



Vette Gazette

Also on easternmasscorvetteclub.org

May 2024

[FAST TRACK LINKS](#)

(Must Download First)

[PRESIDENTS MESSAGE](#)

[EXECUTIVE BOARD](#)

[CLUB CALENDAR](#)

[CLUB BIRTHDAYS](#)

[HUMOR](#)

[MEMBER SUBMISSIONS](#)

[EMCC SOUTH](#)

[NEW MEMBERS](#)

[CELEB-VETTE](#)

[PUZZLE](#)

[SPONSORS](#)

!Summer!



Click, Join and Follow



President's Message

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org



Hello Everyone!

Not many people know that Memorial Day was originally "Decoration Day," first observed on May 30, 1868 to "decorate" the graves of the Civil War's fallen with flowers to honor the soldiers. It was always celebrated on May 30 until 1971, when congress changed it to Memorial Day and the observance changed to the last Monday of May.

Additionally, many people don't know that this is "Patriot Week," which culminates with Memorial Day. While I wouldn't expect people to know the origin of Memorial Day, I do expect people to know the meaning, beyond the unofficial kick off of the summer. Very sadly, many people do not, which I was reminded of while standing in a cashier line at a store, coincidentally, just a few days before Memorial Day.

While I was paying, I listened to a 30-something year-old guy saying to a store employee that Memorial Day is not a "real" holiday and its just "another" day. The young store employee, speaking in a heavy middle-eastern accent, said "No, no, you're wrong. It's to honor soldiers who sacrificed their lives."

The 30-something guy, in an amazing display of ignorance and disrespect, said "It's bullsh\$t!"

I was done paying. Quite enraged, but calmly, I stepped up to 30-something guy. He turned to me when I was within a few inches of his face, and was a bit shocked when I said "What the f\$&k did you just say?" I'm sure he could see the anger in my eyes as he didn't know what to do and just stared at me with a blank look on his face. I said "This young guy isn't even from this county, and he has more knowledge and respect than you." I pointed to my car (we could see the park lot), and said "Do you see that license plate? It's a Gold Star plate. Since I'm sure you don't know what that means, I'll tell you. It means my brother-in-law died protecting the freedoms of a moron like you."

He didn't say a word as I walked away and out of the store.

This guy was half my age, not a small guy and I could have had my a\$\$ kicked but I never thought about that.

I'm fairly confident that most people reading this Gazette have some level of patriotism and respect for our soldiers, but today's society is failing to educate our children. Talk to your kids, your grandkids.

All that said, enjoy the long weekend. Get out there and cruise. Fire up those grills and spend time with your families. And be safe! The club has many events planned and we want you all to join in on the fun.

Cheers!
Gerry Criscenzo
President, EMCC





Executive Board & Chairpersons

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

President: Gerry Criscenzo
508-735-9311, gcriscenzo@gmail.com

Vice President: Steve Campbell
617-872-7743, capt376@gmail.com

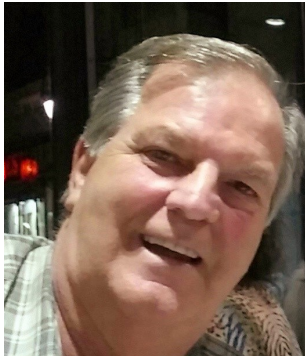
Secretary: Donna Crandall
774-226-0709,
DonnaEmcc@yahoo.com



Treasurer: Gary Crandall
774-994-7970,
gcrandall658@gmail.com

Social Chair: Eric Hart
617-257-0750,
erichart1964@gmail.com

Membership Chair: Bob Hanson
617-840-8202, rhanson3@verizon.net



Publications Chair & Webmaster:
Gerry Criscenzo
508-735-9311, gcriscenzo@gmail.com

Sunshine: Judy Pitasi
508-966-9026, rdvette72@aol.com

Facebook: Keith E. Jacobson
617-527-2100,
kamerakeith@gmail.com



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

EMCC sponsors and attends many Corvette events throughout the year, including: regional car shows, Corvette displays, cruise nights, Fall Foliage Cruises, multi-club Corvette cruises throughout N.E, and seasonal get-togethers.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club
P.O. Box 291, Medfield, MA 02052, US



2024 Club Calendar

www.eastermasscorvetteclub.org



Standing Events

- **Tuesday Static Cruise. Cruising has begun!** 4pm, Dunkin Donuts, 995 Old Post Rd, Walpole, across from Mick Morgan's Restaurant.
- 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! Website and emails for details!
- **Wednesday Lunches: All Year!** Wild card and always a great time. Website and emails for details!
- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings:** 1st Monday of every month, 7pm. Conrad's, Walpole. Dinner before the meeting at 6 PM. Website and emails for details.



