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EDITOR'S NOTE

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President's Message

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October is that time of the year where we can feel the weather getting cooler. When that happens the outdoor events and cruises are coming to the end of the season. It's been a great season for events and cruises in total.

Bass Pro started in April and has 1 more time on October 19. Our pizza Tuesday has 1 more time on October 10. Static Tuesday will continue to the end of the month. There are a couple more cruises in October. Columbus Day weekend to Glen Cove Inn, Rockport Maine and our annual Fall Foliage cruise October 22. The Wednesday lunches go all year. The other events are inside like, Christmas and Anniversary parties.

This year our club voted in some newer members to be on the board. That's worked out pretty good. They get to know more members and more about the club. We also, like other years got some new members. We have over 100 now. Sometime it takes new members a little time to get use to our schedules and cruises. Members have cars from 1960 to 2023 and we've seen them all.

When November comes it's usually time to store the Corvette for the winter.

Some store for the complete winter. Some store it but, are able to drive it if the weather permits. Some put on covers and some don't. However you store it, be ready to go next spring.

Let's finish the season in style and cruise as long as we can.

Save the Wave !!!

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.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club
P.O. Box 291, Medfield, MA 02052, US



2023 Club Calendar

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Standing Events

- **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

- Oct 6-9 Columbus Day Cruise
 - Oct 28 Foliage Cruise
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day Car Show at "The Aggy" in Walpole
 - Dec 7: EMCC Christmas Party
- July 13, 2024, EMCC 40th Anniversary Celebration

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!

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Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

October & November

Joel Baker

Andy Bleadon

Bob Gaulin

Alan Cohen

Mary Jane Lightbody

Paul Duffy

Joe O'Connor

Fran Favara

Mike Panasuik

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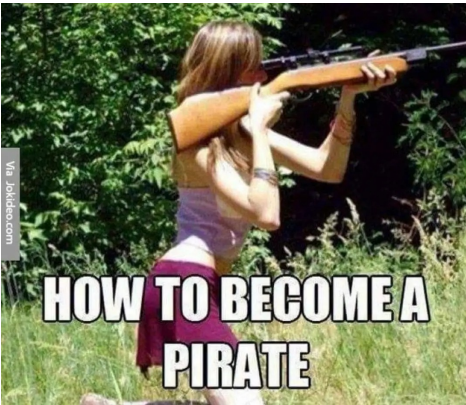
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Just finished my RHD conversion on my import ,quite pleased with the result





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Fall Foliage Cruise!

Story, Photos: Steve Campbell

On Saturday October 28 EMCC held it's annual fall foliage tour let by David Yee in his 2023 ZO6. The destination was one of David's McDonalds restaurants in Gardner Massachusetts. There were 13 Corvettes and the Jeep driven by Frank Fontana with wife Rosemary. Frank is still recovering from his recent hip surgery and they didn't want to miss this group ride.

We left the parking lot of the Chateau Restaurant in Franklin promptly at noon and toured up Rt. 495 to Rt. 2 looking at the splendid fall colors along the way. The group arrived at the restaurant and David's staff had coned off a section of the parking lot just for our group. There is a nice lawn boarding the parking lot and Rt 68 and the group set up chairs.



David's staff took our orders, whatever they wanted, from the McDonalds Menu and his staff served us on the lawn picnic style. The food was hot and delicious and the conversation amongst the group of friends was lively as always. After Dinner David introduced his lead staff members for us all to thank and then David did a little story on how he became involved with McDonalds and his 32-year career as an owner. He next offered some McDonalds trivia questions to the group with a \$25.00 gift card for the correct answer. Judy was the winner answering a question about what movie featured Macdonald's prominently in it. Answer: Pulp Fiction. After dinner we all left on our own after a pleasant afternoon together. Thanks again David for the great time and food!





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Holy C8! It's Batman!

