



President's Message

Welcome to the year 2020!

I don't know if it's just me or not but as I get older time seems to fly by, and so did this year.

Well be that as it may 2020 is going to be a big year for EMCC and for our beloved Corvette.

After listening to all the buzz and hype in 2019 regarding the new mid-engine Vette, we are now just months away from it becoming a reality. It may be great, it may be wonderful, but I'm happy with my C6. It's paid for and looks sharp!



2020 is also a year when our Executive Board and Chairpersons will change. All positions are open this year, elections will be in February and the new board will be

presented at the Anniversary Party. There is still time to run for a leadership position!

This year our anniversary party will be at Beacons restaurant in Walpole. We have reserved February 22, a Saturday night, 6-10pm. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Please let Mal know if you plan to attend and bring your money to the next meeting. While I am on the subject of money, membership dues (\$50.00) are also due, so please bring your checkbook to the next board / business meeting or send check to the EMCC PO box.

As we start 2020, EMCC will not be the same, having lost long time member Dennis Collins. Dennis held most positions in EMCC and was always ready to pitch in to help where ever he was needed. Dennis was fun to be around and will be sorely missed by all members of EMCC. Dennis will be cruising with us in spirit.

Happy New year to all and please be safe over the holidays. It has been a difficult year for some members and EMCC's thoughts, prayer,s and best wishes go out for better times in 2020.

As always, I'm "GDTOGO"

Steve Wilson, EMCC President

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

EMCC CELEBRATES

Story by Keith E. Jacobson
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EMCC members and their guests gathered at the Adirondack Club in Franklin, on Saturday, December 7th, for the club's annual Christmas party. About thirty people attended, they brought appetizers and desserts to share.

Club President Steve Wilson made some brief comments and asked for a moment of silence for EMCC member Dennis Collins who passed away the day before.



There was lots of reminiscing about the Columbus Day Montreal weekend and talk has already begun in anticipation of next years event. Tasty food was in abundance and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

Many items were raffled, as well as two 50/50s. In addition Steve Sylvia brought the just printed EMCC 2020 calendars, for sale at the very reasonable price of \$10.00. This is a limited run so get yours before they are all gone. Also, makes a great gift for any of your friends who own Mustangs.



"Fireball" Steve led his traditional toast and this year dedicated it to the memory of Dennis.

Thanks go out to all those who worked to make this a wonderful event. Also, to everyone who contributed raffles and that great food.







REMEMBERING DENNIS

Although I had always seen Dennis at events, I really got to know him when I took over as the editor/publisher of the gazette. Dennis held that position prior to me and when he decided to pass it on, I was asked if I would take it over. The first few weeks I bombarded Dennis with questions via Email and he always responded with an answer.

More recently Dennis asked me if I would like a copies of his photos from this past club's Columbus Day Montreal trip. Shortly thereafter he handed me a DVD at a Bass Pro cruise night.

Dennis will be missed by his EMCC family. A few members have kindly shared some of their memories.



Keith E. Jacobson, EMCC Gazette editor/publisher

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EMCC has a saying, "We come for the cars, but stay for the people." This couldn't have been said any better.

This is where I met Dennis for the first time and after awhile we discovered that not only did we love cars but fishing as well, and from that time on we fished together as many times as possible.

We had some funny things happen during those times. Like the time I drove right by the place we were supposed to fish and after a few minutes I said, "Do you have an idea where we are going?" Dennis replied by saying "I'm not driving you are!!" So, we turned around and went back to where we were supposed to go and I backed the truck with the boat and trailer down the boat ramp, under the strict guidance of my friend. When I opened the back of my vehicle to get my fishing tackle, I realized it was home in my garage. This was not a good day.



Then there was the time when Dennis made a terrific cast which landed his line over the top of a tree branch with a nice, expensive lure attached. The lure hung there about a foot above the water until Dennis was able to shake it enough so that it dropped into the water. Dennis was a little upset that this was a brand new lure, and was determined to get it back. He gave the rod, one swift "jerk" and the lure came up out of the water with a nice bass attached. We called that the "tree fish" and so, anytime either of us got hung up in a tree (which was quite often) we would say "going for another tree fish!"

We both enjoyed being out on the water even if we didn't catch anything. Dennis was a very good fisherman, and a very good friend. I will miss him dearly and always look back at the great times we had together. Which we had many....RIP Dennis.

