



## President's Message

# MAY WE ALL BE OUT CRUISING

April showers bring Corvette cruising in May.

By now I hope all of our members have gotten their Corvettes out of hibernation.

I'm sure there were a couple of dead batteries and dust to be blown off...but the season of cruising is upon us.



I ask all members of EMCC to be safe when out on the roads. I know we drive with caution but you don't know about the other driver.

Many are driving with their phone in hand, talking, texting, and looking at messages. These people are very distracted and in the blink of an eye can ruin your whole day.

So not only watch our out for yourself but also the other guy.

I want to welcome our newest member Robert Weiss, proud owner of a '91 ZR-1 with quite a story. When you see him say hi and ask him about his "new" Vette.

Our social director Joe O' is back from Florida and ready to start planning events. Please let Joe know if you would like to lead a cruise or have an idea for one. Don't be afraid, we are not looking for anything elaborate, just an easy cruise/get together.

I hope members when possible join in on Tuesday at King Street for our static cruise night and every other Thursday for a short cruise to somewhere. I also hope to have one destination "club cruise" each month. All of this in addition to the car shows, cars and coffee, etc. . We will have many event opportunities so join in when you can and enjoy your Corvette with friends from EMCC. Our secretary will continue to send emails to keep you informed of all activities.

I look forward to seeing all members during the summer.

As always I am "good to go"

Steve Wilson, EMCC President



### Vettes on the Vineyard

By Joel Baker

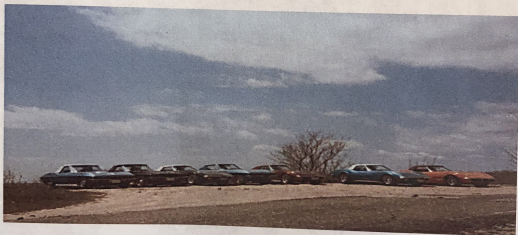
Photos courtesy of Arnie Goodrich, former member

Thinking of summers past and warmer days Joel reminds of of this event.



The event was called Vineyard Vette Voyage. It was put on by the North Shore Corvette Club and open to all Corvette owners. It was a weekend package where you would book your own ferry time and return to the mainland on Sunday. The package included breakfast and dinner. They would have a display on Saturday and participants would vote for their favorite cars. This was a great event. They also had a rallye either walking or driving.

Various General Motors brass would be on hand for the weekend. Usually Zora Arkus-Duntov would be there with his wife Elfi. Shown here is the 1986 event.



Elfi and Zora sign autographs





## Executive Board & Chairpersons



### **President**

Steve Wilson  
508-384-9688  
rjw.s@comcast.net



### **Vice President**

Mal Smith  
781-706-5762  
AuntieMal@aol.com



### **Secretary**

Steve Sylvia  
508-660-2680  
tyrasy@comcast.net



### **Treasurer**

Bill Schroeder  
781-769-2389  
wrs600@gmail.com



### **Social Chair**

Joe O'Connor, Jr.  
617-780-7448  
joeoco1@comcast.net



### **Membership Chair**

Bruce Kolovson  
508-789-7780  
ski1000@verizon.net



### **Publications Chair**

Keith E. Jacobson  
617-527-2100  
KAMERAKEITH@GMAIL.COM



### **Sunshine**

Judy Pitasi  
508-966-9026  
Rdvette72@aol.com



### **Club Store**

Bruce Kolovson  
508-789-7780  
ski1000@verizon.net



### **Webmaster**

Kevin Miller  
508-328-0358  
Kevinmiller@stmarksschool.org

# SOUP FOR US !!!!!!!!

Story by “SMOKEN” Mal Smith

Photos by the Kolovson's and others



If my memory serves me right, Steve and Ellen Hahn were the originators of the “Soup Party” many more years back than I want to admit. It was a great way to get the members of the club together in the winter months when our Corvettes were in hibernation and served that purpose for so so many years. After the Hahn’s sponsored it for quite some time, it traveled to other member’s



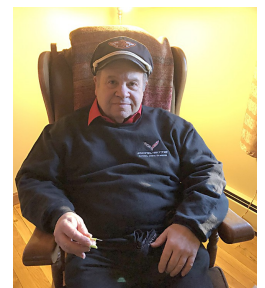
houses and was an event everyone looked forward to. Held in the month of January each year it was EMCC’s first official event of the new year.

