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President's Message February 2018

Farewell But Not Goodbye

This will be my last President's Message article as my second term comes to an end. I would first like to say thank you to the entire club and for two enjoyable years as your president. In this time I have become much closer friends with many people and have learned more about the workings of this fantastic club. Although,



I'm leaving as president, you can't get rid of me that easily, I'll be staying on the board as secretary for the next term.

March 2016, I was voted as president for a year. Also, we had a very good team of board members. Our Bylaws were just updated. We worked to update and open our website so all could enjoy. The gazette continued to be successful. We updated and opened our Facebook page and now have over 100 members. The members list is up to date, store inventory is low, and anyone can buy items, from an outside source, and have our logo attached.

In March 2017 I was re-elected for another term as president. The board officers stayed with me as the past year was so much fun. So we did it again.

Bass Pro stayed as an everyother Thursday event. The alternating Thursday were a rolling cruise which had some new and old cruises. Tuesdays were static at the Medfield Shaw's and last one of the month was a " Pizza Tuesday ". Discussions are in progress and we may go to Applebee's next year for a change. Wednesdays have become a lunch day at noon at different resturants. Weekends are for car shows and other events.

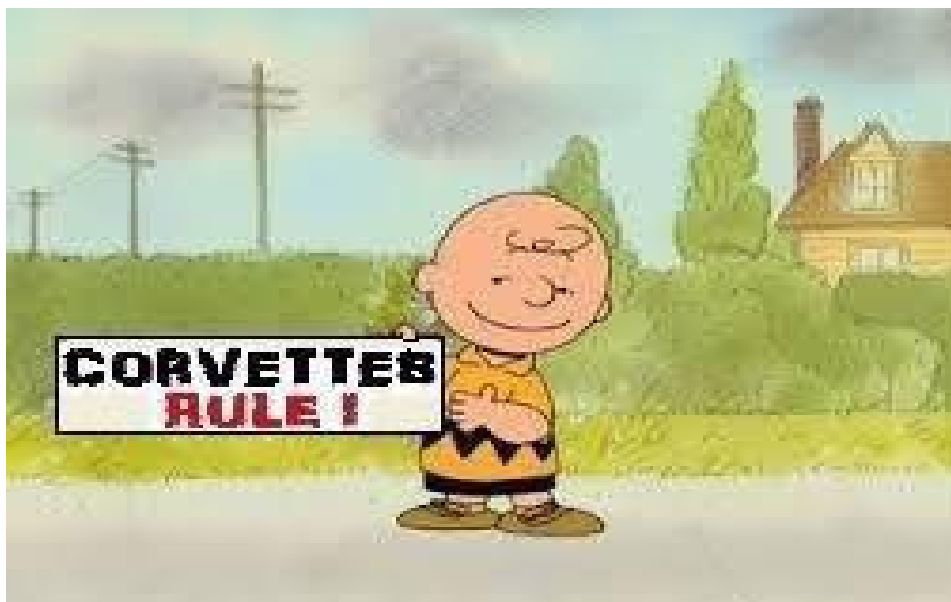
Our meeting place has changed from Finnegan's to Conrad's.

February 5th will be our business membership meeting and voting in the new officers. Steve Wilson will be taking my place as president and he'll do a grea jobt. February 17th will be the annual Aniversary Party to thank the outgoing officers and welcome in the new.

It has been my pleasure to serve two years as the EMCC president and look forward to many more enjoyable years as a member. Heck, I'm almost retired.

