

EMCC VETTE GAZETTE

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CRUSIN' SEASON BEGINS !!!

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President's Message April 2018

READY...SET...ALMOST ...

Winter is almost over, March was not too bad, oops started writing this early and now snow and more snow ... but April is coming. Some of us have already had our cars out. That first run of the season is great, tight corners, fast acceleration, you feel young, and invincible. But don't get to carried away blue lights could be right around the corner :o)



Corvette cruising weather is coming! EMCC's first static cruise will be on April 3 at this year's new site, Applebee's at the corner of Routes 1 and 27 in Walpole. I know many members are excited to start the season off at our new location. Some will probably get there around 3:00 PM ... weather permitting. The rest of us who are keeping the economy going will follow. Hope to see you there and maybe grab a bite to eat.

We have also picked the 19th to start our Thursday cruises with a trip to the Ice Cream Machine in Cumberland, RI.

The Board continues to work hard to line up a good social calendar for EMCC this season. We have some new ideas for cruises and our new social chair Joe O'Connor will bring us up-to-date on all the shows and events going on.

As always, please let us know if you have a destination for a cruise for the club.

Be Safe

Steve "GDTOGO" Wilson



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A FEW WORDS FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

By "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

A few years ago, EMCC women created the "Classy Corvette Cougars". The Cougars plan events for the women and take time to socialize. Not to worry Corvette men, it is not necessary for the women to be driving the Corvettes to these events.



The Cougars have planned their first event for 2018 which will take place on April 12th at Molly's Apothecary in Medway. We have gone to this venue in the past and everyone loved it. We bring adult beverages, snacks and get lessons from the girls at Molly's as to how to make soap, body scrub, bath salts, etc. We pay the fee for the evening and go home with four items and great memories. Jean Kirkham is the one who kicked off this event. If you are interested in attending please make sure you contact her at jeank21@aol.com or 508-935-5075. Space is limited.

Just so you know, I have heard from some of the Cougars that they are planning more events. I know Cathy Wesalowski is gearing up for some fun. Stay tuned.

I am attempting to update the Cougar email list, so please get in touch with me at auntiemal@aol.com and give me your email address in order to be included.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our snowbirds as they return from Florida. We have a lot of very interesting events coming up this season and there is a lot of enthusiasm among the members. Corvette season has arrived. SMOKEN is out of the garage!!!!



Meet Our Members

Story & Photo by Brian Loiseau



Cars have always been an interest of mine. When I was young, I recall our long drives to Disney World ... seeing many different sports cars on the drive there and back. My favorites were always the Corvettes I saw. At 14 years old, I worked at a gas station pumping gas. The station owner had a Top Fuel Funny Car that he would race at several east coast tracks. I went to many of these events with him and helped out with minor tasks. In 1980 my father bought a brand new Camaro Z28. It was the car I learned to drive on and my love of performance cars was entrenched in my soul.

My first car was a 1969 Camaro, automatic, 327 engine. It was sitting for a period of time and the yellow paint had rusted off in several spots. I remember bringing the car home and my mother saying "you're not leaving that car in the driveway it looks like a rotten banana". I fixed the car up and then sold it for my first Corvette. A 1977 coupe. There was just something about driving a Corvette that was special. I would find any reason to drive that car.

I like every Corvette generation. They all are so unique. I have owned several, 1971, 1977, 1978, 1984, 2003, 2011, and the current 2014.

There were many times when it just wasn't practical to own a Corvette, buying a house, having children, etc. but I took every opportunity possible to own one. I had sold the 2011 in 2013 and was without a Corvette when the C7 was introduced. It was hard for me to decide whether I liked it in the magazines and videos but when I saw one on the road I fell in love again. I started showing pictures and articles to my wife, pointing them out on the road, and driving my wife nuts until one day she said to me, "what are you waiting for, go get one". Being the good husband I am, I listened to her and bought a 2014 Cyber Grey Convertible with the Adrenaline Red interior. She picked the outside color and I picked the interior. Corvettes will always be a part of our lives. We both really enjoy the car and look forward to many events with the EMCC group.

