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President's Message

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Our October meeting was held at the three-car show-place garage of Larry Colvin which was an excellent venue and so appropriate for car folks. Thank you so much, Larry. And, again we will be having our Membership Meeting on November 2nd at Larry's garage. It seems if we want something, we make it happen.

At this point with all that is happening with COVID, we will need to wind down a bit. We are at the end of our Corvette season, which was an absolutely incredible year. Thanks so much to Bruce for his spectacular job as our Social Director. Further, thank you to all of the members who sponsored an event this year. We turned a bad situation into a very happy, healthy Corvette season in a safe way. Do keep your eye on the emails from the Club as there just might be a few spur of the moment events.

Our Static Cruise Nights were wonderful and well attended and hopefully will be as popular next year.

Thanks to our Static Cruise Director, Steve S for all his efforts this year to make that event very popular, safe and a healthy meeting spot.

As I said, with COVID, we will need to wind down a bit. My thoughts are that we not have a Membership Meeting in December and January and reassess the situation the first of the year. We will still have ZOOM Board Meetings and, if we feel we want to do ZOOM meetings for the Membership, I understand that can be done. We will discuss this further at our November 2nd meeting and have the Club vote on our next step.

It does not appear that we will be able to have a Christmas Party this year and, our Anniversary Party plans are on hold.

Steve S and his committee are in the process of putting together calendars for the Club again this year. Please be sure to forward a picture of your car (and you, if you want) to Steve S as soon as you can so he can include it in his plans. We have been doing these calendars for a few years now and they are very popular. Please act immediately to be included.

When you have some "chill" time over the winter months, please consider writing an article for our Gazette. It is a great time to share some pictures and tell us YOUR story. All of us find that very interesting. Our Gazette will be running a little naked if we don't help contribute to the great job our Publisher/Webmaster, Gerry is doing.

Bob Hanson, our Membership Chair has been very busy this year. I believe we have about 8 new members this year and they all sought us out. We must be doing something right. We will, hopefully, be bringing in a new member at the November meeting. Bob has been busy keeping in touch with the new members, working with their sponsors and keeping all the paperwork together. Good job, Bob. And....welcome to our 2020 members. We would love to hear from you with your story as to how you came to be a Corvette owner.

Our Ms Sunshine, Judy, has been very very busy this year. Quite a few of us have had some health issues. Fortunately, none of them have been COVID. If any member knows of another member who is having a health issue, please be sure to let Judy know right away so she can get a card to them from the Club to let them know we care.

The Officers and Chairs wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving this year. I know it will be very different for some, but remember, we do have a lot to be thankful for. One thing in particular is the friendships we have made by becoming a member of EMCC.

Stay healthy and well. Remember the mask!

SMOKEN - Mal



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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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Club Calendar

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This year's cruising season has officially ended but what a great season it was for the EMCC! Keep an eye on your email for spontaneous quick cruises for lunch or the like.

- **Tuesday, Oct 13, was our last "official" Static Cruise.** Watch your email for spontaneous, unscheduled gatherings.
- **Board Meetings:** Will continue on the last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings:** Are temporarily postponed until Spring 2021 but possibly sooner. Watch you emails.

EMCC wishes to thank Larry Colvin for graciously hosting the last two member meetings in his fabulous garage. Thank you, Larry!

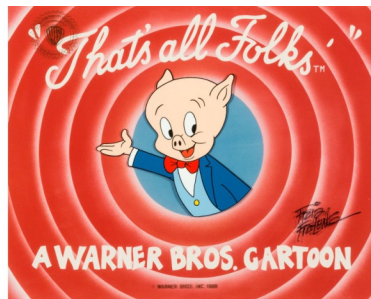


Special Events/Cruises

Check [Website](#) for details

Our cruises will resume Spring 2021. Please watch your emails for spontaneous cruises.

- This years **CHRISTMAS PARTY** is unfortunately cancelled. Yes, we are bummed.
- Next year's **ANNIVERSARY PARTY** will be postponed from February 2021 to a date to be determined.



