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# President's Message

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June brings us many changes regarding the pandemic. Those changes will impact us all personally and as members of the Club. I am looking forward to getting back to having our Anniversary Party and our Christmas Party and gatherings where we all feel more comfortable and safe.

We are off to a great start for the Corvette season. We have had many cruises, dinners, ice cream runs and we are now back to having our meetings as they were before Covid. I call that progress.

We have voted in four new members recently and I predict that we will have a few more in short order. If you see a new face among us, please take the time to say hello and introduce yourself. All of us have name tags and it would be very helpful if we all took the time to wear them to help us all get to know each other.

Please consider helping Gerry with the Gazette or taking over the position. Gerry will teach you how to use the software and gather information. So many of us are retired and have extra time for this. Please step up. Remember this is OUR Club. We need your help to make it function.

As you probably already know, Bass Pro Shops Cruise night event is back on the schedule. Their first event will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 9PM and will continue to take place every other Thursday from then on barring any football games or events at Gillette Stadium. Please see our Event Schedule sent out via email or our website for updates.

Be safe and stay well.

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# Executive Board & Chairpersons

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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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# Club Calendar

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## Viva Le Liberate!

### Standing Events



- **Static Cruise:** Every Tuesday, weather permitting, we park, chill, and get to know more about each other. Every second Tuesday of the month, the club provides Pizza for MEMBERS. Check [easternmasscorvetteclub.org](http://easternmasscorvetteclub.org) for times and where. **NOTE: Due to a long term road construction project about to begin on RT 1A, we will be relocating to a new location, yet to be determined. Check the website and watch for emails.**
- **Wednesday Lunches:** Wild card. Check our website and look for emails.
- **Thursday Cruises:** Wild card. Check our website and look for emails.
- **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



### Special Events/Cruises

Save These Dates but More to Come! Meeting times and locations may vary so Check [Website](http://Website) and watch email for details or check with Bruce at [ski1000@verizon.net](mailto:ski1000@verizon.net)

#### JUNE

- June 5th: David Yee hosts Lunch @ his McDonalds
- June 10: Ice Cream Run, Crescent Ridge, Sharon.
- June 12: Newport Museum (Hoods Up Weekend)
- June 17: Bass Pro, Foxboro
- June 24: T J Smokehouse, Medway.
- June 27: Lunch, Shining Rock Golf Club, Northridge.

#### JULY

- July 1: Bass Pro, Foxboro
- July 8: Ice Cream Run (TBD)
- July 10: Cookout, Frank and Rosemary Fontana's
- July 15: Bass Pro, Foxboro
- July 22: Dinner, George's Surf & Turf, Menden
- July 25: Lunch at Lowell's in Menden



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# Club Member Birthdays

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# Happy Birthday

Jim Morrill 24th

Judy Pitasi 8th

Robert Weiss 4th

Bob Wodogaza 21st





# Humor

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An Outback pulling an Outback, parked out back at an Outback

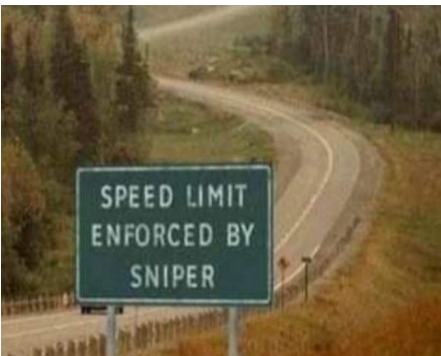


**THIS COULD TAKE A WHILE**

moments after you disregarded that "patrolled by aircraft" sign



That is not bacon, Karen. That is a Beggin Strip. I can sniff out cocaine in a hooker's buttcrack from across an airport. Do you really think that I can't tell fake bacon from the real thing?



Damn this thing is decked out 😂



**If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"**

**Just had my 1st shot, gonna get my second one as soon as the waitress comes back.**



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## Medway Cafe

Story by Mal Smith. Photos: Bruce Kolovson, & Mal

This event is not new to EMCC.

We have enjoyed the wonderful food at the Medway Café in past year's cruises.

