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that bring us together,  
but it is the people  
that create a lifetime  
worth of memories.**

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# President's Message

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We lost one of our very active EMCC soldiers this past month and our hearts are heavy. Arne Johnson joined EMCC in June of 2000 and quickly became very active and was loved by all. During Arne's working days, he included the Club in many of the activities of his work and the Club was always looking forward to the many articles Arne submitted to our Gazette. Arne loved his Corvette (2003 Anniversary Red Roadster) and more particularly going to Tuesday Static Cruise Nites. Arne will be missed by us all.

Ida Johnson, Arne's wife, was recently on our Sunshine List and we have kept her in our prayers. She has written a thank you note to the Club for the calls and cards of sympathy for her loss.

Due to Covid-19 regulations, EMCC was unable to attend the services for Arne, but we have his memory in our heart.

Summer is winding down this month and we are heading to the beautiful season of fall. We already have plans for our Fall Foliage Cruise which will be held on October 18th.. That event is always a big hit with the Club. Hope you are able to join in this year. More details to come.

We have a few new things in the works and we will be introducing them to you soon. Bill S and Gerry are in the process of working on an easier and better way to pay dues. This technological world has opened many doors for us. Hopefully, the new process will be in place before our 2021-2022 dues is due.

A huge "shout-out" goes to Membership Chair, Bob Hanson, who has taken the time to make a new electronic copy of our By-Laws. It will make the process of revising/updating our By-Laws a much easier process. Thank you so much for taking that project and running with it. Speaking of By-Laws, we were hoping to get a committee together this year to do the revisions, but Covid put a halt to that for now. We will set up that committee next year and modernize our "rules and regulations". Also, Bob has made up a questionnaire to use as a guide in putting together an article for the Gazette about our new members. Each sponsor should get together with the new member and write a small article about them to share with the Club.

If the weather is good, we will be having our Membership Meeting at Lake Pearl, Wrentham (same as last month) on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Bring your chair. Hope to see you there. Last month the meeting was very productive. Keep your eye on email for cancellation if we have poor weather.

Thank you to all of the members who have worked with Bruce to put together a wonderful array of events for EMCC. Bruce has truly outdone himself with all the activity that have been provided to the Club. Thank you, Bruce. Please let Bruce know if you have an idea for an event or wish to sponsor an event this year.

As you all know, the Celebration of Life for our beloved past member, Dennis Collins was scheduled for the end of this month. Due to the Covid-19 rules and regulations, Carolyn and her family have had to make some very difficult decisions. The venue is Lake Pearl and the capacity of the event is limited to 50 people, less the staff of 5, which restricts attendance to 45 people. Between Dennis' family and Carolyn's family and a very few close friends, they have just about squeezed the list of attendees to 45. That being said, EMCC will not be able to attend the event. Hopefully, everyone understands. Dennis will always be in our memories.

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# Executive Board & Chairpersons

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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.

**Eastern Mass Corvette Club**  
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# Club Calendar

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**Social distancing is STILL IN EFFECT!! Please respect those who are social distancing and wear your mask, including Static Cruises. Our website has the most up-to-date details for postponements, cancelations, new locations and times. Watch emails for last minute and weather related changes.**

## STANDING EVENTS

- **Static Cruise:** Every Tuesday, weather permitting, we park, chill, and get to know more about each other. Every second Tuesday of the month, the club provides Pizza for MEMBERS. Check [eastermasscorvetteclub.org](http://eastermasscorvetteclub.org) for times and where.
- **Thursday Cruises:** Wild card. Check our website and look for emails.
- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings:** 1st Monday of every month. Meetings are outdoors, weather permitting, at a location able to host us. Check our website and look for emails.



