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On to 2022!



And a Jackson in a pear tree.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

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We are coming to the end of the year when most of us put our babies to bed just before the holidays. SMOKEN is tucked away in my own garage with the charger in place and the covers pulled up nice and tight for a long winter's nap. I am already looking forward to the spring to get the 'ole girl out for the new season. And....speaking of a new season.....

Our new fiscal year starts March 1st with the current officers ending their positions the end of February. Hence, it is time to start thinking of running for an office or filling a position in the club. The officers who are presently in place have served in their present positions for two years (or more) and must move on. Please consider running for an office, it is VERY REWARDING. A nominating committee (Bill Schroeder, Jim Gable and Steve Wilson) are in place and will be contacting you soon. I do know that there are a few folks who have stepped up to the plate already and are putting their name on the ballot. Your name should be there too. This is YOUR Club.

I want to welcome to the Club Philip Paquin, Jr., and his wife, Melissa of Attleboro. Paul and Melissa have a 2009 silver coupe and were sponsored by Paul Duffy. Also, I would like to welcome new member, Wendy Weglage and her husband, Sean of Ashland. Wendy owns a 1978 silver anniversary coupe. Fran Blake sponsored Wendy. I know we will see a lot of you when the official Corvette season starts, but.....we do have a few winter events coming up for you to participate in.....

February is the month for our Anniversary Party. The committee (Gerry, Judy, Bruce, Steve Wilson) is working hard to put together a spectacular event for us this year. The Anniversary party is a wonderful event and is the time for the old officers to welcome the new officers to their positions as the former officers step aside. Recognition awards are presented during the event. I can't wait to hear the announcement as to where it is being held. Stay tuned.

Years back, Judy and I use to put together a St. Patrick's Day brunch. We have decided to bring back that event. So, you might want to scout out some of your green duds as there will be a prize for the person(s) who best wears the green. This event will take place on Sunday, March 13th. More info to come.

And, speaking of March, there will be a Soup Party on March 26th at the home of Steve and Sheri Wilson. The Soup Party has been a great success since it was started many years ago by Steve and Ellen Hahn. Numerous members have hosted this fun event and most recently, it was hosted for many years by Rick and Jackie Wile before the Wilsons took it over. Time to start looking for your favorite soup recipe.

As so many of you know, the dedication of the bench in Norwood Center in memory of Michael Wodogaza took place. Please see information elsewhere in this Gazette. It was wonderful!!! Thanks so much to EMCC for their participation in the event.

As many of you know, the Classy Corvette Cougars are on the prowl again. Last month they visited Molly's and had the best time. See elsewhere in this Gazette for more information on this event. We are planning a few more events over the winter months. Please stay tuned. I think the next event is a trip to Waltham to experience Oriental Foot Reflexology. Just what a birdie told me. I am on board and can't wait to hear when.

I can't say enough nice things about the members of this Club. The acknowledgment of attendance, the quick payment of the cost, the contributions to the raffle table, the Toys for Tots, the offer to help, and the contribution to having a wonderful Christmas Party for 2021. A huge thank you to Gary and Donna Crandall for volunteering to run a Toys for Tots portion of our Christmas Party. The contributions were plentiful and well selected. The Toys for Tots will now become an annual event for EMCC. Thanks to Carolyn Collins for making the adorable snowman centerpieces for the tables. They were beautiful. Carolyn somewhat volunteered to do the centerpieces again next year. Who knows what her creative hands will produce. Thank you to Joe O'Connor for taking the lead on raffle tickets and thanks to Frank for being his right hand man. Thank you to Judy for ordering and designing the cake. Sorry Judy was sick and could not make the party. She were missed as well as a few others who could not attend. I am so happy that the party went so well. I think it was wonderful and listening to all of you.... you thought the same. What a fun time had by all. Thursday night happened to work out just fine, maybe we will repeat that next year. The food was good, the venue was cozy and the weather cooperated. I have already made some notes for next year's party. Can't wait to do it again.

Merry Christmas to all of you. Wishing you all a happy, healthy 2022.

SMOKEN - Mal



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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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Club Calendar

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Standing Events



- **Static Cruise:** We've ended our Static "Season" BUT we're bound to still have some nice weather so watch your email.
- **Wednesday Lunches: Still on!** Wild card. Check our website and look for emails.
- **Thursday Cruises:** Our Cruise season is also winding down so join in until we have to put our babies to bed for the winter.
- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings:** 1st Monday of every month, 7pm Currently held at Conrad's, Walpole in the backroom. Dinner before the meeting at 6 PM.



Special Events/Cruises

Save the dates but More to Come! Meeting times and locations may change so check our [Website](#) and watch email for full details or check with Bruce at ski1000@verizon.net

2022

- Feb 2022 EMCC Anniversary Party. Details in process. Watch your email
- March 13, 2022: EMCC St Patrick's Party. Details in process. Watch your email
- March 26th, EMCC Soup Party at the Wilson Home (Steve & Sherri)



Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Lonnie Cohen

Gerry Criscenzo

Mike Keefe

Harry Nanos

Deb Romano

Mike Saltzman

Steve Sullivan



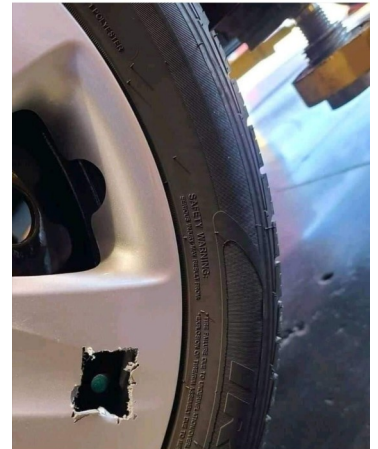


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When your Jeep is just as upset as you are about the weather



Retrobeutes is with Lance Manfredi and 2 others.
November 23 at 9:07 AM · 📍
They live amongst us ! ... 🤪
:Stevo

Took me a minute to realize how funny this is.



