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Presidents Message



irst of all, thank you so much for all the cards, texts, emails, calls, visits, prayers and thoughts.

I am feeling much better and will hopefully be able to enjoy my new Corvette soon. And, speaking of my new Corvette, did you see the latest addition? Be sure to check it out.

Nothing, not even a pandemic, will keep EMCC down.

Now that the weather is cooperating, it is so nice to have the Officers and Chairs putting together Cruises for the Club members to enjoy. Of course, safe distancing is taking place and members are getting out of the house and enjoying their "toys". Static cruise starting has given us the opportunity to sit around and chat and keep our spirits up during this situation. Our first static cruise had over 18 Vettes and a few metal cars. It is a great way to keep in touch and enjoy our EMCC friendships.

Without restaurants open, it is difficult to do some of our usual events, but ice cream runs and soon, outside dining will be available for us to expand our events.

The Board continues to meet once a month via Zoom, which helps us keep up with any club news.

I invite everyone to take a few minutes this coming month and write a little article to share with the membership in the Gazette. We have all had interesting things happen in our lives....time to share. Remember, it doesn't have to be car related.

"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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UPDATE: Our Static Cruises and Thursday Cruises have begun again! The Board has been meeting via Zoom. Lunches, member meetings and special events are still on-hold. <u>Our website</u> is frequently updated and has the most up-to-date event information for details, postponements, cancelations, new locations and times. Also watch emails for last minute changes.

Lunch: Every Wednesday at a different location from a member's suggestion. Look for email or check our website.

Static Cruise: We park, chill, and get to know more about each other. Every second Tuesday, the club provides Pizza.

Thursday Cruises: Wild card. Check our website and look for emails



June 2020

Board Meeting: Last Monday of every month.

Member Meeting: First Monday of every month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Member Meeting	2 Static Cruise	3 Lunch	4 Cruise	5	6
7	8	9 PIZZA Static Cruise	10 Lunch	11 Cruise	12	13
14	15	16 Static Cruise	17 Lunch	18 Cruise	19	20
21	22	23 Static Cruise	24 Lunch	25 Cruise	26	27
28	29 Board Meeting	30 Static Cruise				



Special Events/Cruises

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Dates, locations and details are subject to change especially due to the Corona Virus Emergency. Again, Our website is frequently updated and has the most up-to-date event information for details, postponements, cancelations, new locations and times. Please check before planning to attend or contact the Board.

Ok. Lets do this!

Sunday June 7th

- Destination: Los Cabos, 300 Eliot St, Ashland, MA.
- http://www.loscabosashlandma.com/menu
- Meet 12:15, St Edwards Church, 33 Spring St, Medfield
- Depart 12:30
- Order Food to go. Eat in the parking lot!
- Bring a chair and a tray if you have one
- \$2.00 Beers \$3.00 Magaritas
- Restrooms available (one at a time)

Questions: Judy Pitasi, 508-277-2912, call or text See You Then!!!! (RAINDATE JUNE 28)



Stay Tuned! More to Come!



Club Member Birthdays

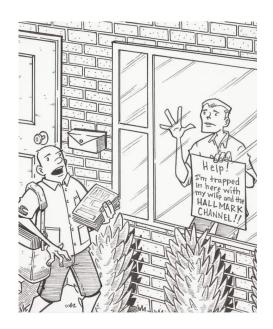
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THE 5TH BEATLE

LIFE IS LIKE A GAME OF CHESS. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY CHESS.



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It must be very difficult to be someone who has less intelligence than a pigeon.





TIMES HAVE CHANGED ...





If you break into my house and I yell "Honey, get the Velveeta", just remember that door was locked for your protection.





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Mal's Birthday Surprise Cruise

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



EMCC President Mal Smith was home recovering from surgery on May 8 ... her birthday when a group of EMCCers "socially distanced" met at The Chateau in Franklin for a cruise to her house by for an unannounced birthday surprise !!!



Mal said that she saw one red Corvette driving down the street beeping and thought it was just Judy stopping by then ... SURPRISE!!!

Arriving at her street we stopped before her house and prepared for the surprise.

About ten Corvettes and one Camaro drove down the street beeping horns with everyone excited about the surprise. Mal and Big Joe hit the front steps waving and smiling ... game on.





Was it really a surprise? Look closely Mal came out in her festive socks and was all smiles and waves ... with her good arm.

