



President's Message

"GOOD TO GO"

Welcome to February 2020, is it going to start, the winter?

We have had warm weather and no snow! The rain has washed away the salt and I've taken "Cyber" (my name for my Cyber gray '09 Z51) out for a couple of great rides.

EMCC is in for a big February, membership dues are due! Please send or pay at the next members meeting so you can vote for the new board.

Elections for the new board will take place at the next membership meeting, all positions are open so if interested please give you name to one of the officers.

Our EMCC anniversary party will be February 22 at Beacons Restaurant in Walpole 6-10 pm. We will have a great buffet dinner, 50-50 raffle, our awards ceremony, say goodbye to the old board, and introduce you to your new president and board.

A great night is planned and I hope to see all of our members there.

With that said, this will be my last month as your president. My two year term is up and the time has come to step down. We have accomplished a lot during my term: introducing the pledge of alliance,



increased membership, made our EMCC Gazette one of the best, and our have more of a presence on the web and with Facebook.



I have enjoyed my two years as president and being more interactive with members. I am incredibly lucky to have found EMCC!

I am in awe of the quality of our members, how we really like each other, care for one another, and are helpful to each other ... this is very rare!

Sherry and I thank you for a great two years and we look forward to the future.

As always I am “Good to Go”

Steve Wilson, EMCC President

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SEEING SEMA

Story and photos by Robert Randall



One of my customers, Mothers Polishes, invited me to attend last November's SEMA show, in Las Vegas as their guest. I jumped at the opportunity and was able to take my son along. There were so many unbelievable vehicles

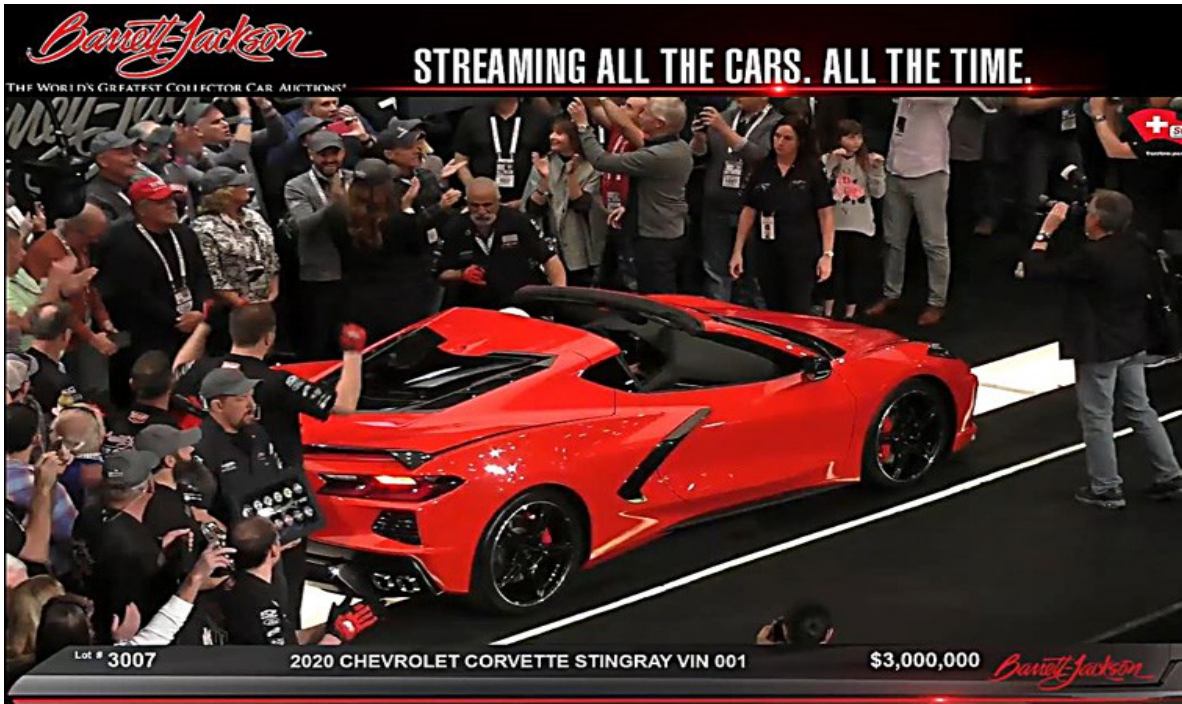


and events. It was total overload for both of us the entire time we were there.

