



## *President's Message*

# CRUISING INTO JUNE

Will it ever stop raining! We have had a few days of sun but not many, so let's hope June brings good cruising weather.

Even with lousy weather we were able to begin our static cruise night meeting at King Street and our every other Thursday cruise with a trip to the Ice Cream Machine. Thanks.

We officially welcomed two new members at our last meeting, Robert Weiss and Shawn Bennett. We continue to attract people from our website and Facebook.

I hope you took a moment this past Memorial Day to thank the men and women of our armed forces and said a prayer for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our county and our freedom.

I would like to take a personal moment to congratulate my daughter Grace and Steve Sylvia's son Tyler. They both graduated from Quinnipiac University. Grace received a BS in Business in Bio Medical Marketing and Tyler a BS in Bio Chemistry. Well done to both and good luck going forward.

Our social chair Joe O' has a great June planned and he hopes you can join in on the fun. Joe is always looking for new ideas, so if you have anything you think members would



enjoy talk to Joe! Make sure you check for emails from our secretary as he will keep you updated about what is going on.

Our anniversary party is fast approaching, so if you know a member that has not been to a meeting in a while, please reach out to him/her and invite them to come. Also, reach out to any former members you think might enjoy this event.

Please join us when you can!

Steve “gdtogo” Wilson, EMCC President

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## WHAT THE PUCK?

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

I had to get a tire replaced and read about jacking pucks/pads to use on the C7 (I see that they are also good for C5s and C6s). [I ordered a set of four from Amazon Prime](#) and got them in two days. They attach to the car but are removable if you want. It was about a 10 minute install, lying on the ground, to attach them.



The tire dealer let me watch the whole process and said it was the best investment I could make as it helps to be sure that the lift does not touch the body avoiding potential damage. The pucks are so thin that I couldn't believe that they do any good... but they did. Four for \$39.99 (there are different styles at various prices)...Glad that I got them.







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# CARZ AT LARZ

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

The Museum of Transportation kicked off this season's cars and coffee with an event on May 11th. With sunshine and temperatures in the 60s there was a large turnout. I have been going to this for a few years and the event starts at 8:00 AM ... the parking, on the lawn, started filling up at 7:30 AM. There are quite a few exotics at this show and a very different feel from other shows that I have attended. It is close by and there is free admission to the museum during the event ... although the museum hopes you will consider becoming a member.



This years museum show is "THE GOLDEN AGE ~ ERA OF DISTINCTION, STYLE, & GRACE". It features some amazing automobiles including a 1948 Delahaye 135M, 1938 Bugatti Type 57C, 1927 Rolls-Royce Derby Phantom I, 1925 Rickenbacker Brougham, and



others. Well worth going just to see these.

Cars & Coffee is held from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. They are scheduled for the following Saturdays: June 22, July 13, August 24, September 14, and finishing up on October 26.





# BEST AUTOCROSS IN NEW ENGLAND

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

Sunday, April 21, probably wasn't the best day for autocrossing ... you couldn't tell by looking at the racer's faces. The day was overcast, in the 50s, with intermittent rain showers but that didn't stop the racers from lining up and running the almost two mile course at the Moore Army Airfield located at Fort Devans.



This event is sponsored by the Bay State Corvette Club (BSCC) and is run four times a season. Cars of all types are welcome, as long as, they meet some minimum qualifications. For those unfamiliar with autocross this sport here is a description from the BSCC web site:

"Autocross is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe, low-cost competition and active participation. An autocross is a timed competition where drivers navigate one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones, rather than racing on a track with multiple other cars, as in road racing or oval racing.



Autocross tends to place more emphasis on car handling and driver skill than on sheer horsepower, and events typically have many classes which allow almost any vehicle, from economy sedans to purpose-built vehicles, to compete.



Speeds are slower in absolute terms when compared to other forms of motorsports, usually not exceeding highway speeds, but the activity level (measured in discrete turns per minute) can be higher than even Formula One due to the large number of elements packed into each course.

Autocross courses are typically 40 to 70 seconds in length. In addition to being a national-level motorsport in its own right, autocrossing is a good way to learn skills that transfer to road racing, as drivers learn vehicle control and club ethics."

There is plenty opportunity to race, at the event, with drivers limited to 55 entrants. The next autocross is on [June 9th followed by August 10 and September 1.](#) Click the link or go to

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/bbcc-autocross-2-devens-airfield-bay-state-corvette-069029>

for more information.



