



President's Message

JULY? OH MY !!!

Why does the winter go by so slowly and the cruising season so fast? June brought us some sun...but not enough. Still we were able to start/continue our season with cruises and get together.

I am pleased that we continue to attract new members with our web site and Facebook. This is a testament to our members "KAMERA" Keith and Kevin Miller who continue updating and upgrading the EMCC sites.



This month's special thanks go to David and Marilyn Yee who invited EMCC members to dinner at their redesigned state of the art McDonald's on Rte. 9 in Natick. We were treated to dinner and desert by their friendly staff and were updated by David on all the new food products offered by McDonald's. David also told us of how technology is changing how his customers order food.

I am looking forward to meeting many of our members who are unable to attend our monthly business meeting at our 35th anniversary party. With over 80 members in EMCC, I know I have not met everyone, so please plan to attend our party and reacquaint yourself to your Corvette friends.

Thanks to all members who participated in EMCC's June events. Member participation is key to a vibrant club and also keeps us young ☺

As always I am GDTOGO ...

Steve Wilson, EMCC President

PIZZA YAY !!!

EMCC first pizza static cruise of the year was on June 11th. A great EMCC tradition that all attending enjoy. Thanks to Steve S., who driving the world's fastest pizza delivery vehicle, brings us the delicious pizza. Weather, looked a little iffy but turned out great. About 11 Vettes in attendance, a hot Camaro, and a steel car or two.





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NEWPORT CAR MUSEUM

Story By Frank Fontana
Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

I planned a cruise to the Newport Car Museum in conjunction with any other Corvette Club interested in joining us. As a result, members of three other clubs, Bay State, South Shore, and Corvettes United of Central Mass, joined us for an early Sunday cruise to Portsmouth, RI. That almost didn't happen.



As the date approached the weather for Sunday had rain predicted so I decided to postpone the event...much to the dismay of everyone. Andy Tenore contacted me on Thursday and convinced me to keep it on schedule so we let it go and it turned out to be a great day and the turnout was well over 30 cars!

The youngest participant was Carter Legrow, 3, spotted polishing up his dad Jason's (member of Corvettes United of Central Mass) Vette. The car originally belonged to Jason's mother who had owned three Corvettes. This car she purchased from Corvette Mike. One day Jason went to her house and she handed him the keys and title.





In the museum Gunther (the owner) and his staff were excellent and accommodating as always. They thanked us for bringing several new people to view the museum. We all walked away with a continued appreciation for the beautiful cars and facilities he has made available to the public.





If anyone has not had the opportunity to view this museum, it should be on your bucket list you will not be disappointed. Thanks again to all that participated in making our day a success.



WE DESERVED A BREAK

Story by Joe O'Connor
Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

What a beautiful evening for a cruise in a Corvette. Almost everyone had their tops down or targas off for this event. A nice late spring drive with nice weather and not much traffic on the road. Seven Corvettes left Lake Pearl for the McDonald's on Route 9 in Natick. We took the scenic route winding our way through Wrentham, Millis, Medfield, Sherborn, and Natick...nice and easy.



One old fool in a Pontiac tried to keep up...but could not. The traffic thinned out and we hit all the lights perfectly. With no stragglers we all arrived at our destination together. Club member David Yee and his wife Marilyn, who are the owner operators, of this McDonald's were gracious enough to once again sponsor this event. We did this cruise last year and it was so well received that Marilyn and David hosted it again. Everyone had a great time !!!



Members on the cruise, pulling into the large and very clean parking lot, included the Gables, O'Connors, Forsbergs, Steve Wilson, Steve Sylvia, John Forbes, and the Fontanas. Pulling in to the parking lot we were greeted by our hosts Marilyn and David, also there were the Schroeders, "Rooster" Brown, and "KAMERA" Keith. A grand total of eleven Corvettes parked facing Route 9 and you

could see many passers by turning their heads to check out the scene. Even a member from Corvettes United of Central Mass stopped by to check out the activity and grab a bite to eat.





This McDonald's is a well kept store, with awesome employees, who make sure that it is well run and kept very clean. EMCC thanks the Yees for a wonderful evening...once again. Thanks also to our members who made the cruise.