Special Events/Cruises

These are Save the Dates. All updated/current info is on our Website. Also watch for emails for updates or check with Social Director, Eric Hart, at erichart1964@gmail.com

- May 23rd EMCC Thursday Cruise - The Keep/Ice Cream
- May 30th EMCC Thursday Cruise - Flint Farms Ice Cream
 - June 2nd EMCC lunch at Pier 52
 - June 8th EMCC Frank Fontana BBQ
 - June 9th Larz Anderson Car Show
 - June 13 & 27 Bass Pro
 - June 20th EMCC Thursday Cruise _ Bliss Creamery
- July 4th Morning Needham Parade / After Party at Louie Accetta's
 - July 4th Afternoon Norwood Parade
 - July 13th EMCC 40th Anniversary Party
- August 29-31 National Corvette Caravan 30th year
 - Sept 28 Vettes to Vets

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!

www.eastermasscorvetteclub.org



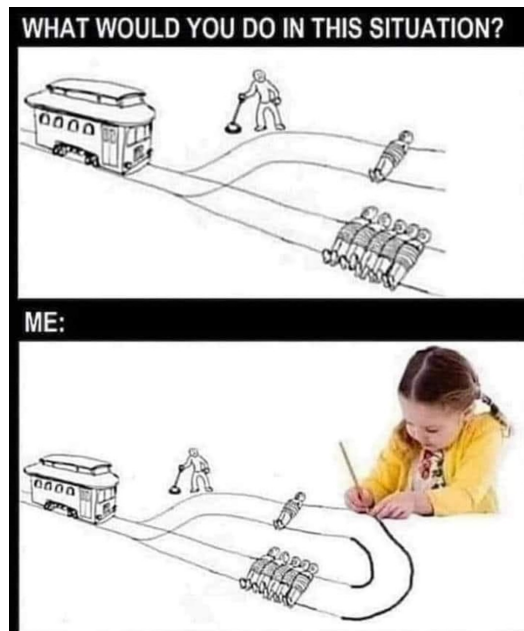
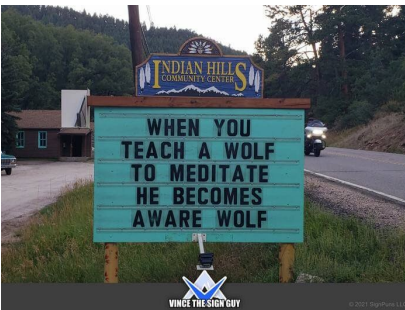
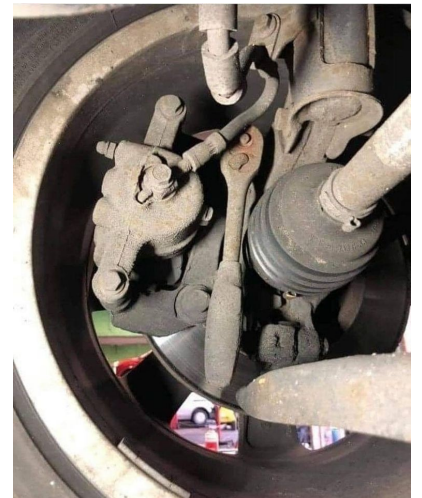
Humor Me

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

When the young mechanics ask you how you did tuning before laptops, show them this!



