



Vette Gazette

Also on easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Nov 2021

[FAST TRACK LINKS](#)

(Must Download First)

[PRESIDENTS MESSAGE](#)

[EXECUTIVE BOARD & CHAIRS](#)

[CLUB CALENDAR](#)

[CLUB BIRTHDAYS](#)

[HUMOR](#)

[MEMBER SUBMISSIONS](#)

[NEW MEMBERS](#)

[EMCC MERCHANDISE](#)

[EDITOR'S NOTE](#)



Click, Join and Follow

Giving Thanks !





President's Message

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Our hard-working and dedicated President, Mal Smith, is on a much deserved vacation and says hello from the white sands and crystal blue waters of Aruba!

I asked her to send me some pictures of her on the beach!

Well, here ya go!! LOL :)

Lets wish her safe travels home!

-Gerry Criscenzo





Executive Board & Chairpersons

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

President: Mal Smith
781-706-5762, AuntieMal@aol.com



Vice President: Gerry Criscenzo
508-735-9311, gcriscenzo@gmail.com



Secretary: Steve Syliva
508-505-8208, tyrysy@comcast.net

Treasurer: Bill Schroeder
781-812-9991, wrs600@gmail.com



Social Chair: Bruce Kolovson
508-789-7780, ski1000@verizon.net



Membership Chair: Bob Hanson
617-840-8202, rhanson3@verizon.net



Publications Chair & Webmaster:
Gerry Criscenzo



Sunshine: Judy Pitasi
508-966-9026, rdvette72@aol.com



Facebook: Keith E. Jacobson
617-527-2100,
kamerakeith@gmail.com



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
P.O. Box 291, Medfield, MA 02052, US



Club Calendar

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Standing Events



- **Static Cruise:** We've ended our Static "Season" BUT we're bound to still have some nice weather so watch your email.
- **Wednesday Lunches: Still on!** Wild card. Check our website and look for emails.
- **Thursday Cruises:** Our Cruise season is also winding down so join in until we have to put our babies to bed for the winter.
- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings:** 1st Monday of every month, 7pm Currently held at Conrad's, Walpole in the backroom. Dinner before the meeting at 6 PM.



Special Events/Cruises

Save the dates but More to Come! Meeting times and locations may change so check our [Website](#) and watch email for full details or check with Bruce at ski1000@verizon.net

November, December, & 2022

- Nov 18: EMCC Ladies Night! Classy Corvette Cougar Cruise to Molly's Apothecary!
 - Southwick Zoo Illumination Display (Nov Date and details TBD soon)
- Dec 9th: EMCC Christmas Party, 6-10pm, Conrad's Walpole. Details in process. Watch your email **At the party, new member, Gary Crandall, will collect toys for "Toys for Tots".**
NEW toys or books, un-wrapped.
NO used toys, candy/food, toys that look like realistic weapons or toys with chemicals like science lab kits.
Thank you in advance!!
 - Feb 2022 EMCC Anniversary Party. Details in process. Watch your email
 - March 2022: EMCC St Patrick's Party. Details in process. Watch your email



