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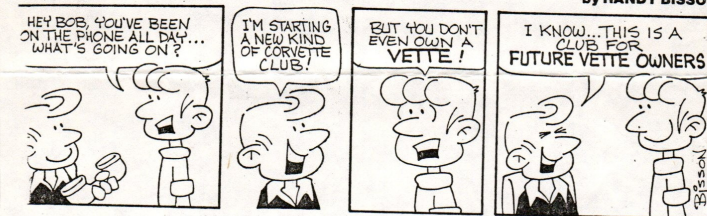
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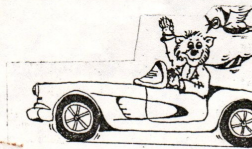
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Editor's Message

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Hello friends!

I've been given some Gazette treasures from the past and while the Gazette is in hibernation, I thought some of you would like to see how it all started, beginning with issue #1. Thanks Joel!

I may put out one or two more blasts-from-the past before the 2024 cruise season begins but for now, enjoy this peek back into Spring/Summer, 1984.

Cheers!

Gerry Criscenzo

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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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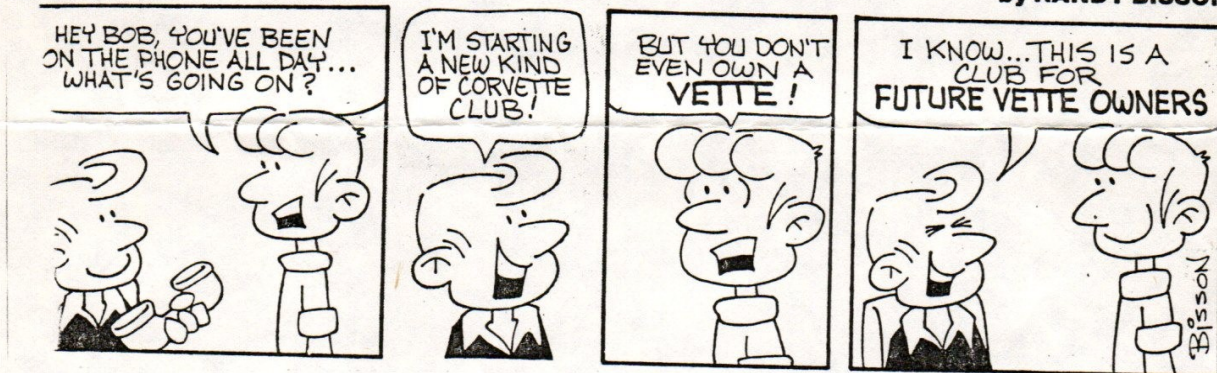
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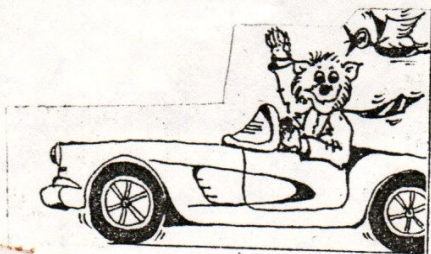
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1 Berman Chevorlet Silver City C.C.
July 4 Norwood Parade Need a minium of 10 cars (6 pm)
July 8 Endicott Estate Dedham A FUN DAY (Display)
July 7 Pool Party and Cookout 2 pm Ken and Sharon Darling
July 21 LARZ ANDERSON vette display
Aug 5 Rallye EMCC
Aug 12 Brodie Mnt. Car Show New Ashford, MA
Aug 19 Candlewood Valley C.C. Show Danbury CT.
Sept. 7,8,9 Mnt. Melee Lincoln NH
Sept. 16 Harvest of Vettes Chelmsford MA Rt. 110
Sept. 29 Glass of 84 Wiers Beach Funspot NH

CLUB STORE

Jackets \$50.00 (Black Satin)
Club T-Shirts \$ 6.50
Crusin' T-Shirts \$ 7.00 (Red)

FOR SALE

1961 Corvette Convertible
1 top (soft)
Copper with White Cove
\$8000.00 or Best Offer
617-653-2203

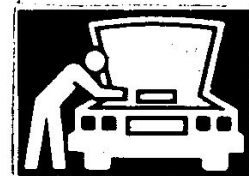
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Black with Oyster Interior
L-82 18,000 Miles Excelent Condition
617-359-2799 Darren

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Matching Numbers thru out
Unrestored, Optional alarm
Must be Clean
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COMPETITION