"SHINEM, SHOWEM, AND USEEM" Joe O'

CORVETTE DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Photos by Bob Gardner and Dennis Collins

The Museum of Transportation at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline, MA hosted Corvette Day on June 9th. A full house was reported with the weather cooperating. As always EMCC was represented with a few of our members in attendance.



According to the Museum's web site:

"Since 1927, the Carriage House has been the setting for various lawn events and other car related activities. The Lawn Event season grew out of a Sunday afternoon tradition begun by the Anderson family, who would open the doors to the Carriage House so that the general public could admire their growing collection of American and European cars.

Today we host lawn events almost every Saturday and Sunday from May-October. Our Lawn Event season features events from every marque and era. Italian, German, British, American, Custom, Tuner, Alternative Fuels, Trucks, Hot Rods and European Motorcycles will all be on display at different times throughout the season. Presently, we host twenty-five car shows each year."



Spotted in the Museum by Bob Gardner was a 1903 Gardner-Serpellet. This car is the first and only steam vehicle purchased by Larz and Isabel Anderson. The couple purchased this car primarily for long distance trips. This car was outfitted with a toilet eliminating the need for rest stops. It is one of six in existence.



Enjoying the Show

Story and Photos by Arne Johnson

For some time now three members of EMCC have united to attend select small shows. By small we mean a hundred plus cars or enough to fill the available space in a relatively small venue. It started with the idea that those attending might enjoy the smaller events where there was a chance to draw some interest in their car as opposed to being lost as the one of many hundreds in attendance. What we have found should not be of any particular surprise but may prove of interest to some of our readers. The



character of a show seems to reflect the local community taste.

For example, if you attend a show in Wellesley you find a lot of very well renovated high quality custom cars. Jaguars, Lincolns, MG's and exotic sports and customs worthy of high level show submissions and an assortment of 50's and 60's American made beauties. The crowds are friendly and family oriented and often bring the family dog. On the other hand if you attend a show such as Pete's Bluebird Restaurant in Bellingham the

atmosphere may switch to cars that are customized for power rather than physical fit and finish. The turnout is surprisingly large and every available space is occupied but the main event is not so much the winning of a trophy but instead the main event is departure with the best peel out possible. Crowds gather along Rt. 140 to cheer on the gladiators who leave with tires complaining loudly as their hides are peeled and left embedded in the road and smoke fills the space once occupied by oxygen. You may lose one or two gladiators in the process to injury and hopefully no worse. Road rash can be a cruel and painful condition to the motorcyclist not adequately protected.



Whether the event is in Wellesley or at Pete's they each bring us a day of sunshine and fun if you love cars and the sport of showing them off on the field or on the road. As for me, this old man will save my much too old tires and putt quietly away to the next event wherever it is.

MONACO000000 !!!

Reported by Lina and Larry Lepore

EMCC VETTE GAZETTE European Correspondents

Larry and I recently had the pleasure of vacationing in the French Riviera. During our visit, we stayed in Monte Carlo, Monaco home of the world renowned International Grand Prix Road Race. It didn't take long for us to realize that automobiles are a big part of the culture in this small but



affluent country (Monaco is the second smallest country in the world by land area). Monte Carlo is a Mecca for exotic automobiles; Ferrari's, Lamborghini's, Bentley's, McLaren's, and Porsches are in abundance. Even the royal family has an affection for automobiles as the crown prince has amassed a world class collection that are on exhibit at a national museum which we made a point to visit. There were no Corvette sightings, if only they knew what they're missing.











NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



1979 ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CORVETTE UNDERGOING CONSERVATION

It's known as the Corvette that started the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. But this 1979 Corvette had a story prior to arriving in Kentucky.

This 1979 Corvette has an experimental chassis that was utilized to develop the engineering changes coming in 1980 and 1981 to the third-generation of Corvette. This Corvette's chassis was modified by A.O. Smith to accept different body mount locations and to utilize the aluminum rear differential housing and carrier introduced in 1980, used to lighten the Corvette.

The interior of this Corvette is also unique with several experimental components, including a power driver's seat that became available in Corvettes in 1981, and console gauge cluster.