We spent some time "socially distancing" socializing with friends and then everyone headed off to home.







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Corona Cruise II

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



Club members gathered at Lake Pearl for our second "social distancing" cruise event on Wednesday, May 6th. Social chair Bruce Kolovson once again did an excellent job planning and leading the event. Ten Corvettes and one Cobra replica took off on a sunny and cool afternoon to drive some back roads for a couple of hours.

A stop was made to visit with member Arne and his wife Ida and then back on the road. Some members took off when the group reached route 109 while others continued on to visit honorary member Danielle then everyone took off for home. Great to see everyone looking forward to next time.



Ice Cream Kravings!

by Bruce Kolovson

Turned out to Be a nice night for a ride on May 28th as 10 cars cruised to Kravings in Millis for dinner and ice cream









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The Beast Speaks, Again!

Interpreted by JOHN DWYER

Hello again. Nice to talk at you. I had a traumatic experience last year that I want to share with you. At rest, in my spot of 30 years, beside John's Mom's driveway, I was struck by a falling tree. Ouch!!!! The tree took out the tops of my front fenders.

Mom was cool, she called John as he was driving home from an overnight work shift and said, "a branch fell on your car, you need to come over here and see it".

There had been a bad windstorm and John wanted to checkout his house first. Ma is the master of understatement. She didn't want John to get fired up, therefore, John arrived unprepared. Branch my ass!!!!

The driveway is wide enough for 3 cars. The foot thick limb that was stuck in my fender had fallen across the driveway with enough force and length to put a 6 inch dent in the frame of the chain-link fence across the way and barely miss the house. You should have seen this, John was really upset.



Trying to be cool and not upset Mom, more than she was about something not her fault, a neighbor came through with a cordless sawsall. It took about 2 hours to chop the culprit small enough to dispose of it. And, then the fun began....

Am I happy now??? Hell yeah!!

Are my neighbors in Dedham happy with the new noisemaker? I don't care! Move your knick-nacks deeper into the shelf and train your dog to keep quiet.

John went all out and bought me 10 gallons of alcoholfree race gas for the winter. Good stuff. On the next nice day, he will put in the last can. I like the taste, John likes the smell. My engine doesn't care. Cheap garbage or good stuff, it runs the same. Bummer!!!

One thing both John and I agree on is that I must remain period correct and faithful to what Zora Duntov would have done at that period in time if allowed. (continued next page)





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Because of no garaging, no special insurance - the first statement from the insurance agent was "depreciation". Let's see - 30 years, same agent, paid 20K or so and no claims. So, to fix the damage it would be \$7500. They paid \$4500.

Well, John had been putting away a bit here and there over 20 years to make me pretty again, so we thought we had that covered. Penny-wise, pound foolish?? He is pretty tight with money and he spent a ton of it on me, so I have no complaints.

Of course, John brought me right up to our friend, Stan at 2nd Generation Restorations who had done a lot of the 'enhancements" I have and has been looking forward to giving me a make over. A year long project. Slow at first. Repairs on old fiberglass has it's issues.

Then, John added changes to me; black out bumpers, grills and Stingray emblems. Add a hood scoop stripe - cool. There was body work done on the bumpers to make them smooth.

John thought about adding flared fenders - OMG! That would have been awesome! I love those! And huge tires out back! NOT! John, you are a cheapskate! Budget, budget, budget! I am about to turn 50 and you will be retiring soon. Damn!

Oh well, I'll get those flares sooner or later. That's one thing John and I agree on.

The repair straightforward. New top surround, finding a previous repair from years ago. Then, the final stage to make me handsome again.





Imagine going to a chiropractor first to align all the panels and doors. Then, a full body massage for the rough body work. Then, a never ending head and back scratch as I was completely skim coated for a flat finish. Damn, it felt so good. Stan insisted on fixing stuff John, with his bad eyes, could not see, or didn't want to see since he's sooooo cheap. The guys at 2nd Generation got caught up in the project and contributed parts to ease the pain, thank you!!



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Our 1st Static Cruise!!

