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June 2021



3rd Place Winners of the New England Corvette Garage Show Al & Carol Whittier (See page 9)



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First Word

Hello Everyone,

We are almost through May and June is busting out all over!

Our first official in-person club meeting was held on Thursday, May 13 at Bistro 603 in Nashua. Twenty nine members attended the dinner and business meeting which was more social than business. That was actually the intended goal which gave everyone the chance to meet new people and catch up with old friends. There were a few hiccups that night, large crowd, reduced wait staff and also live entertainment in the main dining room, but we kept smiling because we are now out of the darkness and seeing daylight for 2021.

We took a voice survey from those in attendance and found that Thursday night meetings were better for everyone. In the standard format we usually start at 7:00 pm on a Friday, take a count for dinner and then scramble to find a restaurant that can accommodate a group. If we switch to Thursday night it opens up a lot more choices for places to eat afterwards. The other advantage is MacMulkin is open until 8:00 pm on Thursdays so they don't have to keep a salesman in the building for an extra hour. We have checked with them and they are fine with switching the night. Having a meeting room at the second largest Corvette dealer in the country is a true benefit to our club.

It now seems that every week we are getting an inquiry from Corvette owners wanting to join the club. Thankfully we have our membership director Tom Stewart who follows up immediately and gets all the information out to expedite the process.

On Sunday May 16th a small group of us caravanned over to Jaffrey NH to Kimball Farm. Brent has been after us for a long time to go. The food was great and it looks like a return trip is in order. Two years ago we went to the Westford location and we were not disappointed there as well.

The weekly car shows have started up again so you may choose to go on your own or, even better, recruit others to join in. I went to Candia Thursday night and they had 135 cars. The week before they told me they had 191. This is mostly vintage and antique cars. Friday night Norm and I went to Target for that show. This is a blend of exotic, antique and,

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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.

of course, Corvettes. We actually ended up with a total of eight club members. Brent and Paula went to a show in Brimfield, MA that same night.

On June 3rd, several members will be traveling to Bar Harbor, Maine. On June 17th, I might venture down to Gillette Stadium this year for the Bass Pro Shop Cruise Night. Please keep this date in mind. We could then have dinner afterwards at the Sports Bar. Whips Wheels has all these shows listed so we can change it up and not always go to the same show every week.

On June 19th we have another Covered Bridge Tour scheduled. The first one was fun and interesting. Your Board of Directors is fully connected and engaged in the membership of the club. Feel free to reach out to us with suggestions or comments as we endeavor to improve the club and bring it into the 21st century.

I hope to see you all at our next Gate City Corvette meeting on June 10th at MacMulkin Chevrolet (second level in the meeting room). The business portion of the meeting is at 7:00 pm. If you are able to arrive earlier we have set aside 6:30 - 7:00 for socializing.

Best,

David Osgood

President

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thursday, June 10th
6:30 Social
7:00 pm Meeting
MacMulkin Chevrolet



Submitted by David Osgood

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Activities Corner

Summer is here but the New England weather is playing its games again. Nice weather, hot and blue skies all midweek long and then rain and cooler conditions over the weekend. It's a bit of a headache because we have to reschedule our Corvette events. The 2nd Covered Bridge Cruise to Swanzey - Winchester area south of Keene has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 19th. (See flyer on page 18.)

I have had my car out to 2 events so far, a cruise to Kimball's Farm in Jaffrey and a Target Cruise-In in Nashua. Now I am getting ready for a trip to Bar Harbor for a long weekend. Should be able to break over the 500 mile "break-in" period for my car and have the dashboard instruments upgrade to the higher levels.

We were looking into an overnight trip to the White Mountains area, but with Covid cases declining and restrictions dropping many of the resorts are booked up solid until fall. We will continue to explore that event. We are having an Activities Committee meeting very soon to plan June, July and August events. Our goal is to get several events planned so everyone can get a chance to attend something. (See Brent's list on page 19.)

We are also planning on getting back to "in person" club meetings at MacMulkin Chevrolet. The big difference will be having the meetings on Thursday nights instead of Friday nights. It's better for MacMulkin as they are open until 8:00 pm. Also, it should be easier to get into a restaurant for dinner for those who wish to go out after the meeting. This is a temporary change for this year to see how it works out, nothing permanent yet. So please mark your calendars for the 2nd Thursday of each month for our club meeting and hope to see you there. Also we are having 6:30-7:00 pm before the meeting for a "Social Gathering" with meetings at 7:00 pm.

Please let Brent or myself know of any ideas you have for club cruises or events. We welcome your input!

