



## *President's Message*

# IS IT A COP OR RUDOLPH?

Where did 2018 go? It has been a great year of cruises with EMCC friends. Looking back it was a year of change, new board, new static meeting locations, and new members. As the new president I have learned a lot this year. EMCC is not only a Corvette club it is a place to forge new friendships. Besides a vast knowledge of information on Corvettes...EMCC members have many life experiences to share. Many have traveled extensively, some have held a wide array of jobs, and others have dealt with health issues, medications, and loss. Being a member of EMCC is like being with family, no one is alone, and all are willing to share experiences, just ask.



I have been out with my C5 enjoying the cool clear days, trying to stay ahead of the snow. I have been catching a glimpse of something in my rear view mirror. I am not sure what it is as it seems to stay just out of eye sight. But lately it has been getting closer, and I can make out a blinking red light out in front.



If it is what I think it is, we are in December, and Sherry and I would like to wish all EMCC members and families a happy and safe holiday season.

Steve "gdtogo" Wilson, EMCC President



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# TERRAFUGIA

By Arne Johnson

It's November and Vettes are being stored for another winter season. There has to be news to print about Corvettes but this month takes us in a somewhat different automotive direction. We all know by now that Corvette will release a C8 model and chances are we will see a future model appear with a mix of gas and electric engines for extra performance as we have already seen in most competitive sports cars. Just for the fun of it, let's imagine what follows for future innovation. With the search for speed, meaning light weight structure and enhanced engine performance, will that knowledge be applied by GM to a future flying automobile? It seems GM is planning for a flying auto most likely with EV technology but not for the near term release. Their interest was announced, at a recent Future of the Car Summit held in Detroit, MI by Mike Abelson, Vice President of Global Strategy, for GM.



The current emphasis however will be on more electric autos for now. Don't worry, GM plans to continue to sell gas driven vehicles for decades to come. Japan wants Subaru to lead the way in making Japan a leader in the flying automobile industry. They may be a little late. A Woburn, Massachusetts based company called [Terrafugia](#) has secured testing rights to begin flights of its flying machine named, "Transition", at Nashua, New Hampshire's airport. It is a hybrid 4 cylinder and Lithium ION battery vehicle capable of 100 miles an hour flight and a 400 mile range. It uses automobile gas not airline fuel. They plan production in 2019 and will start taking orders as early as next month. Some orders



have already been placed even though price remains a bit uncertain. Current estimates are \$290,000 for the Transition model. Oh, by the way, the Chinese auto company, Zhejiang Greely, who own Volvo, also own Terrafugia. Testing gets complicated by the fact that one must have both a driver's and a pilot's license before attempting to fly the Transition and the vehicle must pass both Federal Aviation Administration and Highway Safety Standards.

Testing for both will be completed at the Nashua Airport facilities. Keep your eye on the sky and watch for the manufacturing label "Made in China".

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# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



## Corvette Museum Receives First Seventh Generation Corvette Donation

### Special, One-Of-A-Kind Corvette Has Historical Tie to Museum

On June 21, 2018 Donald Duncan's phone rang. His wife, Candy, answered, telling Don it was a call from Bowling Green. "Hi Donald, this is Katie from the National Corvette Museum, do you know why I might be calling you today?" It was a Corvette raffle drawing day, and Don had purchased a ticket to win a 2019 Arctic White Grand Sport Convertible. Seemingly not surprised at all, Don answered with, "Probably the same reason you called me about four years ago!" Clearly stunned, Katie then asked Don if he had won a Corvette from the National Corvette Museum before. Indeed, Don had.

Don and Candy Duncan taking delivery of the 2014 Corvette they won in a raffle.

In 2014, the National Corvette Museum was celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As part of the festivities, two commemorative, one-of-a-kind Corvettes were to be raffled off as fundraisers for the Museum. [The first, a 2014 Torch Red Coupe with special features by Corvette Exterior Designer Kirk Bennion. And the second, it's sister car, a 2014 Arctic White Convertible, also with special features by Bennion.](#)

Don and Candy of Comfort, Texas had traveled to Louisville, Kentucky in July of 2014 for a Vietnam helicopter pilot association reunion when they were encouraged to stop in at the Museum on their way home.

"My best friend in Vietnam was a Corvette nut, and I had a Jaguar XKE Roadster at time," said Don. "So, my friend Bob says to me at the reunion, 'how are you going home?' And I say, 'we're going down through Bowling Green.' He said 'you've gotta stop at the Corvette Museum.' I said, 'alright, we will.' And we did. We stopped, we came in, we toured the Museum and we learned about the raffles. I'd never heard of raffles. So, we got home, and we bought a ticket. And then we bought another ticket."

