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President's Message

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Welcome to the 2023 Corvette Season!

It's that time of year when we get ready for a Corvette cruising season, taking the cars out of winter storage and getting them ready to go. We're also restarting the gazette after our winter break.

During the winter, the club still meets twice a month: the first Monday is for members and guests, and the last Monday is for board members. We had a Christmas party in December and an anniversary party in February, both of which were well attended and fun. We also meet every Wednesday at noon at different restaurants for lunch. The regular group of around a dozen people meets, along with half a dozen others. It's an enjoyable experience, and we split the bill to keep everyone happy. We plan to continue this throughout the year.

There are a lot of events and cruises planned, and some new ones will come up. We have two meetings a month, a static meet with pizza on the second Tuesday, lunch on Wednesdays, a Bass Pro car show every other Thursday, and a cruise every other Thursday. We love food and ice cream as destinations, and weekends usually have car shows to visit.

EMCC still gets new members all year long, and currently, we have a total of 100 members. Members have Corvettes ranging from 1960 to 2023 and need to have one to be in the club.

Let's get ready to go and Save the Wave!!!

Steve Sylvia
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.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club
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2023 Club Calendar

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Standing Events

- **Tuesday Static Cruise** We **Kicked off 2023:** 4pm, Dunkin Donuts, 995 Old Post Rd, Walpole, across from Mick Morgan's Restaurant.
- 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! Website and emails for details!
- **Wednesday Lunches: All Year!** Wild card and always a great time. 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](http://www.eastermasscorvetteclub.org). Also watch for emails with details. You can also check with Bruce at ski1000@verizon.net, and Fran Blake at graybirch3@comcast.net

- April 16, Spring Fling Cruise
 - April 20, Bass Pro begins
- April 23, Daffodil Day in Newport 8:00am
- April 27, Scenic ride to the Ice Cream Machine
 - April 29, Pinch's Wash &
- May 29 – May 31 Cruise to White Mountains N.H.

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!

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Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Jan

Belated

Feb

Fran Blake
Larry Lepore
Glenn Cosgro
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John Pinciario
Rich Ryan
John Siraco
Steve Wilson

Les Brown
Steve Campbell
Joe Doyle
John Forbes
Bruce Kolovson
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Harold Rhodes
Steve Sylvia
David Uva

Mar

Apr

Larry Colvin
Donna Crandall
Bill Donegan
Phil Gareau
Ash McArthur
Barry McColgan
Peter Musto
Nicole Rutkowski
Frank Tarara
David Yee

Maureen Baker
Ed Forsberg
Jim Gable
Brian Gately
Keith Jacobson



Humor Me



I cant find where the fluid goes in



Me: "Hey babe, I parked my new gun in the barn."
Babe: "What do you mean, parked?"



If road maintenance is paid for with gasoline taxes how will going all electric pay for the maintenance? Chew on that a little while.



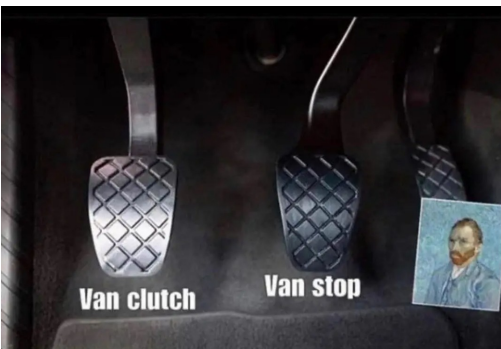
Dad: ok son, one more time before we go in the house

Son: "the mechanic said the car won't start without a supercharger"

Dad: that's my boy!



Close enough





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39th Anniversary Party

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

February 11, 2023 was a great night as EMCC celebrated its 39th anniversary with a bang!

Club members and guests enjoyed a perfect night of food, fun, lively conversations and comradery catching up and sharing stories.



The new board was introduced with the only change introducing Donna Crandall as the new EMCC Secretary. She replaces Eric Hart who did a magnificent job. Thanks, Eric!

We look forward to many more years of cruising in style and celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2024.





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Barrett Jackson Night!