Norm Wood,

Vice President



Kimball Farm in Jaffrey, NH



Gate City Corvette Club Meeting Thursday, June 10, 2021

MacMulkin Chevrolet 3 Marmon Drive Nashua, New Hampshire

6:30 Social 7:00 Business Meeting

Please note the change in day
The June Meeting is on Thursday

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Hope to see you there!

President: The May 13, 2021 Gate City Corvette Club meeting was held at Bistro 603 in Nashua. This was our first in-person meeting in over a year due to Covid. As we were waiting for dinner to be served, David Osgood began the business portion of the evening by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending. This was also our first meeting on a Thursday. David talked about the advantages of meeting on Thursdays instead of the usual Fridays – ease of getting into a restaurant afterwards and Thursday is better for MacMulkin since they are open until 8:00. (MacMulkin has had a sales associate stay after hours for us on Fridays.)

Secretary: Allie DeCampo thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter. Allie announced that Al Whittier had placed 3rd in the NE Virtual Corvette Garage Contest. We called Al during the meeting to surprise him with the news and give our congratulations.

Membership Director: Tom Stewart introduced all of our newest members in attendance. David Osgood thanked Tom for all of his efforts to provide information about the club to potential members and guide them through the application process.

Treasurer: Dean Gagne was unable to attend, however, the treasurer's report was sent out to everyone in an email.

Vice President/Activities Director: Norm updated the membership about activities being planned.

Officer at Large: Brent AuCoin reviewed upcoming cruises and events.

National Corvette Museum: Larry Goelz provided the membership with the following update from the National Corvette Museum. You may remember Larry wrote an article for the May issue about his recent trip to the Museum's "Dash to the Bash." His report is below.

This year's annual Bash was somewhat toned down. There were less GM Chevrolet reps attending, fewer vendors and no C8s on display. There were, however, new Corvette colors presented for 2022.

- Caffeine Metallic replaces Zeus Bronze
- Hypersonic Gray replaces Shadow Gray
- Amplify Orange replaces Sebring Orange

The Museum's 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees were as follows: Doug Fehan, Racing; Henry Haga, GM/Chevrolet; Mike McCagh, Enthusiast; Wendell Strode, Enthusiast. The video for each of the inductees is on the NCM website.

There was a preview of the Museum's renovated café.

The Museum's 30,000 square foot 2-story expansion was announced at the Bash. The expansion will include a specialty exhibit space, life-time members lounge, open theater space, kids zone education center, and rooftop members lounge. Fundraising is in process.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Corvette production at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The first Corvettes came off the line June 1, 1981.

The 2021 C8 convertible has been selected as the pace car for the 105th Indianapolis 500. It is the first convertible Vette to pace the Indy 500 since 2008. Chevy has the most pace car selections with a count of 32.

The Museum announced that LLumar is their preferred paint protection film brand.

National Corvette Museum Caravan 2024 update:

- More information about the 2024 National Corvette Museum Carayan is expected soon.
- The New England Caravan (includes New York and East Canada) planning is underway.
- There is a preliminary layout of the routing and several hotels ready to sign a contract.
- The NE Caravan team Co-Captains are Randy Flock and Larry Goelz.
- State leaders so far are: New Hampshire, Jeff Batula; Massachussetts, Don Mason; Connecticut, Barcome; Rhode Island, Randy Flock.
- We expect to announce leaders soon for Maine, New York and Vermont.

There is still no information on plant tours.

The CEO replacement is in process.

If you are not a member of the NCM, please consider becoming one. If you are a member, please don't forget to renew. Also, consider a life-time membership. Feel free to contact me (Larry Goelz) for more information. I'm always happy to talk about the Museum.



One of the many displays at the National Corvette Museum

The New England Virtual Corvette Garage Show

Sponsored by Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts



Our own Alan Whittier won 3rd place in the NE Virtual Corvette Garage Contest! Al was very happy and appreciative to receive this award. Within a few days after the announcement his trophy arrived in the mail. Al said that although it is not the largest trophy he has ever received, it is one of his best and one that he will cherish and display proudly.



Photos provided by Alan Whittier

Gate City Corvette Club 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: Tom Stewart, Membership Director

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

65 Members - 4 Honored - 4 Honorary

Join us in celebrating the June birthdays!



