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President's Message

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It is hard to believe that it is August already. This certainly has been a challenging year for Corvette-ing with all the rain we have endured. I have to hand it to the members for taking out their Corvettes in the pouring rain (4th of July parade), mist and sprinkles this season. Our Tuesday cruise-ins has been challenged with threats of rain quite a few times, but the die-hards still attended the event. Atta-boys / and girls!

We recently lost one of our "good 'ole boys". Our long-time member, Joe Jacobs passed away comfortably, surrounded by his family. Joe was a member since the 80's and was very active in some of the joint club activities. He and wife, Joan, were regulars at Vineyard Vette Voyage and Mountain Melee. They would attend most of our Anniversary Parties, St. Pat's Day Brunches and Christmas Parties over the years. Joe had a great wit and was truly a funny guy. He always made people smile. He will be missed.

We recently voted into the membership three new members:

Bob Pagano (Dorothy), Cumberland, RI, 2000 blue convertible
Phil Gareau (Claire Dufresne), Bellingham, 2021 shadow grey coupe
Tony Lorusso (Barbara), Walpole, 2021 bronze coupe

Please try to remember to wear your name tags. With all the new members, it makes it easier for them and for us. Please approach the new members and introduce yourself and help make them welcome.

We presently have a few more members who have shown interest in joining us. Our Club is growing quickly.

The Town of Norwood will be dedicating a bench, which will be placed in the center of town, in memory of Mike Wodogaza. We hope to be able to attend the event in our Corvettes and pay tribute to a great guy. Stay tuned for information on the date and time.

A By-Law Review Committee has be set up to look over our present By-Laws and suggest changes which might bring them more up-to-date. The first meeting of the committee will be held in the next week or so.

Please take some time to look over the By-Laws and please give Chairman, Joe O'Connor or me your suggestions or recommendations for changes. We are looking for your input.

Our Membership Chair, Bob Hanson, is at MGH as of this writing. He is experiencing terrible reactions to medication he was taken for a medical condition; more information to come.

Jim Gable is already planning the October (Columbus weekend) event. Come to the meeting and get all the details.

-Smokin 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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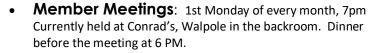
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Standing Events

- we park, chill, and get to know more about each other. Every second Tuesday of the month, the club provides Pizza for MEMBERS. Check <u>easternmasscorvet-teclub.org</u> 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.







Special Events/Cruises

Save These Dates but More to Come! Meeting times and locations may vary so Check or <u>Website</u> and watch email for full details or check with Bruce at ski1000@verizon.net

August

- Aug 5: Dinner Cruise, KC Burgers, Attleboro
- Aug 7: Brightview Canton Senior Independent Living Static cruise
- Aug 15: Lunch Cruise, Crystal Lake Golf Club, Mapleville, RI
- Aug 17: Taco Tuesday, Taco Dinner Cruise. Departs from Static Cruise
- Aug 19: Wheels of Time Car Show, Raynham.
- Aug 26: Bass Pro
- Aug 29: Lunch Cruise: Woodman's Seafood, Essex, MA

September

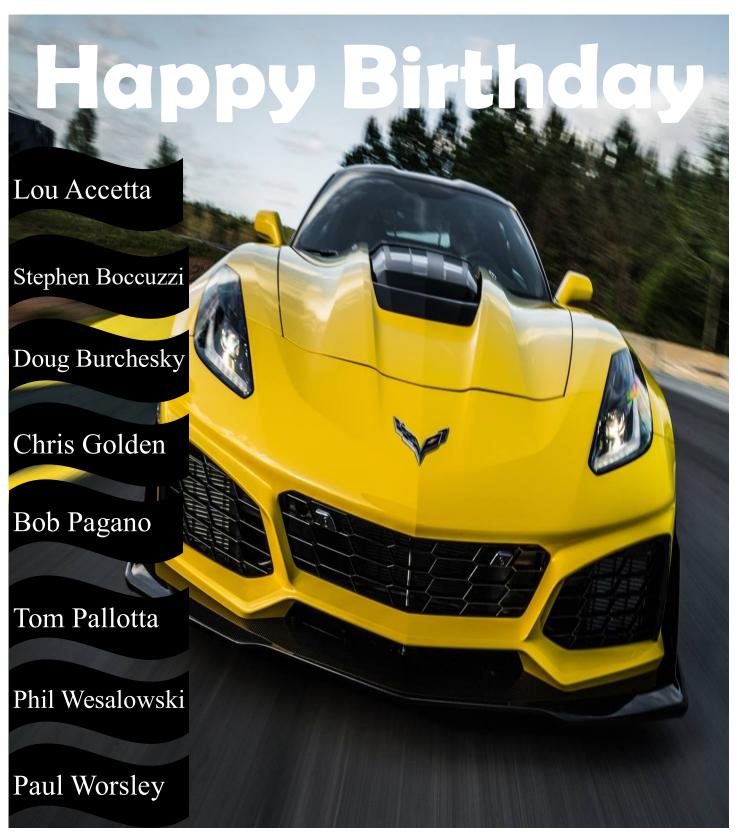
In process. Stay tuned!

