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President's Message

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Hello EMCC,

We're at the end of our 2022 cruise season and outdoor events. Time to look at storing our Corvettes away for the winter. Some keep it mobile for when it's a nice winter day. Some put it away until spring.

November is the time of year to play it day by day, and we have no planned cruises for the month. Golf has a few more outings, along with driving our Corvettes.

This month we put together club calendars, with pictures of events and cars throughout the year. This is the fifth year doing them and each year it gets better.

All year we have monthly membership meetings on the first Monday and board meetings on the last Monday. Our Wednesday lunches are all year. This month we plan our annual Christmas party for December, scheduled for Dec 8. There's around 80 people who attend.

This was a very good year considering the prior two years dealing with Covid! Our 2022 social calendar was full!

Let's look forward to another great time next year and buy some new Corvettes.

Save the Wave !!!

Steve Sylvia,
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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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2022 Club Calendar

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Standing Events



- **Tuesday Static Cruise (DONE - SEE YOU IN 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!
- **Thursday Cruises: (DONE - SEE YOU IN 2023):** 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

Check website for all details and watch your email

- Dec 8th, Christmas Party (Bring a toy for Toys for Tots)

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!

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Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

November

Andy Bleadon

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Alan Cohen

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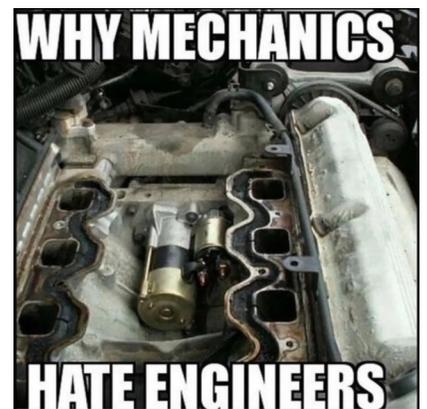
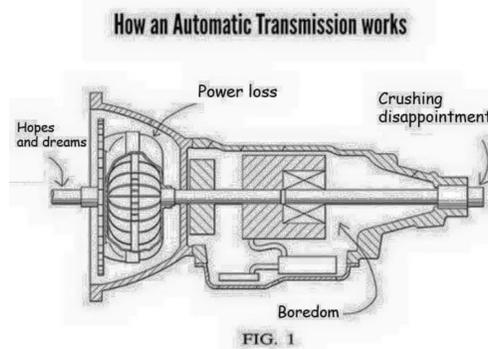




Humor Me



It's that time of year again!



Me: Please bring me a screwdriver.
Wife: Flat head, Phillips, or Vodka?
And that was when I knew she was the one.



Tap on the screen.



Humor Me

Explain please. Lol.



I see nothing wrong here.. 🙄



Introducing - the "General Electric"!! 🤡🤡🤡

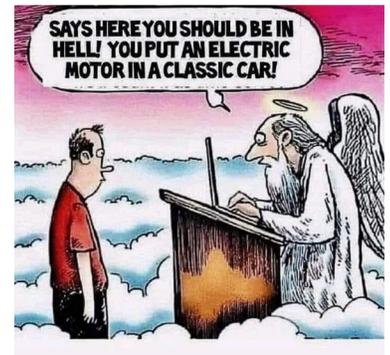


Ok. Three questions. How much? Where? How long to install? I would like both driver and passenger side options.



makes your car go faster, better fuel economy, too!

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Fall Foliage

Story, Mal Smith. Photos: Bruce Kolovson and Judy Pitasi

There was a lot of talk this year about foliage. Due to the drought, many were worried that it wouldn't be as beautiful, that it would be late, that it would be early and so on.....

Well, Bruce timed it just right!

On October 23rd, many of the EMCC gang gathered at Lake Pearl and lined up for a wonderful cruise through some winding back roads in many different towns. We were so lucky to be able to all stay together (Bruce had directions printed out for all of us) and enjoy the beautiful ride and foliage.

The weather was perfect and the company was excellent.

Our destination was Morse Tavern in Natick and it was a great choice. We had a great meal, lots of laughs and another wonderful event for the records. The fall foliage cruise is generally our last official event of the season and, as usual, we had a great group of attendees.





