

# Newsletter

February 2022



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## ***President's Message***

The Board of Directors have a meeting scheduled for 2/03/22. At this meeting we will discuss next steps for club meetings.

One of the clubs yearly events is going to Ron's Auto Restoration in Fitchburg, Ma. For members that don't know what Ron does I'll briefly explain. Rons Auto Restoration works primarily on C1, C2 and C3 corvettes. His shop will have cars in various stages of restoration from frame up repair to finish painting. For those that haven't gone I would recommend the trip. After the tour we will have lunch at a local restaurant, Statterys . I reached out to Ron to get a date he could host our club. Either Saturday April 23rd or Saturday April 30th would work for him. If you have preference as to the date give me a call.

Looking forward to spring, especially after two feet of snow.

# General Information

## Club Officers and Chairs

President	Don Mason
Vice President	Bob Smith
Treasurer	Cindy Mason
Secretary	Carole Smith
Presidential Appointee	John Baldi
Member at Large	Bill Collette
Webmaster	Bob Smith
Charity Chair	Dennis Valentie
Membership Co Chair	Kevin Maddy
Membership Co Chair	Bob Marsh
Newsletter	Carole Smith

***Happy February  
Birthday!***



*Don Anderson*

*Pat Duffy*

*Olivia Swenson*

*Dennis Valente*

*If I missed anyone  
please let me know.*



# Up Coming Events

***Please open the link below and sign up to run an event. If you have suggestions for another event you would like the club to participate in please let us know.***

***We have always had an active club and would love to continue to do so. Without members participation in running events this will not happen.***

<https://capecodcorvetteclub.com/social/>

## ***Holidays This Month***

***Lincoln's Birthday - February 12***

***Valentine's Day - February 14***

***President's Day - February 21***



# Things To Do

## Spring Fling 2022

### Gate City Corvette Club



### Presents our **40<sup>th</sup>** Annual Corvette Show

**Sunday May 29, 2022**

**Registration 8:00 – 11:30**

**(Rain Date Sunday July 31, 2022)**

**Located on the beautiful grounds of Anheuser-Busch  
221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH**

- *Registration Fee: \$30.00*
- *First New England Point Judged Show*
- *Grass parking for all cars entered*
- *Music, Food, Raffles and More!*
- *Judging begins promptly at noon*
- *Coupes & Roadsters judged separately*
- *48 Classes – Trophies for Show, Super Street, Street, and Best of Categories*

**Designated Corral Parking for Non-Participating Corvettes  
and other Classic Vehicles (\$15.00 Donation)**



**For more information:**

[www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com)

[www.facebook.com/GATECITYCORVETTECLUB](https://www.facebook.com/GATECITYCORVETTECLUB)

**Dean Gagne at 1-603-472-3524**



## **Courtesy of Bill Collette**

After retiring from the Military and my 2nd job as a civilian working for the military... I retired for good. I purchased a 1964 Corvette Convertible.. 350 Cu In 350 HP non matching numbers, 4 speed silver convertible.

Nice car but it had low rear end gears in it. 0 to 60 a rocket ship back then. On the highway at 65 I was turning a +3700 RPM. It got kind of confusing which gauge to watch, glancing at the tachometer and over to the gas gauge they both looked the same... moving quickly. Right then I decided the car was not a cruiser for any long cruising around the Cape. [With the 64 Corvette I use to navigate by gas stations, in my newer owned Corvettes C-7's and C8 its by Dunking Donuts coffee shops.]

So the 64 Corvette was the reason for having two Corvettes from that point on. [Sounds like a good excuse.. Hee Hee] Had the 1964 for 10 years and loved going threw the gears around town and all the C2's always sounded so great.. [Had two C2's Corvettes, one a fuelie as a first Corvette an another as a 3rd one owned.]

Both my C2's always had cooling issues [All C2's had cooling issues... Hee Hee] so the primary gauge I watched was the temperature gauge on both when in traffic. Neither one liked any kind of traffic.. My right clutch knee didn't either. That would be the reason for selling the 1964 standard transmission Corvette... old knee age.. Hee Hee.

