



President's Message June 2018

JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

The EMCC Season has started and is in full swing. The Month of May provided some great cruises and leads me to believe that we are in good hands for a season full of activities with our new social director Joe O'Connor.

Though this is the June Gazette, it usually comes out before the end of the month. So, I and all EMCC members would like to pay tribute to the men and women of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Please take a moment this Memorial Day to say a prayer for them and their families thanking them for our freedom. Better still, fly a flag in tribute while cruising in our American sports cars on Monday May 28th!

I want to thank all the members who have joined in at meetings and activities. EMCC is only as much fun as members make it! Please try to join us when you are able for a Thursday night cruise or on our new "club" monthly club cruise. Come meet old and new friends!

As always, I am "GDTOGO"

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WAX ON ... WAX OFF

Story by: Steve Sylvia - EMCC Secretary

Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The club held a Wash N' Shine event on May 5, 2018, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This is an annual event we do at the beginning of every season.

John "Pinch" Pinciario host's this event every year, except for last year due to illness. He is feeling great and holds this at his Millis garage where provides not only a washing hose but wax, and cleaning products too. Some members wash their cars while others watch and there's a lot of socializing going on. Some of Pinch's family join in the fun too. This year his wife, Patty, and sister in law, Lina, were there. Pinch, at his own expense supplies coffee and donuts with all the trimmings. This year we had a full house with around 20 Corvettes plus couple steel cars and Jack's 32 coupe.



All the members look forward to this event every year. If you didn't make it this time we hope to see you next year.





TECH TIP

By Robert Gardner

Those who know me know I have little technical prowess. I've made it no secret that I was mechanically deprived as a youth. I always found myself handing the wrench rather than turning it. I don't make a big deal out of it, but I am glad to have many friends who are so prepared to bail me out. And when that fails, there is always the dreaded dealer and my extended warranty. As I often say, I drive 'em, I don't fix 'em.



But there are some mechanical chores that even I am too embarrassed to pass off. I feel I just MUST be able to do it. Such a fix came up recently when I took the Stealth Pumpkin out of storage only to find the fob battery had failed. Bob Smith got me started and once home I proceeded to replace the battery. This was something I'd accomplished successfully with other vehicles and more recently with my LoJack fobs which seem to last only a year. The replacement went fine, though I did struggle a bit opening the fob. Why don't they make these things easier? How about a little screw joining the halves? No need to go prying about with various sharp implements?

Flash forward a few weeks, when I prepared to depart last Thursday for Bass Pro ... the other fob crapped out. I was not surprised or unprepared. I rushed upstairs to my office...snatched up my little pen knife and went to work. I don't think this fob had ever been opened before and it gave all the

resistance of a young oyster. I finally got purchase and the seam began to open up. That's when it all went bad. There was a "pop" and the fob sprang apart. Worse, pieces flew in all directions, battery, battery holder, circuit board, etc. I finally got all the pieces gathered up, replaced the battery, and put the halves back together. That's when I realized the steel key would not stay in its designated slot. There was nothing to hold it in. A detailed search of the floor produced the little black piece you press to release the key. After disassembling the fob again (no easy task, see above), I figured out where it went and installed it rejoining the halves. Still no retention. It seems there is a spring mechanism and I'd lost the spring. No amount of searching has recovered it to date.



What to do? Fob works in all regards but for the key. So off to the Dealer (Imperial) I went with my Extended Warranty in my hot little hands. And there I got the awful verdict. Not Covered. I shall have to pay full boat to replace the fob well over \$200. I could never sell the car with a broken fob so I accept this a one of life's lessons. But wait, there's more.

My son Scott is, among other things, the Armorer and Firearms Instructor at his police department. He had a suggestion for the NEXT TIME. He said that when disassembling a handgun or similar piece of equipment for the first time when there may be unknown occurrences he does it IN A SMALL PLASTIC BAG. That way, if things should jump out all over they will not be lost. What a great idea!