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2022 Veteran's Day Parade, Petaluma, CA!

Story, Photos: Rooster!

Once again, I came back to my home club NBCA to participate in Petaluma's Parade. Kevin (and Betty) have organized this event for over ten years. Back in the early days we started with about five cars. NBCA jumped on board big time and this year there were about thirty-five cars.

But that's not the real story. My car arrived in Novato, CA dirty and needed a wash. I bought a coupon thru the club for Matt and Jeff's Car Wash in Novato. The day before the Parade I took the car to get it washed. They have to hand-wash our cars because of the wide tires. I gave them my fob so they could position the car. After they moved the car to the drying area, they LOCKED the fob in the car. You could look through the windshield and there it was, sitting on top of the dash. A big oops.



What to do! I reached out to Jacob at Novato Chevrolet for help. I didn't think they could do a lock out service because the window indexes into the roof panel. They would cut me a new emergency key, which they didn't have in stock, but I would have to show them my registration before they would do that. I would have to go to Victory Chevy to get the key and bring it back to Novato to be cut. Where's the registration, you guessed it, in the glove box. I would have to sign a disclaimer before they cut the key or Chevy might fine them \$25,000. We decided the best action would get the car over to Novato Chevy. I called AAA for help.

While waiting for AAA to arrive, Karyn came to my rescue as we had planned to go to lunch. Jeff was outside, very apologetic regarding the whole incident, offered to wax my car, give me a drink, all on the house. He offered to wash and wax Karyn's car as well. AAA showed up and the driver was able to get in the car, not from the top of the window, but from the rear side. He slid an air bag between the glass and the rubber gasket, expanded it and was able to get his rod (Slim Jim) into the interior. He couldn't put enough pressure on the unlock button, but he could reach down and grab the emergency door release. Walla! I got in, moved the fob out and back into the interior, foot on the brake, hit the start button and the engine roared to life.

While Karyn and I went to Hop Monk they washed and waxed her car. I called Novato Chevy to let them know everything was resolved and thanked them for their help. According to Nick, if you hit the lock button on your fob and leave it in the car you will lock your fob in your car. Good to know. Recommendation: If you must leave your fob with an unknown 3rd party, take your emergency key out of your fob and keep it with you. Always an adventure!

Thank you Matt & Jeff's, Novato Chevrolet and AAA for your help.



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2013 GS Windshield Replacement !

Story, Photos: Rooster!

Two weeks after picking up my new to me 2013 Grand Sport, a stone kicked up from a car ahead of me on Rt. 128 which first made a chip that eventually turned into a crack on my windshield.

Glass replacement on a Corvette is like any other car ... except my car isn't any other car, if you know what I mean.

Having been in the automotive business for 40+ years I know that not all glass repair and replacement companies are the same. As in other industries auto glass replacement has become big business with the biggest being Safelite; a subsidiary of Belron with net holdings in the billions, they have become by far the largest player in the field.

Safelite's customer reviews shows a very poor rating. One of the ways they have grown so large is by coexisting with insurance companies. The insurance companies actually employ agents to steer customers to Safelite.

So, a little research led me to a better understanding of the industry and that led me to a small but busy company located in North Smithfield, Rhode Island, just across the boarder from Blackstone.

Absolute Auto Glass was recommended to me by a former customer and repair facility who is as picky as I am about quality in a auto repair. With his recommendation I called and made an appointment and spoke with both owners, Casey and Steve, who have been in the auto glass business for 25 years. Steve assured me that Corvettes, as well as specialty cars and trucks are a part of their business, and they welcomed me to come visit their facility and answer any questions regarding replacement of my Corvette's windshield. They did the job, and I am very pleased with the results.

My car now has a new, GM windshield. Except for the glass being so clean I never knew they even touched the car. If any members need this service, I can wholeheartedly recommend Absolute Auto Glass.





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Come for the Cars! Stay for the People!

Story: Keith E. Jacobson. Photos: Keith and Paul Duffy.

