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Mike & Allie DeCampo's 2019 Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible Anheuser-Busch Merrimack, New Hampshire



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Hello All,

Yesterday Ellen and I decided to take a ride (call it a cruise) to Lake Winnipesaukee and drive the route we normally take to the Castle in the Clouds. This is Route 28 from Hooksett up through Pembroke, Epsom, Pittsfield, Alton and finally to Wolfeboro. By the way, the summer construction has been completed. The weather was perfect, sunny with blue skies. This was supposed to be the weekend for the Wolfeboro Winter Carnival. Apparently no one got the memo. It was a very quiet Wolfeboro center. Many of the stores were closed and some are just GONE. Off to Alton Bay. What a difference. The Ice Runway is officially open and planes were landing and taking off. The parking lot was full of visitors and snowmobiles were everywhere.

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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.

We decided to have lunch at Shibleys at the Pier right on the water (ice). This in my years of staying in Alton Bay used to be Madelaine's Victoria Pier which was a breakfast, lunch and gift shop. I was very happy to see that they saved many of the old photos from years gone by. Someone saved a patch from the Alton Bay Water Ski Club where I was show director once upon a time. My father and neighbor Mr. Reid would get up early every Saturday morning to have their coffee with the locals.

We then left the bay and ventured up Route 11 toward Gilford, taking some of the old Route 11 to get there. At Gilford we took a right past what used to be the Lakes Region Theatre to the Weirs. At the circle we headed straight and ended up in Meredith. This happens to my daughter's middle name because we love this beautiful lakeside community. I have to tell you this was a fabulous day and I always feel the stress and anxiety of the day go away every time I visit the Lake.



Now perhaps we can discuss a little of the business at hand. Gate City Corvette Club met on Friday, February 12th for its second Zoom meeting of the year. All members of the board were present and accounted for. Luckily for us, we also had Ruth Wintle joining in all the way from Florida. It was suggested that perhaps we hold next month's meeting at a location near Ruth in Florida.

Good news from Tom Stewart as he is receiving new membership applications. Brent Aucoin is keeping up with club news around New England. Norm Wood is mapping out routes for our covered bridge cruises for this year. Dean Gagne has been communicating with Anheuser-Busch regarding their plans for outdoor events for 2021. As it looks right now Spring Fling will be a nonevent for 2021. Fortunately we have a balance in our account which allows us to keep up our donations to the charities we all support.

Take a look at our new website! Thanks to our technical team we are in a much better position to catch the attention of new prospective members. My goal, our goal, hopefully is to become one of the most recognized Corvette Cubs in America. It's not about how big you are, it's about quality. I believe the quality of our membership is the best. Our team of directors is all about getting that message out. Now we have the tools and people to get the job done. Thank you!

David Osgood





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Activities Corner

Well, February is coming to an end and March is just around the corner which means warmer weather and warmer weather means getting the Corvettes out of storage. I'm definitely looking forward to that day!

I got my 1st Covid vaccine in the beginning of February; however my computer wasn't as fortunate this month. Middle of February we had a power surge and my computer went down. A friend came over and we got it back on line but I lost my most recent contact list for emails. In addition, I lost Windows 10 and my Office program and files. We got Windows 10 back up but I had to buy a new Office program. We also managed to find an older contact list. While working on all that stuff and getting things back to normal, my cell phone decided to "lock up "and I could not access it. I went through the motions with Verizon Wireless who turned it over to Motorola (manufacturer of my phone). Motorola ended up wiping the phone clean and then tried to bring it back on line. Guess what, the phone would not synch with Google. Motorola will repair or replace it for a fee because it is 4 years old, but that could take another 7-10 days. Guess it's time to get a new phone.

On another front more in line with the Club, Susan & I took our 4th field trip looking at "covered bridges" in our state. We are previewing bridges for accessibility, parking availability, and road conditions (dirt vs paved). We are also considering which routes would be most enjoyable. So far, we have visited 20 covered bridges in all! We plan to continue investigating more bridges and routes before warm weather arrives, then we will get a committee together and plan a couple of road trips for the club.

