

# EMCC VETTE GAZETTE



THE FUTURE HAS ARRIVED

AUGUST 2019

## **President's Message**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY THE VICE PRESIDENT**

Our President, Steve, is on vacation in NH with his wife, Sherri, and having a wonderful time. Word has it that he is spending lots of time on his boat and letting his Vette take a rest.

Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party is finally upon us. When the committee started to organize the event, it seemed a long time away. Thanks to all who took part in the planning of such a special celebration. As you know, we have a few special guests, raffles, great food, awesome attendees, lots of Corvettes, and hopefully, a beautiful day. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from noon – 4:00 PM to join in the fun. As you know, the venue is at Lake Pearl in Wrentham.



As many of you know we have had a recent change in our webmaster. After many years of incredible service to EMCC through the maintaining the website, Kevin Miller has found it necessary to resign the position. Thank you so much Kevin for all you have done. We appreciate all your time and efforts to keep EMCC on top with such an awesome web.

Member, Gerry Criscenzo has stepped up to serve as the new web "dude". Gerry comes with experience in working with websites and I overheard him talking about some changes he plans to make. Thank you so much, Gerry. We look forward to continuing to enjoy our website. Of course the members feel we are on top with the best of them.

We continue to have new members joining us. Come to the membership meeting to meet our newest members. Please take a minute to introduce yourself to any newcomers we have. Remember, we all were new once and you know how nice it felt when you had someone recognize you.

Hopefully, we will have a group from EMCC attend the unveiling of the 2020, C8 at MacMulkin Chevrolet on August 7th. Steve S has registered us for the showing and we will meet and leave from King Street Café, Franklin at 10:00 AM with an expected arrival in NH at 11:00 AM. After the event, EMCC will be going to lunch before heading home.

We have some open Thursday night dates in August if you would like to plan an event. Please notify Social Director, Joe O'Connor to make plans. Be sure to keep up with Steve S's emails. He is always getting the word out.

Be safe. SMOKEN - Mal





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# C8 MID-ENGINE

## THE FUTURE OF CORVETTE

Story by Keith E. Jacobson

Photos from Chevrolet



The introduction of the all new C8 on July 18th generated a lot of excitement in the Corvette and auto communities. In the weeks following I have heard both positive and negative comments about the car. People need to get over it. The fact is this is the next generation of Corvette and if you don't like it ... don't buy it.

Personally, from the pictures, I think it is a beautiful car. On line I see that a lot of people are scrambling to order one. There may be one in my future but I think that the prudent thing is to wait at least a year to see if any bugs surface and need to be ironed out.

Many of us have watched the reveal and read about the C8 already. I am including some information from the [Chevy web site](#) on this awesome all new Corvette:





The mid-engine configuration provides incredible visibility, responsiveness and driving feel. The new engine placement provides rear weight bias, meaning more power is directed to the rear wheels where it matters most. And with the windshield now over the front wheels, there's improved down force without the need for a front air dam.



Even storage has been thoughtfully engineered. An all-new front cargo area is large enough to carry an airline-size overhead bag, while the trunk can hold two golf bags or the removable roof panel.

The all-new body structure is more than 10% stiffer than the previous generation, which contributes to ride and confidence-inspiring handling.

With the engine in the rear, engineers were able to lower the cowl, hood, instrument panel and steering wheel for the utmost in forward vision.

Every detail is designed to provide a natural and immersive driving experience that's tailored to you. Each button exactly where it needs to be for comfortable, intuitive use. And with three seat combinations to choose from, there's sure to be one that perfectly suits you.