What in the trailer park hell is this?





www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org



Happy Birthday

May

- Sean Capplis
- Frank Fontana
- Bob Gardner
- Eric Hart
- Jack Kirkham
- Tony Lorusso
- Larry Malloy
- Steve Manni
- Mal Smith
- Scott Sutcliffe

June

- Jim Arcuri
- Gary Crandall
- Dennis Dibiasio
- Bob Hanson
- Greg Jacobsen
- Steele Lightbody
- Jim Morrill
- George Pappas
- Judy Pitasi





Member Submission!

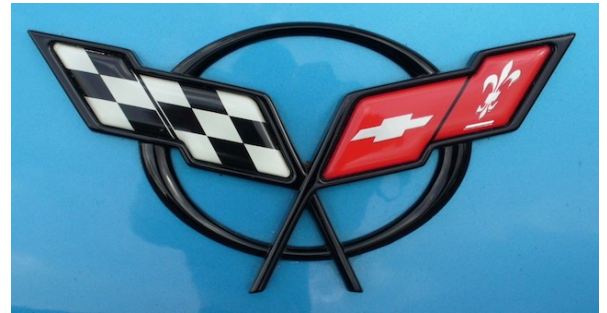
www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

25 Fun Vette Facts!

Submitted by Scott Sutcliffe, Original at <https://www.gmpartscenter.net/blog/corvette-fun-facts>

As the longest-produced sports car in the world, the Corvette is used to being in the spotlight. When it comes to its proud history, there are a few things we'd like to get out about Chevrolet's most iconic vehicle. Check out these 25 fun facts and see how many you didn't know!

1. Haley Earl, the designer of the Corvette, initially designed his roadster under the name "Project Opel." The original target price point was a mere \$2,000.
2. There's a bit of resemblance between early Corvettes and the Jaguar XK120 due to Haley Earl drawing some inspiration from the classic Jaguar.
3. The Corvette has been produced in three different cities: Flint, Bowling Green, and St. Louis.
4. The first Corvette retailed for \$3,513 in 1953. Adjusted for inflation, that's an affordable \$31,608!
5. Myron Scott, who worked as a photographer for Chevrolet, named the Corvette after a small warship of the same designation.
6. The Corvette is the only vehicle to ever offer a legitimate "wrap-around" windshield.
7. The original Corvette logo featured the classic checkered flag crossed with the American flag. However, when designers learned that using the stars and stripes on a commercial product was illegal, the logo was changed to the traditional bow-tie emblem and a fleur de lis.
8. The Corvette has been used as the pace car of the Indianapolis 500 thirteen times, more than any other vehicle!
9. You might be surprised to learn that the 1968 LT-2 Corvette prototype is the fastest in history, completing the quarter-mile in 10.86 seconds and going 0-60 in 2.8 seconds. Though the 2009 ZR1 came close with a quarter-mile at 11.4 seconds, the old prototype still reigns supreme.
10. The original 1953 Corvette offered only 2 options—a heater for \$91 and an AM radio for \$145. A Corvette with all the trimmings would set you back a total of \$3,749.



This 1963 Stingray from GearHeads.org is a thing of beauty



Member Submission!

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

25 Fun Vette Facts!

Submitted by Scott Sutcliffe, Original at <https://www.gmpartscenter.net/blog/corvette-fun-facts>

11. The original Sting Ray designs were partly taken from an actual Mako Shark caught by designer Bill Mitchell while deep-sea fishing.

12. In 1960, GM gave all three Mercury 7 astronauts—Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, and Chuck Yeager—brand new Corvettes as a publicity stunt.

13. The 1953 Corvette came in only one color option: Polo White with a red interior. The last year the Polo White color was used was 1957.

14. V8 engines weren't available as an option until 1955. And in that year, 90% of all customers selected the option. Since then, all Corvettes have offered nothing but V8 engines.

15. Only one 1983 model Corvette is still known to exist, and it's on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This is due to quality issues that caused GM to stop production until the problems could be solved. By the time the issues were straightened out, it was so late that the fixed Corvette was introduced as the 1984 model.

16. The Corvette boasts a family that's 2 million strong and continues to grow year after year. In fact, in 2012, Corvettes accounted for nearly 1/3 of all sports car sales in America!

17. The 2009 ZR1 was the first Corvette to be pushed over the 200 mph mark.

18. The 1963 Corvette Sting Ray Split-Window Coupe is widely regarded as the most beautiful and influential Corvette ever made.