After the Corvette's life development car, it was shipped to Bowling Green, KY to test the recently installed assembly line at the new Corvette assembly plant. This Corvette was photographed as it was at the end of the line, and cover of the June 1981 issue of Corvette news. This car, along with others that had been sent down for early assembly line testing,



was also used to teach prospective new hires from the Bowling Green area how to assemble a Corvette, should they gain employment at the assembly plant.

The 1979 Engineering Development Corvette was acquired by the Museum in 2018 and, although disassembled, remains in mostly original condition. The National Corvette Museum Preservation Department is performing conservation treatments to the vehicle to preserve its original finishes, and will then reassemble the Corvette for exhibit here at the Museum. The treatments being performed include: cleaning the vehicle, stabilizing corrosion issues, and applying coatings to the vehicle's surfaces to protect it from future degradation.

[Visitors to the Museum are invited to watch our team preserve this unique Corvette and save this portion of Corvette history for future visitors to learn from.](#)

NEW POND ~ NEW SHOW

Story and Photos by Jean Kirkham

New Pond Village in Walpole held their first classic car show on Saturday, June 1 st. Jack brought his car over to this show ... Bob Grenier and Mike Keefe



were also there. This show was put on by The Old Koots Car Club with all proceeds going to the One Company Fund.



They had food , really great raffles, and they had entertainment. I would stay about 60 to 65 cars participated. Nice people as well and a great location.

Jack won spectators choice ...he was happy!



MARBLE HOUSE

CARS & COFFEE

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

Looking for a venue a little different than the parking lot at Bass Pro? Check out one, or more, of the Cars & Coffee events put on by the [Audrain Automobile Museum](#) at some of Newport, Rhode Island's most famous locations.



On June 8 the event was held at Marble House. [The Newport Preservation Society](#) describes it this way:



"Marble House was built between 1888 and 1892 for Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. It was a summer house, or "cottage", as Newporters called them in remembrance of the modest houses of the early 19th century. But Marble House was much more; it was a social and architectural landmark that set the pace for Newport's subsequent transformation from a quiet summer colony of wooden houses to the legendary resort of opulent stone palaces.

Mr. Vanderbilt was the grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, who established the

family's fortune in steamships and the New York Central Railroad. His older brother was Cornelius II, who built The Breakers. Alva Vanderbilt was a leading hostess in Newport society, and envisioned Marble House as her "temple to the arts" in America.

The house was designed by the architect Richard Morris Hunt, inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles. The cost of the house was reported in contemporary press accounts to be \$11 million, of which \$7 million was spent on 500,000 cubic feet of marble. Upon its completion, Mr. Vanderbilt gave the house to his wife as a 39th birthday present."

The day was a 10 ... beautiful, warm, and sunny with a nice breeze blowing in from the bay. The nice thing about going to different venues is seeing many different cars. One of the unusual cars here was a 2000 Lotus 340R. An information sheet on the windshield said only 340 were made and all were presold prior to the cars introduction. Of those only eight were imported into the US and this car is number six.



Cars & Coffee 2019

Please click on the event and register your vehicle:

- 4-May Fort Adams
- 18-May The Elms
- 8-Jun Marble House
- 22-Jun Fort Adams
- 6-Jul Salve Regina University - McAulley Hall
- 13-Jul The Elms
- 27-Jul Salve Regina University - McAulley Hall
- 3-Aug Salve Regina University - McAulley Hall
- 17-Aug Chateau Sur Mer
- 7-Sep Marble House
- 21-Sep Fort Adams
- 5-Oct Fort Adams
- 19-Oct The Elms
- 26-Oct Fort Adams "Trunk or Treat"





PETE'S BLUEBIRD

For the 15th year Pete's [Bluebird](#) Restaurant, in Bellingham, hosted their car, truck, and motorcycle show on Sunday, June 9th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. A few EMCCers took a ride over to join in the fun. It was reported that a good time was had by all.



Nothing Fast Here

Story and Photos by Steve Wilson

I was fortunate to be able to meet up with my brother Ken in Onset, Ma. He was bringing his 58' Hatteras motor yacht "North Wind" up from Annapolis Md. . I jumped on and spent Friday night anchored in Onset Harbor just outside the Cape Cod Canal. We were up at 7:30 and started to get ready for the days ride. The tide was going to be favorable for going through the canal at around 8:45 so we prepared for departure, getting the tender raised, and secured as my brother's wife Barbra prepared a breakfast of eggs and French toast with fresh fruit. We raised the anchor about 8:30 and started our journey. We anticipated the trip would take 6 to 7 hours to Boston and then onto Hingham harbor.



