



# Newsletter

May, 2022

***Cruising Season Is Finally Here !!***



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# ***President's Message***

## Presidents Message

As I write this message we are winding down the second month of March, good news is we only have one to go.

It's time to get ours cars off battery tenders and start doing what we all enjoy, driving our corvettes.

For those that couldn't attend our last club meeting I thanked Ken and Ann Knell for putting together an outstanding trip to Braintree to view a private collection of corvettes owned by a friend of Ken and Ann's. The collection is unique as all the corvettes had chrome bumpers. GM stopped chrome bumpers after 1971. Carl had 14 of his cars available to view as 2 were being restored. If we repeat this trip next year for those that couldn't attend I would highly recommend going.

Thanks to Bob and Lorie Furman for leading a group to Corvettes Mikes for the Adam's Detailing exhibition.

We had the opportunity to visit the Cape Cod Technical High School in Harwich. This trip was coordinated by Cindy Mason and Bob Eckel with the school. We had lunch at the culinary school. After lunch we drove our cars to the automotive school and interacted with the students. Then it was off to the collision school and a tour as time would permit throughout the rest of the school. This school services students from Mashpee to Provincetown. Enrollment is approximately 180 students with a wait list of 120 students.

Activities we have coming up are as follows:

4/30 - Ron's Restoration - Meet at Gallo's Ice Rink 8:00 AM, depart at 8:15 AM.

Lunch 12:00 PM Slattery's Restaurant Fitchburg, Ma.

5/13 - Car show at Cape Cod Technical High School, Harwich, Ma. 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

5/14 - Blessing of the Vette's at Corvette Mikes

5/15 - Kickoff cruise lead by Mitch McLaughlin

5/19 - Monthly meeting Sagamore Inn 5:30 PM

5/28 - Memorial Day Flag Placement, National Cemetery, Bourne Ma 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

5/29 - Gate City Corvette Club Car show Merrimack NH

5/29 - Troops in the Spotlight - Hyannis, Ma.

The club is adding to the website “Corvette Corner” This is a place where members can post tips, ask questions and get answers. This enhancement is being lead by Jeff Isch, Bill Collette and Bob Smith. Thanks to all.

Welcome to new members.

Warren and Diana Tobias

Joseph Albanese & Susan Boudrot



### Club Officers and Chairs

President	Don Mason
Vice President	Bob Smith
Treasurer	Cindy Mason
Secretary	Carole Smith
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Member at Large	Bill Collette
Webmaster	Bob Smith
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Membership Co Chair	Bob Marsh
Newsletter	Carole Smith

### ***Sunshine***

***No cards were sent this month***

### ***Welcome New Members***

***Warren & Diana Tobias  
Joseph Albanese  
Susan Boudrot***

## ***May Birthday's***



## ***Happy Birthday***

***Heather Swenson***

***John Albanese***

## ***Special Days in May***

***May 5th      Cinco de Mayo***

***May 7th      Kentucky Derby***

***May 8th      Mother's Day***

***May 30th    Memorial Day***

# **Upcoming May Events**

**May 13**

**Spring Car Show** at the  
Cape Cod Technical High School  
Harwich, MA  
4:00PM - 7:00PM  
Open to all Car Clubs

**May 14th**

**Blessing of the Vettes**  
Corvette Mike's  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

**May 15th**

**Kick Off Cruise**  
Meet at Sagamore Park &  
Ride at 10:45. Cruise to  
Bay Point Grille, Plymouth  
for lunch. Contact Linda  
McLaughlin at  
[lmclaughlin46@gmail.com](mailto:lmclaughlin46@gmail.com)  
if you are going

**May 19th**

**Monthly Meeting**  
Sagamore Inn  
1131`RT 6A  
Sagamore, MA  
5:30PM



**May 28th**

**Flags for Vet's**

**This event begins at 10am – but  
as we have learned previous years, this is  
crowded!**

*I suggest we meet at 9am at Gallo Ice Rink – head over to cemetery by 9:15. That way we arrive ½ hour before start of ceremony which will give us time to park and walk to ceremony. If you are going to attend, please send an email to [hldswenson@comcast.net](mailto:hldswenson@comcast.net) so we have a head count.*

*This is a rain or shine event. Those who have served our great Nation did not get a day off because of inclement weather. If it's raining, we can leave our Corvettes at home and attend with our daily drivers. If you decide not to attend because of rain, please be sure to let me know so we are not waiting for you.*

**May 29th**

**Troops in the Spotlight,**

**K Mart Plaza**

**Hyannis, MA**

**7:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Spring Fling, Merrimack, NH**

**Details on the following  
page**

# Spring Fling 2022

## Gate City Corvette Club



### Presents our **40<sup>th</sup>** Annual Corvette Show **Sunday May 29, 2022**

Registration 8:00 – 11:30  
(Rain Date Sunday July 31, 2022)

Located on the beautiful grounds of Anheuser-Busch  
221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH

- *Registration Fee: \$30.00*
- *First New England Point Judged Show*
- *Grass parking for all cars entered*
- *Music, Food, Raffles and More!*
- *Judging begins promptly at noon*
- *Coupes & Roadsters judged separately*
- *48 Classes – Trophies for Show, Super Street, Street, and Best of Categories*

