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First Word

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Ready or not, it's time to do that spring cleaning - wash the windows, rake those leaves, pick up the yard and get your car out of storage and out on the road! The warm breeze of spring is rustling through the remnants of fall's leaves desperately clinging to an oak tree, and spring bulbs are popping through. While some people look for the first robin as the harbinger of spring, I look for the first Corvette sighting on the roads. And they have been seen in stronger numbers over the last few weeks!

Our club is gearing up for Spring Fling, as chair, Dean has been working with his committee members to pull it all together - we will be planning a judging clinic to get all our volunteers synchronized to make this another wonderful year.

We are also joining up with other clubs to participate in collaborative events. Officer at Large, Hank, is tirelessly promoting with other clubs far and wide and is connecting with others to make events available for members. I'm looking forward to his latest ideas and hope we'll have the time to participate in some of the summer's events. Lakes Region Corvette Club has invited our members for a weekend around the lakes region in June. Watch for e-mails from our VP Dan as well as Hank as they keep us informed of many upcoming events.

My joy in being affiliated with GCCC comes from the diversity of interests our membership brings as well as the respect and acceptance each member gives to others. GCCC was formed because a group of people shared a love of Corvettes and an appreciation for each other's knowledge of the Corvette. Over the years, we have grown in membership and what we can give back. We network to learn tips on Corvette restoration and performance and design ideas to tweak our cars and make a statement of who we are. We enjoy traveling together and sharing experiences on the road. The Spring Fling car show allows Corvette owners to promote the looks and care everyone puts into their cars, proceeds also support our other club activities and we donate to local charities. We've grown to take on another charity, Corvettes Conquer Cancer, by putting on a dinner and auction to raise funds for the American Cancer Society through fellow Corvetter Ben Larabee. Everyone in our club participates for their own reasons, so we try to diversify by joining in with other clubs who may be promoting events that would pique the interest of some of our members. If there is an event you're interested in promoting, I'd welcome you to share it with the club.

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GCCC Meeting & Pizza Night
April 14, 2006
7:00 Committee Meeting
8:00 General Meeting

Check The Website Member Section:
Proposed Budgets
Spring Fling &
Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser.

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SAVE THE WAVE

President's Letter continued

Our Corvettes may tie us all together, but each of us has other diverse interests outside the club. Jim Ecke ('74 coupe) has been training to run the Boston Marathon – Good luck on April 17, we'll be cheering for you as you strain up heartbreak hill! Pat Bennett & her husband Wayne Wood ('61 roadster) would have been official members in March, but they missed the meeting so they could help their son prepare for the Air Force entrance exam (and he passed – congratulations!) Mike DeCampo has been spending his weekdays adding stickers to his passport (and it hasn't been for rest and relaxation!). Don't worry Mike; we'll remind you what day it is and where you are. We all have a great deal that distracts us from our passion for fiberglass and when you can make a meeting or share in the camaraderie of an afternoon together, we welcome you.

We're all volunteers bonded by a like interest yet bringing with us our own idiosyncrasies - making life just a bit more interesting! It's important that we join together to fulfill a common goal such as putting on Spring Fling or the Corvettes Conquer Cancer dinner. Yet as our club grows and evolves we must continue to be open to new ideas and opportunities for change. We need to embrace new methods and take the risk to try something "a little different" if it means that we can possibly speed up running a show or entice more people to an event. (However, a portable generator at a show to run that buffer may be a little "over the edge!") Although Corvette owners tend to be perfectionists, if a new concept didn't work just the way we hoped, we can learn from it and work to improve for the next time. When the day is done, we should be able to say, "I had fun and enjoyed the company of wonderful people."

I'm looking to a summer of fun and wonderful company – I hope you will share it with me.

*Lynn Nault,
President*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sandy 3/10/06

At 8 pm, Lynn toasted to the officers and fellow club members who were MIA on a much-needed vacation in the Dominican.

Lynn called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm, thanking Dobles for the use of their facility.

It was acknowledged that everyone seems to be getting the newsletter ok now.

