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# SPRING IS IN THE AIR





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### Presidents Message



It looks like we made it through the toughest months of winter with spring just ahead on March 19th.

Thanks to the membership for allowing me to serve you as Vice President for the past two years and for your confidence in me to serve you as President. I am looking forward to a great year. Thank you to all of the officers who served this past year and good luck to those who will be serving this wonderful Club for the upcoming year. Thank you also to those who stepped up and sponsored an event this past year. It is greatly appreciated.

Our new Social Director is planning to have one official Club event per month this coming season and of course, many smaller events throughout the month. If anyone is interested in hosting an event, please contact Bruce K and let's get it on the calendar. There are some events that we have done in the past that are worth repeating. Please consider introducing them again. We do have a lot of new members who would love to experience them.

As you all know by now, the membership has voted to change the venue for our Tuesday Static Cruise. It will now be held at Rocky's 1A Plaza in Walpole (a former venue) starting in April. We are hoping that those attending the cruise nite will stay a bit longer than in the past. Remember, it will be lighter later by the time the event starts.

As you can see, this Gazette has a little different format. Gerry Criscenzo has taken over the Gazette and is looking for articles and information to share with the membership, so please step up and send him some interesting information. A huge thank you goes to Kamera Keith for his many years of service to the EMCC Gazette. The Gazette is for the Club, by the Club, so please contribute.

Steve Sylvia has again this year invited EMCC to participate in the Walpole Lions Club Beer and Wine Tasting Dinner Dance held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Pearl. Please call Steve at 508-505-8208 if you are interested. Some of us attended this event last year and it was exceptional.

Our website easternmasscorvetteclub.org is up and running and very informative. Please check it out often. Gerry has worked hard to make it user friendly. It has information about our upcoming events and past events, great pictures and lots of Corvette info as well as membership information. Give it a try.

Our Annual Soup Party is coming right up on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Steve and Sherry Wilson in Wrentham. Hopefully, you will be able to make this fun event.

Any thoughts or ideas you might have are welcolme. Please feel free to email, text or call me or any of the present officers. We are all here to serve you.



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### CLUB CALENDAR

This is an "At-A-Glance" view of EMCC Events.

See the **Events page** or our **website** for all details.

**Lunch Every Wednesday:** Members choose locations weekly. Watch your email or check the <u>website</u>.

#### Member Business Meeting every 1st Monday:

NEXT: Monday, March 2, 7pm. If hungry, meet at 6pm for dinner.

Place: Conrad's Restaurant, 905 Main St. Walpole, MA

# Static Cruises Return in April: NEW LOCATION

Rocky's Ace parking lot, RT 1A, Walpole, 5-7pm
Check the website.



March 7: Meeting of the Clubs

March 21: Soup Party

**April 4: Dennis Collins, Celebration of Life** 



## CLUB BIRTHDAYS



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Nicole Rutkowski
- Frank Tarara
- Larry Colvin
- Richard Marcus
- Peter Musto
- David Yee



### HUMOR

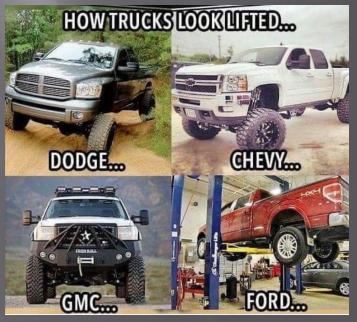




I don't always
go the extra
mile, but when
I do it's because
I missed my
exit.









### HUMOR

If you're offended, you're definitely not Irish!



A married Irishman went into the confessional and said to his priest, 'I almost had an affair with another woman.'

The priest said, 'What do you mean, almost?'

The Irishman said, 'Well, we got undressed and rubbed together, but then I stopped.'

The priest said, 'Rubbing together is the same as putting it in. You're not to see that woman again. For your penance, say five Hail Marys and put \$50 in the poor box.'

The Irishman left the confessional, said his prayers, and then walked over to the poor box.