The North Wind is 58 feet long, has twin Detroit diesel 8V92's each putting out 550 hp ea. At normal cruise of 10 mph she burns about a gallon a mile. She has 4 staterooms with bath, complete kitchen with breakfast bar and a salon with a couch, 2 recliners, and TV. Also, there is a private pilot house with a chart area and complete electronics. North Wind also has a



second helm station on the upper deck complete with navigation electronics, radios, and two helm chairs. The upper deck also has a grill, and a U shaped couch large enough for 8 or taking a very comfortable nap! This area is all enclosed with clear canvas which can be opened to let fresh air in or closed in bad/cold weather. Behind the seating area is the davit for raising and lowering North Winds tender a 13 ft. whaler.

We entered the canal round 9am and our journey had begun! The canal is 7 miles long, 480 feet wide and 32 feet deep. With the change of tide the current can run 5 mph. The canal was first opened in 1914. It was very interesting seeing the shores of the canal from a water view. We first passed by the Mass Maritime Academy, with their training vessel at dock, and then went under the railroad bridge. There were many people fishing on the banks of the canal with many more walking/running and biking along its paths. It was a beautiful day to sit out on deck and watch the Borne and Sagamore Bridges gently go by. As we got close to the end of the canal we passed the Coast Guard station at Sandwich. I could see the restaurant we visited for lunch after our Sandwich car cruise with EMCC.



As we exited the canal we entered Cape Cod Bay turned north and increased speed 10mph. A speed we would maintain for the next 5-6 hours. It was beautiful in the bay, wind was 10-15mph and seas were 3-4 feet. There were a lot of lobster boats and private boats fishing in the bay. Visibility was great you could follow the shore lined with beaches and houses and on the other side you could just make out the tower at the entrance to Provincetown.

As we cruised up the coast there was little to see except the beautiful blue ocean. It was very peaceful as we passed the towns of Plymouth, Duxbury, Marshfield, Situate, and Minot light marking rocks. The beach of Nantasket was now in sight and then the skyline of Boston. We entered Boston Harbor keeping Hull on our left (port) passing Boston Light house, Georges Island with its revolutionary forts and proceeded thru the "Hull Gut". Then to the Hingham Yacht club, North Winds summer home. We picked up our mooring, got the North Wind secure, and had a beer celebrating our successful journey. Then my brother Ken and I went up to the top deck and jumped off into the 60 degree water! What a great day!!!

It was a great trip, slow, relaxing, a time best spent with family and friends.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Dwyer ~ 18

Steve Hahn ~ 13

Brian Loiseau ~ 21

EMCC Membership

As of June 2019 we have 73 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

Next Business Meeting

Monday – July 1st at 7:00 PM

at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole

Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing

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July 2019 Events

7/1 Membership Meeting Monday 7:00pm Conrad's

7/4 Independence Day July 4th.

7/9 Static Cruise Pizza, King Street Café Franklin 4:30ish.

7/11 Bass Pro

7/18 Scavenger Hunt led by Phil Wesalowski details to follow.

7/20 Gerry Criscenzo Band plays in Newton Saturday details to follow.

7/25 Cruise to Sandy's Ice Cream Bellingham leave Lake Pearl 6:00pm Joe O lead.

7/29 Board meeting 5:30 Conrad's

August 5 Membership Business Meeting at Conrad's 7:00

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Story by Gerry Criscenzo

Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to Frank and Rosemary Fontana for hosting such a great Barbecue this past Sunday, June 23.

Nothing could have made it a more perfect afternoon. The weather was a quintessential New England summer day with blue skies and warm sun.



Frank and Rosemary's front lawn was adorned with about 20 gleaming Corvettes (yeah, it's a big front lawn) that were transports for a total of about 40 guests.



Their beautiful backyard included a spacious gazebo with a custom stone bar with seating, grill, and a refrigerator that would make any Grill Master envious. Well, it certainly made me envious.

