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Changing of The Guard!





President's Message

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Welcome EMCC members to my first President's Message.

I want to thank all of the members who made me feel so welcomed as President. Those who attended the meeting to show their support, proving just how strong our membership is.

I have been in the club for eighteen years now and I've enjoyed every year. In the early years I wasn't as available because of other commitments but now I'm retired and very available. I have been president before in 2016 and 2017. I've also been secretary a couple times for many years.

I have a few goals I'd like to accomplish as president including updating our Facebook page and our EMCC website to keep members updated on special events, cruises, and current activities effecting our membership. I also want to continue to build on some of our incredible events and cruises. Our February anniversary party was February 26 at the Chateau Restaurant in Norwood. This is the time to thank out going officers and welcome the incoming officers. We have a new president, VP, secretary and treasurer also 3 assistants for members, social and publisher.

Spring is just around the corner and this is when the excitement begins with Bass Pro, Static Cruises and Live Cruises. New cruises have been added this year after the pandemic is over.

So, EMCC, get ready for an exciting cruise season full of events and FUN.

Let's Do This! Save the wave.

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.

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Special Edition Gazette

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Gerry Criscenzo

EMCC Editor, Publisher, Webmaster



This special edition Gazette is to introduce you to the new 2022 EMCC Board and will include some light content since our Cruise Season is about to get under way. The April Edition will be a full edition.

For the 2022 Board, some members were newly elected and some, like myself, have remained and shifted roles. Each of the members have written an introductory letter included in this “Changing of the Guard” edition of the Gazette.

As the former EMCC Vice President, I am continuing on as the Gazette’s Editor & Publisher and EMCC website Webmaster.

Being a member of this club has become one of the best experiences in my life mainly for the relationships that I have made. I think it's safe to say that's the primary reason most of us remain members.

Covid really tested this club's mettle but never once did we falter or lose our spirit. We learned to adapt in 2020 and discovered we could rally and beat whatever Covid threw at us, which only made us even stronger in 2021. In those two years, I averaged more miles per year on Sunna, my C6, than any other years that I have owned her.

With that said, and with Bruce Kolovson's plans for a even busier cruise season assisted by Fran Blake, I am looking forward to publishing some really fun Gazettes for 2022, and especially with the aid of Paul Duffy, who will be assisting me.

I especially want to recognize how much I have enjoyed working with the Board members these past two years and give a special thanks to Mal for being so wonderful in everything that she does for everyone. Thank you, Mal! Steve, you have some big shoes to fill but I am confident that you'll bring your energy to the role of President and are going to rock this club!! To Bill, Bruce, Bob, Judy, Keith and Steve Wilson, I loved working with you all and can't wait for what 2022 brings us. And to our new Secretary Eric Hart and Treasurer Steve Campbell, can't wait to work with you both.

Cruise safely!

Gerry Criscenzo

EMCC Editor/Publisher, Webmaster.



Hello from the Board

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Mal Smith

EMCC Former President



It was an honor and a privilege to serve EMCC as President for the past two years. I credit the success of the Club during that time to the wonderful “team” of officers that worked with me and worked so well together. The membership also far exceeded the expectations of any organization. Our members volunteered to run events and/or assist our Social Director and they volunteered to serve on numerous committees, but most of all, they were active in the Club when they could be by attending the many events and meetings we held.

These COVID years were very tough on all of us and I saw a side of many folks that would not have become evident in former times. Everyone was so happy to have something to do with their Corvettes and to be able to safely socialize. Congrats to EMCC for keeping it together.....

By this time, you are probably tired of hearing me say thank you all the time. I am so grateful for all of the things the members/officers have done and I truly appreciate all of you.

I am blessed to have so many friends with Corvettes.

One of the members, who was a former Prez, said to me, you now hold the best title/office in EMCC... “PAST PRESIDENT”. You will always have it and it is something earned. I am proud of it. If at any time you need advise and/or just want to chat or have a concern, I am here for all of you.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year and working with the new “team” who will be guiding EMCC into the future.

Thank you all,

Mal

EMCC Former President



Hello from the Board

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Bill Schroeder

EMCC Vice President



The last couple of years were extremely challenging, however our club was able to put together many great "socially distancing" events and cruisers, thanks to our outstanding Social Chair Bruce and Secretary Steve.

Being a member for well over twenty years I've noticed the club seems to be get better and better each new year. What about our great Anniversary Party at the Chateau? Thank you Mal, Bruce, Gerry, Judy and Carolyn for such a wonderful event and tribute to our outgoing President.

The past two years we have greatly grown in membership and attendance much of that I believe is due to Gerry and Keith for their media expertise with publication of the Gazette and our state of art EMCC Facebook page.