He paused for a moment and then started to leave.

The priest, who was watching, quickly ran over to him saying, 'I saw that. You didn't put any money in the poor box!'

The Irishman replied, 'Yeah, but I rubbed the \$50 on the box, and according to you, that's the same as putting it in!'

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There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.' The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.'

The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times.'

The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'

The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'

The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'



#### Irish Catholic Dog

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to see Father Patrick and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying a mass for the poor creature?'



Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not. We cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?

#### Confession

An elderly man walks into a confessional:

Man: 'I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up two hitch-hiking college girls. We went to a motel where I had sex with each of them three times.'

Father O'Malley: 'Are you sorry for your sins?'

Man: 'What sins?'

Father O'Malley: 'What kind of a Catholic are you?'

Man: 'I'm Jewish.'

Father O'Malley: "For heaven's sake, man, why are you telling me all this?"

Man: 'I'm 92 years old ... I'm telling everybody!'



### MEMBER NEWS

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.

Eastern Mass Corvette Club P.O. Box 291, Medfield, MA 02052, US

#### **Changing of the Guard:**

The new executives and chairs, as listed on <u>page 4</u>, begin their terms on March 1 after voting concluded in February.



#### **Honoring Dennis Collins:**

EMCC voted to purchase a brick for Dennis Collins, which will be placed beside EMCC's brick at the NCM. Bill Schroeder has ordered the brick.

Jim Gable has painstakingly planned a route for EMCC's Cruise for Dennis. Dennis' car will lead the cruise, which will leave Rice Field in Wrentham at 9:15 for a Drive-By of Dennis' house and culminate at Lake Pearl, 10am for a Celebration of Life Ceremony.



#### Have Something to Say, a Story to Tell?

This is your Gazette and gladly welcome your submissions.

#### What can you submit?

- Member written stories <u>with</u> photos of Corvette events that you <u>attended</u>. Events can include other clubs, Cars and Coffee, Museum Events, cruises in your Corvette, etc.
- •Photos of your Corvette, with (or without) you, with your Grand Kids, etc
- Corvette Humor: Pictures, stories, etc.
- Corvette News and History: It can be from your research or from some other post as long as the author is credited. Send a link to the story. I'select a few to include in the Gazette.
- Selling something? There is a For Sale page for all things automotive
- Anything Corvette or EMCC member related!
- •Non Corvette? Have a great Recipe? A great piece of trivia? Go to a great destination?

Please try to limit submissions to under 500 words.

Send all submissions to the Editor at <a href="mailto:gcriscenzo@gmail.com">gcriscenzo@gmail.com</a>

THANK YOU, Gerry Criscenzo, Editor.



#### Arizona EMCC Member now VP in AZ Corvette Club

Our member, Les "Rooster"
Brown has been appointed as Vice-President in the Prescott Vette Sette in Prescott, Arizona for 2020. Les has been a member of EMCC for over 10 years visiting us yearly from Northern California where he lived for almost forty years. He still maintains his membership in the North Bay Corvette Association and Western States Corvette Council. He plans on visiting us again in July this year.



Rooster moved to Prescott, AZ in the spring of 2018 and joined the Prescott Vette Sette (PVS,) a two hundred plus member Corvette club. This year he was asked to fill the Vice-President's Office after the existing VP resigned. As VP in PVS he also is Vice Chairman in the Prescott Vette Sette Charitable Foundation, Inc. The foundation was set up to handle all charitable contributions of PVS. Their main fund raising is an annual car show of 275 Corvettes held around courthouse square in Prescott. All EMCC members are invited to attend. The show will be 25 to 27 September 2020. Les will provide a flyer when ready.

Rooster's 2010 Grand Sport is shown above is outside his brother's house in Connecticut in 2013. The car now has over 140,000 miles on it and is registered in AZ (no front license plate required.)



