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# President's Message

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Welcome members to the fall season of the year 2023. September is a nice time of the year with kids going back to school, pools closing, and weather cooler but, still plenty of cruising season left. We have a few cruises and events setup for September, one being a fall foliage cruise.

The clubs membership is growing monthly and more C8's We have over 100 members and still going. The clubs streamlined process makes it easier for sponsors and members to join. It's great to see the new members so active and involved in club events. There are like 40 members at a meeting.

Bass Pro schedule changes with the Patriots football preseason games. It goes on the every other Thursday thru October. The Tuesday static cruises are growing each week and pizza on the second Tuesday. Lunch on Wednesday's has been very enjoyable through the entire year.

September cruises and events include Gerry's band playing in Norwood. Wrentham's 350th year anniversary parade. Cape Cod Railroad Jazz Brunch. Car Show in Medway to support Alzheimer Association. Bass Pro car show

October has some things going on too. See you next month.

Steve Sylvia ----- EMCC President

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**Eastern Mass Corvette Club is a non-profit social club for Corvette owners.**

EMCC sponsors and attends many Corvette events throughout the year, including: regional car shows, Corvette displays, cruise nights, Fall Foliage Cruises, multi-club Corvette cruises throughout N.E, and seasonal get-togethers.

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# 2023 Club Calendar

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## Standing Events

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- **Tuesday Static Cruise** We **Kicked off 2023:** 4pm, Dunkin Donuts, 995 Old Post Rd, Walpole, across from Mick Morgan's Restaurant.
- 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! Website and emails for details!



- **Wednesday Lunches: All Year!** Wild card and always a great time. Website and emails for details!
- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings:** 1st Monday of every month, 7pm. Conrad's, Walpole. Dinner before the meeting at 6 PM. Website and emails for details.

## Special Events/Cruises

These are Save the Dates. All updated/current info is on our [Website](http://www.eastermasscorvetteclub.org). Also watch for emails for updates or check with Social Director, Bruce, at [ski1000@verizon.net](mailto:ski1000@verizon.net)

- October 6-9: Columbus Weekend Cruise
- Oct 1: Best Chevrolet Car Show/Fundraiser
- Oct 7: Borderland State Park Car Show
  - Oct 5 & 19: Bass Pro
- October 15: David Yee's Fall Foliage Cruise
- Oct 28: Dana Farber Fundraiser with Bob Seger tribute, "Live Bullet" (Gerry's band)
  - Nov 11: Veteran's Day Car Show at "The Aggy" in Walpole
  - Dec 7: EMCC Christmas Party

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# Club Member Birthdays

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# Happy Birthday

## *September*

Michael Campopiano

Bob Feigen

Kevin Corrigan

Wayne McLeod

Diana Duffy

Barry Miller

Sheldon Epstein

Tom Smith





# Humor Me



They really needed that washer machine today



When you need a pizza last week 🍕👉







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# Member Submissions

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## Carlisle Vettes!

Story, Photos: Bill Schroeder (except where FSDcredited)

This year we had only four EMCC members attending the annual Corvettes at Carlisle event at Carlisle PA, Fairgrounds Frank Fontana, Steve Campbell, Andy Bleadon and myself.

Wednesday August 24th we all met at the 45 Restaurant in Medway to start our journey with Steve taking the lead. We took the advice from Jim Gable, who has planned this event many years and always took the most enjoyable and scenic routes.



The drive went extremely well, 495, MA PIKE to the Taconic State Parkway which was very scenic and fun to drive with very little traffic. It was a relaxing and fun cruise. We merged onto I-84 Newburgh NY to US 209. The rest of trip on PA 33 and I-81 was stop and go with so much more traffic than the last few trips we attended. We finally arrived at our hotel, Marriott Towne Place Suites in Mechanicsburg at 4:30. After driving 468 miles, it felt great relaxing, enjoying a nice meal, and getting to bed early.

Thursday morning we met early for breakfast, then off to Carlisle at 8am into about 25miles of packed traffic. There were long lines of Corvettes as we entered Carlisle. Frank , Steve and I had reserved parking in the assigned Fun Field, Grand Sport Registry Corral parking area, and Andy was able to park nearby. Weather wasn't the best with off-and-on rain most of the day, but we made the best of it; spent most of the time enjoying our cars, and some shopping for our wives. Spent time enjoying the numerous flea markets; vendors selling parts, accessories , literature, memorabilia etc. Whatever you wanted or needed for your Vette, it's here. A wide variety of vendors and dealers representing and selling all Corvette generations. I think we were all very surprised at the large number of C8's in attendance.

Thursday evening GS Registry members were invited to a members house for a backyard BBQ, attended by approximately 100 GSR members, great fun , food and friendship. I attached a picture of all the beautiful Grand Sports on his lawn. There was a raffle and as always, Frank won a





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This was truly a very fun and enjoyable evening. Friday morning back to the GS Coral, weather greatly improved. Driving down Wednesday I felt my left front tire vibrating. Fortunately, I noticed a tire, wheel and balancing truck beside the GSR tent. I stopped in and was able to get both front tires re balanced in ten minutes. The front left wheel lost a couple of weights. What great service, especially for only \$20.