The soup party is just that...a soup party. Everyone brings a soup, salad, bread, or dessert and of course their choice of an adult beverage. Wine seems to be the drink of choice lately.



This event was held at the home of Rick and Jacque Wile for many years and it seemed like a tradition for it to snow on the party night. Being a little older and wiser...we decided to change the date for the party to March when the chance of snow is a bit less. Of course, this year, on our original date for the event it snowed. Fortunately we changed the date and ended up with a wonderful night for party.

In 2018 and 2019 the Soup Party was sponsored by Steve and Sherry Wilson and it was, as usual, a huge success. By the pictures, you can see that the attendance was great. There were all sorts of delicious soups, corn bread, cookies, and cakes. A big thank you Steve and Sherry for opening your home to all of your EMCC friends. We all had a wonderful time.





## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



### Next Generation Corvette Announced, Last C7 To Be Auctioned!!!



Chevrolet Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter and General Motors Chairman and CEO Mary Barra drive in a camouflaged next generation Corvette down 7th Avenue near Times Square Thursday, April 11, 2019 in New York, New York. The next generation Corvette will be unveiled on July 18. (Photo by Jennifer Altman for Chevrolet)

**General Motors will auction the final production seventh generation Chevrolet Corvette this summer, with the proceeds benefiting the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation.**

The announcement, along with confirmation of the Next Generation Corvette's development, was made this evening by General Motors Chairman and CEO Mary Barra, who was honored at the foundation's annual Footsteps to the Future Gala in New York.

“GM, GMC and Chevrolet support the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation and its commitment to injured and fallen military members, first responders and their families,” said Barra. “The sale of this iconic Corvette will help the foundation continue its good work, and pave the way for the Next Generation Corvette that we will introduce on July 18.”

The final seventh gen Corvette — a black 2019 Z06 model — will be auctioned at the Barrett-Jackson Northeast sale in Connecticut June 28. Registration information is available at [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com).

## Every dollar of the winning bid will go to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, named for New York City firefighter Stephen Siller, who died during the Sept. 11 attacks.

The foundation builds mortgage-free, accessible smart homes for the most catastrophically injured service members and helps pay off the mortgages for families of first responders killed in the line of duty. More information is available at [www.tunnel2towers.org](http://www.tunnel2towers.org).

“The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation thanks GM, GMC and Chevrolet for supporting the brave men and women of our armed forces and our first responders,” said Frank Siller, chairman and CEO. “This generous gift will help us provide more injured veterans with the independence they deserve.”

For the past five years, GMC has supported the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation as its national foundation of choice. In that time, it has helped the foundation raise more than \$10 million. That includes \$2.2 million raised last year, with \$925,000 of it coming from the auction of the first production 2019 Corvette ZR1. It was purchased by Chevrolet dealer and NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick at the 2018 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale sale.

Other money has come from employee donations and events across the country such as 5K Tunnel to Towers races and other activities sponsored by GMC dealers.

GM is committed to helping those who have given so much for their country. GM’s current and retired workforce includes 60,000 veterans.



# BEST CORVETTE CLINIC !!!

## BEST CHEVROLET THAT IS

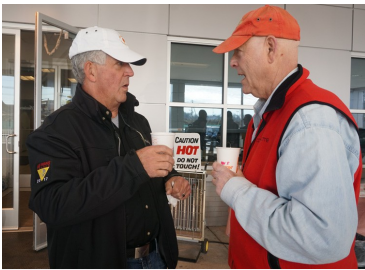
Story and Photos by "KAMERA" Keith E. Jacobson

For many of us the 2019 cruisin' season kicked off on Sunday, April 7th, at Best Chevrolet in Hingham. They day had a slight chill in the air ... it was sunny, cool, with a little breeze. The "Corvette Clinic" featured coffee, donuts, raffles, some giveaways, and more. Best of all was seeing all those Corvettes...many out for the first time this season. I was told that they had done something like this about 15 years ago and it was great that they decided to do it again.