As more vaccines arrive and are administered to people in our state, it looks like the spread of the virus is slowing down. "Maybe" as warm weather approaches, we might be able to have an outdoor club meeting during the day to get us all back together. Only time will be the judge. Meanwhile we will continue "Zoom" monthly business meetings along with "Zoom" social meetings in between. If you want to attend these virtual meetings but don't know how or have difficulties getting on, please contact Dave Hill or Larry Shields. They can talk you through the steps. Hope to see you at the next "Zoom" meeting.

Norm Wood

Vice President



Gate City Corvette Club ZOOM 'Business' Meeting 7:00 pm

March 12th

Agenda TBA

Please watch for Dave Hill's emails for details ID number and password

Zoom Socials 7:30

March 25th April 22nd

GAMES and PRIZES! BYOB & BYOS (snacks)

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like more information or need assistance joining in the meetings. We are happy to help!

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President: David Osgood began the February 12, 2021 virtual meeting at 7:00 pm He asked the board members to present their monthly updates.

Membership Director: Tom Stewart reported that he has been in contact with the Corvette owner (1998 Sebring Silver coupe) we met at Auto Zone the morning of Dan Z's birthday drive-in. Tom will keep in contact with him and let him know when we resume in-person meetings.

Secretary: Allie DeCampo stated that the January secretary's report was included in the most recent newsletter. A motion was made and the secretary's report was accepted. Allie thanked everyone who contributed articles and photos for the newsletter.

Treasurer: Dean Gagne reviewed the updated treasurer's report. A motion was made and the treasurer's report was accepted. Dean said that the majority of members have sent in their annual dues payments. He reviewed the up-to-date member list. Please reach out to Dean if you are a current member and have not yet sent your payment and wish to renew. His phone number and email address can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Officer at Large: Brent AuCoin said he is working on a list of events and reaching out to other clubs for news about their events. Most clubs are still unwilling to commit to dates for obvious reasons. The president of CCRI is working on coordinating a virtual "Calendar of Events" meeting. Brent will keep the membership informed as updates become available.

Vice President/Activities Director: Norm and Sue are actively researching driving destinations. They have taken day trips in search of New Hampshire covered bridges. Norm also suggested a dinner cruise on Lake Sunapee. (Please see Norm's article on page 16.)

Ruth mentioned the club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025. She said she has some items of interest and will be happy to forward. Since we did not have a 45th anniversary celebration due to Covid we can at least begin to set our sights on the 50th.

Dave Osgood thanked Larry Shields, Dave Hill and Tom Stewart for the work they did to get our new website up and running. Also, thanks to Dave Hill for gathering a complete history of Spring Fling dash plagues that can be viewed on the website.

Dave Osgood suggested a review of the by-laws. For example, updates to the bylaws may be necessary to reflect operational changes due to newer technology.

The next Zoom social (game night) will be on Thursday, February 25th at 7:30. Please note the day of the February social was changed from Wednesday to Thursday. Norm has offered to donate prizes for the lucky winners this month. Last month's winners received wine donated and delivered by Tom Stewart.

David adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

SPRING FLING UPDATE



Hello Members,

I wanted to give you an update for Spring Fling 2021 and future Spring Flings. I was informed that Anhesuer-Busch is currently in the planning phase of repurposing the existing facilities. They may be targeting corporate events and private functions. They are currently closed until further notice.

It has been a great run of having car shows at Anheuser-Busch. We started with our 15th annual Spring Fling back in 1995 and we have had 25 consecutive, successful shows. They have been a great host and always a draw for our cars and spectators. I would estimate that with the help of a great facility to host our car show, all of the hard work from our members, and the awesome Corvette owners who showed up year after year, we have been able to donate more than \$25,000 to charities.