Story: Mal Smith



Ed and Joanne Forsberg kicked off the New Year with their ever popular event this past January 27, 2023. For quite a few years now Ed and Joanne have opened their home to EMCC members and sponsored a unique Barrett Jackson auction gathering. This year was just as much fun!

About 22 plus members met in the media room at Forsberg's and started the bidding/guessing of the sales price of the Corvettes and Chevys that came across the (pre-recorded) auction block. Points were assigned for coming the closest to the sale price but not going over it and extra points were assigned if the amount was exact. Of course, extra points were also given for Corvettes. Jim Gable, the tally keeper for many years now, again kept the scores while Mal collected everyone's "guess".

Everyone put in \$20 to play. From the \$20, pizzas were ordered for all. The balance of the collected money went to the winners.

First place was a tie: John Forbes and Joe Baker \$80 each
Second place: Steve Sylvia \$30

Joanne made her famous chili, her special dip, etc. There were brownies, candy, and..... apple crisp which topped off the night.

Some of the ladies played mah-jongg upstairs in the kitchen. Not sure who the winners were, but I know they had a great time.

There are a few attendees who are not in the picture. They left before we managed to get the picture taken.

Thank you Ed and Joanne. Another fun event.

Mal



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David's New 2023 C8 Z06

Story: David Yee. Photos: Steve Sylvia and Bill Schroeder

Hello to EMCC, the 'BEST' Corvette Club in America.

As some of you may know, I picked-up my new 2023 C8 Z06 from MacMulkin Chevrolet on February 20, 2023 accompanied by my friends Steve Silva, Frank Fontana, and Bill Schroeder. We all enjoyed the experience as the service provided by Todd Larocque, Corvette Sales Manager and his staff was outstanding.

My love for Corvettes began as a teenager when I first saw a 1967 Corvette Stingray coupe. The body lines were so sexy topped with a large air scoop and side pipes; it looked more like a fighter jet than a car to me.

My first Corvette was a 2005 Monterey-Red coupe with a 6 speed stick; I still love that color to this day.

My second Corvette was a 2017 all black Z06; amazing looks and performance. My family and friends call it the 'bat mobile'. It is really fast.

With the release of the C8 Corvette on July 19, 2019, I fell in love again. How could Chevrolet build such a beautiful sports car? A mid-engine to boot!

In early 2020, I heard Chevrolet was planning to build a Z06 version of the C8. Without hesitation or knowing the specs nor the release date, I contacted MacMulkin in May 2020 to be put in-line, leaving a deposit. At that time I was hoping for a 2022 model year but you all know it was delayed for numerous reasons. For almost 3 years I was number 90 on their wait list.

In January 2023, MacMulkin contacted me to finalize my Z06 order. I chose the 2LT package, red mist color, natural leather interior and GT2 seats. I had also ordered the 'ground affect' package but had to remove it due to supply constraints; I replaced it with a carbon flash spoiler. It took Bolling Green only 1 week to build the vehicle along with the hand-built 5.5 liter flat plan crank, naturally aspirated engine. WOW! I also had MacMulkin install PPF before delivery. My Z06 was build number 667.

When weather improves and I have the opportunity to drive the Z06 more, I will provide you with my thoughts on the pros and cons of this vehicle. Hope to see you all soon.

Thanks again to Steve, Frank and Bill for making my delivery experience so memorable.

Your fellow EMCC member
David Yee





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Return of “The Beast”

By John Dwyer

Hi Everyone, it's been awhile.

John has had me trapped in my Harbor Freight outhouse since fall. I've had this tent for 2 years, since the last one caved in after a late season ice/snow storm. John has been more vigilant since then setting his alarm to time trips outside to clear the roof according to the rate of snow or rainfall.

John's brother, Mike, told me an interesting story. He had stopped by for a couple of beers to talk about the just finished stock car season and the kitchen table was covered with diagrams, graphs and a page full of equations. Turns out John was studiously trying to figure out stress points, lateral loads, snow loads, wind pressure per square foot...all over time to graph his alarm timing. We both agreed that was an amusing waste of time. If he has a concern during a storm, don't wait, just come out here and fix it.