Let's keep it going. Save the Wave

Steve Sylvia ----- EMCC President





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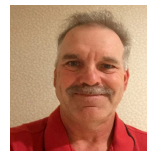
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2018 EMCC ELECTION AND ANNIVERSARY PARTY REMINDER

Please plan on attending our **February 5th Business Meeting to vote and welcome our new 2018 EMCC Board & Chairpersons.** The candidates:

Board:

President - Steve Wilson

Vice President - Mal Smith

Secretary - Steve Sylvia

Treasurer - Bill Schroeder

Chairpersons:

Social - Joe O'Connor

Publication - Keith E. Jacobson

Membership - Bruce Kolovson

We're very fortunate to have our present non-elected ... appointed Chairpersons staying on for another year:

Club Store - Jack Kirkham

Sunshine - Judy Pitasi

Webmaster -Kevin Miller

Mark your calendars - Our **Anniversary Party Friday, February 17th**, is fast approaching; this is our clubs biggest annual event, a time to socialize, dress up, share a fantastic buffet, DJ, dancing, cash bar, raffles, welcome our new officers and thank outgoing officers. ONLY \$25 per person.

Please get your annual dues PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Look forward see you all at our February 5th meeting.

Bill Schroeder, Club Secretary



Before There Was McDonald's

Submitted by Bob Gardner

Long before there was McDonald's a Dallas businessman named Jesse Kirby decided "people with cars are so lazy they don't want to get out of them to eat." The year was 1921 and automobiles were everywhere. Kirby had made his reputation selling candy and tobacco in his mercantile business in South Dallas. With borrowed money he set up a clapboard-covered box at the intersection of Chalk Hill Road and the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike (now I-30). Kirby's Pig Stand



became the first business famous not for curbside service but for ensnaring travelers on a busy highway.

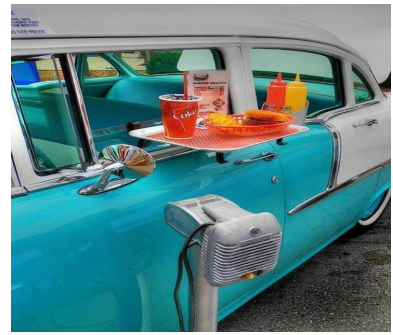
The menu was simple. He served Tennessee chopped pork barbecue sandwiches. The delicacies were brought to the cars by bow tie-wearing young men who leaped onto the running boards to take orders and returned with fresh food. They were quickly dubbed by the patrons ... wait for it..... Carhops. They would be followed by young ladies on roller skates and by the end of the 1930's a girl in a majorette uniform became synonymous with in-car dining.

Kirby died in 1926 but his widow Shirley kept the business going along with his partner physician Reuben Jackson. Jackson remained president until his death in 1955. By then there were more than 130 Pig Stands nationwide, from California to NY. One of their early innovations was to move the Pig Stand further back on the lot to allow diners to park and eat, rather than forcing them to motor away with their food. Naturally, imitators quickly followed. Interestingly, they experimented briefly with a drive-through window concept but it proved less popular than the eat-in-the-car system. Maybe this was because vehicles of that era did not so easily lend themselves to eating while driving as their successors would.

While imitators would soon abandon the barbecue for burgers and fries, some culinary innovations of the Pig Stand would become staples. Legend has it that a Pig Stand cook fumbled a piece of onion into a bowl of batter and then, out of curiosity, tossed it into the deep fryer. Behold! The Onion Ring. Texas Toast supposedly got its name from the thickly sliced bread ordered by a local manager in the 40's. When it proved to be too thick for the toaster a quick thinking fry cook grilled it instead.



Perhaps the ultimate innovation was the speaker system. In the mid 1950's, a drive-in in Shawnee, Oklahoma called the Top Hat, had been wired with a two-way communication system allowing it to offer "Service with the Speed of Sound". The intercom permitted carhops to make one-third fewer trips to the customer's car. While not a Pig Stand, the Top Hat saw such success that it too began to expand, first in Oklahoma and later nationwide. Now the chain is known as Sonic.



As for the Pig Stands, the original chain survived until quite recently, finally declaring bankruptcy in 2004. One location, the original No. 29, has reopened in San Antonio and you can still get a Pig Sandwich there but you'll have to eat it inside. The restaurant that pioneered drive-in eating isn't a drive-in anymore.