So I'm sharing this with you all, for the common good, though it bring me some amount of embarrassment. Be forewarned.

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As the owner of a 2014 model year Chevrolet Corvette, your satisfaction with our product is very important to us.

This letter is intended to make you aware that some 2014 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles may have a condition where cracks on the top surface of the left fuel tank fuel pump module flange, may cause fuel odor, or a loss of fuel on the ground. A Check Engine lamp may illuminate if the fuel tank is less than half full.

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WHERE'S THE BEEF?

By Bruce Kovolson
Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The weather cooperated and we had nine people in seven cars for our cruise to KC's Classic Burger Bar located at 625 East Washington Street in North Attleboro on Thursday, May 17th. A fun time was had by all. Please plan to join us later in the season for a cruise to KC's new location in Seekonk which just opened the beginning of May.





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



Corvette Profiles – 2005 MVB Corvette “Number 61”

While some Corvette owners treat their cars like royalty, driving them easy, and only in dry conditions, this cannot be said about all Corvette owners. Other Corvette owners daily their Corvettes, taking their Vettes through monsoons and snowstorms – like nothing can stop their Corvette driving experience.

While these daily driver Corvettes may have taken a little beating in their time, it is unlikely they have gotten to the same level of abuse as the 2005 Corvette Manufacturing Validation Build Corvette, “Number 61”



Manufacturing Validation Build (MVB) Corvettes are built prior to full public production and subjected to rigorous tests to fix problems that may occur once the car gets some miles on the drivetrain.

This MVB Corvette was one of the first for the new C6 Corvette, with VIN #00061. It was outfitted with a 4-speed automatic transmission, which was a 0-cost option for the 2005 model, and 400HP LS2 engine. The color on this Corvette is “precision red”, which was only offered for the first half of the 2005 model year.

Throughout its life span from 2005-2008, this Corvette was a test car for the development of the 6-speed automatic transmissions that made its way into the 2006 and newer Corvettes.

Even though the 2005 C6 was the most technologically advanced Corvette of its time, the 4-speed automatic transmission was being pushed to its limit under the hefty power of the LS2. During testing, this car was outfitted with a more efficient 2006 6-speed automatic transmission, and later, it was outfitted with a 2008 6-speed automatic transmission, as well as the new LS3 430HP engine.

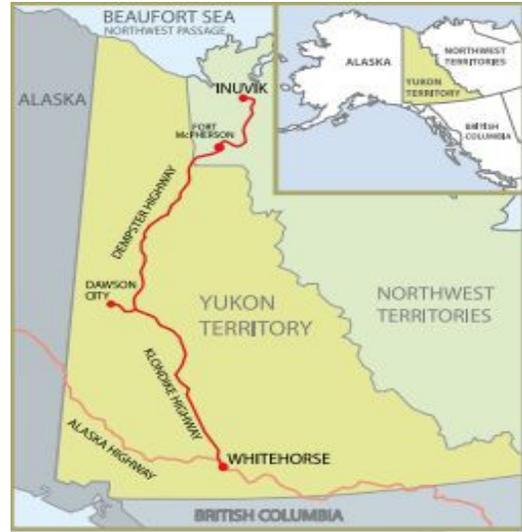
This car paved the way for the implementation of the higher gear automatics we have enjoyed in Corvettes since. Throughout its testing, this Corvette ran on many famous racetracks around the world, including VIR, Homestead Speedway, Spring Mountain, Moroso Motorsports Park, Roebbling Road, and even on the Nürburgring in Germany.

Once testing on the drivetrain was concluded, it endured even more abuse in GM’s climatic wind tunnel, where it was subjected to extremely cold and hot temperatures to test the durability of the car under climate extremes.

Shortly after GM was finished testing this car, it found one more mission before it's retirement...

Driving 968 miles on one of the most treacherous highways in the world.

