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President's Message

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Hello Everyone!

Well, here we are. Labor Day Weekend, and we're all asking, "where the heck did summer go?" Heck, we even strated planning our Christmas Party! LOL

For the most part the weather has cooperated for our Static cruises at our new Foxboro DQ location (again, thanks, George Pappas) and for most of our other cruises. In addition to EMCC cruises, there is always an abundance of car shows to attend but never enough time.

Some member's attended Corvettes in Carlisle and others are now planning the annual Columbus Day Cruise. This year the destination is Quebec City. Contact Jim Gable if you wish to go.

Sadly, along with the great times we've also had to deal with the loss of another member this year, Paul Worsley. Members of EMCC attended the services.

As for myself, I am making some very joyous memories as I prepare my next generation of Corvette owners and joined the brotherhood of GrandFather. Meet, Lilly. I can't wait until I can take her for her first ride. She'll need to be done wearing diapers, though!

Summer's not over so get out there and make it your best summer ever. Life's short and getting shorter. Eat the cake. Buy that Vette!

Cheers! Gerry Criscenzo President, EMCC









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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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2024 Club Calendar

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Queen, 122 Main St. Foxboro.

 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! 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 <u>Website</u>. Also watch for emails for updates or check with Social Director, Eric Hart, at <u>erichart1964@gmail.com</u>

- August 29-31 National Corvette Caravan 30th year
- Sept 1st Muscle Mania Lebanon Valley Drag way, West Lebanon, NY
 - Sept 5th Bass Pro
 - Sept 14th Kidde Fenwall Ashland
 - Sept 19th Bass Pro
 - Sept 20th Live Bullet, Magic Room Norwood
 - Sept 28 Vettes to Vets
 - Oct 5th Walpole 300th Parade
- Oct 7th-11 Annual EMCC Columbus Day Cruise: Quebec City (Contact Jim Gable)

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!



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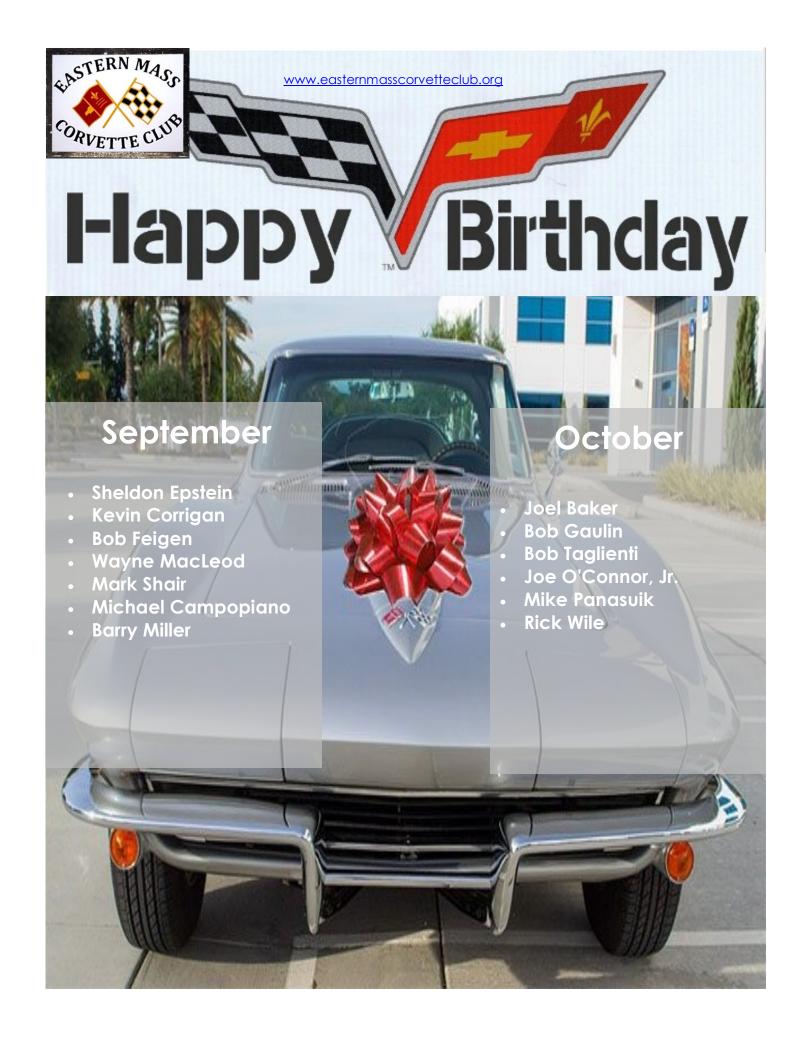