Membership director Dennis Grainger welcomed Adam and Rob to their second meeting.

Dean made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, followed by Denise.

Bob made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, followed by Ron.

Hank started reading the upcoming events but was interrupted by Ray's cell phone ringing. It was Dan calling from the Dominican at 8:07 pm!

Back to upcoming events, Hank talked about a 3/28 wine tasting for the Nashua Soup Kitchen's 25th anniversary. On 4/23 there is a car show and flea market at the Fitchburg airport, and on 6/8-10 the second annual Sedona Drive Tour (yes Arizona). Talk to Hank if interested.

Lynn mentioned that Dan is going down to Corvette Mike's for Autobahn Day on 4/1 to promote Corvettes Conquer Cancer. If interested in joining Dan, call him.

Update on Ben's C6: 33K raised so far.

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Secretary's Report continued

Bowling night is Saturday 3/18 at Leda Lanes in Nashua. Starts at 5:30 pm. Come one, come all and help Lynn get rid of the crying towel!

Old Business:

Let Dennis know if you have email address changes. Things seem to be going better with getting the newsletter to display properly.

Don't forget about club dues - they are due now. Please pay your dues if you haven't done so already.

New Business:

The club voted on two additions to the By-Laws: one for the dues rate, and the second for language cleanup relating to privileges for members. Ruth made a motion to accept the changes, followed by Paulette. Changes accepted with no discussion.

Spring Fling:

Dean reports we have 20 trophy sponsors so far; we need about 59; keep hunting! Everything else is coming together for the show.

Corvettes Conquer Cancer:

We have tickets for sale. See Dan for a batch of tickets to sell. Sue Vezina has quotes on the food and catering. Lynn is getting an insurance binder.

No new update on the club cruise night.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ron (\$29). Congrats! The monthly drawing for \$20 was won by Sue Vezina. Congrats!

The next meeting will be 4/14. See you there! Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. A short one!

CLUB CASUAL WEAR

New...30th Anniversary shirt \$35.00

New...30th Anniversary patches \$5.00

Denim shirts \$25.00

Polo shirts (white or navy) \$25.00

Sweatshirts (navy) \$32.00

Club Jacket \$55.00

Baseball hats \$12.00

**To purchase contact membership director
DENNIS GRANGER.**

Spring has finally arrived and some of us have started to drive the Corvettes. Items have been added during the winter months to personalize them to our liking.

Tuesday April 4th I visited Spindle City's monthly meeting and was greeted with a warm welcome, Ann Goulas has taken on doubling their ticket sales to CCCF.

Saturday April 8th found 14 members traveling to the Lakes Region Corvette Clubs monthly meeting at the Hart's Turkey Farm in Meredith NH. What a way to have a meeting and dinner at the same time. Once again Gate City Corvette Club was welcomed with open arms. Lakes Region has a lot of different things going on this season for which I'll talk about at the next meeting. Gate City members have been invited if they would like to go along. Dwight Dodd the current President has taken on doubling their help to 40 tickets this year.

Spring Fling is fast approaching and it takes a lot of work on everyone's part to make it successful, from getting trophy sponsors, to working at the event. So as in the past two years let's all get together and make it a success. Of course let's all hope for sunshine.

I know that a lot of members do not get into showing their cars. But one of the things we as a club should remember are the clubs that come to our show. And it's my feeling that we should make an effort to support the other clubs, as they support ours. So even if it is to come along and enter just to possibly get the most club member's participation trophy it is supporting that club putting on the show. Some of these clubs are Corvettes United, Corvettes of Conn., Corvettes of R.I., and Spindle City Corvette Club.

As for other things to do for the summer, Lakes Region Corvette Club is hosting a weekend trip, 2006 Parade of Vettes. It is being held Saturday June 2nd and Sunday June 3rd. For more information give me a call. The month of July is the club's annual picnic at Emile and Sue's house, more information to come, as it gets closer. August finds us at the Corvette Conquer Cancer Fundraiser and later in the month a group will be going off to Corvettes of Carlisle.