Story, Photos: Steve Campbell

Batman has been showing up lately at Bass Pro Cruise and on Saturday he appeared at the Fall Foliage Cruise to McDonalds in Gardner. His dynamic duo partner, the youthful Batgirl was not accompanying him on his latest crime fighting adventure, the famous Batman was still ready to tackle any crime fighting request from Commissioner Gordon. The caped hero takes time to offer his fans candy from the trunk of the Batmobile, and when he is not crime stopping, he can be found serving ice cream at a local DQ in Foxboro.

Rest easy citizens.





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Sunshine State Contingency!

By Keith E. Jacobson

While y'all were out on the fall foliage run, here in central Florida, the Village Vettes Corvette Club was participating in a big Halloween celebration.

We were one of two clubs invited to participate in Trunk n' Treat. Space for twenty cars was allotted and participating members were encouraged to wear costumes and decorate their cars.

The groups of people that you see by the cars are actually a line moving from right to left to get their treats.

The line of adults waiting to get candy was so long that the end wasn't in sight. I stayed for a few hours to enjoy the festivities and when I left the line only had gotten longer !!!

Stay safe and warm,

"KAMERA" KEITH

On assignment in The Villages





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Deputy Sheriff Josh Owen of the Pope County Sheriff's Office in Minnesota was killed in the line of duty. Deputy Owens was dispatched to a domestic violence incident where he was killed by gunfire on his 44th birthday. Two other officers received non-life-threatening injuries. The assailant was killed by the officers.

On October 17th his wife Shannon, and their 11year old son Rylan, traveled to The Villages for a short recuperative visit. They were met at the Homestead Recreation Center By the Village Vettes Corvette Club, Sumter County Sherrif's Department, and a special motorcycle unit. From there we caravanned to to the location where they were staying.

The escort was led by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office who has requested as many Corvettes as possible, we had 25 cars on hand, to honor the family and help them to enjoy the visit to The Villages.





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PIES!

From Frank Fontana


If you would like to order pies for Thanksgiving, attached you will find an order form from the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds go to support the ongoing charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus. Frank Fontana helps with this every year and our members have said the pies are the best!

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Pickup at the CCD Office on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 3-6 PM





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@ \$18.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL PIES _____

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 1847



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Ron Follows!

Story, photos: Gary Crandall.

If you purchase a new C8 Corvette Stingray or Z06, you will be provided an opportunity to participate in a two-day driving school at the Ron Fellows Spring Mountain Resort and Country Club located about 50 miles north of Las Vegas.

The cost to attend is \$1000.00 for the C8 owner, this covers 1 night stay in an onsite Condo (with an option for a 2nd night for an additional \$135.00). You are required to pay for your own airfare, and car rental to get you to and from the airport as well as getting around the Spring Mountain Resort.

Your fee also includes breakfast and lunch

for the 2 days you are there. You are allowed to bring a guest (free of charge) who can share your room, they will also be allowed the breakfast and lunch, and they can attend all classroom sessions with you while you are participating in track exercises.

Each guest will be allowed to ride as a passenger with one of the instructors during the course at no charge so that they too can experience the excitement of the racetrack. Your guest also has an option to fully participate in all activities, but it will require that you pay the undiscounted rate, which is about \$3325.00 instead of the discounted rate of \$1000.00. They will still share the Condo room with you.



The two-day program is designed to provide drivers with the skills and techniques needed to challenge yourself and your new Corvette. With the precision curriculum you will become more knowledgeable and confident in the incredible capabilities of your new vehicle. The highlights of the program include:

- Competitive autocross
- Performance braking and shifting
- Serpentine and other car control exercises
- Launch exercise 0-60
- Instructor demo laps
- Performance Data Recorder use and review.
- Track Sessions in instructor lead/follow format.