Many of you know that I am spending the winter in Florida. One of my problems was how to get the Corvette there. I reached out on the club's Facebook page and asked if anyone had experience with car shippers. Diana Duffy contacted me and said to check with Paul as they often ship cars.



Speaking with Paul I indicated that one issue was that I had to leave my car somewhere for a number of days so that I could get to Florida ahead of it to receive the delivery. He very kindly offered to hold my car at his place ... where the transporter could pick it up.

Arrangements were made and the car was delivered without a hitch. The driver didn't want to deliver to my house because you have to go around a rotary so it was being delivered in a parking lot, at 7:00 AM, just down the road from me. I could have walked but it was early and cold. I asked on a Facebook Villages group if there was a shortcut if I walked there. An extremely nice C8 owner offered me a ride and I couldn't think of a better way to pick up a C7 then with a ride in a C8.



It's really awesome that there are people out there who step up and help just because. I definitely plan to pay it forward in one way or another and I appreciate more than I can these acts of kindness.



It's great to be here my first year ever not having to deal with leaves, slush, ice, snow, cold, and all the nasty parts of winter. Best of all ... no hibernation. I promise not to rub it in ... OK maybe once in a while. As we say down see y'all in the spring !!!





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Honor Ride!

Story, Photos: Keith E. Jacobson

The Village Vettes Corvette Club, here in Florida, regularly shows their support of our veterans by performing escort duties, along with the Nomads Motorcycle Club. When the veterans return from their Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. their buses are led by a police supported motorcade to the local American Legion Post for welcome back festivities. This post is the largest in the world by membership. I have been on two runs so far and it is an honor to be part of this recognition for our Vets.

My first event with this club met at 10:30 PM when we met the buses for an escort.

Given the late hour we had about 10 Vettes and over 50 motorcycles. When we arrived at the destination friends and family had assembled for a welcome home greeting.

I look forward to reporting on many more great events during the winter.

Reporting from The Villages in Florida ... "KAMERA" KEITH



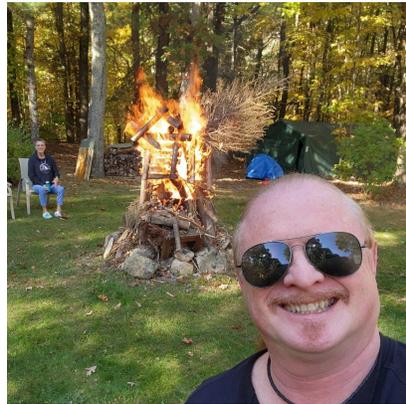


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Final Fall Fire Pit!

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo.

In addition to the Fall Foliage Cruise closing another great season of cruises and events, is the Wilson's Fire Pit Party. The pictures will tell the story of a great time ... and that Sherry is a Pyro! LOL :) Just kidding :) A gracious thanks to Steve and Sherry for sharing their lovely home, their hospitality, and for a great time!





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Trick or Treat!

Story: Gerry Criscenzo

A few of us EMCC'ers got dressed up for a Halloween party hosted by Judy Pitasi's niece at a hotel ballroom in Attleboro. Judy, Mal and two of their friends placed in the final voting for best costume of The Wizard of Oz, complete with Yellow Brick Road. Mal is the scarecrow. As Thor, however, God of Thunder and Lightening, I couldn't whip up a tornado or they might have won first place.





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The Mailbox!

Author unknown. Edited by Gerry Criscenzo.

On my hike one morning, I took a different path; The path less traveled.

About an hour into my hike, whether destiny or not, I came upon an old rusted mailbox nailed to an old oak tree.

I'm the middle of the woods. There aren't any houses nearby to which it could possibly serve, so any home it serviced was long ago torn down.

I was fascinated.

I decided to open the old mailbox to see if anything was inside and found a very old letter. The postmark date was July 17, 1944.



Due to age and moisture, the addressee on the envelope was not legible or I would have attempted to forward it on to its intended recipient.

I decided to open the envelope imagining why the universe put this in my newly taken path or at the very least, hoping to read a letter of lost love since it was written during the ending of WWII.

The letter was very short and addressed simply to "Steve." My name is Steve!