I liked the effort, but I have been the test bed for his engineering skills. Bend this, break that, blow up the other thing. Replace with something bigger, stronger, more powerful, repeat. Take this out, weld that, add this.

A couple of storms stand out. Straight rain or snow aren't bad, even if it's blustery. A stiff wind actually seems to help clear the roof because enough air gets inside to fill out the tent like an airship. The roof more round than flat. I wonder if John had that variable thought in his equations?

Those “wintery mix” storms are a problem both John and I do get concerned about. That's what took out my last tent. And, they almost always seem to come at the end of winter, just when we start to relax we made it through another season.

Last year we had a late storm with 4-6 inches of heavy wet snow all through the afternoon. John came out every hour and a half...winter coat, hat, boots and gloves to clear the roof. Once night fell, the snow tapered off to a freezing mix. I saw John come to the back door and flick the light on a few times, but nothing more looked like it was piling up, just putting a frozen crust on everything and turning mostly to icy slush. Finally, about 3 AM, he gets worried enough to come out to clean the tent roof. Not dressed for the weather this time! Parka with a hood, flannel pajama bottoms and slippers.

John hasn't shoveled anything, so there is 3-4 inches of icy slush on the porch, stairs and driveway with an additional 3 inches of icy berm against the tent door that slipped off the hood of his Jeep. It's still raining, mostly water and a little bit of ice and the wind is picking up. Not a night out to be dressed for bed.

To John's surprise and my amusement, the zippers on the tent door are frozen! Down on his belly he goes, swimming through the slush to shimmy under the door. What a sight! He's dripping all over, trying to clean the roof with one hand while holding up his soaked pajamas with the other. I can hear his slippers squishing water as he walks around the tent. He looks a little uncomfortable. How I wish I could laugh...uncomfortable is not the word I'm looking for. He only said one word while in the slush coming in, a maternal reference and he only uses that when he's really, really pissed off.

John remembered this last storm when “wintery mix” was forecasted. Put duct tape at the stress points of the tent poles, tried to get one more click on the ratchet straps holding the tent down and soaked the door zippers with WD-40. Good stuff. And, probably one of the few times John used it for its intended purpose.

Damn! No drama. Zip, Zoop, in, out. Didn't even pull my cover back to see if I was still there.

Hope to see you all soon!





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Soup Party 2023

Story Mal Smith. Photos: Gerry Criscenzo, Mal Smith

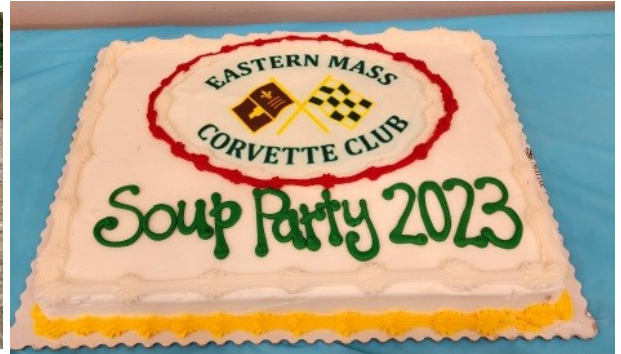
Saturday, March 4th was a perfect day for a Soup Party. There was a threat of snow (which never materialized) and it was what is called "soup weather". Steve and Sherry Wilson were our gracious hosts again this year and they did a bang-up job.

The venue was perfect! The Club House at the Village at River's Edge in Norfolk has become our favorite place to hang out and party. This year, Paul Worsley (great to see you, Paul) donated his usage of the Club House and it is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Paul and a huge thanks to Bob Feigen for helping with the arrangements. It was so nice to see Rick and Jackie Wile (former soup party sponsors) attend the event.

We had over 40 attendees with lots of soup, breads, corn bread, crackers, pepperoni, cheese, fruit, goodies, marble cake, cup cakes, etc., and those darn peanut M&M's. Of course, there was the ever popular Fire Ball which Steve S managed to pass around. The club house was decorated festively with St. Patrick's decorations and a special St. Paddy tree.

There was a pretty plant that was given to Judy P for having the favorite soup of the night. Congrats!