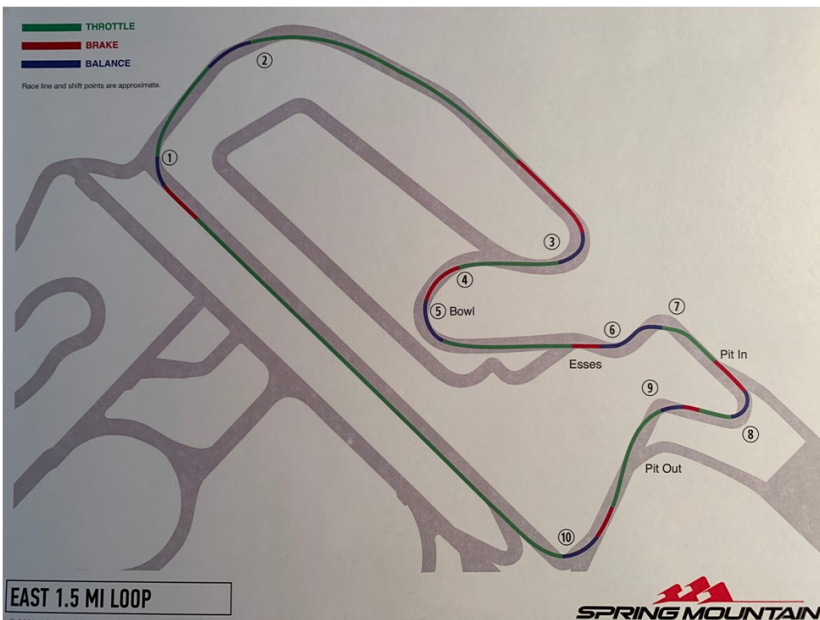


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Spring Mountain maintains approximately 300 C8 Stingrays and about 30 Z06's in a variety of colors, all coupes. The cars are sold to a dealer in California before they reach 9K miles.

I brought my son, Ryan, who is also a car enthusiast and he participated fully in the two- day event. In July of 2016 my son took me to the Audi driving school in Sonoma California for a two- day event at the Sonoma Racetrack where we learned to drive the Audi R8. This trip was an awesome opportunity to learn much more about my cars' handling and performance, but an even better opportunity to enjoy time with my son. The participation was very diverse, we had 3 women C8 owners, a gentleman from Ireland with right hand drive C8, and the class included Z06 owners. A woman named Patricia finished 1st in her group for the Autocross competition. Young and old all thoroughly enjoying the experience.



The Performance Data Recorder was on at all times, and captured every moment that your car was moving to provide you with a lasting memory of you driving experience. You will be given the SD card from the recorder to memorialize your experience. This recorder provided you with a video, and all the data. When linked to the video the PDR will show when you braked, accelerated, turned your wheel, and recorded your speed every foot of the way. This PDR was used extensively by the instructors to point out errors in braking, cornering and acceleration as you navigated the track.

It was an experience I won't quickly forget, the instructors and staff were patient, knowledgeable, and capable of clearly communicating to the very diverse audience. Several takeaways for me were the experience to safely test the capabilities of my new C8, a better understanding of the various drive modes, how to operate the PDR, and the dynamics of the Weather Mode. The classes ended with a complimentary group photo. My son is also now considering a new C8 or maybe even a Z06 or E-ray as his next vehicle.



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Z51 Coolant Tank Leak Solution

Story, photos: Mal King

A month ago, while returning from a cruise night in my C7 Z51, I was just entering Route 24 in Brockton when my dash area lit up with this warning light that stated "ENGINE OVERHEATING-SHUT ENGINE OFF"....so, I did as I pulled over to the side of the road. My engine cooling fan was running wild and that magnificent odor of hot, steamy anti freeze filled the summer air. I looked under the car and saw only the air conditioning condensation dripping to the ground. Hm...It took me four more short start and stops before I returned home, normally a twenty minute trip that took two nerve wracking hours...

Once I got home and garaged the car, I let it cool, looked underneath to check the water pump, hoses and radiator. There was no water dripping from any of these areas except the a/c condens....wait a minute ...the a/c was n't on!! I looked under again and the dripping water was coming from that same area. I did the only thing left..went to YouTube, the salvation of the do it yourselfer. We all know that with YouTube, you can do eye and brain surgery.....you just need a mirror!