19. The 1978 Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car was painted black and silver because it photographed better. Back then, most publications and ads were black and white.

20. Due to federal mandates, the 1980 Corvette had an 85 mph speedometer.

21. 1979 was the highest production year for the Corvette with 53,807 units built.



22. The 2014 Corvette Stingray was clocked going reverse at 53 mph—just 2 mph behind the all-time record!

23. Vehicles made in 1953 were primarily constructed of steel—this made the Corvette's innovative use of fiberglass a new and exciting feature.

24. The 1963 Split Window model only existed for one year because of a disagreement between designers Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov.

25. A whopping 36-gallon gas tank was an available option for the Corvette from 1963 to 1967.



Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

My 74 Corvette: 50 Years!

Story: Steve Campbell. Photos (internet)

Each year Corvettes of Carlisle honors the 50th anniversary of the brand. This year 1974 is the honoree.

My first Corvette was a 1974 Convertible; White, black top/interior, L48, A/T, 3.36 posi-traction rear axle. It was heavy with options: power brakes/steering, matching hard top, A/C, tilt-telescoping steering wheel, power windows, AM/FM Stereo and more.

I was the second owner of the car, having purchased it from a woman who brought it into the service department of Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester New Hampshire, where I was employed in the parts department.

She came to the parts department asking for advice on what to do about a leak coming from under the car. I went out to see what the problem was and saw the power steering piston seals had failed. An easy fix. She told me she was thinking about trading in the car for a new Camaro Z-28. I told her that if the dealership offers a low trade in, that I might be interested in offering more. She returned later and offered the car to me for \$3,200 as is. I agreed to the price and by the end of the day I owned my first Corvette.



After the paperwork was completed, I brought the car into the service department after hours and repaired the piston and a few other items that I saw needed servicing.

It was early spring, and I was hoping to enjoy a Corvette Summer. I say hoping because it was not to be so. I thought the Corvette would be a nice first car for my fiancé, but she did not like driving it.

After a month I sold the car, for a nice profit and purchased a 1972 Chevelle SS. A nice car, but not a Corvette, though, she was pleased, so it was all good.

One wonderful thing, though, was that I became good friends with the person to whom I sold the Corvette. Together we modified the Corvette for better performance using GM parts that I sold. I got to take the car out often. The engine modifications really made it into a Corvette like those sold in the late 60's and early 70's. Anyways, I have always held a soft spot for the 74.

Some interesting facts about the 1974 Corvette:

1. The rear styling was one year only. The new bumper crash mandates required a new design where the rear urethane bumper was split into two pieces. They are known as the splint bumper cars. In 1975 a one-piece rear bumper was developed and remained until 1978.
2. It was the last year for the big block engine. The LS 4, 454 developed 270 HP @4400 RPM. Just 20 HP more than the L82 350, and 75 HP more than the L78 350 that my car had.
3. Total production for 1974 Corvette's was 37,502 with only 5,474 examples being convertibles. Just 14.6% of production were drop tops.
4. New colors for the 74 Corvette were Dark Green Metallic, Silver Mist Metallic, Gray Metallic, Brown Metallic, Medium Red Metallic and Yellow Metallic. The new interior colors were Silver, Light Neutral, and Saddle.



Member Submission!

Iggy's Seafood Cruise

Photos: Gerry Criscenzo, Myriam Siraco





Member Submission!

Patriot Week

Story & Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

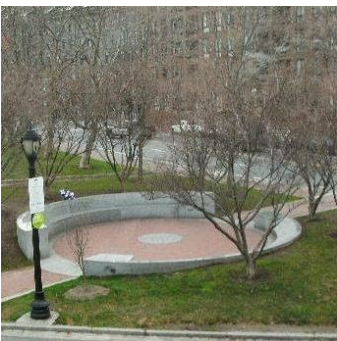
If you've ever been to Christopher Columbus Park, on the Boston waterfront on Atlantic Ave, you may have seen The Massachusetts Beirut Memorial. It is directly across from American Joes. It honors nine of the 220 Marines killed by a truck bomb on Oct 23, 1983 in Beirut, Lebanon. The nine were from Massachusetts. One, Lance Corporal Michael Devlin, was the brother of my wife, Chrissie Devlin.