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY		SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
8 & 22	6 & 20	3 & 17	1, 15 & 29	12* & 26*	9* & 23	7 & 21



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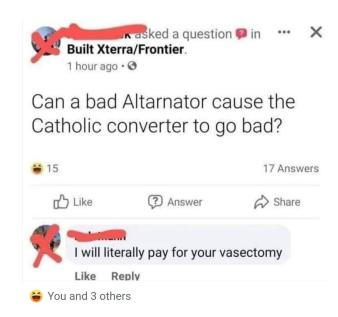
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Bass Pro July 15 Story/Photos: Paul Duffy

I was told there was over 1300 cars tonight for the Mass Cruisers car show. Lots of Corvette's scattered everywhere. Cruisin' Bruce was the DJ/MC and he was at the Pontiac National Convention this morning at Mohegan Sun for their car show as well.































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Annual EMCC Cookout

Story: Frank Fontana. Photos: Bruce Kolovson and Keith E. Jacobson



Rosemary and I hosted the annual EMCC cookout on July 10th at our sprawling estate in Franklin. An overcast day stayed rain free and we had a great turnout with over 40 people.

It was great seeing the familiar faces along with some of our new members that were treated to our club's great hospitality.

Everyone brought great appetizers, side dishes, and desserts; we were treated to some excellent food.

I think this day was a success due to the fact that other than static and cruises, the club was looking for a social event to reconnect from the past year's COVID situation.

We were due for a great event to get back to the business of socializing as we've done so many times in the past.

Rosemary and I wanted to thank everyone for their contributions of food and drink and for helping us takedown and clean up.

It was a great time had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Save the Wave. Frank & Rosemary Fontana











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Dinner Cruise

Story: Gerry Criscenzo. Photos: Keith E. Jacobson

George's Surf 'n' Turf is one of my favorite cruises especially on a quintessential New England summer eve ... and you have fried clams on the brain! The picturesque cruise that Bruce led us on was well planned which kept the caravan together most of time.

As we entered the parking lot (this is the part I love most), the people dining at the outside tables all begin turning their heads and forget about the hamburger in their hands. Before we finished parking, there was already a crowd gathering around the cars. One young Corvette lover climbed the roof to tale pictures of our cars. Someone offered me a hotdog if they could touch my car. I asked for their fries, too.







Our timing to the order window was impeccable – no line! We were the line, and just in time because a very long line started forming behind us.

As I envisioned a gluttonous pile of golden delicious artery-clogging fried clams, I approached the window I read one of the cruelest signs imaginable:

"Our cost for whole clams has doubled. We suggest you don't buy them. We would rather not sell them at this price; however we will carry them in a limited supply for those who want them. Prices updated daily. Thank you."

Nay! I will not shell out (no pun intended) a king's ransom but instead opted for the Lobster Roll, which, I must say was delicious in its buttered, grilled roll and generously appointed mounds of lobster meat!

Some members still ordered clams or fisherman's platters, though; I saw someone hand over their Rolex.





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Our Corvette Family

Story, Photos: Keith E. Jacobson



This meme pops up on the internet from time to time, and I nod my head and couldn't agree more.

I got my 2015 C7 in September of 2014. It was the 1110th car off the assembly line for the model year. Before the car arrived, Google was my friend in locating Massachusetts Corvette clubs. Closest to me were Bay State and Eastern Mass. Eastern Mass had some contact information on their web site had some contact information, while Bay State had no way to contact them at all.

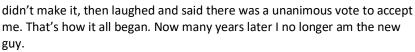
I reached our friend Andy T. at Bay State and although my car was in production, he told me that I could not join the club until the car was in my possession. He did invite me to the club cookout in August. He said, "you know how you go to an event and you don't know anyone ... I will stand next to you and introduce you to everyone coming in." At that time my claim to fame was that my C7 would be the first in the club. I drove my Miata wondering if I was going to get the "it's a girls car" attitude. They do autocross and knew what a Miata could do so there were a lot of "great car" comments.