When I first got the car it had knock off's on it, same as the 1965 I owned. Never had a problem with them loosing up on the 65. But the 64 take a ride and having to tighten all the knock off up

every time. Asking around for some time I was told the wheel studs are the wrong length if they were not standard equipment knock offs when new. So researching I found the same LOOKING knock offs that bolted on [after market] to the old wheel studs.

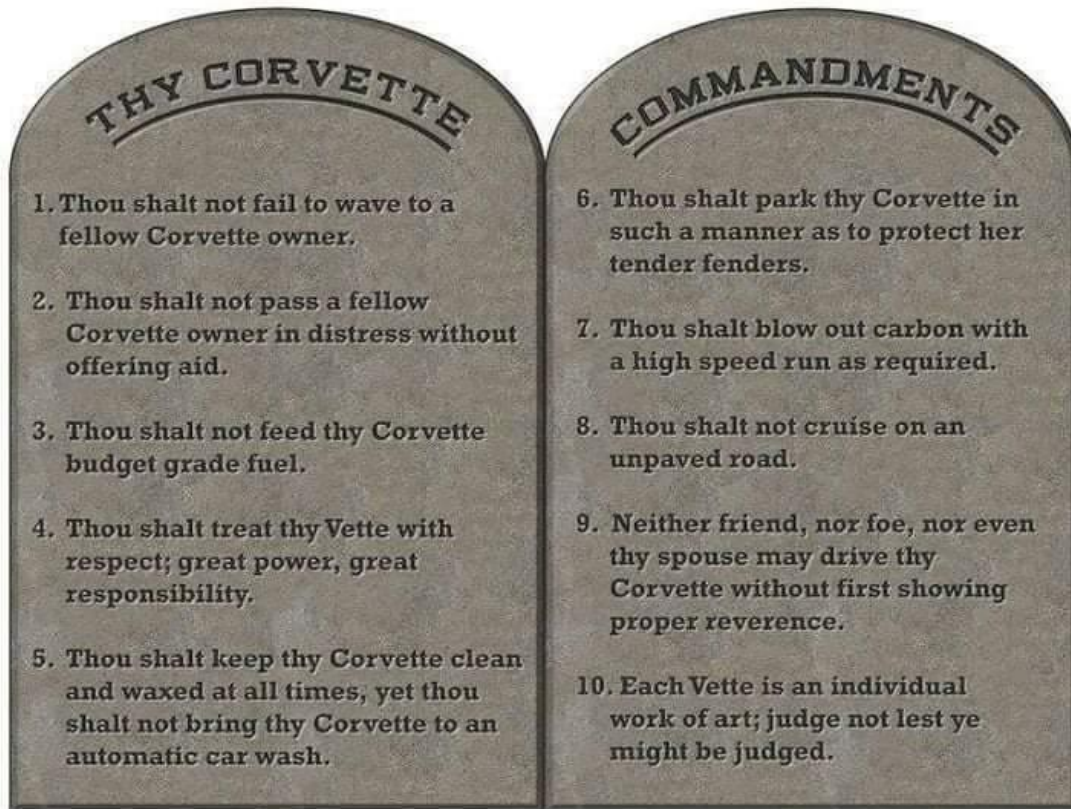
The picture with the convertible top up are the new ones and never had another problem of them loosening up. That's another reason why info like this is interesting to read about in newsletters. Send them in folks...