Gerri Sireen 6/7

Brent Aucoin 6/12

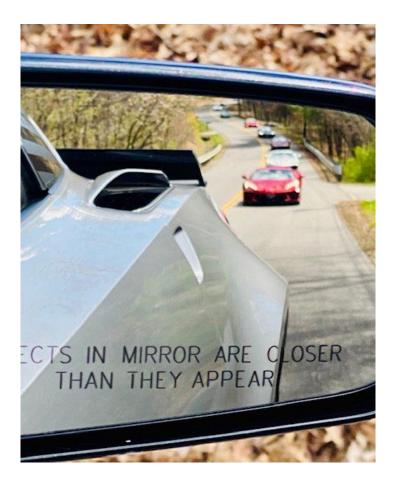
If you do not see your birthday listed and wish to be included, please send your date of birth (month and day) to Tom Stewart at the phone number or email address above.

Member 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.
- Consider becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum.
- Remember to Save the Wave!

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An interesting photo from the side view submitted by Luis

That Poor Vette



This month's poor C7 Vette comes to us by way of Texas. Texas State Rep Dan Huberty representing district 127 was driving his Vette after having too much to drink and rearended a minivan after running a red light. Thankfully there were only minor injuries for those in the minivan. Interestingly, Dan stated he was coming home from a legislative session which would normally exempt him from being able to be arrested per state law. However, the DA decided to arrest him anyway under a 'breach of the peace' exemption built into the law that would have otherwise protected him. Dan has stated that he's off to seek treatment for his drinking, and the poor Vette has been (at least for now) sent to the impound lot.

TPV contributed by Larry Shields



Could this be a sign?

That Poor Vette II

A Very Sad Tale of Woe





picture is worth a thousand words, actually \$4400. Unfortunately, I neglected to secure my removable roof panel and took off at a fast pace. The windows were down and this created quite a vacuum inside our 2019 Corvette Stingray. While on my way to dinner after the car show at Target and on Amherst Street at 7:00 pm on a Friday evening my roof took off like a kite. Yes, Amherst Street is extremely busy at this



hour. Thank goodness the car behind me was quite a distance back... one benefit of great acceleration. \odot The roof panel flew an estimated 15 feet into the air before it bounced and landed in the middle of the road. A very nice guy from the car show ran out and retrieved my roof and brought it back to Target. I turned around and went back to the parking lot. I then had to do "the walk of shame" and take the roof back home with me. The tech at MacMulkin told me to always blame the wife. I told him I did this stupid thing, I own this disaster.

Embarrassed to sign - Tom Stewart

Classic Crusin' Friday Nights

Brimfield, Massachusetts

Brent & Paula AuCoin

On Friday, May 21st, Paula and I attended a Massachusetts car show at the Brimfield Winery and Cidery at 35 Main Street, Brimfield Massachusetts. Brimfield is about a 1½ hour drive from Nashua; and approximately the same time/distance from Jaffrey, our home town. The ride down from NH was very rural and the farmland picturesque. We stopped once for coffee and thoroughly enjoyed the ride down. The Winery and Cidery was easy to find and is right off Main Street in Brimfield. The car show is directly behind the winery in a large, spacious field. Along with a professional DJ, the venue offered food, beverages and a common eating area for guests. We parked in amongst some vintage corvettes (C1 and C2)



even though we showed up in our C7. It wasn't long before the Corvettes of Western MA showed up with about 20 of their cars. In total there were approximately 300 cars. The show was well worth the time and distance. We will go again...





Photos provided by Brent AuCoin

Member Photos





Gathering in Milford to go to Kimball Farm in Jaffrey



Not everything is fast at the Whittier's



Words to eat by – photo taken by The Stewarts at the Alamo in Brookline, NH



Dave Bright's rearview above – Roger & Linda's Vette below at the Eastman Inn



And more photos...

Brent AuCoin talks about activities and events at the May meeting at Bistro 603 as members try to listen despite the unexpected live music.











Is the mask mandate over yet?



New Hampshire Veterans Home

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February 11, 2021

Gate City Corvette Club c/o Dean Gagne, Treasurer PO Box 623 Nashua, NH 03061

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Veterans Home family, we offer our sincere gratitude to the devoted members of the Gate City Corvette Club for your generous donation of \$100.00 (Check #251) received on December 10, 2020 to sponsor an Ice Cream Social. We appreciate your support in helping make the holidays memorable for the residents of the Veterans Home.

The mission of the New Hampshire Veterans Home is to provide the best quality of life for New Hampshire Veterans with dignity, honor and respect. Thoughtfulness by people such as you help to make this a daily reality.

Again, many thanks for your friendship and generosity and for bringing great joy to our residents. The Veterans Home could not exist without the ongoing assistance received from our friends and supporters.