Back in 1976, Brock Yates of Car and Driver Magazine took a Corvette Stingray along the Alaska Highway. This "Yukon Corvette" drove over 4,000 miles through gravel and mud to reach its destination in Alaska, then drove back. While the journey was tough, the Corvette made it through against all odds. It was a testament to the toughness of the Corvette. An American sports car from the late 1970s made it to Alaska, on mostly unpaved roads built during WWII.



The "Yukon Corvette" in 1973

To re-create this feat, Car and Driver Magazine used this 2005 C6 MVB Corvette.

Unfortunately for Car and Driver, the Alaskan Highway used in 1976 has since been updated and paved. Not only is it much easier to travel on, but it is now clogged with tourists and travelers of all types. So, for this re-creation, a different passage was used – the Dempster Highway.

For this feat, this Corvette was outfitted with a roof rack made to hold a spare tire, as well as two 5-gallon jugs of premium fuel. Stone deflectors were added to the windshield area, as well as powerful auxiliary lights on the front bumper.



Unbelievably, the Corvette made the round trip with only a cracked windshield – the original tires lasted the whole excursion.

Not only did this Corvette make the trip back to the US, but it drove 4,000 more miles to Michigan after.

This Corvette's job ended right where it sits currently, on display at the National Corvette Museum.

The 2005 MVB "Dempster Corvette"

ABINGTON ALE HOUSE CRUISE

Story and Photos by Joe O'Connor

May 14th was a beautiful day for a cruise in our Corvettes. In support of our sister club, the South Shore Corvette Club, we attended their first cruise night of 2018 at the Abington Ale House. Joining in the fun were Steve Sylvia, Joel Baker, Steve Wilson, Dennis Collins, Bill Schroeder, and me. Tops down or off we all made it there safely through rush hour traffic. The show was well attended with many Vettes and some very nice classics. They draw a large crowd of nice people and host a great drawing and a 50/50 raffle. This all takes place in the Abington Ale House's parking lot. They are great hosts and attendees are allowed to use their restrooms.



We walked around checked out all the great rides and then went in for dinner. We were well treated by the staff at Abington Ale House. The food was very good, reasonably priced, and they were accommodating for those who requested separate checks. After eating it was back to the car show to check out even more Corvettes and hot rods. The show broke up at around 7:30 P.M. . The real fun was trying to catch up with Steve Sylvia on the way home (Rt. 3 north). I saw him once on 95 south with a big grin on his face. It was a very spirited ride home. I think everyone had an enjoyable time and I look forward to many more cruises like this one.



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It wasn't but it was!

By Arne Johnson

It was one of those borderline weather days where the best guess was for rain. The national weather report confirmed a 60 to 70 percent chance of rain. Each year a few EMCC members attend the MassBay Community College car show at their automotive training center in Ashland, MA. This year was to be no exception. The prediction of rain did require some preliminary work on my part. To confirm the show would be held, I drove to the site at the scheduled opening time of 8:00am. I did find it necessary to turn on my windshield wipers on the drive over. I pulled in to speak with the event leaders and they expressed uncertainty about cancellation despite the light



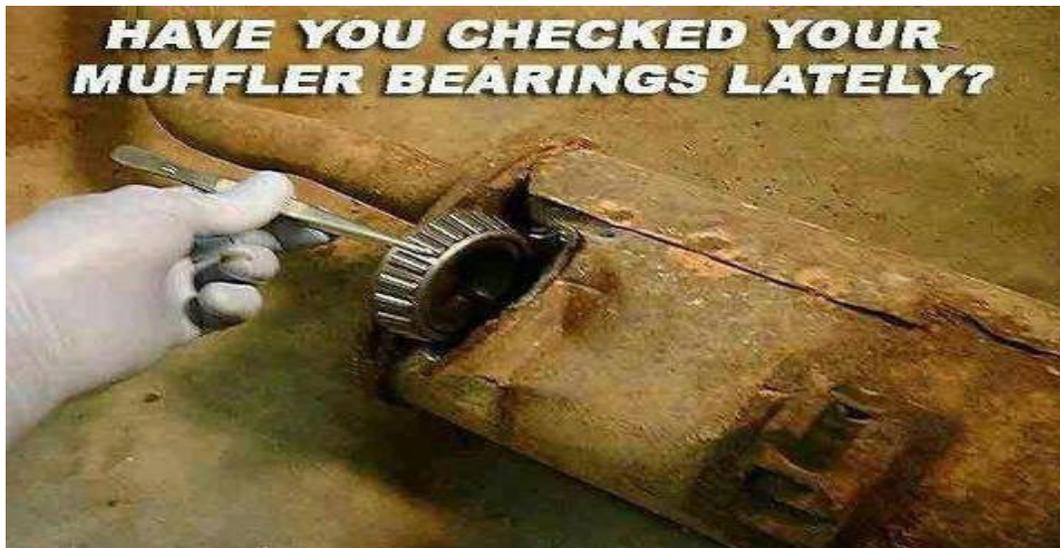
rain actively hitting us. I left not certain if it was on or off.