One of the many highlights was to see the new C8 Corvette. Apparently many others thought so too as the area around the two cars was extremely crowded with people wanting to get closer and take photographs.



AN EVENING OF BARRETT-JACKSON



Of special interest to Corvette lovers was Lot #3007 - The winning bidder will receive the first retail production, Vin #001, 2020 C8 Corvette Coupe, the first-ever mid-engine Corvette! The car shown and crossing the auction block is representative of the actual vehicle the winning bidder will receive. The actual first car produced will be a black-on-black Corvette 3LT loaded with every available option, scheduled to be built during the first quarter of 2020.

The entire hammer price of this sale will benefit Detroit Children's Fund - a non-profit organization that makes targeted investments to grow the number of quality schools in Detroit.

In the club's Barrett-Jackson game ... Gerry was tonight's winner with Bill Schroeder taking second place and Jim Gable in third. Thanks to Ed and Joanne for hosting this annual event again this year.





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



CORVETTE MUSEUM RAFFLING LAST 7TH GENERATION GRAND SPORT CONVERTIBLE BUILT



Slated for raffle on Thursday, February 20, 2020 is a 2019 Blade Silver Corvette Grand Sport Convertible. But what's special about the car is that it was the LAST seventh generation Grand Sport Convertible built. The car was built on August 30, 2019 – just before the start of a more than 40-day strike by GM Bowling Green Assembly. The final date of production of the C7 was November 14, 2019.

The car features a 6.2 liter V8 460 HP engine with 8-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission. Other options include a power-folding black convertible top with remote control; magnetic selective ride control; multi-mode performance exhaust; Grand Sport black-painted aluminum wheels with red-painted calipers; 2LT equipment group with Adrenaline Red leather interior including head-up display, heated and ventilated seats, Bose 10-speaker audio system, universal home remote, and remote vehicle starter system; Carbon Flash painted ground effects package; performance data and video recorder with navigation; curb-view front cameras; Carbon Flash badge package; Carbon Flash hood stinger stripe; Carbon Flash painted outside mirrors; red seat belts; Chevrolet infotainment audio system; battery protection package; front license plate bracket.

The winner of the raffle will be afforded the opportunity to pickup the Corvette through the Museum Delivery program (option code 'R8C'). The delivery program welcomes customers with signs and a VIP guided tour of the Museum where their car is displayed, followed by an orientation and presentation of their new vehicle.

Tickets for the raffle are \$150 and is limited to 1,500 tickets – however the raffle will be held on February 20 regardless of number of tickets remaining unsold. Tickets can be purchased on-site at the Museum, located at I-65 Exit 28 in Bowling Green. Additionally, buyers can download a raffle ticket order form from raffle.corvettemuseum.org to purchase tickets via mail order. Those located in Kentucky are able to purchase tickets online with a credit card.

THE LEGEND OF AZTEC GOLD

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*Rare – 1998 Aztec
Gold Convertible
1 of only 3 Aztec Gold Convertibles Built
Wil Cooksey, Plant Manager
Demonstrator Vehicle*

In 1998 GM experimented with a high metallic paint “Aztec Gold Metallic”, code 58U, for the 50th Anniversary in 2003. GM first took five cars and painted them. Then Wil Cooksey and his team noticed that in certain light and angles the car looks like a different color from a neighboring body panel. Then Corvette took five more cars and some advice from DuPont and tried again with the same results. Wil Cooksey, Corvette plant manager, had an expert from DuPont fly out and try again with five more. The first series was painted on 10/22/1997. The second series was painted on 11/17/1997. The final five were completed on 11/26/1997. The paint results on all 15 corvettes were the same. All the body panels were removed from the cars and inspected. Then panel-by-panel each corvette was hand assembled with the panels that closely matched. It is said that no two Aztec Gold corvettes look the same, but if you were not looking for the differences you would never see it. GM has a high standard for consistency, so the project was canceled for the “Aztec Gold” paint. GM originally wanted to destroy all 15 cars. Cooksey prevailed and all 15 prototypes cars were shipped to the GM Tech Center in Warren, Michigan. There they held a private auction only open to GM executives and a limited number of dealers. Three convertibles were made the rest were coupes for a total of 15 Aztec Gold Corvettes. In 1998, Chevy built over 31,000 Corvettes. Almost a quarter of a million C5s in total were built. So spotting an Aztec Gold Corvette is a rare sight .