It read:

Dear Steve,

We have been trying to reach you about your car's extended warranty.



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Laying Her Down for a Long Winter's Nap!

Story: Gerry Criscenzo

Ask 100 different car-people how to store a car for the winter and you'll get 100 different methods from practical to paranoid.

I'm a formally A.S.E. certified mechanic and managed dealership service departments for over ten years and this came up every year for customers storing cars.

I check forums for new tips and tricks but it's mostly all the same common sense methods. Depending on how cold it is outside or climate controlled your storage space is, some of these will matter more.



- **Fluids**

- Oil: Change it. People debate over how corrosive dirty oil is. An oil change is cheap insurance.
- Coolant: Make sure the mix is correct and it's been properly maintained
- Windshield Washer: Make sure it's not water
- Fuel: There is new controversy about this. Me: Fill the tank. Before you fill it, add the appropriate amount of "Stabil" fuel stabilizer. Get it at auto parts stores or Home Depot (with mowers, chain saws, etc).
- All other fluids: if you're maintaining at proper intervals, no worries.

- **Tires:** Few schools of thought here. People will put car up on jack-stands: great for long/years of storage but for a few months, no need for jack stands. I've never had a problem with flatspots. Make sure, however, they're inflated to proper PSI.

- **Battery:** Use a battery tender for computerized cars (C4 and up). Disconnect for non-computer electronics (C3-1) but you'll need it connected and with a battery tender if you've added any electronic accessories like an alarm, stereo, etc. Some people will swear they've let their car sit for months without a battery tender without any problem. I've never had that experience. Two three weeks and my battery is dead in my C6 and my metal cars.

- **Mice:** Don't let them drive the car. Keep them out with dryer sheets inside the car and moth balls in netting bags in your engine compartment and around the car. If you eat in your car (Stop it!) vacuum out the crumbs. Good idea to also plug your exhaust with some rags. FUN FACT: Tesla's wires don't use plastic casings. They use ... soy. Do you know what mice love more than plastic?

- **Rising moisture:** Park your car over a plastic tarp. Why? In an enclosed space, moisture can rise from concrete and settle on your under chassis, suspension, etc. More important for older cars.

- **Car cover:** If your car is being stored outside, don't skimp. A cheap car cover or a tarp (eek!) will ruin your paint. Some people will cover their cars when inside to keep dust off. A bit OCD, but ok. Get a California Brush instead. Its cheaper.

- **Starting car occasionally:** Unless you can drive it or let it run and rev it, don't. Moisture builds in the exhaust, sits there and will rot the exhaust from the inside out. If you do plan to start it, leave yourself a note on the dash about the exhaust rags!

- **Wash/wax:** Not really necessary but you can zoom out in the spring looking awesome!



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Light Fight!

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

For our December Gazette, the last until March, let's see some Holiday pride.

Send in your photos of your decorated homes.

Mine, phase 1, is below. If the lights are up, they are on! And after Christmas, they are "Winter Lights" until March. :)

Don't be a Grinch. Send your photos to gcriscenzo@gmail.com





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The Gazette Needs You!

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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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Thanks & Gratitude.

Story, Pictures by Gerry Criscenzo



Suunna has been tucked in for her long winter's nap as the holidays are now upon us. I'm sad she's slumbering especially since she's become such a stunning lady over the summer. I'm grateful, however, to have somewhere to keep her cozy and warm.



With Thanksgiving just a day away, I would like to share with you, my friends, 10 things for which I am grateful. I do this every year. There are many more for which I am grateful and for that I consider myself blessed.

1. My wife, Chrissie. Every single day.
2. My good health as well as Chrissie's.
3. Still having my Mom and in good health.
4. Truly good, honest friends.
5. Having family and finally reconciling some "bad blood" with my brother.
6. Having the skills to make a very good income.
7. Income to pay all my bills, share some with friends and having the time to do so.
8. Having skills that can make people dance, sing, smile and forget their troubles for awhile.
9. Freedom. The opportunity to acquire whatever I wish.
10. People willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for my freedoms.



I truly hope that you have as much to be grateful for.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving and joyous holiday season.

Cheers!