#### **36TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

By Mal Smith. Photos by Eric Hart

Beacon's Restaurant in Walpole was the venue where 77 of EMCC's finest celebrated on Saturday evening, February 22<sup>nd</sup> the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club.



The evening event started at 6 PM with meet and greet which lasted until 7 PM when we proceeded to have dinner. Prior to dinner, all club members who attended the event had their pictures taken by our volunteer photographer, Sherry Wilson. Those who attended the event were also presented with a string of mardi gras beads which enabled them to have a free cocktail. The food was buffet style and was very good. The sirloin tips were exceptionally good. There was plenty of food and I am sure no one went home hungry.



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It was so good to see so many of the members joining in at such a significant event. We celebrate the Club Anniversary every year in February and we look forward to it all year. There was a table occupied by lots of the long time members of the Club. The conversations at the table included all the crazy things we did way back then. Glad we have those memories. There were some new members of the Club who attended the party for the first time and their comments were all positive.

Dinner was followed by our Awards presentation:
President, Steve Wilson for service 2018-2019.
Vice President, Mal Smith for service 2018-2019.
Social Chair, Joe O'Connor for service 2018-2019.
Membership Chair, Bruce Kolovson for service 2018-2019.
Publications Chair, Keith Jacobson for service for many years.



A President's Award is presented every year for the person who the President feels was outstanding in service to the Club for the year. This year the winner of that award was Mal Smith.





After dessert was served, the former Officers and Chairpersons were thanked for their efforts and the new slate of Officers and Chairpersons were introduced.

Then....raffle time. Quite a few restaurant gift cards were raffled off together with two 50/50 raffles. The winners of the first 50/50 were Joel/Maureen Baker with a winning amount of \$200.00. The second winner was Kamera Keith with a winning amount of \$200.00. The centerpieces (Gerber Daisies) were given to the person at the table who answered the secret question correctly.













There was dancing and socializing for the rest of the evening.

A huge thank you goes out to Steve Sylvia and Bill Schroeder, the Anniversary Chairpersons and their helpers. Great job! Thank you to Judy Pitasi for her excellent skills in selling and organizing the raffle tickets. Thanks to Sherry for taking Club pictures. Thanks to all who attended who made the event a success.

And....the weather was perfect!

SMOKEN - Mal



#### Ready set go!

By Arne Johnson

Its 56 degrees out today. What one would call an exceptional day for late February. Despite the Spring like weather, it is not the warmth of the weather that tells me Spring is near. It is instead the signs of early car show plans that are appearing on line and which actually indicate how close we are to opening the garage and barn doors and letting our Corvettes run wild again.

A car detailer in Holliston is announcing an early season "Cars and Coffee" as is an Asphalt Company in Bellingham. r catalog.



While exploring on line, I also noticed the mention of a Bentley Car Show. I never have seen a plan for exclusively Bentley Automobiles and I still haven't. It was in fact a reference to Bentley College holding their very first all car show. Bass Pro plans have also been circulating. These are definite indications that the season will soon cast its spell on all Corvette owners once again.

As part of preparation for the Spring, cars will be cleaned and shined. I recently came across a new type of wax. It's referred to as "CERAMIC 3-in-1 WAX" and is the only product I know of that contains a ceramic solution. It is easy to apply from a spray bottle. I have applied it to two of my cars including my Vette. Members who have seen my car know it has always had a good shine. I tested the new product by doing  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the truck. The ceiling light reflected on each side. The light reflection was good on the original finish but was better than good on the newly polished side. At that point I knew I had a winner.

A photo of the car is above. The product is a trademark of Griots Garage and may be purchased on line or via their catalog.



#### Lunch at Eagle Brook Saloon

EMCC meets every Wednesday for lunch and a member chooses each week where we eat. Bob Wodagaza was able to join us and chose the Eagle Brook Saloon. Loves the Beef Stew!

It was great turn out including some of us working stiffs. . Steve Sylvia was present but could not be shown per his contractual agent obligations. Actually, it was me or him that fit in the photo and he wouldn't stop moving and throwing stuff at Frank.