(With thanks to David Conwill of Hemmings Classic Car magazine)



"I think it's you who's been putting fingerprints all over my new Corvette. So this drone will be keeping an eye on you."

Corvette Mike New England

Story by "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

Photos by "KAMERA" Keith Jacobson

On Saturday, January 20, 2018, Corvette Mike again this year sponsored the “event planning meeting” for the New England Corvette Clubs. This meeting is an opportunity for Corvette Clubs to share their events with other clubs and to help promote attendance and comradery in the Corvette community. The meeting was run by Elaine Kemp and Karen Blandini who are well known in the Corvette community. They did a great job with the coordination of events. By the time you read this, I will have sent to all of you



via email, the preliminary event schedule. Of course, as the season starts, there will be quite a few more events to add to the list.



Eastern Mass had quite a few members attend and managed to take a good look around the showroom of CMNE. There was coffee, donuts and Elaine’s famous cranberry squares for all to feast. It was so nice to have the opportunity to see so many friends at the meeting. After the meeting, Keith Jacobson, Joe Woodard, Bill Schroeder, Joel Baker, John Forbes, Joe Lank, Frank Tarara, Bob Craig, Steve Sylvia, Jim Gable all went out to eat at Dave's Diner before heading home. A wonderful time was had by all.

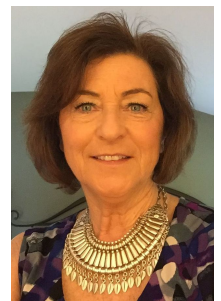




ANNUAL BARRETT JACKSON EVENT

Story by "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

The Forsberg's again this year, on January 19, 2018, sponsored our Friday night at Barrett Jackson event. Ed and Joanne are such gracious hosts for us EMCC



members. Of course, Joanne put out a spread of appetizers and her famous chili. It was followed by pizza for all. Thank you both for a fun, fun night. We have a great system which enables us to see the vehicle we are bidding on (Forsberg's big screen TV) and having the description of the vehicle read to us from the website. J R Gable

was our narrator this year. We found that the sale prices for the vehicles were not consistent and were in some cases higher than we thought and then, some were much lower than expected. We bid on all Chevolets and Corvettes. Boy there were some beauties. Those in attendance were Jim Gable, J R Gable, Steve Wilson, Joel Baker, Joe Woodard, Mal Smith, Bill Schroeder, John Forbes, John Dwyer, and Joanne and Ed Forsberg. The winner of the night was Joel Baker with a payout of \$60. There was a tie for second between John Forbes and Bill Schroeder. They each received \$25. Third place was Steve Wilson.