THOUGHTS

Story by Arne Johnson

I was glancing through some Corvette news pages recently and came across a notice that the original Callaway Corvette Wagon was coming up for auction. I know most of us have seen photos of this creation and it seems you either like it



or hate it. Regardless of how schizophrenic this design may seem to be, the Callaway name and the fact that it is a Z06 will add collector value. The value of a Corvette Wagon as a hauler seems limited to non-existent. Would you really park it in a crowded lot to shop for groceries? Would you take it to Home Depot and stuff it with lumber or other supplies? Not likely. How about my 2001 Volvo XC Wagon. Would I ever think of converting it to a Corvette? As much as I like having a wagon, it will never



have the name Corvette on it except as a sticker that says member of Eastern Mass Corvette Club. It is possible to purchase the wagon option for around \$100,000. Wonder how it would look on the Volvo.



This is an unusual time for those in the market for a new Corvette. Three different model years are mixing it up in the marketplace at the same time. There are inventories of 2017, 2018 and just entering the market is the 2019 model. The 2017 is about \$58,000 for the base model but with rebate offerings it may be possible to get up to \$10,000 off. There is a cash bonus of \$2,500 and a flex cash incentive of \$8000 for certain 2017 models. There may never be a better chance to own a new Corvette.

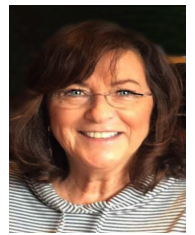




Story by Mal Smith

Photos by Dennis Collins ~ Jean Kirkham ~ Mal Smith

Our Annual Soup Party was held this year, on March 17, at the home of Steve and Sherry Wilson on St. Patrick's Day. We had a great night for traveling and about 22 members attend.



What a wonderful selection of soups. I personally tasted them all and I must say, EMCC folks really can make soup. We had salad to nibble on and lots of breads. Of course, the soup party would not be complete without the traditional carrot cake. It just so happens to be my favorite ... there were other dessert goodies as well, including scones and lemon squares. Yum!!! I am sure everyone had plenty to eat with a great variety to pick from.

Steve and Sherry's home accommodated the crowd beautifully. The most desirable spot to socialize was a room off the back of the house with walls of glass overlooking the back yard. The room had lots of interesting items from their spot at Lake Winnepesaukee. I especially liked the drift wood.

Steve put together a welcome display which you can see here. What a unique touch. Another nice touch was the wearing of the green by some of the folks who attended. Of course, it was St. Patrick's Day too. Sorry all of the snowbirds missed this great event. For those who were able to attend it was a wonderful night ... thanks for attending and bringing such delicious soup and goodies. A special thanks to Steve and Sherry for their hospitality and for opening their home to EMCC.







NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

Rick Hendrick Visits NCM and the First Retail 2019 ZR1



You may recall in January that NASCAR team owner and Chevrolet dealer Rick Hendrick was the winning bidder on the [first retail 2019 ZR1](#) at Barrett-Jackson. The purchase was for \$925,000 with the proceeds benefiting veterans charity Building for America's Bravest through the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

On Wednesday, March 14 Hendrick visited the GM Corvette Assembly Plant to see his ZR1 ceremoniously roll off the line (which was built the first day of ZR1 production, Monday, March 5) and start the car. Afterwards, he visited the Museum for lunch and photo ops before taking some touring laps in a Stingray at the NCM Motorsports Park with other members of the HMS team, as well as a few friends from Nationwide Insurance.

Hendrick's ZR1 is a black on black convertible with Jet Black and Adrenaline Red interior, Suede-Wrapped Upper Interior Trim Package, 3ZR Package, Competition Sport Bucket Seats, Red Seat Belts, Black Badge Package, 8-Speed Automatic Transmission with Paddle Shift, Carbon Fiber Hood, Carbon Fiber Ground Effects Package, ZR1 Carbon Flash-Painted Aluminum Wheels with Red Calipers, Track Performance Package, Performance Ride and Handling Suspension, NPP Performance Exhaust System, Performance Data & Video Recorder and more.

Thank you to Mr. Hendrick for his support of Corvette, the National Corvette Museum and NCM Motorsports Park!

HATS OFF TO YOU !!!

Store news from Jack Kirkham

Spring is right around the corner and it will soon be time to get the Vette out of moth balls and back on the road again.

After a couple of days of washing, waxing and vacuuming your baby will stand tall and be ready for another full season of cruising. What a feeling when you take her out and go on that first ride ! Well just think of how it would be if you had a new club hat for that first ride, after all you got the baby all spruced up so why not something for yourself too?