Needless to say, this year's Spring Fling is canceled. Going forward, we should start looking for a venue that can host our show. We would need access to enough room to hold 150+ show cars, 50 club cars, and 200+ spectator cars. We would also need room for vendors, room for a DJ, electricity for our DJ, water, rest rooms, etc. If anyone has any ideas and contacts, please reach out to me.

Thanks,

Dean Gagne Spring Fling Coordinator

Gate City Corvette Club Membership Report

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

For more information, please contact: Tom Stewart, Membership Director

(617) 947-9254 or email thomas stewart@comcast.net

60 Members – 4 Honored – 4 Honorary

Join us in celebrating the March birthdays!



Mike DeCampo	3/13
Noy Bright	3/22

If you do not see your birthday listed and wish to be included, please send your date of birth (month and day) to Tom Stewart at the phone number or email address above.

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Member Hints and Tips

- If you are an Amazon shopper, use the <u>https://smile.amazon.com</u> 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.
- Consider becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum.
- Remember to Save the Wave!

Embroidered Club Clothing

Maverick's Stitch and Screen 522 Amherst Street, Unit 28 Nashua, New Hampshire Contact Norma or Nathan 603-521-8358 maverickstitchandscreen.com

That Poor Vette



This Elkhart Lake Blue pile of scrap was a 2020 Corvette in recent history. The new C8s restrict the power & torque available for the first 500 miles you drive the car – then once you turn the car off and back on, all the magic that engine can bring to bear is yours to command. While it might be tempting to go crazy – this might be a good reason to exercise some caution. At just 532 miles of use, this poor Vette was in a horrible wreck at 115 mph. Once again a huge tip of the hat to Tadge & the engineers who designed this beast of a car to not just be fast and look amazing... but also be as safe as they come. Both passengers survived the crash... and with just a bit of work the auction company got the engine to actually turnover and start up!

TPV Contributed by Larry Shields

THE MYSTERY SOLVED!

Last fall, Dave and Deb Hill noticed a unique sight while enjoying a drive in southwest New Hampshire. Dave provided photos for the November issue of *Stress Kracks* of what appeared to be a castle gate and a gigantic trebuchet. What was this and why was it there??? Well, thanks to Norm and Sue Wood's research, we now have the scoop on this roadside curiosity.

"What looks to be some kind of medieval war weapon is actually much more delightful than that. The trebuchet was created by a local farmer who wanted to bring more traffic to his farm and market. The trebuchet was built to toss pumpkins grown on the farm for distances as far as a few thousand feet! The idea was to create a spectacle that would draw people from near and far and that's exactly what it did!

Today the trebuchet is a bit rusty and old. It's not throwing any pumpkins, but it's still exciting to see. In fact, each season the



attraction draws crowds who love visiting and walking along the compound that's been created to fit with the theme. The next time you're in the area take a loop and imagine a giant pumpkin flying through the air. Perhaps you can even picture the 2,835-foot toss that still holds the record for furthest pumpkin throw!

The Yankee Siege Trebuchet can be seen from 171 Forest Road which is about three miles from the center of Greenfield. While visiting is off-limits in the winter there are lots to see when you visit in spring, summer, and fall. You can take a look from the road year-round. During the season you can reach the office on 603-547-6421."

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MEMBER MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

NETFLIX

Broadchurch

A CONTRACTOR

After a young boy is murdered in the small English seaside town of Broadchurch, local detectives are assigned the mysterious case. A good murder/mystery set on the West Bay coast, Dorset, England Brent AuCoin

<u>Jericho</u>

A nuclear mushroom cloud appears on the horizon and for the residents of Jericho, a small Kansas town; it could mean they're the only Americans left alive. It's an action-packed series of patriots and tyrants after a nuclear attack on 23 major US cities. Brent AuCoin

Collateral

A London detective uncovers a tangled conspiracy involving drug dealers, smugglers and spies. It's an interesting 4-part series of murder and mystery. Brent AuCoin

DISNEY+

Wandavision

A miniseries based on the Marvel Comics characters Wanda Maximoff / Scarlet Witch and Vision. It's a must for Marvel Comics and Avenger fans. Dave Hill

