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President's Message

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We're half way thru our Corvette season and we're enjoying it all. We attended two parades in July, one in Needham and one in Norwood.

There were 16 cars in each parade and we recieved \$300 for each parade. At the Medfield on the Charles car show, 2 members won a trophy for best in show. The Static Tuesday's are going good at the new location with pizza on the second Tuesday. Lunch on Wednesday's have been a big hit, and attendence has been increasing. Generally we have around 15 people.

Bass Pro car show has around 2000 cars on display which we attend every other Thursday. To end the month of July with have our annual cookout at Frank Fontana's house. This is a great time with around 50 people and plenty of food and drinks.

The membership has grown to 108. Our website is kept up to date and it brings in a lot of people. We have two calanders on the site, one for our events and cruises, and one for anybody for general events and car shows. People search the web for Corvette clubs and we pop up.

People are ordering new C8's and the new C8 Z06. A member took delivery of a C8 Z06 and it's beautiful. The range of years of cars in the club are from 1960 to 2023.

So that is July, see you next month.

Save the Wave !!!

Steve Sylvia
EMCC President

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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.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club
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2023 Club Calendar

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Standing Events

- **Tuesday Static Cruise** **We Kicked off 2023:** 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](http://www.eastermasscorvetteclub.org). Also watch for emails for updates or check with Social Director, Bruce, at ski1000@verizon.net

- July 4th: Norwood and Needham Parades
- July 15th: FontanaQue! BBQ at the Fontana's
- July 20: Hampton Car Show/Live Bullet Concert
 - July 27: Bass Pro
 - August 12: Pitasi Pool Party
 - Sept 17: Cape Cod Train Brunch
 - October: Columbus Weekend Cruise

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!

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Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

July

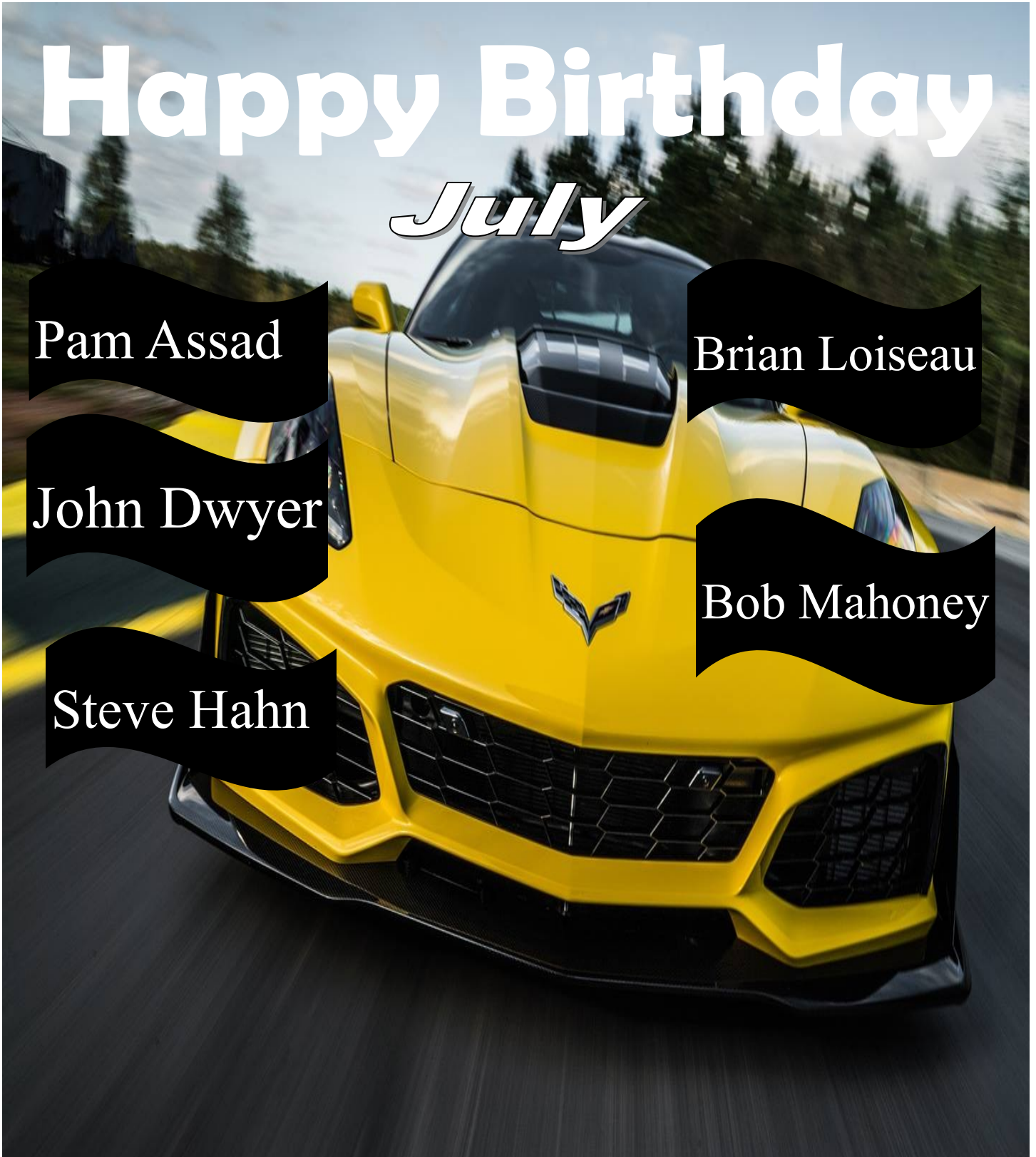
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Steve Hahn