Screenshot of YouTube Video by "Front Seat Driver."

More walking the miles of fair-ground. Andy had his eye on a beautiful 65 black convertible.

We all thought he was going to take it home. We spent most of the afternoon in the GSR tent talking with other members and GSR President John Hutchinson (Hutch). He's a very interesting Corvette enthusiast and owner of one of the original GS C4, as well as a 17 GS Heritage, both convertibles.

Friday evening we had a very enjoyable meal joined by a couple who Frank had kept in touch after we attended Ron Fellows in the fall of 2019. Saturday morning, with Steve once again taking the lead, the four of us headed home with great weather for a fairly enjoyable ride of 431 miles.



Screenshot of YouTube Video by "Front Seat Driver."



We all had a fantastic few days together with great food, hotel and friendship. Special thanks to Steve for taking the lead. Trip was a total of 968 miles and my car averaged 30.2 mpg. It's not too early to plan for next year, mark your calendars, August 22-24, 2024

Save The Wave

Bill

This is a Youtube from "Front Seat Driver" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4srZ60\\_oUg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4srZ60_oUg) EMCC is seen 4:55 to 5:55 showing Steve Campbell's, Bill Schroeder's, Andy Bleadon's and Frank Fontana's Vettes. You can see Steve, Frank, and Andy sitting behind the cars (pictured). There's an empty chair, which I assume is Bill's.

-Gerry







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## Pure Bliss!

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

It's been a crazy busy summer (and uncooperative weather ) but I was finally able to make it to an evening cruise to enjoy this rare and perfect summer night, and on the last night of August.

It was a great turn-out for the Ice Cream cruise to Bliss Bros. led by Gary and Donna Crandall. We were also graced with the return of Bob Nancy Taglienti with their brand-new black 2023 70th anniversary C8 convertible. Sweet!



We met at Lake Pearl before being led on a scenic back-roads cruise curretted by the Crandalls. Huge props to Prez Steve for blocking traffic for us (nineteen cars!) to turn onto 1A. The man's got "sand," as they say. Some people don't mind and enjoy the Vettes ... and others, with the angry horns ... well ... get a life (or a Corvette)!



Once we arrived, the Bliss Bros. owners not only reserved parking for us but also gave us each a coupon for a free ice cream! Brownie Sundae for me, thank you! Many people ordered food as well. I hadn't planned to but then decided to since the ice cream was free, and well, I love me some summer hot dogs! By all accounts, the food was as delicious as the ice cream. Thank you, Bliss Bros!



Photo: Donna Crandall

It was fun night seeing everyone, as always, especially The Rooster! Till next year, safe travels back to AZ, my friend.







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## Sunshine State Contingency!

By Keith E. Jacobson

My first club event after arriving back in Florida. The show was limited to 35 cars.







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## Brunch Train!

Story, Gerry Criscenzo. Photos, Bruce Kolovson and Gerry

This was a really great time!

Judy, Frank, Bruce and I met at Lake Pearl at 9am, while the rest of the EMCC revelers met up with us in Hyannis, where the train departed.

And would you believe ... no rain! In fact, the weather was as perfect as it could have possibly been for the entire day.

Bruce did a great job planning this and choosing the "Premier" tickets which seated us in a different car from the Jazz Band, though, their music was piped in over the speakers setting a smooth jazzy vibe in the cozy car.

The luxury car appeared to have been recently renovated and sat us up higher than the other cars giving us spectacular views of the Cape's scenic landscapes including the Cape Cod Canal.

Every detail was great! The service was fabulous and friendly and the brunch was delightful and delicious. Waiting on the table when we were seated were assorted fruits and dips as our drink orders were taken. Bloodys were popular and apparently garnished with breakfast appetizers! Cognac for me, please! Brunch choices were smoked chicken, pecan crusted salmon, or an omelet. Regardless of what was ordered, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meals.

We were later treated to a private solo performance by the sax player. Though, I believe, he roamed through all the cars, he lingered at our table for quite a while playing a few extra songs after I engaged him in a long conversation after complimenting that his sax was sweetest sounding horn I have ever heard. I sent my own sax player a picture of it and he was duly envious.

We are already planning to repeat this next year and perhaps make it an annual event. Don't miss the next one!







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## E-Ray! From the Trenches

Story & Photos, By Steve Campbell

Corvettes of Carlisle is the premier all Corvette event of the year. Held this year between August 24-26 at the Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle Pennsylvania. This show is the perfect opportunity for Chevrolet to unveil in detail its newest Corvette models. For 2024, Corvette is releasing its newest addition to the C8 family; The Corvette E-ray.

Most of us assume that E-ray is the beginning of the transition to all electric cars. Nothing could be further from the truth. We had an opportunity to view the new model up close with a factory demonstration car that was cut out to reveal the engineering features of this new Corvette.



We had the opportunity to ask questions to Executive Chief Engineer Tadge Jucchter, Vehicle Chief Engineer Josh Holder, and Chief Product Engineer Harlen Charles. All three were very forthcoming in explaining the car and its concept.