This event started with us meeting at Lake Pearl and a group of us heading to Medway for dinner. Along the way, we met up with Judy who was on a side street waiting for the caravan and she joined in. The cruise was very scenic and the gardens and landscaping were beautiful.



When we arrived, we were promptly seated and were greeted by two other couples. We all had a great time and lots of wonderful food. The 9 Vettes all parked in a row at the side of the lot was very impressive.

We'll be back.....

## SMOKEN-Mal





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## Birthday Botanical Cruise!

Story by Mal Smith. Photos: Bruce Kolovson, Myriam Siraco, & Mal



We all met at Chateau (7 cars/13 people) on a chilly Saturday morning, May 8th. While at the meeting spot, Mal's friend, Janice handed out cookies to everyone. Well, as it goes.....it was Mal's birthday (no number disclosed) and Janice made sure that Mal's Corvette was filled with birthday balloons and there were goodies to share for recognition and celebration.

Off we went, lead by Bruce, on a very delightful ride to "Springtime at the Gardens". We had our own area to park our babies and headed into the facility. David Yee stepped up to the desk and paid the admission fee for all of the attendees. He said it was his Mother's Day gift to us all. Thank you so much, David. The arrangements of flowers and gardens were spectacular. We all enjoyed walking around the area and enjoying the colorful beauty.

We later went to the Post Office Restaurant in Grafton and were seated in an area in the post office section which we had all to ourselves. Dinner was wonderful and after a great meal, Bruce presented Mal with a beautiful birthday cake. What a great surprise. The day was wonderful. Thank you so much for all the attention and celebration of my birthday.

This venue has been visited in the past and each time it has been a great hit. Bob and Barbara Gardner have been host in years past. I do hope we revisit in a few years.



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## Memorial Cruise

Story by Gerry Criscenzo Photos: Gerry, Bruce Kolovson, & Keith E. Jacobson



This Memorial Cruise was to honor the EMCC Angels that cruise high above us but always with us.

We gathered at Mick Morgan's in Walpole on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> with Nantasket Beach as the destination.

In my short time as a member and on the Board of the EMCC, it's easy to see that the members of this club are the kind of people you want to know and be friends with. Having joined only a few years ago, I became friends with

only a few of these Angels but know I would have enjoyed being friends with all of them.

Before heading to Nantasket, we stopped at Mal's home where we paused in silence while Mal read and honored their names;

***Ed Thomas, Paul Smith, Wally and Danielle McAuley, Paul Seaman, Danny Kay, Gene Pierotti, Jack Mitchell, Phil Henault, Jack Ryan, John "Hutch" Hutchings, Dennis Collins, Arne Johnson, Michael Wodogaza.***



The day would not have been a quintessential New England sunny summer day without just a "few" rain drops ... perhaps these were tears. I hope we honored them well and hope their celestial roads are clear for as far as their souls can see.



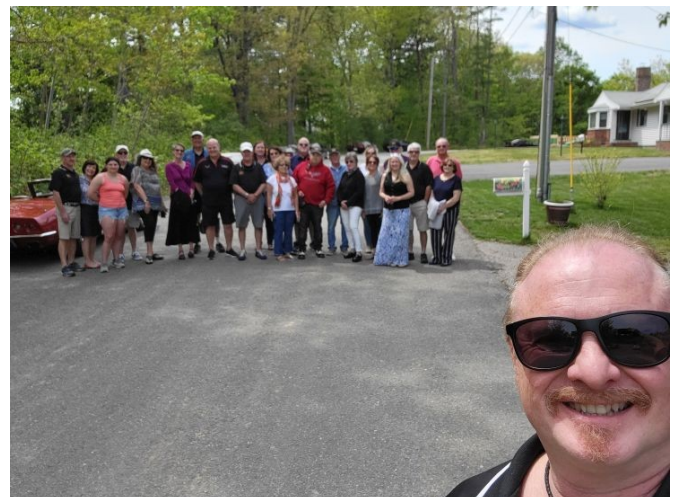


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## Taco Cruise

Story by Judy Pitasi. Photos: Bruce Kolovson, & Keith E. Jacobson



On May 2, 2021, 10 cars headed from our static location, Rocky's in Walpole to Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant in Ashland.

