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## Cruise Mode: ON!







# President's Message

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Hello Everyone!

Let's start with the big one: At our most recent Member Meeting, thirty members attended — and all voted "yes" to ratify our newly amended Bylaws! That unanimous vote cleared the first major hurdle in our journey to get our 501(c)(7) non-profit status reinstated.

Now, you'd think the hard part was over, right? Nope! Logging into Pay.gov to submit everything to the IRS turned into a full-blown saga of its own. With the help of our Treasurer, Gary Crandall, we were finally able to get the application, required documents, and the lovely \$600 fee officially submitted as of June 10. Fingers crossed that the IRS doesn't come back asking for more. Additional thanks to our Secretary, Donna Crandall, and VP, Steve Campbell for helping get it done.

Now on to a more pressing topic...

### Rain. Seriously?!

June 14 officially tied the record for 12 consecutive weekends of rain. Twelve! That's three months of soggy Saturdays and/or Sundays. We've had to cancel cruises and statics, and trying to schedule rain dates has been a game of meteorological whack-a-mole. Fingers crossed the sun remembers where we live before our one of favorite events, *The Fontana BBQ*, rolls around. Keep an eye on the <u>club calendar</u> so you don't miss a beat—or a burger.

### **Something to Get Excited About**

One event I *am* especially excited about is our **July 13 dual-club cruise** with the North Shore Corvette Club. I've been working with Alan Factor to cook up a day packed with food, music, trophies, and all -around Corvette camaraderie. We've been seeing a bit of a dip in event attendance across all of the Northeast clubs, so efforts like this to team up and support each other are more important than ever.

We'd love to see a big EMCC turnout for this one —let's show 'em that EMCC knows how to roll.

Until then, stay safe, dry if you can, and don't forget to save the wave!

—Gerry CriscenzoPresident, 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.

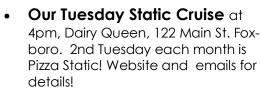
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## 2025 Club Calendar

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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, Bruce Kolovson, <u>ski1000@verizon.net</u>

- June 19th, Bliss Ice Cream Cruise
  - June 21, Frank Fontana' BBQ
- July 4th Norwood and Needham Parades
- July 4th, Blues Festival on Franklin Common, Gerry's Band is playing at 3pm
  - July 13th, FIRST Duel Club Cruise with North Shore Corvette
    - July 17, Ice Cream Cruise to Crescent Ridge
  - July 20th, Indian Ranch to see Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band
    - July 26th, Sheldon Epstein's Static in Lexington

WEBSITE HAS ALL DETAILS AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CUR-RENT UPDATED INFORMATION!





## Humor

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I wonder how many vampires have been run over by people who backup using just their mirrors.















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### 1st Static Pizza

By Gerry Criscenzo

May 13th was EMCC's 1st Static Pizza Cruise. Not only did it not rain, but the weather was spectacular enough for a great turn out! So great, in fact, that we ran out of pizza and had to order more! Thanks to all who came out and to Steve Sylvia for making sure everyone got slices!













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### Lemon into Lemonade (& Vodka)

Story, Steve Sylvia. Photo, Gerry Criscenzo

I bought my third Corvette Stingray as a member of Eastern Mass Corvette Club in August 2023. All 3 Corvettes were convertibles, with manual transmission.

My first was a 1996 LT4 Red with Tan interior and roof. I had that one for 10 years.

Next one was 2004 C5 all triple black, and I had it for 8



years. Finally, my third, is a 2015 Crystal red with tan interior and roof.

The first 2 were purchased in Mass. The 3<sup>rd</sup> was from Arizona and shipped to Mass. This was a 2015 C7 with 32000 miles on it. One thing I learned was if you do this, you have to trust where it's coming from. It is a great looking car and great color, but I needed to do some repairs and maintenance.

So, after I repaired a few things I found out it had been raced and needed more repairs. I decided to look for another C7 and trade this one. The problem is that would cost a lot, and I had already paid \$50,000 for the car. To trade for another would cost like \$20,000.

I found a mechanic through the club and for \$550 he fixed the car. So, now I love the car and will keep it for a while longer. It pays to have a good mechanic that you can trust.

