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President's Message

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May is an exciting month for Corvette Club members. EMCC has a lot of cruises and events planned. Bass Pro every other Thursday and the every other Thursday we cruise somewhere. Walpole Day has a parade that we're in. A few car shows planned. We are planning a Memorial day cruise to Mount Washington for 3 days and we have 15 Corvettes with 30 people attending. Corvette Mike does the annual Blessing of the Vettes in May. Let's wish for many warm, sunny days in May for cruising.

Our static Tuesday will be in the same location as last year. We located a spot in Walpole at a Dunkin Donuts owned by the same poeple as the other location near main roads and no other cars parking in our spaces. Also the same Family Pizza delivers to us. This is the event other clubs would visit us on. We have discussed to plan visits to other clubs this year and join events.

Our Wednesday lunches are still a hit. There's like 15 people or more attending at different resturants for couple hours noon to 2:00.

We have voted in a couple new members so far. Bob Hanson has reported we have 103 total members so far this year.

EMCC has like a dozen members with C8's so far. The car market is at a crazy time right now, with prices over sticker and used cars selling for almost what they sold new. I am planning to buy a C7 myself someday.

Well, this is it for now and the month of May is eventful. Keep cruising.

Steve Sylvia
EMCC President

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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.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club
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2023 Club Calendar

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Standing Events

- **Tuesday Static Cruise** We **Kicked off 2023:** 4pm, Dunkin Donuts, 995 Old Post Rd, Walpole, across from Mick Morgan's Restaurant.
- 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! Website and emails for details!
- **Wednesday Lunches: All Year!** Wild card and always a great time. Website and emails for details!
- **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 [Website](http://www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org). Also watch for emails for updates or check with Social Director, Bruce, at ski1000@verizon.net

- May 29 – May 31 Cruise to White Mountains N.H.
 - June 1 Bass Pro
- June 2 Fish Friday Lunch Seafood Cruise
 - June 8 Ice Cream Machine
- June 9-10 Back to the Beach, Old Orchard ME
 - June 11, Larz Anderson Corvette Day
 - June 15 Bass Pro
 - June 25, Medfield on the Charles
 - June 29, Bass Pro
- July 20, LIVE BULLET (Bob Seger Tribute) at Cool Wheels Car Show

WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!

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Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

May

Frank Fontana

Steel Lightbody

Bob Gardner

Tony Lorusso

Eric Hart

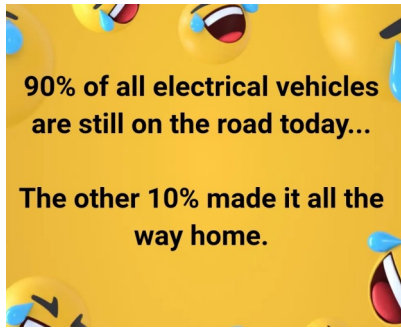
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HIS ONLY

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2023 First Static

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

The first Static Cruise was April 11, which so happened to fall on the 2nd Tuesday meaning ... Pizza Static.

I arrived very late (still a working man) but for a cold April day there was a great turnout. I guess Pizza has a way of warming the soul, and getting members out.





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Pinch & Shine

Story: Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

John "Pinch" Pinciario has hosted this annual event at his construction site for many years, providing cleaning supplies, coffee, pastries, but best of all, ... a great time.

This was my first time attending but as you can see, it is very well attended, and why not. Have coffee, goodies and great conversations with a great bunch of people while you get your shine on!

Thanks, Pinch!





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A Triumph of Achievement

Story, Photos: Steve Campbell

Many club members know that besides my love of Corvettes, I also have a love for motorcycling. Motorcycles have been in my life since I was 10 when I first twisted the throttle of a Rupp mini-bike and rode off through my friend's backyard. All at once I was hooked on motorized propulsion.

I rode dirt bikes until my 16th birthday when I applied and received my motorcycle learners permit. My bike was also my older brother's bike, a Yamaha YDS 250. I received my motorcycle license before my auto license because, well, I owned a bike and didn't own a car. I have owned over 30 motorcycles from different manufacturers since then. My first and only other Triumph was a 1968 Trophy 650 that I rescued from languishing in a tool shed in a nearby town. It was solid, but a bit crusty and didn't run. \$400 and it was mine. I did the necessary repairs to get it running and put new tires on along with other assorted items and made the bike look and run like new. It was a nice bike, big for the time period and I used it to commute to my summer job in 1973. Triumphs at the time were cool, fast, but had their quirks. Vibration shook parts off. The motor and transmission liked to mark their spots on my father's garage floor, and of course the Lucas, Prince of Darkness reputation for electronics was no joke. At the time my older brother had purchased a new Yamaha XS650, a Japanese Bonneville. It was by far a better motorcycle. I ended up owning three of those models over the next two decades.