Designated Corral Parking for Non-Participating Corvettes  
and other Classic Vehicles (\$15.00 Donation)



For more information:

[www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com)

[www.facebook.com/GATECITYCORVETTECLUB](https://www.facebook.com/GATECITYCORVETTECLUB)

Dean Gagne at 1-603-472-3524





# ***Past Events***

***Chrome Bumpers - Thank You Ken Knell  
Everyone had a wonderful time!***



***Beetles Tribute Concert - Thank You  
Linda McLaughlin  
There was not an opportunity for  
pictures. Concert was great and  
everyone had a wonderful time.***

***Detailing - Adams Products - Corvette Mike's  
Thank You Bob and Lori Furman***







***Tour of the Lower Cape Vocational  
Technical High Technical High  
School - Thank You  
Cindy Mason***

***Before the tour of the new school we had a  
delicious lunch in their restaurant staffed by the  
students in the Culinary Department***









***Ron's Restoration, Fitchburg  
Thank You Don Mason***



***Don's Corvette***











***A Great Time Was Had By All !***

# Mass Cruisers is BACK!

**Join Patriot Place every other Thursday from April 7  
October 20 for free and exciting Cruise Nights!**

The Bass Pro Shops Cruise Nights with the Mass Cruisers are known throughout New England. Bi-Weekly hundreds of cars, owners and fans attend for FREE and enjoy all the sights and sounds of Patriot Place.

4:00PM - 9:00PM

May 5th, and 19th

June 2nd, 16th and 30th

July 14th

August 11th and 25th

September 8th and 22nd

October 6th and 20th

***There is Spring Car Show open and free to all clubs at the “Cape Cod Technical High School” on 5/13/22. Show runs between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.***

Rain date 5/20/22



***If you know of any activities the club members would be interested in please contact me with the information. smith-ca@comcast.net***



## Chevy Corvette Wins KBB 2022 Best Resale Value Award

The [Chevy Corvette](#) Stingray has won the 2022 *Kelley Blue Book* Best Resale Value Award in the Sports Car category.

*Kelley Blue Book's* Best Resale Value Awards are an annual recognition of the automakers and vehicle models that retain the highest percentage of their original value on the used market. The [Chevy](#) Corvette took top honors in the sports car category this year and was also listed as the number one model for resale value overall, beating out popular models like the Ford F-Series, Toyota 4Runner and Tesla Model X. The best brand for resale value was Toyota, while the best luxury brand was the Japanese automaker's luxury arm Lexus.

According to *Kelley Blue Book*, much of a vehicle's resale value is based on supply and demand, as well as "current and projected future market conditions." Some vehicles, however, like the Chevy Corvette, also retain a high percentage of their original value as they are not often discounted from new and generate high levels of consumer interest. In other words, shoppers in the market for a Chevy Corvette may be willing to pay a higher amount for a used model if they are unable to locate a new one with any kind of discounted price, and are usually highly motivated to make the purchase.

The publication says an average 2022 model-year vehicle will only retain about 43 percent of its original value after a five-year ownership period, which means a vehicle that sells for \$45,000 new today will only be worth about \$19,350 five years down the road. Vehicles included in this list of the top ten best vehicles for



resale value, by comparison, will retain around 56 percent of their original price on the used market.

Other GM vehicles that received awards for resale value from *Kelley Blue Book* this year include the [GMC Yukon](#) (full-size SUV category) and [GMC Sierra](#) (full-size pickup category).



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# GM Recalls Certain C8 Corvette Models For Missing Halfshaft Bearings

General Motors and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have issued a product safety recall for a small number of [C8 Corvette Stingray](#) units that were mistakenly shipped with missing halfshaft bearings.

**The problem:** affected C8 [Corvette](#) Stingray models had improperly manufactured half shafts installed at the factory that were missing one or more ball bearings. This can result in a loss of drive power, as the engine may not be able to properly deliver power to one or both of the rear wheels. The C8 Corvette Stingray is manufactured exclusively at the [GM Bowling Green Assembly](#) plant in Kentucky.

**The hazards:** a sudden loss of drive power could prove to be a hazard in traffic and may increase the risk of a crash. No crashes or injuries have been caused as a result of this problem.

**The fix:** dealers will be instructed to replace the left or right rear half-shaft assemblies. These repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

**Affected components:** driveshaft assemblies.

## **Affected vehicles:**

- 2021 Corvette Stingray
- 2022 Corvette Stingray

**Number of affected vehicles:** only 22 vehicles are believed to be affected by this issue.

**Owners should:** GM will mail notification letters to owners of affected vehicles instructing them to make an appointment with their dealer on April 4, 2022. If owners are unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by this recall, they can visit [my.gm.com/recalls](https://my.gm.com/recalls) and type in their VIN to see any open recalls or other actions that may be active on it. Courtesy transportation is available for customers whose vehicles are involved in this recall and are within the warranty coverage period.

**Contacts:**

- GM recall number: N212351320
- NHTSA campaign number: 22V091000
- Chevrolet Customer Service: 1-800-222-1020
- NHTSA Toll Free: 1-888-327-4236
- NHTSA (TTY): 1-800-424-9153

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our  
Website, Corvette Corner***