The guesstimate was that about 100 cars were in attendance and at least half a dozen clubs were represented. The opportunity to renew friendships Corvette friends who were not around over the winter was an additional bonus.

Club member Bill S won a nitrogen refill (for his tires) and Bob W. arrived just in time to win a \$25.00 gift certificate. Thanks to Best Chevrolet and their ace Corvette mechanic Ivan Esposito, MC of the event, for welcoming the Corvette community.







# IT'S A GO AT BASS PRO

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The unofficial start to the cruising season was on Thursday, April 11, at Patriot Place in Foxboro.

The Mass Cruisers Auto Club held the first Bass Pro Shops Cruise night of the season. It was sunny and in the mid 50s...cool but comfortable as the faithful rolled in for this event. EMCC was well represented although it wasn't really crowded in the parking lot.



The event continues biweekly through October. Dates during August and September are subject to change if the date conflicts with Gillette Stadium events or any New England Patriots' Thursday home game dates. The cruise nights are scheduled for April 25, May 9 & 23, June 6 & 20, July 11 & 18, August 1 & 15 & 29, September 12 & 26, and October 10 & 24. Cars start arriving at around 3:00 PM (or earlier) and the show wraps up at around dusk.

You are asked to bring a food donation for local food pantries or make a small cash donation.

See you there.



## Eastern Mass Corvette Club



Richardson Black Cap

**\$15.00**



Richardson White Cap

**\$15.00**



Sport-Tek Short Sleeve Dri Fit Tshirt

**\$15.00**



Charles River Polo

**\$30.00**



Charles River Crosswind Sweatshirt

**\$35.00**



Denim Shirt

**\$35.00**

## Order Online



<http://tinyurl.com/mxapf5z>

Tom Sager | (508) 533-5080 | tom@tri-valleysports.com



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Frank Fontana ~ 23

Bob Gardner ~ 10

Jack Kirkham ~ 18

Mal Smith ~ 8

\*\*\*\*\*

### EMCC Membership

As of March 2019 we have 67 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

#### Next Board Meeting

**Monday - April 29th at 5:30 PM**

**at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole**

**Come early to enjoy dinner & schmoozing**

#### Next Business Meeting

**Monday - May 6th at 7:00 PM**

**at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole**

**Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing**



## “WHERE YOU COME FOR THE CARS ... BUT STAY FOR THE PEOPLE”

**Eastern Mass Corvette Club is a non-profit social club  
for Corvette owners**

**We meet at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of every  
month at  
Conrad's - 905 Main Street, Walpole, MA**

**PLEASE JOIN US !!!**

**E.M.C.C.  
P.O. Box 291  
Medfield, MA 02052**

**WEBSITE: [easternmasscorvetteclub.org](http://easternmasscorvetteclub.org)**

## A Triumph! Or Maybe Not

Reported by Bob Gardner

In 1882, Michael paid \$1100 for a Triumph sports car. It was, in essence, a “car-in-a-box”.It needed a lot of work to put it on the road and a TON of work to restore. He paid no sales tax on this purchase. Why should he? It was a private sale in 1982 and you didn’t pay sales tax on a car until you registered it, right? Fast forward 37 years. The car has sat and been moved and been worked on over those years but finally it’s fully restored to a beautiful British Racing Green. Off to the Registry goes our Michael to get his first set of plates. And he gets a bill for \$11,232 in Mass sales taxes and penalties plus interest.



So begins another “Boston Globe” saga from Sean Murphy, a sort of consumer ombudsman. Michael was informed by the Registrar that he was supposed to pay the sales tax, \$617, at the time of purchase. The rest was interest and penalties. Restoring the long stored Triumph had been therapy for Michael after the loss of his wife. He spent hours on it and on the internet locating parts and researching the ins and outs of the long extinct car. So he went to the Department of Revenue in Worcester. They were about as helpful as the Registry. Big surprise!