# MY AUTOCROSS MORNING

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

I'm not exactly sure how...but I got an invitation from BMW to participate in an autocross clinic "BMW's Ultimate Driving Experience on Tour." My session was on Friday, April 26, at the Xfinity Center in Mansfield. It was cool and damp but there was lot's of excitement in the air as participants waited for their group to start.



We were given a short introduction to what was going to happen then it was off to the cars. They had a fleet of 2019 blue 330i models. Each car had three participants and a professional driver. The pro took us around the track one time slowly to see the course and on the second lap...nailed it. After that it was our turn we each rotated into the drivers seat and each got a few practice laps. This was done in shifts with each group taking their turn. At the end we went out one on one with the pro and were timed and told to go as fast as we could.



I am happy to report that I didn't embarrass myself by knocking over cones and was somewhere in the middle of the pack time wise.

*People also had the opportunity to road test many of BMW's latest models...I would have but the line was soooo long. If they do it again next year I am there. Oh...and don't forget the free BMW baseball cap...SWEET !!!*

BMW Ultimate Driving Experience Autocross Timesheet				
EVENT DATE		EVENT TIME		TRACK #
#	NAME	Lap Time	Cones	Adjusted Lap Time
Coach	KEVIN			
1	PAUL	46.93		
2	Amy	48.14	11	
3	Keith	47.90		
4	Roger	47.43		
5	DIANN	49.22		
6	PAUL S.	44.28	111	
7	Johd	48.44		
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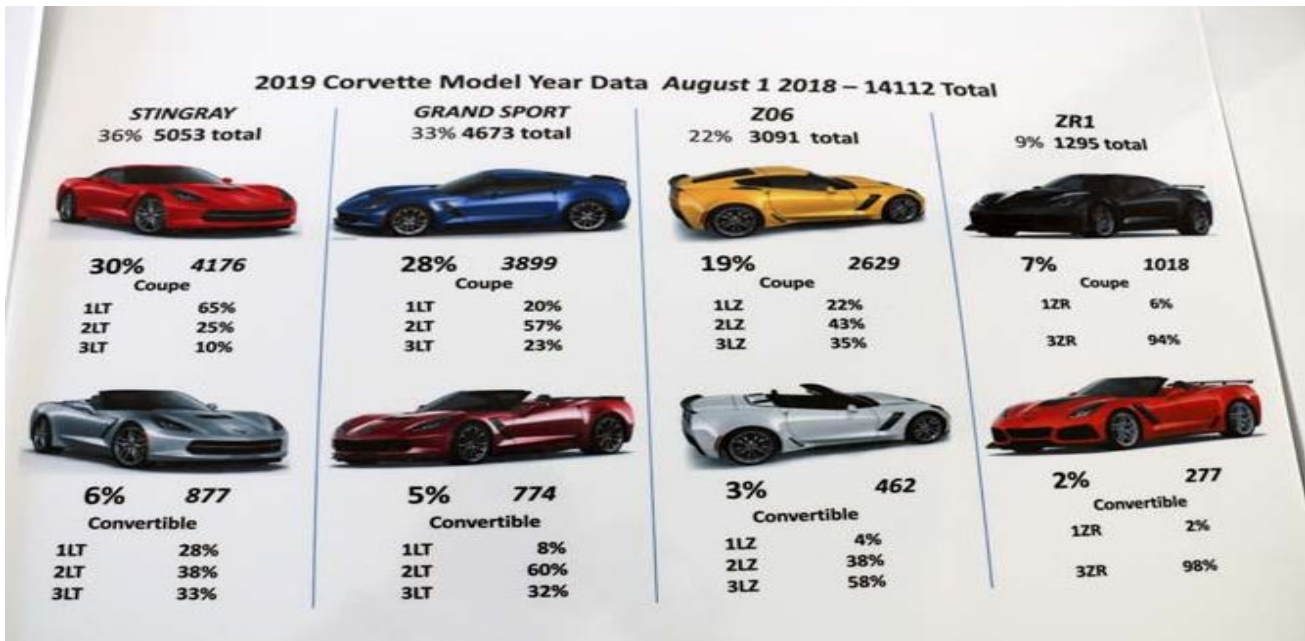




# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



The model year is longer than usual, with Stingray, Grand Sport and Z06 production starting on January 29, 2018 and ZR1 production starting March 5, 2018. Though GM will be auctioning off the final C7 on June 28 (a black 2019 Z06), as with past models the car will not have been produced in time to make an appearance at the auction. The final date of C7 production has not yet been announced.



