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Happy Birthday America & Corvette



Photos, Keith E. Jacobson





President's Message

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Well, summer is finally here and it has made quite a statement ending out the month of June with our second heat wave of the season. I hope everyone stayed cool and enjoyed their Vettes.

Happy Independence Day!!! EMCC is planning to be in the Norwood Parade this year on Saturday, July 3rd. Thank you, Eddie Forsberg for making the arrangements for us to show off our Vettes and our patriotism. It has been quite some time since we participated in parades and it has always been a fun time in the past. The Town of Norwood will be paying us \$300 for our

participation. Check emails and the website for details.

I would like to welcome our newest members:

Chris Golden, wife Bobbie from Newton (1997 Red Convertible)

Harold Rhodes, wife Marcia from Milford (2021 Red Coupe)

Paul Duffy, wife Diana from Attleboro (2021 Rapid Blue)

Please be sure to introduce yourself to these folks and give them the EMCC welcome.

Our Social Director, Bruce, has lots of wonderful events planned for us for the rest of the season. I hope you will be able to attend a few of these great times. If you would like to sponsor an event, please contact Bruce. Check emails and the website for details.

Our Annual Cookout is coming up July 10th at 3 PM. Frank and Rosemary Fontana are sponsoring the event at their home in Franklin. Please let them know that you will be attending and what you will be bringing for a side dish. <u>Frankef@comcast.net.</u> Check emails and the website for more details.

Because Independence Day is being celebrated on July 5th, our Business Meeting will be held on Monday, July 12th. We will be meeting at Conrad's in Walpole. 6PM we will be having dinner at the long table in the dining room and the meeting will be held in the back room at 7PM. I hope to see you there.

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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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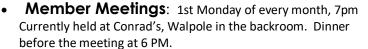


Viva Le Liberate!

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 easternmasscorvet-teclub.org for times and where. NOTE: Due to a long term road construction project about to begin on RT 1A, we MAY be relocating to a new location but not confirmed. 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.







Special Events/Cruises

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

July

- July 3: Norwood 4th July Parade
- July 4th Needham 4th July Parade
- July 10: Annual Cookout at the Fontana's
- July 15: Bass Pro
- July 17: Lunch at Shining Rock Golf Club
- July 22: Dinner Cruise, George's Surf & Turf
- July 25: Lunch at Lowell's Restaurant
- July 29 Bass Pro

August

- Aug 5: Dinner Cruise KC's Burgers
- Aug 7: Static Cruise, Brightview Senior Living
- Aug 15: Lunch Cruise, Crystal Lake Golf Club
- Aug 17: Taco Cruise (From Static Cruise)
- Aug 19: Raynham Car Show

More in the works!



Club Member Birthdays







Humor

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When you're an idiot with access to tools, beer, and a crappy car — maybe you don't need a reason.



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On This Day In 1876:
Alexander Graham
Bell Makes The First
Ever Telephone Call
Moments Later,
Learns Auto
Warranty Has
Expired



Why doesn't FB accept videos over 26 seconds? Thanks





If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.





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Supercars at Sunset

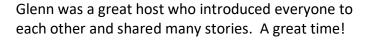
Story and Photos: Steve Sylvia



On Wednesday, June 2nd, EMCC member, Glenn Kurkjian invited EMCC members along with his business customers of TEC (Tool & Equipment Connection) in No Attleboro to join in a car show of amazing cars and great people.

From EMCC, Glenn, myself, Mike Panasuik, and Jim Gable attended the event. The cars ranged in price from

\$15,000 to \$500,000.



A different kind of cruise/ get together.















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McDonalds! EMCC is loving it!

Story: Mal Smith. Photos Mal, Bob Gardner and "Kamera" Keith E. Jacobson

David and Marilyn Yee sponsored a cruise to their McDonald's Restaurant in Gardner, MA on June 5, 2021. We (10 Corvettes) met at the Chateau and headed onto Rt. 495 at 12:30 PM lead by David Yee. We managed to all stay together for the entire 1 hour cruise.

The scenery on Rt. 117 was beautiful, sporting lots of older homes and some old barns. We had temperatures in the low 90's most of the day (beginning of a heat wave).





