



Vette Gazette

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Regular Cruises

- **Every Tuesday, 3:30: Static Cruise!** Club buys pizza every 2nd Tuesday of the month (members only)
- **Every Wednesday, Noon: Lunch** (location varies)
- **Board Meeting:** Last Monday of every month.
- **Member Meeting:** 1st Monday of every month, 7pm. Conrad's, Walpole. Dinner before the meeting at 6 PM.

Full Details: Check website and email!

Special Cruises

These are "Save the Dates." All info is on our [Website](#) and emailed. Also check with Social Director, Bruce Kolovson, ski1000@verizon.net

- April 12th, 10am. EMCC: Seafood Cruise to Tides Restaurant, Nahant
 - Apr 16, Bass Pro
- Apr 25th, 9am. Pinch's Wash and Shine. Millis, MA
 - Apr 30th, Bass Pro
 - May 9th, Blessing of the Vettes

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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.
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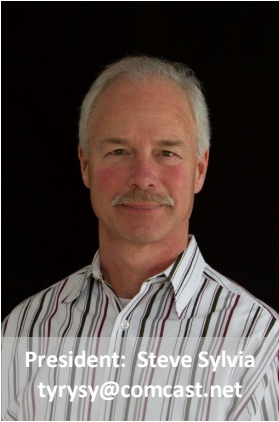


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President's Message

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President: Steve Sylvia
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Welcome EMCC members to my first of many news articles. I want to thank all of the members who made me feel so welcomed as President. Those who attended the meeting to show their support, proving just how strong our membership is.

I have been in the club for over twenty years now and I've enjoyed every year. In the early years I wasn't as available because of other commitments but now I'm retired and very available. I have been president before twice. I've also been secretary a couple times for many years.

I have a few goals I'd like to accomplish as president including updating our Facebook page and our EMCC website to keep members updated on special events, cruises, and current activities effecting our membership. I also want to continue to build on some of our incredible events and cruises.

This is the time to thank our out going officers and welcome the incoming officers.

Spring is just around the corner and this is when the excitement begins with Bass Pro, Static Cruises and Live Cruises. New cruises have been added this year to the calendar.

So EMCC get ready for an exciting cruise season full of events and FUN.

Let's Do This! Save the wave.
Steve Sylvia ----- EMCC President

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In Memoriam

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"Over the years I have great memories. We were on the same team in a bowling league and we always came in second to last. We prided ourselves that we were never last. Mahjong was tons of laughs with good friends.

We always came home with tons of stories from the weekends at the lake. The Corvette trips added adventure to our days.

Sue's smile, sense of humor and friendship will never be forgotten. She is greatly missed."—Kay Gable

<https://www.delaneyfuneral.com/obituaries/susan-campopiano>



Susan Marie Campopiano

September 26, 1950 — February 4, 2026

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Hello EMCC Members,

We all have endured a long and snowy winter thus far but know the days are getting longer and the temperature is rising. Spring is only weeks away and our corvettes will soon see the roads again. While we wait, let's get our Corvettes polished, oil changed and tire pressure checked.

At our general meeting on March 2nd, I spoke about new accessory that will help cool the engine bay of any C8. The accessory is an 'Air Deflector'.

What does it do?

Mounted on underside of the car, it directs/funnels cooler air from under the car to the engine bay. The faster you go the more air is directed towards the engine. It is passive and requires absolutely not maintenance.

Reduces Engine Heat

By funneling cooler ambient air into the engine bay, it will lower the temperature of the headers, catalytic converters, and engine block. Your rear truck will be cooler as well. A video by Horse Power Obsessed (HPO) shows a temperature drop of 40-50 degrees on engine components with the air deflector installed. As we all know excessive heat is an engine killer.

Aerodynamics benefits

Though the main purpose of the air deflector is to cool the engine bay, the deflector also can smooth the underbody airflow and reduce turbulence.

How it installed

The several designs available that are made of either plastics or aluminum. Installation is simple as removing 2 or 3 12mm bolts and reinstalling. Left and right side mounting. Two videos of the installation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wm4MJ5Er8aM> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NscQwLzbNB4&t=35s>

OEM or Aftermarket?

