

### President's Message September 2018 SEPTEMBER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!!

Where did the summer go! Hope members have been out enjoying their Corvettes!

We had a great gathering of America's sports car at the South Shore Music Circus. We were seeing America's band The Beach Boys. We parked in the very front row and everyone walked by, and checked the cars out, as they went into the show. A great night of friends and music.



I am also excited about our new static location at King Street in Franklin. I think this will work out well for members, with bathrooms, pizza, and ice cream close by. Please give it a try and let me know what you think!

Sorry to say our cruise to "Oak Point" for their car show and lunch was rained out. Sorry Joe L for not making it to the show!

Still there is a lot of good cruising weather in September, not as hot, tops come off, hair (those of us who have it) blows freely in the wind.

For those going to Carlisle, have a safe trip and send some pics to Keith.

### Good things coming in September!

Happy Cruising,

Steve "gdtogo" Wilson, President

Please send me a picture of you and your CORVETTE to: GDTOGO04@gmail.com





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# **CORVETTES BY THE SEA**

Story by Sue Kolovson Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

Corvettes by the Sea sponsored by Corvette Club of RI was held Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, on the grounds of The Scalabrini Villa Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation C enter in North Kingston, R.I. . The venue offering spectacular views of Narragansett Bay and the Quidnessett Country Club Golf Course was the perfect showcase for such beautiful group of cars.

A group of five cars from EMCC met at Lake Pearl in Wrentham for the cruise down and we were joined later in the day by several other members. Although temperatures in the nineties made for challenging circumstances we enjoyed the cars, scenery, and each other's company. Our Corvettes by the Sea event that just happened this past weekend on August 5th at the Beautiful Scalabrini Villa. The day was completely flawless. Our Sponsor Paul Masse joined us for this year's event and made the event that much sweeter.

The club has many charities, for this year we adopted the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and Operation Stand Down. If you know anything about these two amazing non-profit organizations, you will see why this very giving club and its sponsor supports the same.



#### Additional comments by Liliana Dolan, President of the Corvette Club of Rhode Isaland

THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK : The club in the past three years has raised over 60,000 pounds of food for this organization. We usually adopt the summer program, whereby over 60,000 people in Rhode Island are Hungry and 2/3rds of them are children. We have to take care of our children. Each month when we meet, members come in with food or give a monetary donation...where we have a jar set up. Just \$1.00 is three

pounds of food for a family. We are very proud to announce that this year we collected \$1,647.31 for the food Bank and our sponsor will be donating a check from the match of the Ice Cream truck at the show which was around \$521.00. A GOOD DONATION BY ALL MEANS from our social Club.



OPERATION STAND DOWN: This non-profit takes care of some pretty special individuals here in Rhode Island. "OUR VETERANS".....This organization assists Veterans in getting back on their feet, with housing, medical, work, and self-esteem and so much more...you will have to look them up. Our Vice President educated the members of Operation Stand Down and we have welcomed this charity with open arms. This year the ladies running our 50/50 raffle raised \$3,070.00 leaving \$1,535.00 to be donated to Operation Stand Down from the club. I as President will be matching the lemonade truck that was at the show with sales of \$825.00...that's giving a total of \$2,360.00 to Operation Stand Down due to the generosity of members and Corvette enthusiasts from all over New England that attended our 48th Annual Corvettes by the Sea this past weekend.



The success of this show would not have happen without our parking directors who ushered in over 251 cars and hundreds of spectators all without a HITCH or AN ACCIDENT but with a lot of sweat because the day was oppressively hot!!!!

























### NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



### Corvette Named the 'Most American' Car You Can Buy

July 30, 2018

In the 2 decades since the Museum opened the scope of the vision has blossomed to include changes such as the dedicated special exhibit hall, dedicated PDI delivery area, restoration area, full service store, interactive exhibits and a full motorsports park.