Just when it seemed the only option was to pay the \$11,232 and apply for an abatement, Michael reached out to the Boston Globe. Murphy got involved. His contacts at Revenue sheepishly revealed they had grossly over-valued the Triumph’s sale price. As a price basis, the state uses the higher of two numbers: the actual amount paid for the vehicle or its “book value”. Since there WAS no book value for the Triumph in 1982, they used one for 2019,

\$12,350. Oops. That's a lot for a car-in-a-box!! Michael still had his original receipt, of course (who wouldn't?). New calculations were made and a new bill for \$980 was presented and paid.

This reminded me of a case I worked back in my life as an insurance investigator. A chap in Milton had bought a 1968 Camaro wrecked over thirty years ago. Like Michael he kept it around, doing nothing but dreaming of the day he would restore it and put it on the road. Eventually this came to pass with a lot of very expensive help and off he went to our friends at the Registry. After a rather long wait at the counter he found himself talking with a very large Mass State Trooper. The Camaro was stolen! These things never go out of the computers. Of course, the case was long since closed and no one considered him a thief. But..... who owned the car? Since the loss had been paid in full years ago, we did. And that's how I got involved. He was at first reluctant to deal with me or even let me see the car. With the intervention of the Milton PD we finally got to meet. It was a lovely car and after some discussion he agreed with our claims representative to pay a reasonable price to my employer in compensation for the car. He was NOT a happy camper. Let the BUYER BEWARE. There is a rule of law that says 'He who possess stolen property possess nothing.' Or something like that. Mal would know.



#####



**Back in the day ... everyone joining the club was required to buy an official club jacket ... maybe we should bring back club jackets with the option to buy one if you wanted. Bonus points if you can identify who is in this picture taken during the Vineyard Vette Voyage on Martha's Vineyard. Maybe we should bring back the Vineyard Vette Voyage?**



**STATIC CRUISE PIZZA NIGHT ... IT WON'T BE LONG NOW ...**



# A Reflection on Courage

By Arne Johnson

This month I'm tackling a subject that has an association with Corvettes but we are looking instead at the owner of a Corvette and a member of our club. He is a member who reflects a quiet leadership and easy friendship with each contact he makes. Despite fighting the battle of his life, against a currently incurable disease, he retains a warmth and good spirit that seems incredible for one who has known the difficulties of chemotherapy and stem cell techniques intended to extend his life. Part of his continuing support structure has been his wonderful family and friends. By now you



know I'm writing about John Pinciario affectionately known to us as "Pinch" and his fight against Multiple Myeloma. Despite the hardships faced, Pinch is planning to hold the EMCC annual "Wash & Shine" at his facility in Millis on Rt. 109. One of the most successful events each year. This year it is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> and the next day Pinch will attend his "Pinch's Punch Back" event and Boston 5K to raise money to help find a cure for this insidious disease. If you have been watching on Facebook, you know that Pinch has been traveling in Europe and was fortunate enough to see the sites of Paris prior to the great fire of Notre Dame that burned that iconic edifice to the ground. It also appears he had some time to spend with extended members of his Italian family while enjoying the pleasures of Italy. With all this activity Pinch still had time to think of us as we in turn share thoughts of him and his family.



# Oh Sure, Blame the Seniors

Reported by Bob Gardner

I never considered myself a Senior Citizen at fifty. It began to creep into my vernacular at sixty. And now, well I guess there's no denying it. But for sure, turning fifty and sixty meant one thing: [Senior Discounts](#). And those discounts are being threatened. Be warned. Your Dunkin Donuts 10% is in jeopardy.



Thanks to the AARP and other similar groups Senior Citizens have been receiving discounts across the board at everything from Denny's to the movies. But now a new heresy has arisen. Some, the dread "some", have come to question whether seniors, often relatively well off, should get discounted stuff while a large number of younger folks (aka, some?) strain under the weight of student debt while trying to make a go of it in the new economy that no longer offers benefits. David Wallis (mark that name), who leads the Economic Hardship Reporting Project (What?), has stated that deals for seniors are a relic of an earlier time. He calls for replacing them with income-based discounts for people of all ages. Extending "deals" to younger people could help businesses reach out to a valuable market and would lessen the stigma for baby boomers that are reluctant to accept them because they don't want to think of themselves as old. Poor babies.