So, now the car is great, my mechanic, Kevin Francisco, is great, and events are fun again. You can contact Kevin at 401-864-4574. He is located in Bellingham.



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### Memorial Day

Story , Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

There aren't many things that suck about Corvettes, but one is when you have a magnetic sign for your car in a parade. Queue the metal car! We are Westwood's Gold Star Family and each year are invited to their Memorial Day commemoration. They do a great job.

Chrissie's mom can no longer attend so Chrissie I represent the Devlin Family for her brother, Marine Lcpl Michael Devlin, killed in the 1983 Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

Part of the ceremony each year includes MA State Trooper, "The Singing Trooper" Sgt. Dan Clark, performing, very enthusiastically, each of the branches hymns as well as our National Anthem, and other patriotic numbers. You're one pumped patriot when he's done!

Also in the parade was EMCC's Bill Polin and his blue 66.



















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### Corvette Day @ Larz Anderson

Story , Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

Larz Anderson Auto Museum once again hosted Corvette Day on June 8th as one its many days celebrating our passion for the cars that we love. The rains held off lending to a great turn-out, including about a dozen EMCC members. A few entered their cars for judging, including Jim Gable with his 92 ZR1.



As I was being directed where to park, I noticed an orange 72 parked just a few spots away to my right. Yes, it was "The Beast." Said "hello" to John, and a prayer.



















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### Back to the Beach, 2025

Story, Photos: Eric Hart

Like a stick in the mud, I sit around all too often flicking through my phone at a bunch of nothing while life passes me by. For a couple of years now Steven Campbell has been in my ear, telling me about Back to the Beach in Old Orchard Maine. When I think of Maine I typically think of skiing and not the beach. WOW, was I wrong!

Lucky for me, after last year, I decided 'that's it, get off your rear end and just book the room.' I reached out to my two close friends, that I sponsored, and they were in as well. We booked a room with the Aquarius Motel right on the beach and it was quite the process as they are Old School as well as Old Orchard. We are talking, paper check and snail mail, but let me tell you, it was all well worth it.



Although antiquated, this family-owned motel put their heart and soul into keeping this place maintained, freshly painted, flowers everywhere and clean!! There wasn't one issue that they didn't address immediately.



Our arrival Thursday was a perfect weather day with plenty of sunshine. There is a Lone Pine Brewery across the street with an open fire pit and corn hole games set up next to picnic tables outside. The EMCC crowd was joined by the North Shore for the night. The pizzas at this place are excellent, however if you order pepperoni, you better REALLY love pepperoni, as it is stacked onto the pizza! Debbie and I were happy to spend time with our new friends and club members Dave and Cheryl Ringler.

Many of the EMCC retired back to the hotel where there is ample areas to sit and hang by the beach. We even caught the strawberry moon that evening. The entertainment never ended!

The next morning we set out for a ride to see the coastline, some light houses and have lunch in Portland at Rigby Yard! We all agreed that it was the best smash burgers and Chicken Caesar salad wraps we have ever had!.

Saturday was the big event, Back to the Beach, where hundreds of Corvettes line up down the main drag, five wide and twenty-five deep. There was everything from old classics, such as Judy's freshly painted beauty to the latest C8-Ray, C8 Calloway and of course, Phil and Cathy's C8 Z06! Outside of a slight sprinkle the night before, the weather was between good and great the entire weekend. There were tons of great local shops to spend our time in throughout the show, and probably the wildest candy store!











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We decided to have a local vendor, the Atlantic T-shirt and apparel company help us design matching shirts and took a group photo back at the Aquarius Motel later while enjoying our company and come cocktails by the beach. The night was full of great stories and laughs! I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the best French Toast on the planet, at Paloma's Restaurant. That and Debbie's breakfast **bu**to were out of this world! The staff were great and even came out to cheer us on during the parade.

The final full day we had was spent heading out for another Corvette cruise along the coastline to see the "Two Lights" lightuses and having great seafood at the Lobster Shack. The fried seafood was to die for level!!

Every evening was more fun than the prior and getting to know my fellow club members. Every time I get a chance to talk to this group I gain closer friends. What we have is so special, it really needs to be shared, so make sure you get involved and stay involved. Spread the word to non-member Corvette drivers, because this is one great club made up of a group of all extraordinary people.