Humor Me



SO THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED TO DO A BURNOUT.



My friend:
"What do you call those things you blow and make a wish?"
Me: "Breathalyzer?"



Member Submissions

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July 4th!

Story, Photos: Steve Campbell

Despite the poor weather forecast, EMCC attended and participated in the two 4th of July parades.

The morning parade was the annual Needham celebration and 16 EMCC members brought their cars out to drive in the 2-mile parade through the streets of Needham. Parade goers responded to our cars with great enthusiasm.

Rich Ryans "Copcar" 2003 was a crowd favorite with his blue light flashing on the dashboard. EMCC members decorated their cars with flags and pennants. It was a great showing!

Thanks to Lou and Patti Acetta for hosting an after-parade party at their residence. The rain held off until just at the end of the parade, but unfortunately, it was a top up/roof closed event.

The rain just came down all afternoon of the 4th but still we assembled 14 cars for the Norwood parade at 5.30. Just before step-off the rain stopped and it was possible to have the tops down and roofs off for this mile and a half long parade through downtown Norwood.

Again, the EMCC cars were a crowd favorite, especially with the children.

Thanks again to all who participated. Both towns rewarded the club with checks for our participation.



From Ed Forsberg:

Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to the fifteen members who braved the rain to show up with their Corvettes for the Norwood July Fourth Parade. It was raining pretty hard when we met at St. Mary's Parish parking lot in E. Walpole and when we arrived at the staging area in South Norwood, but the rain stopped and the skies cleared just before the start of the parade. The parade was a success with a large enthusiastic crowd.

Thanks Again,
Ed Forsberg



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Fontana-Que!

Story: Frank Fontana. Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

On behalf of Rosemary and I, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all who attended today's festivities at our home. We had record attendance from the membership and had more than enough food and drink for all. I'd like to thank everyone for helping us from beginning to end as everyone chipped in to assist us with set up and clean up.

You join a car club because you have a car, you stay in the club because you make friends for life.

We love having everyone hear to share past memories and make new ones. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Rosemary and Frank





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Pursuing Your Dreams

Story, Photo: Joe O'Connor

I'm certain you all have grand children that you are proud of, so here is a brief story of Billy, one of our nine grand children.