My new Bonneville Street Twin is, by comparison, a much better machine. Now 900 CC's (a 1200 cc model is also available), the new model is refined, smooth, and much more powerful than my old bike but retains the character of the original bike that was so famous from the 50's through the early 70's.

Some Triumph facts: Triumph motorcycles began production in 1902 making it one of the oldest motorcycle manufacturers. They earned a reputation for durability during the First World War with their 500 CC model H, nicknamed the Trusty. By 1927 the Coventry factory in the UK employed over 3,000 workers and sold over 30,000 motorcycles. In 1936 the company hired designer Edward Turner, who would lead the design and engineering of Triumph motorcycles and he would introduce the famous Speed Twin design which set the standard for motorcycles for the next 40 years. During WW 2 Triumph's new factory in Meriden manufactured over 50,000 motorcycles for the allies. After the war



the need for transportation in England made motorcycle transportation necessary. In the US the returning GIs sought the bikes they rode in Europe and a new market for the sport was developed with the Meriden factory at its highest production output. Into the 60's Triumph Tigers, Trophy's, Speed Twin and the Bonneville models were at their pinnacle in desirability due to their racing wins at Daytona and other world tracks. Hollywood especially featured the brand and popularity with actors like Marlon Brando, and Steve McQueen's famous jump scene in the Great Escape. It was the combination of new Japanese motorcycles and England's labor issues that spelled the end of the Meriden factory production in 1975. The factory remains open, under receivership until the early 80's when property investor John Bloor purchases the assets and begins the re-birth of Triumph Motorcycles. Over the next 4 decades, the company and the motorcycles grew back into a worldwide company manufacturing motorcycles for many different markets with varied styles. From competition models, off rode, sport, cruiser and the return of the vintage style that made Triumph's past so much the Triumph of the future.



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20 Tons on Marathon Monday

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo (except where credited)

Thirty-plus years ago, Judy Pitasi discovered that tons, literally TONS of good clothing that were discarded by the Marathon runners went into the trash as part of the post-marathon clean-up!

In my mind, I hear Judy saying “WTF!” I think you can all picture that.

The runners come to the Marathon dressed warmly and then shed the warm up clothes to run in their shorts, etc. Thus was born Judy’s mission and her jolly band of do-gooders volunteering to collect the discarded clothing and donate them to the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation. Over 20 tons of clothing was collected this year!

This was my first time volunteering and I saw firsthand that the clothing being discarded were mostly gently-worn and some looked new. This was actually hard! Try to imagine 30,000 people throwing their clothes at you too fast to get them in the collection bags. For the record, I have never had so many women take their clothes off for me!

This is a far bigger story than I have space on this page so here is a [link to the full story](#).

Judy! Thank you for driving this! See you next year!





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20 Tons on Marathon Monday

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo





Meet a Member!

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By Carrie Pitts, Waterstone of Lexington

MEET... Sheldon Epstein

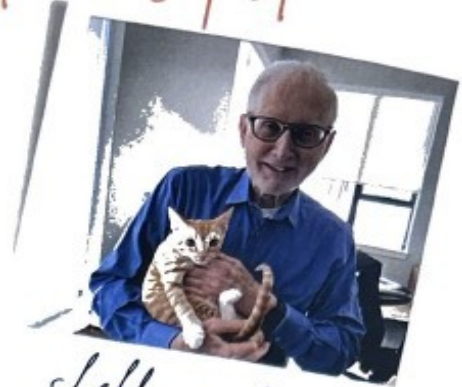
If you're driving into the Waterstone garage on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 10am, you'll most likely run into ... well hopefully not literally ... Sheldon Epstein. Sheldon is a dedicated walker. During these cold winter months, he is not deterred from getting his daily steps in and takes to the underground garage for several laps. He's even done the math ... 8 laps around the middle "track" is the equivalent of one mile. It's not surprising that Sheldon would "do the math" ... after all, he is a retired aerospace engineer!

Sheldon was born in Montreal, Canada. His father was a Salesman and worked during the war in the shipyards. Sheldon's mother was a caring homemaker. When he was about 2 or 3 years old, Sheldon's family moved to Bath, Maine, and later moved again to Portland, Maine where Sheldon graduated high school. After high school Sheldon attended junior college and graduated from Boston University and Utah State University. At BU Sheldon studied aeronautics. Aeronautical engineering is the branch of engineering that deals with the design, development, testing and production of aircraft and related systems. The work requires precision and attention to detail because the smallest mistake can have catastrophic results. At USU, Sheldon studied Industrial Technology which is the use of engineering and manufacturing technology to make production faster, simpler and more efficient.