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When I have no idea how to comfort my friends but I try anyway



Looks like the road's blocked.

Well, there it is. A gas generator being used to charge the dead battery in an electric car. My day is complete. 👍





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The Last Hurrah!

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

On Sunday, November 11, Boch Exotics held a Cars & Coffee event. The cars were packed like sardines in a can. A sign said, "once you park there is no leaving until the end of the event" ... you couldn't get out. This was the closest I have ever been to going to a corn maze.

Sunny with temperatures in the high 50s it was a cool but pleasant day. There were a few EMCCers in attendance I spotted them or their cars. My C7 will be put away in the next day or two so this was the finale for me.



As always there were some interesting cars. A Ferrari Monza SP2 owned by Ernie Boch Jr. drew a lot of attention. Not street legal because of the lack of a wind shield. This very limited production car is priced somewhere around the two million dollar mark.



Being so crowded it was difficult to get clear shots of many of the cars. Rarely do I take shots of the cars as they exit but this would be the best opportunity to get some clean pictures. Standing by the side of the road watching many drivers put the pedal to the metal I thought of YouTube videos with Mustangs wiping out as they nailed the accelerator. I hoped none would crash into me. Well, a GT40 went past me nailed it spun out and ended up jumping a curb and ended up in some bushes. Expensive day for someone?



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It's been a great season with so much to see and do. I am already looking forward to the 2022 season. Have a healthy and safe off season. As always ... SEE YOU ON THE ROAD Keith



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Home!

Story and Photos Mary Jane Lightbody

This is our barn that my husband, Steele, built himself.

Post and beam. Hand hewn - 20 years ago. (2000) Three story, cupola on top from Ganawatee farm in Walpole.

We had an actual barn raising way back then.

Sets on two acres with backdrop of 160 acres of town forest.

That is our Vette, taking it all in.





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Classy Corvette Cougar Night!

Story by Mal Smith (no photo evidence)

The Classy Corvette Cougars have come out of retirement and their first adventure was a repeat from a few years back.

In fact, I believe that we have been to Molly's Apothecary in Medway at least 3 times before. So, as you can assume, it is a great place and you just can't help but have fun there. A big thank you to EMCC Member, Jean Kirkham, for taking the lead on this event.

Twelve CCC's joined together for some great appetizers, wine and socializing before (and during) our evening of making glycerin soap, body lotion parfaits, ice cream sugar scrub sundaes, bubble bath salts and a few other body pampering items. All of us had lots of laughs and went home with a bag of great products that we actually made ourselves. Fun, fun night.

Many of us shopped in the apothecary before heading home and picked up some great Christmas gifts and some lovely items for ourselves.

After the holidays, we have a great event planned. Something to help take the chill out of the season.

No pictures, you ask?????

Well, what happens at Molly's stays at Molly's.





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EMCC 1984!

Submission by Joel Baker

On the following eight pages are scanned treasures of what may be EMCC's very first newsletter exactly as it appeared in 1984. The technology was cutting edge! LOL :) I hope this brings back some memories because I clearly missed some great times!

November, 1984

PREZ CORNER By Joel

Well, the winter season is coming on strong. Let's hope it will be a mild one so we can get a lot done on the cars!

By the time you read this, the first TOGA party will be a part of history. I hope everyone had a great time.

I'd like to thank everyone who showed up at the Millis Homecoming Parade to take the girls to the football game and also all the members who showed their cars in the Wellesley Parade. (Do we need a defensive driving school for parade drivers?? Right Aaron? Right Jeff?)

On Dec. 9th, there is going to be a meeting on car show rules and the possibility of a New England Regional Corvette Club. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Bill or me. It will be held in Andover and is a breakfast meeting starting at 11 am. Pre registration of \$11 per person has to be mailed by Nov. 12th. More details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'd like to welcome our newest members to the club- Kathy K., Anna F., Jeff O. and Peter A. Also, a special welcome to our first Junior Members- Scott K. and Jeff K.

VICE PREZ By Aaron

I'd like to welcome 4 new members, 3 of whom you already know; Kathy, Jeff & Anna. Peter is the 4th and since you might not have met him, let me introduce you. Peter owns a red '63 Roadster. Although this is his first Vette, he used to work for an area dealer and part of his job was to drive Vettes out to Springfield or back (not a bad job to ride in Vettes all day!) We'll be looking forward to seeing more of all new members once winter is over and activities get rolling again.

FOR SALE by Daren

Set of 4 slotted aluminum wheels and 3 caps, \$525. Call Daren at 359-2799 if interested.

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Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 8:00 at the Frances Cafe in Medfield. All corvette owners are invited to join us.