LOOKING FOR GOLD

A conversation with Michael Manderino
as told to Keith E. Jacobson



I was very fortunate to spend some time speaking with Michael Manderino. He is a past president of the Chicago Corvette Club, serving in that position for 12 years. I stumbled on his web site rarevettes.com which features cars from his collection. His first was a 1987 red Vette and so the story began. He and his wife saw a purple Vette at an event and decided that really liking that color they would look for one. Turns out that it was a special rare color but they eventually one was found and purchased it. While looking for this car someone mentioned maybe you should look for a gold as only 15 had been made.



THE LAST 6 CARS PRODUCED IN 1998 WERE ALL SPECIAL ORDER CARS ~ MEDIUM PURPLE PEARL METALLIC

THIS CAR WAS THE FIRST OF THIS GROUP

NOTE IN THE WINDOW STICKER UNDER

SALES CODE IS A "S" CODE "S" STANDS FOR SPECIAL ORDER

GM OFFERED THIS COLOR ONLY 1 YEAR

PAINT CODE 95 "AMETHYST"

TOTAL PRODUCTION IN THIS COLOR WAS 396 140 COUPES

256 CONVERTIBLES THIS COUPE WITH BLACK INTERIOR IS

1 OF 58 WITH THE EQUIPMENT OPTIONS ON THIS CAR THAT MAKES THIS CORVETTE 1 OF 10

The hunt was on for a gold and car #10 was found and purchased from Texas. Not long after that Mike's son happened to see car #5 for sale and that one was also purchased. Mike had been invited to bring his two gold cars to an event at Mid America Motor works where he met the owner of car #1. In attendance at the event were Wil Cooksey, Corvette Plant Manager 1993-2008 and Dave McLellan, Corvette chief engineer 1975-1992 who filled him in with stories about the gold cars. Mike's recollection was that McLellan said something to the effect that they should have kept on trying to make the gold work for the 50th anniversary car and that they dropped it too soon. Also, at one point employees of the Revell the model company spotted a gold Corvette and inquiring about it were told they were experimenting with it for a millennium Corvette edition. When the truth came out, the models were pulled from the shelves.



Years later the owner of the #1 Aztec Gold contacted Mike saying that it was time to sell and that it should go to a good home, it was offered to him. SCORE !!! Now three of 15 produced lived at his home. Along the way #6 was available and joined the collection. Four of the 15 produced now resided in Chicago. Eventually one was sold off and now three are in the collection.



Mike is a die hard Corvette enthusiast and in addition for an affinity for Pace Cars, he also has a [major die cast collection](#).



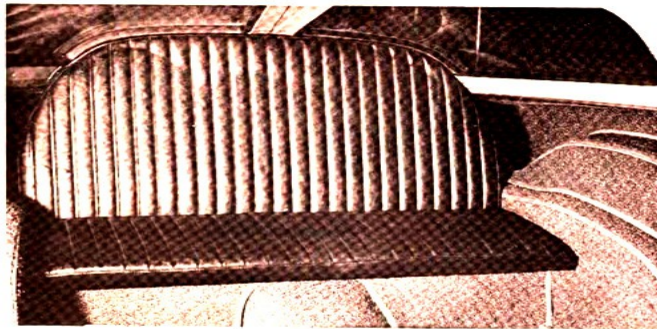
The current collection has about eight cars. Here are three Aztec Golds, a pace car and the amethyst.



Mike had spotted an Excalibur years ago and dreamed of owning one. Dreams can come true. Thanks for sharing your time and stories.

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**We meet at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of every
month at
Conrad's - 905 Main Street, Walpole, MA**

PLEASE JOIN US !!!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Les "Rooster" Brown ~ 19

Joe Doyle ~ 21

John Forbes ~ 1

Bruce Kolovson ~ 2

Glenn Kurkjian ~ 28

Steve Sylvia ~ 10

Peter Way ~ 29

Steve Wilson ~ 16

John Pinciario ~ 15

EMCC Membership

As of January 2019 we have 53 paid members, 1 associate, and 4 honorary

Next Membership Business Meeting: NOTE: ELECTIONS !!!