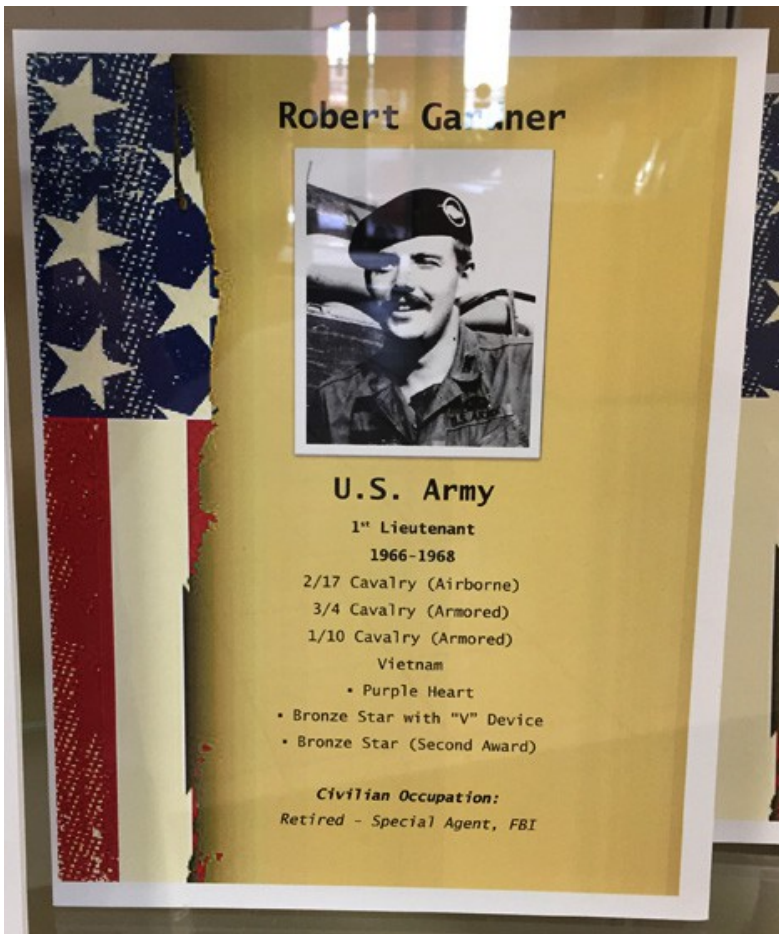
FRANKLIN SALUTES VETERANS

Story and Photos by Bob Gardner

There is a new display in the Franklin Town Hall dedicated to local veterans and I was proud to be asked to be included. The display was the work of Franklin Veteran's Services Officer Dale Kurtz and was based on a youth book he saw entitled "Hometown Heroes". The display is in two cases and contains memorabilia from several veterans as well as small plaques honoring each veteran with a photograph and a brief bio of their service.



I read somewhere that the total number of living veterans plus active duty military totals only about 5% of our population. This does not bode well for veteran services and support as fewer and fewer Americans can relate to their experience and lobby on their behalf. That's why I agreed to work with a local committee to design and install the Franklin Veterans Walkway. This pathway on the town green will be dedicated to all veterans, all periods, and all branches of service. The bricks in the walkway will be sold to finance the project and any veteran, relative, or friend from anywhere can purchase one. Lining the walkway will be granite posts with bronze plaques memorializing those Franklin veterans who gave all in defense of this country. We are hoping to have it completed by next Veterans Day.



The Long Ride Home

Story and Photo by Les "Rooster" Brown

I had another great summer playing with my friends at EMCC. For the most part the weather was good with few rain days. Between Corvetting around, visiting cemeteries for ancestors and seeing old friends it was a great month of September. It only took me three days to get back to California this year. As I am want to do, I left on a Saturday, September 30th to be exact. Around 6:30 A.M. My route was simple; Mass Turnpike to I84 to Scranton, PA. Then I hooked back up with I80 for the rest of the trip for a total of 3,090 miles (43 hours driving time, no stops included.)



Day 1: 1008 miles from Needham, MA to Morris, IL. I made better time than expected; no commute traffic and good weather were contributing factors. I stopped three time for gas: Montague NJ (228 mi.) Austintown OH (366 mi.) and Gary IN (368 mi.) I spent my first night in a Super 8.



Day 2: 813 miles from Morris, IL to Sidney, NE with two stops for gas: Altoona, IA (277 mi.) and Wood River, NE (297 mi.) It was an uneventful day with nominal traffic.

Day 3: 1,262 miles from Sidney, NE to Novato, CA. This started out to be "The Day from Hell!" It was snowing when I left Sidney, NE heading west on I80. The highest point on I80 is the summit between Cheyenne and Laramie, WY where there is a statue of Abraham Lincoln. The speed limit is usually 70 mph on this stretch of road – today it was 45. It was about 27 degrees and there was nothing I could do but push on. The photo above was taken at Rawlins, WY where I stopped at McDonald's. I am running on Bridgestone tires and have not seen any ill effects for driving below freezing.

I ran into a little more snow in Utah but it didn't amount to anything. I planned on stopping in NV but felt strong so I drove on. I planned on stopping at Boomtown, NV just before California but still felt strong. At this point I was about 200 mile out and didn't want to face the morning commute through Sacramento – so I decided to drive home.