From all the smiles, laughing, and conversations it was apparent that every guest was having a spectacular time and all due to our most charming hosts...Frank and Rosemary. They were simply wonderful and attentive to every guest. It's a lot of work to host an event like this but you never would have known it by the smiles on their faces. They were having as much fun as any guest.

And of course, what would an EMCC event be without food, especially a BBQ? We'll, an "abbondanza" should come as no surprise as Frank and John Forbes teamed up to man the grill. Frank and Rosemary supplied all the burgers and hot dogs...and this was the good stuff...juicy and very tasty... all accompanied by the many wonderful side dishes that guests brought.





Then ... came the desserts! And more desserts! Delicious, decadent homemade desserts. Frank asked guests to bring a dessert and I think everyone did! But let's be honest ... BBQ aside...I came for Keith's lemon cookies!

Cheers to Frank and Rosemary! Again a huge thank you!



CORVETTES TO THE STEAMING TENDER

ALL ABOARD !!!

Story and Photo by Joe O'Connor

Additional Photos by Judy Pitasi

Eight beautiful Corvettes carrying 15 people set out to board the west bound lanes of the Mass Pike heading to Plamer, MA. .We could not have asked for a better day weather wise. It was an easy ride down the pike though a little tight at Exit 9 as we got off headed for Route 84. Staying to the left...the road opened up for the rest of the drive. Departing from Lake Pearl at 12:07 PM we arrived at the Steaming Tender at 1:40 PM. Walking in we were seated immediately. The service was excellent and the food was very good. This is a very well run restaurant and used as a cruise destination for other Corvette clubs too.