I have a few hats now available with the American flag embroidered on the left side. These hats are the same as we have had in the past but with the flag added and are available in black or white.

What a great way to show how we feel about the greatest country in the world and the greatest all American sports car of all times.

These hats are \$19.00 each or \$15.00 without flag.

If anyone would like the flag embroidered onto a hat they already have then it can be done @ Tri Valley Sports in Medway or give it to Jack and he will get it to them. The cost for the flag embroidered on any hat is \$4.00 each.



Eastern Mass Corvette Club



Richardson Black Cap

\$15.00



Richardson White Cap

\$15.00



Sport-Tek Short Sleeve Dri Fit Tshirt

\$15.00



Charles River Polo

\$30.00



Charles River Crosswind Sweatshirt

\$35.00



Denim Shirt

\$35.00

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April Birthdays

Maureen Baker	April 20
Rocco Derrigo	April 11
Joe Doyle	April 5
Ed Forsberg	April 18
Keith Jacobson	April 28
Jay Kublin	April 28
Danielle McAuley	April 4



HERE WE GO AGAIN...ALMOST

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

We are all getting excited about the approach of the cruising season. I have begun filling my calendar with events. There are many fun opportunities on tap for this year and I know more are in the works. It would be awesome to have stories from both club and non-club events.

Many people when taking photos people often take a vertical because that's the way they generally hold their phone. You will frequently get better results if you turn your phone horizontally. The majority of pictures look better as horizontals. Photos should be sent as an attachment or an enclosure.

When sending in articles the best way is to write them in an E mail, like a regular letter, use Microsoft Word, or Open Office (a free program that is like Word). It makes things easier to transfer if done this way. That being said any submissions are appreciated.

We have a few more people participating on the club's Facebook page and it makes for a better more lively page. Please keep it up ... everyone with a smart phone can post directly to the page. If you are out with your car take a picture and post it. More posts make for a better and more lively page ... I would be much happier to see your photos than lots of pictures of my beautiful Arctic white C7.

The gazette and Facebook page are doing well because of your contributions. If you need help with anything please ask.

I borrowed this from Club Corvette of Connecticut's Vette Gazette. I made changes to make it more pertinent to EMCC :

We really need your help in writing articles for the newsletter. We need more articles. Anyone who organizes an event should prepare a write-up and take a few photos for the newsletter or ask someone in the group to do it. You don't have to be concerned with the spelling or grammar - I'll take care of that. That's my job as editor.

I also look forward to any information you can contribute to the newsletter. Let's try to continue "Meet Our Members" and submissions for "Last Laughs."

Deadline for the gazette is one week before the board meeting...I will try to accommodate late submissions



EMCC Membership

As of March we have 68 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

Next Board Meeting

Monday - March 26th at 6:30 PM

**at President Steve Wilson's home
address has been provided in an E mail
to all paid members**

Next Business Meeting

Monday - April 2th at 7:00 PM

**at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole
Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing**

**“WHERE YOU COME FOR THE CARS ...
BUT STAY FOR THE PEOPLE”**

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

**We meet at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of every
month at
Conrad's - 905 Main Street, Walpole, MA**

PLEASE JOIN US !!!

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LAST LAUGHS

Submitted by Bob Wodogaza

THE BAGPIPER

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family and no friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.



As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to them for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I was still lost....it's a man thing.

"The most important things in life, ... are NOT things!"

The season starts a good time to review the

Corvette Wave Rules

by Dan Woomer (October 23, 2003)

The **Corvette Wave** is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence. So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:



- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.**
Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
- 2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.**
There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
- 3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.**
As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
- 4. Any type of wave is okay.**
Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)
- 5. A late wave is better than no wave.**
If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up.

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple:

***Wave at your fellow Corvette owners,
whoever they are, whenever you see them.***

This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.

PARTING SHOTS

A few photos from the the unpublished file



At the January board meeting Steve Sylvia passes the president's gavel to new president Steve Wilson (L to R)



Steve Sylvia presents a plaque to Joel Baker for outstanding service as the club's vice-president.



Bill Schroeder holds the President's Award and Steve Sylvia (L to R) holds a plaque thanking him for his time as the club's president. These were presented at the annual anniversary party.