When we arrived, we parked in a lot that was set up just for EMCC. We took out our chairs and set them up on the perfectly groomed grass in a circle and socialized. Waitresses came around to all of us and took our lunch orders. In a short time, we had our lunches delivered to each of us. Great food. Great service.

David took the time to introduce us to his management staff at the restaurant. Thank you very much David and Marilyn for such a great cruise and for supplying us we a wonderful lunch. Fun day!

Did everyone notice our Mascot for the trip???Barkley Kolovson, assisted by his mother, Alicia and Granddad, Bruce.





























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Crescent Ridge Ice Cream

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

After a blistering 4 day

heat wave, Thursday, June 10th finally gave way to a perfect 70 degree summer evening where only one thing could have been made it better ... Ice Cream!

Some of us met at Lake Pearl where Bruce led us on a very scenic cruise through Foxboro and Sharon. Destination: Crescent Ridge Diary.

Others joined us from destinations unknown but like they say "Its not about how you start. Its about how you end."

The evening ended in a great time, and we each probably ate more ice cream than we should have.

Or maybe not.

























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Cruise to Newbury Car Museum

Story by Frank Fontana. Photos: Gerry Criscenzo,

One of our popular cruise destinations is the Newport Car Museum located in Portsmouth, RI. I decided once again to lead a joint cruise with our friends at Bay State Corvette Club. We met at Luciano's in Wrentham on Saturday June 12th. This particular date was special as it's Hoods Up Weekend and the museum displays the various engines of each vehicle.

We mere met by several Bay State members at the start and at destination; our club was represented by six members. We arrived around 1:00 pm and spent a good portion of the afternoon looking at the familiar sites as well as a new exhibit of a C6 hand painted as illustrated by Gerry's picture on Facebook. Two McLaren's were added as well as a Porsche wing in the ballroom area.







Glenn and Vin and the rest of their staff greeted us warmly once again and appreciated our continued support of the museum.

Our group was around thirty people and they thoroughly enjoyed the spacious facility with it's many diverse wings. Gunther and his staff continually upgrade the facility and exhibits and each time you arrive, you are treated to a whole new experience.

Once again, I'd like to thank our gracious hosts, the Bay State Corvette

Club and their members and our club and the members that participated.

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We are fortunate as car enthusiasts to have such a wonderful collection of cars so close for us to enjoy. I'm sure it brings back memories for our older members and introduces others to the evolution of the automotive industry and the advances that we have been able to experience firsthand.—Frank

















































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It's a Go at Bass Pro!

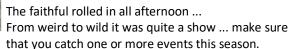
Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The Mass Cruisers/Bass Pro cruise night season kicked off on June third. Word was that the weather was iffy and many people, including myself, stayed home. Round two was on June 17 and it was a spectacular day. The weather was sunny and in the mid 80s. The car community turned out in force !!!





As always there were old and new friends. Corvettes were very well represented with C8s turning out in numbers. Excitement was noticeable in the crowd, as this biggest of local events got under way. The turn out was amazing. Rumor was that an estimated 2,500 cars turned out. The main parking lot and two overflow lots were filled.













2021 Bass Pro Shops Cruise Night Schedule Thursday bi-weekly cruise dates are subject to change if a conflict occurs with Gillette Stadium events, Patriot's Thursday night home game dates* and ongoing Massachusetts ongoing COVID-19 mandated outdoor event gathering restrictions

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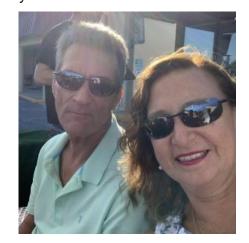
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PJs Barbeque Cruise

Story Bob Gardner. Photos Myriam Siraco and Bruce Kolovson

On June 24our Cruisemeister, Bruce Kolavson led us from Lake Pearl to PJ's SMOKE "N" GRILL on Main Street in Medway.







Ten made the cruise and PJ's gave us our own table outside under the umbrellas. As you would expect from a smokehouse restaurant, PJ's features many barbecue favorites but for me their best dish is their hamburgers. These are made with a combination of barbecue beef and pork and are absolutely delicious. Along with appropriate libations, everyone had a grand meal.