If anyone has an idea on something to do as a club or with others clubs give me a call and we can work on it together to make it happen. Let's face it getting out together in our plastic cars is what is all about.

That's all for now. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting Friday April 14th 8:00 PM at Dobles.

Remember keep smiling while driving those Corvettes.

Best Regards

Dan Feidler, Vice President

CENTERPIECE IDEAS NEEDED ~ CCC

I would like to ask that members come up with a "sample" centerpiece for CCC Fundraiser and bring along to the May meeting. Try and keep the cost at about \$5 or less realizing we also need to make about 30 centerpieces. I would like the items presented at the May meeting and the members present can vote on their preference. Any thing in the theme of western would be great!

**Thanks,
Sue Nault**

Board Meeting, April 2, 2006

Location: Allie & Mike

Attendance – all

Key Issues Discussed:

Board talked about need for better communication among board as well as board communication to membership.

Board discussed vagueness in levels of authority.

1. What authority does a committee have?
2. What authority does the board have?
3. What authority does the club have?

The board recommended that (for this year) a budget for Spring Fling and a budget (draft distributed) for Corvettes Conquer Cancer be drafted by the board and then approved by the club. The budgets would be listed in members only section of website, announced to members in e-mail/newsletter and voted on at next club meeting.

Regarding a committee's authority, it was discussed that they would make recommendations and bring to the Board.

The board discussed that the members would have to approve all expenditures not shown on budget (we realized that the club should have approved April's pizza after the meeting - proceeds for the 50/50 will pay for most of it). We recommended a budget for the club in general (to include insurance, 2-3 pizza after meetings a year, misc. expenses, etc.). This would allow members to have a better understanding of club monies, give them a sense of involvement, and the board could better plan what is needed from year to year so more money could be returned to the members in the form of events and a goal would be for the club not to have to pay taxes.

Allie distributed a proposed "Guidelines for Meeting Etiquette." Norm made a motion to accept the use of the form by the board and committees; Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Dan dissenting.

Norm made a motion to present the "Guidelines for Meeting Etiquette" to the members for discussion at the April meeting (put notice in newsletter) as a way to run general club meetings. Hank seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Regarding Spring Fling, at the next meeting, Dean will ask for donations for the penny sale. Lynn will create a budget based on CCC budget, will distribute to officers this week and if OK, will have put on web site for members to review before next meeting. We need approximately 58-59 trophies. Lee & Paulette have gotten 20, 6 Dan, 10 Hank. Sponsors will be on a banner, it was also suggested they be put on a flyer to put in the goody bag. Dean discussed that generally ½ of proceeds go towards a charity (has been Nashua Soup Kitchen) ½ is used to help fund the club's events. The question came up regarding the cost of insurance (renewal bill at \$620). ½ of the cost has come from Spring Fling proceeds.

Dan made a motion that for this year club insurance costs be split between Spring Fling & Corvettes Conquer Cancer. Norm seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The board discussed who the donation should be made to this year. It was suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting for input, however it should be a local charity.

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Regarding Corvettes Conquer Cancer, Lynn will work with Hank regarding Daniel Webster College's need for proof of insurance and any other information they need. Dean will get a written confirmation from KC's this week, if he isn't able to touch base; Dan offered that Claudia could follow up. Once the club has written confirmation, then a \$200 deposit will be given to KC's. Dan requested a table/chair deposit check for \$220. Changes in tables/chairs can be made within a week of event – may need more as they are 5' diameter & seat 8. They would be delivered on Friday and picked up on Monday. Hank/Dan to discuss if the college would allow and security of equipment over weekend. Need to add \$125 expense for liquor license for wine tasting to budget.

Items for future discussion:

1. Discussed treasury and how much money is needed as a cushion. Lynn will create a draft budget for discussion by the officers.
2. Dues should be used for the members – help fund parties, etc.
3. Suggested a pizza party after club meetings would be good 2-3 times a year. One is planned for April and suggested for May.
4. Summer picnic catering. At April meeting, club will be asked if they want catered or bring items. If catered, do they want same caterer/food as in years past or different? Dean to bring optional menu of Italian at meeting.
5. Summer picnic funding. Spring fling if successful has funded the cost of the picnic. Members pay up front in order to ensure they attend. Their checks have either then been refunded, or partially refunded. Board recommended if successful, the proceeds fund entire picnic costs.