Chrissie's mom, Chris Devlin, channeled her grief into a herculean driving force that resulted in the construction of the Massachusetts Beirut Memorial. She became an inspiration, a revered beacon of healing for the Massachusetts Marines that survived the blast, living with PTSD not only from the blast, but from digging their fallen brothers out of the carnage.



Chris Devlin became President of the American Gold Star Mothers of Mass an R.I. and also a consultant on the construction of the towering 50ft Mass Fallen Heroes Memorial in the Seaport Common on Northern Ave in Boston.

Every year, during Patriot Week, our family, along with other Massachusetts Gold Star Families are honored guests at the Mass Fallen Heroes Gala held at Encore Casino. The feeling of patriotism of a thousand people, our tribe, at this event is palpable.



During the event, three awards are presented to three individuals for their outstanding efforts supporting our veterans. One of the awards is the Christine Devlin Gold Star Family Support Award.



Nobody ever wants to join the Gold Star Families. But as one, we are part of a community, a family who reveres our soldiers and holds in the highest honors, those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We will tell the stories 'lest they be forgotten.





New Members!

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Bobby McGee
2020 Accelerate Yellow Metallic
Norwood, MA





Celeb-Vette

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Steve McQueen

From: <https://www.corvetteforum.com/forums/c1-and-c2-corvettes/4364149-anyone-know-anything-about-steve-mcqueens-c2->

McQueen was given 8 cars to test at Riverside, and only Bill Harrah's Ferrari did slightly better than the Corvette, which outperformed all the other cars. The Sting Ray was Milano Maroon with a saddle interior and the 427. All the options are listed on the forum [post](#). The car was last seen in 1968, when the picture without the front bumper was taken, and it was assumed McQueen bought the car. McQueen was impressed that a car costing less than \$5000 could keep up with one costing \$14,000 at the time.





EMCC South!

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Florida Fridays!

Story, Photos: Keith E. Jacobson

Village Vettes Corvette Club Friday Night Cruise In With 34 Reserved Spaces Around Brownwood Paddock Square





Stay Sharp!

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

OnlineCrosswords.net

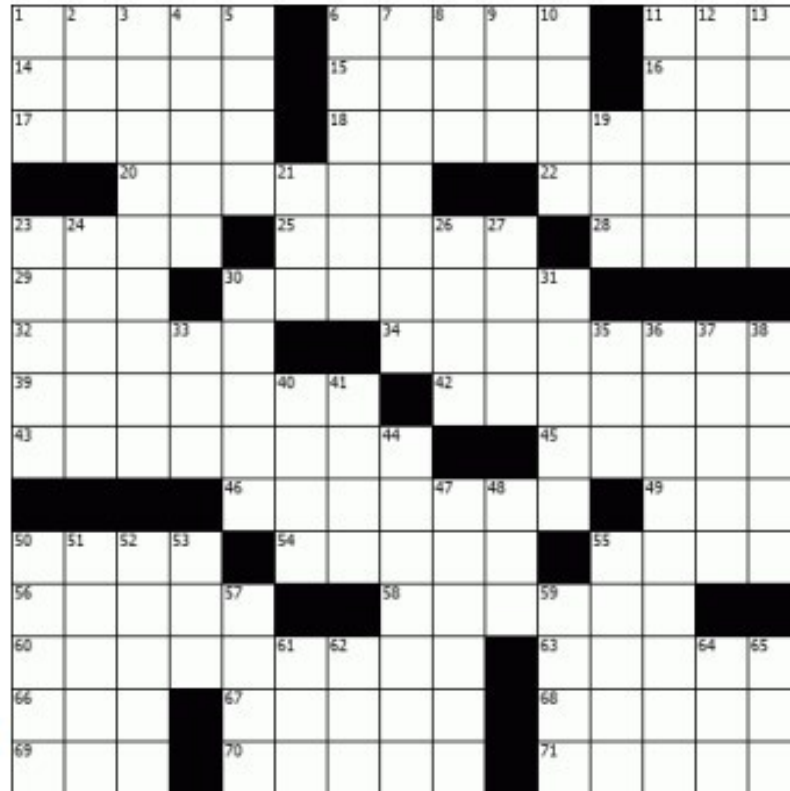
This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #1 for May 24, 2024