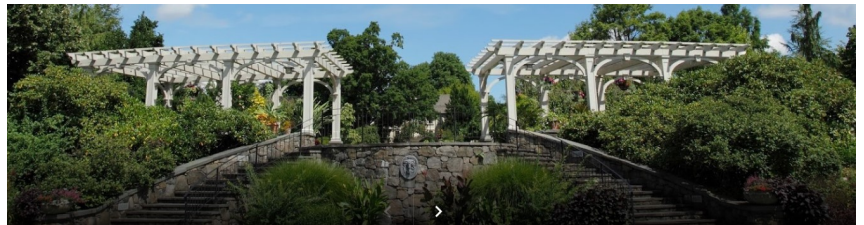
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## Special Events/Cruises

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Check [Website](http://eastermasscorvetteclub.org) for details

- 9/3: Uhlman's Ice Cream Cruise
- 9/10: K.C.s Burgers Cruise, N. Attleboro
- 9/13: Post Office Pub Cruise
- 9/14: **MEMBER MEETING**, Lake Pearl, 5:30



- 9/27: Minute Man National Park Cruise, Concord MA (Left)
- More in the works. Stay tuned to emails and our website.
- **Extra Special:** Columbus Day Cruise! Glen Cove Inn, Rockport, ME. Special rate of \$124 per night plus tax, must mention Eastern Mass Corvette Club. Limited rooms so book now. Due to Covid 19, cancel without penalty. Questions: Organizer, Jim Gable, [jgablesr@yahoo.com](mailto:jgablesr@yahoo.com).



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# WEAR YOUR MASK!

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The EMCC Board has received quite a few “messages” from concerned members about members not wearing masks at EMCC cruises including our Static Cruise.

Wearing masks has not and will not be enforced because, frankly, it would be very awkward and even confrontational for any member to tell another member to wear their mask. We're just not about that and who needs that. We're a fun club. **PLEASE** respect others and wear a mask when attending any EMCC event. **Please.**

Keep in mind: Just one case of Covid **will** shut down the EMCC for a long time. Pretend you're Batman and wear a Mask.



**And don't go Commando!!**





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# Club Member Birthdays

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# Happy Birthday

Rick Butt

Michael Campopiano

Kevin Corrigan

Jim Cove

Bob Feigen

Stephen La Silvia





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# Humor

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## Social Distancing Pickup Lines:

If COVID-19 doesn't take you out... Can I?

Is that hand sanitizer in your pocket or are you just happy to be within 6ft of me?

Since all the public libraries are closed, I'm checking you out instead.

You can't spell virus without U and I.

Baby, do you need toilet paper? Because I can be your Prince Charmin.

I saw you from across the bar. Stay there.

Without you my life is as empty as the supermarket shelf.

Hey Babe! Can I ship you a drink?

You can't spell quarantine without "U R A Q T".

I really can't stay.

Baby it's COVID-19 outside.



Started growing my own pot...  
Not sure if I'm doing it right...



I don't go out with married women, sorry

But I'm your wife

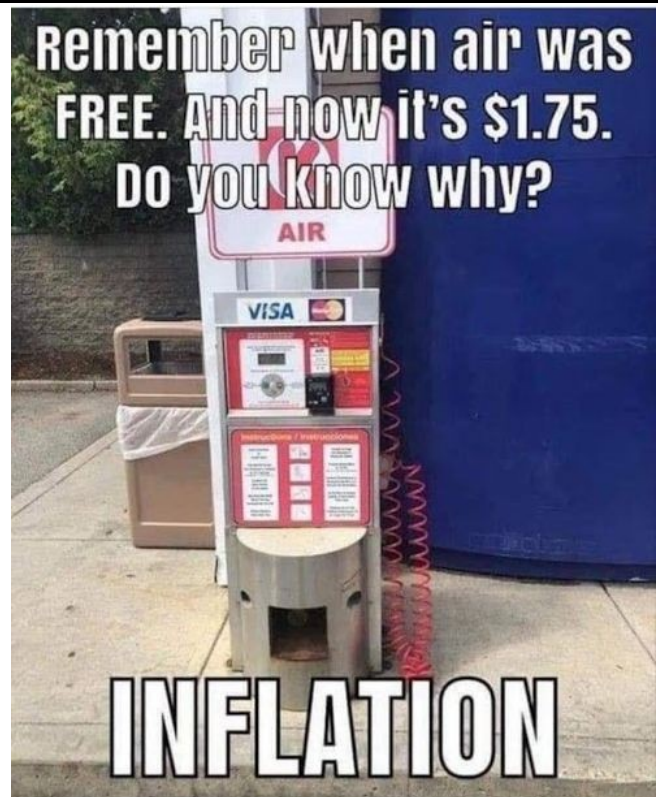
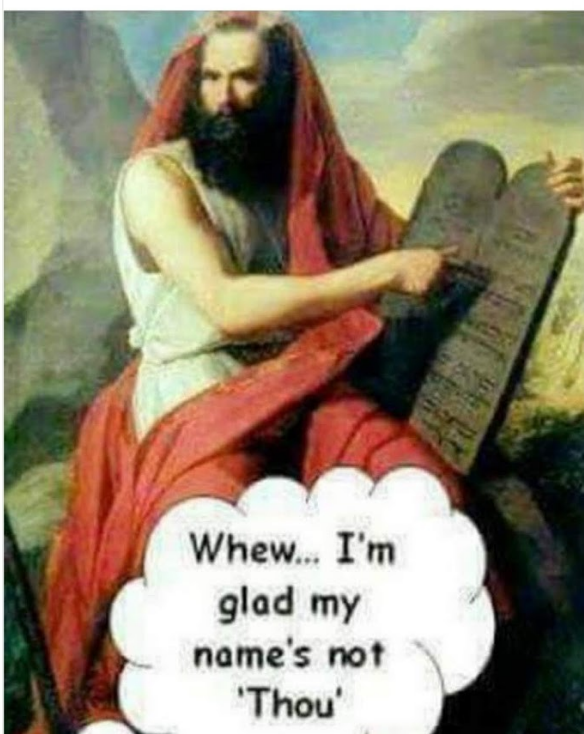
I make no exceptions