Some weeks later I attended my first big Corvette event

"Vettes to Vets." While we were staged, somehow Joe O. and I got to talking and it came up that he was in Eastern Mass. I told him that the web site sucked and there was no contact information to join the club. He took my information and I received an application. Not long after, I went through the old application process. Attending a meeting, I introducing myself and then as asked to leave

the room to be voted on. When I went back into the room Frank F., president at the time told me I







Looking at my pictures from the recent club cookout got me thinking about all the great people who have become friends from both clubs, car shows, cruise nights, other car clubs, Facebook Corvette and car groups, some awesome car folks I met in Michigan, and even random people who have just come up to say hi and talk about the car. As our club grows with many new members my word of advice is PARTICIPATE. The more I have participated the better the experience.





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Lunch: Shining Rock Golf Club

Story, Mal Smith. Photos: Bruce Kolovson

First the dark clouds, then a few sprinkles, then the sun. Oh, and then sprinkles during the sun and then a downpour. I thought I was in a car wash the rain came down so hard and fast.....then, just sprinkles and sun for the rest of the cruise event.

Bruce let us on a very enjoyable cruise to Northridge. We cruised through a very lovely neighborhood with wonderful views until we came to the golf course and the Bar and Grill. Wow! What a beautiful spot.

Those who did not let the weather let them down were: Bruce and Alicia (daughter), Steve S, Mal and Carolyn, Frank and Rosemary, Judy, Les Brown and his sister, Susan, and prospective members, Bob Pagano and his wife, Dorothy. We all had a great time. The food was excellent and we all had lots of fun.











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Contest! \$10 Gift Card

This photo has a celebrity who was at the golf course while we were there for lunch!

The first person to email the celebrity's name to Mal wins a \$10 Gift Card.

People who attended that day cannot qualify.

- Good luck!





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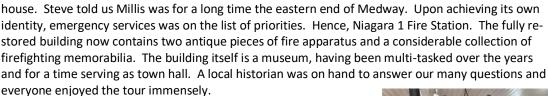
Luncheon Special

Story, Photos: Bob Gardner

Our regular Wednesday group swelled to ten plus one guest on the 21st in anticipation of a very special post-lunch treat. We met at the Victory Lane Restaurant in Millis. This is a great spot and very popular among the many restaurants we visit weekly. The lunch menu is varied with great specials and they have no problem shoving a bunch of tables together to accommodate us. The Wednesday lunches have become a tradition and are open to anyone in the Club. The conversation is always wide-ranging and entertaining. Destinations are announced in advanced. No reservations necessary. Checks are always a "New York Split" with everyone paying the same fare. We call it a success if the per person tag is under \$20.



This Wednesday member Steve Campbell arranged for us to tour a Millis landmark. Steve is a retired Millis firefighter and very knowledgeable when it comes to the town and its history. He led us on a short walk to Niagara 1, a 140 year old restored fire



The historian told us a farmer just up the hill was always first to respond to the fire bell. He would lead his two horses down and hitch them to the fire apparatus. I was particularly interested in the Hose Tower. Visible from the outside atop the building, the tower is about the dimension of a phone booth and runs from floor to ceiling. Equipped with pulleys, it served to dry the canvas wrapped hoses of the day and to prevent them from rotting. Oh, and the building DOES have a phone booth. When was the last time you saw one of them? Where's Clark Kent when you need him?

This was a great take and all had a good time. Our thanks to Steve for making it all possible and to his friends who were there to enhance our experience.













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The Beast Speaks! What if Zora did Autocross!

Voice of the Beast: John Dwyer.



Well, it has been 20 years since my first autocross. John and I have learned a lot and evolved quite a bit. As he gets older and slower, he's kept installing parts in me to make up the difference. I think I'm winning.

My frame has been reinforced and a roll cage added to tie everything together. Every suspension part has been replaced with something better and more durable.

John had two things in mind. To stay "period correct" and what would Zora have done if Chevy had let him. Some parts didn't match "correct", but Zora would approve. Painted those up to hype them and others aren't obvious unless one really looks for them. The roll cage can't be seen with the doors closed unless you

carefully look at the interior. The rear suspension looks stock unless one knows what to look for. Front-the same. Engine ... ditto. Hell, I'm 50 years old and hang out with Corvette people, but other than the NCRS judges, I'll bet less than a handful could guess what's going on.

I did my first autocross at Fort Devens today; serious course, serious people, long course. We use the old airbase runways. Took

John 45 minutes to walk the course, and he took shortcuts. We agreed to run this all in 2nd gear. There are two hairpin turns around single cones, but we figure doing a bootlegger turn, locking up the brakes and sliding by the cone sideways, then dumping the clutch foot to the floor will be faster than finesse...and more fun. Yeah! That worked well.