Jack Kirkham



I met Dennis in 1995 when I joined Eastern Mass Corvette Club (EMCC). He was one of the first members I met. In the years since then he became more than just a fellow member, I called him my friend. Several years ago I was clearing my driveway during one of our "major snow storms". My Sears snow blower, known locally as Big Green, ate my Sunday, Boston Globe newspaper. There was a loud clunk and then nothing. I really didn't know what to do so I called Bob Smith. Shortly thereafter he arrived with Dennis in tow. The two disassembled Big Green in my garage and determined a belt had broken. Two days later I had the part and both returned despite the bitter cold to put me back in business again. That's what I call friendship.

Dennis always arrived early. I thought I was bad, but he HAD to be first. I'd drive into the parking lot at Eagle Brook, Finnegan's, or the Patriot and there he'd be sitting on the porch or in his car. We'd have a nice chat before everyone else arrived. When we all went to see Ford v Ferrari, I wandered alone into the empty theater while most of the members were buying popcorn. There was Dennis, all by himself in the very center of the auditorium, giving me a big wave, "C'mon up."

At different times over the years Dennis and I have been on the board together. For many years I was doing the EMCC Gazette. At one point I became very frustrated that the officers were not fulfilling what I believed was their obligation to turn in an article every month. After some discussion, Dennis summed it all up. "Bob... it's a CAR club."

This fall I mentioned at lunch that I'd just had a new lawn seeded and was concerned because we were going to Connecticut to visit our family for several days and the lawn would not get watered as directed by the landscaper. Dennis came over and watered my lawn.

Those of us who have passed "a certain age" have come to accept this as part of the way of things. But I find it totally unacceptable that Dennis will not be somewhere in my life going forward. It leaves a hole. At lunch, at meetings, at cruises, at coffee, or fishing...something will always be missing.

Bob Gardner

Dennis my good friend, you will be truly missed. He gave me a metal car that was just like my real car, a C5 Triple Black convertible. I displayed it in my office at work until I retired and now it's displayed in my basement on the shelf.



When I was president of the club, I would shake everyone's hand at events-meetings...wherever. Dennis always thought that was cool and he sometimes would even tease me. So he bought a rubber hand and built a wooden stand to hold it up.

At the Anniversary party he presented it to me in front of the entire club. It was good for a laugh. I still like to shake hands and it's displayed next to the C5.

Steve Sylvia

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My overwhelming memory of Dennis besides his being a great guy, has to do with an event following my major heart surgery a few years ago.

As I was recuperating at home sleeping, my wife said to me "there is somebody at the door asking for you and I have no idea who he is or what he wants". Well it was Dennis, he just wanted to know if he could do anything and how I was doing.

Dennis had no idea where I lived, had never met my wife and we were just acquaintances through the club, yet he came to over to help. What a guy.

Moreover, my wife said "gee that must be some club you are in", ever since then she appreciates EMCC for what it brings.

Andy Bleadon

I will remember many things about our friend Dennis.

He was so knowledgeable on all things Corvette and cars in general.

He had a passion for fishing and went often with Jack Kirkham or by himself. He loved to fish.

Dennis was always there to help anyone that needed it. His quick wit and grasp on all things real always put into perspective the reality of things being discussed.

Every year without fail I could look forward to harvest time and to Dennis sharing his garden with us. He always would bring to a cruise night or gathering of EMCC members his tomatoes and cucumbers from his garden to share. It was the only time each year that I ate a tomatoes that actually tasted like one ... so good.

Bob Wodogaza





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



Car-toon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed “Big Daddy” Roth



The National Corvette Museum has teamed up with Tom Peters, retired Director of Exterior Design for the 8th Generation Stingray Corvette, to put together a new exhibit: Car-toon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed “Big Daddy” Roth.

“Ed Roth was one of Tom’s biggest artistic influences growing up,” said Bob Bubnis, Museum Historical Media Coordinator and lead Curator of this exhibit. “Back in the 1950s and ’60s, kids who liked cars bought hot rod magazines along with t-shirts, models, stickers and toys from Roth Studios. They featured caricatures of cars with giant smoking slicks and fire coming out of the exhaust, with blown engines and cartoon monsters at the wheel. Tom would begin copying those drawings, and in the process, he learned about how to draw cars with personalities and attitudes. The monsters were just cool. The most notable one was Rat Fink, who will serve as the mascot throughout this exhibit.”