Of course no trip to Medway could be complete without a visit to the bargain store right next store. And leaving there empty-handed made it a perfect evening.









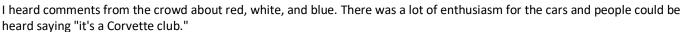
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Celebrating America's Birthday

Story and Photos, Keith E. Jacobson

Members of EMCC had two special opportunities to celebrate Independence Day with club activities. We were invited to participate in parades in Norwood and Needham. On Monday, July 5, thirteen Corvettes arrived in Needham to take part in the event.

Bill Schroeder came up with the great idea of leading off with red, white and blue Corvettes. As we drove the route



How great to celebrate America's birthday with America's sports car!



The weather was close to perfect with temperatures around 70°, lots of sunshine, and a slight breeze. While lined up waiting to start we got to see bands, floats, and groups marching, from the League of Women Voters to British and colonial soldiers.

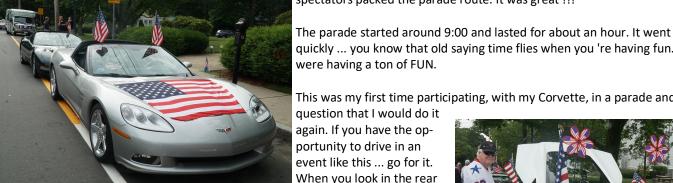
Many in our group decorated their cars with flags and other patriotic items.

EMCC rocked it. As we drove

along there were lots of waves and thumbs up. I have a feeling that our group was a crowd favorite. Many took pictures and videos as we drove by. Even one of Needham's finest was taking pictures of us ... what a great day !!!

Corvette owners generally seem to be a patriotic group and to see the enthusiasm for the cars, the country, and our flag was heart-warming. Enthusiastic

spectators packed the parade route. It was great !!!



quickly ... you know that old saying time flies when you 're having fun. We were having a ton of FUN.

This was my first time participating, with my Corvette, in a parade and no

question that I would do it again. If you have the opportunity to drive in an event like this ... go for it. When you look in the rear

view mirror you will be glad that you did.

Some quiet zones were along the route, so no burnouts. There was horn tooting and when engines were revved we heard applause and approval from the crowd. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA ... until next year.





























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Norwood 4th of July Parade

Story, Smokin' Mal. Photos, Gerry Criscenzo

As I was traveling from So Weymouth to Walpole (Rocky's Plaza) to gather for the parade, my thoughts were...."this is crazy, it is pouring rain", "I bet I am going to be one of a very few attendees", thinking that Eddie Forsberg would be maybe the only other person in attendance. I pulled into the parking lot and in our usual meeting spot for cruise nites, there were at least 10 other Vettes. a matter of 10-15 minutes, another 9 Vettes showed up. Yikes! We had 20 Corvettes getting ready to be in the Norwood Parade in the rain. Some of the Vettes have never intentionally gone out in the rain. This is what we are all about, dedication. As Gerry said, this is proof that Corvettes can be out in the rain.

Let's give a shout of thanks to Eddie Forsberg for putting this event gether and making arrangements for EMCC to receive \$300 for their participation in the parade (rain or shine). Our hope was to get at least 12 cars......



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We drove to our staging area, led by Eddie and had some time to socialize before heading out in the street to show off our "babies". We were proudly lead by the XAGENT- Stealth Pumpkin. Many of the members had their cars decorated for the event, but the most decorated was Steve Boccuzzi's car with his granddaughter holding a very large American flag out the window the entire parade. Very impressive!! The last three cars in our group were "red-white-blue" and added a very nice touch.

There were quite a few spectators which made it fun for us. Our engines were revving, our horns were tooting and we were all waving. There were lots of people under umbrellas and many had set up little square tents to stand under. Some were under awnings of stores and many were leaning out the windows of their houses. This parade was a wonderful experience (in the rain - to boot). We all had a good time and hope we will be invited back next year.