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## Cruisin'. It's Easier Than You Think

by Bob Gardner

It's good to see EMCC out and cruisin'. This year, even with the Covid, we've had a number of good cruises both on weekends and week-nights. Much of this success is due to the diligence of our Social Chairman, Bruce Kolovson and his navigator Sue. But leading a cruise should be something everyone feels comfortable doing and wants to do. After all, it's part of why you joined the club. So with that in mind, here is a primer on cruisin' from The Old Man.

**SELECT A DESTINATION.** Any place will do, someplace you had a good experience with, someplace you'd like to share with others, someplace you read about or saw on TV. Any destination with food will be attractive to this club. Food is not essential, but it helps. Today, what's more important is BATHROOMS. They used to be everywhere. Now, not so much.

**PLANNING.** You need to take several things into account: the route; the destination; the time; the parking; the traffic. If you think about the cruises you've taken with us and recall what worked and what didn't it was probably in one of the above categories.

Try to select a route that is enjoyable, easy to drive. Don't make it too complicated. Consider how many traffic lights, stop signs and left turns are along the way. Each has the potential to break up your line so avoid as many as possible. Be sure to publicize your departure time and don't ever leave early. But 1-0-clock means just that and don't dally, either. The route should not be much over an hour. Anything over that and you have to plan bathroom breaks. Remember, some of our members will have been in their cars for some time BEFORE they get to your start point. If necessary, plan a pull over along the way for folks to catch up but always SAFETY FIRST, no stopping on the highway or on roads without a generous shoulder. Whenever possible drive your route to eliminate surprises. A map recon is great but it's no substitute for seeing it yourself.



Be sure to touch base with your destination. Can they handle a group of our size? Can we order from the menu? Would separate checks be doable? All are pluses. How about their parking? Is it ample? Is it dusty? If possible, arrange to call your contact from the departure point with a head count, it will be appreciated.

**CRUISIN'.** This is the fun part. I have long preached we should stagger our departure carefully. Our famous Le Mans starts with everyone jockeying for position is bound to cause trouble someday. Take your time. Much of this is because folks don't KNOW where they're going so they're afraid of getting separated and lost enroute. Keep this in mind with your Driver's Meeting. Put one or more member cars toward the tail with people who are familiar with your destination and route. On the cruise INTERVAL is important. Cars who allow big spaces in the line permit other cars to drift in and out and often miss turns. Keep up. But not too close. Remember, Safety First. The lead car should set a safe speed, always under the limit. Note that if you're doing 70 in the lead, cars in the tail are doing well over that to keep up. Try not to brake. Anticipate and slow down. Brake lights on for only a second in the front translate into major pauses and gaps in the rear. Never stop on a major highway. And if you fall behind, well remember why you bought a Corvette in the first place. Just bring bail money.

