



## *President's Message*

# Happy Holidays & Happy New Year

Welcome to 2019!!! Where does the time go?

I want to thank all EMCC members who participated in the club's many activities of 2018. I look forward to having your continuing support in 2019. We will be working on new events and cruises for the New Year. Any member who has an idea for an activity please reach out to the board.



One of the big parties planned for 2019 is our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on August 4th at Lake Pearl. Please mark your new EMCC calendar!

Many members have fled the cold for the sunny days of Florida while the rest of us stay to embrace the snow and cold weather. For those that stay we look forward to having some winter surprises to keep us busy during the cold months ahead...so keep watching your emails.

Sherry and I, with the entire board, wish EMCC members and their Families, a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year. Also, we send our thoughts and prayers to members and family who may be dealing with difficult times during this holiday season.

As always, I am "good to go"

Steve Wilson

President



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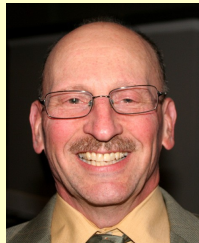
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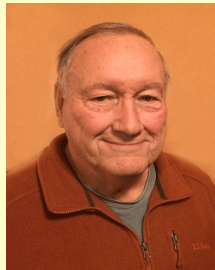
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# EMCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

## HO HO HO!!!

By "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

Photos by "KAMERA" Keith E. Jacobson

Once again, Joe Lorusso offered his Corvette home at the Lorusso complex to EMCC for their December 1st Christmas Party. It is the perfect venue and I know all who attended had a great time. We had about 40 people attend the event this year and the compliments were flying.



This year we decided not to have a full meal, but to have appetizers and desserts brought by the members. Wow! The new plan was a huge hit. There was so much food, that the members were packing up take home bags when they left. The variety of appetizers were from crackers and cheese to lasagna and finger sandwiches. Joe Lorusso adorned the table with a huge platter of huge shrimp and chicken wings. Yum! Yum! Yum! Thanks to all who brought the wonderful items of food to share.

We raffled off lots of items that were quite interesting this year. It was a nice addition to the evening.

The money that we saved on the Christmas party will give us more money to spend on our upcoming 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

It is so nice to see everyone sharing stories and enjoying the company of other members. Isn't it wonderful that so many friendships have been created by just one common item ----- the Corvette!!!!

# Happy New Year!





# MEET OUR MEMBERS

## Steve Wilson ~ EMCC President

The year was 1970, I was about to graduate high school. I had my license but my parents would not let me own a car until I graduated.



That summer I got my first car, 1966 GTO convertible paid \$900.00. It was cool! A 389 4 barrels with 4 speed shift. At this time every light you came to there was a hot car, now I was one of them. I did all the required things to my GOAT, raised the rear end, heavy springs in front to bring the front up. She was not very fast and driving down the road you could move the wheel back and forth and the car would still be going straight. But I looked cool in my GTO. Dark Blue, white top black interior.



I had the bug and cars would become a part of my life.

For the next few years I would drive sh\*\* boxes during the winter to save money to purchase my summer cruise car.

The first cruise car I bought was a 1969 Camaro Z-28. This beauty had the 302 cu in engine with 4 speed. It was blue with white stripes. I was the second owner and for \$25.00 dollars took over the 5yr 50K mile warranty. The Z had 18K miles on it. It was ordered with the standard rear end which was not Posi. I found it hard to believe someone would buy this car without that. So of course, I had to put Positraction in it 4:56 gears. She was quick off the line but top end was about 105 MPH!!!



At this time one of my friends had purchased a Mustang I think it was a 1968 fastback 428 with an automatic. The big question in town was when we would race and who would win. Small block against big block.

One night when we both happened to be at a DD, we decided to have a go. It was amazing word went out (no cell phones ) we both headed out to what we called the Rockland strip and as we got there...there were about a 100 kids. We got ready, waiting for no traffic coming from the opposite direction, lined up and someone said go.

The way my Z-28 took off , mouths dropped, no one gave the small block a chance. My buddy in the Mustang sat there burning his tires...but then he got traction! No one ever measured the ¼ mile, I was ahead, but then he went by me like I was standing still.

I want to say I won, but deep down I know the truth

I kept the Z for a couple of years and then sold it for what I paid for it. Another winter of driving crap cars and then I went looking for my summer cruise car.

While I was not really looking for a Vette, one grabbed my attention and I fell in love. A 1967 red coupe 327 cu.in. with a white interior, 4 speed, side pipes, and electric windows \$2500.00.

It took everything I had to purchase this car. I really did not know much about Corvettes. At the time I did not know about matching numbers, or being original, I assume it was. This was probably 1974-5 and I was just happy to be driving a Vette. It turned heads and even the older crowd (parents) liked the car. I had a great summer with the Vette but did not want to drive it in the winter and could not afford two cars as I had everything I had tied up in this car so I sold it \$2500.00 I was happy to get my money back.



