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Spring 2022!



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President's Message

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April is here finally and has brought some interesting weather conditions from white-out snow to 70 degree temperatures! Got to love New England!

We have officially kicked off the Tuesday Static Cruises at Rocky's Ace in Walpole, with the 2nd Tuesday of each month for pizza. The start of Bass Pro Thursdays was April 7th and will continue every other Thursday thru October. March 26 was our annual Soup Party held at Bob Feigen's function hall. Great turnout with 36 attendees and plenty of food. I brought my traditional bottle of Fireball for shots. We all had a great time on a beautiful night!

April ends with our annual Wash'N'Shine at Pinch's in Millis on April 30th between 9 – noon. This is always a great time with coffee, donuts and clean cars. This event has been cancelled for the last couple years due to Covid.

It's great to see our Facebook page up and running from KameraKeith, with members posting great pictures and stories. The Gazette Editor, Gerry Criscenzo, has done a great job and will assist with any articles or postings. The website has the calendar up to date with our events. To date, all 93 members are paid and accounted for, with many new members joining soon.

May is filling up with cruises and events planned by the Social Chair and assistance. If anyone has ideas please contact them and let's go.

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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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2022 Club Calendar

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Standing Events



- **Tuesday Static Cruise:** 4pm, Rocky's Plaza on RT1A. 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! We'll continue there as long as the road construction will bear. Website and emails for details!



- **Wednesday Lunches:** Wild card and always a great time. Website and emails for details!
- **Thursday Cruises:** Dinner? Ice Cream? 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 with more to come! Details and most current info is on our [Website](#). You can also check with Bruce at ski1000@verizon.net, and Fran Blake at graybirch3@comcast.net

Its going to be a great cruise season!

Check website for all details and watch your email

- April 21: Bass Pro!
- April 22nd: Blue Hills Car Show (See Keith for details)
 - April 24th: Newport, RI Daffodils Day
 - April 30th: Pinch's Wash and Shine!
 - May 12, PJ Smoke "n" Grill, Medway
- May 23rd, LaCantina, Framingham (See Fran Blake for Details)
 - May 29, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Merrimack, NH
- August 25-27th Corvettes at Carlisle (Start planning now)



Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Maureen Baker

Ed Forsberg

Jim Gable

Brian Gately

Keith Jacobson

Jay Kublin

Paul Malloy





Humor

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Girl: I can't believe you didn't cry in Titanic! Do you have emotion? Have you ever cried?

Me:

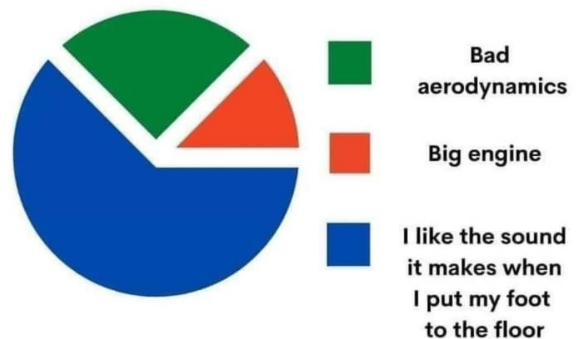


Me: I'll never spend my money on dumb stuff ever again!

[30 MINUTES LATER]



Why my car gets bad mileage



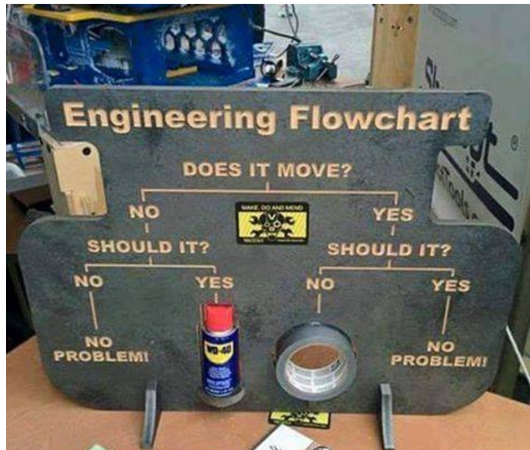


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five bucks says this guy has a mullet and a suspended license





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Soup Party!

Story and Photos by Mal Smith

On the evening of March 26th, we had our Annual Soup Party (after a two year COVID hiatus). This event started in 2003 by Steve and Ellen Hahn and they were told it would never work. Well.... here we are still attending this very popular event. Who woulda thunk!!!! There were about 40 attendees this year and the venue was quite different.

Bob Feigan and Gayle sponsored the event at the Clubhouse at their residence in Norfolk. It was spacious, clean, attractive and so so accommodating for the event. A huge "thank you" goes to Bob and Gayle. There was crackers and cheese and chips and dip to start and then.....the soups kept coming in and coming in and coming in. Oh so many..... They were all delicious. Thanks to all who worked hard to bring us such a great variety. There was bread and butter and salad and awesome cupcakes along with cake for dessert.

