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President's Message

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Hello Everyone!

As the year draws to a close and the holidays are behind us, we hope everyone enjoyed a joyful season surrounded by loved ones. As we reflect on 2024, it's remarkable to see all that our club has accomplished together. From exciting new initiatives tokerished traditions, this has been a truly memorable year for the EMCC family. Let's take a look back and celebrate our milestones whe looking forward to 2025 with great anticipation.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank-you to our board members, whose dedication and hard work ensure our club runs smoothly. I'm looking forward to the February elections for 2025's Board. To those who stepped up to lead cruises and helped organize events, your efforts brought us unforgettable experiences and strengthened our sense of community.

This year, we introduced several new initiatives that enriched the club's offerings. We unveiled a new Static Cruise Locatio (Thank you, George Pappas), giving us a beautiful spot to gather. We welcomed 13 new members to the club, bringing fresh energy and perspectives, while also bidding farewell to three cherished friends, whose memory will forever remain part of our EMCC family.

We celebrated a monumental 40th Anniversary as a club, highlighting four decades of passion and camaraderie. Additionally, we donated an impressive \$9,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities, demonstrating the generosity and community spirit of our members.

The monthly Membership Business meetings now have the excitement of winning money in our new 50/50 raffle. We've had two raffles and happily given away almost \$350.

Our first-ever Veterans Day Brunch was a resounding success, honoring the EMCC members who served. We also reintroduced advertising in the Vette Gazette, and secured three new sponsors, thanks to Joe O'Connor. Further enhancing our digital presece, we introduced an online membership application on our website, streamlining the process for prospective members.

2024 also saw the start of a monthly Friday brunch, giving members another opportunity to connect outside of cruises. We provided name badges to spouses, making everyone feel more welcome and included at events. Members were also encouraged to offer cruise suggestions, ensuring our future cruises reflect the diverse interests of our club.

As we gear up for 2025, we look forward to continuing these initiatives and creating new opportunities to share our love for Corvettes but importantly build and strengthen friendships and create new memories. Your participation and ideas are at the heart of what makes EMCC so special as a club, so don't hesitate to get involved, whether by planning a cruise, contributing to the Gzette, or simply joining us at events. Together, we'll make 2025 a year to remember.

Thank you all for an incredible 2024. Wishing you a safe, happy winter and looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming 41st Anniversary party in February and then kicking off another season of cruising and camaraderie!

Here's to a fantastic 2025!

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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- Wednesday Lunches: All Year! Wild card and always a great time. Website and emails for details!
- NEW: Breakfast Brunch: All Year! 3rd Friday each month. At Four Points Sheraton, 1125 Bos-Pos_RD (Rt1), 8:30-10AM. \$17.95 all you can eat hot breakfast buffet. \$17.95 +tax, tip
- 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>

- January 11th, Cosmic Bowling
- January 14, Barrett-Jackson Night
- Jan 26th Salem Cross Inn sleigh ride/prime rib dinner
 - Feb 3rd Member Meeting BOARD ELECTIONS
 - Feb 22nd, Anniversary Party
- Mar/Apr Fisherman's View Restaurant Sandwich, MA.
- May 26th 28th, 2025 White Mountain Valley Resort N Conway NH
 - June 12-14th, Back to the Beach

WEBSITE HAS ALL DETAILS AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!



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Car manufacturers: "What if we made a transmission dial?"

Me: "Let me just adjust my volume-"







When you can't afford to fix it, fix it right













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I lost My Jacket!

By Steve Campbell (EMCC VP)

As many of you already know, my wife and I have purchased a vacation home in Raymond Maine. Raymond is in Maine's southern lake region, or more specifically, Sebago Lake region. The region is a popular vacation destination. A few of our members vacation here and some also own vacation spots. EMCC members who spend summers in the region are Joel and Maureen Baker, who stay in nearby Naples Maine. Joel and Maureen spend most weekends "upta camp".

I was in Raymond last week, after Christmas and as usual, I like to visit The Village Donut and Baker located on Rt 302, the primary highway of the region. I walked into the shop and the owner greeted me.