About seven cars were on site at the time I was there. I decided to wait a while and make a second drive later in the morning.

The results were the same. Windshield wipers were still needed but more cars were on site. I decided it wasn't worth the effort and had some confirmation of that decision from Jack Kirkham who notified me he had tried to make it but found a continuous light rain requiring the use of wipers. He also gave up and returned home.

The next day the local newspaper reported a successful show had been held. The hit of the show was an

indoor display of the school's new Dynapack dynamometer system attached to a C7 Corvette. Note the unit is directly attached to the vehicle's axles. The theory is the test results will avoid including any slippage errors found in roll units. The unit can simulate live road conditions and will help teach students more about automotive performance and diagnostics. The turnout in volume of cars and public viewers attending was less than previous years but oh well, there is always next year rain or shine.



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June Birthdays

Dave Lang	June 4
James Morrill	June 24
Judy Pitasi	June 8
Bob Wodogaza	June 21



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

EMCC Membership

As of May we have 79 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday - May 29th at 6:30 PM

**at Finnegan's Wake
685 Main Street, Walpole**

Next Business Meeting

Monday - June 4th at 7:00 PM

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

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ENJOYING OUR SPORT IN NEWPORT

By Frank E. Fontana III
Photos by Steve Sylvia and Steve Wilson

After enjoying the initial visit last year, I thought that a return to the Newport Auto Museum was a great way to kick off the Cruising Season for 2018. Combining EMCC and BSCC along with other invited Corvette owners, we departed Luciano's on our way to a fun filled day.



Despite downpours, we had a fleet of Corvettes along with two Fords. The ride was wet and uneventful.



Arriving at 10:30 am we were treated to coffee and pastries and were warmly greeted by the staff and Gunther (the owner) as well. He is a charming man with a true affinity for classic cars.

The collection included a Mopar room, Mustangs, and Cobras, exotics, Acura, Porsche, BMW, Mercedes, and Jaguar. The exhibits also included a "Fins" area with American Classics from the 50's, 60's, and beyond.



The staff was extremely helpful with any questions and filled us in on the new cars that will be added as the facility plans expanding floor space.

The museum also has a simulator area for the racers in the club. You can try your skills on a race track. After seeing everything we could, we proceeded to have a late lunch at the Portsmouth Publick House.

The ride home was sunny and dry it capped off an excellent day.

The museum is truly a destination for all car lovers and is on its way to becoming a smashing success. Our best to the owners as they continue to provide quality entertainment at an affordable price. We should keep this destination on our schedule for future cruises. A great combination for a day at the museum followed by a trip to Newport .

Thanks to all that attended to make the cruise a success.



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Prescott Vette Sette

Annual Picnic

Story and Photos by Rooster Brown

18 May 2018

The Prescott Vette Sette holds their annual picnic in May each year. Normally, it is held on a weekend so that all members have an easier opportunity to attend.