Other than a very brief ownership of a 1965 Corvette, purchased used many years ago when Don was in the military, the Duncan's had not owned a Corvette since. With tickets in the drum for both commemorative Museum Anniversary Corvettes, Don and Candy were glued to their phones the day of the first drawing (the Torch Red), sporting their Corvette t-shirts, hoping to win. "We were waiting for a phone call. And we wait, and we wait, and then think oh well, we didn't win that," said Don. "The next day, we take a nap. We were napping when the phone rang, and Candy jumped up and answered the phone and it says Bowling Green. We don't know anyone else there."

It was their lucky ticket #46 that won them the iconic white with red interior convertible (designed to be a throw-back to the first 1953 Corvettes).

After winning the Corvette in 2014, they took a break from purchasing raffle tickets, starting back up a couple years ago. "I like white cars, and convertibles and Grand Sports," he added. Ironically, when they received the



call about their 2019 win, they had just ordered a new Corvette for Candy – a 2019 Arctic White Grand Sport Convertible.

With limited space in their garage, and the fact that their 2014 Corvette didn't get driven much (partly because it was a manual), the idea of donating it sounded like a good one. "Why not give it back to the Museum," said Don. But the idea of donating it came up even before winning the second Corvette. "He'd even talked about donating this next year, that was already in the back of his mind to do that," said Candy.

The couple decided to donate the 2014, the first C7 that the Museum would own, in conjunction with taking R8C Museum Delivery of Candy's Grand Sport on Tuesday, November 13. The 2014 is now being displayed in the Museum's Skydome as part of the Generations display, representing the seventh generation.

Thank you to Don and Candy Duncan for their generosity! We're excited to welcome back such a special car to the Museum (and just in time for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Museum in 2019)!

A white Corvette driving on a road, viewed from a front-quarter perspective. The car is in motion, with a blurred background of green trees and a road with yellow lines. The text "HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW MUSTANG?" is overlaid in white serif font at the top.

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NEW MUSTANG?

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*SECOND GEAR*

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# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lonnie Cohen	December 20
Dennis Collins	December 18
Gerry Chriscenzo	December 21
Mark Forsberg	December 5
Mike Keefe	December 26
Deb Romano	December 29
Mike Saltzman	December 12
Steve Sullivan	December 29
Paul Tenaglia	December 6



**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 October we have 81 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

**Next Board Meeting**

**Monday - November 26th at 5:30 PM**

**at EMCC Club President  
Steve Wilson's house**

**Next Business Meeting**

**Monday - December 3rd at 7:00 PM**

**at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole  
Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing**



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# SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

As we move into the cold dark months lack of content becomes a big problem for your gazette staff. We can really use some member submissions especially for "Meet our Members" three or four would get us through to the spring time. If you need help with doing it we are here to assist.



When it comes to content each month Arne Johnson always finds something of interest to write about a big thanks to Arne and everyone who has contributed in 2018.

For me to get the most out of the club participation is the key. This year I made it a personal goal to try and attend more events both club and non club. I think I succeed and hope to do even more in 2019 including a possible road trip to the Woodward Dream Cruise (WDC), in Michigan, billed as the world's largest one day car event.

The WDC, for all types of cars, is always on the third Saturday of August. They say there are 30-40,000 cars participating and around 1,000,000 spectators. On the Wednesday to Friday leading up to the WDC there are Corvette only events at Corvettes on Woodward. On the Same Saturday, in Flint, Michigan, there is Back to the Bricks a car show that, they say, has about 500,000 spectators. On the Monday to Friday leading up to that there is the Back to the Bricks Corvette Reunion with Corvette specific events. Flint by the way is home to the original Corvette Factory. If anyone is interested in knowing more please contact me.

We know that car people are usually pretty friendly and I found that to be true when I attended events where I didn't know a sole. The nicest venue I attended this past season was a cars & coffee sponsored by the Audrain Auto Museum at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, R.I. . It was a picture perfect day by Newport Harbor and for added excitement Jay Leno showed up. On a slow Sunday I saw a post for an open house at the Spindles Auto Club in Weymouth. It is kind of an old school car club and a great group of friendly people. About every ten steps someone said to me "be sure you get something to eat" ... we all like to eat right? great time





I didn't get to everything I would have liked to but I did get to some things I didn't expect to ... so it all balanced out. I am now parked for the winter and am already dreaming and planning for the 2019 crusin' season. Wishing everyone safe and happy holidays and if I don't see you a very happy New Year.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD in 2019 ... "KAMERA" Keith Jacobson

## LAST LAUGHS

**SOME OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY PACKED UP  
AND HEADED TO FLORIDA ...**



A cold winter day in Minnesota. A woman called her husband.

Wife: "The car is not starting. Dashboard shows the sign of a person sitting on toilet."  
Husband: "What...??  
Send me a picture."



**This car came into the shop today**

**READY FOR WINTER?**



**Save The Wave**