Cars came and went. I went back to school and had a Firebird 400 convertible with a 4 speed, then another Corvette, a 1966 roadster 327 4 speed bought for \$1200.00 that I kept for the summer.

Then marriage, house, kids, and then when I became a salesman on the road, I wanted big cars. I went to Caprices, a Roadmaster wagon, and when they stopped making the Caprice the only GM that was big was the Cadillac Deville's. I think I am on my eighth one.

Then the Big C came into my life and I thought it was time to have some fun for myself and my wife Sherry agreed. So we started looking for another Corvette, money was still tight and I looked at a lot of not so good cars until I found a "1993 Ruby" in New Hampshire. God it was fun to drive, you sat so low in it you felt like you were flying when you were really going 40 mph.

At this time, we were enjoying the Vette, but I had a warning light/message on (can't remember what it was.) Checking on some Corvette forums and asking who worked on Vettes in the Wrentham area. I believe it was Elaine Kemp who sent me to Bob Smith, who was also a member of Eastern Mass Corvette Club. After meeting with Bob a couple of times he asked me if I wanted to join the club. He sponsored me and a member I became. "Bob never did get around to fixing my Ruby".

After a few years of being in the club, learning more about Corvettes, Sherry and I decided that we wanted something a little newer, quieter, and more comfortable. Members of EMCC gave me advise on what to get and why, and if I found something did it have all the bells and whistles (options). If not to stay away. Everyone meant well but I had limited money and the options meant less to me than getting a good solid Vette. Andy Tenore was a big help in finding me a good car. I settled on the year 2004 as being the last year of the C-5 and it would have all the improvements of this generation Corvette.

As I started looking, I decided I liked the millennium yellow and would concentrate on looking for that color C-5. I found my yellow Vette in the middle of Maine, a yellow 2004 coupe 6sp, clear and yellow top 25K miles, with the heads up display. It had everything I

wanted, and the guy liked my Ruby so we were able to work a trade with some money, which made everything easy

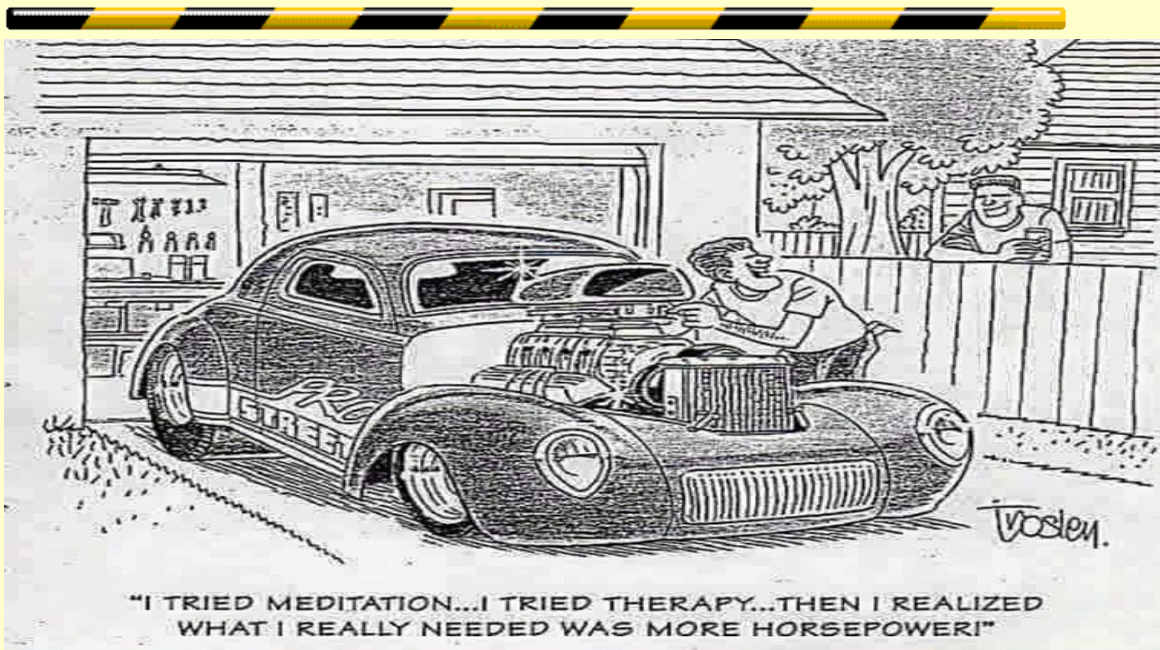


He took the Ruby, I took the C-5 which my wife now calls “the Bee” and we were “GDTOGO”

The C5 has worked out great, as has being a member of EMCC.

Sherry and I have met many new friends while being a member in EMCC and look forward to future cruises with EMCC. Maybe even with a “C6” in our future.

