

Cape Cod



Corvette Club

July, 2021

Newsletter

A large American flag is centered in the upper half of the image, surrounded by a burst of fireworks. The background is dark, and the fireworks are bright and colorful.

**Have a safe and happy
4th of July**



Message From The President

Summer events for the month of July are right around the corner. On July 15th we have our annual New England Clambake. This year the Clambake will be at 6 Gray Birch Rd. East Sandwich, Ma. Cocktails and appetizers will be served at 4:30 PM and dinner at 5:00 PM. Business meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Gray Birch Rd is a cul-de-sac street and will be safe to park your cars.

July 23th we have our Cape Cod Canal Sunset Cruise, the cruise is from 8:00 - 10:30 PM, music provided by the Michele Rockwell Band. On the schedule for July 30th is a Poker Run, this event will be rescheduled later in the year. Most likely after tourist season. We will keep you apprised of the new date.

At our last business meeting we had the following new members Steve and Sandy Ghilardi, Jim Polando and Judi Stella. When you have a chance introduce yourself to our new members. The more new members we get the stronger our club will be.

A reminder to the membership that we still have an ongoing raffle for an "Amish" quilt. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each and the money go's to our charity account. Send your checks to Cindy Mason at 6 Gray Birch Rd. East Sandwich, Ma. 02537.

Don Mason



Club Officers and Chairs

President	Don Mason
Vice President	Bob Smith
Treasurer	Cindy Mason
Secretary	Carole Smith
Presidential Appointee	John Baldi
Member at Large	Bill Collette
Webmaster	Bob Smith
Charity Chair	Dennis Valentie
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Social Chair	Linda McLaughlin
Clothing Chair	Jeanne Tassinari



**Our Condolences to Mitch
and Linda McLaughlin on
the death of Linda's mom**

July Birthdays

Steve Ghilardi July 5

Jay Smith July 6

Carole Smith July 11

*Please let me know if I
missed anyone*



Sunshine

***Sympathy card sent to the
McLaughlin's***

**If you know of a member who is ill,
having surgery or a difficult time
and needs a little sunshine please
let me know so we can send them
a card and good wishes.**



Summer Fun

July Events

July 15 - CCCC Business Meeting - New England Clambake
Don and Cindy Mason's House, 6 Grey Birch Rd
East Sandwich
4:30 Cocktails & Appetizers, 5:30 Dinner, 7:00
Business Meeting 4:30

July 24 - Cape Cod Canal Sunset Cruise, Onset Pier
Meet at Marc Anthony's La Pizzeria 4:30 PM

July 30 - Mystery Cruise

If you have any ideas about another event you would like to
include in our calendar contact Linda McLaughlin

15 Fun Facts about Corvettes

1. Haley Earl, the designer of the Corvette, initially designed his roadster under the name "Project Opel." The original target price point was a mere \$2,000.
2. There's a bit of resemblance between early Corvettes and the Jaguar XK120 due to Haley Earl drawing some inspiration from the classic Jaguar.
3. The Corvette has been produced in three different cities: Flint, Bowling Green, and St. Louis.
4. The first Corvette retailed for \$3,513 in 1953. Adjusted for inflation, that's an affordable \$31,608!
5. Myron Scott, who worked as a photographer for Chevrolet, named the Corvette after a small warship of the same designation.
6. The Corvette is the only vehicle to ever offer a legitimate "wrap-around" windshield.
7. The original Corvette logo featured the classic checkered flag crossed with the American flag. However, when designers learned that using the stars and stripes on a commercial product was illegal, the logo was changed to the traditional bow-tie emblem and a fleur de lis.
8. The Corvette has been used as the pace car of the Indianapolis 500 thirteen times, more than any other vehicle!

9. You might be surprised to learn that the 1968 LT-2 Corvette prototype is the fastest in history, completing the quarter mile in 10.86 seconds and going 0-60 in 2.8 seconds. Though the 2009 ZR1 came close with a quarter mile at 11.4 seconds, the old prototype still reigns supreme.

10. The original 1953 Corvette offered only 2 options—a heater for \$91 and an AM radio for \$145. A Corvette with all the trimmings would set you back a total of \$3,749.

11. The original Sting Ray designs were partly taken from an actual Mako Shark caught by designer Bill Mitchell while deep sea fishing.

12. In 1960, GM gave all three Mercury 7 astronauts—Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, and Chuck Yeager—brand new Corvettes as a publicity stunt.

13. The 1953 Corvette came in only one color option: Polo White with a red interior. The last year the Polo White color was used was 1957.

14. V8 engines weren't available as an option until 1955. And in that year, 90% of all customers selected the option. Since then, all Corvettes have offered nothing but V8 engines.

15. Only one 1983 model Corvette is still known to exist, and it's on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This is due to quality issues that caused GM to stop production until the problems could be solved. By the time the issues were straightened out, it was so late that the fixed Corvette was introduced as the 1984 model.

Taken from

<https://www.gmpartscenter.net/blog/corvette-fun-facts>

Richard McCarthy Memorial

Richard will be sorely missed



Club Activities

Chicken BBQ

The Chicken BBQ was a huge success. 24 members attended. There was plenty of delicious food, tons of laughs and a great time had by all. Thank you Mitch and Linda for doing a fabulous job!!