As I was looking over what I wanted to eat, he commented on my EMCC hat. He said that someone had left a Corvette jacket last year and he had held on to it in case the owner came looking for it. He said he would go and get it.



From out of the back room, he came with a black EMCC jacket. On the sleeve, was written Joel.



"Do you know who owns this"?

"Oh yes, I do!"

Before I took the jacket, I hung it where the owner found it, and took a picture of it to send to Joel. His response was bewildered. "Are you sure it is mine"?

It turns out that Joel and Maureen like to stop at the donut shop each Monday morning on their way back to Massachusetts. He had been looking for the jacket everywhere. Everywhere except the donut shop on Rt 302, Raymond Maine.



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Christmas Brunch!

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

This year, our Corvette club celebrated the holidays with a festive gathering at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Norwood. Opting for a brunch over dinner added a fresh twist, allowing us to enjoy a delicious buffet featuring both classic breakfast fare and savory chicken and fish dishes.

To spread even more cheer, the club purchased \$1,000 in raffle gift cards to popular local restaurants. However, the true highlight of the event was the unveiling of two mystery gift boxes, also procured by the club. With no clue what surprises awaited inside, the anticipation was palpable.

Eric Hart and Paul Milman, having each won raffle gift cards, decided to trade their prizes for a chance at the unknown. Eric opened his box first, revealing a woman's bikini top, sparking laughter that echoed throughout the room.

The hilarity only grew as the second box was opened by Paul, turning the moment into one for the memory books. Most of the contents were given out to the members, including 25 tubes of organic kids ketchup! Someone said, "these are going into the kids stockings!"

Numerous attendees shared that the fun energy and camaraderie of the group made this one of the most memorable Christmas parties we've had.









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Toys for Tots!

By Gary and Donna Crandall

This is the Eastern Mass Corvette Club's 3rd year giving to the Toys for Tots Foundation organized by the United States Marine Corp. Through your generosity we were able to contribute approximately 80 gifts comprised of toys books and games.

Thanks to all who participated, you have made this Christmas special for some child who might otherwise have spent a very disappointing Christmas.

Donna Crandall, pictured, at United States Marine Recruiting office in Fall River delivering the Toys for Tots 12/12/2024.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas.















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Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Donna Crandall (EMCC Secretary)

Garlic Butter Meatballs with Creamy Pasta

By: Recipes Revolution

Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cooking Time: 20 minutes | Total Time: 35 minutes

Kcal: 620 kcal | Servings: 4 servings

Ingredients:

For the Meatballs:

- 1 lb ground beef or chicken
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 egg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

For the Creamy Pasta:

- 8 oz pasta (fettuccine or penne)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh parsley for garnish
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup grated mozzarella (or a mild cheese, excluding cheddar or parmesan)

Directions:

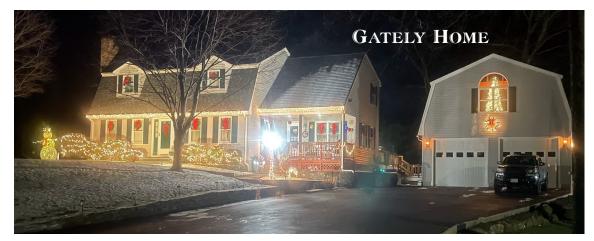
- 1. In a large bowl, combine ground meat, breadcrumbs, minced garlic, egg, parsley, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Mix until just combined. Form into small meatballs, about 1 inch in diameter.
- 2. Heat olive oil and 2 tablespoons of butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the meatballs and cook for 6-8 minutes, turning occasionally, until browned on all sides and cooked through. Remove from the skillet and set aside.
- 3. In the same skillet, add 1 tablespoon of butter and minced garlic. Sauté for 12 minutes until fragrant. Stir in heavy cream, chicken broth, and mozzarella cheese. Let the sauce simmer for 3-4 minutes until slightly thickened.
- 4. Cook the pasta according to package instructions. Drain and add to the creamy sauce, tossing to coat evenly.
- 5. Add the cooked meatballs back to the skillet and toss gently with the pasta and sauce. Garnish with fresh parsley before serving.