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Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Andy Bleadon

Alan Cohen

Joe Mello

Sam Pappas

Bill Schroeder

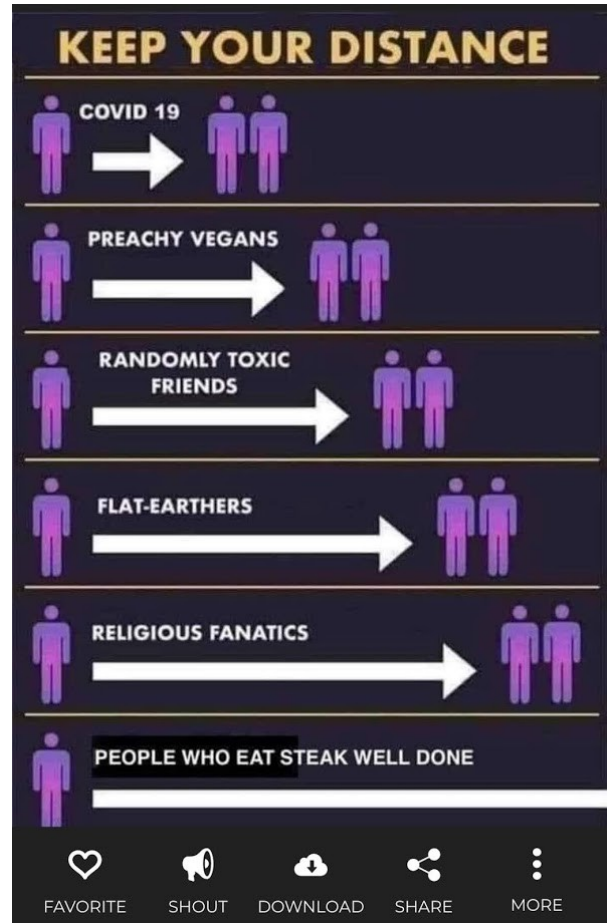
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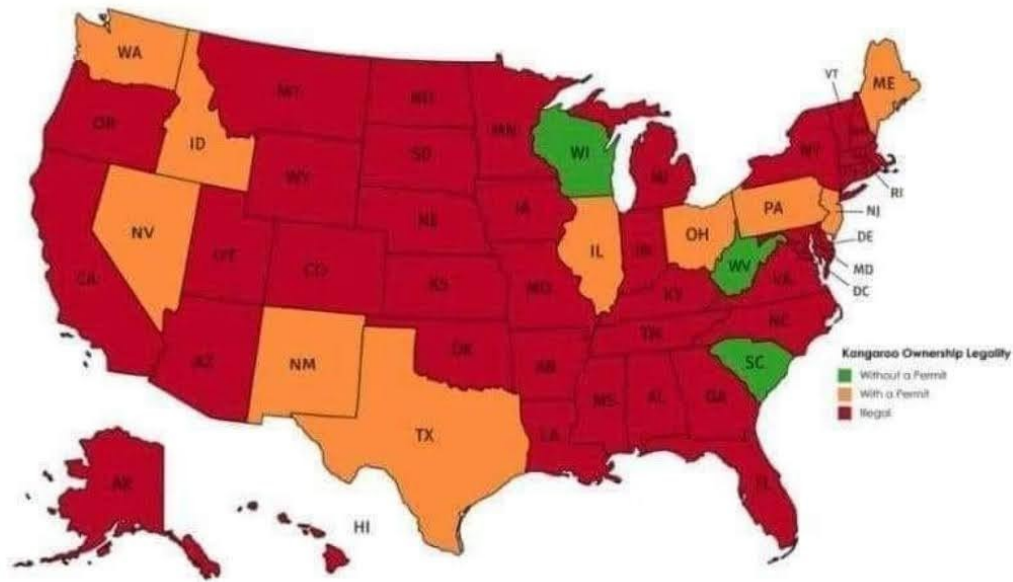




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Before we all start looking at red/blue maps for days, here is map showing the legality of owning a kangaroo.



I just found this old tape, so I gave it a play. I don't recommend it at all.
Head Cleaner - worst band ever...



People: How much faith do you have in the human race?