The only Vette in attendance was Bill's . Bill has a lift in his garage. Bill stores his C7 onsite. Be like Bill. Get a lift.

-Gerry





### Live Bullet - Bob Seger Tribute Band Twin Rivers Casino

February 7<sup>th</sup> was a great night at Twin Rivers Casino. Our very own Gerry Criscenzo, bass guitarist extraordinaire, played all evening with his band, Live Bullet. It was a wild party with the dance floor full of supporters of the band. The music was excellent and the interaction with the band and the dancers was so much fun.



It seems that EMCC has become very attached to Live Bullet and the entertainment they provide. This was one of a few times that EMCC had gone to the Casino to see Gerry play. Who says you need to be in your Corvette to have fun?

Steve Wilson, Bob and Mary Helen Hanson, Glenn and Patty Cosgro, Mal, Judy and Cheryl along with some of their friends, Angie and Joe were the groupies of the night.

Thank you, Gerry for a great night.

**SMOKEN Mal** 





### TWIN RIVER CASINO (Band Perspective)

Thank you and a shout out to Judy, Mal, Steve W., Bob, MaryHelen, Glenn, Patty and Cheryl, for braving that night's wind storm and coming out to Twin River Casino to have some fun.

To a performer, the energy of a crowd is an indescribable feeling. It only gets better when your friends are in that crowd; dancing, smiling, laughing, supporting you and having a great time. At that moment ... life very is good.

When you see your friends on the dance floor having a great time because of the music that you're playing, it's an experience that only performers know and is hard to express. To me, it is, joyful, ... soul filling.

So, thank you, my friends. And ... I hope you won some money!!

-Gerry (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right)



# MEET THE MEMBERS

Here's your chance at fame!

Have a great story about yourself, an accomplishment, or your car or its history? We would all love to know more about our members, so please share.

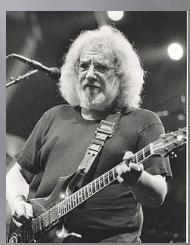
### A Long Journey

By "KAMERA" Keith E. Jacobson

I don't know when my love affair with cars began. My family was in the tire business, a big Goodyear dealer, and my earliest memories are of going to work with my dad on Saturdays and playing around the tires. Through the years I worked there on weekends and during school vacations. After college, I became a full time employee.



As far back as I can remember, I always liked vehicles. On our way to work, we would drive by Cycle Craft, now Boston Harley-Davidson, and I would drool looking at the Electra Glides parked out in front. Sometime in my early teens, I saw a midyear Vette parked in a neighbor's driveway. Whenever I walked by, I always thought "I'll bet he'll sell that someday." One sad day I was right it was gone.



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When it came time to buy my first car to commute back and forth to college I had my eye on a new AAR Cuda at the Chrysler-Plymouth dealer down the street. My family talked me out of such an "impractical" car and I settled on a new 1968 VW bug. I loved that car and washed it almost every day. I added mag wheels and bigger tires, removed the rear fenders and put on wider fiberglass one and made many other modifications.

Somewhere along the way, the tire business lost its charm. For fun, I had been taking evening classes in photography at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. My instructors looked at what I was doing and told me "you could make a living at this." I figured they told all the students the same thing and blew it off. Eventually the world of parties and celebrities seemed like it might be a cool and fun career. So I took a leap of faith, thought for about a year, I didn't do very much. Slowly things started to click.

At first, I was staff photographer for a non-profit. Some local papers opened up and I became a freelancer for them and later did work for the Associated Press. There were a lot of pictures of school committee meetings, buildings, potholes, high school sports, etc.. Along the way, many famous people passed in front of my lens.

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Here's your chance at fame!

Some of the memorable ones were Frank Sinatra at Symphony Hall at a benefit for Tony Conigliaro, events at the stadium in Foxboro for the Rolling Stones, The Police, Simon and Garfunkel and others. I was also able to secure one-on ones during publicity tours for many like Robert Duvall and John Travolta, and the last Boston appearance of the Grateful Dead among many others.