CLUB JACKETS Joel

All of the newest jackets have been delivered and are being proudly worn. (Has anyone stopped to notice how many of us are out there?)

I will put in another order for jackets as soon as I get six (6) more people who want one.

Jackets are still only \$50.

TOGA TOGA!!

Last month, we told you to get out your party clothes and get ready to party and that's exactly what we did until 6:30 this morning at Daren's Toga party! (If this article doesn't make much sense, it's because I'm not really awake yet.)

Every toga was unique and ranged from Daren's sexy spring toga, to Ray's Reagan toga and mask. During the night, we saw even more togas while watching Animal House, and absolutely no togas in some other movies. (Aaron, where do you rent them?)

Joe O. arrived without his toga, but with his brand new '34 5 window coupe, which is beautiful! It was rather nippy looking at the car wearing only a sheet when the temperature was only 25!

Our thanks to Daren and all who helped by coming or cooking breakfast at 3 am! All in favor of doing it again say TOGA TOGA!



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Calendar Best Bets

- Nov. 3 TOGA party at Daren's in Medfield, 8:00 pm Bring munchies
- Nov. 5 EMCC club meeting, 8:00 at the Frances Cafe in Medfield
- Dec. 1 All Corvette Christmas Party at George Kay's Crystal Room in Haverhill, MA. \$35 per couple includes dinner (Sit down all you can eat turkey dinner), dancing, DJ and slide show. \$\$ due to Wild Bill by Nov. 20. Social hour 7-8. Dinner at 8. Open till 1.
- Dec. 3 EMCC club meeting, 8 pm at the Frances Cafe. Bring \$ for the Christmas party reservations!
- Dec. 9 Inter club breakfast 11:00 am, \$11 per person. Sponsored by Dan Gale and will be held in Andover at the Sheraton Rolling Green. Other details elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Dec. 9 EMCC Christmas Party at the Frances Cafe in Medfield. Social 7-8. \$15 per couple includes dinner and DJ. Dress code is open. Dinner at 8. Names & \$\$ to Sharon D. (543-3393) by Dec. 3. More details at meeting. Get ready- it's PARTY TIME!!
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party at Davis' from 8 pm till next year

CLUB STORE

Black Satin Jackets \$50.00 lightweight \$52.50 winter

Club T shirts \$ 6.50 black

Cruisin T shirts \$ 7.00 red X-L only, navy L only

Sweatshirts (black) \$10.00 crewneck, \$15-hooded pullover,
\$16.00 hooded with zipper

WANTED: 1970 LT-1 Convertible. Silver, black leather interior, tilt-telescopic wheel, power windows, low mileage preferred. Must have matching numbers throughout. Unrestored, optional alarm. Call Arnie at 617-326-6156.

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HOW CLUBMEMBERS SPENT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

WELLESLEY PARADE

No one seems to know why Wellesley has their Veteran's Parade in October instead of November, but that didn't stop the thousands of people from coming to honor all veterans and it couldn't have been better parade weather to keep the cars cool and happy.

The day, Oct. 14th, got off to a bumpy start for Jeff and Anna, and gave Aaron and Geri the scare of their lives! (Not to mention the ride of their lives to end all lives!) One way or another, we all somehow managed to get to the starting point by 12:30 in one piece.

We had a fantastic selection of cars for the people to admire; 10 club cars and a stray '54, so the cars ranged from '54 to '84. To be different, we had Ray lead the way with the '84 and showed progress into the past (Monty Python?) by having the '54 bring up the rear.

Bob Lobel of Chanel 4 was the announcer and announced that he was mighty impressed with these fine looking cars. At that point, Mike O. gave the crowd a thrill with the longest burn out ever recorded in the middle of Wellesley Square! Lobel was even more impressed by Mike's performance which convinced the rest of us to 'decorate' the rest of the road all the way to Nick's.

EasternMass will always be remembered by those people who took the time to honor the Veterans. Those who will be remembered by us and who helped Wellesley have such a successful parade are: Ray & Son, Jeff, Anna, Daren, Aaron & Geri, Mike O., Wayne & Jeannie, Ken & Sharon, Bill and Carol, not to mention the kids who walked the 2 miles carrying the club sign. Thanks, all of you, for a job well done and enjoyed by all!!

MILLIS HOMECOMING PARADE

When Millis' music/band teacher asked the finalists in the Homecoming Queen contest how they wanted to be transported through the parade and onto the fields, they unanimously said in Corvettes. Since Mr. T. used to own a '69 Roadster, he knew how to recognize that even though mine was older, it was still a Vette, so he called and asked if I knew 5 people with vettes, to be a part of Millis history.

Bill & I had to go to a wedding that day, so our cars didn't get to go either, but all of EMCC's single guys seemed to find their way!! Since we are a non sexist club, we also supplied some female chauffeurs. The girls were thrilled to be riding in/on real Corvettes and want to thank, along with the club, Joel, Aaron, Mike, Holly and Daren for helping to make Homecoming Day something special for Millis High Students.