CNN

Searching for Italy

A six-part series that follows Academy Award nominee Stanley Tucci as he travels across Italy to discover the secrets and delights of the country's regional cuisines. He explores how Italian cooking offers a glimpse into the country's rich history and culture. Tom Stewart

PARAMOUNT

Yellowstone

Kevin Costner stars as powerful rancher John Dutton who controls the largest ranch in the US and operates in a corrupt world where his ranch is in constant conflict with those it borders. (Season 4 to hopefully begin in June 2021) Allie DeCampo

STARZ

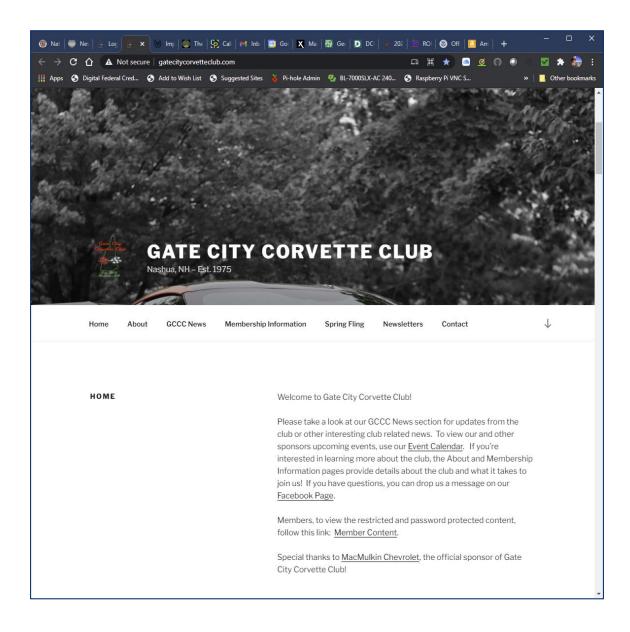
Men in Kilts

If you're an Outlander fan you may be interested in this 30 minute series with two of the Outlander cast, Sam Heughan (James Fraser) and Graham McTavish. They embark on a road trip to highlight the history, culture, and landscape of Scotland. Allie DeCampo

GATE CITY WEBSITE UPDATES

Dave Hill, IT Director

We have been busy improving and adding content to the website. When you browse to <u>http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com</u> you will see this page which is the home page:



There are three main links on this page:

1. Event Calendar – this is where you will find events for our club, but also for other clubs and organizations around New England that are hosting events. The events are added to the calendar by our At-Large Director. The calendar can be accessed by clicking on the Event Calendar link or by typing this into your browser address

bar: <u>http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/events</u>. See the Event Calendar section below for more details.

- 2. Facebook Page this is where you will find the club's presence on Facebook. This too can be accessed directly at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub/</u>
- 3. Member Content this is where you will find the Roster of current members, the treasurer's report, and the club by-laws. See the Member Content section below for more details.

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Events are created and then displayed on the calendar page. Each event is a clickable link to more content. Some of the functions you can do with the calendar are:

1. Search for an event by entering keywords and clicking the "Find Events" button.

- 2. By default, events are displayed in a **Month** view. But you can change it to a **List** of events or to events by a **Day** using the links to the right of the "Find Events" button.
- 3. You can move forward in time by clicking ">"
- 4. If you want to see what is happening in a specific month, click the "v" next to the month and year. This will display a selection of months for you to choose from; you can even change the year. Once your selections have been made an updated calendar is displayed.