**2019 Corvette Model Year Data August 1 2018 – 14112 Total**

Exterior	
Arctic White	20%
Black	18%
Torch Red	14%
Sebring Orange	11%
Watkins Glen Gray	10%
Long Beach Red	6%
Admiral Blue	6%
Ceramic Matrix	5%
Blade Silver	5%
Racing Yellow	4%
Shadow Gray	2%

Interior	
Jet Black	68%
Adrenaline Red	17%
Gray	8%
Kalahari	6%
Spice Red	1%



# WASH N' SHINE

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson

This year the club held the annual Wash N' Shine on Saturday, April 27, "427" ... how appropriate. John "Pinch" Pinciario once again hosted the event at his facility on Route 109 in Millis. Chilly temperatures, in the low to mid 50s, punctuated by the occasional sprinkling of rain saw only one member taking advantage of the bucket and hose. Still everyone had a good time enjoying the coffee and pastries provided while catching up with new and old friends. Always a well attended event with 14 Corvettes and a few steel cars.





# REMEMBERING ED

Many EMCC members were shocked to learn of the sudden passing of our member Ed Thomas. Ed was a quiet guy and a gentleman. As hard as I tried ... I could never convince him to take his targa top off. In November of 2016 Ed was kind enough to write a "Meet Our Members." It is being republished in his memory. Those of us who knew him will certainly miss him at club events.

## Meet Our Members



Ed Thomas recently purchased his second Corvette. The Vette is a 2016, Z-51 Coupe. Black interior and black exterior with chrome wheels. It has the LT-2 performance package along with an 8 speed paddle shift automatic. Ed tells us "I bought it new in March of this year from Quirk Chevrolet in Braintree. I had it in storage for about a month before driving it regularly. I live in an apartment complex so my major concerns are other tenants parking next to me. Also, getting it washed and keeping it clean. I have a storage unit that I am renting by the month and I will store there in the winter."

"I haven't had any problems with it so far and I am very happy with it. This is my second Corvette, the first being a new 1991 Stingray Coupe same color in and out. I was very happy with it but when I found out the tires for it cost \$300 each I decided to get rid of it. I found the club on the internet and joined to meet new people with like interests who know more about Corvettes than me. Also, to get helpful tips on how to care for my car.

The accompanying picture was taken at Jim Lee's, another new member's, auto detailing business in Ashland called Acorn Auto Detailing at 508-384-7483. He mentioned to me that any member who wants to wash their own car at no charge is welcome to do so at his place of business. He is licensed and insured.

Ed, who sold his first Corvette after finding out tires cost \$300.00 each, had his beautiful car protected by having it covered nose to tail in Xpel at Wheel Dynamix in Natick. Cost for the procedure ... \$6000.00 !!!



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Judy Pitasi ~ 8

Robert Weiss ~ 4

Bob Wodogaza ~ 21

Jim Morrill ~ 24

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## EMCC Membership

As of May 2019 we have 71 paid members, 2 associate, and 3 honorary

### Next Business Meeting

**Monday – June 3rd at 7:00 PM**

**at Conrad's, 905 Main Street, Walpole**

**Come early at 6:00 to enjoy dinner & schmoozing**

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



**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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# 35TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Eastern Mass Corvette Club is celebrating it's **35th Anniversary on August 4th from 12 - 4 at Lake Pearl in Wrentham**. We are hoping that all of our members are able to attend. Please mark the date on your calendar for this special event.

We will be occupying the side of the venue and will be parking our Corvettes on the grass. There will be a tent set up for us and of course, there will be food, raffles and fun. There will be a bar available for adult beverages if you would like to indulge. There is a beach area which will be private for us, so please pray for a sunny day.

The **cost is \$32 per person (\$64 per couple)** and at the event, the Club member will receive \$30 back. We would appreciate you sending your check made payable to EMCC as soon as possible to the following address:



EMCC  
P. O. Box 291  
Medfield, MA 02052

We are looking for the donation of raffle items to raffle the day of the event. Gift cards, gift certificates, car items, home items, etc., would be greatly appreciated. Please give any such items to any one of the officers ahead of time. Thank you!

