



President's Message

HO HO HO where did the year go?

EMCC had a great year and it is sad to see it end. Many of our Corvettes are already put to bed, but I'm going to wait for the first snow before giving in to the end of the season.



It has been a great season for EMCC!

We have added many new members to our family!

They find us on the web, Facebook, or word of mouth, hear how active we are and want to join the fun.

Many thanks to members who have helped me during this past year, our 35th. With out your help, we would never be able to put together all our great cruises!

This year was special as we hosted our 35th anniversary party!

Old and new members mixed together and shared stories of their Corvettes.

Great guests, food, prizes, and many generations of Corvette's all parked on the grass. A fantastic sight to behold!

The EMCC "Columbus weekend getaway" grew this year with many members joining in for the first time! This included, among others, myself and our founding President and first lady!

Ice cream runs, dinners, apple picking, hay rides, movies, cookouts, fire pits,

soup parties, music and dance, wash and shine, canal cruise, McDonald's, scavenger hunt, pizza, mini golf, and more

If was a fun event, EMCC was ready to roll! THANKS TO ALL!

Please have a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday.

Its a great time to be with family and reflect on how lucky we our to have our Corvettes and friends to enjoy them with.

For members who need a hug during difficult times, you are in Sherry's and my prayers as well as all EMCC members. Reach out if we can help.

Happy Holidays to all of EMCC! Be Safe!

As always I'm "GDTOGO" Steve Wilson, EMCC President

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FIRE PIT FIESTA II

Story & Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



Club president Steve Wilson and his amazing wife, Sherry, once again opened up their home and hearth to club members for Fire Pit Fiesta II (my name for it not theirs). Saturday, November 9, we spent a cool but sunny afternoon gathered around the fire pit hanging out with old and new friends.



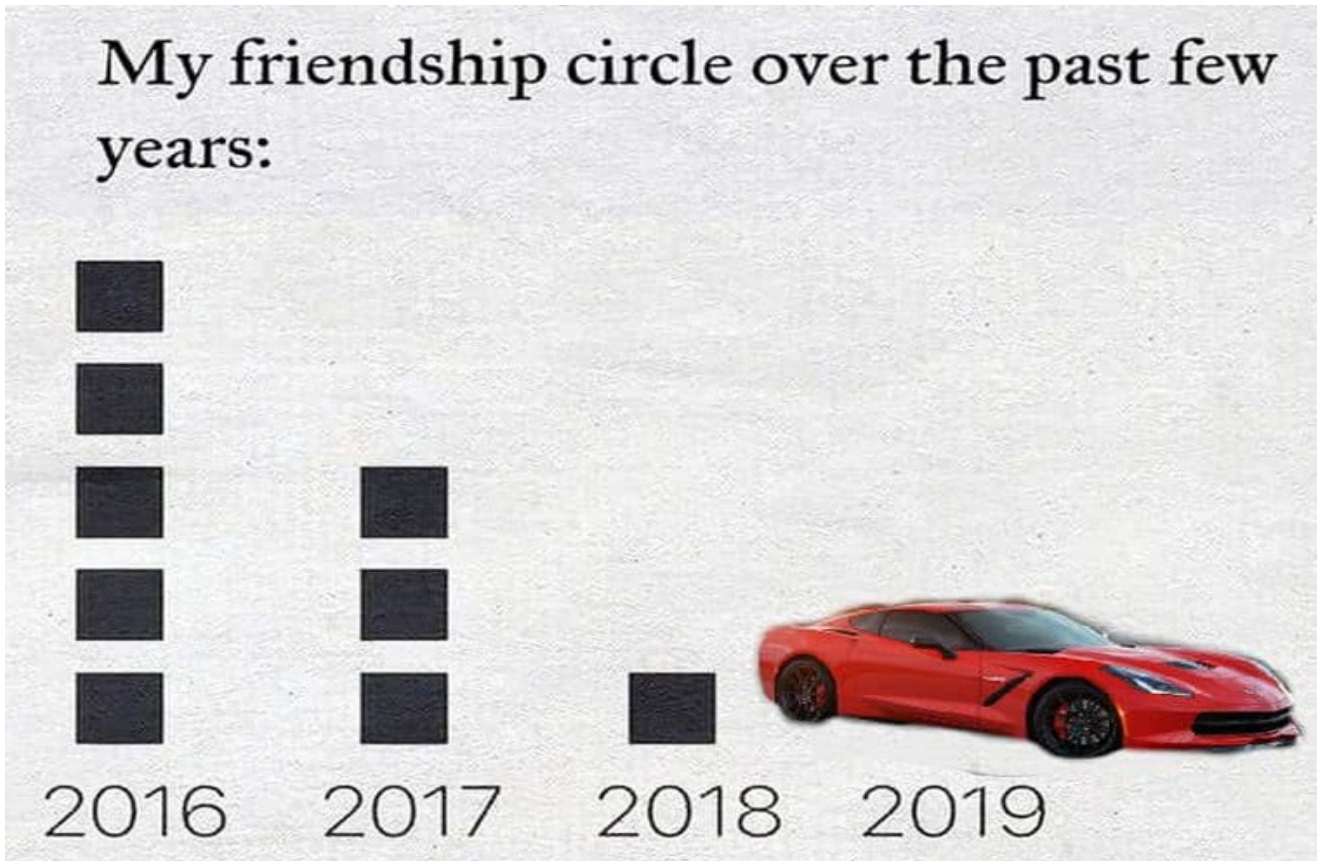
As the sun went down and it got a little chillier, people moved inside and Steve fired up the grill. There were hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone, some side dishes, and desserts including the often requested lemon cookies.



