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President's Message

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May is an exciting month for Corvette Club members. EMCC has a few cruises and events planned. Bass Pro every other Thursday and the every other Thursday we cruise somewhere. We had a Memorial day cruise planned by Mal Smith and Steve Wilson, but it's being postponed to September. Corvette Mike did the annual Blessing of the Vettes in May.

Our Static Tuesday had to relocate due to construction. We located another spot in Walpole; a Dunkin Donuts owned by the same people who owned the location on RT1A but with no other cars parking in our spaces. Also the same Family Pizza delivers to us. The Static is the event other clubs visit us on, so we have discussed planning visits to other clubs this year and join their events.

We have voted in a couple of new members so far. Paul Duffy has ordered some replacement window logo stickers and pins for the membership. Bob Hanson has plenty for all new members. Thanks Paul.

EMCC has 9 members with C8's so far. The car market is at a crazy time right now, with prices over sticker price and used cars selling for almost what they sold as 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. 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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2022 Club Calendar

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Standing Events



- **Tuesday Static Cruise: NEW LOCATION** 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:** Wild card and always a great time. Website and emails for details!
- **Thursday Cruises:** Dinner? Ice Cream? Website and emails for details!



- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meetings: MAY'S MEETING WILL BE the 23rd!** Usually 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 with more to come! Details and most current info is on our [Website](#). You can also check with Bruce at ski1000@verizon.net, and Fran Blake at graybirch3@comcast.net

Check website for all details and watch your email

- May 23rd, LaCantina, Framingham (Contact member Fran Blake or see website for details)
 - May 29, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Merrimack, NH
 - June 11th, Newport Car Museum
 - August 25-27th Corvettes at Carlisle (Start planning now)

MANY MORE BEING PLANNED. WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION!



Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Frank Fontana

Bo Gardner

Eric Hart

Jack Kirkham

Steele Lightbody

Tony Lorusso

Larry Malloy

Mal Smith





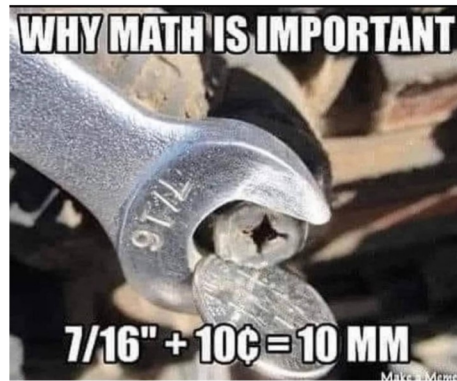
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50,000 lbs of love

Original story by Edgar B. Herwick III (Edited by Gerry Criscenzo)

What Happens To 50,000 Pounds Of Clothes Left At The Boston Marathon Start Line?

Those tens of thousands of runners arrive in the chilly early morning hours, geared up in sweat-shirts, jackets, sweatpants and the like. But after the race most set off in little more than shorts and a shirt.

By early afternoon, the road leading away from Hopkinton Common is lined with hundreds of plastic bags stuffed with clothes left behind. So, who is bagging up all this stuff?

Judy Pitasi!



"I've been involved with the Marathon for 26 years," Pitasi explained.

Over the years, Pitasi has housed runners, as well as worked water and security duties. But a decade ago, she found her true niche.

There had been previous attempts to collect discarded clothes for charity, but the effort was spotty.

"One particular year, the charity didn't come and they were throwing all the bagged clothing in the trash and I went crazy," Pitasi said. "I was mad. I said, 'What the hell is going on? Why are they throwing this all away?'"

A few months later, Pitasi got a phone call from Dotty Ferriter-Wallace, the Hopkinton Marathon Chairperson and the woman who, as Pitasi put it, she had "passionately spoken up at." Pitasi was designated the founding captain of the Boston Athletic Association's official clothing collection program.

"I started with 10 people, walking myself from downtown Hopkinton up to the Village, which is probably a quarter of a mile," said Pitasi. "I'd probably walk it 25 times through the day."

Her small team bagged up "Shirts, sweatshirts, sneakers, socks, anything they might be sitting on the ground with — blankets, towels, tarps, blow-up pool mattresses and yoga mats," she said.



She also forged a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, which provides ten moving trucks to cart all the clothes away and put them to good use.

In the early years, Pitasi and her small team would collect about 10,000 pounds. But after 2013, a service to have a bag bussed back to the finish line was eliminated due to security concerns. "It just exploded," she said. "Now I have 201 volunteers. We cover all the way to Ashland town line, and now we've gotten up to 52,000 pounds." That's a serendipitous 26 tons of clothing — one for each mile in the Marathon. The proceeds now cover the cost of a full-year of mentorship for about 20 Massachusetts children.

So, runners, don't hesitate to throw off those extra layers at the start of this years' race. Lighten your load, because if you leave it, Pitasi is going to find it and make sure it lightens the load for someone else down the road.

(Editor's Note: There are quite a few EMCC members are on Judy's team!)