Sheldon's career almost never got off the ground (no pun intended) because the draft for the Vietnam war started. Not wanting to risk being drafted into the Army, Sheldon enlisted in the Air Force, and upon graduating from BU, he reported to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Sheldon was the only graduate of his class to earn a spot at the prestigious Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois, a ballistic missile training facility where he worked on testing small rocket engines. He later was transferred to Edwards AFB, a research and development base, where he was assigned to the Rocket division. After his military obligation, Sheldon's career continued to skyrocket (pun intended) working for Douglas Aircraft, Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), Hughes Aircraft Company, and Boeing Satellite Systems. At Hughes, Sheldon received a Superior Performer Award. At Boeing Satellite Systems, Sheldon received a Technical Excellence Award.

As successful as Sheldon has been in his career, his heart really lies with his wife Nancy, a true California girl! After a whirlwind romance, they embarked on a month-long honeymoon driving his second love, his Corvette, from LA to Florida, up the coast to Boston, then Montreal, into Chicago, and back to LA. He and Nancy, a school principal, have two great kids, Clay and Heidi.

Sheldon is passionate about Corvettes and has owned 6 different models from 1965 to his current 2023 convertible. When he's not spending time with Nancy, a resident at Bridges, or playing with his cat Mongo, Sheldon is actively involved with the Eastern Mass Corvette Club. The group gathers weekly for lunch and in the Fall they caravan on leisurely drives to enjoy the foliage.



sheldon and mongo



sheldon and his corvette



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Waterstone Cruise!

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

New England provided us with a quintessential early summer day for our cruise to WaterStone Senior Living community in Lexington, where Sheldon Epstein resides.

Sixteen cars (15 Vettes and 1 Cobra) met at the soon to be open "Tavern on The Square," previously American Joes at the Rt. 128 and Rt. 1 intersection. The cruise up Rt128 to Rt. 2 and then Waterstone, took about 15 minutes.

Waterston has arranged a cleared parking area, where by the end of day, a total for 22 Corvettes had gathered for the resident 's Corvette Show.



They were all very appreciative and full of compliments as they walked around and viewed all the cars. Apparently, Sheldon kept a low profile of his Corvette ownership, which was in the showing, and was now a rock star! Several times I heard, "Sheldon, is that your car?" Just a big ole grin on Sheldon's face!

Personally, I loved talking with the residents and quite a few who reminisced of their past corvette experiences. One of the ladies unabashedly had a little TMI of her and a boyfriend in his 62 convertible! Chicks always dig the car! LOL!

Waterstone provided beverages, snacks, hot dogs and even a complimentary Ice Cream Truck! It was just a great day!

This is from Sheldon:

"Hi and a big thank you to members of EMCC that showed up at the Waterstone of Lexington residence for the Corvette show. The show was a big hit with everybody that attended. I am still getting stopped in the hallways thanking me for having come up with an idea to have the club members and Corvettes to show. My son Clay and 9 year old grandson flew in from CA to attend the event."

Well, thanks for arranging this, Sheldon, and please thank Waterstone for graciously hosting the EMCC!





Waterstone Cruise

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I enjoyed the planning, presentation and prospect of future events. Peggy Cassano

THANK YOU SHELDON!

Thank you for a wonderful afternoon!
Carolyn + Howard

What fantastic cars!
Thank you for a amazing
such a great afternoon.
MAY B.

great day!
Nancy

What an amazing
day - remarkable!
Gina!!!
Thanks for passing
it to me!
Carol Ann

Really fun fruit
Thanks, so much.
-Brend

Dear Sheldon!
Great time for all
I led you! My daughter
wrote the story Ray!
Betsey Spaulder

Thanks for
a great afternoon.
Lucy

Sheldon -
you did such a
good job putting together
a very special day for
everyone - Thank you!
Ed

What a
great celebration
of you and your
extraordinary talents, interests
and contributions.
THANK YOU,
Pat Drimmer
Sara Murray

Sheldon,
Great to see your
beloved club members
and their cars.
You were special!
Don

Dear Sheldon,
Thank you for
making this fantastic
event happen! what a
wonderful day for everyone.
my best,
Carmie

Thank you for a
wonderful afternoon
Vivian Cohen

Dear Sheldon,
Thank you for the
wonderful day. I love my
cars. My best,
Marilyn Johnson

Great show! my grandchildren
loved it!
Many thanks. Thank you!
Elaine
Wissen

Dear Sheldon!
Can't tell you how
much we enjoyed your
show - Thank you for giving
us a wonderful day!
Franklin & Elaine

It was wonderful!
Thank you!
-Kathy & Bob

It was great
Sherry

Just like
old time
Great show!
77 Sunset
Strip
Raul & Lolita
Jalie

Many thanks,
SHELDON - It was
wonderful
Bette

Good show
- well done
Suzanne
Cowan



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Walpole Day Parade

Story, Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

The weather Gods, yet again, smiled favorably upon the EMCC, the sun gleaming off our shiny Vettes as we rolled in the Walpole Day Parade.