I am already looking forward to Soup Party 2023.





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Drive Like a Boss at Autocross!

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The Bay State Corvette Club ran their first autocross of the season on Sunday, April 10th. For those not familiar with the event their web site says: " Autocross is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe, low-cost competition and active participation. An autocross is a timed competition where drivers navigate one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones, rather than racing on a track with multiple other cars, as in road racing or oval racing.



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Autocross tends to place more emphasis on car handling and driver skill than on sheer horsepower, and events typically have many classes which allow almost any vehicle, from economy sedans to purpose-built vehicles, to compete.

Speeds are slower in absolute terms when compared to other forms of motorsports, usually not exceeding highway speeds, but the activity level (measured in discrete turns per minute) can be higher than even Formula One due to the large number of elements packed into each course.



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Autocross courses are typically 40 to 70 seconds in length. In addition to being a national-level motorsport in its own right, autocrossing is a good way to learn skills that transfer to road racing, as drivers learn vehicle control and club ethics."



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Cars run in different classes so novices don't have to be intimidated.

The remaining dates for 2022 are: June 4, August 7, September 11

For more information check out their Facebook page or follow the link above.



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The First Supper!

Story and Photos by Gerry Criscenzo

The first official cruise-cruise of the EMCC season was Thursday, April 14th.

The chillier temps and threat of rain was likely the reason for this small, but merry band of EMCC cruisers. I guess we know who are the hardiest of us. LOL :)

And for those of you who don't know ... our cars don't melt in the rain :)

We met, ritualistically, at Lake Pearl where the flock was led by our Social Master, The Bruce, to Lowell's Restaurant in Mendon.



I personally was looking forward to this Cruise because Lowell's does such a great job with prices, portions and service. Colby, our server, was friendly and attentive but not over bearing.

We started with some bebies, then placed our orders. We were all impressed with our meals; portions, freshness, all great. I was actually shocked, pleasantly, that my fried clams (whole belly) was only \$25 and a heaping portion.

The food and service was great but as always with EMCC, it was the company that made this a great night. The small group proves that good things do come in small packages.



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Corvettes & Pizza!

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

EMCC had their first static pizza cruise of the 2022 season on Tuesday, April 13th. The warm weather saw a great turnout of 21 cars with all generations represented except for C2. Our president and unofficial pizza chairman, Steve Sylvia, once again did an awesome job seeing that everyone went home with a full stomach and a smile. Thanks Steve.





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What? No Corvettes?

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

My car show season started on Sunday, March 27th. The day was partly sunny, temperatures were in the low 50s, with a cool breeze blowing at my location in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Each year I attempt to attend events at different venues, besides our regulars. This was "The Audrain Motorsport Newport-Bristol-Newport Veteran Car Tour." No Corvettes? The motorcars participating were limited to the years 1901-1910. The first Corvette was born 43 years after the youngest car in the event a 1910 Model T Ford.



Two cool cars with local connections were a Stanley Steamer which was built at a factory on the Newton/Watertown line and an Orient Motor Buckboard built by the Waltham Manufacturing Company.



A number of cars didn't make it to the lunch stop at the Bristol Harbor Inn but all that did were awesome. One of the last to arrive was a 1902 Packard. Word was that they spent much of the ride moving along slowly in almost at an idle. Note: The GoPros on the headlight were not a factory option. There was a 1901 Oldsmobile piloted by Wayne Carini...his famous mustache just visible over his warm clothes. Around 25 cars started the event and about 15 made it to Bristol. But what cars !!! Among them a Stevens Duryea, a Winton, a Fiat race car, a 1902 Yale, and others. This should be an annual event.





Members! Submit Something!

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The Gazette Needs You!

Its your Gazette!



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



What Would You Do?

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They took my C8 on a joyride!

Story and Photos by Paul Duffy

Back in early December 2021, I took my C8 Corvette to New England Tire in Mansfield, MA to have my summer tires swapped for all-season tires. A few members in the club had said they had a good experience here so I figured I would give them a shot. They were very nice when I called to make the appointment. The one thing I found odd was they told me they would need the vehicle all day so they can take their time on it and do it right. I would have normally waited there for a quick tire swap. They called me around 5pm to let me know they finished the job.



When I arrived at New England Tire, multiple people said they love the Corvette. One of their auto techs “joked” about taking it for a test drive.



The next day, I noticed a large scratch on one of the rims that I know wasn't there before dropping it off at New England Tire.

This prompted me to check my PDR camera footage that I always have turned on, even while I'm driving it.

I was then shocked at what I saw.

