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## Officers 2016

**President:** Dan Feidler  
**Vice President** Heather Shields  
**Secretary:** Dani McLaughlin  
**Treasurer:** Dean Gagne  
**Officer-at-Large:** John Bosco  
**Membership Director:** Joe Michalik  
**Immediate Past President:** Larry Shields



## First Word

Dan Feidler

Well hopefully when you're reading this you have gotten over stuffing yourself with turkey from Thanksgiving and now preparing for Christmas.

I'm writing this on December 1<sup>st</sup>, so that I get it out early this month. By the time you are reading this Joe Michalik and I will have attended the Spring Mountain Driving School (just outside of Las Vegas) to learn how to drive our Z06s. This program, if you do not know about it, is put on by GM with the purchase of a new Corvette, whether it's a Stingray, Grand Sport or Z06. The cost to the owner of the car is \$1000 plus your airfare and transportation to and from the airport along with your dinner meals. Right now they give you two nights stay in the condos at the track and you get breakfast and lunch. I understand from Larry Goelz, who has done this twice, it is a blast and a very good learning experience on what these cars can do. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter for more on this experience.

The clubs annual after holiday party is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Puritan Back Room in Manchester NH. It's going to be a change in what has been done since Claudia and I joined the club 14 years ago. Hopefully all can attend and share in some holiday spirit.

November was the clubs election of officers for 2017. We have some new faces that are going to be running the club next year, and I hope all members will support them.

Heather Shield has organized the Adopt a Family present buying and I know that others are helping out. I want to thank Heather for taking this on the last few years. THANKS YOU Heather! I know from experience the joy this will bring to the faces of the families we're helping.

That's all I have for now, so once again I want to say...Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

*Dan Feidler, President till end of year*

## Why Become a National Corvette Museum Member?

The museum was a brain storm of a few people over 25 years ago, that thought it would be a great thing to start up an organization such as this to bring people together. And for one reason or another that own Corvettes. Let's face it we all have something in common CORVETTES.

As I've have said in the past the National Corvette Museum is a nonprofit and gets money to operate from several things during the course of the year. One being membership's, there are several ways to become a member, such individuals, business, lifetime, etc. I'm very proud to say that our Club is a Lifetime member to the NCM, along with a few of our club members.

The Museum earns money also from visitors that have heard about or are driving down I-65 in Bowling Green Ky. NCM earns money from raffles of corvettes, selling insurance and main other different programs.

What do you get for being a member? Well you get to join the more them 6 to 8 thousand members that have one big thing in common CORVETTES. You get into the NCM anytime at no additional cost, discount on items from the in house Corvette store. And most of all, in my opinion, proud to say I'm a member of an organization to carry on the history of the CORVETTE. So what do you say... come on and join the NCM, see me for membership forms or go on line and do it at [www.nationalcorvettemuseum.com](http://www.nationalcorvettemuseum.com) Believe me you won't be sorry helping support this great organization.

By the way, I still have raffle tickets for the Artic White C7 Coupe being giving away February 9<sup>th</sup> \$10 each. I'll have them with me at the Annual Holiday Party or you can mail me a check made out to National Corvette Museum. I'll fill out and send stub back to you.

Sincerely,

*Dan Feidler*  
*Gate City Corvette Club Ambassador*

**Vice President / Activities Director**

**Heather Shields**

### **Season of giving thanks...**

Thanksgiving is past, and Christmas is rapidly approaching, which means that New Years is just around the corner. Between wondering where the year went and scrambling through the holiday rush, this is the time to look back and take a moment to give thanks.

A big part of our club is how we give back, to each other when someone is sick, injured or just having a bad day. For the massive work that goes into Spring Fling every year, an event that brings in most of the funds we use to help others over the year. To other clubs who come out and support our events and who's events over the year keep us out on the roads having fun and hoping to keep our cars clean!

So thank you to everyone who hosted or went to a club event. Without the hard work of those putting on events there would be a lot of cars gathering dust in garages. Likewise, without all of you who make the sometimes long drives to the events, it would just be empty fields and parking lots.

For me this is my favorite time of giving back and giving thanks. Between the Ice Cream Social at the Tilton Veterans Home, and the annual Adopt-A-Family shopping trip, it really brings home how we help others get through a tough time of the year and bring some smiles to lonely faces.

For us, our bi-annual Ice Cream Socials might not seem like much, but looking at the faces of the veterans who come out each time, tell a different story...smiling faces, jokes and laughter, sing-alongs, all for just a few dollars and couple hours time. It is a small event that for many will be remembered for days or weeks to come.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out last weekend and helped make that event a huge success, both those of you within our club and our great friends at North Shore and other clubs who joined us. The money raised will make sure every resident, especially those with no other family, will have some joy this holiday season. (Double thanks to those crazy people who actually brought out corvettes!) ;-)

Over five years ago (Wow has it really been that long?) I took over the annual shopping trip for the adopt-a-family from Ruthie. While privacy regulations mean we no longer get the face to face interaction there used to be surrounding this event, it's still the one to me that brings the largest smiles and warm fuzzies.