On May 15, 1984 Joel, Bill, Carol, Maureen, Prospective members Arnie, Michelle and Joe also a few friends Marty, Kathy and Terry went to Tri-Boro. It was a good day weather wise. The cars looked great, shining in the sun. There were alot of awards handed out to us:

Bill and Carol	1st place
Joel	2nd place
Arnie and Michelle	1st place
Marty and Kathy	1st place
Terry	2nd place
Mark	1st place

On May 20, 1984 Joel, Bill, Carol, Maureen, Ray, and the kids went to Canobie Lake Park put on by Gate City Corvette Club. There were over 150 cars entered, all of the classes had a huge showing. The weather was great, which made for a wonderful day. We came home this day with the following awards:

Ray	3rd place
Bill and Carol	4th place
Joel	5th place

On June 10, 1984 Joel, Bill, Ray, Mark, Kenny, Sharon, Carol, Linda, Maureen, and the kids plus a couple of old friends Marty, Kathy and Terry went to CCRI's Show and Shine. It sure was "HOT" that day. Right guys???? The heat turned away quite a few cars, but it still was a good show. Joel and Bill took 1st, Ray came in 2nd, and Mark almost went down for the count. Our old friends also took home a few awards, Terry took home a 1st and Marty and Kathy also took home a 1st, along with BEST OF STREET. Congratulations to Marty and Kathy for a job well done.

On June 17, 1984 Joel, Bill, Ray, Darren, Chuck M., Diane, Carol, Maureen, went to North Shore Show and Shine in Danvers. It was a real good show and everyone seemed to have a good time. Everyone took home a award:

Ray	1st place
Joel	4th place
Darren	6th place
Chuck and Diane	2nd place
Bill and Carol	1st place

Bill and Carol also took BEST OF STREET. Congratulations to Bill and Carol for a job well done.

One June 24, 1984 Joel, Bill, Darren, Chuck M., Carol, Diane, Maureen, and our friend Marty went to South Shore's Show and Shine. It was a good ay weather wise and show wise. Joel came in 5th, Bill and Carol 2nd, Darren came in 2nd, Chuck and Diane came in 1st. Marty came in 1st and also took BEST OF STREET. Congratulations Marty!!!!

Winners

VVV '84

Vineyard Vette Voyage '84 is now past history, but the great memories will last forever. On Friday, April 27, Joel, Maureen, Bill and Carol joined hundreds of other Corvette lovers on Martha's Vineyard for three days of fun sponsored by North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts.

The weekend package included round trip ferry rides for both the cars and their owners, brand new country club facilities (including rooms with VCR's and kitchens, golf courses, function rooms and safe parking), all meals (including the Friday night pizza party and the Saturday night awards banquet), a parade all over the island led by Keepin' Track of Vettes, a "do not clean up your car" show overlooking the ocean, and racing movies provided by the V.I.P. guests Zora 'Father of Corvettes' Duntov and Dave '84' McClellan.

Both Dave and Zora were available all weekend to answer our questions, sign autographs and pose for pictures, giving us the opportunity of a lifetime to meet these legends in their own times.

The four of us thought the most exciting time was when Keepin' Track told Joel that they wanted to do a cover feature story on his car, but then it was announced that out of 157 cars, Joel won 2nd place for participant's choice award! Congradulations Joel- you deserved it!

The North Shore clubmembers did a fantastic job and we sincerely thank them for the most enjoyable weekend that any of us have had in a long time. We can't wait till VVV '85 and hope that EMCC will be well represented at the Vineyard next year.

Carol

Mtn. Melee

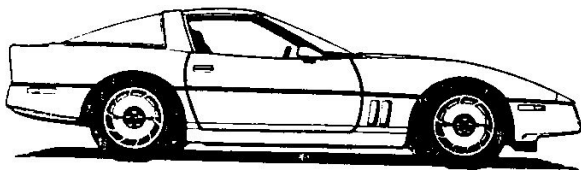
Summer has just arrived, but it's already time to book your reservations for the Mountain Melee to be held this year on September 7,8,9 in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

For a mere \$199 per couple, Seacoast Vettes provides motel accomodations, meals, parade, car show, rallye, funkana, disc jockeys at the dances, pools and saunas and hot tubs, a Mad Hatter Party and all the beer and soda you can drink.

Many of us have attended the Melee for the past two years and have plenty of slides and pictures to show to anyone who is thinking of joining us this year. If you are planning to go, be sure to get your money in as soon as possible, as reservations are first come and are going fast.