Before New England Tire did any work on the vehicle, their auto tech left the lot with my Corvette. He proceeded to take it down the street and turn around in a liquor store parking lot to turn around and then proceeded back to the garage. There was another 12 minute video from after the tire install. This video was even more shocking. The video showed the Corvette being backed out of the garage with multiple people smiling and filming while the Corvette was backing out of the shop.

Once the Corvette was in the parking lot, they took it for a 4-mile test drive including taking it on the highway (495). You can see the auto tech hitting multiple potholes and not even trying to avoid them. He almost got into an accident when a Toyota Prius cut into his lane. He was taking the on-ramp to 495 too fast for someone who is not use to this vehicle and what looks like he bottomed out in one spot when go over a very rough patch in the road. When he got back to the shop you can see one of the other auto techs smiling and laughing as he walked by.

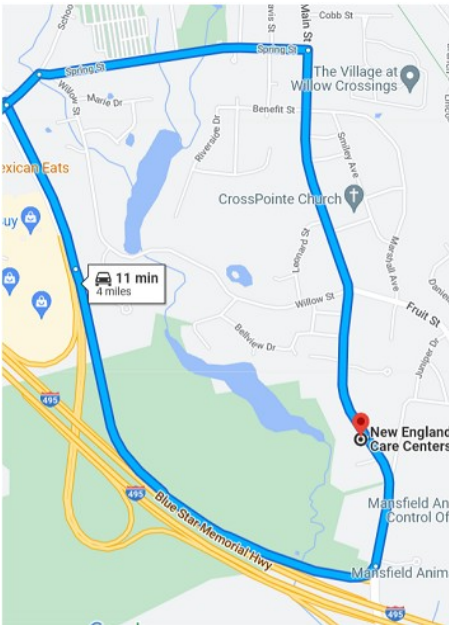
I called the store manager the next day to tell him about the joyrides. He said the first joyride was his fault because he told the auto tech to take it down the street while he moved a vehicle out of the shop to make room. He then said the second joyride was because they needed to test out how the tires felt to make sure there was no issues.



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Now please remember, I only had the tires swapped, no alignment, no other adjustments. I then mentioned about the scratch in my rim, and he told me I probably got it at an automatic car wash with the guide rails. I don't know too many Corvette owners that use a car wash but funny enough is that I own a high-end car detailing business, RI Car Detailing, and only wash my Corvette by hand.



I then decided to email their corporate office. I told them the entire story beginning with someone in the EMCC club recommending that I go there, all the way to my conversation with the store manager.

Instead of responding to my email, George Kazen, an employee of New England Tire and part of the Kazen family that owns New England Tire decided to reach out to EMCC to see if I was a member of the club. I still didn't hear anything back until I emailed George Kazen back forwarding him the email he sent to the club. After that he was happy to get back to my email.

I then realized I have a common friend, Carl Kazen Jr., the owner's son, on Facebook so I reached out to Carl Kazen Jr. directly. He had already seen the video and heard what happen. He told me "You'll most likely hear from my brother, Bill Kazen, at some point."

He also said "Ok, I'll play the middle man here. What exactly are you looking for in terms of resolution?" At the same time, his dad, Carl Kazen Sr, the main owner of New England Tire called me.

Some takeaways from the conversation; he told me he didn't watch the video I sent because "his son told him it would make him sick." He then told me "their balancing machine instructed the auto tech to take the vehicle for a test drive;" then later in the conversation he said, "off the record, the auto tech saw the corvette as a "piece of cake" and wanted it so he drove it." He also told me that he would talk to the auto tech and figure out a punishment for him.

Later in the conversation he told me he has owned many Corvettes in his lifetime, his kids have owned Corvettes, and he has been in multiple Corvette clubs including being the president of one, then telling me we are like "brothers."

Now it's the end of April with no resolution in sight. I have called a few times but have not received a call back....

So, I have to ask, what would you do?

-Paul Duffy

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Welcome Back, Cruise Season!

By Gerry Criscenzo

How many of you are as excited as I am about saying goodbye to winter and welcoming back the cruise season?

After these past few years of COVID's trials and tribulations, I have a greater appreciation and anticipation of our cruises, and getting together with people. But not so much about adding the pounds from all the ice cream cruises.

Our cruises are typically attended by a familiar cast of characters, "the usual suspects," that always, always, always make our cruises so much fun. You know who you are.

To our many new members, we are hoping that you will join the usual suspects and perhaps be the adult supervision that we sometimes need.

Whether it's an Ice Cream Cruise, Dinner Cruise, Static Cruise, or a Special Cruise, come out, join some great people and have some fun. EMCC never requires a minimum attendance or club participation because we know you'll have a blast and a very memorable time if you join in.

And to COVID; up your nose with a rubber hose! Only some of you will get that reference :)

Cheers!

-Gerry Criscenzo

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