It was a great end of the clubs outdoor activities for the 2019 season.

Thanks to Sherry and Steve for their always great hospitality and all of those who brought along treats to share.





FORD v FERRARI

Story by Keith E. Jacobson
Photos by Steve Sylvia & Keith E. Jacobson

Yes I used the "F" word...sorry.

Tuesday night, October 20, twenty two EMCC members met at the Showcase Cinema de Lux at Patriot Place to see the just released "FORD v FERRARI." I was told that this was the first time EMCC did a movie night. Some members met at Travolino's Patriot Place before the movie for a bite to eat.



Assembling in the theater lobby, Steve Sylvia came up with a dozen free passes...don't ask how, and when that was factored into our ticket purchase we all paid \$4.00...what a deal !!!

The movie runs 2 hours and 32 minutes with what seemed like 30 minutes of previews. If you like cars and racing it was a very good movie. Some of the racing scenes were real nail biters. As we left the building everyone was smiling and appeared to have had a great time.

Thanks to Frank Fontana for organizing the event and Steve Sylvia for the passes.



CARLISLE: THE SAME ... BUT NOT THE SAME

Story and Photos by Andy Bleadon



As usual a few of the EMCC folks and some others from the area made the trek to Carlisle in August. Jim Gable, his son-in-law Bill Robertson, and a highlight was that two of Jim's grand kids came, and myself. There also were assorted people from the Lone Wolf Corvette Club, as well as other regulars from Mass..

Obviously, a chance to see more C8's was going to be a highlight and we figured this would be one of the largest Corvettes at Carlisle ever. Despite the release from the Carlisle center that the "fun field" was the largest ever with 2900 Vettes registered in that field and thousands more in other fields and the local streets, it did not look as large as past events to me. Friday was poorly attended. Part of the issue may have been some rain on Friday and the threat of more for Saturday. Of course, poorly attended is relative as there must have been 2000 Vettes on the fairgrounds.



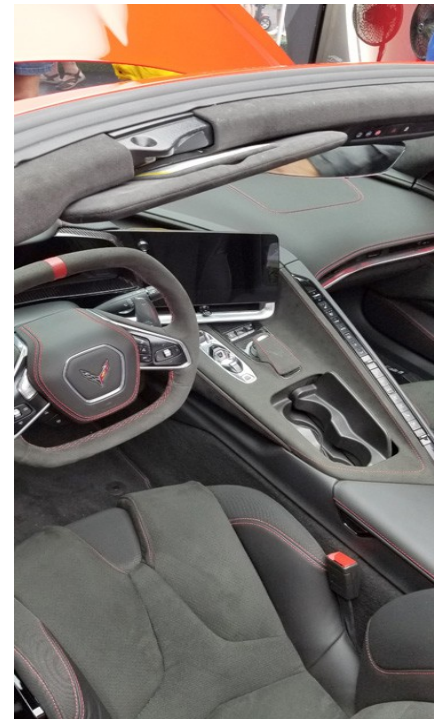
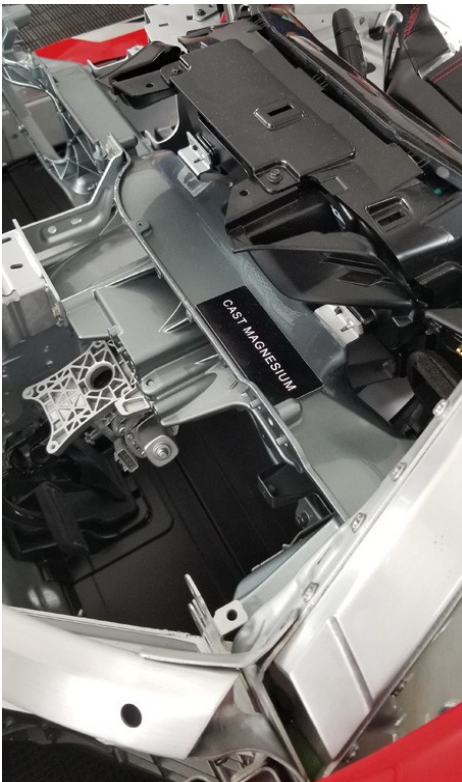
There were noticeably fewer vendors (Pro Team Vettes was not even there) and fewer cars were in the “fun field”. Fewer cars were for sale.