On Day 3 I stopped for gas 5 times; Cheyenne, WY (95 mi.), Evanston, WY (360 mi.), West Wendover, NV (204 mi.), (Winnemucca, NV (234 mi.), and Fernley, NV (131 mi.)

I arrived safely at home some twenty hours after I started, ready for bed.

(I used google maps and my credit card receipts to recreate my trip.)

See you'all next year



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

National Corvette Museum Tops USA TODAY, 10Best.com Poll of Best Kentucky Attractions



USA TODAY readers and the public have voted the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green as the best attraction in Kentucky.

Nominees were chosen by a panel of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from USA TODAY; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. Other nominees included Churchill Downs & Kentucky Derby Museum, Mammoth Cave National Park, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Kentucky Horse Park and Newport Aquarium.

"We're excited to have topped the 10Best Readers' Choice travel award list and very much appreciate all the Corvette fans and enthusiasts from all over the country who voted for us," said Katie Ellison, Marketing and Communications Manager. "We continue to add exhibits and activities in hopes of attracting new and repeat visitors to the Museum. Our rides in vintage Corvettes, Corvette Cave-In sinkhole exhibit, Corvettes to drive at our track (the NCM Motorsports Park) and high speed go-karting all add an interactive element to your visit to the Museum. For the third year in a row our attendance has increased, and that's a testament that these new attractions are being well received."

In January of this year, the Museum debuted a new racing simulator, putting guests behind the wheel of a real Corvette to pilot around a virtual racetrack. The simulator is located in the Museum's lobby and sessions are available for visitors of all ages for only \$10.

The Museum is located at I-65 exit 28 in Bowling Green and is open daily, 8am-5pm CT. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids age 5-12, and free for children age 4 and under. More information to help plan a visit is available at corvettemuseum.org.

FROM BARRETT-JACKSON.COM

The final Saturday of any Barrett-Jackson auction is always exciting, but it's safe to say this year's was off the charts, and undoubtedly one of the most important in the company's history.

In its 47-year existence, Barrett-Jackson has hosted its share of celebrities and dignitaries at its events, but never before has it welcomed a U.S. president – until today. To the roaring approval of the surprised crowd in a packed auction arena, former President **George W. Bush** came to the

Barrett-Jackson block, along with comedian and car enthusiast **Jay Leno**, to help auction a 2018 Chevrolet Carbon 65 Edition Corvette ([Lot #3007](#)) – generously donated by General Motors – for the [George W. Bush Presidential Center's Military Service Initiative](#). Only 650 of these special vehicles were produced, and this one hammered at \$1.4 million – 100% of which goes to this fantastic cause, which ensures post-9/11 veterans and their families make successful transitions to civilian life.

The sale of Carolyn and Craig Jackson's 1988 Chevrolet 35th Anniversary Edition Corvette ([Lot #3008](#)) kicked off the start of Barrett-Jackson's yearlong "Driven Hearts" charitable initiative in a big way. With **Nancy Brown**, CEO of the [American Heart Association](#) (AHA), on the block, the car initially

sold for \$200,000 to benefit the AHA, and then was donated back to sell again for an additional \$100,000, while another generous individual contributed \$50,000 more to the cause. The car was once gifted on the auction block by the late Dave Ressler, a noted Corvette enthusiast and longtime member of the extended Barrett-Jackson family, who passed away recently. Barrett-Jackson CEO **Craig Jackson** and President **Steve Davis** both wore white

jackets to match the car during the sale to honor Ressler, who had a tradition of wearing jackets that matched many of the cars he sold at the auction over the years.