This year we missed the boat and ended up having it on a Friday. It was great. The park was not crowded and there was plenty of parking at our ramada. There were twenty-two Corvettes and a handful of tin lizzies in attendance; approximately sixty people.

The event was held at Goldwater Lake Park, owned by the City of Prescott. It is a fifteen-acre lake located in the Prescott National Forrest. The park is located fifteen minutes from my house and hopefully will become a frequently used fishing spot (parking is free on Wednesdays.)

Food assignments were broken down into categories based on last name. The club provided sandwiches (no fires allowed because of fire conditions) and you brought your own drinks (no alcohol.) There was more than enough food for everyone and quite a variety to boot. Weather was perfect, upper seventies.



“FREE” With a Price

By Bob Gardner

Here’s something some may already know. Those “free” raffle tickets at fairs and soccer tournaments and Car Shows, they aren’t free. Recently a young lady signed up for a \$500 Whole Foods shopping card at a soccer game. The tent where the raffle tickets were offered bore the Whole Foods logo. And the tickets were free. Well, not quite. It turns out that by filling out the entry form she and scores of others unwittingly opened the door to a telemarketing firm – completely unrelated to Whole Foods – intent on bombarding them with mailings, emails, and cellphone



calls touting time-share packages. And it seems this totally deceptive practice is more common than you'd think.

One look at the back of the form which was attached to its own little clipboard revealed what few had bothered to notice. By signing, she agreed to be contacted by the marketing firm JC Swain Enterprise, LLC AND ITS PARTNERS. And there in the fine print was the kicker, "I understand that this form's permission supersedes my listing on any state and/or federal 'Do Not Call' or 'Do Not Contact' list." We all know that these creeps ignore the list anyway but here she opened the gate for them. And what's worse, turns out Whole Foods knew nothing about it, no knowledge, no connection. That means that Swain's marketing geniuses bought a \$500 shopping card and dangled it as bait. It could just as well have been a bucket of cleaning supplies or a book of car washes or an oil change, any of the things guaranteed to get OUR attention.

Swain's defense: It's not our intent to upset or mislead anyone. We expect people to signing up for a raffle to familiarize themselves with its terms, including about being contacted. Swain does about a dozen shows every weekend so "coming soon to a cruise night near you..."

According to the Globe, upon learning of the hoax, our heroine demanded those manning the tent sift thru their forms and return hers. She then took it upon herself to warn others approaching the tent what they were really signing for. There are lots of folks out there gathering information on us which they package and sell to others (Amazon, Facebook). And once on such a list, it goes on forever as the information is repackaged and resold again and again. We don't have to make it easy for them. If it looks too good to be true, like a \$100 worth of cleaning supplies free, well it probably is.



NEEDHAM CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The first Needham Classic Car Show was held on May 20th, 2018 in the parking lot of Needham High School and hosted by the Needham Exchange Club. When I was there I found it odd ... they had a nice group of cars even a few exotics but no Corvettes, Porsches, and just one old Mustang. These cars are usually well represented at car shows in the area. Was it the weather? The weather looked like rain but stayed clear. The show was free to view, although donations were accepted. I suspect that the \$50.00 entry fee and the need to send in photos and be "approved" to be accepted in the show kept many cars away. While there was a nice collection of cars there were many empty spaces.