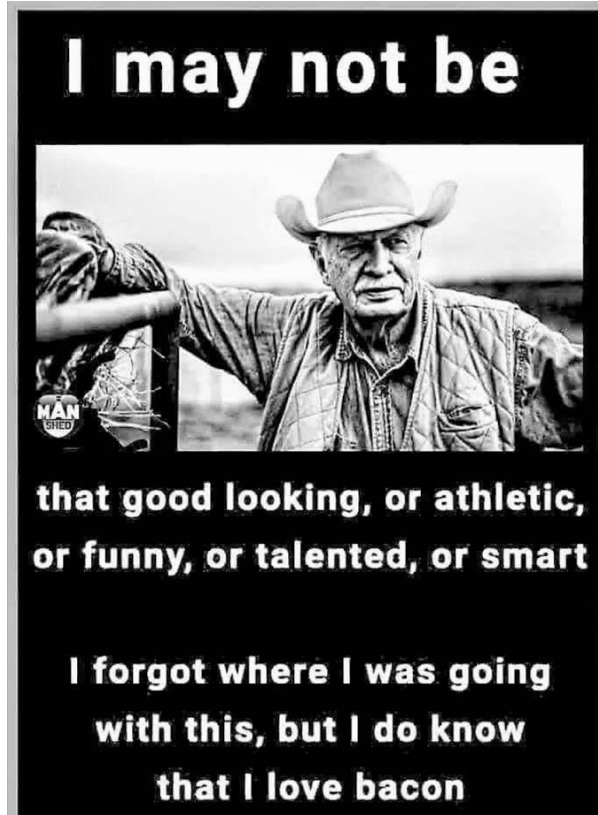
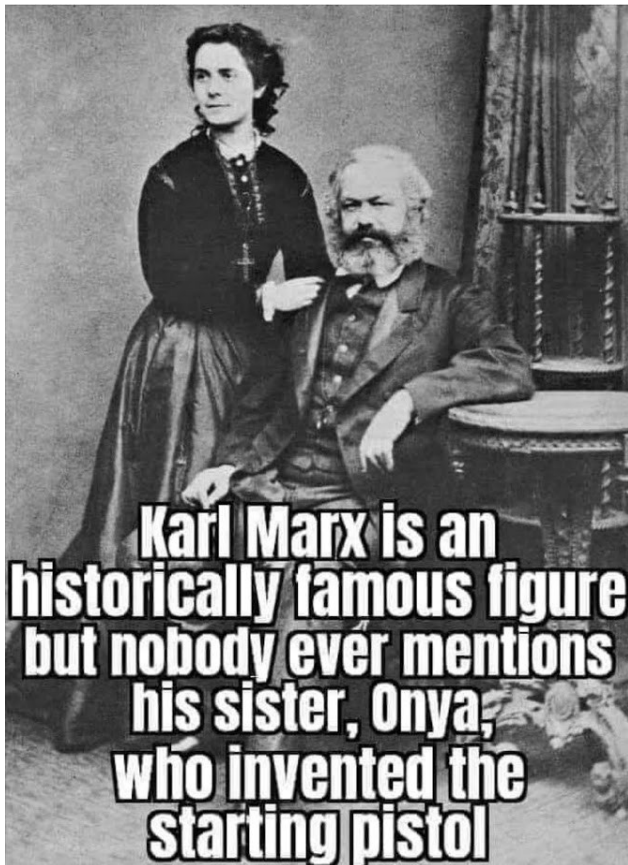
Me:





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Pretty sure this is the bridge you take to get to 2021..





The Last Cruise

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2020 Fall Foliage Cruise

Words & Photos, Gerry Criscenzo

Our last official cruise for 2020 capped off a cruising season that never yielded or flinched for a moment to this pandemic. We masked! We distanced! And we cruised ... because there was food and beverages waiting!

Weather: Spectacular! A quintessential N.E. Indian Summer day with blue skies and balmy 65 degrees. This Gazette's cover features photos from this cruise to Purgatory Chasm in Sutton, MA, followed by lunch at Lowell's Restaurant in Mendon, MA. If you missed this cruise, you missed a spectacular moment of friends sharing a great day. About thirty of us met at Lake Pearl. The drive to Purgatory Chasm was stunning scenery of autumn colored archways of leaves preparing to fall. Cruising through Purgatory, I think the Chasm was a little jealous that a parade of fifteen gleaming Corvettes took some of the attention away from the hikers. They're rocks. They'll get over it.