Despite the above, the C8’s did not disappoint. GM erected a temporary black building with a C8 inside, as well as models of all the wheels, seats, body colors, interior colors, two tone interior colors, seat belt colors, engine cover colors, and a large monitor to “build your own C8” so you see how it looked. That building had a line of people waiting to get in for 10 hours a day on Friday and Saturday while we were there, and it was a constant line!!!



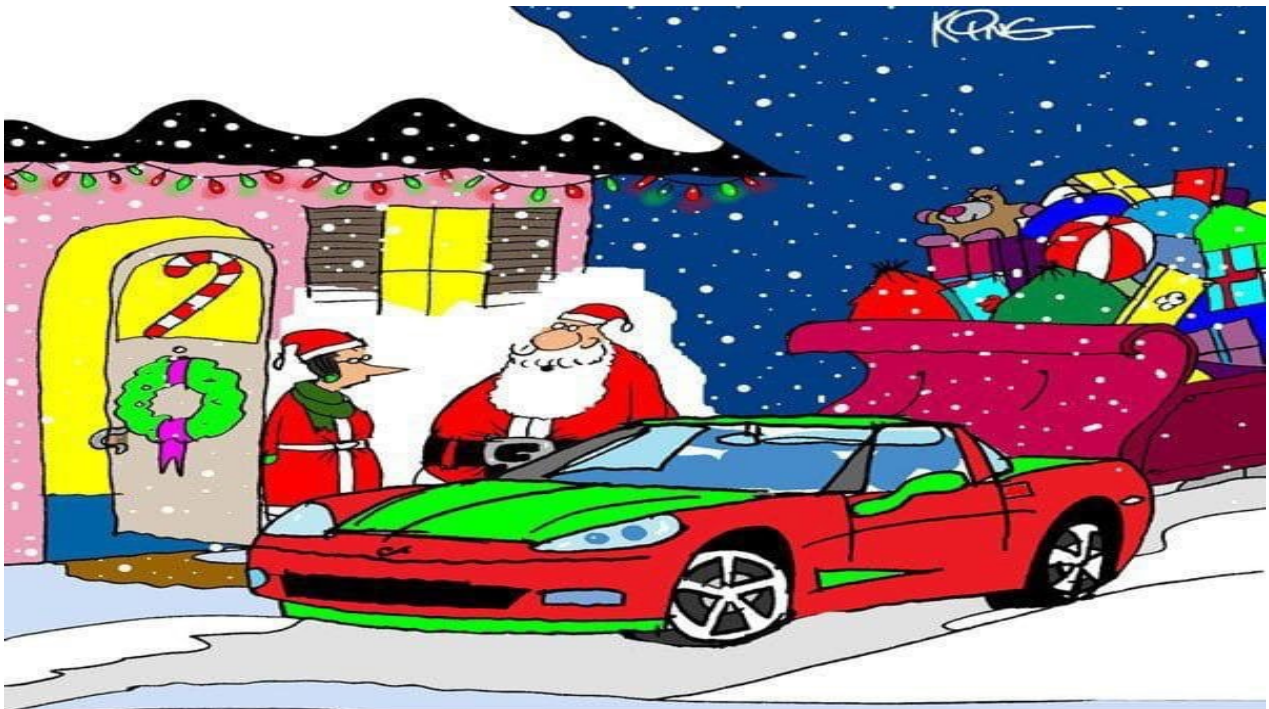
The Chevrolet tent had several C8s and you just about had to push your way into the tent and then wait in line to sit in a car. One of the interesting points was that word circulated that GM had hid more C8’s among all the Vettes over the big hill at the fence line at Carlisle. I went down there and sure enough saw all the colors possible except yellow. What was interesting was that you could see and evaluate cars with and