Thanks to all who participated in the event; thanks to those who helped to make it a great success. We hope to see everyone next year along with all those members who were unable to attend.





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St. Patrick's Day Brunch

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

For this year's St Patrick's Day celebration, EMCC represented at the "Friend's of St Patrick's" Luncheon, on St Patrick's Day, of course!

Friend's of St. Patrick's are, in their words "A small band of local citizens in Walpole, dedicated to spreading good will and cheer." What a perfect match for the nine EMCC members who attended their spectacular luncheon. There were twelve seats available, so three of you missed an amazing fun day.

The day began with a few EMCC Vettes attending the Friends of St. Patrick's parade then meeting the rest at the Four Points Sheraton, on RT1 Norwood at noon.



Approximately 550 "Irish Hearted" people attended this Irish Gala with nothing but smiles and laughter everywhere. Traditionally this is an Catholic crowd, so they all laughed when the priest saying St Patrick's prayer announced the she was Protestant.

It was a great "time", as the Irish call it, as the band's Irish jigs filled the air while Guinness and Jameson flowed freely. Lunch: well, boiled corned beef dinner, of course. And it was delicious. When a Sicilian says an Irish meal was delicious, believe it!



Frank Fontana and Steve Campbell won raffles, and Judy (there's only one Judy), won a silent auction that she played like a master. Her prize: Two Bruins tickets with a luxury hotel in Boston!

I, for one, will definitely be attending next year's gala. **Sláinte!**





In Memoriam

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Their Souls Remembered in our Hearts

Stories: Mal Smith. Pictured submitted by Mal.

Richard Marcus, one of our long time members, passed away on December 24, 2022. Rich joined EMCC in April of 2008 and immediately became a "friend". For quite a few years he headed a cruise to Davy's Locker for lunch and he sponsored a Christmas Party at the Club-house at his residence and he and his wife, Mitzi, participated in the Club and it's activities. Last year, Rich and his wife, Mitzi, sold their condo here in Massachusetts and moved to Delray Beach, Florida where they had spent quite a few winters. Rich passed from a brain bleed. It came on quickly and he was unable to survive it.



Lucien Lavallee, (pictured left) more commonly known as "Chrome Louie", passed away in November 2022. Chrome Louie was an active member and has left us with great memories. Chrome Louie and his wife, Marie, who he lost a few years back were from Wrentham.

John Turinese, a past member of EMCC, from Franklin, passed away in January of this year. We haven't seen John in many years, but those who remember him have shared fond memories of him.



Members! Submit Something!

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The Gazette Needs You!

It's your Gazette!



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



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Awaken, My Beauty

By Gerry Criscenzo



At long last, my heart filled with anticipation. Spring ... time to awaken my beautiful Suuna. This, a familiar feeling, is shared by those who's beauties sleep in winter.

With my face aglow, smiling, I eagerly watched the garage door open. As the door raised inch by inch, she was slowly being unveiled. Yes, do it slow!

With the door fully raised, I relished that moment and cast my adoring eyes over the beautiful lines and curves of her body.

Her bright velocity-yellow skin seemed to illuminate her sleep chamber spilling out to overpower even the sun. Suuna, my Norse Goddess of the Sun, it's time.

Like the kiss that woke Sleeping Beauty, pressing her ignition button fired the spark that brought her back to life. Her power coursed through me as my body began absorbing every one of her 450 thundering horses.



Her throaty sound that I love so much was only a purr as I gently, oh so gently, touched her accelerator to ease her out of the garage. She gleamed as the Sun seemed to refuel her.

Finally, I had her out in all her splendid glory as she responded to the corners gracefully, with effortless precision, power, and prowess. The world became only a blur of colors and sensations as she tore down the roads. From her hibernation she was ravenous for every mile of road, so I fed her well.

As the sun began to set, I reluctantly turned her toward home. As I pulled her into the garage, my smile would not wane. Awakening her was a long-awaited event, but the drive seals my love for her.

As the garage door closed, now at home, I gazed at her as she slept. It was too cold that day to remove her top. She loves going topless.

Some might ask "How can a machine bring you so much happiness?" That person would be the legendary fool that people speak of.