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George's Surf n Turf

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

For the past few years, our AZ constituent, Rooster, has lead this cruise when he is visiting and graces us with his wit and charm. He planned to this year, but alas, life intervenes and I let the charge.



The size of the turnout had no bearing the big fun we always have. You know what they say, "size doesn't matter."

We met at Lake Pearl and about half way there, an expected detour routed us through some very picturesque back roads and eventually to our destination. It was a really nice night. See you next year, Rooster!









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CCRI by the Sea Photos, Story: Gerry Criscenzo

After meeting at Lake Pearl, Eric Hart led the cruise on a beautiful day to Narragansett RI for CCRI's 60th anniversary event. The CCRI's annual "By The Sea" event is always a great showing of many members from many other Corvette Clubs. Some of the custom Vettes are impressive. They offer a prize for the club with the most members in attendance but I had to leave before they announced the winner. I guesstimate about 300 cars were in attendance, though, last year I estimated about 600. A DJ sets a great festive vibe and the food trucks fed the masses. Hot dogs for me.















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Los Cabos Cantina!

Pictures: Judy Pitasi







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Corvettes of Carlisle!

Story, Photos: Steve Campbell

A team of EMCC members and family assembled on the Mass Pike Wednesday, August 21 for the pilgrimage of Corvette enthusi-

asts to Carlise PA. for the 50th anniversary of Corvettes of Carlisle. Steve Sylvia, Steve Campbell, Frank Fontana, Bill Schroeder, Barry and Cindy Miller met up at the Westborough service plaza and together they drove out to the Ludlow service are to meet up with Jim Gable and his son-in-law and grandson. From there we traveled to the end of the Pike, into New York state and headed south on the Taconic Parkway (one of the best roads in New England) on a cross-country trip into New York, and into Pennsylvania with our eventual destination of Harrisburg. The trip took nearly 8 hours with a stop at a roadside diner in Milford PA, for lunch and a rest.

Corvettes of Carlisle began the following Thursday and we all were blessed with spectacular weather, with an abundance of sunshine and surprisingly cool temperatures. Frank, Bill and the two Steves were guests of the Grand Sport Registry. Steve left his car at the hotel parking lot and traveled with Bill. The registry has a prime location on the "Fun Field" the prime location for all the Carlisle events. The Gables were located across the road in the ZR1 registry lot while the Millers parked in the general parking area and joined us at the GS tent area. Barry was on a mission: Locate a pair of bumpers for his 1970 restoration project along with a new set of grilles. The vast flea market area had just what he was searching for. Problem was that the Millers planned to leave Carlisle and continue a cross-country trip towards their eventual destination of Mt. Rushmore. Their C8 was full of their clothes and trip essentials. Bill Schroeder to the rescue. His C7 had extra room, and he transported the parts back home so the Millers could continue their trip and will collect the parts once they return. Thanks Bill!

Friday's event was the same as Thursday's, but the show field filled up, so we had more cars and people to meet. The amazing thing about this show is the diversity of Corvettes, and their owners. From stock never restored classics to wild customs it was nonstop entertainment for us all.

On Saturday morning we departed from our hotel and took the direct route home. The first half of the trip was a fun blast across PA, New Jersey and into New York. Unfortunately, Connecticut's heavy traffic slowed us down some, but we all arrived back to Mass safely, albeit a little tired from the road. Corvettes of Carlisle is a must attend for any Corvette enthusiast. Plan on attending next August, 2025











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ZR1 @ Corvettes of Carlisle!

