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The September cover photo goes to Larry & Heather's 2013 Night Race Blue 427 accompanied by a Douglas F4D-1 / F-6 "Skyray" at the 2017 Jets and Vettes, New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, Connecticut



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Who would have ever thought that back in March when this started we would be at the end of the summer and still unable to meet as a club.

It doesn't look like we will be having a meeting between now and November so I thought I would let the club know that I'm retiring on 9/11 and moving to Florida to enjoy my car year round. I have purchased a new house in Englewood on the west coast ten minutes from the beautiful Gulf beaches which will be ready around the first week of October.

I have enjoyed myself immensely my years as a member and the last 2 years as the President. I have made a lot of special friends who I will still stay in touch with and see next summer. I plan on spending time in NE not only to see my children and grandchildren but also all the friends I have made since moving to NE from NY 30+ years ago.

I will be looking to join a Corvette Club around where I will be living so I won't be renewing my GCCC membership but hope to see some of you before I leave.

Stay safe and "SAVE THE WAVE".

Dennis Corrigan



Red Corvettes at the GCCC Annual Picnic

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.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to print a retraction. Back in January, I wrote an editor's letter assuring everyone that 2020 would be Gate City Corvette Club's best year ever.

"Up ahead, 2020 is a wide open highway of endless possibilities for us to explore. This year not only marks the 40th anniversary of Spring Fling, but also the 45th anniversary of the inception of Gate City Corvette Club! With our collective ideas and enthusiasm we can make this year one of the best and most unforgettable ever!"

Apologies! I could not have been more off with my predication. Instead, we were blindsided by a vicious pandemic that created fear for the health and welfare of ourselves and our loved ones. Not much else this year has been as expected. As a result, we missed out on many of the things we most cherish or that bring us pleasure. Here's a short list:

Family gatherings with lots of spontaneous hugs and kisses

Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, graduations...

Socializing and sharing stories and laughter with friends

Enjoying food and drink at favorite restaurants

Shopping at stores with an abundance of everything

Making travel plans whenever and wherever

Attending sports and entertainment venues

Happily sending kids and grandkids off to school and camps

And certainly we missed...

The days of NO COVID 19, MASKS, OR HAND SANTITIZER!

I'm definitely not making another prediction, but if we can navigate our way through a pandemic, and somehow end up with all that we cherish and a grateful heart as well, then maybe...just maybe next year could truly be the "best year ever".

Allie DeCampo

Message from the Veep...

Another month has come and gone, and sadly the pandemic is still a thing. In an abundance of caution, the 2019 Caravan Reunion event at Loon was cancelled, and will be postponed until next year. On the upside, I was able to finish making the Caravan DVDs from the trip, which Randy is now selling to folks who are interested in having a copy for their own memories. I must say it was quite fun to put the videos together, with lots of memories of the places we went and all the cool stuff we did along the way. Watching the raw video of the run on the Back of the Dragon was a great memory of that drive... though don't worry – it's a shortened/edited version on the DVD!

Lots of events are still dropping off the books between now and the end of the year. I do know that several of the regular car cruise-ins are still happening, and that some of the members of the club are still getting out to those events. I encourage people to please share on the mailing list if you're going out to an event or a cruise night – you never know who might decide to join in, and it helps provide options for folks who might be looking to get out and do something.

For those a bit nervous about larger social groups without the distancing / masks, there are still plenty of opportunities for fun cruises. This last weekend, I did a fun drive with the top down (only needed one emergency pull-over to put the top up when a rain squall came through) and just had a blast rowing the gears, listening to my tunes and singing along as I drove. It was so relaxing to just have some fun time in the car, and I look forward to doing it again soon. Find those opportunities and find a way to get out in your cars! Until we meet again... save the wave!

Larry "The Veep" Shields

THAT POOR VETTE



Sometimes, you have to know when you just need to change your plans vs. sticking to the one you started with. This arctic white C8 apparently didn't see the exit coming up in time, hit the sand on the edge of the road while on the brakes & just slid off into the rocks. Sometimes it's easier to just go up to the next exit and turn around. Thankfully it looks like it wasn't bad enough to deploy the airbags – and no injuries were reported.