Lowell's Restaurant, my first time there, is now a favorite. Very reasonably priced, fresh, well-prepared food and drinks that that did not disappoint. Right, Judy? :) I'll let the photos tell the rest of story. Hope to see you all cruising in 2021.





The Last Cruise

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Lunch with Danielle

Story and Photos by Smoken Mal

As many of you know, Danielle has been dealing with lung cancer which spread to her brain. She had numerous brain surgeries along with radiation on her brain and had relatively good results.

As far as the lung cancer, she underwent a treatment wherein she had a terrible reaction which made her very sick. When she felt a bit better, another type of treatment was tried and it, also, caused her to have a bad reaction. The doctors feel there is nothing more they can do for Danielle and she has been placed on hospice care. She gets tired very easily and is very weak, (using a walker) but she still has all her spirit.

Our girl wanted to go to One Bistro, which is one of her favorite lunch places and a place she has been with some of us Corvette Divas in the past. So, nothing was going to stop us from going there with her. Although Danny didn't eat much, she had a great time with some of her friends from EMCC.

She would love to receive cards from EMCC members. Ask one of the Officers for her address or go on the website into the members section for her address.

Danny has asked to say thank you to all the members who have called, visited and sent cards. She truly appreciates everyone's loving thoughts and prayers.

Keep her in your prayers!!!!

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Hello From South Carolina

Story & Photos by Smoken Mal

As many of you know, I recently went to our grandniece's wedding in Georgia. We drove down and had an excellent time visiting with our family in that part of the world. The wedding was wonderful and we wish Kendall and Lucas a wonderful life.

On our way home from Georgia, Joe and I stopped for an overnight visit with Elaine and Alan Kemp who most of you know. Our visit was the BEST! They have a beautiful home in Conway, SC in a lovely community which they have comfortably settled into. After cocktails and a great dinner and a good night's sleep, mid morning Joe and I headed home and hit very little traffic the entire way.

Elaine has asked me to say hello to all of the members of EMCC. She thinks of us often. She is very happy in their new home and feels they made the right decision for the two of them, although, they miss all of their friends.

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The Last Pizza

Story Gerry Criscenzo & Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

In spite of everything that 2020 threw at us, EMCC had an epic Static Cruise season! Most nights had tremendous turnouts and even graced us with guests from neighboring Corvette Clubs. The weather was mostly spectacular and seemed unaffected by the Corona virus though we stayed masked and distanced. Free pizza had nothing to do with attendance. Our last official Static boasts the largest turnout of the season. Great way to fly in the face of Corona! Hope to you all in 2021. Stay Safe!





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Did You Know?

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10 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Corvette

By Garrett Parker, Money Inc . Full story at <https://moneyinc.com/20-things-didnt-know-corvette/>

The First Corvette Was Introduced at Motorama

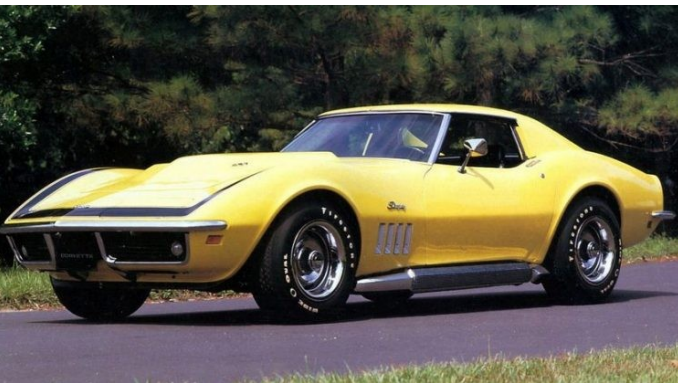
Chevrolet's 1953 Corvette was introduced at the GM Motorama traveling show at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel on January 17th of 1953, as the first American sports car.

They're Named After a Type of Warship

The first corvette warship appeared in the 17th century. They possessed a single tier of guns, and were one combat grade below the frigate. These ships were fast, maneuverable, and strong, making them an essential part of any navy. The modern navy still uses corvettes.