Every year around the Labor Day weekend we celebrate the Grand Opening of the Museum in 1994 with a participant focused event. This year we mark the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone and focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, the annual open Membership meeting and more during this event in honor of your help and support! The event will also include the Lifetime/HOF Inductee dinner, 10/15/20/25-year member recognition, Ambassador Luncheon, and the "Corvette Hall of Fame" Induction Ceremony and banquet where we will induct new members into the prestigious and elite group of recipients who have made a significant contribution to Corvette history.

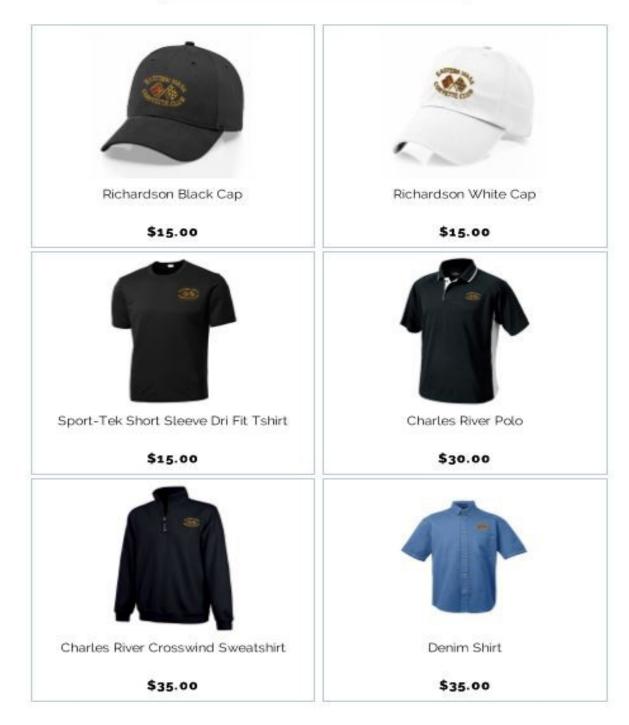


Hall of Fame inductees for 2018 are John & Burt Greenwood, Tom Wallace, and Mike Yager. Individual seating and group tables are available.

Anniversary registration is no charge to Lifetime members, \$20 for members and \$30 for non- members with deadline for online registration 5:00pm central, Thursday, August 16th, 2018. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

Onsite registration will Begin on Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Onsite prices are \$5 for Lifetime, \$25 for Members, \$35 for Non-Members

### Eastern Mass Corvette Club



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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Michael Campopiano

September 15

Kevin Corrigan Dereek DiBiase John Farese Bob Feigen Stephen La Salvia Jim Lorusso Tom Smith September 7 September 13 September 16 September 9 September 5 September 11 September 10



Deadline for the gazette is one week before the board meeting...I will try to accommodate late submissions ... Thank you

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#### **EMCC Membership**

As of June we have 80 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

**Next Board Meeting** 

Monday - August 27th at 5:30 PM

at EMCC Club President Steve Wilson's house

<u>Next Business Meeting</u> Monday – September 10th at 7:00 PM 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"

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

> We meet at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of every month at Conrad's - 905 Main Street, Walpole, MA

#### PLEASE JOIN US !!!

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# WORDS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

#### A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Story & Photos by "SMOKEN" Mal smith

I thought I would share these photos with all of you. Many of us in the Club have been Corvetting for quite some time. I first joined a Corvette Club in 1978 and have been in South Shore Corvette Club since then and in EMCC since 1993.



In the 80's and 90's there were two yearly events that most of the New England Corvette Clubs attended. One was the Vineyard Vette Voyage which took place in May each year on Martha's Vineyard and the other was Mountain Melee which took place in September in Lincoln, NH.



The picture of the group was taken at Mountain Melee. Those in the picture are Kathy and Steve Sullivan, Big Joe and Mal, Wild Bill and Carol Davis, John and Sally Maccini, Judy and Bob Pitasi, Maureen and Joel Baker and Mike and Laura O'Callahan.

The other pictures and taken at Vineyard Vette Voyage. One is Joel and Maureen Baker and Wild Bill Davis. Water balloon fights were a regular event. The other picture is of Bob Pitasi, Wild Bill and I believe

that is Kathie Sierpina looking on.