without badging, with no spoiler, and with different wheels all sitting mixed in with other cars but all within a few rows. Never found out what GM was doing with this, all the cars were pre-production with EX in their VIN numbers. Based on the VIN’s it looked like they were the first 50 ever made in the test run.





While the comments above may seem like there were not many people there, I left the fairgrounds at 10:00 am Saturday to buy tires. The line of Vettes to get in as I was going out was a good ten miles long on Saturday!!! Somebody later told me that it took over an hour the get into the fairgrounds once they got in line. Last but not least, a new event at Carlisle, a cash grab for kids in an air booth, Jim's grandson, Noah, was picked and came out with the most cash...\$ 86.00 and he still would not buy supper that night.



“If I’m going to be delivering gifts all over the world, why not have fun doing it?”



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



Final C7 Stingray Corvette Delivered at Museum

November 20, 2019

The National Corvette Museum was created as a facility to house the history of the iconic American sports car, and a part of the car's recent history has joined the Museum's collections. On Wednesday, November 20 the final C7 Stingray to roll off the GM Bowling Green Assembly line was officially delivered at the Museum.

"As a company, from General Motors, the Plant and the Museum – we all try to work together to do everything we can to preserve the history of this car," said Kai Spande, GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager. "During the planning of the final production units, GM and Harlan Charles asked if there was an interest from the Museum in getting one of the last cars."

Museum President and CEO Dr. Sean Preston was thrilled to have the opportunity for the Museum to own such an important piece of history. "GM offered the opportunity to purchase the car to us. The Corvette is an iconic car in and of itself, and the last Stingray Coupe with front engine and manual transmission is an iconic car itself as well."

The car was spec'd out with a purpose – a white exterior and red interior just like the very first 1953 Corvettes. "I think it's important that the Museum have the last front engine Stingray in the collection because it's truly a milestone in Corvette history," said Derek E. Moore, Director of Collections / Curator for the Museum. "The Stingray nameplate holds such significance in Corvette history with the first Stingray

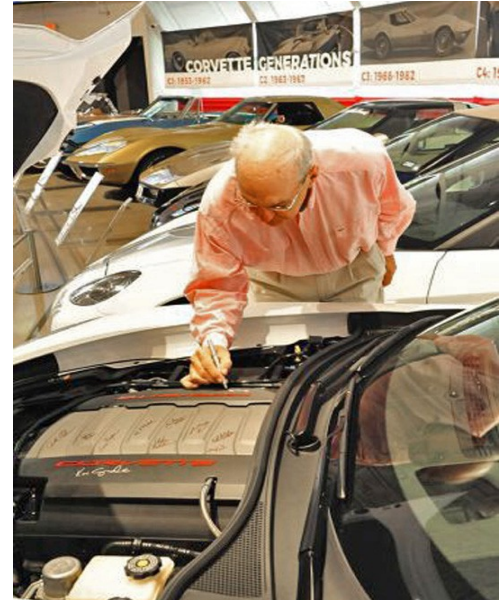
Racer, followed by the first production Stingray in the second generation, and though we still see the Stingray nameplate in the eighth generation cars, it's a momentous time where we are moving from the front engine design to a much more advanced design of a mid-engine. We at the Museum want to capture that history when such a significant change happens."

The Museum owns several Stingrays, from early models to the more modern generation, but Moore said having this one as a 'bookend' to that collection is important history. The next step for the Museum was raising funds to purchase the Corvette.

"We have many Museum supporters and donors, but one came to mind with regard to passion for Corvette history, education and the Museum," said Moore.

Museum supporter and donor for the car, Ivan Schrodts signs the last C7 Stingray Corvette.

