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President's Message

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Well, fall has arrived but no one has informed the foliage. Seems it is taking a little longer this year for the leaves to start changing. Maybe that means that we will have a lot more "good" weather for Corvette-ing.

I would like to welcome some new members who were voted in to our membership at the last Board Meeting.

* Brian Gately (Nancy) of Taunton with their first Corvette which is a pewter 2001 convertible.

* Paul Malloy (Sally) of Newton who own a 1960 mint/white Corvette with two tops.

* Larry Malloy (Teresa) of Walpole who shares ownership of a 1960 mint/white Corvette and his father, Paul Malloy. Please welcome them when you see them. They are excited to be a part of EMCC.

Speaking of new members, I have 4 or 5 applications for prospective members. I am not quite sure what has caused the surge in membership, but I can only guess that it could be the C8, COVID, the aging process, retirement???? Whatever it is, let's enjoy our toys as much as we can and enjoy the friendships that we have made and will be making.

Thanks to Lou and Patti for a wonderful trip to Woodman's. We had a beautiful day and a great time.

Static Tuesday Cruise Director, Steve S, informed me that Tuesday Static will continue until the weather deems it time to stop or the traffic situation presents a problem. With what I see weather-wise, get out your sweatshirts and long pants and continue to gather and enjoy each other.

It won't be long before we will be looking for new officers. As you all know, the present Board has served for their two year limit or longer. It is time to get some new blood up front. Please consider running for office. If you have any questions, please be sure to ask any one of the present officers.

Now that our commitments/schedules are a bit less, please consider joining the members on the first Monday of the month for the Membership Meeting. There is often information at the meeting that you don't get elsewhere. We would like to have the membership take part in the decisions that need to be made to run the Club efficiently.

Wishing all who are going on the Columbus Day Weekend a safe and fun time. Thanks so much to Jim Gable and Jim Morrill for all they do to make the event so enjoyable.

See you soon.

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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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 eastermasscorvetteclub.org for times and where. **NOTE: We are winding down our Static Cruise season so watch your email and check the website for our final season cruise.**
- **Wednesday Lunches:** 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

October, November, December

- Oct 7: Bass Pro
- Oct 8-11: Columbus Weekend Cruise.
 - Oct 17: Fall Foliage Cruise
 - Oct 21: Bass Pro (Final Night)
- Nov 18: Ladies night "Classy Corvette Cougar Cruise." Contact Mal for details (MAX 12 attendees so RSVP asap)
- Dec 9th: EMCC Christmas Party



Club Member Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Joel Baker

Robert Carnes

Jack Cooney

Bob Gaulin

Mary Jane Lightbody

Joe O'Connor

Mike Panasuik

Bob Taglienti

Rick Wile





Humor

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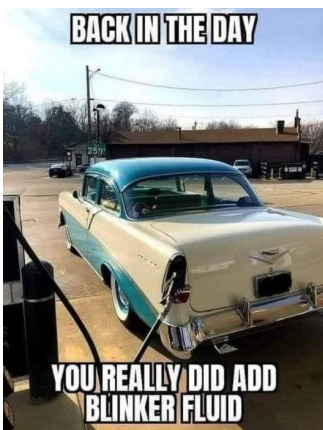
This month's humor is brought to you by selections from the John Dwyer Collection!



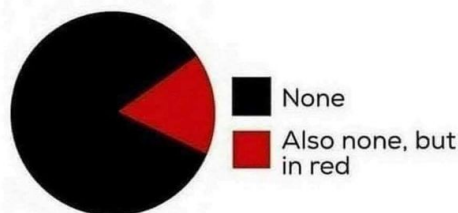
For Sale: Chevy with Big block



Every time a bird craps on my car, I eat a plate of wings on the front porch to show them what I'm capable of.



Chances of me keeping any vehicle stock:



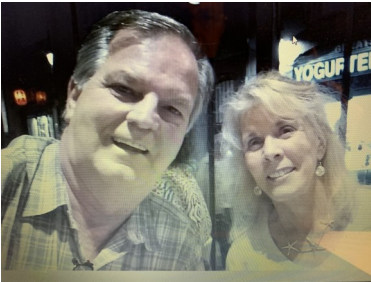


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The Finger Lakes

Story & Photos: Gary and Donna Crandall

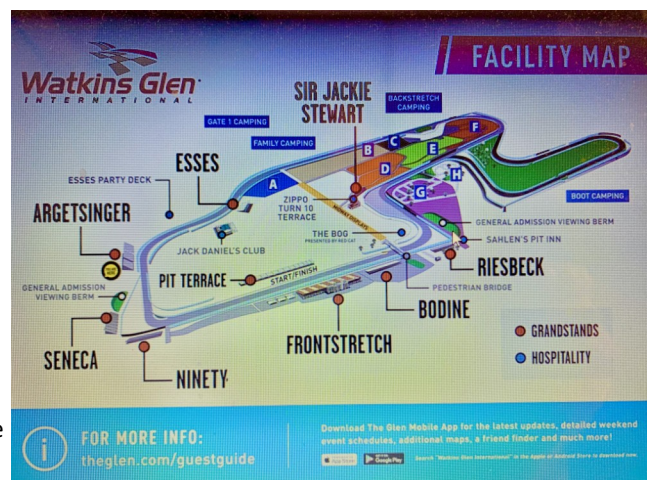


On September 26, 2021, my wife and I took a trip to the Finger Lakes in central New York State. We planned to drive to Syracuse and stay the night there to rest for our trip around the Finger Lakes area. It is important to point out that I chose to rent a car for the trip, so I rented a Nissan Altima (I specifically chose not to take the Corvette, a rookie mistake!!!). Anyway, after a good night's rest we headed off to explore the Finger Lakes. For those of you who are not familiar with the area, there are 10-12 Finger Lakes. The largest of the lakes are Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake both of which measure approximately 40 miles long and approximately 3 miles wide at some points. The Finger Lakes are well known for their rolling hills and pastures (that stretch out along the coast lines), its wineries, micro-breweries, parks and waterfalls.

We headed down the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake at a very leisurely pace headed for Ithaca at the southernmost tip of Lake Cayuga. Ithaca is the home of Cornell University and Ithaca College. We stayed at a very quaint B&B outside of Ithaca, and we visited Buttermilk State Park which has a very beautiful waterfall and swimming area at its base (a little too cool for a dip).

After a good night's sleep, it was time to move along to Watkins Glen which is at the southernmost tip of Seneca Lake. A visit to Watkins Glen would not be complete without taking pictures of the world famous Nascar Track located high up in the surrounding hills. My son and I visited Sonoma Nascar Track a few years ago to drive the track in the Audi R8, truly an experience to remember. So, Donna and I drove up to the track which appeared to be closed so that we could at least take some pictures. As we drove up to the gates, we were flagged over by a gentleman at one of the gates, and he asked if we would be interested in driving 3 laps around Watkins Glen Track for \$30.00. Immediately we said, "hell yeah" and found ourselves with about 8 other cars and 2 campers. This is where I kicked myself for not bringing my Vette. Try to imagine my Nissan Altima filled with luggage and two campers following a pace truck at 60 MPH around the World-Famous Watkins Glen Track (Beverly Hillbillies at their best). Needless to say, the experience was priceless. To add to the experience, we visited the Watkins Glen State Park which boasts of a scenic Gorge that is a mile long walk-through cascading waterfalls along the entire length. The walk is not for the faint of heart, there are a lot of elevation changes which require climbing many stairs. This was also a don't miss stop in Watkins Glen. I learned a lot about the history of racing in Watkins Glen, which started out as a Monte Carlo like race through the streets of Watkins Glen. Many of the street markers are still in place as part of its history.

Time to move on up the west shore of Seneca Lake to a little town called Penn Yan. We stayed at a Hampton Inn in Penn Yan. This hotel was located on the shore of Lake Keuka and had a wonderful sitting area right on the lake shore. As Donna and I sat and enjoyed the view, an elderly woman (more elderly than us) approached and began chatting. Her and her husband were from New Jersey and were on one of their many class reunions that were held at a winery on Seneca Lake. She indicated that her husband was an automobile enthusiast. Her husband soon joined us. Come to find out, he was a sports writer for the racing industry. He was closely aligned with Chris Economaki and traveled with him to all the major races including Indy. He indicated that he loved working with Chris because he would always be given access to the track fields. He also indicated that he was afforded the honor of being one of four people to be driven around the Indy Track by Mario Andretti. He also had met Roger Penske. His all-time favorite hobby is driving his red Ferrari, which he too left at home.



Traveling during the pandemic and its after effects is really disheartening. Many of the towns are like ghost towns for foot traffic. Many of the small businesses are closed or only open certain days of the week. Everyone is looking for help and they are truly struggling. On occasion, it was hard to find a restaurant that was open for business. If you plan on taking a road-trip, make it one that takes in the scenic beauty our country has to offer and don't rely on cute little shopping areas, because you may very well be disappointed. Over all this trip was a wonderful and enjoyable getaway.



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Cars & Leno

Story: and Photos: Keith E. Jacobson



The Audrain Automobile Museum held a special edition of Cars & Coffee, at Fort Adams State park, situated at the mouth of Newport (RI) Harbor . This was part of the 2021 Audrain Newport Concours & Motor Week.

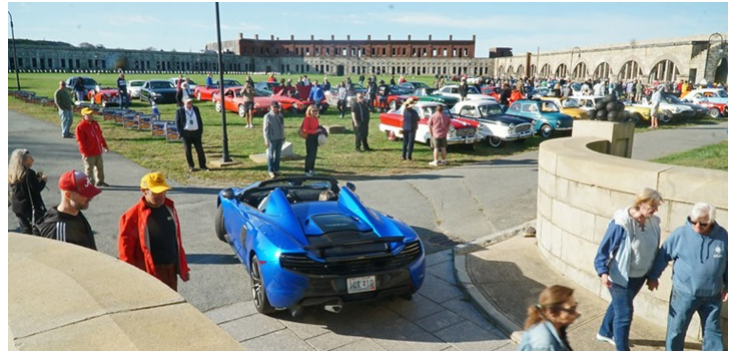
The day was sunny and warm with a huge turnout. So many cars that the overflow of was parked inside the fort.