Thank you so much to the club and especially to Steve and Katrina Campbell for pushing me 'finally' along and helping me nagate through one of the best long weekends I have ever had!

For many more photos of this great weekend, click this link: https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZsBnHMgBbRSPnuhd9

Respectfully submitted, Eric Hart, member and former Secretary and Social Chair.



























### **Vette News!**

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C9?

Original: <a href="https://www.carscoops.com/2025/04/gms-corvette-concept-pushes-c9-into-radical-new-territory/">https://www.carscoops.com/2025/04/gms-corvette-concept-pushes-c9-into-radical-new-territory/</a>

By: Chris Chilton

- GM has unveiled a concept for a future Corvette, the first of three concepts due this year.
- The EV study is the first publicly shown work from GM's new design center in England.
- Former Lotus and JLR man Julian Thomson heads the design center in Royal Leamington Spa.

Time flies when you're having fun, which is why the C8, the mid engined Corvette that reinvented the Corvette, turns six this year, and GM is already busy with its replacement. And here's our first potential taste of how it could look, courtesy of GM's brand new European design center in the UK.

This very hypercar-looking Corvette design study isn't one of those concepts that's essentially the production car but with a slightly sexier set of lights. It's more of a traditional concept, one that explores potential design directions, but maybe drops a few hints about the future along the way. GM hasn't released any technical specs, but they did say it was designed to be electric.

It's one of three Corvette concepts coming this year from GM's different studios spread across the world. The third version could make its debut at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in July, Autocar reports, and will take inspiration from this UK car and go on to help shape the look of the C9 production Corvette due in 2028.





The images show a Corvette that seems to be a fanboy of hypercars like the Aston Martin Valkyrie (which was designed 11 miles / 18 km away), while also paying homage to the Vette's past. So while the dramatic cutaway section in the nose, huge intakes on

either side, and another set of intakes ahead of each rear wheel, means the lower half of the concept taps into the latest aero knowhow, the upper portion feels much calmer, more Corvette in comparison.

#### **Split window returns**

The peaked fenders nod to the lines of the 1965 Mako Shark Corvette concept, which previewed the 1968 C3 production car — you'll also find those fenders on the current C8. And the visor shaped windshield, while again being reminiscent of the C3's, also looks like a tribute to the iconic split rear window of the 1963 C2 (the concept also has a split-rear-window treatment for good measure).





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Pushing the lower aero so hard means there's no need for a clumsy big spoiler on the rear deck, and although the images don't show us the full interior from every angle, we can see that gullwing doors provide access to a cabin in which drivers grasp a lozenge-shaped steering wheel, just like in Aston's Valkyrie.

### **Designed to Crack Europe**

GM has opened its new advanced design center in Royal Leamington Spa in the English Midlands because it's determined to crack Europe with Cadillac and Corvette, having sold off its former European arms, Vauxhall and Opel, to Stellantis in 2017. The facility is headed by Julian Thomson, who we last heard of when he was design boss at Jaguar, but has previously worked for VW and Lotus, where he created his most famous car, the S1 Elise.

GM's Corvette Concept Pushes C9 Into Radical New Territory Without A V8

"As part of the Corvette creative study, we asked multiple studios to develop hypercar concepts, which we'll see more of later this year," GM's senior VP of global design Michael Simcoe said.

"It was important that they all pay homage to Corvette's historic DNA, but each studio brought their own unique creative interpretation to the project. That is exactly what our advanced design studio network is intended to do – push the envelope, challenge convention and imagine what could be."

As for what powers the concept, Simcoe said that despite its mid-engine proportions, it was envisioned as an EV, even if that doesn't necessarily mean the next Corvette will follow suit.

"What we've done here doesn't promise it [pure EV] in the next generation or anything close to that, it's a concept, but giving it an EV propulsion system means you can do more with the aero – a more efficient underbody, and flow air through the body," he told Top Gear.









# Cyber-Tech Safety

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### **Stealing Home!**

Story, Gerry Criscenzo

Sadly, this is not about baseball.

Good digital habits are crucial to protecting yourself against hackers. Vigilance is equally if not more important. Being notified that a digital monitor recognized your name allows you to stop a threat or at least prevent it from going further. Think of it as friend calling and warning you that they saw something you should know about.