Hello Members,

We are approaching September and still awaiting the light at the end of the tunnel. They just announced the use of convalescent plasma in the fight against Covid 19. That at least opens the door a little.

All the major events we have enjoyed in years past are cancelled this year so we in the Corvette community are not alone. When I read the various newsletters from other clubs across New England it seems we are all somewhat dealing with this virus in a similar fashion. Some club members for obvious health reasons have chosen not to venture out and expose themselves to a potential risk situation. We all get that and respect your decision. Others have sought out various scheduled car shows and alerted each other when and where they can meet. Maybe it would be a good idea to communicate that in a general email as some club members are itching to get out but don't hear about it. Larry Shields is our vice president and would be happy to stream that information even if he is not able to attend. David Hill has been great at setting up fun Zoom meetings which gives us another forum for communication.

The challenge in this difficult time is to live a normal life. Families, businesses and, yes, Corvette clubs are all put to the test. Gate City Corvette Club has survived the test of time. In order for the club to fight through 2020, it is, in fact, the membership itself who will decide that.

David Osgood

Spied this beauty at
MacMulkin Chevrolet



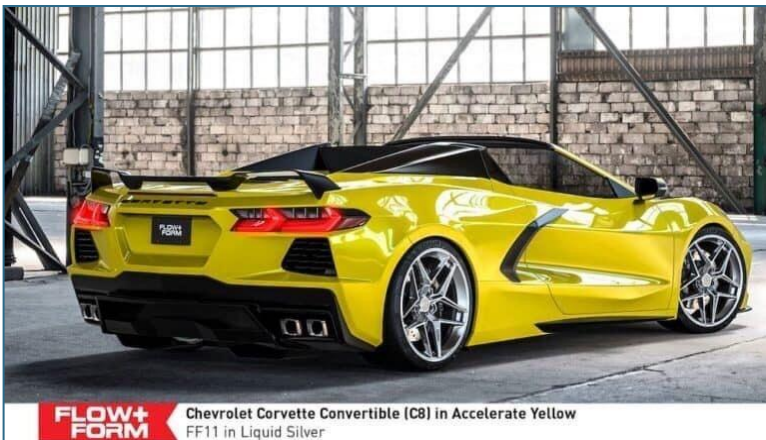
Photos provided by David Osgood

Scenes from the car show in Candia, NH



Sorry, this plate is already taken!

Drive the Vette or take the bus?



Photos submitted by David Osgood

New social distancing buses ready to hit the road



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
603-321-7546 or allertnec@gmail.com

75 Members – 4 Honored – 4 Honorary

Join us in celebrating the **September** birthdays!



Steve Chaplain	9/26
Charlene Lenzi	9/29
Paula Aucoin	9/30

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

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to
Dennis Granger
on the purchase of
his 2019 Grand Sport.
Very Nice!



Welcome Kevin & Georgia to the Granite State!

Looks like Kevin & Georgia will soon be getting new license plates for the Corvette. Congratulations on the purchase of their new home in Wilton, New Hampshire. Now for the unpacking and trying to find everything!



Gate City Corvette Club Annual Picnic

The GCCC Annual Picnic took place on a beautifully warm afternoon in August. Several members attended and it was so great to see everyone. David and Ellen's home provided a lovely setting for socializing and enjoying a delicious BBQ/potluck lunch. Norm and Sue coordinated the many details involved in planning – even pre-cooking bacon for the bacon burgers! Members also helped out with food prep and supplied sides and desserts. If all goes well, hopefully, we'll have another opportunity to get together for our annual picnic in the fall.



Photos provided by Tom Stewart

THE SPEC PAYS HOMAGE TO THE FIRST PRODUCTION CORVETTE ASSEMBLED IN 1953



The Chevrolet Corvette C8 has had a rather difficult initial model year what with the UAW strike delaying the start of production and the COVID-19 outbreak forcing General Motors to temporarily halt operations. The Bowling Green Assembly Plant in Kentucky returned to normal at the end of May and the workers have been pumping out coupes ever since, with the convertible hitting the assembly line at the beginning of this month.

GM is now in a festive mood as the 1,750,000th Corvette has rolled off the assembly line, following the one-millionth Corvette built during the 1992MY and the Corvette number 1,500,000 assembled during the 2009MY. The milestone car was assembled last Friday and was built as homage to the very first production Corvette from 1953.