Mr. T. just called to thank everyone and to say that the principal was so overcome by the sight of all those beautiful cars coming down the hill that he forgot to thank the Army for supplying the honor guard!! Mr. T. also told me that both Mike O. and Mike S. were there (sorry for only listing Mike!) and that the students video tape of the parade will be shown on the Millis Cable station for us to record or we can make a copy through the school. He said the color wasn't properly in balance, so Mike S.' car looks lime green and the students apologize for that. He also said to tell you that the girls are still talking about the thrill of riding in a vette. He thanks Daren for lining the cars up by year, too.

TOGA TOGA

As you probably know by now, Daren's Halloween Party that had to be moved to the Davis', which also changed the date from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3 has, by now, been changed to a toga party, and on top of that, has been moved back to Daren's house, but the date has not been changed back to Oct. 27th, because Oct. is all over!!!

Now didn't we say that EMCC is the club with class? Not too much, but just enough!! And weren't we right? Any volunteers to not have a party at a date that can easily be changed? If anyone understands all this, you have too much class and don't belong with the EMCC crazies!!



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10-10-84

News From Down South by Mark P.

Dear Fellow Vette Nuts:

Our family is settled in the farm we bought along with 29 cows, 2 horses, 2 cats, a dog and a gerbil. It's hard to keep track of what eats what having food sacks all over the barn!

My '66 was scratched in spots by the moving company and is being re-painted and the bumpers are being re-chromed courtesy of the moving co.! I had the rear carb rebuilt as the engine flooded and that carb was the source of the problem. It's been in the shop for 1½ months so far, but should be out soon. The '84 is getting some Bilstein shocks to help it stop "jumping", and I hope it helps. The bumps are abrupt, but with the Bose stereo playing Bruce Springsteen at 120 mph, I have learned to dance while driving!

Linda stays home with Margaret and takes long walks on the farm roads with the neighbor wives. I take the boys to their school and she get to pick them up. My office is a 1 hour drive from the farm, but we're moving back to our regular house on Nov. 1st; then it will only be a ½ hour drive to the office.

I have enclosed some pictures for the club album that will give you some kind of idea what it's like "down south". We really miss you all and are hoping you will be able to visit us in Nashville. We have plenty of room and beer (for Bill).

The newsletter is without a doubt the best I have ever seen in a Corvette club. I hope to start a Cruisin' night in Nashville and will keep you posted.

Dear Corvetters,

It's time to stop and re-think - Show & Shine vs Concourse; Street and Super Street vs Show & Shine, etc. Have you heard this before? Well, lets do something!!

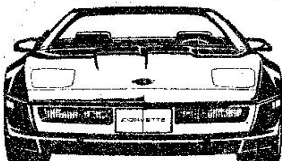
Join with us on December 9, 1984 at 11:00 am for a Breakfast Meeting at the Sheraton Rolling Green Motor Inn - Andover, exit 17E off of Rt. 93 North to help discuss these and other Show related problems facing our Corvette Clubs.

Come with your ideas to help rejuvenate the classification structures, show rules & regulations, judging principles, etc. The format will be open and any decisions/ideas reached will not be binding - just a general consensus of the overall feelings from our local clubs. This a perfect opportunity to air any problems and try to nail things down prior to the scheduling meeting in February hosted by Seacoast Vettes.

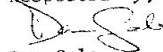
Attendance is open to all who are truly interested in the advancement of our Corvette Clubs. Cost for the breakfast meeting is \$11 per person and will require pre-registration by November 12th. It is not necessary to submit a list of actual attendees with your pre-registration, just a check to cover the number of people coming.

It isn't often the opportunity presents itself to get together with our peers to straighten out problems that concern us all so lets have a good turnout. - December 9, 1984, 11:00am at the Sheraton Rolling Green Motor Inn, Andover. Also hear about the proposed Northeast Corvette Council. Any further questions? Please call me, (617)475-9152 most evenings.

Remember - A little help now will be a big help later!!



Respectfully,


Dan Gale
398 Lowell St.
Andover, MA 01810

THE TIME IS RIGHT!



Reagan signs auto parts bill

WASHINGTON - President Ronald Reagan signed legislation yesterday aimed at discouraging car thieves by requiring identification numbers on major automobile parts. The numbers are supposed to make car parts easier to trace and discourage "chop shop" operators who steal cars, take them apart and sell them piece by piece. The bill also provides criminal penalties altering vehicle identification numbers or trafficking in, importing or exporting stolen vehicle parts. (AP)



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October as seen by Aaron

Well here it is, Turkey Season again! Getting ready to put your car away (seems like just yesterday I got mine back! Or was it yesterday?) Anyway, I managed to get my car semi together to participate in the Wellesley Parade on Oct. 14th with the other club members.

Despite almost taking Geri's and my car's life on Rt. 9, we somehow got to the parade. I'd like to thank everyone who brought their cars and made it a fun day! We had 11 cars in all, with 10 of them from our club.

Ray's '84 can really put down some WIDE tire tracks and Carol worked on her tires so she can get new Red Lines for Christmas. I hear Bob Lobel really liked the burnouts by Bill and Mike O. in front of the grandstand! Mike O. was busy impressing everyone along the route with the way his 427 can spin tires!

After the parade, we all went to Nivk's for some refreshments where we met some other Corvette friends before the day came to an end. Thanks again for everyone who made it a great day.

On Saturday, Oct. 20th, a small group of us participated in Millis' Homecoming game by driving the five finalists in a small parade through town and then out onto the football field.