Bill



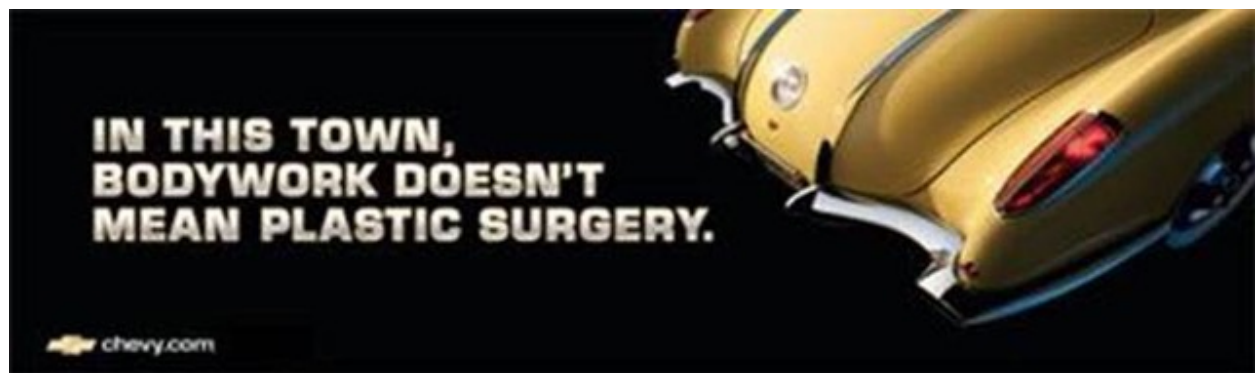
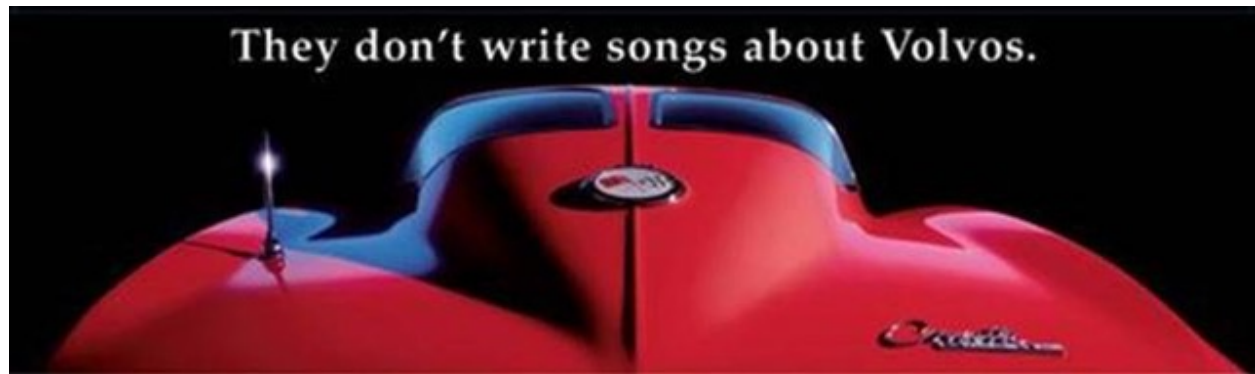


## ***Something to Think about as we go into 2022***




Submitted by:  
Jim Amato

# These are actual billboards in Detroit put up by GM.



**THE ONLY CARBS YOU  
CARED ABOUT WERE  
UNDER THE HOOD.**

 [chevy.com](http://chevy.com)



**Proof that your parents were actually cool once.**



**THE ORIGINAL  
AMERICAN IDOL.**

 [chevy.com](http://chevy.com)




**THE GRANDDADDY  
OF BLING.**

 [chevy.com](http://chevy.com)





**IT WAS THE ROAR  
OF YOUR ENGINE,  
NOT THE RING  
OF YOUR CELL PHONE.**

 [chevy.com](http://chevy.com)



Not everyone wants a car with a bud vase on the dash.



Will people ever line the street to look at what you drove?



What would you expect from a city with a statue of a fist?