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Member's Festive Homes!









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Student Imagines the Future Electric Corvette

By <u>Daniel Rufiange</u>, Photos: Xusheng Zhao through AutoWeek https://www.auto123.com/en/news/chevrolet-corvette-electric-design-student/69919/ Submitted to Gazette by: Scott Sutcliffe

- A student imagines the design of the future electric Corvette as part of his art study project.
- The design is inspired by the seventh generation of the model, the one that preceded the current mid-engine version.
- The Chevrolet Corvette will become a hybrid first, then electric.

We know that the electric Corvette will land on our roads in the next few years. A hybrid variant will even precede it. In its case, we can imagine that it will be very similar to the one currently on the market, the C8.

As for the electric variant, we don't really know what it will look like. A design student decided to imagine what the electric Corvette could look like. Xusheng Zhao is passionate about the model, especially the last generation that took advantage of a front-engine configuration, the C7. Thus, his design is inspired by this proposal.

Design proposal for a future Corvette EV |
Photo: Xusheng Zhao through AutoWeek

During a graduation preview party at the ArtCenter in Pasadena, California, the design student had this to say about his study: "Maybe it's that the C8 Corvette's mid-rear drivetrain is more suited to the track? But I like the front-engine C7 and its looks, proportions, and potential for a large front trunk. That inspired me for this design."

The creation of his model and sketch was done as part of his senior project.

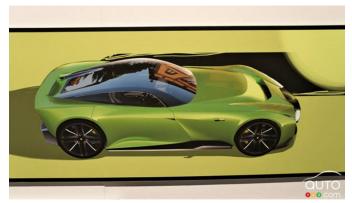
Regarding the design, he said the electric motor could fit under the hood, but so low that it would leave plenty of room for a trunk, above it. He described the car as an electric GT, plain and simple.

"If you're in California and you want to go to Big Bear and ride your board, you can just put it in the car and go. You're driving a car that looks great on the outside and is very practical at the same time. It's so practical that you can do everything with it."

You must admit, there's something catchy about its design.

How do you see the design of the future electric Corvette?





Design proposals for a future Corvette EV | Photos: Xusheng Zhao through AutoWeek



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Trivia, 50 Years Ago, December 1974!

Submitted by Gary Crandall (EMCC Treasurer) Sources: Corvette Triva AND https://www.onthisday.com/

- Airport terminal roof collapses in Tehran killing seventeen
- Monty Python's Final Episode
- Dow Jones hits \$570.01
- Jimmy Carter announces candidacy for President
- US & USSR both perform nuclear tests
- Nelson Rockefeller sworn in as Vice President
- · Godfather Part II released
- Phil Esposito scores his 500th goal
- John Glenn joins the Senate
- Dear Abby show ends 11 year run on CBS radio
- Beatles are legally disbanded (4 years after lawsuit)
- Ryan Seacrest born

Corvette Trivia Question:

What significant change was made in 1974 relating to fuel for Corvettes?

Answer: Last year for unleaded fuel





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NOT PICTURED: THOMAS PERKINS, JAY & JONI GODINO



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Auction: 2025 ZR1 First Production VIN 001

Story, Gerry Criscenzo. Photo, Barrett-Jackson

The first retail 2025 Corvette ZR1 with VIN 001 will be auctioned at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale on January 25, 2025. The winning bidder has the option to customize the car, including the body style, color, and performance options. All proceeds from the auction will go to the American Red Cross.

The winning bid at <u>Barrett Jackson, Scottsdale</u> for the 2023 Z06 70th Anniversary VIN001 was \$3.6M. Proceeds went to Operation Homefront supporting military families.

Estimates suggest the 2025 ZR1 could exceed \$4M.



2025 Corvette ZR1Features:

- LT7 engine: A 5.5-liter, twin-turbocharged V8 engine that produces 1,064 horsepower
- 0–60 mph: Can go from 0–60 mph in 2.3 seconds
- Top speed: 233 mph
- ZTK performance package: rear wing, front dive planes, and hood-mounted Gurney lip
- Aerodynamics: Over 1,200 pounds of down force at top speed
- Production of the 2025 Corvette ZR1 is expected to begin in March 2025
- Customer deliveries are scheduled to start in early 2025
- More Details: https://www.barrett-jackson.com/scottsdale-2025/docket/vehicle/2025-chevrolet-corvette-zr1-first-retail-production-vin-001-282495





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Out With the Ugly!