Corvette Has Won Many Awards

Yes, we know that. However, the biggest testament to the innovative and intelligent design that Chevrolet pioneered is an endorsement from the Society of Automotive Engineers. This organization decided to grant the 1999 Corvette Convertible the title of Best Engineered Car of the 20th Century. They do not hand out such awards freely.



Three NASA Astronauts Drove Corvettes

Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, and Gordon Cooper . General Motors was convinced to produce Corvettes especially for the astronauts. They were given a large discount on the brand-new cars, paying a special 'used' price after only 3000 miles were put on the odometer.

New Corvettes Are Fast in Reverse

A 2014 Corvette Stingray clocked in at 53 miles per hour. It could be useful in the event of a natural disaster or a zombie apocalypse or something. Or in a movie about this kind of event, perhaps.

Fastest Corvette Motor was Made in 1968

The fastest Corvette motor – boasting a 0-60 time of 2.8 seconds, according to MotorTrend, was the 1968 LT-2. Designed as a prototype for the 1970 Corvette, but placed in a 1968 Corvette body, this engine offered a 10.86 ¼ mile time as well. For comparison, the 2018 Corvette Z06 makes it to 60 miles per hour in 2.95 seconds.

The Corvette's Original Logo Was Different

The very first logo designed for the Corvette included a checkered flag crossed with the American flag, which was illegal for commercial branding purposes. Just four days before the Corvette's debut, the logo was redesigned into the one that is used today.

Prince Wrote "Little Red Corvette" but ...

He wrote it when he fell asleep in one of his backup singer's cars, a 1964 Mercury Montclair Marauder. The lyrics worked better with a Corvette as the subject.

The 1953 Debut Only Had Two Options

A heater and an AM radio. The car could be purchased with all of the options for only about \$200 more than the list price. Despite this lack of luxury in the first Corvette, it was still a huge commercial success and revolutionized the American car industry.

The Corvette ZR1 Had a Motor Designed by Boat Engineers

The ZR1's LT5 motor was originally designed by Mercury's MerCruiser division in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The marine division was chosen to design the motor because it had to retain a relatively small displacement – 5.7 liters – but had to make over 400 horsepower. Boats tend to have similar displacement-to-power ratios, making the MerCruiser division a natural choice to design the engine.





In Memory

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These bricks are now placed
at the National Corvette Museum
in memory of our friends.





Family Fun

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1. Have the kids color the picture
2. Take a good picture of it with your kids name and your member name
3. Email to ZR1@easternmasscorvetteclub.org
4. 3 Winners gets bragging rights and maybe something special.
5. All entries will be posted in the next Gazette

HAPPY THANKSGIVING





EMCC Merchandise

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Editor's Note

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Giving Thanks

By VP and Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



I have a few last rides before I put Sunna to bed for a long winter's nap. And before the frost sets in, I'm sure I'll procrastinate my good intentions of putting up the Christmas lights while its still warm. Ah, what the heck; it wouldn't be the same putting up the lights without my fingers falling off. It's one of the joys of the season.

Before we move on to the Holiday seasons, I want to acknowledge the fabulous season we had as a club and to those, two especially, who worked hard to make it great. Steve "The Pizza Guy" Sylvia, and our Social Director, Bruce Kolovson.

Both have worked tirelessly to ensure that we not only had fun cruises to attend but also worked out the details to mitigate any issues ... well most of the time.

Our 2020 cruising season will surely be one for the record books but hopefully has also given us pause to reflect, be thankful and hopeful for the future years of cruising together.

Every year at Thanksgiving, I share 10 things I am grateful for and want to share them with you, my friends.

1. **My wife, Chrissie. Every single day.**
2. **My good health**
3. **Truly good, honest friends.**
4. **Still having my Mom and in good health**
5. **Having family**
6. **Having the skills to make a good income**
7. **Having income leftover after paying bills, to share with people and friends and the time to do so**
8. **Having skills that can make people dance, sing, smile and forget their troubles for awhile**
9. **Freedom. The opportunity to acquire those skills and more if I wish**
10. **People willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for my freedoms**



I have much to be thankful for and am grateful. I hope you do as well.

Wishing you and families a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Cheers!