# ***Members Submission***

***Courtesy of Don and Bev Travis***

## **My First Corvette**

By Don Travis

For a very long time I had wanted a Corvette. Even while still in college, a friend loaned me his Corvette for the evening, and I excitedly surprised my future wife with a very special evening out. It would be a long time though before I was able to justify buying my own Corvette. But the time did come. When my two daughters were graduated from college and both married, I began to think of purchasing THE car in 1999. I had some specifics in mind: the car had to be a convertible with a white exterior and top and a black interior. Most importantly it had to be vintage. When a local search proved fruitless, I began to look online. And lo and behold, a white 1962 C1 was offered at John's Corvette Service in Laconia, NH. I drove up the very next day and paid \$25,000 for the car with 48,000 miles on it. The car had no power steering nor power brakes, but it did have power windows and a power top! I loved it and kept it for 19 years.

In all the time I owned the car I never once drove it in rain or snow. The windshield wipers had never been used Until.....One fateful day in August my wife wanted to run a couple of errands and go to Walmart. It was a beautiful warm, sunny day and I suggested we take the Corvette- and of course put the top down. I parked the car way out on the perimeter of the parking lot and away from other vehicles. Remember I loved this car! We were in the back of the store in the garden section for about 45 minutes when I noticed the sky looked dark. As I rushed to the front of the store, the sky was now black. I quickly told my wife I was taking the Corvette home and would return with our other vehicle. By the time I exited the store the sky had opened, and a deluge had ensued. As quickly as I could, I raised the top and

drove home. It took 3 days for that car to dry out. The Corvette survived but my pride was tested that day. I kept the car for another 14 years before buying my C7. I can still see that rain!!!