Ivan Schrodts began his relationship with the Museum as a regular member, and like many others, began attending events and getting to know people at the Museum and other enthusiasts. Eventually he became a Lifetime Member and was later asked to join the Museum's Board of Directors, serving a five-year term. "I really believe in the Museum and what it does to preserve the history of the Corvette, and serve the enthusiasts of the Corvette," said Schrodts. "I became a supporter and donor over the years because I think it is important to preserve historic cars. It's nice when the Museum can have some of those one-of-a-kind cars in their collection. This is the last front engine Stingray Corvette with manual transmission that will ever be made. It's a lot of lasts of its kind."



Schrodts shared what an amazing car the C7 is, owning a 2016 Z06 himself. "It's an incredible car. Having a car that's an absolutely fantastic car, but the last of its kind, I think that's a great thing to have in the Museum."

"I personally believe that this is just another example of the symbiotic relationship we have between the factory, the program team and the Museum," added Spande. "We work together for the benefit of our customers, the benefit of the Museum and the overall history of the car, which is what the Museum is here for. We're very excited that this car will stay in Bowling Green and it will be in the Museum forever."

The 'bookend' to the seventh generation Corvette was presented in a ceremony at the Museum on Corvette Boulevard, which included a finishing touch of autographs on the engine cover by representatives of GM Corvette Assembly and Schrodts. The car was driven down the Boulevard and Victory Lane by Preston and Schrodts before being placed on display as part of the 'Generations' exhibit in the Museum's Skydome. Thank to Ivan and his wife, Mary, for their continued support of the Museum, history and education of Corvette!

Visitors to the Museum can see the car on display seven days a week, from 8am until 5pm CT. The Museum is located at I-65, Exit 28 in Bowling Green. More information is available at corvettemuseum.org.

Story and photos by long distance member Les "Rooster" Brown who reports in from Arizona.