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# THE BEACH BOYS...STILL ROCKIN'

Story by "Smoken" Mal Smith Photos by Bruce Kolovson & Judy Pitasi

Wednesday, August 8<sup>th,</sup> was a very hot and humid night in Cohasset at the South Shore Music Circus. That didn't stop the "Kokomo" group from EMCC from enjoying Mike Love and the Beach Boys singing such tunes as "California Girls", "In my Room", "Surfin' USA", "Help me Rhonda", "Barbara Ann", "I get Around" and all the oldies and goodies.





It was a fun, fun night right from the start. We were able to get into the parking area for the event and the Corvettes were able to park right up front creating a car show for all of the other attendees. We were quite the hit. Our group gathered around in a large circle and enjoyed picnic dinners, sharing of goodies, and wine. What a wonderful group of folks. I am not quite sure how many of us attended, but I



would venture to say there were about 22 +/-. Some folks were their club shirts and some wore Hawaiian shirts.

Frank Fontana made sure that we had the best seats in the house. Thanks Frank for putting this wonderful event together for us again this year. The stage rotates so we were able to see everyone in the band very clearly. Our entire group was up and dancing at one point in the show. "Wouldn't it be Nice" to see that happen at our Anniversary Party?!?!





I'm at that delusional age where I think everyone my age looks way older than I do.

# HOTRODS FOR A HERO

Story by "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

As most everyone knows, there was an incident in Weymouth recently where Sergeant Michael Chesna, age 42, a Weymouth Police Officer, and Vera Adams, age 77, were shot and killed by 20 year old Emanuel Lopes. Many fundraisers have been organized to help the families.

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Spindles Auto Club hosted a fundraiser car show to raise money. Ten Corvettes from EMCC cruised to Mal's house in South Weymouth. EMCC

members organized themselves to take the short ride down the street to Weymouth High School where they met up with hundreds of classic cars and more than 25 car clubs to include South Shore Corvette Club, South Coastal Corvette Club, New England Corvette Club, and many classic car clubs. There was an entry fee of \$10 and there were lots of raffles which had items donated from over 70 businesses in the area along with

items from private individuals. There were clowns, face painting, musical entertainment, folks in character costumes, along with the sale of t-shirts, flags, blue lights, and other items. Before the event even

> One Corvette, with a blue stripe, had patches from the participating police departments displayed in the rear window.

It was a beautiful day weather-wise and it felt good to be able to be a part of such a special event. Thanks to all who attended.

started, 20,000 decals alone were sold.







# Norfolk Aggie Car Show

Story by Arne Johnson

Once again we went hunting for a car show that would meet the criteria of being small, well organized, and for a good cause. Preference on cost for entry depends on the charity served. Joe Doyle posted the on line lead to Norfolk Aggie in Walpole having a car show to benefit student projects and tuition. It was a free entry show with donations accepted. The real draw seemed to be for parents to bring small children who would be allowed to see and touch construction equipment and trucks with the car show acting as



and added draw for the parents. Norfolk Aggie is easy to get to and has expansive and

attractive grounds as well as ample parking. I drove in looking for a likely shaded area to park and found a space adjacent to the building. I saw no other Corvettes or EMCC members until Bob Grenier walked over to say hello. He had arrived ahead of

me but parked deuce and a under this could only see beautiful '59 invisible from EMCC came by Eventually



behind a military half. Looking sizable vehicle...I his tires. His was all but



view. During the day, other members of but did not bring cars to enter in the show. Mike, from EMCC, showed up with his deep

blue C2. Mike was announced as the winner in the Corvette category. Not many cars



attended possibly because of the high temperatures that day. The show was planned to go until 4:00pm but was cut short, possibly due to the heat. A unique feature was the offering of a pig barbecue with a full dinner for \$20.00 or a hot dog dinner for \$5.00. Other offerings included music and a 50/50 raffle. There were plenty of awards given out with three in each category. Neither Bob nor I could tell who won second or third in our category. The speaker system to announce

events and winners was not very good. This added to some confusion when winners were announced.