We're looking forward to going and hope you'll join us!

Carol



Summertime . . . and the livin' is easy. Who ever said that? Summer means frantically cleaning your car on Sunday morning at a car show! If the fast pace is too much for you, come on down to Saturday Night Cruisin' at Nick's Ice Cream on Rte. 135 in Natick.

For the third year in a row, we've had a full parking lot of some of the nicest street machines around. Cars have come from as far away as California, New Hampshire and Rhode Island to join us for a carefree evening of enjoying nice cars and great people.

Most of the clubs in Massachusetts have come to Nick's as the word spreads about Eastern Mass's Cruisin night. Many of them return week after week, sometimes with the vettes and sometimes in family cars with the kids.

For those who don't know about Cruisin', we meet every Saturday night, weather permitting, at 7:30 at Nick's and stay until about 11:00. There is no fee involved and the only money you'd spend would be on the delicious food Nick's offers or on an official Cruisin' shirt.

The rest of the evening is spent checking out the cars and talking to new and old friends. There is a playground behind Nick's in case you want to bring the kids, but were worried they would be bored. There are always at least 40 cars, mostly vettes, and as many as 70 cars, including 10-15 hotrods.

We would like to emphasize that Cruisin' is not just for Vettes! Bring your friends even if they drive a Toyota, just as long as they have the Cruisin spirit! We'll be there through Labor Day and hope to see everyone there at some point during the summer.

An evening at Cruisin' gets you psyched for Sunday's shows!

WANTED: A set of '67 Trim Rings. Contact Chuck M. at 869-3100 during the week or at Cruisin'.

CONTEST: Count the number of typographical mistakes in this newsletter. At the August 6th meeting, if you are the first clumember with the correct number, you will win 3 free raffle tickets to win half of the cash pot. Good luck!

Here are some definitions for the best time of year. By MYRNA BLYTH. Illustrations: BETTY FRASER

Summer is...



...cruising in a favorite car with your favorite guy and your favorite song on the radio, sung by Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Bruce Springsteen. (Your choice, song and guy.) + Car

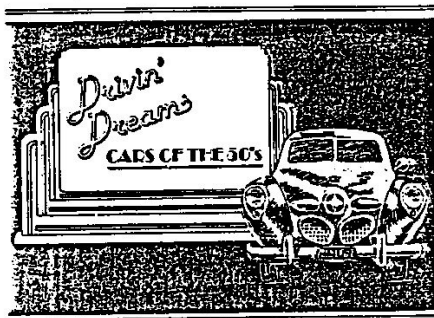
Attn.: Corvette Owner Club:

The Museum of Transportation at Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, MA would like to invite all Corvette owners and their cars to our exhibit "Drivin' Dreams: Cars of the 50's" on July 21st. There will be a large area to display your cars. The raindate will be July 28th. We will welcome your attendance. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us Thursday through Sunday from 11am-6pm at 522-6140.

The word is out- Drivin' Dreams at Larz Anderson Park is an event not to be missed! If you don't believe us, just ask Kenny and Sharon who attended opening day and loved every minute of it.

Greg Anderson, car meet coordinator has come to Cruisin' to spread the word to us and all other Corvette Clubs that they are looking forward to filling the parking lot with Vettes while we enjoy their display of cars of the 50's.

ALL CORVETTE CLUBS--PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY!!!!

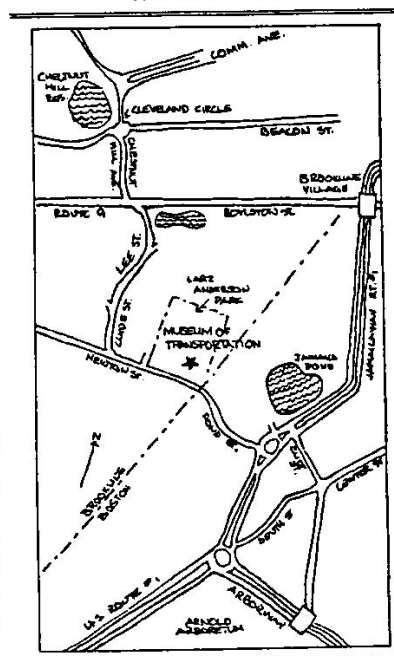


Color TV was introduced in 1951. Truman was President. "The African Queen" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" premiered on the screen and the Studebaker Starlight Coupe made its debut on the road. For the first time electric power was produced from atomic energy and Lucy Ricardo entered our living rooms.