(Editor's note cars in article other than the current ones are not the actual cars but their identical twins.)



# It's Anyone's Guess

Story by Arne Johnson



There has been much speculation surrounding the delay of the Corvette C8 announcement for an additional six months possibly placing its release into 2020. Reasons not given but rumored and speculated on vary from serious failures to more humorous guessing. Just a sample are:



1. It is the result of serious electronic failures in current testing. Could be but questionable.
2. Maybe it's a marketing/financial issue in that the much higher pricing (\$170,000) will leave many in the current loyal Corvette buyers unable to purchase the C8. The Mustang Bullitt is priced around (\$47,590). The Super Charged ZR1 may beat the Mustang GT and Bullitt but the ZR1 is still in a price range that maintains customer loyalty.
3. GM is currently making severe cuts in manpower. Is the C8 caught in part of this extensive reduction? Some in GM have said, "It isn't so." It seems a possibility due to internal strife and reorganization, there could be cause for delay.
4. Corvette canceled the initial showing at the 2019 Detroit Auto Show. The thought is that this show is losing its following and GM will instead display the new Cadillac XT6 Crossover.
5. There is also a rumor that too many other new and improved sports cars will be announced and the competition at the Detroit Show may affect GM's draw for attention. Seems unlikely that the C8 would go unnoticed with so many waiting to see it. Some, at least in theory, have waited since 1970 when a mid-engine prototype was created.

It's anyone's guess. What's yours?



## All in the Family

I decided that I was never going to restore my 82 Collector's Edition, so I turned to Eric to help me find a buyer. Low and behold it happened to be our very own Steve Jackson. The process started Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

I needed to bring the registration current and get the car smogged. No problem. Opps The car needs to be running to get it smogged! Smog test scheduled for Monday at 10:30 a.m.



An appointment with the Barstow DMV office was made for 2:30 p.m. but I forgot the time zone change. Left Prescott too early and got there over an hour before my appointment. It is a small office and they were able to fit me in so I was out of there by 1:30. Now I have the registration in hand.

Get back to CA and take the battery out of the car and put the charger on it. Down to 60%. It took quite a while and I was ready to attempt to start the car on Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, good crank but no go. HELP! Eric had contacted me earlier to see how I was doing, so I turned to him for help. He arrived with Action showing up shortly thereafter. I watched (and tried to assist) as the two of them went quickly to the task. Got spark – yes. Got gas – no. Got power to the gas pump – yes. I stood by like a bump on a log as Eric quickly removed the gas pump. He said it was easier on the 82 because you can access the pump thru the top of the tank. Pump out – no good. Steve quickly went into action calling auto stores looking for a replacement pump. Got one – he's off to retrieve it.

The team (Eric and Steve) put the pump in and fired up the car. Remember, two-year-old gas. Rough high idle. Started to smooth out. Eric had a hunch and checked the vacuum line – it was disconnected, old and worn out. After reconnecting Steve and Eric took it out for a test drive. They didn't come back. When they did come back, they explained that Eric had diagnosed some additional problems that he took care of on the side of the road. My job – replace vacuum hose, add transmission fluid and fill the tank (18.7 gals: 24 gal. compacity.)

Next was the dreaded SMOG test. Once again, Eric came to the rescue and walked me thru the process with an inspection station he knew. Before the test I drove the car around for about an hour. The engine smoothed out and the flat spots on the tires began to disappear. The car passed the SMOG with flying colors. We celebrated by having brunch at Big Bear Diner.

Final step, getting the car to Steve. He stopped by Monday night and we loaded all the extra goodies into his trunk and then I followed him to his house. Opps, no lights on the dash. Used small flashlight to check speed. He put the car into the garage and we went inside to finish the paperwork. Afterwards we went out to dinner to celebrate. The whole process took from Friday morning when I started charging the battery until Monday night when I delivered the car to Steve.

I am truly amazed how efficiently Eric and Steve worked together to get the car up and running, Smogged, and transferred. Now we have two 82 Collector's Editions in the club and I couldn't be happier that the car is with someone that will bring it back to its true glory.

Thank you Eric and Steve.

# EMCC 2005 HOLIDAY PARTY

From Bob Gardner's Photo Vault





# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



## 1982 Corvette Donated



When Alisa Alvarez became interested in Corvettes and their history, she first researched the years before deciding which she wanted to own. "I like the C3 the best, and then decided I liked the 1982 the best out of the generation. So that was the first Corvette I ever purchased."

Turns out, the car was pretty rare. Clad in silver paint, it was one of only 711 that year to bear the shade. On top of that, it was only the 188<sup>th</sup> car to roll off the line at Bowling Green Assembly for the 1982 model year.