The parade began at the Walpole High School, rolled down Common St, to RT1A, up RT27 and then passed Stone Field where the Walpole Day festivities were being held. The Walpole-ites lined the streets waving as we smiled and waved back ... like royalty :)

Short parade by parade standards, it took about 30 minutes but was fun. Who doesn't love a parade!





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New Members!

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WELCOME!

Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

New Member?

Want your 15 seconds of fame?

Contact Gerry to get/take a photo of you and your Vette.





Members! Submit Something!

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The Gazette Needs You!

It's your Gazette!



As Publisher and Editor, I am always looking for content to make our Gazette more fun. After all, it's your Gazette.

As much as we love our Corvettes, content is ***NOT*** limited to subjects about Corvettes. Content about our members is always fun, too.

Suggestions:

- Pictures are the best! Just add a quick description. No story required!
 - Pets "n" Vettes; Kids "n" Vettes
- Got a story? 500 words maximum. Longer stories are split into parts for following issues.
- Did you take a day or weekend cruise in your Vette?
- Find a great restaurant? You know we love food!
- Grand kids sitting in your car ... and broke something?
- Do a mod on your Vette and it worked ... or didn't.
- Find a great (or bad) service or product?
- Find some interesting or bizarre Corvette news, history, or humor? Include original link to credit the source.
- Heard about a fun car event?
- Don't know if it's right? Ask, Gerry!



Please email me directly, gcriscenzo@gmail.com, with content, questions or even suggestions for the Gazette.

Thank you all in advance!
Cheers!

Gerry Criscenzo
Editor, Publisher, Webmaster.



Merchandise

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The Last Word

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Rocking Car Show

By Gerry Criscenzo



(WARNING: Shameless Self Promotion)

Most of you know I play in and manage the Bob Seger Tribute band "Live Bullet."

Many of you have seen us, become fans and constantly (thank you) ask about upcoming shows.

As you know, Covid hit the live music scene very hard ... ruthlessly and fatally. Many clubs, as well as many bands no longer exist and getting back to normal still remains a challenge for all those who made it through.

Live Bullet made it through ...

Now, for the happy news! Get your calendar out and reserve July 20th.

Just beyond Hampton Beach is Hampton Falls and the "Friends of Hampton Falls Bandstand" who host the monthly "Cool Wheels" car show. Guess who's performing at the Cool Wheels car show on July 20?

No, not Taylor Swift!

Might I suggest a day trip to Hampton Beach: a cruise, lunch/dinner, ice cream, car show/concert with Live Bullet and a leisurely ride home (or a hotel).

Our tickets typically range from \$25-\$45 (and sell out) so seeing our show FREE is rare. (He tries to say humbly)

It would be fun to turn this car show into a Corvette Show!

I hope to see and hang out with the EMCC fans. Please contact me if you have any questions about this show.

Friends of the Hampton Falls Bandstand

CONCERTS COMMON

JUNE 22	SCARAB - THE JOURNEY EXPERIENCE
JUNE 29	COUNTERFEIT CASH - J. CASH & JUNE CARTER & <i>Cool Wheels</i>
JULY 6	THE 39TH ARMY BAND
JULY 13	HEARTLESS - TRIBUTE TO HEART
JULY 20	LIVE BULLET - BOB SEGER TRIBUTE BAND & <i>Cool Wheels</i>
JULY 22	SATURDAY, 2-5 PM 3 RD ROOTS & BRANCHES FREEDOM SONG FEST
JULY 27	DEEP BLUE C STUDIO ORCHESTRA
AUG. 3	THE WOODSTOCK EXPERIENCE
AUG. 10	STUDIO TWO - THE BEATLES TRIBUTE
AUG. 17	BANDSTAND ALLSTARS - ON THE ROAD AGAIN & <i>Cool Wheels</i>
AUG. 24	JAH SPIRIT BAND <i>Jamaican Appreciation Day</i>
SEPT. 10	SUNDAY, 1-3 PM CHICAGO TOTAL ACCESS & <i>Cool Wheels</i> AND JUST YOU 'N' ME