Only a single part has been carried over from the last generation

- Door handles and the hatch and hood releases have been hidden for a perfectly clean appearance and improved aerodynamics
- The all-new LT2 V8 engine is visible through a rear hatch window
- Available Engine Appearance Package adds carbon-fiber components as well as LED lights to illuminate the engine

# MEDFIELD AUTO SHOW

Story and Photos by Arne Johnson



Charlie Harris made some changes to the Corvette venue this year. As you entered the Medfield Hospital Grounds, Corvettes were to take an immediate right onto a well shaded sloping meadow. There was a large sign and a registration point specifically for Corvettes. Some less attentive drivers, including me, missed the notice and entered either the preregistered or not registered lines for other cars. Soon a gentleman ran up to my car with my registration and explained I would most likely have to drive around the grounds and find my way back to the correct entrance.



After some self-inflicted long waiting lines, I took a side road off to the right which led to the hospital buildings and a blocked road. I went through the barriers which fortunately were spaced widely enough for my Vette to fit through. Finally I made it back to the Corvette entrance and found some members of EMCC. Parking for the Corvettes was as near to parking in a private grandstand as it could be. We sat under a tree and watched each and every car drive by. It reminded us of sitting at Bass Pro with its viewing of the entrance as cars passed in review.

There were at least six members from EMCC at the show but half arrived in hot rods and trucks and had to park elsewhere. Corvette representation was good with numerous C3's a couple of C5's, three C1's with two of '59 vintage. One was Bob Grenier's and the other a white convertible "barn find". Among the cars entering was an early model Stanley Streamer that caught everyone's eye





with its somewhat exaggerated race car lines. It left the show early and as it very rapidly moved on down the road, the driver blew his horn that sounded like a loud train whistle rolling through the hills. As a point of interest Stanley Steamers were manufactured in Watertown, MA just off Galen St which links Newton Corner and Watertown Center. The factory was eventually purchased by Louis Fabian Bachrach, a world re-knowned photographer, as his headquarters and to my knowledge, remains under the management of his grandson's today. My father was his chauffeur and caretaker of his estate in Newton for forty years. As the show came to a close, it was announced that Bob Grenier took home a significant silver colored trophy for second place in his class.



As Boston went through the hottest weekend ever recorded this Corvette model didn't fare very well in the back window of EMCC president Steve Wilson's Caddy .



# Fire Pit Party at The Wilson's

Story by "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

Looking at these photos, it doesn't take much to see that this event was a huge success and it was extremely well attended. A perfect night weather-wise, but quite warm for a "fire". Of course, what is a fire pit party without a fire???



All sorts of goodies were brought by those who attended on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and everyone had plenty of snacks. Then.....Prez Steve fired up the grill for hot dogs and hamburgers. Great food, awesome friends and you can't beat the socialization.

I am already looking forward to a fall fire pit party. We can make s'mores and cook our hot dogs over the open fire.

Thank you to Steve and Sherri Wilson for a great night and lots of fun.











# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



## [2020 Corvette Debuts as a Stingray](#)

The 2020 Chevrolet Corvette made its debut as a Stingray July 18, 2019. Did you know the second generation Corvette debuted as a Sting Ray in 1963? This nameplate ran until 1976, and was then revived in 2014 to introduce the seventh generation Corvette. Chevrolet is proud to announce the Stingray name will live on.

## **Tonawanda-Built Next Gen 6.2L Small Block V-8 to Power All-New 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray**

General Motors Co. (NYSE: GM) confirmed its Tonawanda, New York, engine plant will build the company's next-generation 6.2L Small Block V-8 engine that will power the all-new 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. Production of the 2020 Corvette Stingray begins at GM's Bowling Green, Kentucky assembly plant in late 2019.

This news follows the reveal of the 2020 Corvette in Tustin, California.

Powered by the Tonawanda-built next-gen 6.2L Small Block V-8 LT2 engine, the 2020 Stingray will offer customers the most horsepower and torque of any entry Corvette: SAE-certified to 495 hp and SAE-certified to 470 lb.-ft. of torque (when equipped with performance exhaust.)