There were ten or eleven Corvette's in all which brought many nice remarks from a lot of people. The organizer, Mr. T., was very pleased with the turnout of Vettes and thanked us for our participation.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated because this kind of enthusiasm makes a good name for our club!

Guess what this is- answer next month or ask Aaron!

Finish Line



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THE EDITOR HEARS:

That this column is back by popular demand!! That means that at least 2 members even mentioned it in passing, so you're stuck reading it again!

That the first maybe annual EMCC Pinewood Derby challenge will be held sometime in Feb. or March. All Corvette clubs are invited to try to beat us in such categories as fastest, best paint, best design, best engine, best interior (only joking on the last 2!). For EMCC members, we will have the official Cub Scout kits at meetings or call to reserve a kit through a board member. Cost= peanuts compared to the real thing! The race and show will be held at a local hall for a nominal entry fee. The track is wired for electronic timing, but bring your cameras for a photo finish. (Can you imagine watching your real car go flying down a track, driverless??) Contact Wild Bill for info or to buy a kit.

That Jeff O., Anna, Aaron and Geri had different, but similar scary experiences on the way to the Wellesley Parade, which fortunately didn't end as horrendously as it could have. P.S. Don't go to the gas station across from the old Fall River Knitting Mills if you're planning to do figure 8's, etc. in the middle of Rte. 9 as they forget to put the gas cap back on.

That if you read the item before this, you have probably figured out that Aaron's car is all painted (again). Thank you Aaron for letting the new members know that you really have a Vette!

That Mike S. not only has a new son, he has a new vette! This one is a beauty, so make sure you get to see it before he sells it (or is this THE one? any bets?).

That we only have one birthday to write about this month, so all of our Happy Birthday Greetings go to Jeff.O. on Nov. 8th!!

That Mike O. and Daren have been seen at some sleezy places in Newport this month. Daren says that her mother was right about the women who go to those places!! Seriously, it came out really nice! MEOW!!!

That the stupid editor keeps forgetting to thank Aaron for making free copies of all of these strange newsletters, especially at the last minute (like on the way to the meeting.) I won't say anything about the fact that if the VP articles got here before the afternoon of the meeting, that he'd have more time to run them off!!

That by the time you read this, the newsletter will probably definitely have a name and the winner will get 10% off at Wild Bill's and a gallon of Armorall from Ray! The contest to guess the number of errors will continue until everyone is sick of it!! Last month's winner was Joel who guessed 20. Maureen was the lucky winner of the pot!!

That the club photo album is available for you to put your club related pictures in. Do you want the whole thing to be my car? Look in your collection of prints from this past season and see if you have any good ones that you'd like to share. Copies are fine- uoy don't have to give up your own pictures. All TOGA pictures must be rated R or less.

That Dan let a friend drive his car and the friend sort of ruined the whole nose of the car. We're glad your car is only down and not out completely. Hope it's back in shape soon!!!



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Thank you Mark & Linda for these tips on how to write newsletter articles...



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HELPFUL HINTS FOR WRITING LETTERS AND

this most helpful list.

1. Don't use no double negatives.
2. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
3. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
4. About those sentence fragments.
5. When dangling, watch your participles.
6. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
7. Just between me and you, what you put there is important to.
8. Don't write run-on sentences they are hard to read.

8(a) Don't make no sloppy corrections.

9. Don't use commas, which ~~arent~~^{aint} necessary.
 10. Try to not ever split no infinitives.
 11. Its important to use your apostrophe's correctly.
 12. Proofread your writing to see if you any words out.
 13. Remember correct speling is essential.
 14. Avoid cliches like the plague.
 15. Don't indulge in intricate elaborations of the unmistakably obvious.
 16. Eschew obfuscatory morphemes.
- Their ain't no use in writing no more, you wouldn't

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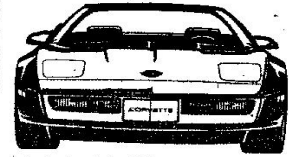


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The Performance Promise

Detroit Keeps its Word for 1985

By David Ellis, Todd Howard, and Jeff Smith

Forget all your preconceived notions about new cars. Yes, they're more expensive, more electronically complicated, and harder to work on than ever. And yes, the trend towards small-displacement motors is becoming a consensus among Detroit's slide rule set. But lo and behold, the Big Three have rediscovered the automotive pleasure principle. The new '85 cars are fun.

The new GM, Ford, and Chrysler products can hold their own against any domestic production cars of any era. Acceleration, economy, precise handling, aerodynamic styling, and fuel efficiency have never been doled out in such generous portions. Chevrolet has found yet another way to wring power from its venerable small-block V-8, and GM's V-6 performance program is starting to take flight. At Ford, world-class technology graces every inch of their

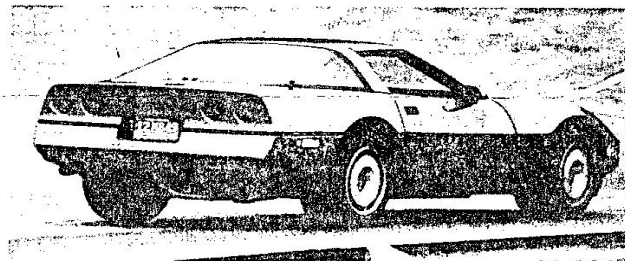
new product; the aero look continues to find mass appeal, and there is real substance between the fenderwells. The '85 Mustang GT, Thunderbird Turbo Coupe, and even the demure Tempo/Topaz are faster than ever—with cornering power to match. And, lest we forget Chrysler, Iacocca's blazing company will be offering turbo motors for virtually all of its performance cars.