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Pinch's Punch

Content by the Pinciario family on Facebook. Edited by Gerry Criscenzo.

As some of you may know, my dad was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in January 2017. MM is an incurable blood cancer formed by malignant plasma cells. While it is the second most common blood cancer, it accounts for just 2% of all cancers. Our family started a team: "Pinch's Punch Back."

The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) has been instrumental in finding 10 new treatments in the last decade and is launching over 60 clinical trials – one of which my dad is currently a part of.

This will be our 6th year participating in the MMRF 5K, a day that we look forward to each year. It's a special day to celebrate John and all the other multiple myeloma patients.

We've already raised quite a bit of money, so thank you to everyone who has contributed. It means the world to my family.

Please feel free to invite your friends to join the team, too. The more the merrier!





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Mystery EMCC Runner!

By Bruce Kolovson

These pictures were taken at a WGBH Fun run.

One of the three is an EMCC member. Can you guess who it is?

Submit your guesses to Ski1000@verizon.net





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Wax on! Wax Off

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

EMCC once again had their Wash N' Shine day on April 30th. Hosted by John "Pinch" Pinciario at his facility in Millis. We had a bright sunny day just right for those who were spiffing up their rides. Coffee, donuts, muffins, and other assorted treats were enjoyed by the faithful who gathered for the event.

A nice assortment of car care products were provided for cleaning and polishing, a bucket and hose, and two big leaf blowers to dry off the cars.



If you didn't make it ... there is always next year.





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Dinner Cruise to PJs

By Mal Smith

What a beautiful night for a cruise to PJ's Smoke N' Grill in Medway.

Bruce brought us through some of the most beautiful back roads for the perfect Corvette cruise. The trees and azaleas were so colorful.

Eight EMCCers joined together for a great meal and lots and lots of laughs.

There was singing (off key) and chair dancing along with a little music bingo. OMG! We really know how to have a good time.





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Cruis' The Blue Hills

By Keith E. Jacobson

Blue Hill Cruz Nights is a wonderful small local event. They Kicked off their season on April 22 at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Canton, MA.

A nice variety of cars showed up including one really cool motorcycle trike ... a Rewaco. Built in Germany and purchased from a dealer in Florida this was the first one that I had ever seen.



There was a nice assortment of cars and a great group of friendly people. The event takes place on Friday afternoons and is worth a checkout. Food is available to purchase and there is often live entertainment.





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Flasher Blues!

By Steve Campbell

When my C5 directional flasher started to become intermittent, I started to research what was involved in replacing it.

On older cars the flasher is usually located near the fuse box, and was cylindrical shaped aluminum piece with either two or three prongs depending on the make of car or truck. Modern cars don't share the simplicity of the past in almost any form of engineering.

Because of the limited packaging space in a Corvette, the engineers used the flasher to perform two functions: Directional signal and 4-way flasher.

They located the switch directly behind the 4-way flasher switch, which on C5 and on C6 is in the middle of the dash panel just above the center HVAC outlet.

To access the switch, I had to remove the dash panel, and to do that starts at the back panel between the seats on my convertible!!!

Every panel going forward must be removed to access screws and clips holding the dash panel to the car. It's involved but straight forward. Only a few tools are needed including a 7mm and 10mm socket (both short and long), a #15 Torx bit, and a plastic pry tool to remove plastic pieces from their clips. Once the dash panel is removed, the switch is exposed as it is attached to the panel and the HVAC outlet. Then there is a trick to removing the switch from the HVAC panel.



GM has a tool for this, but I was creative and made my own to depress the two plastic tangs holding the switch to its housing. Another pair of helping hands would have made this step easier.

I placed an appropriately sized flat head screwdriver into my vise and using it to press the clip on one side, and another screwdriver to depress the other side, and a little English, I managed to separate the switch from the panel.

Replacement is now very easy. While the car is in this state all of the HVAC blend motors, and the Heads-Up Display are easily serviced as is the radio and other controls hidden by the dash and interior panels.

The flasher assembly (the green switch in the pictures) runs around \$50.00 and is no longer serviced by General Motors, but most auto parts stores can special order one. It took me 90 minutes to disassemble the dash. It is better to have two people lift out the dash but I was alone. Having a convertible helped. I would estimate that the cost from a dealership would be about \$500.

If any member has this issue, I would be happy to help with the repair. I have been told surgery isn't pretty but at times necessary.



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Beatles at Barkers

By Mal Smith and Bruce Kolovson

Rumor has it that there were six EMCC members who attended the Tribute to the Beatles Dinner Show at Barker's Tavern.

One of the couples brought their Corvette and managed to get a parking space right up front. It is amazing how after all these years, we all remembered all the words to all the songs. Fun night.





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And More Beatles!

By Gerry Criscenzo

Not only was 1964 a great year, it's a year that you want to "see" if you're a Beatles fan!

"1964" a Beatles Tribute, performed at the majestically beautiful Norwood Theater.

By coincidence, fellow EMCC member Glenn Cosgrove, wife Patty, and their friends were also there and at Lewis's for dinner before the show. Great minds!! And great burgers!