Our grandchild, Billy, graduated from tri county reg. High school in 2017. Billy graduated with a certificate in welding. He immediacy got a job for a welding company and his career in welding started. Being young, he still wanted to better himself for his young family's future.

When Billy was young, his family always vacationed in North Carolina coast. One night while he was on his computer, he came across Hendricks racing team page. He clicked onto career opportunities. Billy came across a section saying they were looking for qualified welders. Well the light went on in Billy's head. Billy got in touch with the right person at Hendricks racing team and scheduled an interview.

The telephone interview went so well, they asked him to come down to Charlotte, NC to meet him and to show them what he could weld. He was also smart enough to bring his own welding equipment.

The interview and the welding he had to do lasted four hours, but Hendricks offered Billy the job on the spot. Billy flew home that day to make sure his wife and new 7 month old daughter were on the same page as he was. And they all were.

Billy's new company found him a home close to their plant that they could rent, and afford. Things were moving fast now for the new family.

We were all trying help them with whatever we could. Within two weeks of finding the job on the internet Billy and his young family are starting a new life in North Carolina.

We love all our grand children and we will miss them all when they find their callings in life. But my wife and I are now bigger fans of NASCAR than before all of this went down.

Good luck Billy.
Grammy Carol and Grampa Joe.



PHOTO:

Billy came with me to a Corvette show in R. I. He was helping me clean the car, when the people running show saw him helping me. I think it was Corvettes by the sea. So they gave him the trophy for the youngest Corvette cleaner. I think he was 9 years old. He loves his new job at NASCAR. Thanks, Joe.



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Medfield on the Charles!

Car Show, June 25, 2023

From Frank Fontana

A friend introduced me to Charlie who had an open space for the 2019 model year to be a part of Corvette's 70 years. I was invited to be in the Corvette Corral and much to my surprise, was awarded a trophy for Best in Class for 2014-2019 cars. I didn't think to have a picture taken until I got home.

I did so because Bob Gardner had won at the same show so I wanted to bring awareness to the club. From what I saw, we had over 20 members present so we were well attended. I was proud to receive it and represent EMCC.

Thanks again.
Frank!



From Jim Arcuri

Our 68 took best of show survivors class. What an honor! Thank you!
Quadrajet held up fine no starting problems all day. It's a great day in the neighborhood!





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Classic Cars and Classic Rock at Hampton

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

The weather Gods finally smiled on us in the early evening of July 20 and even threw in a summer breeze off the oceans of Hampton Beach.

“Cool Wheels” and “Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand” combine classic rock with classic cars for an evening of Americana at their best. The range of cars was truly impressive, and Corvettes were very well represented. Was hoping for some EMCC Vettes.

Live Bullet performed hits by Bob Seger to a dancing and truly appreciative audience of approximately 500 people, which the organizers said was the largest audience they’ve seen. I’m sure the break in the weather had something to do with that, but I’ll take it as a feather in our cap.

You can watch a 15 minute slide show [at this link](#).





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From Our Arizona Contingency

I did not go to the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Las Vegas this year. Last year I nearly fried myself with the high heat. It is a much smaller show than Scottsdale that I attend every year (usually only for the opening day.) As usual Corvettes dominated the number of cars auctioned. The "custom" Corvettes generally brought in higher values.



Are these truly "Collector Cars?"

The first internet link for the Highlights of the "bow-tie" brand.

<https://www.barrett-jackson.com/Media/Home/Reader/auction-highlights-top-chevrolet-vehicles-at-the-2023-las-vegas-auction/>

The second is to all the corvettes.

<https://www.barrett-jackson.com/Events/Event/Docket/LasVegas-2023/Collector-Cars/7a482d78-14cd-40cc-936c-831893758b52/06-22-2023/06-24-2023>

You might have to cut and paste the links into your browser.

I look forward to seeing my East Coast club members in July.