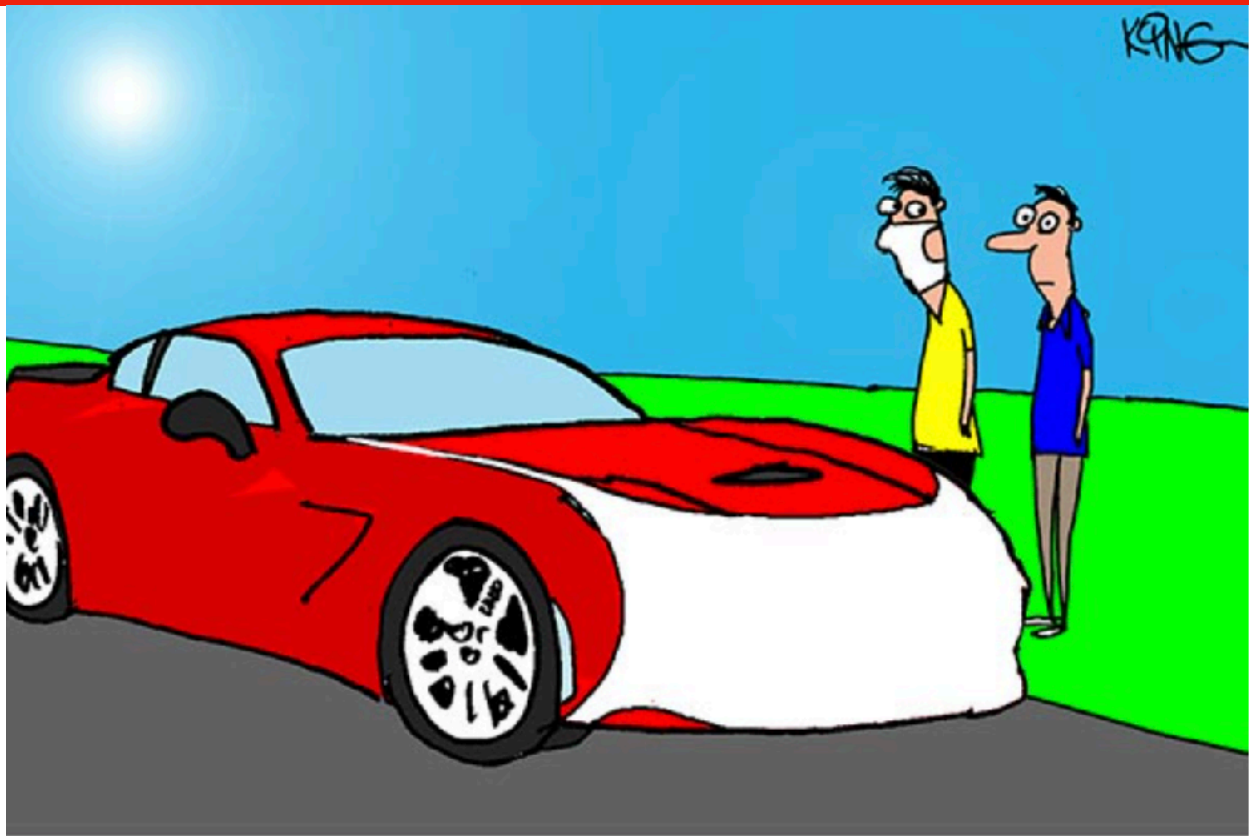
## Museum News

### Artifact of the Month: 1983 Corvette Analog Gauge Cluster

During the development of the fourth-generation Corvette (C4), the Interior Design Studio proposed designing an all-digital instrument cluster for the 1983 Corvette. Concerns over lighting the digital readouts, as well as performance in cold climate locations, led to the development of a “backup” analog gauge cluster. Although numerous issues held back the production of the 1983 Corvette, the digital dash issues were resolved, and the C4 Corvette leapt quickly into the digital age in 1984. The National Corvette Museum’s 1983 Corvette Analog Gauge Cluster is one of two known examples still in existence.