**SAFETY FIRST.** Did I mention this? Following too close, speeding, distracted driving, all are no no's. Planning and leading a cruise can be fun and rewarding. And there are plenty of Old Gearheads around to bounce your ideas off. Cruising can be stressful: keeping in line, not getting lost, etc. But it's fun, too, when folks wave to us and Mustangs pull over to the side of the road. So put your thinking cap on, take a test ride with your favorite navigator, raise your hand, and lead a cruise.

Contact Bruce with your cruise suggestions at: [ski1000@verizon.net](mailto:ski1000@verizon.net)



# Member Submissions

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## George's Surf N Turf!

Words Mal Smith. Photos Gerry Criscenzo



The weather has been holding out for EMCC this summer. Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> was no exception. It seems whenever you think of EMCC and an event, you think of food and this event clearly was a food event.

Bruce, our Social Director lead 8 Corvettes to George's Surf and Turf Restaurant for a fabulous dinner. This was not the first time EMCC has cruised to this location and probably will not be the last. The food is excellent and the service is very quick. It is one of

our favorites. Of course, there is also ice cream for those who have a sweet tooth.

There were picnic benches set up (socially distanced) with a covering over them for the patrons to enjoy their dinner. With our Vettes parked for all to see, we sat and enjoyed our dinner and the comradery of EMCC members.

From these pictures, can you tell we all had a great time?

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## Barker Tavern & Scituate Lighthouse

Photos by Bruce Kolovson, Bob Gardner and Mal Smith







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## Static Pizza Cruise

Word and Photos Gerry Criscenzo

The Static Cruises continue to be very well attended and especially the Pizza Static cruises. Who doesn't love pizza? And even better, free pizza! Steve is the Pizza Master making sure everyone gets plenty to eat. But don't get too close and make sure you're masked or he'll threaten you with his pizza slicer!







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## Raynham Wheels of Time

Words and Photos Gerry Criscenzo

It may be the cars that bring us together, but it is the people that create a lifetime worth of memories. This was real fun night at the Great American Pub in Raynham right after the car show.







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# Newest Members

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## John and Myriam Siraco

The President's Welcome

Please meet our newest members.....

On August 30<sup>th</sup> during a planned event to Barker's Tavern in Scituate, the Officers called a Special Meeting to interview and vote on accepting John and Myriam Siraco of Franklin into the Club.

John and Myriam are friends of Bruce and Sue and have attended a few of our events. Bruce has agreed to sponsor them. They were unanimously voted in. Please say hello to them when you see them in their gray 2011 coupe.

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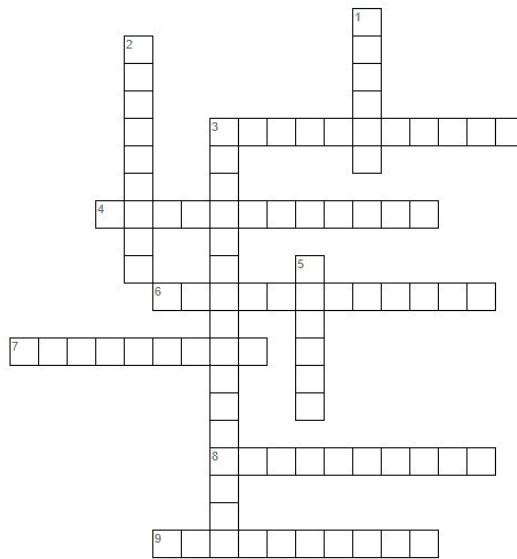


# Fun Stuff

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## Test Your Troubleshooting Knowledge