Story, Photos: Steve Campbell

While attending this years Corvettes of Carlisle the EMCC group visited the GM Tech tent and viewed the 2025 Corvettes up close. The star this year is the much-anticipated ZR1 unveiled last month in Miami. This was the first viewing for the general public and Corvette Chief engineers we on hand to show off their most recent accomplishment. Early Thursday was the best time for us to visit the tent. Soon afterwards crowds filled the tent and made picture taking nearly impossible.

Such was the excitement of viewing the latest and possibly greatest Corvette Supercar. On hand was Corvette Chief Engineer Josh Holder, who answered questions with a great deal of pride and enthusiasm. It is understandably his greatest joy to offer up his thoughts on this amazing piece of machinery that we had before us. The new ZR1 is still in development and will not be released to the public until later this year as a 2025 model. Some notes about the car are it's incredible 1064 horsepower rating via the twin turbocharged LT7 engine with torque rated at 848 Lbs. Ft. and the torque rated at over 400 lbs. Ft from 3,000 up to redline of 7,000. The torque figure was so impressive that Josh Holder told us that the two dynamometers that GM uses were upgraded to handle the extreme pressures. Under full load of the LT7, both dynamometers broke!

Some other unique features: The split window has returned on the coupe only this time it is functional as a heat release for the engine. This feature has been employed by Corvette Racing's GTR racecars so while it is new for the production car, it has been in play for quite some time. Also there is the ZTK racing package which features a new wing capable of producing over 1,200 lbs. of down force at high speeds. The team presented a cut-away of the car showing the extensive reinforcement of the chassis to handle these extreme loads.

2025 will be the year that Amplify Orange returns to the color lineup and a new color, Hysteria, a purplish blue will make its debut. Also new are the new wheels with Rapid Blue striping. Very attractive in my opinion. 2025 Corvette ZR1. I think that Zora would approve.









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Want to Love Your Car? Buy a Corvette, says Consumer Reports!

By Sean Tucker

https://www.kbb.com/car-news/want-to-love-your-car-buy-a-corvette-says-consumer-reports/ Submitted to Gazette by: Scott Sutcliffe

Car shopping is nerve-wracking. The right purchase can protect your finances, make you smile when you see it, feel like an extension of yourself on a winding road, and impress your friends. The wrong buy can be a daily disappointment you're stuck with.

Attempting to give that insight, the magazine singles out answers to one question from its annual owner satisfaction survey: "If you had it to do all over again, would you definitely buy or lease the same model?"

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the Chevrolet Corvette wins more loyalty than any other car in the survey. Today's Corvette is a mid-engine marvel, offering Ferrari-like performance for a



surprisingly affordable price. The 2024 Corvette Stingray base model starts at \$69,995, including the \$1,695 destination charge. That would be steep compared to a family car. But stacked against other V8-powered mid-engine cars with exotic looks, it's shockingly low.

Consumer Reports studies are always worth a look in your car shopping research. But they're also always worth an ounce of skepticism. The magazine surveys its subscribers. So its results don't tell you what general car buyers think. They tell you what people who will pay a subscription fee for a magazine that ranks everything from mattresses to heat pumps think.

That approach can create a self-reinforcing cycle where subscribers buy the products the magazine likes, and then those products rank well again.

That makes a few names on this list particularly surprising. Electric-only automaker Rivian is just building its reputation and already has both of its current products in CR's top 10. The Hyundai Ioniq 6 is also brand new and already a favorite.

Other names are well-known and long-established. The Mazda MX-5 Miata, for instance, may be responsible for more smiles than any other affordable vehicle in history. It's a cute, reasonably priced convertible that's fun to drive at neighborhood speeds. Of course, Miata owners like their cars.

Notably, Honda Pilot owners are almost as satisfied. Americans buy more midsize SUVs than any other type of vehicle. Not every midsize SUV from a mainstream manufacturer leaves its owners wanting more.