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The Beast Speaks: How I learned to Autocross

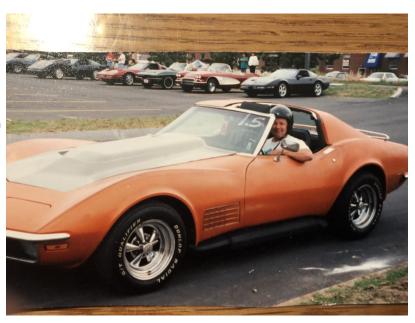
By John Dwyer

Well, this looks interesting - a big empty parking lot with a sea of cones. Hmmm...light poles set in concrete and islands with high curbs too. Hey John - let's try not to hit those, ok?

They said everyone needs a helmet to run - cool. I was with John when he bought his first one at a yard sale. An open face one right from the 60's. I think he paid \$5 bucks for it. It smells a little musty to me, but John just sprayed the thing with Lysol and let it dry.

Made it through an easy tech inspection. As long as nothing looks like it will fall off, all the lug nuts are there and the tires aren't flat, we're good to go.

Everyone is out walking the course...useless, John won't remember squat. Well, maybe he'll remember to turn in the direction of the cone.



We're in the first group. The second group has gone out to shag cones that get blasted off their square and replace them before the next car comes along. About a minute between cars and a 2 1/2 minute course. Easy!!!

Ha! John has just found out he doesn't fit inside me with a helmet on. He has to take off the tops and put them aside with all the other junk he brought. At least I won't have stuff rolling around inside of me.

Our turn. Yahoo!!! We've been told countless times, smooth is fast. Oops! No power steering or brakes, a novice at my wheel. I wish we had a video of this. John's hands are moving like someone put a bee's nest on my dashboard and he seems to have grown a third foot. I can feel all my pedals being pushed at once - hard!

Damn! Why am I going straight? I know John turned my wheel. Ahh - there we go, scarred that cone. Did my pipe just scrape the ground? Whoops - leaning the other way and John's head just slammed the T-bar.

How can I push my nose and slide my ass at the same time? Whatever, this is pretty cool. John is working his butt off. Nice....a little straightaway. What's this? A stop box? I have to come to a complete stop and then go when the flag comes down. Ahh..to slow us down for safety.

John locks up all fours, slides me in nicely, the flag comes down, I've got no gas - it all sloshed away from the carb jets. I'm being yelled at to go - John has the clutch and gas to the floor and my engine is barely burping.

Whoo! Engine back! Nice burnout leaving the box. Oh! A salom, neat. Once John gets the timing right, we'll dance through this, leaning or not. Neat trick on us - to slow us down coming to the finish, instead of evenly spacing the cones, they put them closer together the further I got into them. Nasty.

Well, that was awesome! Good people, a lot of fun. Smooth is fast, yes we understand, but we're not pros racing for money and fame. All slideways and barely in control on a closed course safely away from traffic is a lot more fun. Now we know our capabilities should we come across something unexpected in traffic.



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Yolo! Polo Car Show

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The Audrain Automobile Museum (Newport, R.I.) held a Cars & Coffee event on Sunday, June 27, at the Polo Grounds in Portsmouth, R.I.. The weather was great, lots of interesting cars, and a friendly crowd.

One of the volunteers estimated 350+ vehicles in attendance. A nice thing about heading to the "Ocean State" is that there is a different mix of vehicles then you would see at our regular venues.

There was everything from a 1951 Crosley Hotshot, still in the hands of the family that originally purchased it, to a Unimog, a hand built automobile that looked like it was from the 1930s, lots of Corvettes, Ferraris, and many other interesting rides.

Events continue throughout the summer ... check on line for updates.

Sunday, July 11, 2021 McAuley Hall, Salve Regina University Sunday, July 25, 2021 Aquidneck Club Sunday, August 8, 2021 Polo Grounds Sunday, August 22, 2021 McAuley Hall, Salve Regina University Sunday, September 5, 2021 Fort Adams State Park Sunday, September 19, 2021 Polo Grounds Saturday, October 2, 2021 Fort Adams State Park *Audrain Newport Motor Week* Sunday, October 17, 2021 Marble House *AAM Members Only* Sunday, October 31, 2021 Fort Adams State Park















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.