Words by Steve Silva. Photos by Gerry Criscenzo

May 19th was our first Tuesday Static cruise. We met at Dunkin Donuts / Rocky's Ace parking lot in Walpole 4:00 to Dusk. This week there were 20 cars including Bob Grenier's Camaro and Larry Colvin's Cobra. Billy Navrozid is owner of Family Pizza and worked with parking lot owner Chris from Dunkin Donuts to put out cones I gave him to block of spaces for us to park. This is the setup for every week to keep our cars safe. I displayed our club banner facing Main Street,



Rte.1A for people to see. We did social distancing when able to and wore masks. There were a few visitors including Walpole Police stop by to say hi. The second Tuesday the club buys pizza from Family Pizza for everyone. I'm very excited about our new Static Tuesday setup for every Tuesday.











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Our 2nd Static

Words by Gerry Criscenzo. Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

We kind of assumed a big turn out for the first one but the second was even better! We had 60 years represented with Bob's 59 and Bill's 2019 parked side by side (not on purpose). Last week we had WPD and this week we had a visit from WFD. One of our newer members had his rare 63 split window. And we were even graced by our President, herself, and there is no more mistaking her C7 for Keith's. Can you spot Mal's new C7?















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The Tonka Cruise

Words by Gerry Criscenzo. Photos by Gerry and Keith E. Jacobson



What do Ice Cream and Turtles have in common?

Not sure, but in this case, EMCC members love them both!





Our new "social distance" cruises from Lake Pearl, this one headed by Jim Gable, was destined for the Ice Cream Machine in RI. It was jammed so Jim guided us to Sandy's Ice Cream in Bellingham, where we met "Tonka," a 12 year old, 40 pound Tortoise, that will live to be well over 100 years old.

Tonka is the pet of David Yee's daughter, who met us at Sandy's, and he is fast! The notion that turtles are slow is a myth. Maybe he was hyped by all the horsepower or maybe he was just trying to get to the ice cream line before us but Tonka basically stole the show!











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Honoring Memorial Day

THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Edited by Gerry Criscenzo / Aerial photos courtesy of Bill Morson

This floral Flag was planted in 2002 in the City of Lompoc, California, as a tribute by the Bodger Seed Company after the 9/11 attacks of September 2001.

The flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described



in Executive Order #10834, which are the exact proportions for any American Flag regardless of size.



This Flag is 6.65 acres and is comprised of 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower-stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide.

Imagine the passion of the people who planted this flag.

Now, compare that to the passion of the people who have died for this flag.



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Honoring Memorial Day

Words and photos by Gerry Criscenzo

Our family, like so many others, love a long-weekend of fun and good barbeque.

But we're a military family and we honor the "why."

This Memorial Day has been unlike any other because there was no barbeque, and for us, only a focus on the "why."

As part of "Taps Across America," my Nephew, soon to be an Eagle Scout, played "Taps" at 3pm, at his Grandfather's grave in

Marlborough. He was Air Force A2C. If, wherever you were at 3pm on that Memorial day, you heard Taps in the distance that day, you heard "honor."



My Mother-in-Law, Gold Star Mother, Chris Devlin, is invited to most local and even national military commemorations. She has a long history, including being invited to the White House several times. That history began when her son, Marine LtCpl Michael J. Devlin was killed in Beirut Lebanon, along with 243 fellow Marines on October 23, 1983,



When the Westwood Memorial Day commemorations were canceled because of this pandemic, they were not deterred and brought the commemorations to her.

She tried to hold back tears as the town Selectmen and a parade of full regalia of Police, Fire, and more honored her while in the company of her family.

These are the silver linings if we choose to see them.





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JULY PHOTO CONTEST!

- 1. Submit your photos of anything (This a family show, so keep it clean)
- 2. The EMMC Board will select one lucky winner
- 3. The winner will receive a \$10 gift card from one of our sponsors.
- 4. Entry Deadline is June 24
- 5. Submit as many photos as you wish
- So there are no lost or confused entries, the file name of your photo must start with your name. (i.e. John Doe Photo1.jpg)
- 7. Board is ineligible



Your inspection sticker expired!

The Mass RMV has extended the expiration for some.

https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-rmv-extending-motor-vehicle-inspections-and-commercial-drivers-licenses-and

 All non-commercial vehicle inspection stickers that expire on March 31, 2020 (designated by a number 3 on the inspection sticker) must be inspected by May 31, 2020.