Lobster Boat Sunset Cruise

It was a beautiful evening for the cruise. Going out was a bit choppy but coming back was much smoother. We had 16 members and everyone had a great time. There were lots of laughs and the food was delicious

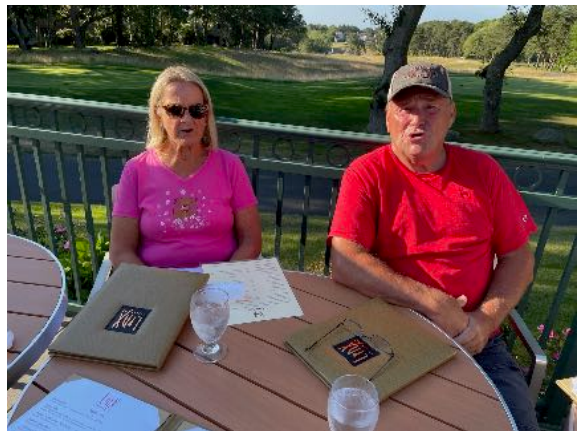


Mystery Cruise

Kevin Maddy

We had a wonderful evening cruise. We had fifteen cars and cruised around Harwich, Chatham and Brewster. We ended the cruise in Brewster at the Linx Tavern at Ocean Edge. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

Thank you, Kevin



Corvette News

My First Corvette Bob and Debbie MacLean

Back in 2004, when we lived in Mendon, Debbie and I had Nana come watch the kids while we took a few days in Newport RI. Unbeknownst to her, I rented a 2003 blue C5 convertible for the weekend. She came home from work and saw it in the driveway and said what is this? I of course said, I just bought it. I got a little bit of “without talking first?”. Then I came clean with the car, but it did test the waters. We had a great time driving around Newport and I got a bit giddy with then at the time, the performance. It was not more than a week later I was at MacMulkin making a deal. There were a few of the last C5’s available as the C6 was coming out. I think I was one of Tommy Thompsons Jr’s early customers. I bought a 2004 black coupe. What is funny, is at delivery, I locked the keys in the car which delayed trip back from NH. Tommy still reminds me. We really enjoyed the car, and it started my Vette fever. Here is what she (the car :^) looked like.



What Our Members have been doing!

Bob & Carole Smith's Trip to the White Mts

Bob and I went to The White Mountains for 5 days. The weather was absolutely beautiful. We were able to check out the vacation home our son is building in Lovell, ME. We were also able to see a colleague we haven't seen in 16 years. Our main reason for going was to map out a trip for the club in September thru the White Mountains and staying in North Conway, NH.



John & Carol Baldi's 1993 40th Anniversary Corvette

In February of 2017 Our 1993 40th anniversary Corvette was invited to be on display in the NCRS Gallery at the 2017 Corvettes at Carlisle. Our Corvette had won a NCRS Top Flight award in 2015 with a score of 98 out of a 100.

So in August of 2017 we made arrangements to trailer it to Carlisle Pa for display from Wednesday to Sunday in the NCRS tent on the fairgrounds. We were a little nervous about leaving it there every night but were assured it would be safe and guarded with the other NCRS Corvettes. We were giving white polo shirts to wear and a display plaques for the front of the car. Our only obligation was to spend a few hours every day to explain about the vehicles to the people who came into the tent.

On Sunday morning we were presented with a plaque by the president of Delaware Valley NCRS and Lance Miller and his Mother and Bob Miller of



Things To Do And Places To Go

Audrain Concours in Newport

<https://www.audrainconcours.com/>

If you click on events and the tour d'elegance you will see the route for the parade of cars and they mention stopping for coffee at Ft. Adams State Park. There is not much parking in Newport but you can catch the parade route somewhere after you go for coffee and look at all the cars at Ft. Adams.

Cape Cod Classic Car Club Events

Date	Event Name Updated 5-20-21	Time	Information
May	Check website & facebook often for updates to Event Calendar		
5	Pizza Mini Cruise Brother's Pizza 608 Main St Dennis Port (weekly / Wednesday event) discount Pizza Slices available at 6PM	6PM	Location: municipal parking lot off Main St. Rt 28 before Improper Bostonian
23	Spring Cruise (Sunday) Hyannis port & Veteran's Park Tailgate information packet with full details on route and tour will be emailed separately	11:00 AM	Meet @ Kalamus Beach 670 Ocean St. Hyannis by 11A Depart time: 11:15
29	First Saturday Night Cruise (weekly event) Patriot's Square	4:30 till dusk	
30	17th Annual Troops in the Spotlight (Sunday) Kmart Plaza Hyannis	4P - 7P	Assigned Club Time
June			
5	Thirwood Place Car Show & Cookout (Saturday) Limited to 35 cars/club members only/ no vaccination requirement/ BUT Mask are required /RSVP by Wed. June 2nd to Ron@ capecodclassicscarclub@gmail.com	11A -2P	Location: 237 N. Main St. S. Yarmouth
12	Heritage Annual Show (Saturday) Sandwich MA Highlight: Early Ford V8 Club	10A-2P	Registration info Heritage Website: May 17th
20	Sunday Father's Day Car Show & Cookout Maplewood Limited to 30 cars/ club members only that are fully vaccinated / RSVP by Wed.June 9th to Ron at capecodclassicscarclub@gmail.com	11A -2P	Location:579 Buck Island W. Yarmouth
July			
24	"Cars Under the Stars" Saturday Cruise Night	6PM	
25	Howard Lodge Car Show S. Yarmouth (Sunday)		info pending
August			
21	Dennis Antique Car Parade (Saturday)	11A - 1P	Registration info. Unavailable
28	Blast From The Past (Saturday)	11A - 5P	
Sept			
15	Keystone Place Car Show & Cookout (Wednesday) rain date 16th (Thursday)	5P-7P	Location: 218 Main St. Buzzards Bay
18	Lemon Tree Mall (Saturday) Lunch will be served need to RSVP	11A - 3P	Location: RT 6A Brewster
Oct			
2	Kalmus Beach Cruise In no food/ bring a Bag lunch (Saturday)	11A - 3P	Location: 670 Ocean St Hyannis