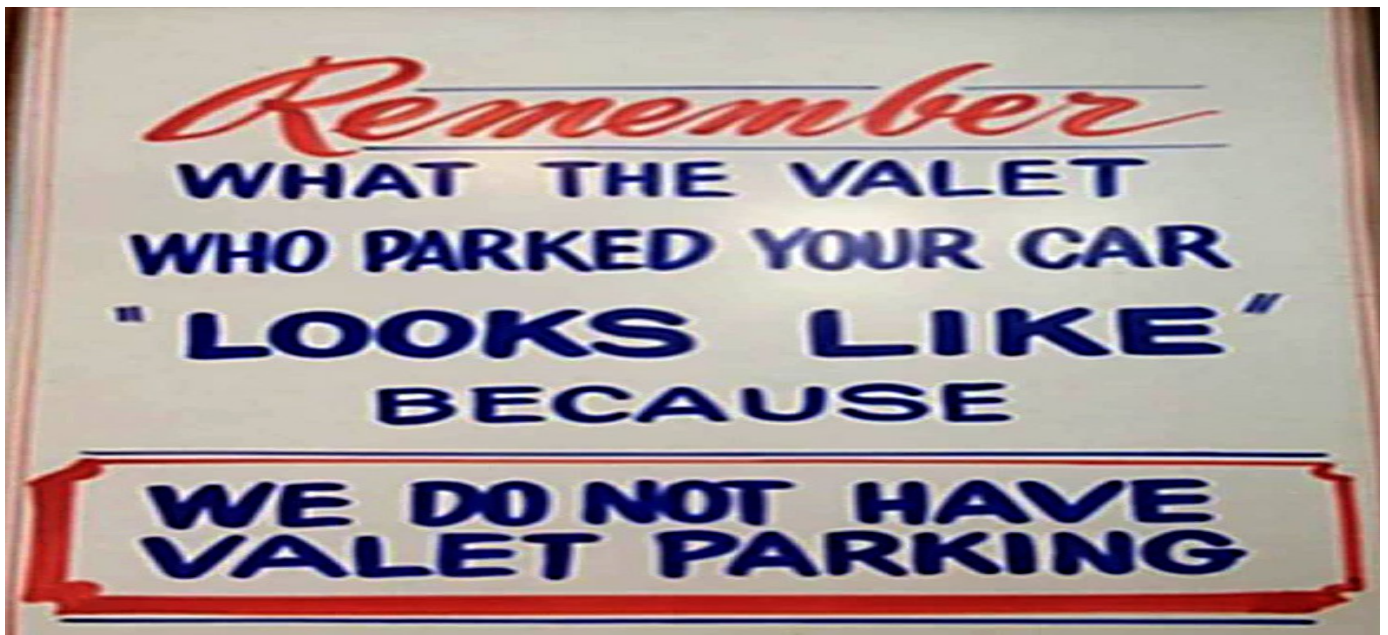


I led this cruise and there were no problems for us. There were a few minor fender benders along the way and the rubber necking always slows things down. Our caravan, of Joe and Carol O'Connor, Les Brown and his sister Sue, Frank and Rosemary Fontana, Steve and Sherry Wilson, Bob and Barbara Gardner, Mal Smith and her brother Father Ken, Dennis and Carolyn Collins, and Judy Pitasi, all got there safe and hungry.





This is always a good cruise and enjoyed by those attending. This is always and enjoyable cruise and would be a great location for a fall cruise. Thanks to all who participated...until we cruise again....



SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

During these busy months, I may sound like Tom Sawyer when I say, it's fun to put the gazette together. There are so many interesting stories...thanks to EVERYONE who pitches in to make your EMCC VETTE GAZETTE what it is. Occasionally there is a compliment about the gazette...I may be the ringmaster but without the performers, our contributors, there is no circus. So keep sending those stories and photos in.



I was surprised to see Gerry's very nice mention about my lemon cookies in his story about Frank and Rosemary's cookout. No...you can't have the recipe but you can have more cookies. Speaking of which...have you purchased your tickets to EMCC's 35th anniversary party? There will be some great raffles and one of them will be your own private stash of lemon cookies. This event has been put together with a lot of hard work from your board. Please support your club and those who are working hard to make this a memorable event.

BUY YOUR TICKETS ... DON'T MISS OUT ON THE

FUN!!!

We have some new members if you see an unfamiliar face you may want to get your eyes checked out or if your eyes are OK walkover and welcome the new members. New members same goes for you...walk over and introduce yourself.

It's hard to believe that July 4th is just around the corner. We still have a lot of great events coming up and there are always more in the works. Joe O' does a fantastic job as social director. If you have any event ideas or you would like to lead an event...please let him or a board member know.

So many thanks this month that I hope I don't forget anyone:

Steve W./ intro comments and nice story on the boat trip with his brother.

Steve S./ PIZZA ... need I say more?

Frank F./ once again organizing, leading, and reporting on the Newport Car Museum cruise...he may do this just so he can go there and buy stuff. I am pretty sure I saw him walking out with a large piece of artwork?

Joe O'/ organizing the fun run to McDonald's and Marilyn and David for once again having the club.

Bob Gardner and Dennis/ thanks for photo coverage of Corvette Day at Larz Anderson.

Arne/ I am running out of good things to say...he's the best I look forward to his comments each month.

Larry & Lina/ maybe our first overseas report? I saw a comment from Lina on Facebook about all the fabulous cars they were seeing on their European trip and I asked if she would take some pictures. When they returned I asked if they would do a little write up and always gracious you saw the result in this issue.

Jean Kirkham/ surprised me with a cool story and photos from a new event at New Pond.

Gerry Chriscenzo/ thanks for writing about the cookout and the nice words about my cookies and Rosemary and Frank for opening their home and refrigerator once again to hungry EMCC members.

Joe'O/ leading the Steaming Tender cruise sending in a story and photos and also...

Judy P/ who also sent in photos.

For those who might be interested, including any Corvette owner reading this, we have been invited by the president of the Eastern Ontario Corvette Club to attend their event the Kingston Corvette Invasion II. This will be about one year from now on June 19 & 20, 2020. This is a Friday and Saturday. They are trying to make this the biggest Corvette event in Canada. The scope may be made longer as logistics are ironed out over the next year. I will act as a liaison and will provide updates as they become available.

The first time they ran the event they had to cutoff the number of cars at 300 because of space restrictions. They recently got the OK from the Mayor, town council, and police commission to enlarge the event...shooting for 500 cars this time...to be Canada's largest Corvette event. As the club's president John Price said to me "Canadian standards not Carlisle size." I am putting it on my calendar. Don't forget to cross the border you need a passport. Stay tuned for updates.

The weather has been pretty good so I hope to

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD "KAMERA" KEITH



LAST LAUGHS



Save The Wave