13th Annual Historic Prescott All Corvette Car Show

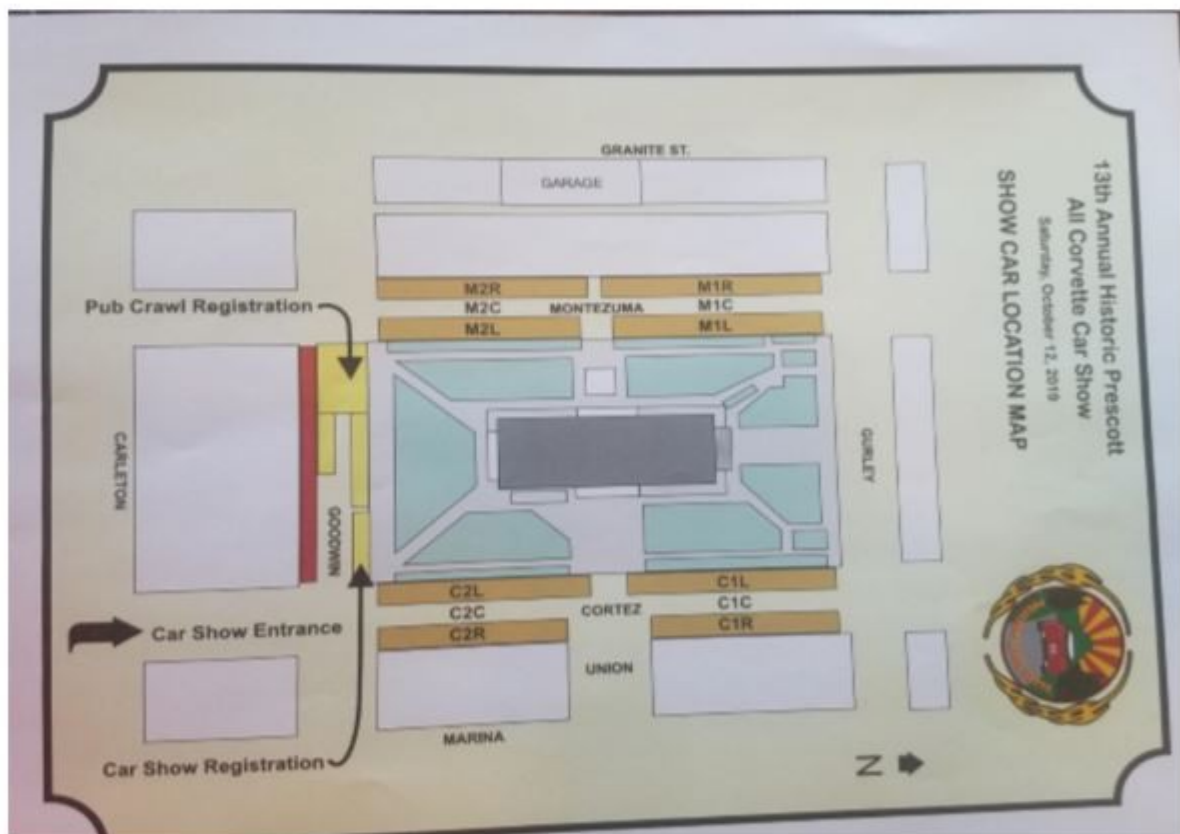
11 - 13 October 2019, Prescott, Arizona

This show is organized by the charitable organization of my club, Prescott Vette Sette. I wasn't here last year for this show, so this is my first-time volunteering for it. Friday night there was a Pub Crawl with over 150 participants. Six bars/restaurants participated in the event. Each person in the crawl had a ticket with the six clubs across the top. They had five hours to visit, eat, drink and be merry and have their ticket punched (I was one of the punchers.) Attending all six got you an entry in a drawing for five prizes of \$100 each.

The big event was on Saturday with 275 Corvettes entering the car show. We started at 6:00 a.m. parking the cars in three rows along two streets each side of the courthouse. It was 34° F at the beginning. Panera Bread, a major club supporter donated gallons of coffee and dozens of pastries for us worker bees. It started warming up reaching mid 70°'s by the afternoon. The awards ceremony was held in the plaza in front of the courthouse. The recipient of every award and prize was present. By 4 all cars were off the streets and the event ended. As in most modern-day shows, most cars were C5, C6, and C7. There was no C8 for people to ogle over.

On Sunday there was a poker run that was also well attended. I did not participate in the event.

Next year the event should be scheduled on our regular weekend in late September. I hope some of you might be out this way to join us.







DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lonnie Cohen ~ 20
Dennis Collins ~ 18
Gerry Criscenzo ~ 21
Mark Forsberg ~ 5
Mike Keefe ~ 26
Deb Romano ~ 29
Mike Saltzman ~ 12
Steve Sullivan ~ 29
Paul Tenaglia ~ 6

EMCC Membership

As of August 2019 we have 80 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary
Next Membership Business Meeting: NOTE NEW LOCATION!!!

Monday – December 2nd at 7:00 PM
at Beacons, 85 Providence Highway, Walpole
Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing

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

After some discussion about the years and destinations of the club's Columbus Day weekend cruise events, Jim Morrill was kind enough to go through the files he has kept over the years and come up with this definitive list.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club