GM has a version that is installed and standard on every Corvette sold in Europe (cost approx. \$170). Also, there are many similar or better designs available in aftermarket, some costing less than \$50 each (2 required). Search Amazon, Paragon, eBay

If you track your Corvette, I believe it is a must to install. For me, I believe I am protecting my engine from excessive heat thus extending its life.

David Yee





Member Submissions!

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A New Type of Auto-Related Theft

is catching many drivers off guard at gas stations. Police are warning motorists about the crime called “sliding.” It occurs when a thief quietly opens the passenger door of a vehicle while the driver is distracted at the gas pump. In many cases the driver is only a few feet away from the vehicle and does not realize the theft is happening. Read the full article and see the video [here](#).

Article submitted by EMCC Member, Jorge Garcia.



Image Credit: WSMV 4 Nashville/YouTube.



The Three A-Knee-Gos

Life issues your ultimatums. Play a game hard, or work in a job that is physical and you can get hurt. Just the fact that we live longer leads to issues of the body. In January and February three members of EMCC faced knee replacement surgery.

First it was Frank Fontana, and a week later, Steve Campbell, and two weeks after that it was Larry Colvin’s turn. All three had been suffering with constant pain in our knees to the point that we said enough. There must be a solution, and the solution is a total knee replacement or Knee Arthroplasty.

The procedure is the knee joint, and many of the ligaments are removed and three pieces made of metal and plastic are replaced to create a new joint. The components are the femur (thighbone) are replaced with metal. The tibia (shinbone) is replaced either with metal or plastic, and sometimes the patella (kneecap) is re-secured but with a piece of plastic between the cap and the joint to allow easy movement. The procedure takes only an hour or two, but the recovery can take up to a year, with most feeling relief after 4-6 weeks.

The main issue with the procedure is it is a very painful recovery, especially the first few weeks. The femur is the largest bone in the body and is also the most prone to pain. It is said that breaking the femur is the most painful of all fractures. To compensate for the pain and swelling the recovering patient takes opioids, combined with acetaminophen initially and gradually moves to just acetaminophen once swelling is reduced and the pain diminishes. Physical Therapy begins just after surgery with the patient getting up and walking with crutches or a walker. Under most circumstances the patient can go home the same day as the surgery. Physical Therapy at home starts in a few days, and post op physical therapy outpatient begins in a few weeks. The therapy can also be initially painful, but regaining motion of the leg is critical to long term recovery. After a few weeks patients begin to realize that the pain is lessening to the point that the knee and leg feel better than it did pre-surgery.

Over all most patients regard this procedure as positive. Doctors claim that it is amongst highest satisfaction rate of all elected procedures.

-Steve Campbell



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Happy 42nd Anniversary, EMCC

Photos: Chrissie Devlin

Story: Gerry Criscenzo

EMCC's 42nd Anniversary party at the Hilton Double Tree in Medfield was a great night of friends, good company, and great food, in addition to installing our new Board. Steve Sylvia became EMCC's new President with Bill Schroeder as his VP.

Both Gary and Donna Crandall took another term as Treasurer and Secretary, while Gerry Criscenzo took another term as Communications and Technology Directory and became the Board's Past Immediate President. Also remaining for another term are Membership Director, Bob Hanson; Social Director, Bruce Kolovson, and Sunshine, Judy Pitasi. Mal continues to be Board special council.



Gerry presented Steve Campbell an award for his great service in the 2-years as his VP, and also presented Donna Crandall with the President's Award for her outstanding efforts. Mal presented each of the Board's spouses with flowers as a thank you for putting up with all this! In addition, many members won numerous wonderful raffle prizes. It was great night!





Vette News!