### Automotive Troubleshooting



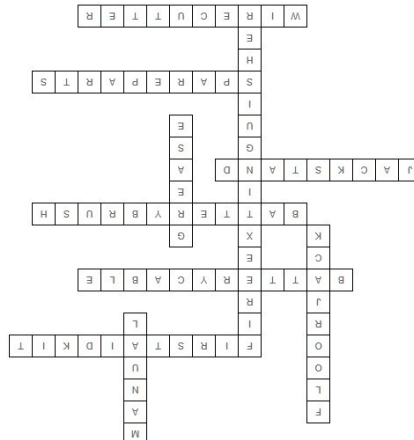
#### Across

- 3 A case used to assist with injuries
- 4 An instrument used to charge a battery or start a vehicle
- 6 Used to clean corrosions on the battery
- 7 An instrument used to keep a vehicle in the air and in a stationary position
- 8 An excess amount of items for a vehicle
- 9 An instrument used to cut wire

#### Down

- 1 This guide helps you with general knowledge about automotive troubleshooting
- 2 This instrument lifts the vehicle off the ground to allow you to service underneath the car
- 3 Used to put out fires
- 5 Used to lubricate nuts and bolts

### Answers (Don't Cheat!)



Automotive Troubleshooting



# 2020 Vettes to Vets Donation Form

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Sadly, Vettes to Vets 2020 is cancelled. The EMCC recently made a \$200 donation to Vettes to Vets which is an annual event that was forced by the pandemic to cancel the event this year. Of course, cancelling the event left the Vets who depend on our donations without their yearly help from all of us. The financial donations provide the means to purchase the necessary items the Vets need during the year. As a thank you for our donation, Vettes to Vets has sent the Club two "thank you pins". For those members who have made donations, thank you. If your donation was over \$70, I am sure you have received your pins by now.



**To donate**, please use/print the donation form below. Your help is needed for those who have served our country. — **THANK YOU, SMOKEN - Mal.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

Vettes to Vets

c/o Karen Blandini

47 Renwick Rd.

Wakefield, MA 01880

Questions? 781-858-1810





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# EMCC Merchandise

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Want to add bling to ANYTHING?

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Order directly from Glenda or you can send her your favorite item(s) and she will "bling" it for you. Even masks! Just ask Mal!





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# Editor's Note

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## Are You Satisfied?

By VP and Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



*“Thank you for calling XYZ Company. Due to the Corona virus, your wait time may be much longer than our usual “you’ll-wait-in-hell” wait time. We advise that you check our website for answers to your questions or hang up and call back in 2021.”*

Does this sound just vaguely familiar?

During EMCC’s July 27th Zoom board meeting, I was on-hold with Verizon after hearing a message “similar” to the above for an issue with HGTV. For my wife, life stops without HGTV. Thank God it wasn’t an issue with Hallmark!

Why was I on hold during our meeting? I called Verizon at 4pm thinking I would be off before our 5:30 Zoom. Hahahaha ... Nope.

I got on our EMCC Zoom, muted the on-hold Verizon call, and literally showed the Board my phone display indicating already on-hold for 90 minutes. I told them I may have to jump off the call when Verizon answers (again, hahahaha ).

As always, we had a great EMMC board meeting. It’s always about business for our member’s benefit but meetings are always jovial and fun ... which has nothing to do with the wine or martini’s since nobody is driving. Thank you, Zoom.

Our board Zoom meetings usually run 60-90 minutes depending on the business being discussed. When we were wrapping up at about 7pm, I heard, “Hi. This is Laura. Thank you for holding. How can I help you?”

At this time, I was now on-hold with Verizon ... three ... solid ... hours! Why: curiosity? In addition to IT consulting, I’m a customer service/experience coach. I had to know how this was going to end; which, ironically, is exactly what happened.

As Verizon answered, in the middle of everyone signing off in the Zoom call, in my “excitement” instead of pressing “mute” to un-mute Verizon, I pressed ... “end.”

Yup!

Aaaaaargghhhh. “I” hung up the call after being on-hold for three hours. Three hours. Three effing hours! I kind of laughed but not that “Oh that was funny” laugh.” More like that inside “maniacal-your-eye-twitching” laugh.

I recomposed, called Comcast and switched ... to other demon.

Question: Do you think, now, after six months, companies are using Corona as an excuse to make you forgive them for their now even worse customer service? Are you satisfied with today’s customer service?

I can tell you this: I am proud to say as a member of the EMCC Board, we are all committed to making sure our members have a great member experience. And we can be shamelessly bribed with wine.