I had to take an instructor aboard for run 3. I had missed the same gate and gone "off course". We knew damn well where the gate was ... at the end of a little straightaway. Oops!!! Used brakes earlier with the instructor and went through it sideways the third time. When he got in, he was looking for a shoulder belt. Sorry! Don't have those. John was cool, told him to find something to hang onto. I won't be able to hear you with the helmet and exhaust, so put your hand where I can see it and direct me. He had been in old Vettes before, but not me. Now that everything is tied together and works, I'm pretty violent. Still slide all over but controlled...no lean at all.



I got to bounce his head off the t-bar a few times. Ha Ha! Cut a few cones close too. When I run over their base, I can feel it hard. If I bunt one-nothing. Didn't take out any cones and his only criticism was I should have taken the last slalom faster, wagging the tail a little harder.

My memory may be a little fuzzy, but as I remember, I've only had 28 changes to my running gear; seems to have worked well so far. Now, if I just can modify that nut behind the wheel ...



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My 1st Corvette (Part 1)

By Larry Colvin



I was always a GM guy. I started out in high school with a '65 GTO, then a '69 396 Nova SS, then a couple of 4th gen Camaros (one an SS), Chevy (my father's '74 C10 pickup) and GMC trucks. Several of these cars were drag raced.

I also had a 2005 C6 Corvette and currently own a 2010 Grand Sport.

In 1998 I found a 1966 Corvette coupe, quite by accident, in the next town to where our family house is located in Vermont. It was at a local restorer's shop I visited with a friend who had business there. I was not looking for any car.

The '66 was in good but dirty condition with 19,000 original miles. It had obviously sat *a lot*. It was Nassau Blue with a Bright Blue interior, and was entirely original with the exception of tires, shocks, and belts. It was a totally matching numbers car, with all the correct date codes. It had an L79 (350 HP 327 cubic inch) engine, power brakes and a 4-speed. The paint looked good....from about 10 feet away! There was no documentation with the car. The owner had found the car in Florida (it was originally delivered in Nebraska) on his honeymoon about 20 years before and driven it back to Vermont.

I wound up buying the car and driving it back to Massachusetts from northern Vermont. The ride turned out to be a little tense a few times as the engine stumbled and lost power, but came back to life. When I got home the fuel pump had a horrendous leak and I was lucky the car had not caught fire!

My first Corvette!

I joined the EMCC through Jack Mitchell who had been a work colleague, and the NCRS. After driving the '66 for a little over a year, I undertook a full body-off restoration. The restoration was done in conformance to NCRS judging standards.

The body came off the frame in Wild Bill Davis' shop in Wrentham, MA. The body went onto a dolly that I had built and then to Ron's Restorations in Fitchburg, MA for media blast and paint. The chassis came to my garage. Bob Smith was a huge help with the mechanical work from start to finish.

We stripped the chassis down to the bare frame. The engine only needed clean and paint and a rear main seal. Best tool I had was a bead blaster and I cleaned and painted all the chassis parts (in all their various shades of black!). Multiple parts (carburetor, power brake booster, brake master cylinder, instrument cluster, clock, etc.) were sent to restorers around the country. They all came back looking better than new. Many new parts orders were placed. The frame was stripped and painted using the talents of Eddie and Dave Balabanis in Walpole.

The chassis was re-assembled, all fuel and brake lines were replaced, the engine and driveline were installed, and the rolling chassis was ready for the body to be reinstalled. Wow, was it ever easy to do chassis work with the body removed!

With the help of a friend's trailer, the chassis was hauled to Ron Bunnell's shop in Fitchburg to meet back up with the body.

At Ron's some minor fiberglass cracks were repaired and the body was painted using a basecoat/clearcoat technique that made it "look" like lacquer paint but was much more durable. The door jambs and hood gutters were dulled, again to make the car appear to have been painted with lacquer. All the glass was reinstalled. The seats were re-covered.

The car was shipped back to my garage. I stripped, refinished, and replaced the rest of the interior. The under hood wiring was replaced and bumpers and other trim were reinstalled. I test-drove it on the street, and nothing fell off!

After 19 months the car was mainly finished.

(Part 2 in the next Gazette)



New Members

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WELCOME!!





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.