I looked into the YouTube information and found that the surge tank has a potential problem, unusual but quite troublesome. There is a plastic L shaped elbow that comes out of the bottom of the surge tank that feeds the hose to the heater core . (who knew?). (Figure 1)This elbow is two inches north to south, two inches east to west. It is held onto the tank by metal clip, but, it also contains an O Ring, number 116, according to YouTube. (Figure 2)

I took the tank out which took an hour or so to do. No hurry, as we all know, Vette parts can be costly and taking your time has its rewards! For some strange reason, the engineers at Chevrolet deemed it necessary to put an O ring in this little pipe. This 116 O ring can leak...ssllloowwlllyy . Removing the pipe from the tank requires the extracting of the small clip from the recessnow, Do Not Drop This Clip!!!! It will disappear in the abyss known as the engine bay....never to be seen again... never.... The heater hose then unclips via a hose clamp and the tank is free.

The news O Ring, a 116, (Figure3);which showed no sign of wear nor leakage, slips right in. Then the pipe is slipped into the tank, I reattached the little clip that you do not want to lose. Then, the heater hose hose clamp is slipped onto the pipe.....that was the easy part.

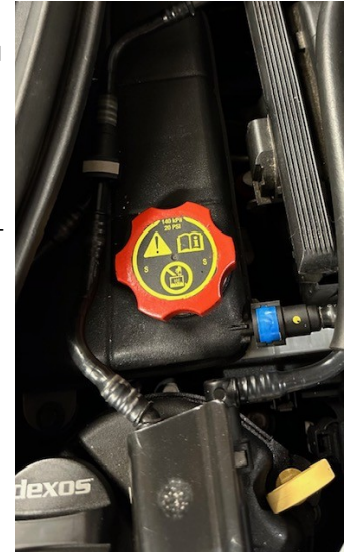
The tank has to slip in between the cabin filter door on the firewall and the fuse box. I found, later on of course, that removing that cabin filter door makes it easier...of course it does!, There is a stud on the firewall that it centers onto, and two screws to reattach. Then , the last part needed is to fill the surge tank slowly up to the needed level. Do not hurry..take your time through this entire project pays dividends.

Once all was buttoned up and things were dry, engine temp at the 220 mark and my overheating problem overcome, I took The Silver Bullet out for a fifty mile ride around our area.

Now, keep in mind that this whole thing cost me for parts, .0261 cents , Harbor Freight 382 piece O ring asst # 67554 - \$9.99. Two hours of labor, a Guinness, ten minutes on YouTube and \$20 on "diluted anti freeze" - same price, half as much- completed this task.

Two weeks later while sitting in traffic, I was at a standstill by a Chevy dealer, to be un- named, and my curiosity got the best of me. I wheeled in and asked the Service Manager what was wrong with my car after describing the problem. He said that it was pretty common on Z51 engines. It would take 2.5 to three hours of labor, less than \$20 in parts but they usually change out the heater hose just to be careful...God Bless them. That is about \$150 to \$200. The total from a dealer is about \$350:in labor, and \$200 in parts +/- for a total of \$550+/- !

Lesson learned: go onto YouTube and see if your diagnosis is correct, try to repair it yourself and never, ever lose a clip into the abyss of the engine bay!





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Bettie Mae Page!

Couldn't find any details about this 56 Corvette photo shoot with the most quintessential pin-up girl ever photographed.

Does anyone care about the details? LOL :)





For Sale

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Our member Rick Butts who recently passed away had two beautiful cars that his daughter is selling. Is it possible to put this in the next newsletter?

2001 Corvette, torch red, convertible light oak top, light oak leather interior, 6 speed manual transmission
Mileage: 4844
Asking price: \$28K

2000 Cadillac Eldorado ESC, red, convertible, coach builders limited edition
Mileage: 35,711
Asking price: 14K

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Contact: Denny Swenson (Rick Butt's daughter) cell: 617-688-9005
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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, with content, questions or even suggestions for the Gazette.

Thank you all in advance!
Cheers!

Gerry Criscenzo
Editor, Publisher, Webmaster.



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