CR's 10 Most Satisfying Cars to Own:

Model	Percent Of Owners That Would Buy Again
Chevrolet Corvette	93%
Rivian R1T	88%
Mazda MX-5 Miata	88%
Lexus NX Hybrid	87%
BMW X5	85%
Rivian R1S	84%
Ford Maverick Hybrid	83%
Kia Telluride	82%
Honda Pilot	82%
Hyundai Ioniq 6	81%

Cox Automotive, the parent company of Kelley Blue Book and <u>Autotrader</u>, is a minority investor in <u>Rivian</u>.



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The Spectacularly 80s Greenwood Daytona Turbo!

By **Douglas Barton**

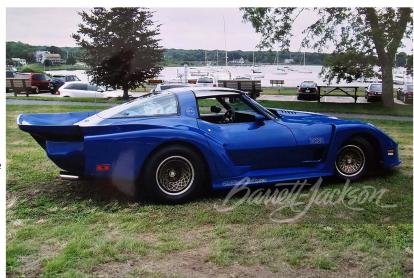
https://www.corvsport.com/have-you-seen-the-spectacularly-80s-greenwood-daytona-turbo-with-a-zora-connection/ Submitted to Gazette by: Scott Sutcliffe

This 1981 relic recently hammered for six figures. Did the autograph from Zora Arkus-Duntov help, or was it the pure Greenwood rarity?

This 1981 Greenwood Daytona Turbo screams 80s, and we love it!

If you happened to see this 1981 Greenwood Daytona Turbo out in the wild, at first glance, you might shrug it off as another gaudy, outlandish body kit cobbled together by some 70s-era shade-tree wanna-be designer who just finished binge watching the classic "Corvette Summer" hit with Mark Hamill. You wouldn't be alone if you fell into this trap.

These fiberglass creations from Burt and John Greenwood walked the fine line between a punchline for 70s-era styling and an iconic design that would be appreciated for decades. Have the over-the-top Greenwood designs aged like fine wine, or are they like bell bottoms trying to be cool in 2024? As they say, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.



I've always appreciated the cool lines and look of the Greenwood body kits for the C4, but many may forget just how special and rare the original and authentic Greenwood Corvettes were. Between 1975 and 1981, the Greenwood Brothers built just five different cars, including the GT/ Sebring GT, the Sportwagon, the Turbo GT, the GTO, and the Daytona. After this time, the brothers also built other Corvettes using licensed body kits manufactured by Eckler's of Titusville, Florida.

The relationship between the Greenwoods and Ecklers tends to water down the exclusivity of these first five vehicles and their standing in the collector world. In fact, after Ralph Eckler licensed the rights from the Greenwood brothers to build the CamAm Kits, the resulting product resembled the original Greenwoods so closely that the "kit cars" were sometimes mistaken for authentic Greenwood Corvettes.

Now, it's time to meet the 1981 Greenwood Daytona Turbo, number 002 of the five, that recently sold at Barrett-Jackson's Palm Beach auction for a whopping \$247,500. That sale price should put to rest any bell bottom analogies, and we have a video below of this eye-watering sale straight from the auction block. If you'd like to take a deeper dive into the eclectic Greenwood brothers and some of their masterpieces, we have our CorvSport archives listed below.

And here's that autograph, which likely added thousands to the hammer price. The autographs from the Greenwood brothers probably didn't hurt, either!

More Highlights From #002:

- 26,606 actual miles
- This authentic 1981 Chevrolet Corvette Greenwood Daytona Turbo, Daytona Turbo No. 2, has been previously displayed in the National Corvette Museum.
- Powered by a turbocharged 350ci V8 engine (with approximately 450hp) mated to an automatic transmission.
- Equipped with BBS racing wheels and removable Kevlar cooling shields that cool the brakes.
- The custom body panels are all calculated for best driving performance.
- John Greenwood modified the front suspension and the 5-link rear suspension, an original John Greenwood design.
- The rear hatch was specially designed for the curvature of the body, and it opens.
- John Greenwood signed the dash, and Burt Greenwood and Zora Arkus-Duntov signed the extra air cleaner cover.



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New Members!