"The car was one of only 923 cars in 1982 to have the option code UM4 – an AM/FM radio with 8-track," said Alisa. "The previous owner had upgraded the radio, but we located the original and re-inserted it into the car."

Over the years, Alisa worked to make the car as original as possible. "I looked into the National Corvette Restorers' Society standards and how to get the car as close to original as I could. It was the last year for the third generation. I did a few things here and there to get it back how it was."

Alisa purchased the car in 2008 and would take it to shows and parade it around. "I love cars, and love meeting people and seeing their cars," she added.

Shortly thereafter, she also purchased a 2007. Over time, the '82 didn't get used as much, and had been sitting for a little bit. "It's pretty original, and I'd thought perhaps the National Corvette Museum would be interested in it."

As a member of the Museum for over 10 years, Alisa had read in America's Sports Car magazine about how the Museum was seeking certain years of Corvettes. "1982 was one of the years on the list, and I thought this would be a good way to share it with others. It's an early car, a rare color, and an early Bowling Green car."

"Corvette enthusiasts support the Museum and think it's a great thing. People can see the history and it's living history. I didn't want to sell the car to just anybody."

Thank you to Alisa for her generosity and for her role in helping to preserve the history of the iconic Corvette!

## 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**



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### January Birthdays

Alan Factor	January 20
Ron Graham	January 19
Joe Jacobs	January 5
Larry Lepore	January 30
Kevin Miller	January 26
John Pinciario	January 15
Scott Shikora	January 3
Peter Way	January 29
Steve Wilson	January 16



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

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**EMCC Membership**

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

**Next Board Meeting**

**Monday - January 28th at 5:30 PM**  
**at EMCC Club President Steve Wilson's home**

**Next Business Meeting**

**Monday - January 7th at 7:00 PM**  
**at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole**  
Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing

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**“WHERE YOU COME FOR THE CARS ...  
BUT STAY FOR THE PEOPLE”**

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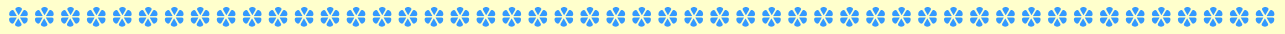
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# FYI

Everyones contributions to the EMCC Vette Gazette are appreciated.

Elaine Kemp at Corvette Mike's acts as a distribution hub for many Corvette Clubs. Our gazette and other club's newsletters are sent to her and redistributed to our community. Elaine informed me that she sends our gazette out to 22 clubs throughout New England, as well as, to about 130 individual Corvette enthusiasts.



## I HOPE YOU SAVED THE DATE ....

From Steve Sylvia

The 2019 calendars have all been sold. It was our first time ... we made 30 calendars selling them at our cost of \$12.00 each. Everyone loved them and we included every car picture that was sent to us. Next year we'll do it again so remember to take pictures of your car during the year.



## LAST LAUGHS

My house before I won the lottery



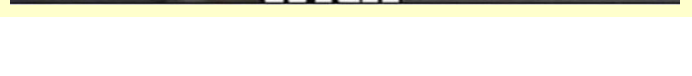
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What I wash my car with



What I wash myself with



# SEE YOU ON THE ROAD...

Months ago EMCC President Steve Wilson suggested I take my thoughts, that were included with the cover letter sent with the gazette, and move them into the gazette itself. One of the best things, for me, about being the editor/publisher is having this space to share some thoughts.

It's been a few years since I took over the gazette and Facebook. Having had the opportunity to speak with a number of prior editors, including the very first one, the thing that never changes is that we are always looking for content...especially this time of year. So this is a shout out for some meet our members contributions.

As we approach the New Year in just a few days I want to thank everyone who has helped EMCC and me by being a part of the gazette this year. It's your club and your gazette the thing that makes this club AWESOME is the people who work to make it better by hosting cookouts, leading cruises, picking up pizza for the static pizza nights, organizing events, contributing to the gazette, our Facebook page, web site, and so much more.

As always my thanks for this issue go out to:

Steve Wilson for his monthly comments and surprise "Meet Our Members" which was terrific...who know about all the cool cars Steve has owned?

The Fabulous "SMOKEN" Mal for the recap on the club's Christmas party...if you weren't there you missed a great time.

Always there Arne...every month I can't think of enough nice things to say about Arne who always seems to find interesting things to contribute.

Les "Rooster" Brown our southwest correspondent who sent in "All In The Family." Every now and then I am surprised with something special from Rooster.

Bob Gardner who took the time to put his photo archives on a thumb drive so that the club could have use of them.

My thanks for Steve Sylvia for his work on getting the calendar produced and more importantly bringing pizza to the static cruise night...I love pizza.

And Sherry Wilson who has been a wonderful hostess when we meet at the Wilson's house for board meetings.

There are so many people who make things happen thanks to you all our board, members, and their spouses thanks for a GREAT 2018.

**WISHING ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE  
NEW YEAR 2019**