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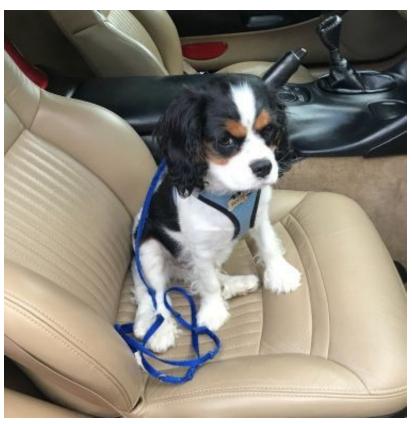
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Meet Barkley, the newest EMCC associate member and perhaps our new Mascot!

Barkley is the fur baby of Alicia Kolovson, daughter of EMCC Members Bruce and Sue Kolovson making Barkley their first grand puppy!

Congratulations!

Barkley enjoys cruising in Bruce and Sue's C5 with the top down, attending cruises, and meeting other members. He has a deposit on a C8. Welcome Barkley!







History

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Happy Birthday, Corvette!

Story <u>Jeffrey Zurschmeide</u> Photos internet

On June 28, 1953, workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint assembled the first Corvette, a two-seat sports car that would become an American icon. The first completed production version rolled off the line two days later, one of just 300 Corvettes made that year.

The idea for the Corvette came from General Motors' design chief Harley Earl, who started developing plans in 1951 for a low-cost American sports car to compete with European makes like MGs, Jaguars and Ferraris. The project was code-named "Opel."

In January 1953, GM debuted the Corvette concept car (pictured below) at its Motorama auto show at the Waldorf Astoria New York. It featured a fiberglass body and a

six-cylinder engine. According to GM, the car was named for the "trim, fleet naval vessel that performed heroic escort and patrol duties during World War II." The Corvette was a big hit with the public at Motorama, and GM soon put the roadster into production.



The first Corvette was hand-assembled and featured a Polo White exterior and red interior, two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission, a wraparound windshield, whitewall tires and detachable plastic curtains instead of side windows. The car carried a price tag of \$3,490 and could go from zero to 60 miles per hour in 11 or 12 seconds, a fairly average speed.

In 1954, the Corvette went into mass production at a Chevy plant in St. Louis, MO. Sales were lackluster from the outset, and GM considered discontinuing the line. However, Ford Motor Company introduced the Thunderbird around the same time, and GM did not want to appear as bowing to a competitor. In 1955, the Corvette's survival was buoyed when it was equipped with a more powerful V-8 engine. It went on to earn the nickname "America's sports car" and become a pop culture icon via numerous references in movies, television and music.







Member Spotlight

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Crisp Cruise

Story, Gerry Criscenzo. Photos, Chrissie Devlin

A beautiful Sunday night a few weeks ago, Chrissie and I went out for a nightcap at "Crisp" in Walpole on Rt1A. They have a great outdoor bar.

Robert Carnes is one of EMCC's newest members in 2021 and owns Crisp. He joined EMCC after he took delivery of his new 2021 C8.

He happened to be sitting at the bar when Chrissie and I arrived. He was a gracious host and we had some great conversations. As the Latin saying goes "In Vino Veritas" ... which also applies to Martini's!

Chrissie and I have been ordering take out from Crisp since 2019 and did more so in Covid-2020. They are known for their pizza but we love their seafood, espe-

cially their lobster rolls and Fisherman's Platter. They also offer desserts from Montillio's Bakery! Do you really need to know more?

As a "foodie" I can say do yourself a favor and order some takeout from Crisp. Their menu has something for everyone and everything we've tasted from Crisp has been delicious! Bon Appetite!







EMCC Merchandise

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Order all EMCC merchandise, hats, clothing, bags, etc, directly from Tri-Valley Sports.

You can also bring your own items for them to customize with our EMCC Club logo, your name, etc.

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Gone Fishin'

By VP and Publisher/Editor, Gerry Criscenzo



The Editor is on vacation. I hope you are enjoying yours ... without rain!
Until the August Gazette, please enjoy some tid-bits that you likely don't know. I didn't!

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

- The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
- 2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
- The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
- 4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
- The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
- The prongs on a fork are called tines.
- 7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
- 8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
- The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
- Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
- The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
- 12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
- 13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
- 14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
- 15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
- 16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
- 17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
- 18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
- 19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
- 20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?