One editor quipped that '85 is the "year of the tire." He may be right. Low-profile, high-tech radials are the order of the day in Detroit, bringing race car-bred handling and traction to the streets. Acceleration now has a new dimension: lateral as well as straight line. As you will see, performance is hardly dead. It's back with a vengeance. But don't take our word for it. Take a trip down to your local new car dealer and find out for yourself.

General Motors

For GM, 1985 is going to be remembered as a year of refinement—big refinements. With most of its product line already in place, GM engineers are presently making its cars more competitive by pumping up the performance. The Pontiac Fiero will get its long awaited 2.8-liter Multi-port Fuel Injected V-6 by the end of '84; Chevrolet has answered Pontiac's killer turbo Sunbird J-car with its V-6 Cavalier Z/24; and while Olds and Buick make minor improvements to their existing product line, Chevrolet has added yet another acronym to the performance vocabulary—TPI.

TPI, or Tuned Port Injection, is the big news coming out of Chevrolet and GM this year. Unlike the "fuelie" and throttle body-injected motors of the past,



The '85 Corvette boasts more horsepower (230), a Tuned Port Injection, and a much improved suspension.

the TPI concept represents significant sophistication in induction technology. The TPI system consists of large forward-facing air cleaners which duct cool air to a long cast-aluminum plenum. The air is pulsed through a set of tuned runners outfitted with an injector system which fires twice each time the intake

valve opens. The net result is increased horsepower and low-end torque.

Both the '85 Corvette and the '85 IROC Z/28 Camaro are the immediate beneficiaries of this new technology. The TPI Vette is considerably quicker than its '84 predecessor. The TPI 5.7-liter engine puts out 230 hp and 330

lbs./ft. of torque—approximately a 10-percent improvement over the 205-hp, 290 lbs./ft.-output of last year's Cross-fire throttle body-injected 5.7-liter motor. While the numbers represent a seemingly modest increase, there is a dramatic improvement in observed performance; the car feels noticeably quicker. The Vette suspension has been softened overall, improving ride quality without sacrificing the car's formidable cornering power.

The IROC Z/28 is going to be Chevy's heavy hitter for '85. Available with either the L69 190-hp, carbureted 305ci



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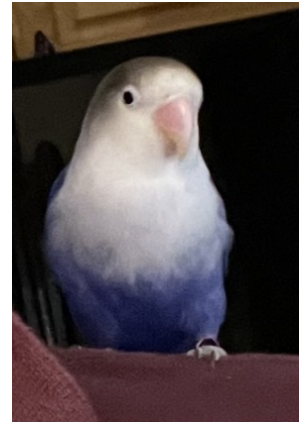
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Club Mascots

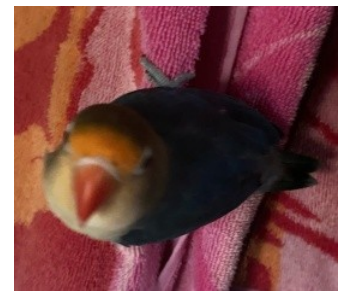
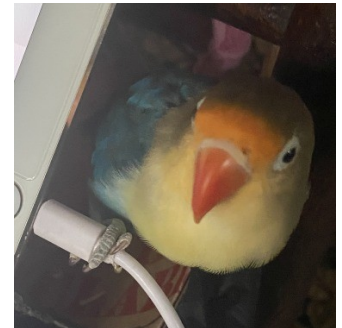
Story by Mal Smith. Photos by their owners

I would like take a minute of your time to introduce you to a few of the Club Mascots. Most of you have heard a lot about these little guys, but here is the formal introduction:

First of all, we have **Bling** who is the son of Mal and Joe. He is a year and a half old and is also known as the **Punk**. He has attitude.



Then we have **Louie** who is the son of Mary Jane and Steele Lightbody. Louie is the younger brother of Bling. Louie is also known as **Gangster**. He is young and still in training.





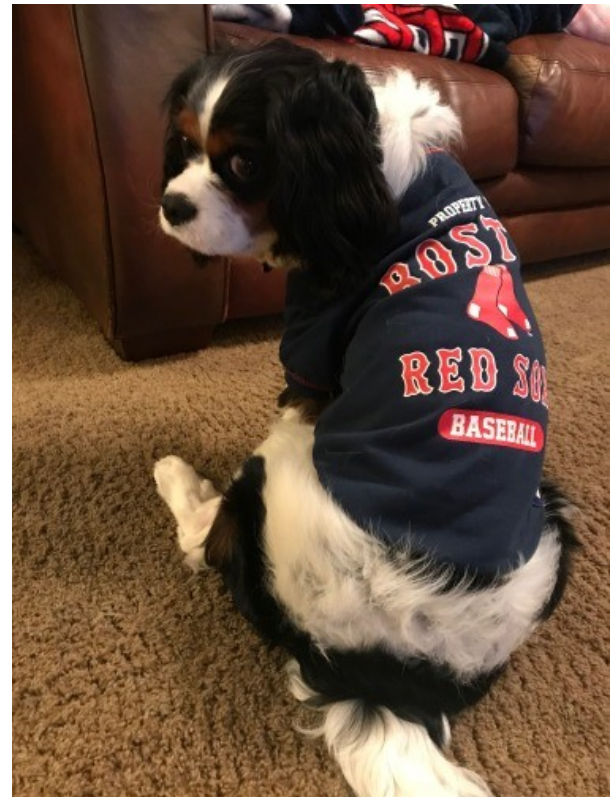
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And, last but not least of the Love Birds, we have **Jackson** who is the son of Carolyn Collins. This little guy is so sweet and is also in training. He recently traveled by plane from South Carolina with his Mom and Auntie Mal and now lives in Wrentham.