### OK ... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?



# **Tuesday Static Cruise at King Street**

#### By Arne Johnson

Static Cruise night proved to be a perfect evening for a cruise to King Street for a Tuesday

static cruise and pizza night. Upon arriving everyone, who had previously attended a King St. site cruise, was surprised to see that we were assigned to a new parking area. Previously we had parked in a treed area with some limitations on available parking spaces. The new area adjacent to our original site was open and with ample parking directly in front of the King St. Cafe. It was also clearly visible to passing traffic. This did lend itself to visitors who wanted to view the Corvettes. A further benefit was the seating area under the cover at the Restaurant entrance. The photos taken by Bob Grenier provide a good view of the lot and the sitting area. Thirteen Corvettes arrived along with two steel cars and a motorcycle. Pizzas and calzone

were purchased from an onsite business nearby and Dennis Collins was





able to set up his farm stand offering of tomatoes and cucumbers free for the taking. It was a great evening of food, conversation and visitors. Even an Officer of the Law came by and commented about hearing a tale of a number of teenagers raising hell at King St. Café. For all of us old timers it was a flattering comment that induced a good amount of laughter.



### C7 LIMO? Now that's a stretch ....

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### **SEE YOU ON THE ROAD**

#### That's really C7 you on the road

The bad news is we are on the backside of the cruising season. The nightmares that involve my car cover have started. The good news is there are great events coming up so try and get out there before we are all lamenting about the season passing so fast.

THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO PUT OUT A CALENDAR FOR 2019. PLEASE SUBMIT THE BEST PICTURE OF YOUR VETTE TO OUR PRESIDENT AT (E MAIL) ... GDTOGOO4@GMAIL.COM. THE O BEFORE THE 4 IS A ZERO. PUT 2019 IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

I have tried to go to different events this season and always find that car people, especially Corvette people, are so welcoming and friendly...but you all knew that.

Lots of thanks this month starting with our president Steve Wilson for getting his comments in promptly and also for hosting the board meetings at his home. Much nicer than a noisy restaurant.

Sue Kovolson (Bruce's wife) for writing up Corvettes by the Sea.

Very special thanks to Liliana Dolan, President of the Corvette Club of Rhode Island. I contacted her for some additional information on their Corvettes by the Sea evant and she was kind enough to send me a very detailed reply...edited for space in the gazette. Just another example of Corvette "family."

Our VP Mal Smith who stepped up with a few articles this month...besides her VP comments also let us know about the club event at The Beach Boys and the meaningful Hot Rods for a Hero.

Bruce Kovolson and Judy Pitasi great photo coverage at The Beach Boys.

Arne...yup that Arne brings two home runs to this issue.

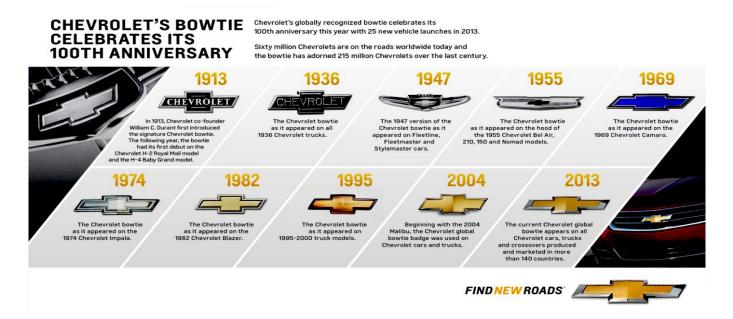
I have said it before and I'll say it again...every once in a while I get a compliment on the gazette and I always say without our contributors there would be nothing. So from me to those of you who have contributed or will in the future my deepest thanks. It's your gazette and your club.

Please continue to post and like items on the club's Facebook page and checkout the website...Kevin does an excellent job.

My special thanks to Judy Pitasi who hosted the club's most recent cookout, because I love cookouts, where you come for the food but stay for the people. A great time was had by all.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD ....

"KAMERA" KEITH ~ EDITOR/PUBLISHER



# <u>LASTLAUGHS</u>