Club Member Birthdays

eastermasscorvetteclub.org

Happy Birthday

Andy Bleadon

Alan Cohen

Paul Duffy

Fran Favara

Joe Mello

Sam Pappas

Bill Schroeder

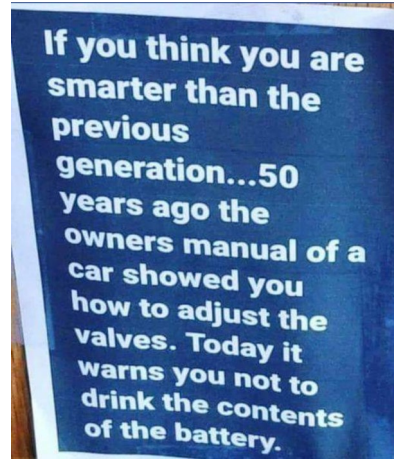
Bob Smith



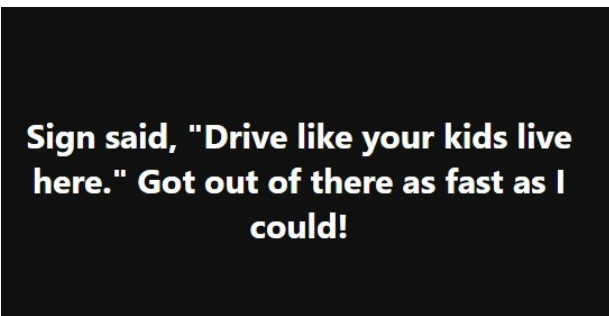


Humor

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org



You thought smoking at the pump was risky shit 😂😂😂😂





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Columbus Day Weekend Cruise

Story, Frank Fontana. Photos: Bill Schroeder and Mal Smith

This year's annual Columbus Day Weekend Cruise consisted of a trip through 4 states on scenic roads with historic destinations. A group of 10 cars left Westboro, MA on Friday morning, Oct 8, and proceeded to the Norman Rockwell Museum and grounds in beautiful Stockbridge.

After a tour of the facility, we proceeded to the Red Lion and Mike's for lunch and a brief stay in town. From there, we proceeded through upstate NY on our way to Sayre, PA.; our destination for the next 2 days. Dinner that night was at a local brewery next to the hotel and pizza in the lobby.

On Saturday, we were headed back into NY to Montour Falls, the site of the Chequaga Falls located off the town square. After lunch, we proceeded on to Watkins Glen, the home of the "Glen" NASCAR Road Course track and the home of Lakewood Vineyards for an afternoon wine tasting event. The roads in the Watkins Glen area are well suited for cruising and we thoroughly enjoyed driving the mountain passes and scenic stretches through the smaller adjacent towns. We headed back to Sayre for dinner at a former train station and for a late night car wash, much needed for driving throughout the farm country.

Sunday morning had us leaving Sayre and heading for Scranton to visit the Lakawanna Coal Mine, closed in 1966. We boarded a cable car for the 250' descent below the surface for a guided tour expertly led by Tony. We spent around 90 minutes walking underground along the rail tracks taking in the sights and sounds of life as a coal miner.

It was hazardous to say the least and left a lasting impression on all of us; mostly thankful that we had occupations other than these poor souls. The conditions they had to endure were unhealthy and extremely dangerous for both young and old.

(continued next page)





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org



At the conclusion of our visit, we proceeded to the Laka-wanna Hotel ; a converted train station from another era. We had dinner at the Trax Restaurant to celebrate the three fine days we had and thanked our leaders for an excellent cruise.

Monday's ride home brought us through CT to the Litchfield Distillery; a return visit from a previous trip with lunch following in the historic downtown district and a great conclusion to a awesome weekend.

We would like to thank Jim Gable, Jim Morrow, Ed Forsberg, and Bill and Cari Robertson for once again putting together an excellent trip and for their leadership.

It was a great experience.

Save the Wave.





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Bass Pro No Mo!

Story, & Photos, Keith E. Jacobson

Memorial Day seems to me to kick off the summer cruise season and Labor Day is the unofficial end.

The Bass Pro cruise nights feel similar. The first one is the unofficial start and the last show is the end of the season ... even though there may still be a few events.

October 21 was the last Bass Pro cruise of 2021 and it was a Doozy. Beautiful weather got the crowds out and being the final one of the year it got an amazing turnout ... I have seen estimates of 2,000+ cars at the event.



There were many interesting vehicles like the Auburn 852 boat tail. There was talk was it real or a copy ... my guess is real.



Lots of other interesting vehicles and here are a few of them:





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

We were lucky that Bass Pro was back this year and hopefully next season it will be back with no issues relating to Covid.

The cars are the stars but it is always great to see new and old friends.

Stay safe and warm ... looking forward to seeing everyone in the springtime. It's been a good year. A big thanks to all who have organized and run events ... EMCC is where you come for the cars but stay for the people.

See you on the road...KEITH





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

To Detail or Not!

Story, Steve Wilson. & Photo, Paul Duffy

If you're like me you hate to spend money when you can do it yourself. I like washing and waxing my Corvette and think I do a good job. So I don't usually go in for having my vette detailed by anyone.

After talking to new EMCC member, Paul Duffy, who owns RI Car Detailing, on how his company goes about detailing and waxing a car, I decided to pamper my 2009 Cyber Grey Z51 coupe with a wax. After more talks with Paul, we found a date that worked and off we were.

Sherry and I took our corvette down to drop off and told them to work their magic.

And magic they did!

My Corvette looked like it was brand new. The swirls and imperfections in the paint were gone.

