



## **President's Message**

November...The end of our cruise season is near. I hope not!!!  
But I have heard whispers of Vettes getting ready to be  
put away for the winter.

Hopefully the good weather continues this month. We had a great weather  
in October for our cruise to Montreal. A great time, 14 cars 27 people,  
great weather, great friends, and a great city.  
Thanks for Jim & Kaye Gable for putting this trip together.



EMCC also showed what a great club it is with 17 Vettes showing up  
for our fall foliage cruise. We had a nice cruise, wagon ride to  
picked apples, and then lunch.  
Thanks to Bruce and Sue Kolovson for putting this together.

November starts the holiday season and I hope that EMCC will do its part again  
this Thanksgiving by helping holiday turkeys to families in need in the Franklin area. Bob and  
Barbara Gardner will no longer be hosting this event, read about it in this issue, volunteers are  
still needed.

And as the holidays start, Sherry and I want to wish all members and their  
families a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

As always I am "GDTOGO"

Steve Wilson, EMCC President



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# WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



Woodward Avenue (M-1) is 27 miles long and it runs from Detroit to Pontiac, Michigan. It is sometimes referred to as “Detroit’s Main Street.” Although known for the annual Woodward Dream Cruise (WDC) it’s history includes more than that. It is listed as an Automotive Heritage Trail by the Federal Highway Administration. Much of the US auto industry grew up along it’s path. “In 1909, the first mile of concrete highway in the world was built between Six and Seven Mile roads and in 1919 the nation’s first three-color traffic light appeared on the thoroughfare” according to michigan.gov. .



In the 1950's and 1960's "Woodwording" became popular as cruisers gathered at local



restaurants, cruised Woodward, and drag raced on the avenue. Rumor has it that engineers from Ford and GM would take cars out late at night and race against each other. Today Woodward is best known for the "Woodward Dream Cruise" ... always held the third Saturday in August between the cities of Ferndale and Pontiac ... rain or shine. For the WDC you just show up. There is no registration or fees just drive onto Woodward and you are in. Woodward is four lanes on either side. Cruisers are supposed to drive in the two lanes closest to the curb with through traffic in the other lanes. It gets mixed up with regular cars in with the cruisers. The numbers thrown around suggest between 30,000-50,000 cruisers and somewhere in the neighborhood of 1.5 million attendees. Sounds crowded? It is but very manageable.



Finding a spot to park and watch it can be tough. I saw parking offered at as high as \$75.00. Cruising around I eventually found a free space right on Woodward and made fast friends with some local car guys. Many car clubs and groups have reserved space along the route, as well as, manufactures, and vendors. So the show is along both sides of the road too.

You see cars that you know and some that you probably don't. There are even some really weird things sprinkled in like a huge BJ's Club motorized shopping cart, an upside down van, there was what appeared to be a 12 seat stretched Pontiac station wagon, and as I was backing out of my parking spot in my rear view mirror I saw a beach umbrella coming down the road. It turned out to be a motorized picnic table complete with picnickers and coolers.



Car and Driver included it in a list of "10 Events to See Before You Die." I totally agree!!! What an awesome week. It is an easy drive ... two drivers in a car could do it in one day. A little long for a solo pilot. I made a stop on the way out, in Lockport, N.Y. and took a short boat ride on the Erie Canal. On the return home I stopped at Niagara Falls. Both stops broke the ride up into easy segments. Would I go back? You bet!!!











# BACK TO THE BRICKS

Flint, Michigan

Story and Photos by Keith E. Jacobson



Flint, Michigan is recently famous for the very bad water issues that were experienced there. Most Corvette owners know it for a different reason ... [the very first production Corvettes](#), all 300 of them, were produced in Flint.

On the third Saturday in August when the Woodward Dream Cruise takes place, on the same day, [Back to the Bricks](#) happens in Flint. With an estimated 500,000 attendees. Not being able to do both events in one day I opted to attend the Back to the Bricks hot dog



cookout and car show on the prior Friday. They also have events leading up to this and you can find these on their [web site](#) if you are interested.

Going to different shows in other areas gives the opportunity to see a variety of cars. I saw a Willys Ace DeLuxe...a car I don't think I ever saw before and to top it off the owners name was Willy. There is always a good representation of Corvettes at these events and a little bit of everything.

Many people showed up to meet some of the crew from the Counting Cars TV show. In attendance were Kevin, Ryan, and Mike who signed autographs for fans. They also had with them a wild truck and trike. A great event in the line up of activities for the week.





# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Vettes to Vets

Story by "SMOKEN" Mal Smith

Photos by Bob Gardner, Gerry Criscenzo, Pat Nagle

Karen Blandini and the Vettes to Vets team pulled together yet another wonderful tribute to our Veterans at this annual event always held on the last Sunday in September. This year on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.



The day started out for EMCC with members meeting up at Joe's Bar and Grill on Route 1 in Dedham at 8:30 AM. Our leader, Joe O'Connor, lead us to the Marriott Courtyard in Billerica as the meeting spot/staging area for Corvette owners from all over the New England area and beyond. The camaraderie of all who attended was overwhelming. Those in attendance bring comfort items of clothing, personal items, cash donations, and more for the Veterans



who are at the Edith Nourse Rogers VA Hospital in Bedford. Our donations serve Vets from



World War II through current day conflicts. They also benefit Veterans who are homeless as stable housing is sought for them.



This year approximately 726 Corvettes attended the event and were in the parade from the Marriott to the hospital where we all parked on the grounds. The Vettes were adorned with American flags and were greeted by many folks who lined the parade route waving, clapping, shouting, and complimenting the Vettes. What a beautiful



day for such an impressive display of the All-American Sports Cars. The Vets who I had an



opportunity to speak with were so thankful for our support. This event is to support them and thank them for their service.

Lunch was served to all who attended. It was prepared and served by the troops from Hanscom Air Force Base/Bedford. There was music by the “Never Easy” band and several presentations including one by a Color Guard and guest speakers.



Be sure to put Vettes to Vets 2020 on your calendar for next year (September 27, 2020). It is ALWAYS the last Sunday of September, rain or shine.



# WAR VETERANS TRIBUTE CRUISE IN

Story and Photo by Keith E. Jacobson

This year on the day that EMCC went to Vettes to Vets there was another event honoring veterans that was held in Rhode Island. EMCC was one of the event sponsors. Having our crew going to V2V I decided to represent in Rhode Island and on Sunday, September 29, took a ride over to the Rhode Island Veterans Home. This is not a Corvette exclusive event while there were many Corvettes, there were hot rods, classics, motorcycles, military vehicles, and more.

There was food, music, raffles, someone selling care care products, and some crafts tables. The event, back after a four-year hiatus, was a great success with over 380 cars in attendance when I left. As stated in their flier:

The Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol is the new residence of many of our state's Greatest Generation. There are currently veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War residing here. Many veterans of the various wars never made it back home — hence the theme "ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL". This event is in memory and in honor of all of the brave men and women who have served our country. Our freedom is the gift of their sacrifice. To continue to show our gratitude we have organized the 2019 War Veterans Tribute Cruise-In and we ask you — and your favorite ride — to join in the tribute.

At our last event over 400 vehicles were in attendance and we are hoping for an even larger turnout this year. As in past years a select group of veterans will be doing the judging, and any vehicle (bikes included) has a chance to be chosen. All proceeds from the event will be used to enhance the living experience of the veterans here at the Home.