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo.

When I began shopping for a C6, I had the same thought with every interior photo of every car, "That steering wheel is so ugly!" I could never understand why GM would put such ugly steering wheel in such a beautiful car. It fails to match the style or performance of the C6. FAILS! OK, got that off my chest.

I regret not having replaced it sooner. It is honestly like driving a different car.

The hardest part was getting the air bag off, in spite of it being such a simple process. Everything looks easy on a You Tube video. Total install took me about an hour to replace, though, it would only take 30 minutes if I did again. Also the video I watched was for a manual transmission car ... no shift paddles. Also didn't have phone and stereo buttons, Wasn't too hard to figure out.

The quality of the steering wheel is great. The carbon side trim for the buttons on each side came from a different manufacturer. The left lower phone button trim is a little tight and the button sticks but I don't use it. I'll try to adjust in the spring but other than that, I am very happy with it all. I strongly recommend this upgrade for any C6 owner. Purchased all on Amazon for a lot less on Black Friday.

Steering wheel on Amazon
Button Trim





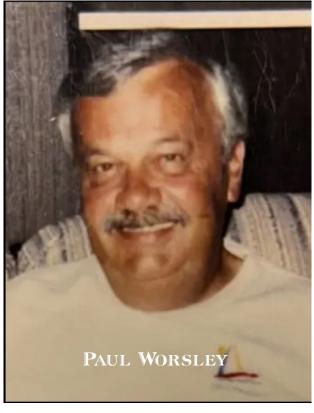


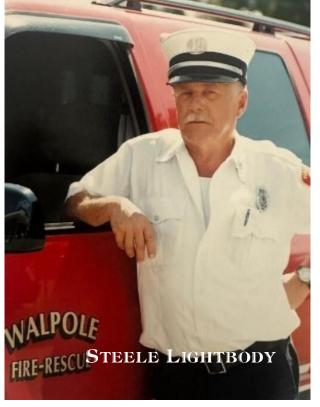


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Sophia Loren!

Source: https://tork.buzz/classics/Sophia-Lorens-Dream-Machine-The-Chevy-that-Captivated-the-Hollywood-Star-20240731-0014.html

Sophia Loren, owned a 1954 Chevrolet Corvette Roadster.

Polo White with Sportsman Red Interior.

It came equipped with 235 cubic inch (3.9L) inline-six engine producing 150 horsepower, and a two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission.

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- Prohibition
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- 20. Closeness
- Touch lovingly
- 22. Staff officer
- 23. Papa's spouse
- 24. Commandment verb
- 27. Liquid measure
- 29. Small nail
- 33. Roofing goo
- 34. Rage
- 35. Canyon feedback
- 36. December 24 and 31
- 38. Smooth
- 40. Agitate
- 41. Refusal word
- 42. Alias letters
- 43. Bullring cheer
- 44. Blemish
- 45. Sub store
- 47. "West Side Story" character
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- 53. Be ambitious
- Roadside problem (2) wds.)
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- Aykroyd and Rather
- 8. RI time zone
- Water vapor
- Tells (a story)
- Wind instrument
- 12. Metal bars
- Little piggies

- 18. Irritated state
- 21. Desert beast
- 24. Hearty soups
- 25. Great destruction
- 26. Boxing locale
- 28. Opponent
- 30. Movie star
- 31. Hot pepper
- 32. "M*A*S*H" locale
- 37. Sieve
- 38. Soup dipper
- 39. Squeaks by

- 46. Rhode __
- 47. Mongrel
- 48. Monet, e.g.
- 50. Golf clubs
- 52. Agreements
- Copied
- 54. Fodder tower
- 55. Ashen
- 56. Dancer ____ Astaire
- 57. Cake decorator
- 58. Appraise
- 59. Additional
- Paid athlete

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