Patriots Place, Foxboro MA Bass Pro Shops Cruise Nights are back.

Please check this link for more information

<https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/>

Corvette's At Carlisle

August 26 - 28, 2021

<https://www.carlisleevents.com/events/>

Sham Rod's

Hello Everyone:

Like many of you we have been chomping at the bit to get out and see our friends. The Sam Rods Car Club will resume nightly cruise ins **June 1st**. We are excited to be at a new location,

Canterbury Plaza, 331 Cotuit Rd, Sandwich, <https://www.tsakalosrealtitrust.com/canterbury-plaza>.

We will be set up in front of Two Brothers Pizza & Mexican. The cruise will start at 5 PM every Tuesday night weather permitting and run through the 50/50 which is about 7:30 weather and sunlight permitting.

The funds we raise through sponsorships and raffles go to support "Meals on Wheels" and the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School scholarship program. We want to thank Tsakalos Realty Trust, the plaza owner, who has been a big help in getting us going. Please note that most of the business, except the restaurants, close at 5 PM, so please be respectful of their patrons.

Remember life is too short to drive boring vehicles!

We look forward to seeing all of you.

Devens Autocross

Located at Devens Airfield

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/venues/devens-airfield-ayer-ma>

Seekonk Speedway

***2021 Event Schedule is Out
A fun place to go!***

Checkout their website

<https://seekonkspeedway.com/event-schedules/>

Please keep checking our website and calendar for up coming events. Many fun events are in our future.

If you know of an event that members might be interested in please let me know.

smith-ca@comcast.net

National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, Kentucky

Since C8 Corvette production resumed in June, over 17,000 2021 models have left Bowling Green, including a few pre-production Z06 models.

If you've been waiting for your **2021 C8 Corvette**, you know it's been a rough road thus far. A lot of the rough travel's been due to semiconductor shortages, which have affected nearly every automaker. In fact, those shortages brought Bowling Green down for three weeks in May, thus bringing Corvette production to a halt.

However, the silver lining in the shutdown allowed GM to build back up all the bits it needs to resume production of America's sports car in June. As this month draws to a close, **Corvette Blogger** took a look at the numbers to date. Seems things are looking as bright as the summer sun.



As of June 24, a total of 17,052 **C8 Corvette** coupes and convertibles made it through Bowling Green's assembly line. According to *Corvette Blogger*, the biggest day of production since restarting June 7 was 196 models. Meanwhile, the lowest number of 'Vettes built totaled 157. June 24 saw 173 built, near the average of 178.4 for the month thus far.

In addition to the 2021 production, though, a handful of pre-production Z06 Corvettes also came together. Alas, it'll be a while until a production-ready C8 Z06 does the same. As reported by **GM Authority** earlier in June, delays from the ebbing global pandemic have pushed the new Z06 back to the 2023 model year. Of course, this only means GM can better tune up one of the hottest 'Vettes expected in the C8 Era.



Alas, more than a few **C8 Corvette** hopefuls will likely end up on the list for a 2022 model. As Corvette chief engineer **Tadge Juechter** told ***Muscle Cars and Trucks***, those whose orders reached event code 3000 or above are guaranteed to receive their cars by the end of 2021 production. This is to prevent what happened in 2020, when some 11,000 customers wound up in the front of the line for the 2021 model year due to the pandemic shutdown.

Once things return to normal in 2022, though, the **C8 Corvette** party will likely go into overdrive, relative to 2020 and 2021. Until then, production for 2021 is forecasted to crest at over 26,000 by the week of September 6, the likely end of the 2021 model year.

Photos: Chevrolet

[Join the Corvette Forums now!](#)

Message from the Secretary

***I hope you enjoy the July Newsletter. I am always looking for suggestions to improve. I am asking for your help by sending me stories and events you think the club might enjoy.
I am still looking for stories and pictures about your First Corvette and any trips you have taken. We had a great month of June in the club and we are looking forward to July.***

***Happy Motoring
Carole Smith***