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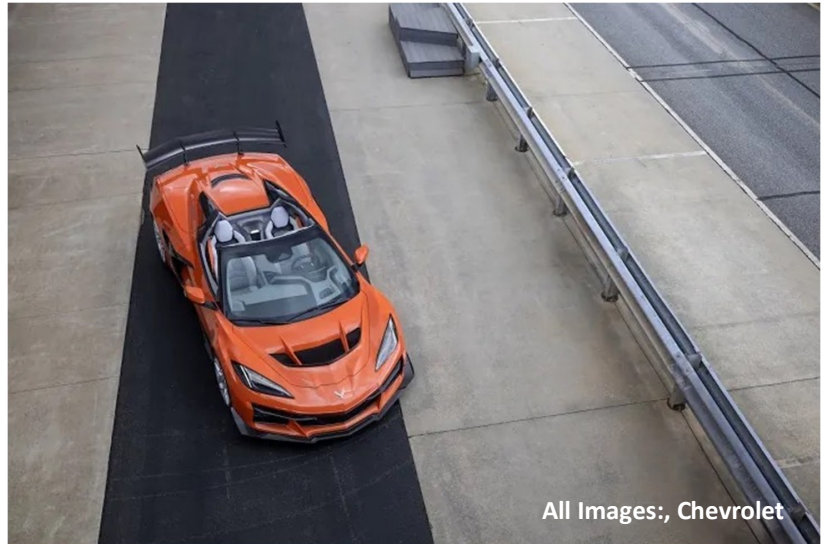
Chevy Engineers Aren't Done with the Corvette after the ZR1X

Submitted by: Scott Sutcliffe

Story: Chris Teague, July 15, 2025 <https://www.thetruthaboutcars.com/cars/news-blog/chevy-engineers-aren-t-done-with-the-corvette-after-the-zr1x-45129583>

Every Corvette generation sees the inevitable march of ever more powerful performance variants, but the eighth-generation cars may take things to a new level. We just learned about the Corvette ZR1X, a massively powerful hybrid car, but Chevy's engineers don't think it's the end of the road for hotted-up mid-engine Corvettes.

"The ZR1X is not the end of the story. It's just the latest chapter," chief engineer Tony Roma told Top Gear. "I think we are going to continue to make the car faster for those bragging rights, because our customers appreciate that. It's the same with any performance car manufacturer – we push each other with Nurburgring lap times for that reason."



All Images:, Chevrolet



For now, the Ford Mustang GTD holds the record at the German track, but Roma thinks Chevy has more runway to compete. "We've done some testing, and all I can say is... stay tuned. We want to be the fastest American car – that's an accolade we'd love to have. Again, it comes down to theory. None of our customers will go and run a sub-seven-minute lap time, but they want to know if they could."

While none of that is an explicit confirmation that another, more powerful Corvette is coming, it's exciting to hear that Chevy's team is still looking at ways to push the envelope. That said, the newest Corvette variants are testing the car's reputation for affordable power, though none have yet come close to the Mustang GTD's more than \$300,000 starting price – yet.





Cyber-Tech Tips & Safety

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Stronger Passwords And No Hassle!

Original Article: Gerry Criscenzo, [High Rock IT Management and Consulting](#)

Many people have **dozens of online accounts**—email, banking, shopping, streaming, and more. Reusing the same password across multiple sites creates serious risk: if one account is compromised, others can be accessed quickly. If someone gains access to your email, **they can reset all your other accounts**. The basic rule is simple: **use a unique password for every account**.

What makes a strong password?

Adding a “1” or “!” to a weak password is no longer effective. Security research shows that **length matters more than complexity**. The best approach is a **passphrase**—a longer phrase that’s easy to remember but hard to guess.

Example approach:

- Start with a memorable phrase: “Lets age with attitude!”
 - Add variation (capitalization, symbols, numbers)
- Result: “Lets@geW1th @tt1tude!” (Do not use this exact example.)

The real challenge: remembering them

Managing dozens of unique passwords is difficult. Writing them down or reusing them defeats the purpose. The practical solution is a **password manager**.

What a password manager does

A password manager securely stores your logins in one place. You only remember one **master password**. Most tools can:

- Generate strong passwords
- Autofill logins
- Alerts you to data breaches

They use strong encryption and often include **two-factor authentication (2FA)**—a one-time code sent to your phone for added security.

Common options

- Lastpass (has free edition and a family option)
- iCloud Keychain (free on Apple devices)
- 1Password (paid, works across all platforms)

Three rules to follow

1. **Use unique passwords** for every account
2. **Avoid saving passwords on shared devices**; always sign out
3. **Protect your email and password manager passwords most carefully**

Bottom line: strong passphrases, a password manager, and a few good habits are still your best first line of defense and significantly reduce your risk online.