The interior was clean; seats, door panels, dashboard all sparkled with a coat of protectant. Every nook and cranny was free of dust and dirt, and the glass...wow the glass was clean with no marks or streaks, even the rear window glass looked incredible

Paul did a great job but I have to give credit to where credit is due. Most of the work was done by Paul's wife Diana. I'm sure it was a team effort, but Diana was hands on with the buffer, polishing, interior and doing the glass. Fantastic job.



All the stuff I had in the cargo area was neatly arranged behind the seats like it was waiting for inspection.

On the night that I was going to pick up my Vette, I was not going to be able to get there until late evening. "No problem," Paul said. Give me a time and I will meet you. When I got there the Vette was under the lights and it gleamed from every angle. It looked like it belonged in a showroom.

There was also a little bag of chocolates left with a business card for me to enjoy on the way home.

Was it better than what I could do? Absolutely! Was it worth the \$\$\$? YES-very happy!!

It was a great experience dealing with great people that perform great work.



Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Who doesn't love pie?

From Frank Fontana

Hi.

If you'd like to pay by check:
Please make payable to:
Knights of Columbus 1847.

Mail to my address:
Frank Fontana
79 Jordan Rd. Franklin, Ma.
02038

If you would like to order by
credit card:
Please use the square on the
sheet and pay there.

Please pick up pies on Tues-
day 11/23 at the St. Mary Par-
ish lot located across from the
church in their parking lot.

Make a copy for your records.

If you are donating the pies,
please follow the instructions
on the form.

You will not need to pick them
up. They will be donated to
the Franklin Senior Center for
them to use for seniors for
their Thanksgiving dinner.

Please contact me if you have
any questions!

Thanks again!
Frank



Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Council 1847 - Franklin, MA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

make check to: Knights of Columbus 1847

PLEASE MAIL CHECK to



Mr. Frank Fontana
79 Jordan Rd.
Franklin, MA 02038 1238

4th Annual

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Freshly Baked by



Apple • Pumpkin • Blueberry • Pecan

Order Pies for your Thanksgiving table.

Donate Pies to the Franklin Senior Center, our community center for our elders, for their Thanksgiving table.



**Order pies in Upper Church after all Masses weekend of Nov. 14th
or online NOW thru Nov. 14th at www.KofC1847.org**

Pickup at the CCD Office on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, 3-6 PM

Proceeds to support the ongoing charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

Contact: Jim Lane - 774.571.9804 - JDLane58@hotmail.com

NAME: _____

PLEASE PRINT

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____



	Quantity
Apple	_____
Pumpkin	_____
Blueberry	_____
Pecan	_____

Donated Pies _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL PIES _____ @ \$15⁰⁰ each = \$ _____



SIGNATURE AT PICKUP

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 1847



Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Little Red Corvette!

By Sam Pappas

Just want to share with the club...

Several of the members have met Coco, our white standard poodle.

But yesterday we adopted a new poodle!

She is 5 years old and a retired show Champion!

Her given name is "Little Red Corvette" and goes by the name of Corvette.

She ended up in the perfect home!

You think??!!





New Memebers

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

WELCOME!!

Brian Gately
Sponsored by Steve Sylvia



If you're new member, and would like the fame and glory of being listed in our Gazette,
we need a clear photo of you with your car, similar to above.
We can take one of you at our Static Cruise or you can send yours to the Gazette Publisher at gcriscenzo@gmail.com.



Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Ceramic Coating vs. Paint Protection Film (PPF)!

By Paul Duffy (RI Car Detailing)

There are a lot of myths, misinformation and disinformation mixed in with some facts out there on the internet and from detail shows about Ceramic Coating VS Paint Protection Film (PPF). I'm here today to clear up some of the myths, misinformation, and disinformation.

What is Ceramic Coating?



Ceramic Coating is typically composed of silicon dioxide (silica, SiO₂), which is sourced from natural materials such as quartz and sand. When hand applied to a car's paint, the two create a chemical bond with hydrophobic, aka water-repellent, properties. It is so repellent that even mud, dirt and other debris will roll right off your car and won't be able to stick. This effect happens because water, dirt, and any other debris is not able to bond and stick to the paint because a ceramic coat is a thin layer between your paint and any element that tries and to come in contact. It also protects your vehicle from harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. These UV rays are harmful to your car because it will cause your car's paint to oxidize which will cause your paint to fade. Ceramic Coating also makes it easier and faster to detailing/clean your car. This is one of the most noticeable benefits of ceramic coating. Like we said above, ceramic coating is hydrophobic which means mud and other contaminants will cannot bond with your car's paint. Since dirt and other contaminants are not able to bond to the paint, this means washing your car is a quicker and easier process.