Find the solution at

<https://www.onlinecrosswords.net/>

Across

1. Shaping machine
6. One of Mary's pals
11. Pointillist's stroke
14. Menachem's 1978 co-Nobel
15. A-frame features
16. Simian
17. Aft area
18. Gambler's choice
20. Couldn't do without
22. Locusts aplenty
23. Isn't idle
25. Beauticians, sometimes
28. Baroque and Big Band
29. Word with May or pay
30. Goes up and down
32. Moonstruck topic
34. Wanders idly
39. A Catholic sacrament
42. Oriental appetizer
43. Wrestlers' maneuvers
45. Sun's combining form
46. Entertains with fine food and drink
49. Words often exchanged
50. Toga party venue
54. Wild and menacing
55. Dancing unit
56. Half of a TV transmission
58. "Evangeline" setting
60. Great deal?
63. Get together
66. Chicken order
67. Sidewalk amusement
68. Fairy tale monsters
69. Before, to an odist
70. Change a bill, say
71. Ranked entrants



Down

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Spanish article | 21. Presidential monogram | 44. Desert nomad |
| 2. Hill insect | 23. Be flexible | 47. Was in need of |
| 3. Landmark age | 24. Walk-on role | 48. Highest musical note of yesteryear |
| 4. Hasenpfeffer ingredients | 26. Atypical | 50. Aesop's output |
| 5. Sea eagle or Irish river | 27. Plunderer's take | 51. Pencil-box accessory |
| 6. Overnight flight | 30. Spanish title of respect | 52. Traditional saying |
| 7. Most effortful | 31. They may be heaved | 53. First X |
| 8. Biologist's eggs | 33. Word often heard in triplicate | 55. Slightly burn |
| 9. Moisture on the grass | 35. Beginning for tend or text | 57. Gumbo vegetable |
| 10. Vipers | 36. Gem set by itself | 59. Twosomes |
| 11. Westernmost African city | 37. Omit in pronunciation | 61. Toast topping |
| 12. "Fidelio" is one | 38. Fore-and-after | 62. Ear anagram |
| 13. "--- of Endearment" | 40. Staff symbol | 64. Williams of Cooperstown |
| 19. "To what do I --- ...?" | 41. A bit of superiority | 65. Count conclusion? |



Sponsors

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org



2 Rockwood Rd, Norfolk, MA
508-528-1515



Advertising

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

EMCC's Vette Gazette is currently distributed to 28 N.E. Corvette Clubs! EMCC has over one hundred members. If you would like to advertise in the EMCC Vette Gazette, we offer rates for full page, 1/2 page, 1/4 Page and Business cards. We also offer advertising on our Website reaching close a thousand visitors each month in high season.

Please contact us at ZR1@easternmasscorvetteclub.net, attn Joe O'Connor.

Support Our Members

If you are an EMCC Member, we'll post your business card here, free. Name on card must be an full EMCC member. Cards run one month and **must be re-submitted monthly**. Send yours to gcriscenzo@gmail.com

Myriam Siraco
REALTOR®, SRES, GREEN
1000 Franklin Village Drive,
Suite 102
Franklin, MA 02038
Cell: (508) 641-0956
Email: Myriam@SiracoHomes.com
www.SiracoHomes.com

SUBURBAN LIFESTYLE
REAL ESTATE

"Empowering you to make confident technology decisions"

HIGH ROCK

Management & Consulting

- Dealer Management/Point of Sale
- Networking
- Cloud Phone Systems
- Remote Computer Access
- IT/Cyber Security Auditing
- Email Migration

Rev. Gerry Criscenzo
Founder, Sr. IT Consultant

781-269-9744
gerry@highrockmgt.com
www.highrockmgt.com

**YOUR
BUSINESS
CARD
HERE!**



For EMCC Logo on your own supplied clothing/items.
106 Main St. Medway, MA 02053, 508-533-5080
<https://www.tri-valleysports.net>