- Your man from Prescott



You maybe wondering why I am showing a picture of the rear of my car. Good question! Look closely at my License Plate – see how well it's lighted?

Here's the story:

I left Ohio near the Pennsylvania border early morning (3:30am) and was pulled over by an Ohio State Trooper on I80. There were two people in the car so I think it might have been a training session.

He asked for my License and Car Insurance, not registration. He acknowledged that he could not give me a ticket for my tinted windows. However, BOTH of my license plates lights were out.

He ran my license and came back to the car and stated he was only giving me a warning. I thanked him and told him I would have never known about the lights if he hadn't pulled me over. Overall, it was a good experience.

When I got to my brother's in CT we checked and sure as sh** they were both out. Watched a You Tube video on how to change them. Decided to go with LED replacements and spent \$24 for 2 bulbs at O'Reillys.

You'll know when most of your lights die in your car, but not the license plate bulbs. We don't have inspections in Arizona, but I did have the car into the Chevy Dealer for a safety inspection before I left. If they were out at that time, they didn't notice it.

So, walk around your car occasionally and check your lights. A word to the wise is sufficient.

-Your man from Prescott



Celeb-Vette

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In the 1967 movie "Clambake," Elvis' red sports car is a one-of-a-kind 1959 Chevrolet Corvette XP-87 Stingray concept car. Originally silver in color, this car was the design inspiration for the "C2" generation of Corvettes (1963 - 1967), which took the name "Stingray" from this vehicle. Note: It did not have a phone! :)





New Members!

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WELCOME!

Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

New Member?

Want your 15 seconds of fame?

Contact Gerry to get/take a photo of you and your Vette.



Scott Sutcliffe

1996 Collector Edition Convertible

LT4 engine with 6-speed manual

Black interior



In Memoriam

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Kevin Powers

By Jim Arcuri

Kevin Powers, retired manager for Mass port and car enthusiast passed away on Thursday morning, June 22, 2023. He was 77 years old. Kevin was born in Brighton. He was one of 3 children born to Arthur and Dorothy Powers. He grew up in Brighton and was a graduate of Brighton High School. He joined Local 103 of the IBEW, did his apprenticeship for four years, and then worked as an electrician for various union electrical companies in and around Boston. He worked on many of the large skyscrapers in the area and was always on call for the Harvard Club. Kevin spent the last 10 years as the manager of Electrical Services at Mass port at Logan Airport. His position came with considerable responsibility. He often would spend the durations of snowstorms, severe weather events, and electrical malfunctions ready to tackle any emergency that may arise. For Kevin, it was just part of the job.

From a very early age, Kevin was interested in cars. In his late 20's he purchased a 1958 Corvette, which could barely make the ride back to his home. It took him many years and endless hours of labor to restore the Vette to its original condition. He won many awards at car shows for the quality and authenticity of his Corvette. He also had a 1933 Vicky Hotrod that is bright red and a 2007 C6 Corvette. He would spend much of his leisure time working on and maintaining his prized cars. It was a labor of love.

Kevin and I joined EMCC in 1984/1985. He was a member for many years and president for 2 terms around 1990. He was a member of NCRS with membership number 775. He was also a member of the Goodguys Rod and Custom Association. Kevin had a large group of car enthusiast friends whom he socialized, went to shows with, and worked alongside in his or their garages. He and a group of friends were Vendor's at Corvettes of Carlisle. They never missed a year from Carlisle's beginning in 1974.



Kevin was also very involved in his family's lives as well. He met his wife, Patricia, through a friend of her brother. He treated her like a princess, and they married in 1976. The couple settled in Newton where they raised their two sons, Sean and Chris. He coached their Little League Baseball teams and was in the stands cheering for them at their hockey games and swim meets. He also enjoyed sharing his knowledge and skills with them. Kevin believed there was always the correct method and approach to accomplish a task and shortcuts led to failure. He loved being a grandfather to Jack, Emily, and Allison. He helped watching them as their parents worked or needed a break and loved each for their unique qualities and interests. everyone recalls Kevin's quick wit, fun loving personality, welcoming smile, and devotion to his family.