What Is Paint Protection Film (PPF)?

Paint Protection Film, also known as PPF or Clear Bra is a plastic like film that goes on top of the paint to protect paint from impact of rocks on the highway to light impacts of car doors or shopping carts. Some PPF products can also protect from UV rays. Paint Protection Film does NOT help with the cleaning process of your vehicle but can sometimes cause you to need to clean your vehicle more often. Take for example this brown mark that was caused by a leaf that stayed on my 2021 C8 Corvette for just a few hours. PPF will stain very easily by itself no matter what any detailers tells you.



Figure 1 Stain on Paint Protection Film from a Leaf on uncoated C8 Corvette.

What is the Difference?

Very simply put, PPF protects from light impacts and Ceramic Coating helps to make cleaning easier. Below is a Venn Diagram showing the benefits of Paint Protection Film and Ceramic Coating along with the benefits they have in common.

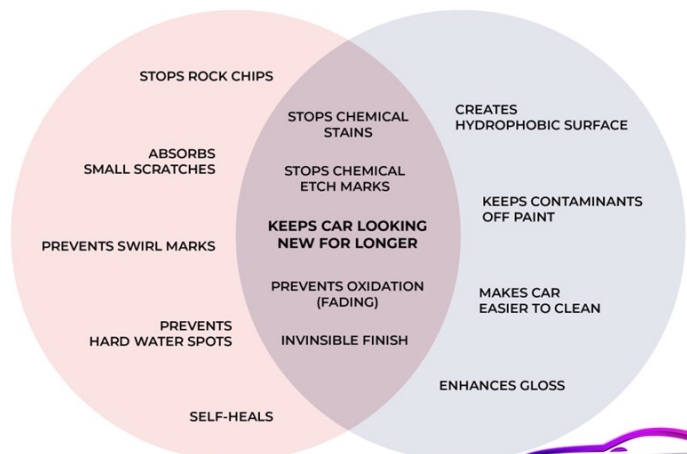
I thought you said you got a stain on your PPF?

I did get a stain on the PPF but the PPF prevented the paint from getting the stain and stopping it from etching into the paint. It was a LOT of work for Diana to get it out. Yes, you could always have the PPF replaced but we can always get it out with some elbow grease and the right products.

What if I want all the benefits from both Ceramic Coating and PPF?

Paint Protection Film

Ceramic Coating





Member Submissions

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

You get both PPF and Ceramic Coating. There are many Ceramic Coatings that work on top of PPF and some that don't. I always recommend putting a layer of Ceramic Coating on top of PPF to give you all the items from the Venn diagram from above creating the ultimate protection. If you already have ceramic coating on your vehicle then it needs to be removed before installing PPF.

Do I really need both?

No and you don't really need either one but going with one or the other is not going to fully protect your cars paint. Some people are ok with rock chips or small dings while others are ok with rock chips/dings but want the cleaning to be easier and to not have to worry immediately about bird droppings, dap, and dirt.

Quick recap of the myths, misinformation, disinformation:

- Ceramic Coating will not protect your car from rock chips or nuts and bolts hitting your car like some ceramic pro dealers will tell you.
- Not all PPF products are the same. Only use a high-quality paint protection film from companies like Xpel and Suntek. (I use XPEL Ultimate Plus PPF on my vehicles.)
- Dealerships paint protection film or ceramic coatings are not the same (for the most part) as true paint protection films or ceramic coatings and most of the time a ceramic coating from a high-end detailing shop is cheaper than what the dealership is offering. (RI Car Detailing ceramic coating products start at \$499 before the EMCC discount!)
- Some people say, "you never need to use car soap/shampoo again", well this is not totally true. While spraying it off with water will clean the vehicle most of the time, I still recommend a PH Neutral car shampoo like Gyeon Bathe. I do always try to first wash my wheels that are ceramic coated with water first. If the wheels are still dirty, then I spray on Gyeon Iron or Gyeon Wheel Cleaner with Iron and then wash them off. These products do not hurt ceramic coatings and are very effective at cleaning brake dust off wheels.