It was a beautiful day, still a little chilly to eat outside, so inside we all went. The food as usual was delicious! The drink of the day seemed to be the Judy Margarita. If you do not know about it just ask Judy.

Really glad for those who could make it. Caesar the owner says "thanks" as does the maker of the Judy Margarita, Roberto our waiter/bartender. We have been invited back so as the weather gets better, let's do it again.





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## Cobra: From Idea to Built (Final)

Story and Photo by Larry Colvin



The title to the Cadillac arrived in the mail and I contacted Allied Recycling in Walpole. They came and picked it up and paid me \$300 for the scrap value. Most importantly, they signed my emissions exemption scrap vehicle form, which is what I really needed!

The Buffalo dealer went to North Carolina and picked up the completed car and dropped it off in my driveway. It sounded amazing coming out of the trailer. I got to drive it to the end of the street and back. It rattled the windows in the garage!

Next task was to get a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) assigned. Superformance ships the cars into the US with no engine or transmission so no VIN is assigned since they are not completed "cars".

In order to get a Massachusetts-assigned VIN number the car has to be hauled (not driven) to an RMV salvage title station for the State Police to inspect. The closest salvage title site was in Bridgewater. I don't own a car trailer so I would have to rent one and hope for good weather since the Cobra has no top and the trailers are open. I had many false starts trying to arrange an RMV appointment, an available trailer, and good weather at the same time. Finally, I was able to borrow an open trailer from Jim Gable's son which meant I could have it here waiting for the right weather. The State Trooper I dealt with was very flexible and I finally got it down to Bridgewater for the inspection. The Trooper was terrific. He inspected the car and assigned the Massachusetts VIN number, affixing a sticker with the number on it under the dash.



Now that I had the VIN, I could register the car. The RMV is very specific about what goes on the RMV-1 registration form. This car was "built" (actually became a "car") when the engine and transmission were installed in the rolling chassis in 2019 but it is a replica of a 1965 Cobra. All this has to be in the right fields on the form. For this transaction, registration documents cannot be taken to a regular Registry, they have to be taken to RMV headquarters in Quincy. After dealing with several people there (including of course paying the sales tax!), I had the plates in hand!



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## Cobra: From Idea to Built (Cont'd)

Story and Photo by Larry Colvin

The last step was now to get an inspection sticker. The Cobra has no emissions control of any kind. It is electronically fuel injected. It has no OBD-2 port. It has no air bags, anti-lock brakes, stability control or any other assists. As a new car it would pass the safety inspection easily but not the emissions inspection for a 2019 car. This is where the Cadillac came in.

In order to get an inspection sticker, the Cobra would need an emissions inspection.

The sticker process starts with a regular inspection. My contact at the Motorist Assistance Center in Norwood was very helpful. He sent me to Chris's Towing in Walpole. He used to work there and would make sure they knew what to do. I took the car to Chris's and they seemed ready. The car, of course, passed the safety inspection (once they figured out how to turn on the lights, etc.). They put on a black "R" rejection sticker, indicating an emissions failure. I called my contact at the Motorist Assistance Center and made an appointment for him to inspect the car and all my paperwork, especially the signed form regarding the Cadillac's scrapping. I made the appointment but he said I had to go back to Chris's since the technician had entered the reason for the emissions failure incorrectly and had to do the inspection again. I went back to Chris's (dodging a rain shower) and the technician did the inspection again. I was now ready for my appointment at the Motorist Assistance Center.

I finally met my contact at the Motorist Assistance Center in Norwood. They train inspectors at that site so there is a big classroom setup there. He checked the car over, checked the VIN, the registration paperwork, and the Cadillac scrap form. He then went into the RMV computer system and entered my emissions exemption. The car's emission controls are evaluated as if it were *actually* a 1965 vehicle, which means it has no emission control requirement at all.

From the Motorist Assistance Center in Norwood I went back to Chris's to have the car reinspected in order to remove the emissions rejection sticker. In short order I had the real prize in this effort: an official inspection approval sticker affixed to the windshield!