We also have a four legged Mascot who has attended quite a few of our events and brings a smile to all of us. This is Barkley who is the grandson of Bruce and Sue Kolovson. He is loved by all who meet him.





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My Year in Review

Story, & Photos, Keith E. Jacobson

For the last few years I have tried to find interesting events and locations for shows. Covid has changed what I do and where I go. In 2021 there were still many interesting opportunities and here are a few.

Audrain Automobile Museum held a Cars & Coffee event at Fort Adams in Newport, R.I. during their Concours Week. Jay Leno is chairman of the Concours. He made an appearance at Cars & Coffee, where we were lucky to have many of the Concours entrants stop by. Cars were parked inside the fort once the outside was full.





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The 4th of July parade in Needham was a lot of fun and we lined up with the first three cars red, white, and blue. This got a lot of comments from the crowd.



The club has so many different events. If you missed some of them in 2021 try to get out and participate in 2022.

A regular event is the Mass Cruisers/Bass Pro cruise night at Patriot Place. The schedule for 2022 (subject to change) has already been posted. Note the dates.

2022 Bass Pro Shops Cruise Night Schedule						
Thursday bi-weekly cruise dates are subject to change if a conflict occurs with Gillette Stadium events, Patriot's Thursday night home game dates* and ongoing Massachusetts COVID-19 mandated outdoor event gathering restrictions.						
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST*	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
7 & 21	5 & 19	2, 16 & 30	14 & 28	11* & 25*	8* & 22	6 & 20
Enjoy your day of cruising nostalgia and fun at the Bass Pro Shops Cruise with the Mass Cruisers						

The club's Facebook page and the Vette Gazette are always looking for new content. All members are encouraged to submit pictures of your cars in cool places that you visit.

The Scituate lighthouse and MIT site are a few of examples from my travels this year.

Wishing everyone safe travels and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing y'all April 7th at Bass Pro ... it's just around the corner. Stay warm.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD ... KK



Scituate Lighthouse



Ionospheric Research Radar, MIT Haystack Observatory site Westford



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Merry Christmas from our Members

Christmas cheer photos submitted by our members

The Smith Family





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The Hanson Family



The Collins Family



The Crandell Family





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EMCC Christmas Party 2021

Story, Gerry Criscenzo. Photos, Gerry and Eric Hart

I'll let the photos tell the story of the great fun of this year's Christmas Party. It was Dec 9th and hosted at Conrad's in Walpole, which is where our Board and Member meetings are held. The delicious buffet included steak tips, stuffed shells and this amazing stuffed chicken thing! For dessert, EMCC Cake!

Many members contributed gifts towards the raffles, which was an immensely fun success, and also included a number of cash raffles. Carolyn Collins created beautiful snowman centerpieces for all the tables which were also raffled off. Lots of prizes = Lots of fun. This year, the evening included a Toys for Tots collection which was organized by one of this year's newest members, Gary Crandall and his wife Donna. We believe this will be part of our future EMCC Christmas Parties.



From Gary:

"I just wanted to let you know that we collected a total of 58 toys and 12 books for little kids who otherwise might not enjoy Christmas. Although these gifts may not seem like a lot to most of us, to those kids who receive them it is the difference between disappointment and happiness. Thank you, the board and all of the club members for participating in making a difference. I will be delivering these toys and books to my local State Police Barracks, which are collection points for Toys for Tots. Maybe just maybe, this can become part of the annual Christmas Party festivities."

Best Regards

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Donna and Gary Crandall*



Whether you attended our Gala or not, please enjoy the photos and know that a great time was had by all.

Cheers and Merry Christmas!





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Mikey's Bench

Story and Photos, Gerry Criscenzo

The blustery Day did nothing to diminish the warmth of the crowd that gathered to dedicate a park bench in Norwood center in memory of Mike Wodogaza.

EMCC honored Mike with 18 Corvettes and joined Mike's mother, Debbie, and his brother, Rob, and many of his friends that also knew and loved him.

Mike was known to all as "Big Mike." He dedicated his life building relationships and spreading the kindness of his large heart which is sorely needed in today's world.

This dedication would not have happened without the love of Maria and Despina Avramidis, the owners of the Common Cafe. They and Mike's family truly loved Mike for all that he stood for. The following are their words from the dedication.



Dedication by Despina Avramidis



Thank you all for being here to celebrate Mikey's life with us. As the holiday season approaches, it's hard for me to wrap my mind around the fact that this time last year, Mike was running to True Value for us for Christmas lights and holding on to my swivly barstool at the cafe while I strung them up.