- All non-commercial vehicle inspection stickers that expire on April 30, 2020 (designated by a number 4 on the inspection sticker) must be inspected by June 30, 2020.
 - Non-commercial vehicles that are issued a failed inspection sticker (indicated by a sticker with a red or black letter 'R') that is due to expire in the month of March, 2020, must be re-inspected by May 31, and non-commercial vehicles issued a failed inspection sticker due to expire in the month of April, 2020, must be re-inspected by June 30. Additionally, the one free re-test for these vehicles is also extended to May 31 or June 30 provided the re-test is performed at the same inspection station that performed the initial inspection.
- Regardless of the date of inspection, vehicles issued a failed inspection sticker due to a safety defect (indicated by a sticker with a red letter 'R') shall not be operated until appropriate repairs have been completed.

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All motorcycle inspection stickers originally set to expire on May 31 must be inspected by June 30.



Vettes to Vets 2020 is cancelled.

From Karen Blandini

To all,

There is no other way to say it. I don't have to tell you these past several months have been difficult at best and devastating for many.

This decision was not made lightly but made based on science and health concerns – along with state and local guidelines. Even though some areas are beginning to show signs of starting to open, it is difficult for major crowd events to even consider it possible. It just isn't conceivable to host an event with 1,000 - 2,000 people at the VA hospital at this time – especially as we will be in the middle of the fall season. Not to mention the entire weekend gatherings at the hotel and staging area.

Now more than ever Veterans need our support. Although we are not able to physically be there to show them the respect they deserve, we ARE able to still remember them. If you are able, we suggest you consider making a monetary donation in lieu of what you would have spent on comfort items.

Our Veterans have been affective by this pandemic not only with their health but in so many other ways.

As we are not able to bring items to the hospital and they are not able to accept them, this would be a wonderful way to continue to say 'Thank You' from the Corvette Community. And, as a thank you for your generosity, we are working on a commemorative pin which should be available this summer.

One pin per donation of \$75 or more.

As we all work together, let us not forget those who gave us our Freedom. Although we are not able to gather this year, we are able to continue to show them respect and to let them know.....

"We Have Not Forgotten – We Remember Your Sacrifice – We Thank You"

Please mark your calendars for **September 26, 2021** when we can all celebrate together! Thank you for your continued support of ALL Veterans and the Vettes to Vets program.

Karen Blandini and the entire Vettes to Vets team 47 Renwick Road Wakefield, MA 01880 781.858.1810

*donations are payable to 'Vettes to Vets' and mailed to the Wakefield address above

******Be Safe - Be Smart - Be Home - Be Aware! We are all in this together ******

EMCC, as a club, is donating \$200. We urge you to consider donating additionally.



WHEN ELVIS PRESLEY TOOK A BACKSEAT TO CLAM-BAKE'S RED HOT '59 STING-

Full Story at The Sevedge Yard

"For Corvette enthusiasts, the real star of 'Clambake' is the 1959 Sting-ray Racer concept— the car that is said to be the opening design salvo in what became the 1963 Corvette Stingray. While Corvette innovation was experience an exciting acceleration, the days of big money movie deals for Elvis were downshifting. Riffing on the similarity of every Elvis movie to every other Elvis movie, a studio executive once quipped: 'Why do we bother to give his movies titles — couldn't they just be numbered?'"





"The '59 Stingray Racer has its own unique history. Designed by Peter Brock and Larry Shinoda, the chassis was provided from one of Duntov's 1956 Corvette SS tubular frame racers. GM's styling chief Bill Mitchell purchased the chassis and then directed and funded the design of the car in Chevrolet's secretive Studio X. Once completed, Mitchell took the car racing as a privateer. The Stingray Racer was raced in 1960 SCCA competition by The Flying Dentist, Dr. Dick Thompson, who would bring home the C-Modified class championship in the car.

Although enthusiasts remember the car mostly in its silver exterior, at one point it was painted red and was provided a new scooped hood which is how it is shown in the movie. One of musical scenes from *'Clambake'* is called *'Who Needs Money'* and it features the car with Will Hitchens behind the wheel with Elvis following along on a motorcycle.

GM would reacquire the Stingray Racer from Mitchell and it was restored back to its original configuration with a period-correct 283 V8. Today the car resides at the GM Heritage Center in Michigan, and had been on loan to the Petersen Automotive Museum in LA." via CorvetteBlogger





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Cruise Worthy When We're Ready? Best Hot Dogs in Every New England State

Amy Traverso • May 27, 2020 . Link to full story on N.E Travel.