Truly, we have a wonderful club. I look forward staying on the board and supporting our new President Steve to keep this great momentum going. Look forward seeing you all soon at or Tuesday Static cruisers, hopefully starting in a few weeks, Wednesday luncheon or next Membership meeting.

Can't wait to take the Vette off the lift and enjoy our first 2022 Cruise blasting - FUN, FUN, FUN and Still Cruisin after all these years, putting the last two years in the rear view mirror.

Save the Wave!

Bill Schroeder
EMCC Vice President

Eric Hart

EMCC Secretary



What a great group to become a part of. From the moment I was welcomed into my first meeting to my volunteering this past month. Everyone goes out of their way to make sure that both myself and my wife are greeted and engaged at every event we have attended.

This is the heart of the membership that keeps this club moving forward in my opinion. Being involved with other boards and committees, this club has stood out as the most welcoming membership I have participated in.

I decided to volunteer, as I find that becoming a part of the works ends up a very rewarding experience. My wife and I are so grateful for your welcoming. We are developing friendships that we expect will last a lifetime and are not only in the area but scattered around the country as well.

Thank you

Eric Hart
EMCC Secretary



Hello from the Board

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Steve Campbell

EMCC Treasurer



I really enjoy being a member of the Eastern Mass. Corvette Club. I purchased my C5 after retiring from my dual careers as a Fire Department Deputy Chief and in sales and part owner of my families Automotive and Industrial Supply Company. I love all Corvettes. Always have.

I owned a 74 when I was young and getting started in life and after family obligations were complete and I had free time I started looking for a Corvette again to enjoy with my wife Katrina. We settled on a black C5 that I found from a family outside of Louisville Kentucky. We used Chris from Classic Motorcars of Webster Ma. as our broker and the car arrived a few weeks later at our door ready to go.

I found out about the club after passing a group of Corvettes in Sutton, MA in the fall of 2020 and after investigation that evening, I found out about the club and filed an application to join the club. In November, I was sworn in during the pandemic. Steve Sylvia was my sponsor.

Since then, I have really enjoyed my time with the membership. The static cruises on Tuesday, lunch on Wednesdays and the cruises are my favorite. The club and members are great, we all have a lot in common with each other. When outgoing treasurer, Bill, asked if I was interested in taking over the treasurer's position, I eagerly accepted.

I am looking forward to serving the club for the coming year and I hope that this year we as members will have move opportunities to enjoy our cars and each other.

Steve Campbell
EMCC Treasurer

Bruce Kolovoson

EMCC Social Chair



It's my pleasure to put together cruises for the club. I really enjoy driving the car, getting the group together and scoping out new venues for us to explore.

I love that a few of the cruises have been so popular that they have become annual events like the trip to George's Seafood in Mendon and KC's Burger Bar in Attleboro.

I have a few new spots we are looking into for this coming season so stay tuned for information.

We are also so fortunate to have the assistance of Fran Blake in organizing cruises this season. I appreciate that he has stepped forward to help out and look forward to working with him.

Bruce Kolovoson,
EMCC Social Chair



Hello from the Board

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Bob Hansen

EMCC Membership Chair



It is a privilege to serve a second term as EMCC Membership Chairman.

My first term was somewhat of a learning experience being a relatively new member of the Club myself but thanks to the Board Members who greatly assisted in my transition, it was an easy and gratifying experience. When I was offered the opportunity to serve a second term, I did not hesitate to accept the offer.

During my second term, I hope to continue to increase the base membership of the Club as we have over the past several months through our website, static cruises and word of mouth through existing members.

We currently have five (5) potential member applications pending which have been reviewed and will be voted on by the Board in the spring. A good way to start our new year!

I find it very interesting to review an application for membership, talk to the potential new member and then meet them in person to assess how they will fit into the Club. We have had tremendous success with new members fitting into the culture of the Club and actively participating in the various cruises and social activities. The Club has become stronger based on our longstanding members and the addition of new members. Suffice it to say, we have become one of the best if not the best Corvette Club in New England.

A great example of our strength was the Club continuing with cruises and social activities during the many recent COVID restrictions. While always remaining safe, we were able to continue cruises, lunches, have some Membership Meetings and Board Meetings via ZOOM. Many other clubs cancelled all activities due to COVID. The Club continued to flourish during some very difficult times for all of us.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Mal Smith for her guidance, counsel and particularly her friendship over the past two years. Her professionalism, positive attitude and spirit exemplifies what EMCC is all about. I look forward to working with new President Steve Sylvia to further strengthen our Club values and expand our membership.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the upcoming season. If you need a baseball hat, decal for your car or name tag, please feel free to contact me.