Fast forward about 40 years when I decided to retire. Within a few months of that decision, I started taking care of my elderly dad. One day in a conversation with him, he was 99 at the time, I was talking about Corvettes and he asked me "If not now, when?" The hunt was on.

I called local dealers but no one had what I wanted. There was an allocation system and the dealers made sales taking into account how many cars they were allocated. Then I Googled the largest Corvette dealer in the US and MacMulkin came up as the number two largest dealer. The number two Corvette dealer in New Hampshire...huh?

They informed me that they had two 2014 Corvettes coming in that weren't sold yet...a red and a white. They were both close to what I wanted. We reached a deal over the phone, I sent a \$3,000.00 deposit immediately to claim the car and send them the tracking number so they would know that it was on the way. I was at the post office 15 minutes later and my deposit was on the way. I wanted the WHITE one. Several days later MacMulkin called ... I was shocked to find out they sold the white one by mistake, but the red one was still available. Maybe all Corvettes are red but I wanted white. It was the end of the 2014 run and no new orders were being taken. After some more phone calls, we stuck and deal and I ordered a 2015. As they say, the rest is history.

This September will mark six awesome years with my C7. No regrets and a lot of smiles per mile. With the season starting in less than two months.

I hope to SEE YOU ON THE ROAD ... "KAMERA" KEITH.





# EMCC SPECIAL EVENTS



March 7th , Meeting of the Clubs! 10am-2pm : Corvette Mikes, 74 North Main St, Carver MA 508-747-8388

At this event, all New England Corvette Clubs meet and announce their events for the year to create a Master Event List that is sent out to all other clubs. Karen Blandini and Mal Smith (EMCC Prez) are the Event's Co-Chairs this year. For more info, contact Mike at <a href="mailto:mike@corvettemikenewengland.com">mike@corvettemikenewengland.com</a> or Mal Smith @ auntiemal@aol.com.



March 21: 6-10pm, Steve & Sherri Wilson's House

Bring a crock pot of your best soup to share and taste so many other delicious soups!



#### April 4, 9:15am - 2pm

#### Dennis Collins, Celebration of Life

We will gather at the Rice Complex in Wrentham at 9:15am for a Drive-By of Dennis' house ending at Lake Pearl. His wife beloved Carolyn will host a Celebration to Dennis' life at Lake Pearl Pavilion on Creek Street.

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## Corvette News & History

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### Track the Shipping of Your C8 Corvette On the Jack Cooper Transport Website

By Jeremy Welborn - Feb 20, 2020

More on Corvette Blogger

Did you know that you can track the shipping of your <u>C8 Corvette</u> on the Jack Cooper Transport website?

Thanks to
CorvetteForum.com
member ChiTownVetteT
ech, we have learned
that it's possible to track
any Corvette by VIN
during shipping. I just
checked mine and the
shipping status shows
"Pendina."



Photo Credit: Dawn Marie Melhorn

Once you see your status, you can copy the Freight Build Number and search using that number to see all of the Corvettes that are on that particular manifest.

After your Corvette has been delivered, you can print a delivery receipt if you'd like one to keep.

To find the shipping status of your 2020 Corvette, go to <a href="https://www.palsapp.com/">https://www.palsapp.com/</a>, then click on the search icon on the top right of the page (looks like a magnifying glass). Enter your VIN and click the search icon to the right of the input field.