So, was it all worth it? You bet! The Cobra has exceeded my expectations. It took a little getting used to: the power, the pedals being close together and offset to the outside, the shifter angle, how loud it is, and getting in and out! I pretty easily adjusted to them all though.....and the bottom line: it is a blast to drive!



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## Wheels of Time Rolls Again

Story & photos by "Kamera" Keith E. Jacobson



We're back !!! Finally a big car show. Thursday, May 13, was the kickoff for the Wheels of Time (WOT) car show. This year it is being held at a new location the Raynham Flea Market, 1 Judson Street, Raynham. The official start time is listed as 3:30 but people arrive much earlier. There is the world famous Hot Rod Cafe for eats and DJ Doc spinning the tunes.

The Board of Health stopped by and everyone was instructed to mask up so that the show wouldn't get shut down. As this is being written word from the Governor is that Massachusetts is opening up on May 29. This means that Bass Pro likely will have the first Mass Cruisers event the June 3. WOT will host events every Thursday until Bass Pro opens then they will go to alternating Thursdays.

The weather was perfect and even with masks on you could see the happy faces. It looks like cruisin' season is back on. So get out there enjoy some events.

I hope to see you on the road.







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## The Beast Speaks: How I Spent my Winter Vacation.

By John Dwyer



Once I became shiny, John finally thought to put me in a garage. The very latest in low-tech plastic and pipe from Harbor Freight. All of \$200. Wow!

John was pissed he had to spend another \$60 on bolts to tie the thing down on his concrete patio. I was pretty impressed when he broke out a big hammer drill and got the holes done in a few minutes. And...in the right places too.

I didn't know he had that toy. I bet with a polishing ball it would work great on my wheels.

I think he wants to hide me from the neighbors. I don't think he's ever driven faster than an idle on this street and sneaks out the short way. If nobody is outside, they think I am a truck.

That's ok. He did buy me a present to make me feel more comfortable over the winter - 10 gallons of alcohol-free race gas. That tasted pretty good, kept my fuel system clean and my sidepipe farts smelled like a track day.

All we needed for the perfect ambiance would have been a few chunks of rubber tossed in the fire pit. Hmmm...I know John has some tires in the cellar here.

Anyway, tent 1.0 lasted 2 winters. One section of the roof always had a dip where water and snow would pool. During a rain or snowstorm, John would come inside with me and clear it out. All good until a bad windstorm. My tent looked like a sausage with all the pressure, then the end panel in front of me, facing the wind, blew in.

That was amusing watching John struggle with that to jury-rig it back up. 100 square feet of tarp plastic in a 40 mph wind in his face. Everything wet too.

I was dry underneath my waterproof cover, but I was hoping it would start to rain again, just to hear if John had learned any new cuss words.

Yes, fresh paint is pretty, but for me, it's like a form-fitted suit on a thug.

Now that I am 50, I suppose I'd best pick on cars my own age. Maybe! I spied John out on the patio with his laptop the other day scrolling through an LSX engine catalog.

I am in tent 2.0 now.....put up with the help of Jim Gable and John's brother, Mike. No dip in the roof this time.

Tent 1.0 collapsed after the last heavy snowstorm. One of the pipes wore through the side with all the weight and wind movement and down it came in the only way it could have fallen without hurting me. I held up one of the pipes with my roof and all was good.

John waited 2 weeks for the ice and snow to melt before, with the help of Jim G and Peter M, to uncover me.

Now John has extra pipes and tarp to customize tent 2.0 where I want it. Hopefully soon.....

John Dwyer





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## Morse Tavern

Story by Mal. Photos by Mal and Bruce

What a nice way to finish off the events for the month of May with a Thursday cruise to Morse Tavern in Natick.

Seven cars met at the Church of St. Edward on Route 27, Medfield and headed on a very enjoyable cruise to Natick. When we arrived, Bob and Barbara were waiting for us. This event was the closest to their home that they have attended.