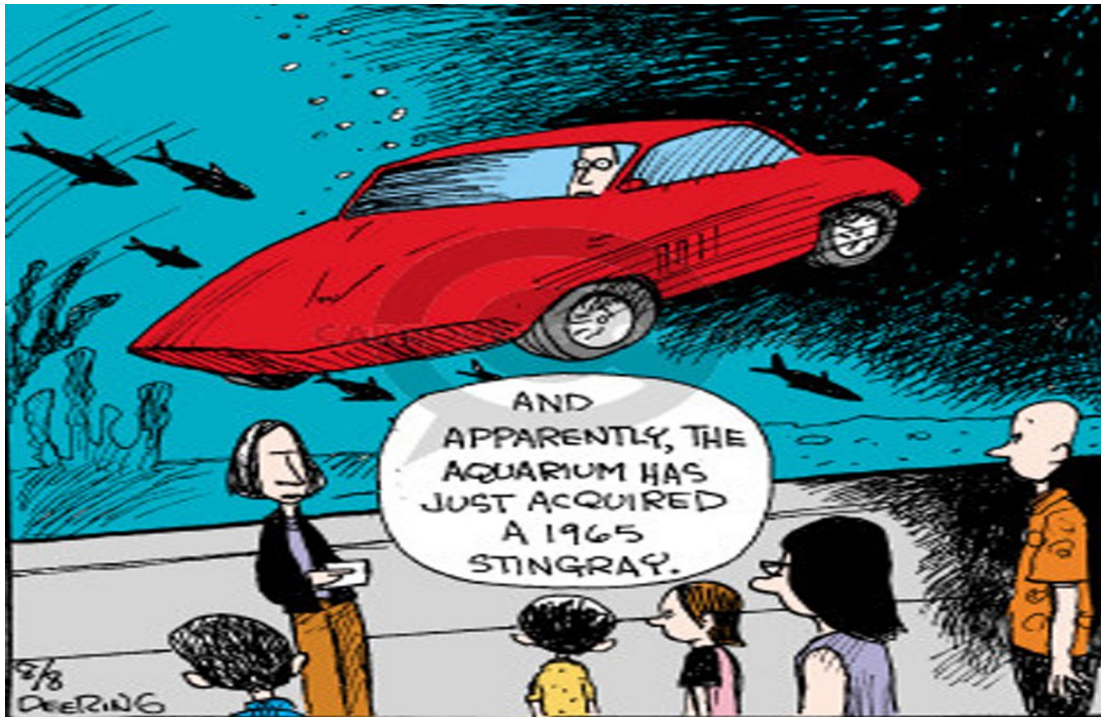
Columbus Day Cruises

	Date	# Cars	Destination
1	1996	6	Nova Scotia, Canada Scotia Prince - Bedford, NS – St Andrews, NB
2	1997	8	Pennsylvania - Amish Country Intercourse, PA (trip to Gettysburg)
3	1998		Montreal Canada Burlington VT, - Montreal,
4	1999		Delmar peninsular Rehoboth NJ
5	2000	3	Cooperstown NY, Scranton PA
6	2001	7	Nova Scotia, Canada Scotia Prince - Truro, NS – St Andrews, NB – Glen Cove ME
7	2002	5	Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada, Geneva NY
8	2003	6	Ocean City Maryland Ocean City Maryland
9	2004	9	Maine Glen Cove, ME
10	2005	11	Lake Placid - Upper State New York Burlington VT, Ogdensburg NY, Warrensburg NY (stops at Lake Placid bobsled, Fort Ticonderoga)
	Date	# Cars	Destination
1	2006		Ocean City Maryland Ocean City Maryland

1 2	2007	6	Long Island New York Commack NY
1 3	2008	14	Cape Cod Orleans MA, (side trip to Nantucket)
1 4	2009	6	Philadelphia, PA New Hope, PA (train to Philadelphia)
1 5	2010	10	Finger Lakes, NY Cooperstown NY, Canandaigua NY
1 6	2011	14	Maine Glen Cove, ME
1 7	2012	14	Fishkill, NY Fishkill NY
1 8	2013	11	Cape Cod North Falmouth, MA (trip to Martha's Vineyard)
1 9	2014	13	Lake George, NY Warrensburg- Lake George, NY (trips to S. Burlington ,VT – Lake Placid, NY)
2 0	2015	8	Connecticut – Danbury Danbury, CT (trips to Bridgeport, CT – Millbrook, NY- Gillette Castle)
2 1	2016	11	Quebec City, Canada Cheribourg,-Magog-Orford , Quebec Quebec City
2 2	2017	15	Maine Glen Cove, ME
	Date	# Cars	Destination
2 3	2018	10	New York City Stamford, CT (train into NY City) (trips to Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, (911 Museum)

2 4	2019		Montreal, Canada Cheribourg,-Magog-Orford , Quebec Longueil/ Montreal (train into Montreal City)
2 5	2020		

LAST LAUGHS



READY FOR WINTER?



SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

This gazette wraps it up for 2019 and I extend my thanks to everyone who helped by running events, writing and submitting articles, and making contributions to the club and the gazette through their efforts.

For this issue thanks go out to president Steve Wilson for his opening comments, Steve Sylvia for his photos from movie night, Andy Bleadon for Carlisle coverage with an article and photos, Rooster Brown with his story and photos from Arizona...always a pleasure to see what's going on with other clubs, and Jim Morrill for being the historian of the Columbus Day weekend events.

As we turn the corner into the new year the board and chairpersons are elected. The editor/publisher of the gazette is an elected position, and after about four years at the steering wheel, I have decided to take a break. Gerry Criscenzo has volunteered to step up and take over the driver's seat...thank you. I plan to contribute articles and photos from events that I attend and it would be great if the membership also supports the club, the gazette, and Gerry by contributing to the publication.

It's only been a few weeks since my car was put away and I am already thinking of spring and some of next year's events. the first Bass Pro of the season, Kingston Corvette Invasion II, maybe the Woodward Dream Cruise (again), pizza static nights, Columbus Day weekend event, and so many more. It helps the winter go by to have these lined up. I look forward to seeing many of you at the club's events during the winter ...



Stay warm, stay safe, happy holidays, and HappyNew Year ... See you at Patriot Place 2020!!!



SEE YOU ON THE ROAD ... KAMERA KEITH