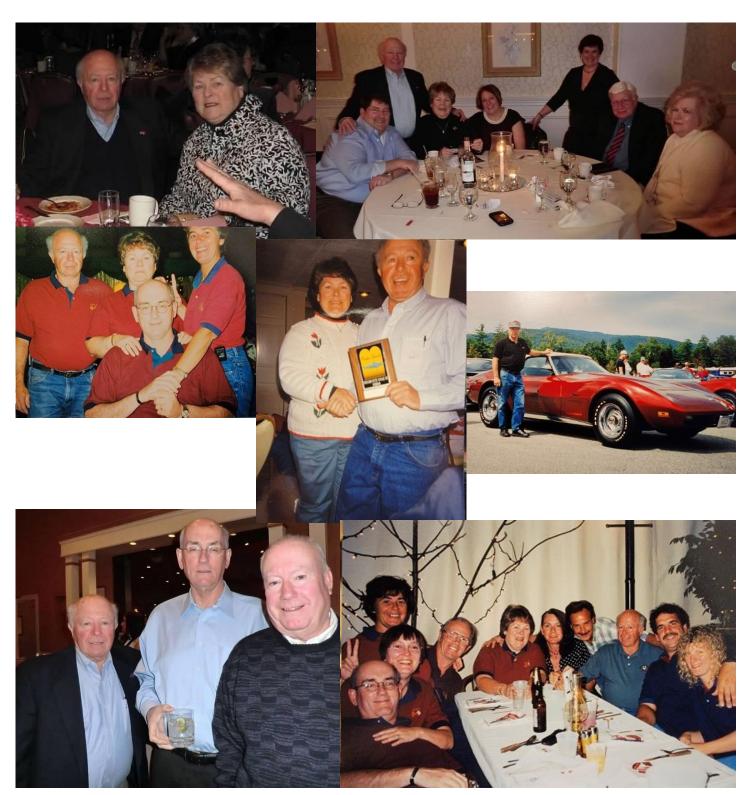
We can take one of you at our Static Cruise or you can send yours to gcriscenzo@gmail.com.



In Memoriam

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Joe Jacobs: Rest in Peace and Cruise among the Angels





Member Spotlight

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Hello All EMCC Members! We are Paul and Diana Duffy. We recently joined the Eastern Mass Corvette Club as many of you already know. Thanks everyone for being so friendly and welcoming us into the club. We just wanted to share some more information about our businesses in case we can help you with anything from our services or just free advice to help keep your vehicle(s) looking as good as possible or help to bring their paint back to life. We own the RI Car Storage Vault and RI Car Detailing located in East Providence, RI. Our shop is located at 66 Commercial Way which is the street next to Paul Masse Chevrolet. We are by appointment only but are normally there most of the time.



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2008, 30th Anniversary Emerson Fittipaldi Pace Car (Decals removed)

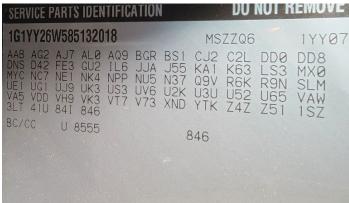
Original Owner, 15K Miles

RPO Codes: Z4Z is the Emerson Fittipaldi Pace Car, 3LT, Z51, NPP exhaust, 2 Roofs

Corvette Mike offered him \$30K. He' looking for \$35K

Contact: Paul Rukstalis (not an EMCC Member) 774-487-8727, sueruks@gmail.com





WANTED

C6 Z06

Contact: Dean Soultanian

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This gentleman stopped by our Static Cruise and asked us to put this out.



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Share While You Can

By VP, Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



The first car I ever purchased with my own money was a 1970 Mustang Mach One ... but it was not my first car. My first car was given to me by my Father; a 1968 Chrysler Newport.

It was blue with a black vinyl top, 383 Magnum and had a living room for a backseat. The trunk was an in-law apartment. I could never understand how my father went from this to a 1978 Toyota Corolla, which, actually would have fit into the trunk of that in-law apartment.

I was 15 when my Dad parked the Newport in the back yard where his garden used to be. It would stay there until I got my license. Well, that was his plan. He hid the keys but didn't fully comprehend dealing with a fifteen-year-old aspiring rock musician with a girlfriend! So, my Dad thought the car was safely stored in the back yard and would know if it was moved.



Nope!

NEVER underestimate a teenager's resolve, especially when the opposite sex is involved!!

While my Dad was at work, my friends and I laid down 4x8 plywood sheets in the backyard so that I could drive the car out without damaging the lawn with tire tracks and thereby alerting my Dad. This was the '70s so I could also get away with attaching a cardboard plate with any random number!! No Internet and no database to check! What did YOU get away with??!!

My friends climbed in and we cruised until I had to have the car back in its place, looking undisturbed, before my Dad got home from work. What happened in that car, will stay buried with that car!!

Thinking back, I now often wish that I had shared this with my Dad before he died. I think we would have shared a great laugh. Rest in Peace, Dad. I love you.

Share those stupid secrets before its too late ... unless you sold their silverware for party money!