In future articles, I will discuss where to register for various digital notifications to protect your ID and data, but this article is to protect you from property fraud. You've likely heard news stories about someone's house that was literally stolen from them by criminals ing records. Even if you catch them, you're facing an expensive legal battle to reverse it. The solution: Vigilance and Prevention. Enter the "Consumer Notification Service."

This is specific to Norfolk County but <u>other counties have similar programs</u>. This is a valuable free service offered by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Massachusetts to help protect property owners from fraud.



All details are on the <u>Norfolk Deeds website</u> but here are the key points about their Consumer Notification Service: **What it does:** 

- Monitors land recording activity for up to two names (individuals or businesses) in specified Norfolk County communities
- Sends email alerts when any documents are recorded against those monitored names
- Helps detect potential property fraud early

Why it's needed: Property and mortgage fraud is one of the fastest-growing white collar crimes according to the FBI. Fraudsters can record fake documents making it appear they own someone else's property.

#### How to use it:

- 1. Sign up for free by clicking this link. It is also on the Norfolk website.
- 2. Receive a password via email
- 3. Log in to manage your account and set up monitoring for two names and their corresponding cities/towns
- 4. Receive email alerts for any future recording activity

#### Important considerations:

- The system is name-based, not address-based, so you may receive alerts for other people with the same name in your area.
- They're currently updating their index for documents from the 1990s and older, which may trigger additional alerts.
- If you suspect fraud, contact their Customer Service Center at 781-461-6101 first, then law enforcement if needed.

This service covers the 28 communities in Norfolk County, Massachusetts, and appears to be a proactive approach to helping residents protect their property interests. Given that property fraud can be financially devastating and difficult to resolve once it occurs, this type of early warning system could prove invaluable for property owners.



## Stay Sharp!

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#### Across

- Birthday greeting
- Streets
- Kilt wearer
- Diva's offering
- 15. Item of value
- Roof edge
- City light
- Greek philosopher
- Distant
- 20. Caper
- 22. Musical drama
- Graceful tree
- 25. Intense beams
- Transplant
- 29. Oodles
- Foe
- 34. Make a doily
- Friendship
- Ladder rung
- 43. Portrayals
- Window part
- 45. Noisy ghost
- 48. 100%
- 49. Blur
- Christmas carol
- Biblical song
- Roman general
- Cheerleader's shout
- Gives the impression
- 64. Kitchen appliance
- 65. Profess
- Goodbye, in Paris
- 69. Precipitation
- 70. Swindles
- 71. Dressed to the \_\_\_\_
- 72. African river
- 73. Recognized
- 74. Play part
- 75. Large quantity

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- Panama \_\_\_\_
- Sports site
- 3. Mob scenes
- Frontiersman \_ Boone
- 5. Musical genre
- 6. Scandinavian capital
- Office acronym
- Discourage
- Boutique
- Dead Scrolls
- Lunchroom
- 12. The \_\_\_\_ Office
- 13. Duration
- 21. Gator's relative

- Was a copycat
- 26. Drummer Ringo
- 28. Till bills
- City haze
- Grinding machine
- Bellow
- Recipe measures (abbr.)
- Minute particle
- Cellular \_\_
- 38. Pub offering
- Harness strap
- 40. Business gp.
- School gps.
- 46. Distinct times

- 47. Rip apart
- 51. Memorizes
- Slants
- Military doctor
- Garden pest
- Spry
- Extend a subscription
- Display stand
- 60. Stratford-on-\_\_\_\_
- 62. Coal pit
- 63. Spotted
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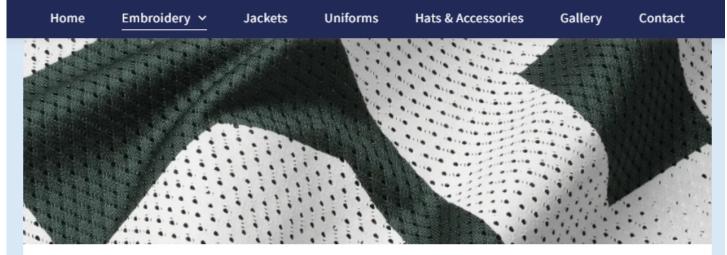
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