"The 2020 Stingray is Chevrolet's first production mid-engine Corvette – the fastest, most powerful entry Corvette ever – offering new levels of performance, technology and craftsmanship," said Mark Reuss, GM president, during a visit to the plant to meet with employees and community leaders. "The Tonawanda team is up to the challenge to build this new LT2 engine at world-class quality levels that Corvette customers have come to expect."



### PERFORMANCE

## A heart that's always racing

What happens when you set out to improve upon a storied legacy of small block engines? You get the all-new 6.2L LT2 V8. A no-compromises powerhouse that's been architecturally transformed to sit lower for improved handling. It's equipped with a standard dry-sump system for improved performance when g-forces are high, and features Continuously Variable Valve Timing that further improves performance.



# OVER TO DOVER

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



They are trying to get a cruise night going at the Dover (MA) town common. On Wednesday, July 10, a group met up at Shaw's on Rt. 109 in Medfield for the short but scenic ride to Dover. When we arrived, ten Corvettes strong, there were three cars on the lawn. I guess EMCC made an impression.

The night was warm. Club secretary Steve Sylvia brought some chips and salsa to munch on as we hung out on the lawn and enjoyed the summer evening. Ultimately, there were about 20 cars including a non EMCC Vette.



A nice location for a summer's evening ... I hope they can make a go of it.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD .....



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Shawn Brennan ~ 15

Arne Johnson ~ 30

Tom Pallotta ~ 16

Phil Wesalowski ~ 22

Paul Worsley ~ 3

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## EMCC Membership

As of July 2019 we have 76 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

### Next Business Meeting

**Monday - August 5th 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”**



**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 !!!**

**E.M.C.C.  
P.O. Box 291  
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**WEBSITE: [easternmasscorvetteclub.org](http://easternmasscorvetteclub.org)**



## **August 2019 Events**

**8/1 Bass Pro**

**8/4 Anniversary Party Lake Pearl Wrentham 12-4**

**8/5 Membership Meeting Monday 7:00pm Conrad's**

**8/8 George's Surf & Turf, Mendon leave Lake Pearl 6:30**

**8/13 Static Cruise Pizza, King Street Café Franklin 4:30ish.**

**8/15 Bass Pro**

**8/22 Scavenger Hunt led by Phil Wesalowski leave Applebees Walpole at 6:00. This is easier with 2 people.**

**8/24 Judy's cookout pool party**

**8/26 Board meeting 5:30 Conrad's**

**8/29 Bass Pro**

**September 9 Membership Business Meeting at Conrad's 7:00**

**Tuesday's Static Cruise King Street Café, Franklin**

**WATCH YOUR E MAILS FOR CHANGES AND ADDITIONS**



# KIHEI DYNASTY CAR SHOW & BUFFET

Story by Gerry Criscenzo  
Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

I don't know about you but two of my favorite things are cars,( Corvettes in particular, of course) and Chinese food. So just shut up and take my money when you have a car show that features a Chinese buffet!



Lisa Zhong (Chui), manager of the Kihei Dynasty on Main St in Walpole successfully devised this brilliant combination last year and, thankfully decided on hosting their fourth event. There were three in 2018 and this one and another, to be held, in 2019. The perfect summer weather was spectacular with blue skies and just under a dry 80 degrees.



The cars on display included some beautiful vintage cars and even vintage golf carts. EMCC represented with 7 Corvettes (Myself, Keith J., Bob G., Steve S., Jim G., Bill S., Frank F., )



and 1 Ferrari 458 Spider! Guess who? One of my favorite cars on display was not a car but the Patriots Short Bus, because it got me all pumped up for the Patriots season, which also means ribs and chicken wings! Are we not all about the food, or what?

Lisa was a wonderful hostess. She emceed the event and walked around with a gleaming smile greeting all of the car owners and attendees.



Then it was buffet time!

Kihei Dynasty normally does not have a buffet but Lisa went old school selecting and preparing a sumptuous buffet with all-time favorites including chicken fingers, wings, egg foo young, chicken chow mein, chicken low mein, crab ran-goon, boneless ribs and much more deliciousness. Like a few others, I washed mine down with a Mai Tai.