Mal is accepting orders for the special **35th Anniversary shirt**. Please contact her at [AuntieMal@aol.com](mailto:AuntieMal@aol.com) to order your shirt. The cost is **\$30**. The men's sizes run true to size but the woman's sizes run a bit small, so you might want to order the next size up ladies. An order has already been placed for 38 shirts. Another



order will be placed after the June meeting, so please contact Mal as soon as you can. We are hoping everyone will sport their new club shirt at the event. Great photo opportunity!!!

You will be receiving more information on this event as the time is closer. Please do the following:

- Mark your calendar
- Send in your check for the event
- Obtain raffle items
- Contact Mal to order your shirt



Thank you! Happy Anniversary!!!! ..... "SMOKEN" Mal

(Pictures are from 25th anniversary/10 years ago. Thanks to Bob Gardner for sharing from his collection)

# Wheels of Wellesley ~ WOW !!!

Story and Photos by Arne Johnson

Finally the sun broke through the heavy and consistent clouds and rain. It was a day long awaited for. The time to get the Corvette out and head for a car show. Even better was the possibility of having to make a selection of which show to attend. This old man decided to choose a proven performer in the Wheels of Wellesley show for many reasons. It is easy to access off Rt. 16. It has an attendance of many high quality restored show cars. There is no charge to attend and that includes food and live band music. The event is managed by the Modifier's Car Club but sponsored by the Wellesley Community Center. I arrived early and found Bob Grenier already on site with his '59 Corvette. Bob had selected a position



near the entrance with a good view of all attendee vehicles passing by our position. It wasn't long before the anticipation we felt was rewarded. A long black hood appeared coming through the gate. There seemed no end to what appeared to be a 1959 Lincoln Town Car wearing a very high gloss black shine. It passed our position with not much more than a whisper of sound. A variety of cars followed. One such vehicle was a red 1934, highly customized, Ford model 40



Roadster that you would expect to see it at a SEMA event. Upon leaving the show, I headed West on Rt. 16. It seems the entire town of Wellesley had turned out as I drove by many events being held in parks and even the Police headquarters had an activity underway for children. It was a great day for the show and for cruising.





# CLASSIC CAR SHOW DOWN

## at Whitney Place in Sharon

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



Whitney place in Sharon, an assisted living facility, held their 2nd annual car show on May 18. The show went from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. There was a \$10.00 entry fee, for participants, that went to the Alzheimer's Partnership. The weather was sunny and a little cool. Although not a huge show ... it was well attended. A free cookout, featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, sides and watermelon for dessert, was provided for entrants and spectators. A good take in check it out next year.







NOTE: The Packard is NOT an electric car



# SEE YOU ON THE ROAD

It's almost June and in the blink of an eye we have gone from the winter blahs to the cruising and show season. I hope everyone has their cars out and has been able to attend an event. Speaking of events ... the 35th anniversary party looks like a doozy. I have purchased my ticket and anniversary polo and look forward to seeing many current and past members at the event. If you haven't signed up ... I encourage you to do so.



Last night was the board meeting and we discussed a lot of great activities coming up. Thanks to Joe O' for his efforts in getting the schedule set up. Last year I missed the cruise to the Steaming Tender ... reports were all positive about this event so it is being repeated. I plan to be there this time ... put it on your calendar ... June 15. Member David Yee is once again hosting a cruise night event at his McDonald's located on Route 9 in Natick. People still talk about what a great time we had last year. This is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with links ... when you see colored type within a paragraph this is called a hyperlink. If you click on it you should be taken to additional information about the subject.

If you use Facebook and are not a member of the EMCC page be sure to join. Information is posted there about events...many that are not club events but are cool car shows or cruise nights. This graph shows how our Facebook page continues to grow. We welcome Corvette lovers to follow us on Facebook.



Thanks to the board for working to make this a fun, active and very social club. This month, as always, thanks to Arne for pitching in with an informative article and thanks again to Bob Gardner for sharing photos from his archives.

The gazette and our Facebook page can always use photos and articles from our members. If you go someplace with your Vette this season ... take a picture and send it along with a

little information about where you are. Feel free to submit an article if you need a little help putting it together that's available or editing it is done for publication. You can also post directly to the Facebook page if you don't know how please ask me. I have always found that the more I participate the more I get out of the club...so don't be a stranger. Looking forward to lots of good driving days this summer. I hope to....

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD .... "KAMERA" KEITH

## LAST LAUGHS



"I have a date tonight, and I lied and claimed I owned a Corvette. Do you have a cologne that smells like a Corvette?"





Yes ... there is a cologne!



Save The Wave