Paul Duffy

Owner, RI Car Detailing

Car or Text: (844) 665-4321

<https://www.RICarDetailing.com>

RI Car Detailing Use the Premiere Brands of Ceramic Coating

Through relentless testing and evaluation processes, we found that the KAMIKAZE-Collection and Gyeon Quartz brands of coatings met our strict criteria for performance, looks, and durability. We are very particular with our coating brands, and we value their marketing strategies just as much as we do their performance. Many coating companies significantly overstate (over-hype) things like hardness levels, durability, and chemical resistance in hopes that unknowing detailers and consumers will follow along. We, on the other hand, wish to have long-lasting relationships with our clientele and therefore chose not to work with companies that promote unrealistic performance. When hiring RI Car Detailing to handle your automotive coating needs, you can rest assured that we have the first-hand experience and knowledge to ensure that you're receiving industry-leading coating performance that we stand behind.



EMCC Merchandise

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org



Order all EMCC merchandise, hats, clothing, bags, etc, directly from Tri-Valley Sports.

You can also bring your own items for them to customize with our EMCC Club logo, your name, etc.

106 Main St. Medway, MA 02053, 508-533-5080

The National Corvette Museum's offers many types of Corvette apparel.

Visit the store at corvettemuseum.org



Want to add bling to ANYTHING?

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/glendasglitzdesigns/>.

Order directly from Glenda or you can send her your favorite item(s) and she will "bling" it for you. Even masks! Just ask Mal!



This is a hot/cold water bottle/thermos customized with the C6 logo from Beantown Bling! They can put any design or logo or photo on thousands of cool items. Contact them on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/BeantownBlingDesigns>





Editor's Note

www.easternmasscorvetteclub.org

Living with Gratitude

By VP, Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice." – Meister Eckhart, 1260-1328

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I thought I would write about being grateful.

Living with gratitude is proven to rewire your brain to be happier. Do you live with gratitude? Do you know what it means to practice living with gratitude? Think about how you go about your day. Do you take time to actually stop and recognize, acknowledge what you're grateful for? Do you try to see the good in the bad? So how do you practice gratitude? You can start with these.

1. Choose to be happy

Why would you choose not to, right? Happiness is a choice. How you "react" is a choice. Don't react; respond. Do things that make you happy. When you get your endorphins flowing, however you can, being grateful becomes easier.

2. Your challenges are also opportunities for gratitude

It's easy to be grateful for good things but you can find gratitude in your challenges, too. Be grateful to have learned from your challenges. Hopefully you do learn from your challenges. Learning means you are growing. Look at your past. What did you learn from your challenges?

3. Be Mindful

Practicing mindfulness, living in the now, is powerful. Mindfulness keeps you grounded and keeps you from "reacting" or being overwhelmed by what's going on around you. Try mindful eating, too. Slow down and enjoy the entire experience. I read about an exercise where someone took 5 minutes to eat one almond! I got to 15 seconds.

4. Appreciate everything

Again, it's easy to be grateful for the big things but being grateful for every little thing begins rewiring your brain. There are far more little things or events in your day than there are big ones. So many opportunities for gratitude and recognizing them will have a positive affect on your mood.

5. Start a Gratitude Journal

For you writers or if you keep a journal, start a Gratitude Journal. Even if you're not a writer, start one. Every day, take just a few minutes to make list of what you're thankful for and also how positive those things make you feel. Writing also forces you to consciously think about what you're writing. You can then also reflect back on the positives in your life.

6. Volunteer

There is no greater feeling than being of service to others. Those of you who volunteer, give back to the community, know what I mean. University of Pennsylvania professor, Martin Seligman, wrote that volunteering is the single most reliable way to momentarily increase your well-being. Helping others helps you!

7. Tell someone how you appreciate them

Want to brighten someone's day and your own at the same time? Tell someone you care about or someone that has had a positive effect on your life, how much you appreciate them. Write them a letter. Better yet, call them. Your endorphins will be beaming at the end of that conversation and you can almost be assured that conversation will be the best part of their day; and probably yours. Think of someone, gather your thoughts and pick up that phone; and what better time than now.

8. Compliment someone

Make it your goal to make someone smile. Getting a cup of coffee? Find something nice to say about the person. Love your nails! You'll brighten their day and yours and feel grateful that you helped brighten their day.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a life well lived, full of gratitude, kindness and thankfulness.

-Gerry