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

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February Birthdays

<i>Les "Rooster" Brown</i>	February 19
Joe Doyle	February 21
John Forbes	February 1
Joe Hanley	February 28
Bruce Kolovson	February 2
Jay Kublin	February 28
Glenn Kurkjian	February 28
Joe Lank	February 11
Steve Sylvia	February 10



EVENTS 2018

As Mal previously mentioned (in this newsletter) some of us went to Corvette Mike's where a number of clubs gathered to start listing events for the 2018 cruising season. I am including a letter from Elaine at Corvette Mike's, as well as, the list as it has been developed so far. There are many more events including, but not limited to, Herb Chambers Cars & Coffee, The Larz Anderson Auto Museum Cars & Coffee, Audrain Auto Museum Cars & Coffee (in Newport, R.I.), and many more that we will list as the info comes in. Please if you know of any events let me know so we can get them up on the club's Facebook page. (KK, Editor)

Good morning,

First, I want to thank all of the representatives of so many New England Corvette Clubs who attended our annual "Corvette Community Planning Meeting" at Corvette Mike's last Saturday. I saw so many that I know and also met many others who had not attended before. Welcome to those!

As I said to everyone at that meeting, the purpose of this annual meeting and my emails to everyone is to promote these events. The more people who know about an event, the greater the attendance and the more successful for the host club. I also want to thank all of the clubs for continuing to forward my emails to your members. Again, communication is the way to success!

I am attaching a list of all known events so far, but I would like all of you to check it out. Let me know of any corrections, additions, deletions, etc. I will send updates regularly and will also be forwarding fliers as we get into the active Corvette season.

Thanks again. You are such a help and a real pleasure to work with!

Elaine

CORVETTE COMMUNITY **EVENTS 2018**

Tues., April 3rd

Eastern Mass Corvette Club Cruise Night
Applebee's Restaurant – Rt. 1 & Rt. 27 Walpole MA
Every Tuesday through October
Bill Schroeder 781-812-9991

Sat., April 7th

NCRS Judging School – 9:00am – 3:00pm
Mike Grande/Corvette Mike New England
74 North Main St./Rte. 58., Carver, MA 02330

www.corvettemikenewengland.com – 508-747-8388

Sat., April 21st

“Adams Detail Clinic” – 11:00am-2:00pm

Corvette Mike New England

74 North Main St/Rte. 58, Carver, MA 02330

www.corvettemikenewengland.com – 508-747-8388

Sat., May 5th

“Blessing of the Vettes” – 10:00am-2:00pm (rain date Sat., May 19th)

Corvette Mike New England

74 North Main St/Rte. 58, Carver, MA 02330

www.corvttemikenewengland.com – 508-747-8388

Sat., May 5th

“Corvettes & Classics” – All Car Show 1:00-4:00 (rain date Sun., May 6th)