With sincere gratitude,

Mouganet D La Briegne Margaret D. LaBrecque

Commandant

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Gate City Corvette Club

Covered Bridge Cruise II



Date: June 19, 2021 ~ Time: 10:00 am Departure

Meet-up Location: Shaw's Market 586 Nashua St, Milford, NH (Lorden Plaza)

Please join us on a Road trip "back-in-time" visiting 5 Covered Bridges in rural Winchester & Swanzey, NH and ending in Jaffrey, NH for lunch and ice cream at Kimball Farm. If you plan to go on the cruise please respond to Brent AuCoin at woodboundview1@msn.com

ITINERARY:

Combs Bridge – 1837 (Winchester)
Slate Covered Bridge – 1862 (Swanzey)
Thompson Bridge – 1832 (Swanzey)
Sawyer Crossing/Cresson Bridge #6 – 1859 (Swanzey)
Carleton Bridge – 1869 (Swanzey)

Kimball Farm Restaurant

158 Turnpike Road, Jaffrey, New Hampshire

Calendar of Events

Brent AuCoin, Officer At-Large

The Activities committee continues to be busy planning trips and events. Below is our current events/activities list for your review. At the bottom of this report, we have added a list of cruise nights you might want to attend.

<u>If you would like to attend the following events, please fire off an email to me</u> at <u>woodboundview1@msn.com</u> so that we can keep a tally of how many cars/people will be attending.

Also, should you find an event that is interesting, let us know and we will find out the details of the event.

NEXT UP:

- Bar Harbor Cruise and Stay Over.....See Norm Wood................June 3 5
- Back to the Beach (Old Orchard Beach)................................June 10 13
 - Contact Ralph at (<u>rqaug85@charter.net</u>) or Sandie (<u>sandieb98@yahoo.com</u>) for reservations for those planning to stay over the weekend.
- Annual Club Picnic, Alton, NH......July 24 (rain date July 25)
- Corvettes at Carlisle, PA......August 26 29
- NE Caravan Reunion (Loon Mt.)......Sept 9 11
- Vettes to Vets.....TBA
- Castle in the Clouds Picnic October 3
- Holiday Party.....January 2022

Weekly Cruises

<u>Sunday:</u> Murphy's Tap Room, Starts June 7 – Hours: 5-8 pm, Address: 393 NH 101, Bedford, NH https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/nh-bedford/

Wednesday: Kimball Farms, Address: Hours: 5-7 pm, 158 Turnpike Road, Jaffrey

https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/nh-jaffrey-kimball-farm-cruise-night/

<u>Thursday:</u> The Town Cabin: Candia – Hours: 5 – 8 pm, Address: 285 Old Candia Road, Candia. NH (200-300 cars) Exit 3 off of Route 101 East https://m.facebook.com/events/town-cabin-deli-pub/candia-cruise-night/1490813514587740/

<u>Friday:</u> Target Cruise Night – Hours: 5 pm, Address: 600 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH https://www.facebook.com/groups/834865626527570/

Many more Cruise Nights being added to the list as the season progresses.





Submitted by Tony Centrella

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

JUN 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
				Bar Harbor Cruise	Bar Harbor Cruise	Bar Harbor Cruise
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
				Gate City Club Meeting	1	Dinner Alamo Restaurant Brookline, NH
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						Covered Bridge Tour II
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						Cruise TBA
27	28	29	30			

Weekly Cruise Nights						
Murphy's Tap Room Bedford Starts June 7th		Kimball Farm Jaffrey, NH	The Town Cabin Candia	Target Cruise Night Nashua		

JULY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						Club Picnic Alton (Linda/Brad)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Weekly Cruise Nights							
Murphy's Tap Room Bedford Starts June 7th			Kimball Farm Jaffrey, NH	The Town Cabin Candia	Target Cruise Night Nashua		

AUG 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12 Gate City Club Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	CARZ Show White River Jct. Vermont 10:00 – 3:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26 Corvettes at Carlisle	27 Corvettes at Carlisle	28 Corvettes at Carlisle
Corvettes Carlisle Bay State Antique Car Show 8 – 4pm Lancaster, MA	30	31				

Weekly Cruise Nights						
Murphy's			<u>Kimball</u>	The Town	<u>Target</u>	
Tap Room			<u>Farm</u>	<u>Cabin</u>	Cruise Night	
Bedford			Jaffrey, NH	<u>Candia</u>	<u>Nashua</u>	
Starts June 7th						

SEP 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Weekly Cruise Nights							
Murphy's Tap Room Bedford Starts June 7th		Kimball Farm Jaffrey, NH	The Town Cabin- Candia	Target Cruise Night Nashua			

OCT 2021

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PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **June 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!

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