Courtesy of NCM Newsletter

# Corvette Humor

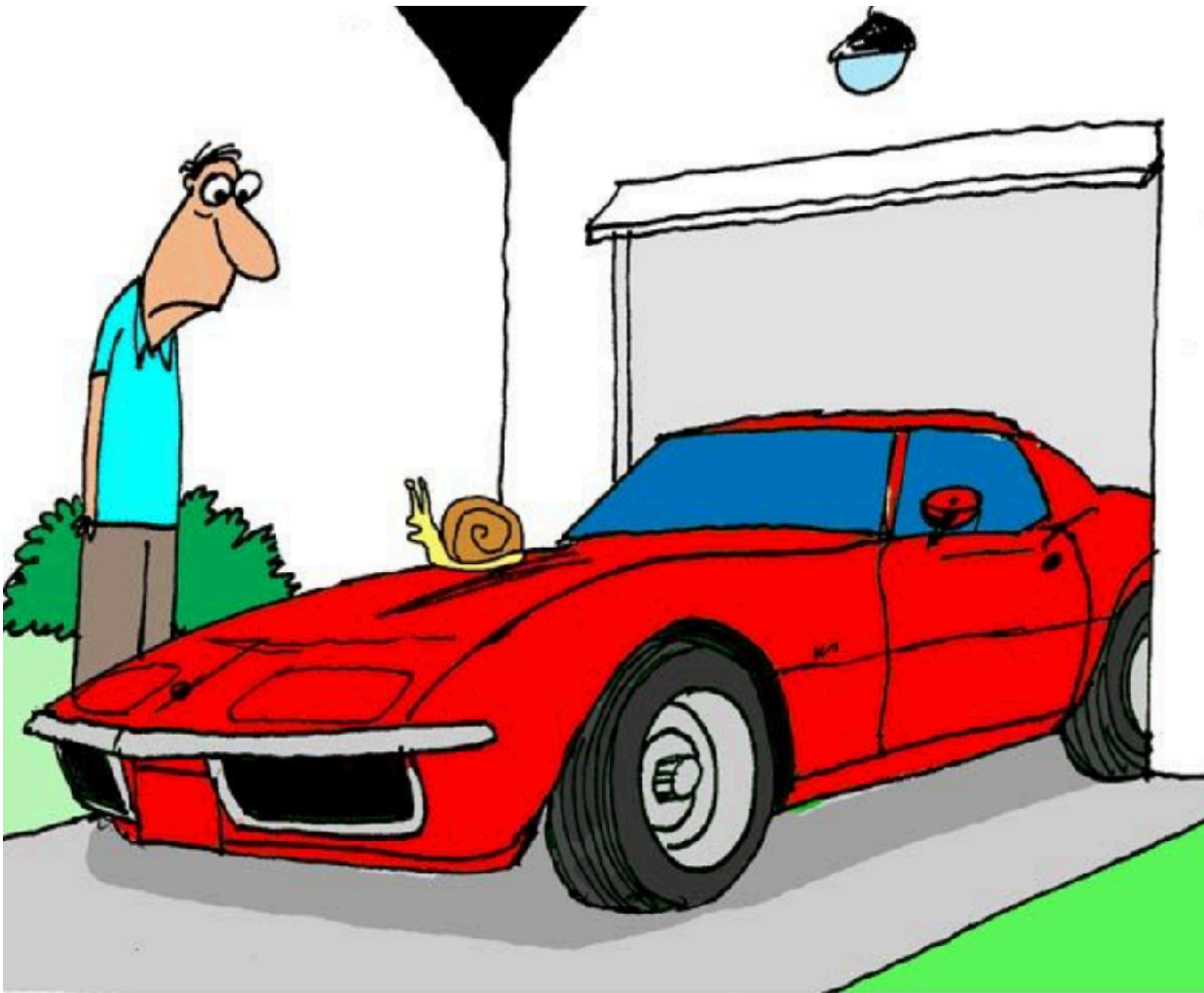


"It wasn't easy finding a mask that big, but safety is a priority."



"It's raining out, and I just washed my car. Would you mind if we walked the two miles to the restaurant?"





*“Mind if I take your Corvette for a spin? I’m tired of being slow.”*

600 x 600

Courtesy of corvetteblogger

# Winter Photo's



**Please send in your winter photo's for the next  
Newsletter**



## ***Future Trip ??????***

***Bob and I were going to organize a trip up north the end of January - beginning of February to visit the Ice Castles and take the Snow Coach up Mt Washington. Due to COVID and the safety of members we cancelled the trip.***

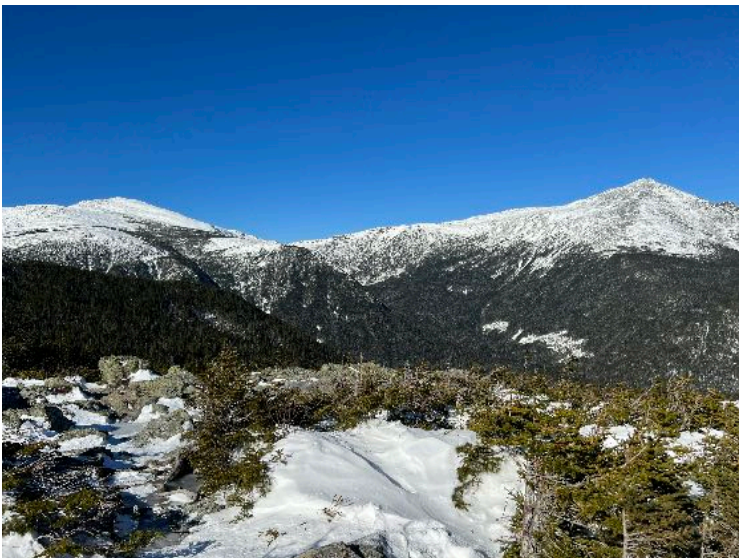
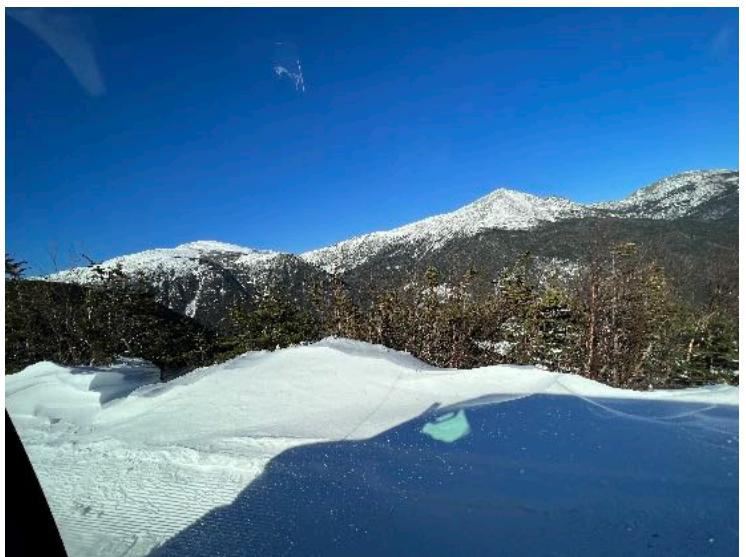
***However, Bob and I went up to NH to experience these events in order to better organize a trip for next winter. The following photo's are of each event.***