LAST LAUGHS

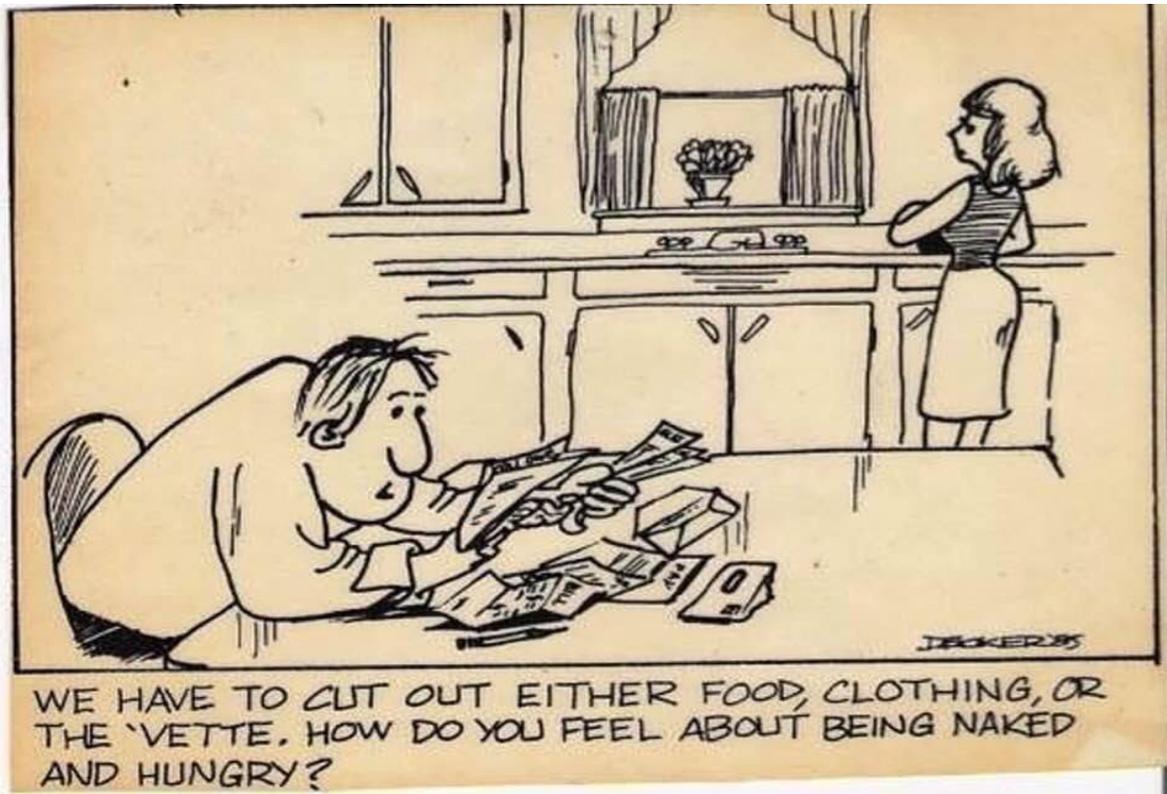


Photo Credit: Marissa Weiher/Monroe Times

It's not every day you see the rear end of a white [1977 Corvette](#) sticking out of the side of a building. But that was the scene Wednesday morning in Monroe, Wisconsin, where 69-year-old Larry R. Mann of Winslow, Illinois, penetrated the side of the Onsrud Chiropractic Clinic with his Corvette.



Not really funny except when the lawyer tells him to see a chiropractor ... he's already there.

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LOVE ME (STEAMING) TENDER

Story by "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

Photos by Dennis Collins and Joe O'Connor

Saturday, May 26, was a perfect day for a cruise in the Vettes and Joe O'Connor put together a wonderful event for EMCC members. Thanks to Joe for making the event very special. Also, a special thanks to the person or persons responsible for the weather.



Ten Vettes lined up in the parking lot at Raphael's and socialized for a while until it was time to get cruisin'. During the socializing time, everyone oooooed and ahhhhhed over Judy Pitasi's new look. She had her newly painted '72 out for a maiden voyage with EMCC. It is beautiful and Judy is calling the color, "Gene Pierotti red".(Long story for another time).

Well, we cruised in two groups, which formed into one group at some point, to the Steaming Tender Restaurant, a 19th century building in Palmer, MA. The Steaming Tender was the Palmer Union Station years back. The inside and the outside of the restaurant boasted train and railroad memorabilia and was very interesting.

The food was excellent and the company was awesome. Great choice of places to visit.

We did run into another Corvette Club from Connecticut which was doing the same thing we did. It is a popular venue.

Thanks again to all who attended this event and to Joe O'C.