After a photo op with a giant Rat Fink statue, the tour will begin with a re-creation of Ed Roth’s garage. In addition to being a cartoonist and t-shirt designer, Roth was a car constructor and pinstriper, with many of his cars on loan for the exhibit. Thanks to Roth car collector and President of Galpin Motors, Beau Boeckmann, guests will be able to see the Orbitron, Mysterion, and Tweedy Pie, as well as Ed’s personal truck that he would use to do his pinstripping work from. On loan from The Petersen Museum is The Outlaw, and from the National Automobile Museum in Reno, Nevada is Beatnik Bandit.

A journey through the exhibit will take visitors through a 1960s toy store where they can see the vintage toys that sprang from Roth’s imagination. See everything from key chains, sticker collections, statues, and of course, model kits. Millions of models were sold to kids like Tom Peters, fueling the passion for cars. Roth’s silkscreen shop with the actual equipment he used to make those t-shirts will also be on display.

The Museum is bringing in cars from builders who were inspired by Ed Roth, such as the Iron Orchid built by Dave Shuten, Gary Reid's Bubble Ray Corvette and a Rat Rod. This part of the exhibit showcases the personal takes enthusiasts have had on Roth's work.

The exhibit will feature other surprises along the way, with the tour ending featuring a re-creation of Tom's studio at the GM Tech Center, along with one of the Corvettes he designed from the Transformers movies. To face off with that Corvette, we're also going to have a special car on loan from Galpin Auto Sports—their new Galpin Ford GTR1 supercar. The cars, together, dramatically show how Ed Roth influenced the automotive world as a whole. The match-up is especially fitting as Roth's t-shirts often played on the rivalry between Chevy and Ford. "Ending the exhibit like this seemed like the perfect homage to his legacy," added Bob.

"Anyone from that era will love taking a trip back through time to see these cars and artifacts together in the same place," said Bob. "In addition to that though, we will be introducing Rat Fink and his gang of crazy creatures to a new generation. There will be lots of friendly monsters throughout the exhibit to keep young people entertained. I can see grandparents bringing their grandchildren and sharing their stories from that important time in history. Maybe they'll even want to buy one of the models they built back then to put together now."

A major part of our Museum's mission is to offer experiences that fall in line with S.T.R.E.A.M. curriculum. Using touch screen monitors, videos of Tom Peters, GM staff and Galpin Auto Sports will show school groups how Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Art and Math all come together to make these amazing cars. The exhibit is aimed at encouraging young people to discover what they are good at and build upon those skills with an education that they can take to the workplace. The touch screens will go back to a tour experience aimed more at adults between school visits. "It's all very exciting and innovative," said Bob.

"Sadly, Ed isn't with us anymore, but his wife, Ilene Roth, has given us her enthusiastic blessing to make this happen. She is working with us to bring together lots of artifacts such as Ed's art supplies, his tuxedo, antique toys, and even some things that have not been seen by the public ever. She is also planning to host a special 'East Side' version of the Rat Fink Reunion here in Bowling Green, KY, bringing together licensed Rat Fink artists and the cool people and cars that celebrate the legacy of Ed 'Big Daddy' Roth," Bob added.

Visitors won't have to be into the Kustom Kar scene, Rat Rods, Rat Fink or Transformers to enjoy this exhibit. "We are making it a walk-through time, when John Kennedy was the President, The Ventures were on the radio, and gas was 20 cents a gallon. Maybe along the way we will inspire some young people to start thinking about where they will take the automotive story from here."

This exhibit will run from January to December 2020, with the East Side Rat Reunion set for August 20-22, 2020.

**Eastern Mass Corvette Club is a non-profit social club
for Corvette owners**

**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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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Cosgro ~ 12

Alan Factor ~ 20

Joe Jacobs ~ 5

Larry Lepore ~ 30

Kevin Miller ~ 26

Bob Randall ~ 27

Peter Way ~ 29

Steve Wilson ~ 16

John Pinciario ~ 15

EMCC Membership

As of November 2019 we have 80 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

Next Membership Business Meeting: NOTE: NOVED BACK!!!