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New Member inducted in June 2024. Michael's family has a history of Corvettes in their bloodlines, so Michael felt it was time to join in the fun. Michael purchased a 2014 white Stingray Coupe. Michael lives with his wife and children in Plymouth, Michael is the owner of the Fireside Grill in Middleboro, he is a consultant for the Dunkin Brands and is the owner of a trucking company. Michael specifically chose The Eastern Mass Corvette Club based on positive input about the club from family members and friends.

Welcome to the EMCC, Michael!





In Memoriam

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Paul Worsley

Obituary

Paul A. Worsley, 76, of Norfolk, passed away on August 5, 2024. He was the loving husband of the late Rena (Ecord) Worsley who passed away in 2008.

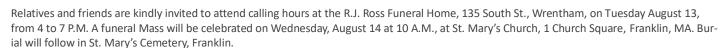
Born in New Bedford, MA in August of 1948, he was the son of the late Alton and Phyllis (Bartlett) Worsley.

Paul exemplified his generation. He worked hard for what he had; was loyal and caring to his family and never lost his ability to love life. Paul went into the Air Force soon after he received his Diploma from Ashland High School. Putting his mechanical abilities to test he graduated from Chanute Air Force Base and was deployed to Vietnam. There he received written commendation letters for his, "attitude, expeditious manner and professionalism … that greatly enhanced the operation of the wing."

After being decorated with various awards, including the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, he retired from the Air Force as a Sergeant and in June of 1970, he married his late wife, Rena, at St. Mary's Church in Franklin. Paul and Rena loved sailing and spending time together. Paul was not only a competent sailor, but a car enthusiast and a mechanic. He could fix anything and if he could not find a part or component, he would just fabricate it himself. He was a man of many talents, and he used those talents to not only build models, furniture and the mechanical parts he needed, but to lovingly build friendships, and always help those around him.

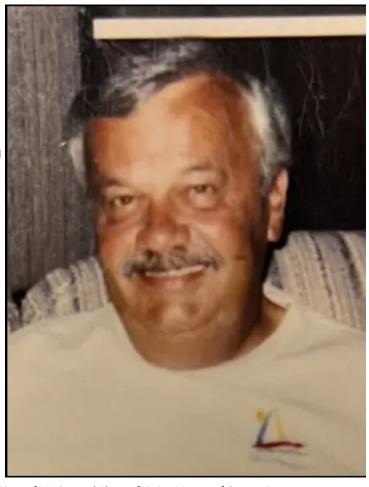
Paul is survived by his in-laws Benjamin Ecord of Holbrook, Dennis Ecord of Norwood, David Piper of Silver Springs, N.Y., Scott & Michelle Jenest of California, Thomas DiPlacido Jr. of Wrentham and Charise DiPlacido of Connecticut. He is also survived by his nephews Neil Jenest, Andrew Jenest, Nathan Jenest, Matthew DiPlacido, Thomas DiPlacido III, Jason

DiGregorio of Falmouth, and nieces Arielle DiPlacido of Boston, Melissa Piper of Marion and Alanna & Paige Massey of Connecticut.



In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's name may be made to the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org.

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Celeb-Vette

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Farah Fawcett

Story: Gerry Criscenzo. Photo: Unknown

Farah was, of course, one of the 70s most beautiful women. (I know you guys had that poster!)
But holy custom Corvette nightmare, Batman! I'm thinking George Barris would rather people forget that this was his work. The interior is all mink (Hello, PETA?) and if you look closely at the center dash, that's a rotary-dial phone!
It was sold in 2016 at Barrett Jackson Scottsdale. Full details (and more photos. Eeeek!) at their website.









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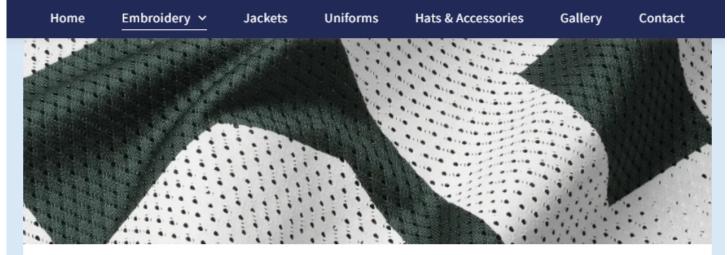
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