Best Hot Dog in Connecticut: Blackie's in Cheshire

Since 1928, three generations of the Blackman-Mahoney family have been serving up top-notch dogs topped with their special (and very secret) spicy pepper relish and a stripe of brown mustard.

Best Hot Dog in Maine: Flo's Hot Dogs in Cape Neddick

Flo's Hot Dogs, located in a little red shack on Route 1 in southern Maine, has been woven into the vacation memories of countless families since Florence Stacy bought it in 1959. But as a year-round restaurant, it's very much a local's haunt.



Best Hot Dog in Mass: Jack's Hot Dog Standin North Adams

Eating at Jack's requires a little patience, as there's usually a line and the space is cramped. Like many of our best hot dog picks, Jack's is a family business that dates back decades — in this case, a full century.

Best Hot Dog in New Hampshire: Gilley's in Portsmouth

It's hard to resist the atmosphere of a genuine 1940s Worcester diner car, but the food at Gilley's in Portsmouth is an attraction unto itself. These hot dogs, made from beef, pork, and veal, are traditional in style.

Best Hot Dog in Rhode Island: Olneyville New York System in Providence

By all means, order at least two of Olneyville's finest, served in a steamed bun with their signature meat sauce, mustard, chopped onion, and celery salt. That's called "all the way," and if you order enough of them, the guys who've worked there for a decade or three will stack them "up the arm" so they can turn out six at a time.





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Best Lobster Rolls in Every New England State

Yankee Magazine, Full Story Here

Best Lobster Roll in Connecticut: Lobster Landing in Clinton

We may prefer split-top buns *in general* when it comes to New England lobster rolls, but we'll make an exception here. Owners Enea and Cathie Bacci serve a pile of beautifully buttered lobster meat in fluffy, Italian-style grinder rolls.





Best Lobster Roll in Maine: McLoons Lobster Shack in South Thomaston

Yes, the location is stunning: a small red shack on the water, with a working lobster pound mere steps from your picnic table. And it's fun to watch the crews unloading crates while you tuck



Best Lobster Roll in Massachusetts: Row 34 in Boston

Chef-owner Jeremy Sewall sources his lobster from his cousin, Mark, who captains a boat out of York Harbor, so the meat is always ultrafresh. We like both the hot-butter and cold-mayo styles (the later is jazzed up with aromatics like lemon and celery). The one caveat: You'll pay Boston prices here.



Best Lobster Roll in New Hampshire: Rye Harbor Lobster Pound in Rye Harbor

While both the cold and hot lobster rolls at this tiny waterfront spot in Rye, New Hampshire, are tasty, we can't resist the hot roll bathed in a butter-sherry sauce that brings to mind classic seafood dishes of yore, like lobster Newberg.

Best Lobster Roll in Rhode Island: Matunuck Oyster Bar in South Kingstown

Given the care with which owner Perry Raso raises his oysters in the waters of Potter Pond, it's no surprise that the restaurant he opened at the eastern edge of that same pond takes no shortcuts with its lobster rolls.





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Please Contact: robertrandall123@yahoo.com 508-245-5856

Thanks, Bob



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Prayer in Extraordinary Times

By VP and Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



Regardless of your religion, do you pray? I know people, who, every night, kneel at their bedside and pray for specific people by name. I'm not one of those people.

What does it take for you to pray? I hear and read people saying "I'll keep you (or someone) in my prayers." What does that mean for the people who do not pray at their bedside? When do you pray for those people? Do you actually pray for them, or is it said simply to comfort them?

I am asking this rhetorically because of these three photos that I recently took.

Last Friday, May 29th, I went to my Mom's to do so some work and run some errands for her. On the way there, I saw this woman, kneeling, praying to her Lord, with her arms stretched wide.

Though, it struck me as powerful, I did NOT take these pictures at that moment. What transcended powerful is <u>when</u> I took these photos. I took them when I left my Mom's ... TWO HOURS later.

How long had she actually been praying at His Feet?

What could move a person's soul to pray this hard, in this manner and for so long? The church is across the street. This is in front of the rectory. Did she feel that praying at His Feet brought her closer to Him than in the church? Is she praying for a loved one? Is she praying for strength to help with her own crisis? Is she praying for us all? I hope she is.



This woman moved me, nearly to tears, and made me reflect on how and when I pray. These times are enough to move people pray more deeply; people who strongly believe that there is power in prayer, regardless of their religion.

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you pray?