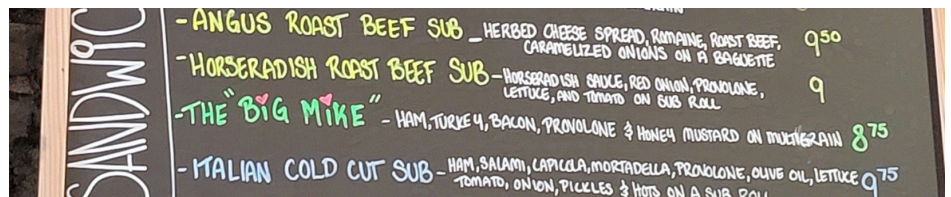
As long as I can remember, Mike loved the holidays because he absolutely loved to help me decorate.



This year, I will have to be extra careful stringing up my lights while up on that swivly chair because my anchor won't be there to spot me. Last year, he got us a beautiful snow globe that we've displayed proudly since he left us. It's Christmas-themed but to us it will never be out of season. We will treasure it forever. We miss our Jolly Little Helper so much and certain things will never be the same at the Café ... or in Norwood. Like when my mom bakes warm cookies or his favorite cupcakes, I still expect to hear, "Ooooh, Mum's making cupcakes!" Now when I call out of work, there is nobody sending me a text to make sure I'm okay. Instead, people just get upset with me!



The thing we miss most about Mike is the mutual love that was there. Mikey was family. He called me his little sister and was quick to let everyone know that he didn't approve of all of my earrings and Tattoos ... Classic big brother Style. I'm so grateful for all of you who helped us with Mikey's bench. Mike would have honestly been shocked, and all smiles, and giggles to know how many of you came together so quickly to make this happen in his honor. **Thank you.**





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Dedication by Rob Wodogaza

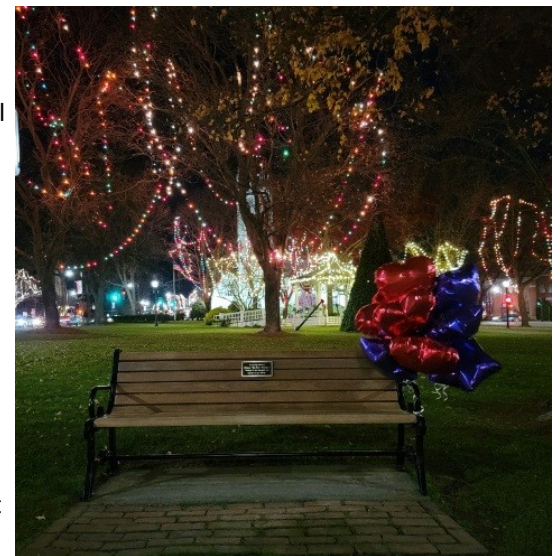


Thank you so much for coming to this dedication for my brother Mike this morning. Or as he was known around town, Big Mike. Let me start out by first thanking Maria and Despina from the common Café. Without their continued friendship to my brother, and their hard work on this project, we would not be standing here today. This was their idea and we greatly appreciate you both. I would like to thank the town of Norwood and Ryan Manning for following through on this project and giving my brother a permanent presence here in this beautiful Town common. This was his favorite place to be.

Unfortunately my father could not be here to see this project come to fruition. He put up one heck of a fight but he lost his fight with cancer at the end of August. I know he is here with us today in spirit and I am sure he is smiling and celebrating will all of us.

Mike was not a complicated guy. He didn't want or need the fancy car, the big house, power or influence. None of that mattered to him. What he wanted most of all was to literally to just be everyone's friend, and to be accepted and treated the same way.

Relationships are what Mike was all about and it's what got him out of bed each day. He would walk into town and make the rounds most days and visit with everyone. He would check in on everyone and see how they were doing. Maybe he'd sit and have a conversation, a meal, or just brighten your day with a Hello and a smile. From time to time he would leave money at restaurants for his friends that needed a meal or he would offer his apartment to someone who might need a place to stay.



Whatever it was, he never made it complicated or difficult. He just wanted to be your friend. These specific qualities are something we should all strive for in our lives. As they say if you have one best friend in your lifetime you are lucky. It seems like Mike had many.

So I hope this bench serves as a symbol of friendship to all who come to the common; a place you can sit and build relationships with people that you want in your life.

We could all use more friends in our lives.

Thanks again for coming out today.





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Holiday Cheer!

By VP & Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



Like bears and Corvettes, the Gazette will now hibernate until March.

Until we meet again, I wish you and yours joyous tidings for the holiday season and hope 2022 brings you good health, prosperity and relief from this ongoing insanity.

I will leave you with my own recipe for joy-in-a-cup. I like to share this at this festive time of year "when want is so keenly felt, and abundance rejoices." -Dickens



*Merry Christmas
From our Family to Yours.
Peace and Goodwill
To All.*

Irish Hot Toddy!

This is my recipe, which I shared in years past, and received many "cheers."

The hot Chai tea has all the spiced Toddy flavors of cloves and citrus zests.

Boil water (leave room for Jameson). Add Chai tea bag. Add cinnamon stick. Add honey to taste. Add enough Jameson to really warm your cockles. :)

Cheers!