As a musician/performer, I am cursed with the inability of just enjoying a show: What kind of guitar is that? The back-up vocals should be a little louder! Where do I buy that shirt?

But then there are bands like "1964" where you can't wipe the smile from my face, and I forget all that because its when music was simple. It was just "great."

If you love the pre-Sgt Pepper, Ed Sullivan era Beatles, then you MUST see "1964." They nail it!!





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Casual Car Meet

By Keith E. Jacobson

If you're looking to take a ride on a Saturday, check out the Casual Car Meet in Sudbury.

It is held at the Mill Village Plaza, 365 Boston Post Road, around the back. I have been a few times, recently on April 30th, a sunny and warm Saturday.

The turnout was low on this day, but I have been there previously when the place was packed. Nice people and cars. Factory Five Cobra, a couple of GT500s, VW Kombi van, and more. I will definitely stop by again.



Casual Car Meet

Saturday 2:00-5:00



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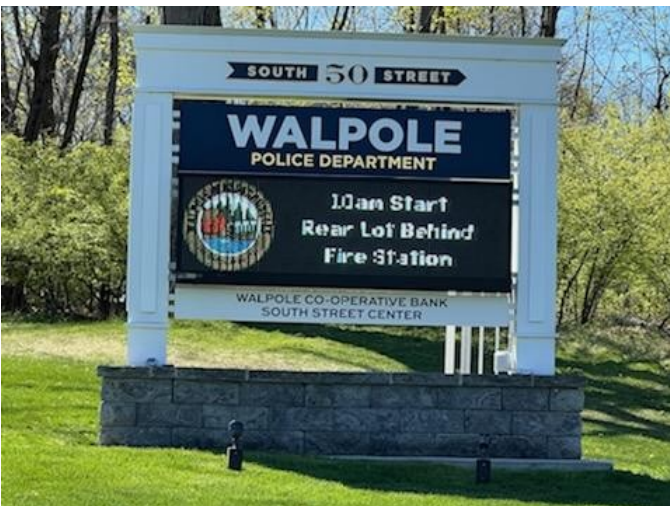
Walk For Hunger

By Mal Smith. Photos by Mary Jane Lightbody

Member, Mary Jane Lightbody, organized the local Walpole Walk for Hunger consisting of 4.8 miles of walking.

Team C21, American Properties consisted of about 30 people and a few of EMCC members joined in on the walk. It was a perfect day and a wonderful cause.

We met at the Walpole Fire House at 10 AM and took a beautiful walk into some woodlands as well as the main roads and we enjoyed every minute of the event. Thank you for inviting us to join you, Mary Jane.





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New Kid on the Block

By Keith E. Jacobson

There is a new show in town.

The Craft Cruise Night held their first event on May 6, 5-9 PM at 200 Fifth Avenue in Waltham.

Word hasn't gotten around yet so that the turnout was 20+ cars.

The weather was cool and overcast.

There is food available for purchase, public restrooms, and a DJ spinning tunes. This event was in an area where there hasn't been much in the way of car events so it is great to have something new.

I expect as word gets out this show will grow. It is on Friday nights until October.





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Shiny!

By Gerry Criscenzo

At EMCC's annual Anniversary party this past February, I won the mother-load raffle prize donated by Paul and Diana Duffy from their detailing company. I needed a police escort to leave.

Suunah recently awakened from her winter slumber, so I was finally able to pamper her with the exotic oils and fragrances, ... ummm ... I mean soap ... and waxes.

But seriously ...

These products are outstanding! They far exceed the performance of what you buy at whatever-zone, and makes your baby smell waaaaay better than that new car smell!

Thanks, Paul, Diana!





Members! Submit Something!

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The Gazette Needs You!

Its your Gazette!



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



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Our EMCC Super Heroes!

By Gerry Criscenzo



Cars don't win races. Drivers do!

EMCC is our car, our members are the drivers and we have a super hero winning team!

At four years, I'm still a relatively new EMCC Member and continue learning more about each of you. Heck, I'm finally beginning to remember names!

Recently I learned more about two members who I want to recognize as super heroes; Judy Pitasi and John "Pinch" Pinciario for the reasons I wrote about earlier in the articles.

I always thought that Judy "helped" at the Marathon. I didn't know that she was the super power that started and champions her organization that helps mentor kids! Rockstar!!

Then there is the Pinciario family. I had no idea about John and his family's advocacy and fundraising until this past month. Some people get sick, and fight to stay alive. Then there are those people who get sick, fight to stay alive and then fight even harder for others to stay alive! Amen!

If we had more super heroes like our members, this world would be a much better place.

I know there are many other do-gooders in the EMCC and I am proud to be a part of this great club. If you are a super do-gooder, and you know who you are even if others don't, please send me a note so I can mention it here and help at least with awareness. From my heart, a sincere thank you for all that you do.

After all, what are we if we are not helping each other?

Gerry Criscenzo
Gazette Publisher,
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