette that could take the fight to the Shelby Cobra in GT-class racing.

Zora Arkus-Duntov was the driving force behind the creation of the Grand Sport program. Lightness was key to the formula; in fact, a light car was so important, that the program was originally known as “The Lightweight” inside of GM. The namesake was justified too, as early prototypes managed to shave a full 1,000 pounds from production Stingray models thanks to lightweight components like aluminum, magnesium, and ultra-thin fiberglass.



The resulting vehicle boasted very impressive specs, while being complemented by a bevy of aero components, large intakes, and vents across its reshaped body. Providing the motivation was a 6.2L V8 engine producing upwards of 485 horsepower. The plan was to create 125 examples for homologation purposes.

But as soon as GM execs caught wind of the project, it was quickly canceled. Luckily, before it met the axe, five units of the C2 Corvette Grand Sport were produced. Today, these vehicles are considered to be some of the most valuable Corvettes in existence.

Fast forward to modern times, and the spirit of the original Corvette Grand Sport runs through the present-day car. It's track-ready, it looks the part, and – more importantly – it's light.

First and foremost, the upgraded aero and body components certainly help it look the part, especially when equipped with the optional stripes and fender markings that provide a direct throwback to those early 1960s racers. For apex-hunting duties, the Corvette Grand Sport comes with Z06-style suspension tuning, although the tune for the anti-roll bars, Magnetic Ride Control suspension and springs are unique to the Corvette Grand Sport. The Magnetic Ride Control suspension is also standard equipment, as is an electronic limited-slip differential.



The Corvette Grand Sport sits on larger 19-inch wheels up front and 20-inch wheels in the rear, all of which are wrapped in Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires. It also features upgraded, Z06-style cooling for track use.

Perhaps more importantly, the Corvette Grand Sport is lighter than the Z06, tipping the scales at 3,252 pounds. Compared to the 3,350-pound Z06, that's almost a 100-pound difference.

At the end of the day, the Corvette Grand Sport is most certainly not a “fake” Z06 by any means. Instead, the vehicle is its own type of (very unique) animal that bridges the gap between the Stingray and the Z06 as a lean, mean track-ready performer that is perfectly capable to deliver on the fun factor in a big way, even without the Z06's 650 ponies under the hood.

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2019/05/why-the-corvette-grand-sport-exists/>

Article submitted by Alan Factor

Save the Date

▪ Leda Lanes Bowling & Grand Buffet – Cancelled	March 21	3:30 pm
▪ Dust of Cruise - Cancelled	May 3	8:45 am
▪ Spring Fling Judging Clinic - Cancelled	May 17	9:00 am ?
▪ Spring Fling - Cancelled	May 24	7:00 am
○ Rain date: Cancelled	May 31	7:00 am
▪ Tilton Veteran's Home - Cancelled	June 7	2:30 pm
▪ Kimball's Lancaster Cruise - Cancelled	June 12	3:00 pm
▪ Block Island Cruise – Cancelled	June 14	7:00 am
➤ Bass Pro Shop Cruise & Dinner	June 18	2:45 pm
➤ Club Picnic	July ?	?
▪ CCRI Corvettes by the Sea - Cancelled	August 2	9:00 am
➤ Corvettes at Carlisle	August 27 – 30	
➤ National Corvette Caravan Reunion	September 3 – 5	
▪ Great Bay Driven to Make a Difference - Cancelled	September ?	?
▪ Vettes to Vets - Cancelled	September 27 ?	
➤ Castle in the Clouds Picnic	October ?	?
➤ Tilton Veteran's Home	December ?	?
➤ Holiday Party	January ?	6:00 pm

With COVID-19 affecting our lives so much, please keep in mind that many events are either going to be postponed or canceled. Be sure to check with the sponsoring organization before heading out to any event listed in our calendar. And please remember to apply social distancing norms and be safe out there.

To try and keep everyone connected, I'm going to setup a Virtual Gathering using Zoom so that we can all talk with each other and stay connected. Zoom works on most every platform and is easy to use. Here is the meeting invitation:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77207785771?pwd=L0pHa2VuY1krZ053U1Z0UG84SVpMdz09>

Meeting ID: 772 0778 5771 Password: 4awf7y

Please keep these in mind when making your summer plans as we enjoy seeing each of you regularly. Remember to always have fun with your Corvette(s).

The monthly calendars are here. Please be sure to confirm the dates and times of any event you plan to attend.

JUN 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
						Goffstown Rotary Car Show Corvettes and Coffee
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Tilton Veteran's Home Ice Cream Social				Back to the Beach	Gate City Club Meeting Back to the Beach	Back to the Beach
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Back to the Beach CT Military Corvette Club						Corvette Club of West MA Three Charity Car Show
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bay State Autocross		Lorenzo's All Car Cruise Night				
28	29	30				

Weekly 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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JUL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
					Gate City Club Meeting	Corvettes and Coffee
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Club Corvette of CT Moroso Show						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
NSCM Fuzzy Dice Run						
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Weekly 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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SEP 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
				NCM Caravan Reunion	NCM Caravan Reunion	NCM Caravan Reunion Corvettes and Coffee
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
				Gate City Club Meeting	Corvette Club Western MA Car, Truck, Bike Show	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CT Classic Car Show Jets and Vettes						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
Vettes to Vets Vettes at the Beach						

Weekly 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	

OCT 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
						03
						Corvettes and Coffee
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
					Gate City Club Meeting	Bay State Autocross
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Weekly Cruise Nights						
	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvettes of MA	Kimball Farm Eddies 529 Club	Cruzzin' Dreams Hotrod City	Kimball Farm Target Cruise Night	

PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **June 20, 2020**

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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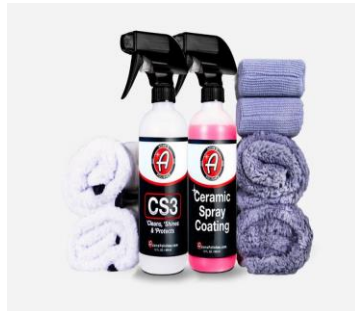
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