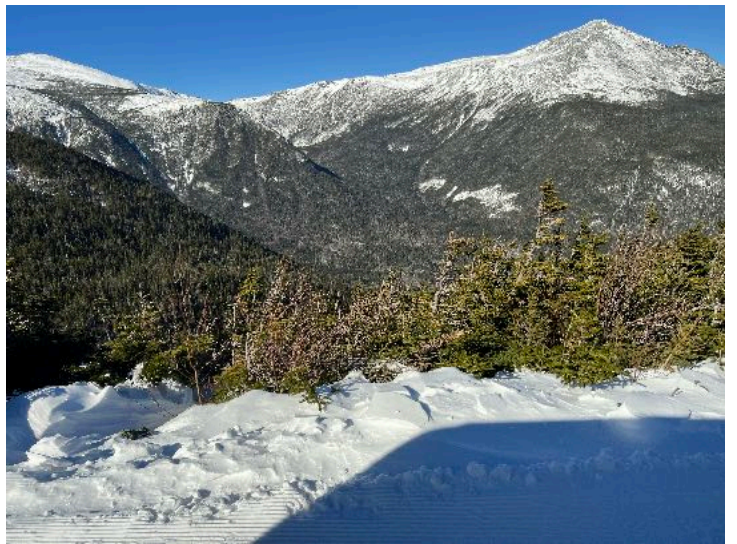
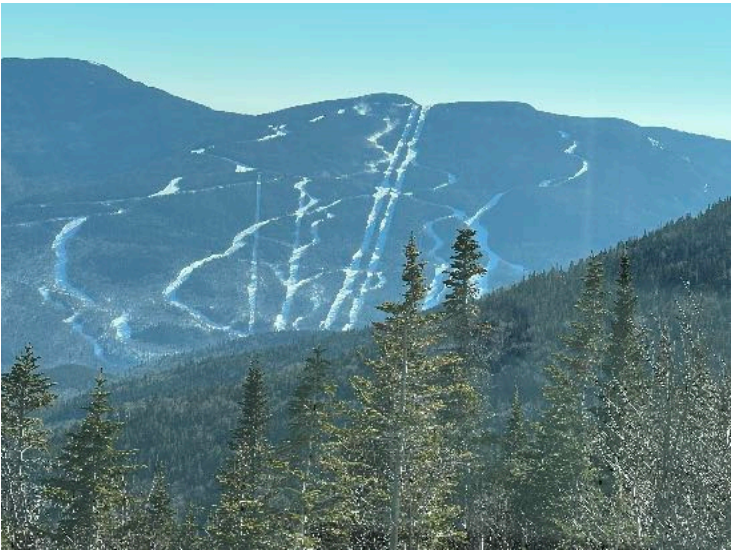
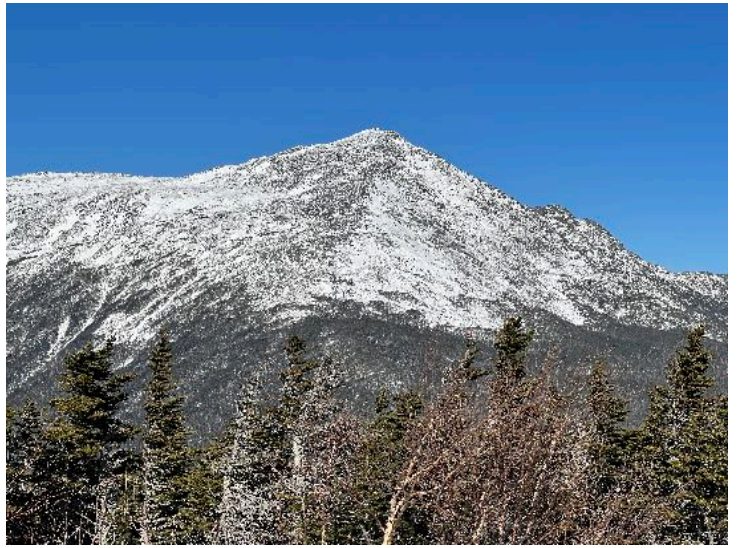