Member Content

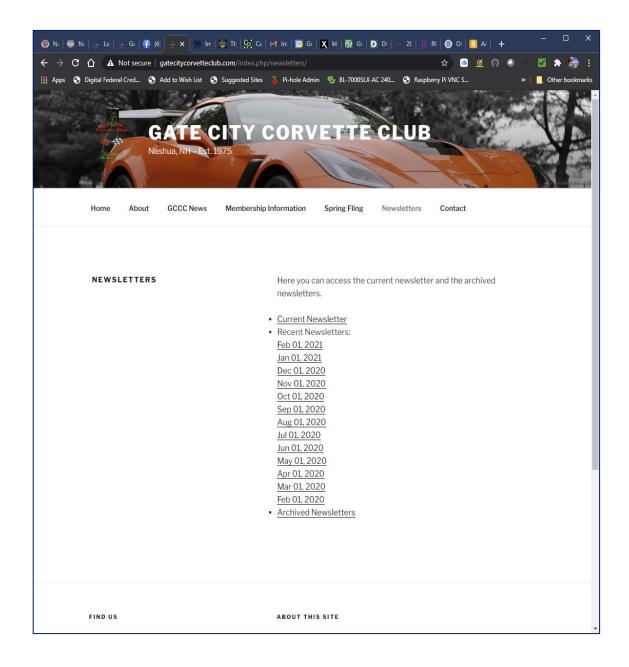
All members in good standing, meaning that you have paid your dues for the current year, will have access to this content. The password can be provided by any member of the board.

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In future articles I will cover other parts of the website and any changes we make to it.

Dave Hill

Dinner Cruise on Lake Sunapee

Norm & Sue Wood

Sue and I were surprised to read in the February 7, 2021 issue of the Manchester Union Leader about the retiring of the MV Kearsarge on Lake Sunapee. This dinner cruise is dear to our hearts. Our late friend Rich often arranged for us to go on the cruise. As wine distributer for the Appleseed Restaurant, caterer of the dinner, Rich would set up a wine tasting whenever he was on the boat. As a result, we were able to introduce this experience to many of our friends and club members over the years. We enjoyed a fun evening on the quaint old boat with good parking for the Vettes nearby. Now the MV Kearsarge is retiring to be replaced by a Mississippi River boat that is being refurbished to look like an old-fashioned steamboat.

We are hoping that more club members will be interested in joining us this year. We typically prefer late summer so we can view the sunset. The new boat's remodeling and transformation progress can be followed on social media. We've included some history of the dinner cruise as well as the social media links below.

"The MV Kearsarge Restaurant Ship has been sailing the waters of Lake Sunapee for over 30 years and is a replica of a steamship called the Sunapee Belle. The nightly dinner cruise lasts 2 hours and is narrated by one of our Captains, all of whom are extremely knowledgeable about the history and lore of Lake Sunapee and surrounding area. The MV Kearsarge features two decks of enclosed dining and an open-air walkway around the top deck. Take your pick of location to sip on a refreshing cocktail as you cruise out of Sunapee Harbor, taking in the



beautiful New Hampshire scenery. As you dine on a delicious buffet dinner, you will learn about the sites and history of the lake. If nature cooperates, you may even see one of our phenomenal sunsets. Whether you are looking for a unique evening out, celebrating something special, or returning to the lake year after year, it's truly a magnificent experience. The dinner cruise leaves at 6:30 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day and at 5:30 after Labor Day. The cruise provides for great photo opportunities with amazing sunsets, lighthouses and mountain views. You may want to bring a light jacket or sweater aboard the cruise as it is sometimes breezy on the lake."

https://www.facebook.com/sunapeecruises https://www.instagram.com/sunapeecruises/

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS!



Photo provided by Dan Feidler

LUNCH

Pressed Café Best kept secret for healthy food and sandwiches with multiple locations. *Dave & Ellen*

Latitude's Waterfront at the Wentworth Hotel, New Castle Water view is great and their beautiful grounds are nice for casual strolling. Paul & Joan

Mt. Washington HotelDrinks, apps, and lunch served on the veranda. Relax and enjoy a favoritebeverage while taking in the views of Mt. Washington and the Presidential Range.Mike & Allie

Inn at Church Landing Classic New Hampshire lakeside décor and feel. Love the bar where you can enjoy food and drinks while gazing out at Winnipesaukee. *Mike & Allie*

SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Old Salt at Lamie's Inn in HamptonEverything you would expect from a bountiful brunch in
a warm and casual setting.Mike & Allie

EXCEPTIONAL DINING

<u>Copper Door Restaurant</u> Locations in Salem and Bedford with seasonal and local fare that makes for great food and drinks in a lofty setting. *Dave & Ellen*

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The Red Blazer	Concord location with new American cuisine specializing in seafood an	ıd steaks.
Our go-to restaura	ant for lunch or dinner.	Brad & Linda

Pastamore in Amherst Italian cuisine with a great selection of apps, pastas, meat, and fish dishes plus delicious desserts. *Larry & Heather*

Lago at the Inn at Bay Point in Meredith Love the lakeside feel and large windows overlooking the bay. *Mike & Allie*

MOVIE THEATER

<u>Cinemark</u> Tuscan Village Salem NH. Loved the heated, massage, reclining seats. Dave & Ellen

NIGHT OUT

Palace Theatre	A play following dinner in downtown Manchester.	Dave & Ellen
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Lake Sunapee Scenic Dinner Cruise Lovely dinner cruise on Lake Sunapee. Norm & Sue

SUMMER RIDE

New Hampshire Seacoast The 17 mile ride along the shore of NH.

TOWNS TO VISIT

Meredith Portsmouth Wolfeboro

Al & Carol, Dave & Deb, Dave & Ellen

ANNUAL FALL CRUISE & PICNIC

Castle in the Clouds GCCC owns this event!

Gassing up in Meredith

Dave & Ellen

Dave & Ellen



A stop along the "Kanc"

Photos provided by Rick & Cathy Pratt

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Calendar of Events

Dates to Come...

- Back to the Beach Weekend (at Old Orchard) has been tentatively planned for June 10 13, 2021. Reservations are still being taken, so if you are interested in going, contact Sandie at <u>sandieb98@yahoo.com</u> or Ralph at <u>rqaug85@charter.net</u> soon. Visit: <u>https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/me-old-orchard-beach-corvette-weekend-car-show-2/</u> for more on this event.
- New England Corvette Caravan Loon Mountain tentatively planned for Sept. 9 11, 2021 Visit <u>https://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/</u> for more on this event.
- 3.) Bar Harbor Tour. June 6, 2021. For more info visit: https://vettesofcoastalmaine.org/bar-harbor-tour/

The majority of events listed below are still TBD as clubs have yet to release much information at this point. Stay tuned! As always, if you would like to participate/contribute in/to the planning, please contact me at 603-547-0968.

Dust-off Cruise	April/May
Tilton Veteran's Home – Summer	ТВА
Club Picnic	July
Blessing of the Vettes	ТВА
Bar Harbor Tour (Vettes of Coastal ME)	June 6, 2021 Tentative
• <u>https://vettesofcoastalmaine.org/bar-harbor-tour/</u>	
Back to the Beach (Old Orchard Beach)	June 10 – 13 Tentative
 Contact Ralph (<u>rqaug85@charter.net</u>) or Sandie (<u>sandieb98@y</u> 	ahoo.com) for reservations for
those planning to stay over the weekend.	
Norm's Detailing Clinic (Corvette Mike's – Plymouth, MA)	ТВА
Corvettes by the Sea (CCRI)	August Tentative
Corvettes at Carlisle	August 26 - 28, 2021
National Corvette Caravan Reunion (Loon Mt.)	Sept 9 – 11, 2021
Vettes to Vets	September
Castle in the Clouds Picnic	September/October
Tilton's Veteran's Home – Ice Cream Social	December

Holiday Party.....January 2022

Please keep these dates in mind when making your seasonal plans as we enjoy seeing you all regularly. Remember to always have fun with your Corvette(s). The monthly calendars are below. Please be sure to confirm the dates and times of events before you plan to attend.

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PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

PUBLISHING INFORMATION - The next article/ad submission date is March 20, 2021

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!

Contact: Allie DeCampo Newsletter Editor allie_decampo@comcast.net (603) 494-8047

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