In 1959 Ike was finishing his second term as President and the LA Dodgers won the World Series, 4-2, against the Chicago White Sox. The public was buying the Ford Fairlane Convertible for it's conservative lines while the USSR Lutnik was reaching the moon and Ben Hur was racing his chariot.

The 1950s were Edsels, Capris and T-Birds, hot rod garages and used car lots, car hops and drive-in theatres. . . it was a way of life. Come to the Museum of Transportation May 19 through September 3 and live it again, or for the first time, "Drivin' Dreams - Cars of the 50's" and their world: the Wurlitzer record player, "Leave It To Beaver," bright neon signs, the glamorous Monroe and rockin' Buddy Holly. Whether you were there or not, Jerry Mathers is still the Beaver.

How to get to the Museum



Museum of Transportation
Larz Anderson Park
15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 522-6140

"Drivin' Dreams - Cars of the '50s"
May 19-September 3, 1981
Thursday-Sunday, 11 AM-6 PM
Adults: \$2.50, Children (6-15): \$1.50.

AUTO FACTS

JUSTICE, ETC.

- An Englishman's home is no longer his castle—if he's been drinking and driving, that is. One part of Great Britain's new Transport Act gives the police in England and Wales the authority to **enter the home** of someone suspected of drunk driving and order a breath test.
- And the British have come up with some rather **quaint defenses** in the wake of their country's tough new drunk-driving laws. A Mr. Kenneth Collins managed to satisfy the court that his **urine** contained microorganisms capable of producing alcohol. His appeal against a drunk-driving conviction was allowed.

- If you try to **outrun the cops** in California, you have a 25-percent chance of success, according to data gathered by eleven California law-enforcement agencies from 683 high-speed pursuits. But there are some more sobering statistics to consider as well.

—Nearly one-third of all high-speed chases result in collisions.

—Eleven percent of all chases studied involved injury. One in 100 resulted in death.

—Drivers and passengers of the pursued vehicles were killed or injured in 70 percent of the collisions, police were injured in fourteen percent, and bystanders were injured in fifteen percent of the accidents.

—Shots were fired in 21 of the 683 cases studied. Three people, all in cars being chased, were shot to death.

LIFE & BREATH

- It may be against the law, but some two to three million cars annually have their **catalytic converters disconnected**, says the Automotive Exhaust Systems Manufacturers Council. The group also claims that one of every five cars on the road has had its emissions controls tampered with.

CAR and DRIVER

- **Chopped and channeled:** More than one million vehicles are **stolen** each year, says the Automotive Information Council, and the percentage of vehicles recovered in good condition has fallen to 52 percent from 83 percent in 1974. These days, the joy rider has been replaced by the professional thief, who fills custom orders for chop shops, which in turn sell

the car's parts for up to five times the value of the original car. Car theft, says the AIC, cost consumers \$4 billion in 1983.



- The average person who **drives to work** lives 11.1 miles from the office and takes 22.5 minutes to get there, says a government survey. An independent survey of the *Car and Driver* Gang of Fourteen indicates that they live an average of 13.1 miles from Hogback Road and need a mere 15.8 minutes to get from door to door. Which is against the law.
- And this item from the *Financial Times* of London: A school in Sussex, informing its pupils of upcoming **driving lessons**, wrote: "Three boys and girls will be taken on each lesson, and each will spend twenty minutes driving under instruction and 40 minutes in the back seat gaining experience."

What's all this rave about the Fiero? Admittedly, I too was caught in the whirlwind of accolades and traded in my trusty '77 Corvette for one. After logging only 102 miles and traveling at a modest 57 mph, my Fiero burst into flames. So here I sit, seven weeks later—no '77 Corvette, no Fiero, no apologies (no doubt a problem specific to my automobile), and no *pride*.

William E. Stricklin
Los Angeles, California



SHORT TRIPS VS. LONG TRIPS

The short-distance auto "trip" is a major consumer of fuel dollars. Automobile trips under 5 miles comprise about 15% of all miles driven, yet consume 30% of the gasoline consumed by an automobile. If it comes as a surprise that the short trip is so inefficient, remember that tires and lubricants do not move easily when driving from a cold start. Also, during cold-engine operation, the automatic choke causes the engine to run less efficiently because of the fuel-rich mixture which is fed to the engine. Therefore, engine and rolling resistance, along with the combined reluctance of all moving parts to move freely, results in a short trip being very undesirable from the standpoint of fuel efficiency.

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