The original idea behind the mid-engine car began with Harlen Charles lobbying General Motors on the concept of Zora's car, a mid-engine supercar to supersede the already developed new C7 model.



This began in 2009. Yes, 2009! Five years before the C7 was to be unveiled. The concept was slow to take hold because both the C6 and new C7 were amazing cars and the buying public loved them.

When the concept was given the go-ahead in 2015, the team wanted to introduce a 4-wheel drive car, a first for Corvette. Engineers being engineers wrestled with different ideas to add a drive axel to the front of the C8 but space limitations were at a premium for a conventional transfer case and front differential. A hybrid assist assembly made the most sense. So, from the beginning the front axel and steering assembly were designed to accept an electric drive motor.



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Those who own a C 8 can look at their cars front suspension shock tower and see it is bolted to the frame instead of being cast as part of the frame like the rear suspension. This design allowed an easy transformation of the front end to allow a drive system. The electric motor puts out 160 horsepower and is the size of a volleyball. Drive axels, steering and brake assemblies are all special to the E-Ray.

The mid-engine of the car is a Stingray with the standard 495 horsepower and 8 speed dual clutch transmission. An interesting note is that the front motor horsepower rating is 10 more than the 1953 Corvette!

The battery for the front engine is in the tunnel between the passenger and driver and is charged by the main engine. Space was made for the batteries but weight, the enemy of horsepower, has a prime consideration so the lithium ion batteries are for the front drive motor only and the electric motor can operate independently of the gas engine for only a few miles.

The main battery will also be lithium ion and located where the gel cell battery is presently located in all the other C 8's. Tadge spoke at length about this new Corvette and compared it with the 2023 Z06, which the E-Ray shares the wide body with. "The Z06 is a scalpel, while the e-Ray is a Swiss Army knife."

With performance numbers of 0-60 in 2.5 seconds, a quarter mile time of 10.5 seconds, and the ability to drive-in all-weather conditions, the new E-Ray will not only be the quickest Corvette ever, it also further stretches the envelope in performance that is uniquely Corvette.







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# Celeb-Vette

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“Hendrix was a Corvette guy.”

While possibly never having a driver’s license, Jimi picked up an International Blue 1968 [Corvette](#) from Blaushild Chevrolet. However, according to reports from those around him, Jimi wasn’t the best driver and crashed the Vette. After the insurance company processed the claim, Jimi bought another [Corvette](#); a Cortez Silver ’69. However, no one knows what happened to this car other than it may have been sold to pay expenses as part of his estate after his death in 1970.



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# Celeb-Non-Vette

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Bet you don’t know what fictional character drove this car or what its called!  
Hint: It’s the first.





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# New Members!

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**WELCOME!**

Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

**New Member?**

**Want your 15 seconds of fame?**

**Contact Gerry to get/take a photo of you and your Vette.**



**Barry Miller**

2000 C5

Sponsor: Bill Schroeder

Also owns 2023 C8 Red Mist





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# Members! Submit Something!

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## The Gazette Needs You!

It's your Gazette!



As Publisher and Editor, I am always looking for content to make our Gazette more fun. After all, it's your Gazette.

As much as we love our Corvettes, content is ***NOT*** limited to subjects about Corvettes. Content about our members is always fun, too.

### Suggestions:

- Pictures are the best! Just add a quick description. No story required!
  - Pets "n" Vettes; Kids "n" Vettes
- Got a story? 500 words maximum. Longer stories are split into parts for following issues.
- Did you take a day or weekend cruise in your Vette?
- Find a great restaurant? You know we love food!
- Grand kids sitting in your car ... and broke something?
- Do a mod on your Vette and it worked ... or didn't.
- Find a great (or bad) service or product?
- Find some interesting or bizarre Corvette news, history, or humor? Include original link to credit the source.
- Heard about a fun car event?
- Don't know if it's right? Ask, Gerry!



Please email me directly, [gcriscenzo@gmail.com](mailto:gcriscenzo@gmail.com), with content, questions or even suggestions for the Gazette.

Thank you all in advance!  
Cheers!

**Gerry Criscenzo**  
Editor, Publisher, Webmaster.





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# Merchandise

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# The Last Word

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## The Magic Room!

By Gerry Criscenzo



Yes, that's me!

And one of these time I'm not going to straighten back up!

About a dozen EMCC'ers and one South Shore Corvette Club member attended the sold-out Live Bullet show at The Magic Room, Norwood, Saturday night, Sept 9.

For me, it's very special when my friends attend our shows and since we rarely play locally, I had more than sixty personal friends attending making it extra special.



There was much singing and dancing by the EMCC gang and let me tell ya, Steve Wilson is a dancin' fool! LOL :) Everyone had a great time! We've already been invited back and I'll announce it privately before I post it on social media so friends will have first dibs before it sells out, which it will, and very fast.

For those who didn't act fast enough to get tickets and those who had tickets and couldn't attend, we are performing a Dana Farber Fundraiser in Waltham, MA.

I know many of you have already purchased tickets—THANK YOU—and if you wish to, all info is on [livebulletband.com](http://livebulletband.com). Thank you in advance, and I'll look forward to seeing you all again! Please reach out to me if you have ticket questions. Cheers!