Older Americans are not the only ones struggling in this economy, so the theory goes. The cost of education has exploded and the student debt crisis has reached epidemic proportions. (They make it sound like debt is something you can catch, like the flu.) Hence the need to create discounts for younger folks. I think I see a design here. Senior Discounts emerged in the 1960's as a way to help retired persons with meager savings. But today the "retirement age" has blurred and many seniors have amassed formidable nest eggs or are still earning. Some argue the discounts, originally assumed to have a short lifetime, have gone on and on. Seniorhood lasts a lot longer today, says the Gerontology Institute (another "friend" for sure). You could qualify for senior discounts for 40 years. From your lips to God's ears.

The alternative, Means Tested Discounts, has its proponents. A Brookline startup is offering discounts on electric scooter rentals to those on Medicaid. Right, there are a lot of seniors lining up to rent them! Then there's the "vast subculture of deal hunting and bargain chasing seniors" according to one writer. Applebee's, Dressbarn, and of course those discounted passes at the National Parks. Oh my! According to our pals at AARP, seniors can't wait to take those bucket-list vacations to the Christmas markets in Germany or the river cruises on the Nile. And of course for Bostonians there's the Senior Charlie Card, half off on MBTA fares. [How else will we get Charlie off??](#)

What these pundits fail to note is the business that's brought in off the street BECAUSE of the discounts. The coffees, lunches, movies, and even the Nile cruises that would not have been purchased but for the INCENTIVE of a discount. You go on the weekends and it's average age 18. You go on a weekday and it's closer to 60. Merchants of all types watch their bottom line. Empty theaters, trolley cars, and supermarkets are filled with customers 60 and over. Vive la Discount!!!

Excerpted in reckless manner from a Globe article by Robert Weisman

# Walpole Lions Club

By "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

Photos by Bruce Kolovson

The Walpole Lions Club presented their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Beer & Wine Tasting Dinner & Dancing event on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Lake Pearl, Wrentham and 16 Eastern Mass Corvette Club members helped the Lions have a very successful event. The event started out with wine and beer tasting stations around the ballroom with crackers and cheese and fruit to nibble on.



Walpole Wine and Spirits in Walpole was the sponsor and can accommodate everyone with some of their special choices just stop by. There was a great variety of wines and I personally liked them all.

The filet mignon and grilled jumbo shrimp (Surf & Turf) dinner with all the fixings was served at 8:00 P.M. and was absolutely delicious. Yum!

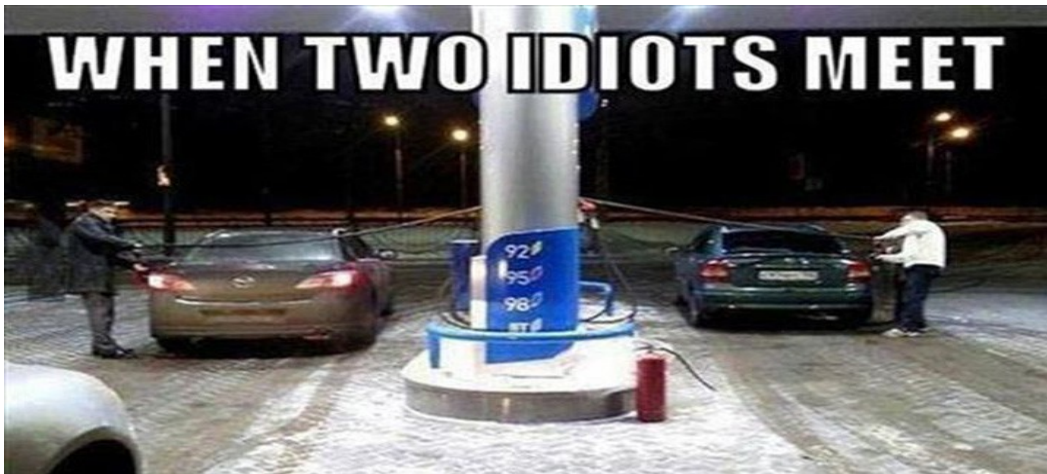


There were lots of raffle items and EMCC members walked away with quite a few of them. After our own, Steve Sylvia, announced most of the raffle winners, we hit the dance floor. Of course, our prez was first on the floor along with Judy and Mal.