It's a generously equipped 3LT finished in Arctic White with an Adrenaline Red interior as a nod to the OG 1953 Corvette and its Polo White exterior and red cabin. The vehicle is equipped with the optional Z51 performance package and benefits from several other goodies, including the front lift system, engine appearance package, and the five-trident spoke machined-face sterling silver aluminum wheels. All in, we're looking at a C8 priced upwards of \$81,000.

For the time being, the mid-engined Chevy will reside at the National Corvette Museum where it will share the spotlight with the aforementioned milestone cars. It will be raffled on Friday, September 4 as part of the museum's 26th Anniversary Celebration event, and tickets cost \$200 a pop, with the raffle being limited to 1,500 tickets.

While all of the Corvettes built in the last 67 years at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant had a left-hand-drive layout, it's a known fact the C8 will also be assembled in RHD guise starting next year. Both coupe and

convertible models will be built to cater to markets such as UK, Japan, and Australia, with the latter eschewing the Chevy and Holden badges for the newly formed General Motors Specialty Vehicles (GMSV) banner.

Meanwhile, the factory will switch to the 2021 model year in November and the car will come with several updates. Aside from fresh colors and stripes, the most important change will be the Magnetic Selective Ride Control separately available from the Z51 package.

The base price will remain the same, \$59,995 for the coupe and \$67,495 for the convertible, but some of the options will cost more. If you have the 2020 Corvette on order and you'll be bumped to the 2021MY, you'll also be charged extra for those options.

Source: National Corvette Museum



2021 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe and Convertible (far right in new Silver Flare Metallic)

Corvette has always represented iconic American design, performance, technical ingenuity and attainability. The 2021 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray retains carryover pricing – the same as the introductory model – with MSRP starting at \$59,995 for the coupe and \$67,495 for the convertible. Both models include destination freight charge.

“Our mission was to develop a new sports car, combining the successful attributes of Corvette with the performance and driving experience of mid-engine supercars,” said Tadge Juechter, Corvette executive chief engineer. “We are thrilled with the enthusiasm the mid-engine Corvette brought following its launch and are keeping it fresh with new content for the 2021 model.”

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/2021-chevrolet-corvette-stingray-offers-carryover-pricing-with-fresh-content/>

Save the Date

▪ CCRI Corvettes by the Sea - Cancelled	August 2	9:00 am
➤ Club Picnic	August 9	
➤ Corvettes at Carlisle	August 27 – 30	
▪ National Corvette Caravan Reunion - Cancelled	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.

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.

To try and keep everyone connected, I’ve 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/77915121607?pwd=K2RTMjhrWUhaT1gvSkJ6Y3NMSCtSQTO9>
 Meeting ID: 779 1512 1607 Password: 8LmSsr

August 26th is the next scheduled virtual meeting; followed by: September 9th and September 23rd .



HOW WAS YOUR DAY, DEAR?

SEP 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
				NCM Caravan Reunion	NCM Caravan Reunion	NCM Caravan Reunion Corvettes and Coffee
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	CT Classic Ca Show		GCCC Virtual Meeting		Gate City Club Meeting	Corvette Club Western MA Car, Truck, Bike Show
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Jets and Vettes?		Lorenzo's Cruise Night				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			GCCC Virtual Meeting			
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 EMCC Static Cruise	Cruzzin' Dreams Hotrod City	Kimball Farm Target Cruise Night	
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OCT 2020

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

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*We've been through
Some things together
With trunks of memories
Still to come
We found things to do
In stormy weather
Long may you run*

*Long may you run
Long may you run
Although these changes
Have come
With your chrome heart shining
In the sun
Long may you run*

Long May You Run
Neil Young

Photo: Al & Carol Whittier's Corvette
Provided by Tom Stewart

PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is Sept. 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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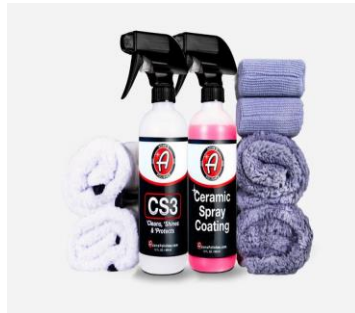
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