See you on the road!!!! (Long Beach Red 2019 Sting Ray coupe)

Best, Bob Hanson,
EMCC Membership Chair



Hello from the Board

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Judy Pitasi

EMCC Sunshine



I have been a member of the club for a long time now. I have great memories and have met many great friends. During this crazy lock down period I am so glad we had a chance to get out and about. It really helped with the isolation.

As Sunshine, I am honored to be able to monitor the pulse of the clubs health and welfare. I was humbled by the recent recognition and look forward to the coming year.

Judy Pitasi

EMCC Sunshine

Keith E. Jacobson

EMCC Facebook Chair



For the past few years I have had the pleasure of being the admin for the club's Facebook page. If you are on Facebook and have not joined our group please do.

This is for all members to post pictures and comments. Try to keep it to Corvettes, although car related works too.

If you are out and about with your Vette ... snap a pic and post it. Fresh content makes the site lively.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the road during the 2022 cruising season. Make plans to attend the first Bass Pro on April 7th. Bring a can of food to donate and for your comfort a chair. EMCC parks in row 14 across the way from the Olive Garden. People usually start arriving around 3:00 PM or earlier. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Keith E. Jacobson

EMCC Facebook Chair



Changing of the Guard

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By Gerry Criscenzo

Photos: Judy Pitasi, Eric Hart, Miriam Siraco

February 26th! What a great night!

This was the EMCC annual Anniversary party where members gather, eat, drink, make merry and meet the new EMCC Board!

It was held at the Chateau, Norwood which always does a splendid job for great service and food.

Mal Smith, the now former President, emceed the evening and kept the night moving, energized and fun as she presented not only awards to the officers but also presented flowers to the officer's spouses/partners for their support. Nice touch, Mal!

Many items wonderful items were donated by members for raffles; gift cards, EMCC logo'd merchandise, wines wines .. lots of wines!

Steve Syliva, our new EMCC President, was presented with a very special gift which you'll get to see at Static Pizza Cruises. So come down!

This was a great night of fun which hopefully represents what's to come in 2022!





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St. Patrick's Day Brunch

Story, Photos: Mal Smith

The "Dynamic Duo" are back in business.

After a few years hiatus, Judy and Mal brought back the Annual St. Patrick's Brunch. This year it was held at Lake Pearl and 35 of EMCC's finest attended. The food and accommodations were excellent but the company was the best.

Everyone had a great time, for sure. A prize was given for the attendee with the best "green."

This year our chosen judges chose Gary and Donna Crandall to walk away with a gas card as first place.

There were some unique outfits, but honorable mention definitely goes to Kristina Campbell.

Thank you all for joining in on the fun! Hope you have/had a great St. Patrick's Day.

Mal and Judy





2022 Club Calendar

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Standing Events

- **Tuesday Static Cruise:** We're kicking it off 3/22, 3pm at Rocky Plaza on RT1a, same as last year. 2nd Tuesday each month is Pizza Static! We'll continue there as long as the road construction will bear. Watch your emails!
- **Wednesday Lunches:** Wild card and always a great time. Check our website and look for emails.
- **Thursday Cruises:** 2022 cruise season is about to kick off. Check the website and watch your 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 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

2022

Its already looking like a great cruise season!

Check website for all details and watch your email

- March 13th: - St Patrick's Day brunch
 - March 26th: Soup Party!
 - April 7th: Bass Pro!
- April 14th: Thursday Cruise Night, Lowell's Restaurant, Mendon
 - April 21: Bass Pro!
- April 22nd: Blue Hills Car Show (See Keith for details)
- April 22nd: Lions Beer and Wine Tasting/Dinner
 - April 24th: Newport, RI Daffodils Day
 - April 30th: Pinch's Wash and Shine!



Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Belated

January

Fran Blake
Glenn Cosgro
Alan Factor
Larry Lepore
Kevin Miller
John Pinciaro
Bob Randall
John Siraco
Peter Way
Steve Wilson

February

Les Brown
Steve Campbell
Joe Doyle
John Forbes
Bruce Kolovson
Glenn Kurkjian
Bill Polin
Harold Rhodes
Steve Sylvia

March

Larry Colvin
Donna Crandall
Phil Gareau
Richard Marcus
Barry McColgan
Peter Musto
Nicole Rutkowski
Wendy Weglage
David Yee



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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

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Humor

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A gas powered generator for an electric car.



Usually I don't like camo wraps but this one is really well done



Me: Omg can you stop complaining about my driving?

Also me:



**I got gas for \$2.39 today.
Unfortunately it was at
Taco Bell.**

Me and the boys when gas hits \$6