Thank you Steve S. for inviting EMCC to this wonderful event. We all had a great time and are looking forward to the Lions Club's 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



~~~~~





# SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

It's the tail end of April and we are finally starting to have some nice days. I hope that everyone is out and that you have been able to enjoy some Corvette seat time. I know that when I cranked that big V8 over for the first time this season I felt like the proverbial kid in a candy shop. Started on the first try and I can really appreciate the words of Elvis ... "Love Me Tender."



There have been continuing discussions about this season's events. Many are in the works and there are some really great things being planned. I hope that many of you will come out and enjoy OUR club, with me, this season.

As the good weather arrives the gazette takes on a different form. Car shows, cruise nights, and club events help to provide interesting content and it results in a little less scrambling to make each issue, I hope interesting. We still do need your help with contributions. New and old members, not old old but members who have been in the club for a while, we can still use your

Corvette journey stories for our "Meet Our Members" feature. Take a trip with your Corvette ... take a few pictures and add a few words and that's an article for the gazette.

Thanks to those who have contributed to the gazette in the past and this month's current contributors:

Our recently retired president, Steve Wilson, with his monthly comments.

Joel Baker for sending blasts from the past. Congrats to Joel and Maureen on their 2019 C7.

Our wonderful, also recently retired, vice president, Mal Smith, who turned stories around so fast it made my head spin.

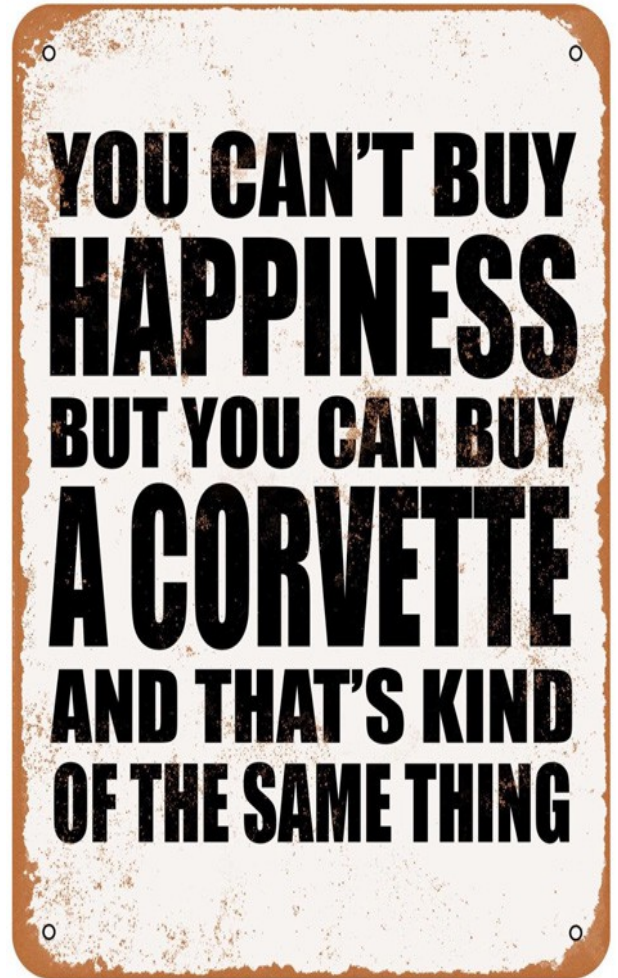
Sue and Bruce Kolovson for photographic support.

Two people who really support the gazette Arne Johnson and Bob Gardner. Both continually come up with interesting articles and have made the editor/publisher job so much easier.

This year I am planning a road trip of 2,000 miles or so...not too shabby. Compared to club members like Rooster Brown who comes across the country each summer to visit the east coast and Jim Gable who went in the opposite direction and back...not such a big deal. The idea is enjoy your cars now or the next owner will. I hear people proudly say things like ...my car is 14 years old and only has 8,000 miles on it...HUH? If you bought it to look at it take a picture...it costs a lot less.

## SEE YOU ON THE ROAD .... "KAMERA" KEITH

# LAST LAUGHS



Save The Wave