Cindy’s Drive-In

455 East State St., Granby, MA

Glen Wiley – 413-537-4692

www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com

Tues., May 8th

North Shore Corvettes Corvettes-Only Cruise Night

Every Tuesday 4:00-Dusk

Sylvan Street Grille

12 Sylvan St., Peabody, MA

Tony Liburdi 617-721-0753 or aliburdi@comcast.net

May 11th – 12th

NCRS Chapter Judging Meet – Paul Masse Chevrolet

111 Taunton Ave., East Providence RI

www.paulmasse.com

Sat., May 12th

“Adams Detail Clinic” – 10:00-2:00

New England Corvette Rentals

98 Billerica Ave., North Billerica, MA

Norm Wood 603-759-2595 – woodnorman@comcast.net

- Mon., May 14th Weekly All Car Cruise Night (to Sept. 17th) 4:30-Dusk
Abington Ale House
1235 Bedford St., (Rte. 18), Abington, MA
South Shore Corvette Club
Dave 508-631-8793 / Paul 781-589-2655 / Doug 617-816-1107
www.sscorvetteclub.com
- Wed., May 16th Weekly All Corvette Cruise Night (to mid-October)
Heavenly Donuts
Rte. 34 – Derby CT
Club Corvette of CT
www.clubcorvettect.com
- Sat., May 19th “3rd Annual All Corvette Show” – 10:00am-2:00pm (rain date Sun., May 20th)
Corvette Club of Western MA
Balise Chevrolet
440 Hall of Fame Ave., Springfield, MA
Major197@comcast.net – www.corvetteclubwesternma.com
- Sun., May 27th Gate City Corvette Club’s 38th “Spring Fling” (rain date Sun., June 3rd)
Anheuser-Busch Plant
221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH – Registration 8:00-11:30
www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com
Deane Gagne – 603-472-3524 or Carol Whittier – 603-437-3803
- June 1st-3rd “Bar Harbor Tour” – Vettes of Coastal Maine
Bar Harbor, Maine
Debbie Shepard – 207-594-9023 or shepardinmaine@gmail.com
www.vettesofcoastalmaine.org
- Sat., June 2nd “Corvettes & Classics” All Car Show 1:00-4:00 (rain date Sat., June 16th)
Cindy’s Drive-In
455 East State St., Granby, MA
Brian Willette – ssgbrian.willette@gmail.com
www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com

- Sat., June 2nd “CT Vettes for Vets” – CT Military Corvette Club and For Corvettes Only Club
Rocky Hill Veterans Home (rain or shine)
287 West St., Rocky Hill, CT
No entry fee – just bring items for veterans. Pizza, drinks and music
Steve Poole – franstevepoole@comcast.net or 860-908-3371
- June 8th-10th “15th Annual Back to the Beach Corvette Weekend”
Old Orchard Beach, Maine
Ralph Quaglietta – 508-335-0992 or rquag85@charter.net
Sandie Bergeron – 508-335-5056 or sandieb98@yahoo.com
www.back2thebeach.net
- Sun., June 10th “Corvette Day at Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation” – 9:00-3:00
Museum of Transportation – Brookline, MA
www.larzanderson.com
- Sat., June 16th Paul Masse “Vettetacular Corvette Show”
111 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI
www.paulmasse.com
- Sun., June 24th “Medfield on the Charles” – NE Chapter NCRS Display (formerly Elm Bank Show)
45 Hospital Rd., Medfield, MA
www.medfieldautoshow.com
- Sun., July 8th “26th Annual Corvette Show and Swap Meet” (rain date July 15th)
Club Corvette of Connecticut
Moroso Performance Products
Guilford CT
Exit 59 (Goose Lane), off Rte. 95
Registration 8:30 - \$25
Mike – 203-865-3456 – www.clubcorvettect.com

Sun., July 15th 8th Annual Fuzzy Dice Run – Corvettes Only

North Shore Corvettes of MA

Greg egavgreg@hotmail.com or Rich zoosixx@gmail.com

www.northshorecorvettes.com

- Mon., July 16th All Car Cruise Night 4:00-Dusk (rain date Mon., July 23rd)
Lorenzo's Restaurant
Rte. 28 – Middleboro, MA
New England Corvette Club
necorvettes@juno.com
Lorenzo's 508-947-3000
- Sat., Aug. 4th "Corvettes & Classics" All Car Show 1:00-4:00 (rain date Sat., Aug. 18th)
Cindy's Drive In
455 East State St., Granby, MA
Jennifer Loglisci – jloglisci@baypath.edu
www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com
- Sun., Aug. 5th 48th Annual "Corvettes by the Sea" (rain date Aug. 12th)
Corvette Club of Rhode Island
Scalabrini Villa – 860 N. Quidnesset Rd., North Kingstown, RI
9:00-3:00 - \$20 per car
Food Donations for the RI Community Food Bank Welcomed
www.corvetteclubofrhodeisland.com
- Sat., Aug. 11th NCRS Chapter Meet
Corvette Mike New England
74 North Main St/Rte 58, Carver MA
508-747-8388
www.corvettemikenewengland.com
- Aug. 23rd-26th "Corvettes at Carlisle"
Carlisle, PA
www.corvettesatcarlisle.com
- Sat., Sept. 8th South Windsor Legion Classic Car Show 10:00-3:00 (rain date Sept. 9th)