Kevin was the beloved husband of Patricia (Murphy) Powers. He was the caring and loving father of Sean Powers of Burlington and Christopher Powers & his wife Justine of Billerica. He was the proud grandfather of Jack, Emily, and Allison Powers. He was predeceased by his siblings, John Powers and Martha Johnson.

Kevin, you will be missed by all that knew you.

For obituary, online guestbook, & video tribute see www.sullivanfuneralhome.net.



Members! Submit Something!

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The Gazette Needs You!

It's your Gazette!



As Publisher and Editor, I am always looking for content to make our Gazette more fun. After all, it's your Gazette.

As much as we love our Corvettes, content is ***NOT*** limited to subjects about Corvettes. Content about our members is always fun, too.

Suggestions:

- Pictures are the best! Just add a quick description. No story required!
 - Pets "n" Vettes; Kids "n" Vettes
- Got a story? 500 words maximum. Longer stories are split into parts for following issues.
- Did you take a day or weekend cruise in your Vette?
- Find a great restaurant? You know we love food!
- Grand kids sitting in your car ... and broke something?
- Do a mod on your Vette and it worked ... or didn't.
- Find a great (or bad) service or product?
- Find some interesting or bizarre Corvette news, history, or humor? Include original link to credit the source.
- Heard about a fun car event?
- Don't know if it's right? Ask, Gerry!



Please email me directly, gcriscenzo@gmail.com, with content, questions or even suggestions for the Gazette.

Thank you all in advance!
Cheers!

Gerry Criscenzo
Editor, Publisher, Webmaster.



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<https://www.tri-valleysports.net>



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The Last Word

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Hydrate!!

By Gerry Criscenzo



Chrissie and I, along with six other families, vacation the week of Fourth of July on Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, NH. It's a tradition every year, now more for the kids, to climb Mt. Major. This is not a hike. It's a 3000-foot climb over rocks, up very steep inclines, through streams ... you get the idea. It's a mountain, and coming down can be harder.

For the last six months, Chrissie has been taking Zumba, Ballet Barre, and yoga classes ... sometimes three times a day! I got tired writing that! She was now determined to challenge herself and Mt. Major since it didn't go so well for her the last time we climbed it quite a few years ago, though she did make it.

Eight and one-quarter of us (one was 16mo old), endeavored and so began the ascend, and ... Chrissie ... conquered that challenge!



BTW, this story isn't about Chrissie. It's about what happened next.

We had been hydrating all the way up the climb, then rested at the top for about 45-minutes and took pictures. For the descent, we split up and took two different trails. Chrissie, her brother and I took what he said was the easier of trails, while the kids took what was supposed to be the harder trail.

He had it backwards!!!

About two thirds of the way down we decided to rest.

Now comes the bad part.

I suddenly got dizzy, lighted head, nauseous and could no longer stand. After about 10 minutes, Chrissie's brother called 911.

No, this isn't a joke.

While I laid on the ground, the emergency operator at 911 was directing him with questions trying to determine if this was cardiac or not. I knew it wasn't and knew what was happening. I was having a heat stroke from dehydration.

911 dispatched paramedics up the mountain. Before they arrived, my step-son and two nieces climbed back up to us. Chrissie had called them. One is ski-patrol with EMT training. A hiker also coming down the mountain said she is an RN! An angel was clearly watching over me. Perhaps my Dad. If we had not stopped to rest, this could have happened while were descending and I would have fallen down the mountain.

The RN sat and stayed with us for an hour until the paramedics arrived! When they did, my symptoms had cleared but they performed tests. I was able to walk down to the ATV that made it about halfway up to where I was. This 6-wheel-drive beast was amazing!

The moral of this story is: Hydrate!!! And if you're going to climb a mountain don't dehydrate the day before with a bunch of vodka drinks!