Without fail every year since I've joined the club and helped take part, we have made sure that nearly a half dozen children have a very happy Christmas and warm clothing for the rest of the winter. You don't have to be there and see a kid getting the brand new bike they hoped for but assumed they wouldn't get to know how bright their smiles are. That the extra donations which come in last minute will go to making sure there are Dickens' sized feasts on every table, and merry toasts to all.

So thank you everyone for another great year and looking forward to the next one!



## *Meeting Minutes – November*

*Dani McLaughlin*

November 18th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

A “thank you” sent out to MacMulkin for hosting our meeting and also a Thank you all for coming.

**News Letter:** Jim wants to thank everyone for the input for the News letter. Please send any articles or pictures to J33mac@msn.com

**New Membership:** None at the present time

**Sectary's Report:** Motion to accept by Jim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norm. Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills are paid  
Motion to accept by Dennis, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy, Passed

**Officer at Large:** John presented the following

1. 12/3, X-Mas Party at Tilton Home. Meet up at Hooksett Rest Stop at 1pm. Caravan to leave at 1:15pm. Email will be sent out for more info.

**VP, Heather:**

1. 2 Families to shop for their Christmas. 12/7, Wednesday at Amherst's Walmart. To meet there at 7pm. Email Heather if attending.
2. Ice Cream Social at the Tilton Home for Vets on 12/3
3. Mar 2017: Candle Pin Bowling

**Ambassador:**

1. Corvette Raffle tickets are out. C7 Coupe \$10 each
2. Membership: 1 year or life offered
3. Please contact Dan Fielder for more info

**Old Business:**

- a. Club Jackets will be offered and club will pay for ½. Dani had a size run. Orders to be in at Christmas Party.
- b. Elections: All voted and passed. They will take over at the X-Mas Party in January.
- c. Holiday Party: Jan 14, 2017 at the Puritan Conference & Event Center, 245 Hooksett Rd. Manchester NH (This is part of the Puritan Back Room Restaurant) Motioned by Claudia and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, Passed. The event starts at 6PM and goes thru 11 PM. It was voted that this year the club would pay for 1/2 of the event excluding drinks. There will be a cash bar from 6PM till 10:30PM. The cost is \$30 per person (\$60 per couple). There will be a Yankee Swap with a \$25 limit. Please bring wrapped gift labeled male/female or either. If you're planning on attending we need to have a response by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> via e mail to Dan or calling him at home at 603-434- 9436, along with two checks per couple for \$30 each, (reason for two checks is that when you arrive one check will be returned) The checks are to be made out to Gate City Corvette Club. Please mail Dan.
- d. The NHYFSC asked for 2 Academic Scholarships again for the 2017. To be paid for after the Spring Fling. Motioned by Jimmy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Passed

**New Business:**

1. Adopt a Family donations of \$50 to be sent to Heather.
2. 2017 Club Officers  
Pres: Dave Osgood  
VP: Dennis Corrigan  
Secretary: Dania McLaughlin  
Treasurer: Dean Gagne  
Officer at Large: Heather Shields  
Membership Director: Dave Hill

50/50 winner: Norm

Next Meeting: February 10th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm





*Gate City Corvette Club*



## *HOLIDAY PARTY*

*January 14, 2017*

*Puritan Conference Center  
245 Hooksett Road  
Manchester, NH*

*6:00 - 11:00 pm*

*Cost: \$30.00 per person*

*Please submit your payment by December 23, 2016  
(Half of your payment will be refunded that evening if you attend)*

*Delicious Buffet  
Cash Bar  
Lively Yankee Swap*

*If you wish to participate in the Yankee Swap please bring one gift per person  
valued at \$25.00 wrapped and marked for man, woman or either.*

*Mail payment to Dan Feidler, 7 Chase Brook Dr., Londonderry, NH*

*Hope to see you there!!!*



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Circle all the items that apply:

Couple costs \$150 Registration includes Saturday night Banquet at Gideon Putnam

\$50 Thursday Evening Barbeque at Gideon Putnam

\$70 Friday Evening Buffet Dinner at Saratoga Casino and Racing

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Single costs \$75 Registration includes Saturday night Banquet at Gideon Putnam

\$25 Thursday Evening Barbeque at Gideon Putnam

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Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, being of lawful age, do for myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns, hereby release, remise and forever discharge the 2019 New England Corvette Caravan, and or any individual, group, corporation or group of individuals co-sponsoring this event, his/her heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind of nature either in law or in equity arising from or by any reason of bodily accident which may occur as a result of participation in the New England Corvette Caravan's Reunion weekend.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of the release are contractual and not a mere recital.

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## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Please contact the newsletter editor (Jim McLaughlin) if you know of an event that should be included in the newsletter. In addition, let the editor know if you are willing to be the contact person for the event. This way, other club members will know who to contact for information (date, time, location, where to meet to caravan, etc.)

<b>Jan 14, 2017</b>	
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>No Meeting in January. Holiday Party at Puritan Conference Center</b>
Go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub">https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub</a> for a list of upcoming events.	

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### PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **January 20, 2017**

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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.

Letters, articles, notices, and ads are to be received by the third Friday of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Classified ads are to be submitted on a monthly basis, and will not be carried over to the following month. Please contact the editor if you know of a business interested in purchasing advertising space in the newsletter. Thank you.

Contact: Jim McLaughlin  
 Newsletter Editor  
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## CLUB OFFICERS 2016

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