Lynn managed to get all this information down and still enjoy 3-4 glasses of wine!

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Lynn Throws In The 'Towel' For Good

Actually, she never even brought the crying towel to the annual GCCC Bowling Night at Leda Lanes on March 18. Has she held the towel for so long that she now can't bear the thought of letting go? Rumor is that she has had her name embroidered and uses it as a guest towel. Thomas Granger has agreed to give her lessons in hope of improving her score for next year. (If he's not too busy playing.)

Highest individual scores are as follows:

Amos	63	Paul	109	Norm	79
Ruth	92	Roger	76	Sue	71
Allie	89	Cindy	97	Lynn	40
Mike	108	Denis	82	Dan	89
Hank	61	Charly	86	Claudia	60
Danielle	94	Joe	96	Dennis	75
Peter	51	Cassie	55	Maureen	94
Alex	57	Carol	77	Thomas	73
Gab	31	Joey	88	Dean	94
				Sandy	83

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Board Meeting
April 2, 2006

Guidelines For Meeting Etiquette

Purpose: To incorporate structure to board meetings. To insure that all board members have an opportunity to express opinions and that all opinions are considered.

- Announce meeting is taking place – where, when, etc.
- No meetings held without the majority of the board present.
- Guidelines for Meeting Etiquette are reviewed before every meeting.
- No one interrupts while another is speaking.
- All opinions are solicited and considered.
- Secretary or other qualified board member records all opinions.
- The discussion is closed if there are no additional comments to be made.
- Secretary reads opinions for review before vote is taken.
- Secretary asks if all opinions have been covered for review.
- At this time, board members have the opportunity to state that their opinion was expressed earlier and not recorded, however, no new opinions or comments will be added at this time.
- Any board member can request that a paper vote be taken if they have reason to believe that board members may feel pressured or intimidated to vote a certain way.
- Vote is taken.
- The records from the meeting are retained for future reference.



GCCC PROPOSED CALENDAR

Date	General Club/Events
4/14/06	General Meeting – Dobles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Fling Committee • Corvettes Conquer Cancer Committee
April?	Extra Spring Fling committee meeting?
April?	Breakfast at Parkers (?)
May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakedown Cruise to Provincetown (South Shore CC) • North Conway Dust Off Cruise (Northshore Corvettes)
May 18	Corvette Golf outing – Kingston, NH (Northshore Corvettes)
May?	CCRI Newport RI Weekend Trip (?)
5/12/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Spring Fling committee
5/19/06	Spring Fling Judging Clinic/bag stuffing – Dan F.
5/28/06	Spring Fling
6/9/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Spring Fling committee wrapup
6/18/06	Spring Fling rain date
June 3-4	Lakes Region Parade of Vettes
June 4	Corvettes United Show N’ Shine – Shrewsbury, MA
June 29- July 2	Lakes Region Lime Rock CT – American LeMans
Date	General Club/Events
7/9/06	CC of CT – Judged Show
7/14/06	General Meeting – Dobles * CCC committee
7/15/06	Club Picnic – Emile & Sue’s
8/6/06	CC of RI – Judged show.
8/11/06	General Meeting – Dobles * CCC committee
8/12/06	Corvettes Conquer Cancer
8/24-28	Travel to Carlisle
9/8/06	General Meeting – Dobles * CCC wrap up
9/7-9/16	Lakes Region – Lake George/Niagara Falls (all or parts)
9/17/06	Spindle City Show – wrap up at Joe & Carol’s
Sept.	Hank Vezina – Fall trip with Lakes Region & others
10/13/06	General Meeting – Dobles
Oct.	Lee Scarlett – Diner trip to Maine
Oct.	Weekend trip – VT or other location (?)
11/10/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Vote Board Members
12/8/06	General Meeting – Dobles
1/6/07	Holiday Party – Londonderry Lion’s Club