Many of the cars from the Concours participated in the Audrain Tour D' Elegance. A scenic road trip through the towns of Naragansett, Jamestown, Newport, and Middletown.

They made a stop at Fort Adams where enthusiasts could admire the vehicles. As the cars pulled in ... there were a number that I had never seen before. I always find it exciting to see something unusual. The Abarth that took best of show was one of those cars. According to Audrain it was "shown at the 1953 Turin Salon ... features light bodywork ... it has a one of a kind shape and it's sister car, a Simca, no longer exists."

Jay Leno, the Event Chairman, a crowd favorite, was there. He had a display of his car care products at the fort, mingled with the crowd took pictures with many, and signed a few dashboards. Wayne Carini of "Chasing Classic Cars" also stopped by to the delight of spectators.

The real stars are the cars!





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Adieu, Friends of Franklin

Story & Photos: Bob Gardener



Not long ago I wrote the Gazette that Barbara and I were no longer doing the Friends of Franklin distribution. Today I write the final chapter in that story.

EMCC has long been a supporter of the Friends, helping out with the distribution of both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, in snow and rain, to needy families in Franklin. Make no mistake. This was not dropping off a prepared meal at someone's front door.

The family deliveries included gallons of milk and juice, sacks of potatoes, turkeys, hams, literally boxes of basic food stuffs. And at Christmas there were gifts. Donations

collected from around town, collated by the Friends, and bagged for delivery. There were stairs to be climbed in the apartments, long walks from the road, and occasionally a snowdrift to be climbed.

It usually occurred that the Gardners would host and lead the Thanksgiving operation and the O'Connors would handle Christmas. That meant Joe got more snow than I did!

Today I got a letter from Priscilla Cornetta, the founder and driving force behind the Friends of Franklin for 40 years. The Friends are closing shop.



In her letter, Mrs. Cornetta described the years of providing essential foods to the needy and shut-in in town at a time when there was no food bank or organized charities doing the work.

Hundreds of volunteers have shuttled through the Friends' "doors" to help package the goods or deliver them.

Over the many years we did it, Barbara and I even began to see familiar faces as recipients – a happy/sad occasion.

In her letter, she wrote: Again, we extend our sincerest and profound gratitude for your involvement in the Friends of Franklin and wish you all the best.

And so do we.





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Seafood Cruise

Story: Gerry Criscenzo. Photos: Keith E. Jacobson & Gerry Criscenzo

This was the first cruise that Louie and Patti Accetta organized and it was perfection: A picturesque cruise on a quintessential New England fall day to an iconic north shore seafood "shack." You needed a mortgage equity loan for the clams but they were worth it!! Thanks Louie & Patti for a great cruise!





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Vettes to Vets 2021

Story & Photos: Gerry Criscenzo

Vettes to Vets was again canceled for 2021 but the V2V team had setup at the same Marriott Hotel as previous years and collected donations for our deserving Vets.

There were only about a dozen Corvettes permitted to accompany the donations to the Bedford VA but they were very appreciative to see a Corvette from EMCC show up with donations. Represent!

Keeping our fingers crossed for 2022!





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Louie The Gangster

By Mary Jane Lightbody

Carolyn Collins is "sitting" while I leave for vacation! She already has him doing stunts that I have not learned!





New Members

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WELCOME!!



Father & Son
Paul and Larry Malloy
With Sponsor Larry Colvin

Harry Nanos



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.



EMCC Merchandise

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Editor's Note

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Pot Roast and Eggs!

By VP, Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



There are two reasons to bring your Corvette to Best Chevrolet for service and one of those reasons ... is breakfast!

I live in Walpole, which depending on traffic is either 25 minutes away from Best Chevrolet ... or an hour! I'll drive this distance because Boch Chevrolet in Norwood can't even handle an oil change.

But now I will drive this distance for "Uncle Charlie's Finer Diner" whether my C6, Sunna, is being serviced or not.

This was my first experience with Best Chevrolet and it was nothing short of excellence.

When I dropped off Sunna and spoke with the Service Manager, Joe Frattalone, he knew I was waiting for the service and I asked him where we (Chrissie followed me down) could have breakfast.

He turned his computer monitor towards me and had Uncle Charlie's Diner up on the screen.

He's Italian so I trusted his taste for good food :)

I could fill a Gazette Edition with how amazing this experience was and it was only breakfast in a diner!



Who ever created these menu choices has a sadistic soul because choosing just one selection is agonizing. Just say "Pot Roast and Eggs" a few times! Or "Fried Chicken and Cornbread Benedict!" Now ... choose one!

The lunch menu is equally agonizing! I think I'll need to find reasons for Sunna to be serviced at Best!

Oh, and the friendly, warm service was like being served in your favorite BnB. I think I'm moving to Hingham!

The EMCC is very "food-centric" so I'm thinking we need a breakfast cruise to our President's neighborhood.

Right, Mal?

-G