If you happened to miss this fun and delicious event, Lisa will be hosting a second Car Show & Buffet night on August 7th at 5:30. Go ... and bring your appetite!

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I have a bumper sticker that says "Honk If You Think I'm Sexy."

Then I just sit at green lights until I feel better about myself.

# CRUISING WITH THE WHEELS OF TIME

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

I have wanted to checkout the WHEELS OF TIME puts on a cruise night/car show on Thursday nights opposite the Mass Cruisers/Bass Pro events for two years. I finally made it...with hundreds of cars...it is a smaller version of Bass Pro but impressive in it's own right. Held in the parking lot of Raynham Park, a huge open space, there is plenty of parking. The group has their own, very large trailer, that is the Hot Rod Cafe. They serve hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, french fries, etc. .

While there are cars you may have seen at other events there are lots of rides that you probably haven't seen at other events. This would make a good Thursday night cruise ... there are even a few ice cream places nearby.



**2019 Cruising with the WHEELS of TIME**  
*Massachusetts*

<b>April 18th</b>	<b>June 13th</b>	<b>August 8th</b>
<b>May 2nd</b>	<b>June 27th</b>	<b>August 22nd</b>
<b>May 16th</b>	<b>July 11th</b>	<b>Sept. 5th</b>
<b>May 30th</b>	<b>July 25th</b>	<b>Sept. 19th</b>

**Supershow September 15th 2019**  
Rain date September 22nd 2019

*Good food at the Hot Rod Cafe*  
50/50 Raffle: Trivia Give Away  
Cruise Night Info:  
[www.wheelsofthemama.com](http://www.wheelsofthemama.com)  
Raynham Park  
1958 Broadway, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767

  Live DJ









# CARS & COFFEE at THE MANSIONS

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



If you have never been to a cars and coffee event held on the lawn of one Newport's historic mansions then you are missing out on a good time. This is my third year attending some of their events...trying to visit all of the different venues. Most recently on July 27 at McAuley Hall at Salve Regina University. The building was formerly:

"Vinland Estate, completed in 1884. The Romanesque Revival style "cottage" was built for tobacco heiress Catharine Lorillard Wolfe by the acclaimed architecture firm of Peabody & Stearns. At the time, Catharine Lorillard Wolfe was the richest woman in America. The name "Vinland" was bestowed upon the summer cottage in reference to the Vikings who were believed have arrived in Newport hundreds of years before. Ms. Wolfe was inspired by a poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow which spoke of the Vikings' journey across the Atlantic. It is because of this poem that Vinland Estate bears many Celtic and Nordic motifs.

These events are hosted by the [Audrain Automobile Museum](#) which is located in downtown Newport. As we roll into August there are still [seven events](#) listed on the schedule.

[27-Jul Salve Regina University - McAulley Hall](#)

[3-Aug Salve Regina University - McAulley Hall](#)

[17-Aug Chateau Sur Mer](#)

[7-Sep Marble House](#)

[21-Sep Fort Adams](#)

[5-Oct Fort Adams](#)

[19-Oct The Elms](#)

[26-Oct Fort Adams "Trunk or Treat"](#)

Events are free but you are asked to preregister on their [web site](#) to make sure there is parking for everyone and for early admission.



Although there were many very cool cars there two of the most special were a blue 1958 AC Aceca Bristol. It is a two-place fastback coupe that came to the us in early 1959. According to information with the car only 319 Acecas were produced and of that only 169 were fitted with the Bristol engine. This vehicle ran in the 12 Hours of Sebering Autocross in stock condition.



The second awesome car was a 1965 Shelby Cobra 289 roadster. Posted on the car: Ex-racer Shelby created the legendary Cobra in 1962 by installing Ford's lightweight V-8 engine in a slightly lengthened nose of the AC Ace. AC's Thames-Ditton facility shipped the body and chassis to California where Shelby American dropped in the engine and completed assembly. The first 75 production models had the 260cid V-8 while others used the 289 v\_8 and beginning in 1965, the Ford 427 V-8. A total of 654 units were produced from 1962-1968.









# SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

With August just a few days away it's time to put the pedal to the metal and start getting in lots of events and there are many coming up...I hope to see you at some of them. The big 35th anniversary party is this weekend and the club has had a terrific response and if you haven't you may be missing an AWESOME EMCC event...weather is looking good.



I have a few very exciting automobile related adventures planned for a road trip and plan to report back in the next gazette.

Thanks this month to:

Mal for stepping in and writing the presidents comments and reporting on the Fire Pit Fiesta.

Arne for letting us know about Medfield and a photo I really liked of the Stanley Steamer.

Steve W. great picture of the melted Corvette.

SteveS. thanks for the schedule of August's events.

Gerry great article on our Kihei cruise.

Judy P. for an awesome SAVE THE WAVE photo.

Thanks to our board and our members who contribute their time to running this club and making activities happen...planning and leading activities. We are the most active club that I know of so many social events. Joe O' does a really amazing job putting the schedule together.



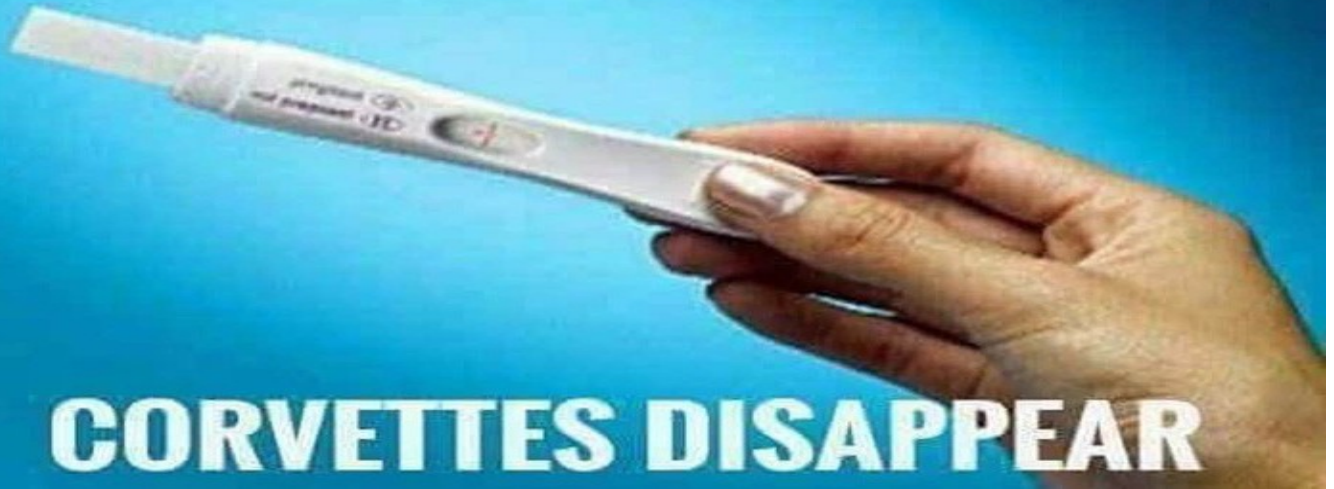
We all owe thanks to the people who organize cruise nights and car shows that are not EMCC events but that we attend ... it takes a huge effort by so many people to make these things happen. It always amazes that car people are so nice at the many events I have attended.

Have a GREAT August ... stay safe ...

**SEE YOU ON THE ROAD .... "KAMERA" KEITH**

# LAST LAUGHS

**MAGIC WAND THAT MAKES**



**CORVETTES DISAPPEAR**

**MUSTANG OR CAMARO?**



**NEITHER**



Keep on Truckin'...



Save The Wave