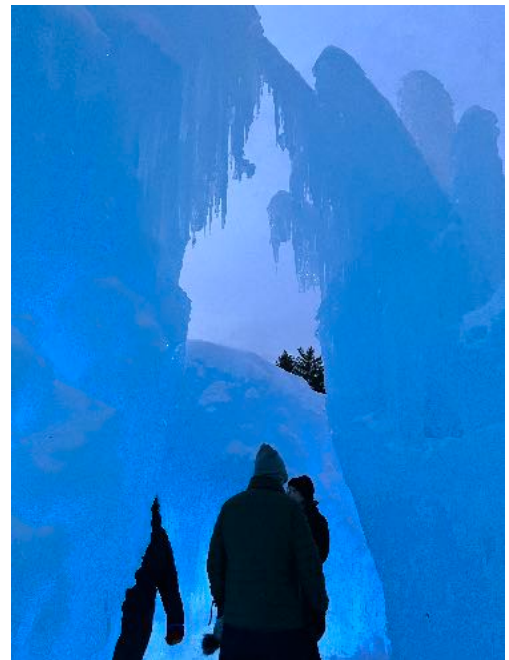




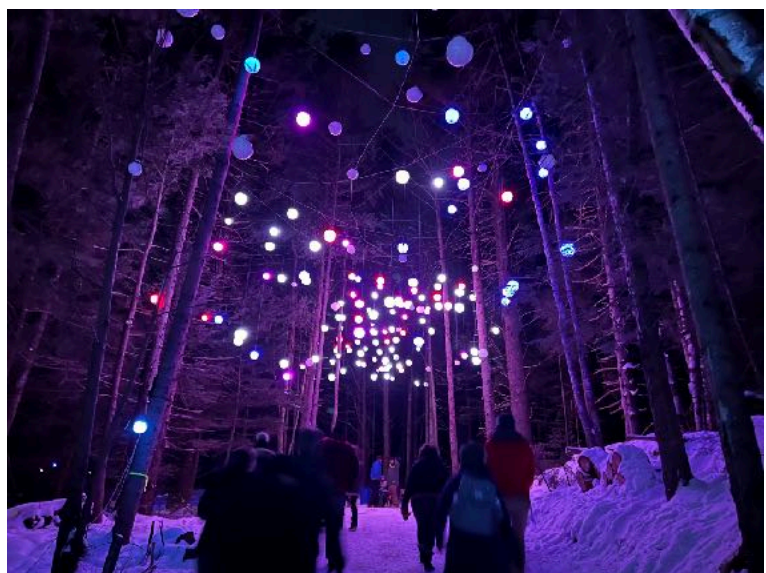




# ***Ice Castles, N Woodstock, NH***













***Sponsor's***

***Tracy Chevrolete***

***Corvette Mike's***

***Van Rensselaer's Restaurant***

***Fanizzi's Restaurant***

***Thank You***

***A big Thank You for the Member  
Submissions***