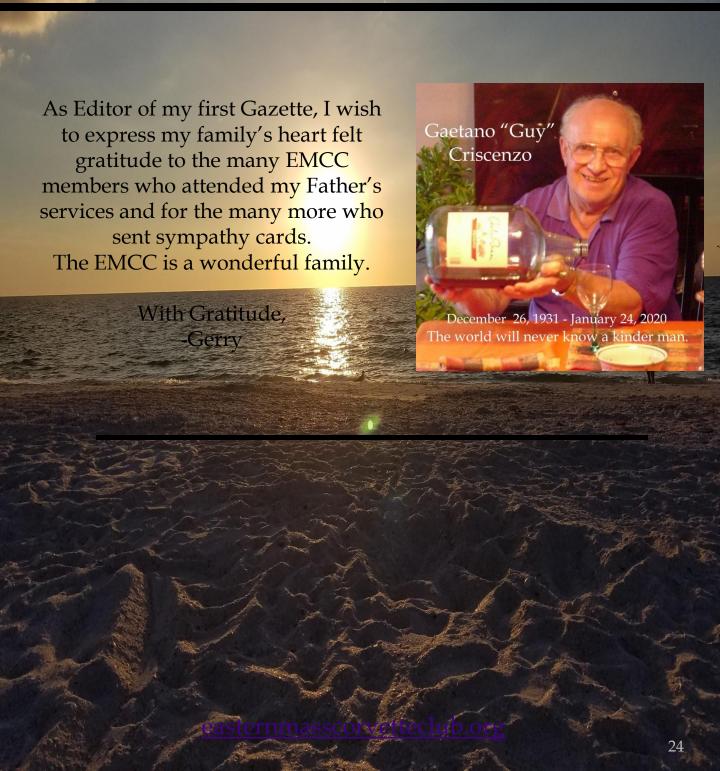
Enjoy!



### SUNSHINE

More than a car club, we are strength in prayer.

At times we need prayers, support or simply the need to share with friends who care. If you are authorized to share and wish to, please email the <a href="Editor">Editor</a> directly. To ensure privacy, the Editor will refuse unauthorized content. There is no deadline to share.





### Merchandise

Order all EMCC merchandise, hats, clothing, bags, etc.



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

106 Main St. Medway, MA 02053, 508-533-5080 http://tri-valleysports.com/



The National Corvette Museum, corvettemuseum.org, has a store which offers all sorts of Corvette apparel.

Want to add bling to anything? Visit https://www.facebook.com/alendasalitzvd esigns/

Order directly from Glenda or you can send her your favorite item(s) and she will "bling" it for you.





### FOR SALE

For all things automotive.

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Ads will only re-run if requested and only for 3 issues.

Send Ads directly to Editor.



# EDITOR'S NOTES



- Hello Everyone.
- I want to first thank Keith for leaving me some very big shoes to fill after putting so much of his heart and soul into the Gazette, and for so many years. It's a lot of work and he deserves a round of applause. Cheers, Keith.
- As you've read the Gazette, you've realized that Keith attends many events across the country and has personally supplied much of the content in each Gazette. He attends far more events than I will ever hope to (I'm still a working stiff), and I am hoping that we will continue to get great reports, photographs and great content from Keith.
- This Gazette, however, is and always has been a Member's publication. As Keith did, I am relying on you, the members, for content. Please continue to submit any stories, commentary, photos, humor, news, events, etc, that are appropriate for this publication. I'll send periodic requests and reminders because I know we're all busy.



- Thank you for this opportunity and I'm looking forward to the EMCC fun that 2020 brings down the road, with Sunna, and continue bringing you a fun and informative Gazette.
- Save the wave!
- Gerry Criscenzo, VP, Editor. gcriscenzo@gmail.com



# EDITOR'S NOTES

One Last Note



#### Joe Perry And His Vette

Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry poses for a portrait with his 1975 Corvette Stingray on August 10, 1975 in front of "THE WHEREHOUSE" in Waltham, behind Moe Black's......

- with Dotty Geraigery.



Apparently, Dotty has no clue about Corvette years and body styles.

I rehearsed in that same "warehouse" and many people always waited for them to come out to their cars. Most times, Joe was driving his Jeep CJ.

#### Fun Fact:

On the Album "Rocks" the fire engine sirens heard on the intro of "Rats in the Cellar" are the Waltham Fire Department, right across the street from the warehouse, beside "Moe Blacks."