195 Governors Highway, South Windsor, CT
CT Military Corvette Club
Roland Morrissette 860-559-5986

Sun., Sept. 9th

“Jets & Vettes” 10:00-3:00
New England Air Museum
36 Perimeter Rd., Windsor Locks, CT
www.neam.org

Sun., Sept. 16th

“Vettes at Crystal Mall” (rain date Sept. 23rd)
For Corvettes Only
Crystal Mall, 850 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford CT
(New venue due to construction at the Old Mistick Village)
Paul Havener – 860-460-5507 or corvettec5paul@hotmail.com

Sat., Sept. 22nd

“Driven to Make a Difference All Car Show” (rain or shine)
Sig Sauer – 72 Pease Blvd., Newington NH
Great Bay Corvette Club
603-396-4129 – info@greatbaycorvetteclub.com

Sun., Sept. 23rd

“Cabela’s Classic Car Show” – (rain date Sept. 30th)
CT Military Corvette Club
47 E. Hartford Blvd. N, E. Harford, CT (\$10 per car)
Ron 860-219-0599 – John 860-865-5068
www.vettclub.org

Sun, Sept. 30th

“Vettes to Vets” Corvette Community Event
Edith Nourse Rogers VA Hospital, Bedford, MA
Karen Blandini – 781-858-1810 or rute66@verizon.net

Sun., Oct. 14th

New England Corvette Day - 10:00-Whenever (rain or shine)

Newport Car Museum
1847 W. Main Rd., Portsmouth, RI
\$15 per person
Elaine Kemp – thekemps2@comcast.net
Liliana Dolan – ccofri@gmail.com

Sat., Oct. 27th

“Corvettes on Display” – 12:00-3:00 (rain date Sun, Oct. 28th)
Rice Fruit Farm
757 Main St., Wilbraham, MA
www.covetteclubofswesernma.com

EMCC Membership

As of November we have 81 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

Next Board Meeting

Monday – January 29th at 6:30 PM
at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole

Next Business Meeting

Monday – February 5th at 7:00 PM
ELECTIONS

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”**

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A Mako Shark II Replica

Submitted by Arne Johnson

The following tale is a summary of a corvette story included in superchevy.com and you can read a comprehensive version as well as see a full photo gallery of this remarkable replica of the Mako Shark II at this address. The gentleman responsible for the replica is Hanspeter Bohl of Muenchenstein, Switzerland. He is a trained mechanic and owns a speed shop that restores basket case C1 to C6 Corvettes. The real Mako Shark II was the creative genius of GM Designer, Bill Mitchell. Bill never set pen to paper but he directed his team through the creative process. The Mako Shark was the concept car that led to the production of the 1968 Corvette and has influenced the direction of every Corvette design to date. In 2004, Hanspeter, began the task of obtaining US Patent information as well as over 300 images of the Mako and concluded this would become a huge handcrafting task. Money was not the deciding factor to move forward but rather it was a desire to do so no matter how difficult or impossible the task would be. A 1969 chassis and an LS6 454 engine with Edelbrock Aluminum Heads and a Rochester four barrel carburetor as well as a 3 speed auto transmission were selected to be the main drive train of the Mako replica. To ensure the body design was accurate down to absolute minimum tolerance, two friends assisted in the use of CAD technology for both the body and emblem design. It took a full 1.5 years just to do the headlight doors and mechanism. In fact it took 4000 hours, not including design work, to complete the project. There was significant time also spent on finding unique parts such as the Boeing Aircraft seat belts to match the interior. When asked if the replica would be offered as a kit, the reply was there was no such plan. Hanspeter says it will remain a one of a kind an intended for show and a possibly a trip to the US. In any case it has been the main event everywhere it has been shown.



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