We were greeted by a lovely hostess who escorted us to our own private room which worked out nicely as we do get loud and a little rowdy sometimes. Just look at the pictures of the attendees. You can only imagine how festive the event turned out to be.

Great food and fun time.

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## The Hills are Alive

Story and Photos by "Kamera" Keith E. Jacobson

Every season I like to find small local car shows that are new to me. On Friday, the 14th of May, the Blue Hill Cruiz Nights was my destination. It is held on the grounds of the Trinity Church, 1 Blue Hill River Road in Canton.

The event takes place on Friday nights you can check their Facebook page to confirm dates or the EMCC page for updates. I have heard different start times when I went people were arriving around 2:00 - 2:30 and staying until dusk. There is food for sale, music, friends, and cool cars. Like Arnold said "I'll be back."





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# New Members

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## WELCOME!!

**Robert Carnes**



**Steele and Mary Jane Lightbody**



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. These were taken at our Static Cruise. Or send yours to [gcrisenzo@gmail.com](mailto:gcrisenzo@gmail.com).



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# In Memory

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This is Benji. He was Carolyn Collin's beloved bird. He helped Carolyn through the recent tragic losses of both Dennis and then her Father. Those without pets can never grasp how these most wonderful of God's creatures are not just "pets." In fact, for some they can become even more important and provide more emotional support in ways that friends and family cannot. They do not judge. They simply offer unconditional love.

Benji had the gift of flight. But that pales in comparison to the gift of love. R.I.P. Benji





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# EMCC Merchandise

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## Getting the Blues

By VP and Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



One of the reasons why I chose to buy my 2009 C6 was because of tech ... Bluetooth tech. In my research, I learned that the 2009 was the first year that Bluetooth was offered with the 3LT.

Sort of ... which I regrettably found out later.

Many of you know that I'm a musician. Music is huge for me. On the 4-hour train ride down to New Jersey to pick up my shiny Velocity Yellow, LS3, 2009 C6, I put together an epic Corvette playlist of music on my phone that would likely get me a speeding ticket or possibly arrested; songs like Sammy Hagar's "I Can't Drive 55!"

When the deal was done and I became the owner of "Sunna" I sat in the drivers seat and "paired" my phone with her. Sounds like a mating ritual. Once paired, I looked for the "Aux" Bluetooth selection to begin the epic soundtrack of my 4-hour journey home ... but could not find it.

I combed through the owner's manual (first time ever in my life), and only found the Bluetooth settings for phone calls. I kept looking because it couldn't have Bluetooth just for phone calls.

OMG, it wouldn't, right?

WRONG! Bluetooth was only for the phone!!

OK. Breathe! I'm prepared. I'm a tech. In my back pack, I carry tools and audio/video/computer cables (don't judge me). I have an 1/8" stereo audio jack cable to connect my phone to the car's 1/8" Aux jack. So I look for the Aux-in jack; it's not on the stereo, not in the glove; not in the console, not in the rear, and not on the brake calipers. I got desperate!

NO JACK!

The 3LT has the NAV. The 2LT base stereo has an Aux-in jack. The NAV ... does not! No Audio Bluetooth and no jack! In some GM engineer's small non-marketing brain, they decided it was best to remove a feature when they add a luxury feature.

So, I told you that story of woe, to tell you this ... you can add Bluetooth Audio to any car for about \$20! Hear that, GM?! I spent that 4-hour ride home with lowly FM but with the killer Bose Stereo and then discovered this easy \$20 solution once I got home.

Pictured is the Nulaxy Bluetooth Car Adapter on Amazon. There are many others but this is the one I bought and recommend. If you see some that look like they sit flush without the gooseneck, they won't work if your cigarette lighter is recessed like the C6.

To add Bluetooth to ANY car, all you need is an FM radio. Once the Nulaxy is paired with your phone (real easy), tune your FM radio to a preset station and the Bluetooth plays the audio over that FM station. There is no audio quality loss. When a call comes in, it automatically pauses the music and switches to the phone call on the FM station. Same with GPS navigation voice prompts.

This was the best \$20 I ever spent!

Well, maybe the best \$20 on a car!