Monday - January 6th at 7:00 PM

at Conrads, 905 Main Street, Walpole

Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing

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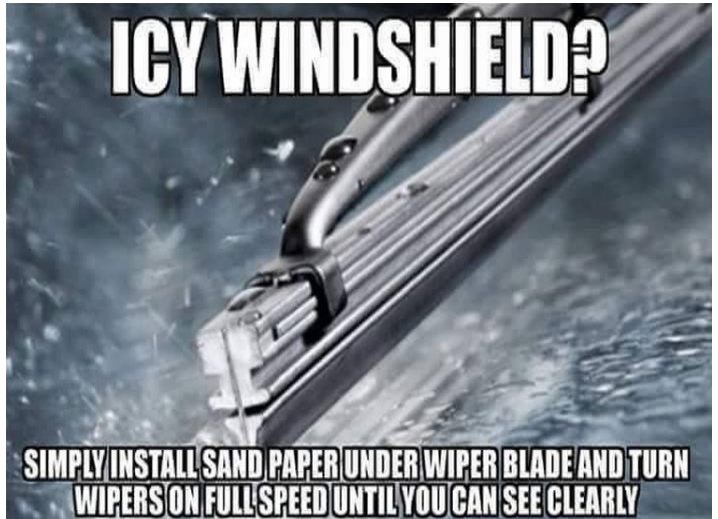
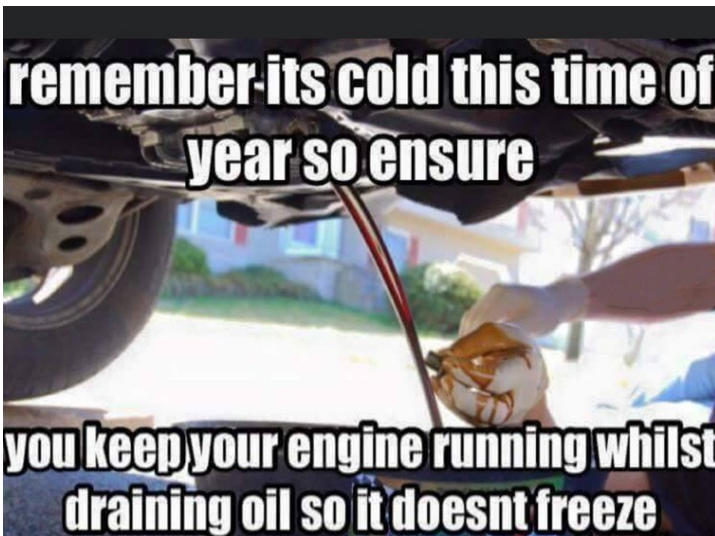
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CORVETTE CLUB

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

LAST LAUGHS

MOST OF US HAVE PUT OUR CARS AWAY FOR THE WINTER BUT FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HERE ARE A FEW TIPS.....



... AND THERE ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO DRIVE THEIR CARS YEAR ROUND :O)



SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

I just got home from the board meeting there is snow and slush on the ground and I am glad that my Vette is tucked away safe and sound. The next few months are a little quieter, but there are events coming up like the Anniversary Party, Soup Party, Wednesday lunches, and maybe a few more. I hope many of you will participate in the off season.

There was also some discussion of potential events for the new year and I expect that many of you will take advantage of, at least, some of the club's offerings. Many of us who participated in Jim Gable's Columbus Day weekend cruise event are waiting to hear about the 2020 destination and looking forward to doing it again.



For the last few years I said that I went to a lot of events this year and next year I hope to do more. Same thing again. My big trips this year took me to Michigan for the largest one day car cruise in the world, the Woodward Dream cruise, and to Montreal with the club for the Columbus Day event and many smaller shows and cruises. Next year the Kingston (Ontario) Corvette Invasion II is on my calendar and more are in the works. I will be post events on the club's Facebook page and make information available through meetings and/or Emails. Let's make 2020 a year to remember!!!

Thanks to all who contributed to the club and the gazette over the past year ... you are what makes our club GREAT !!!

Special thanks for this issue go out to Rick Wile for photo support and to Jack Kirkham, Bob Gardner, Steve Sylvia, Andy Bleadon, and Bob Wodogaza for sharing some of their memories about Dennis.

As you drive around during the coming year think about photo opportunities with your car for the next calendar. The recent one was a big success and we will probably do it again. I was driving by a fire station and saw the ladder truck parked outside...stopped and asked if I could take a photo next to the truck. Looking forward to seeing lots of your great photos next year.



This club, is like many things in life, the more you put into it the more you get out of it.

Stay warm, stay safe, and a wishing all very Happy New Year ...

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD, NEXT YEAR ... KAMERA KEITH