Monday - February 3rd at 7:00 PM

at **Conrads, 905 Main Street, Walpole**

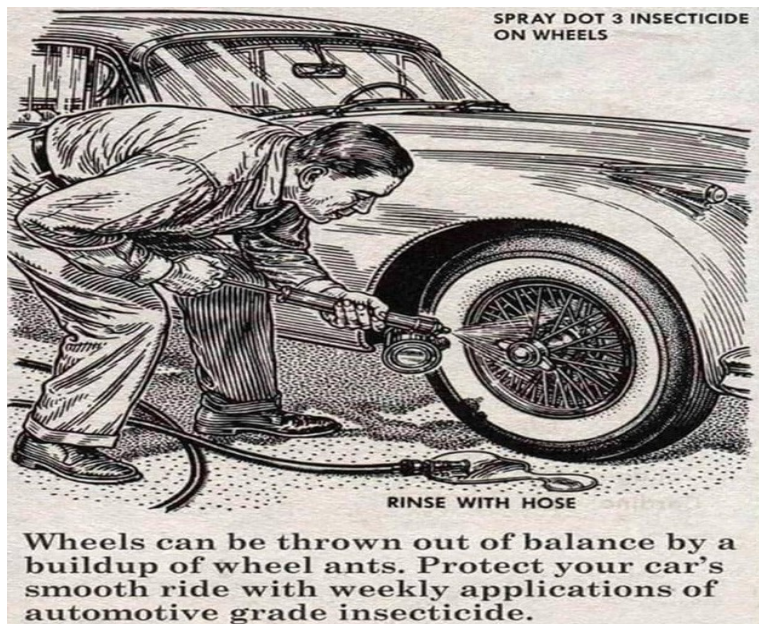
Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing

EASTERN MASS

CORVETTE CLUB

“WHERE YOU COME FOR THE CARS ...
BUT STAY FOR THE PEOPLE”

LAST LAUGHS



A while after selling him a new pick-up, an auto dealer called a farmer about buying a cow. The farmer said the cow would be, "about \$500." The dealer arrived at the farm to find the following hanging on the stall:

Basic Cow.	\$499.95
Extra Stomachs.	\$79.25
Two-tone exterior.	\$142.10
Deluxe dual horns.	\$59.25
Produce storage compartments.	\$126.50
4-spigot high-output drain system.	\$149.20
Heavy-duty hay chopper	\$189.60
Automatic fly-swatter	\$88.50
Genuine Cowhide upholstery	\$179.90
Automatic fertilizer attachment.	\$339.40
4-by-4 traction drive assembly.	\$884.16
Farmer Adjustment.	\$300.00
Pre-delivery wash and comb.	\$69.80
Delivery.	\$35.75
Total price, including options.	\$3,143.36

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

This is a special issue of the gazette for me. I am stepping down as the editor/publisher after four years or so in this position. It has been a great run and has provided me with a more personal involvement in the club. I would encourage everyone to participate you get more back than you put in. I am not going anywhere and will still be reporting on and photographing events that I attend. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the years with a story, pictures, or a kind word about the latest issue.

There are many who have stepped up over the years to assist with content, and so as to not leave anyone out, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU !!! Please continue to support Gerry Chriscenzo, who will be taking over from me, with your stories and pictures. I will still be managing the club's Facebook page so check it out for event postings and information...if you are on Facebook and are not a member of the page...please join.

Thanks to the board members and committee chairs who I have had the pleasure to serve with, these people all deserve a big thank you and round of applause for their hard work in making the club what it is.



Every cruising season I try to add new events to my schedule. This year with any luck I will cross the Blue Water Bridge, and once again and attend Corvettes on Woodward and the Woodward Dream Cruise. The Kingston (Ontario) Corvette Invasion II and EMCC Columbus Day events are also on the calendar. Get your car out and enjoy it!!! I look forward to seeing many of you at club events, cruise nights, cookouts, fire pit fiestas, static cruise nights, Thursday ice cream runs, and many other activities that come up...stay tuned.



As I write this, the first day of spring, March 19, is around 50 days away. We still will most likely have a few weather surprises to go but the end is in sight. First Bass Pro cruise night is April 9th.



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD, ... KAMERA KEITH