

**May, 2021**



# Newsletter

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## Message from the President

The weather on the Cape is starting to make a turn for the better. When Cindy and I moved to the Cape my daughter told us we would experience three months of March. With that said we are definitely on the down hill side.

Our "Kick Off Cruise" is scheduled for May 2nd, John and Carol Baldi will be leading the cruise through out the Falmouth area ending at the Flying Bridge Restaurant. This should be a great cruise, we will have over twenty cars participating, if you have a walkie talkie it might be beneficial keeping all of us together.

Since Cindy and I have been members I can't remember having so many cars cruising. I think with what we all experience this past year we are all yearning to get out with are friends and drive Americas Sports Car.

The clubs social calendar is full of good events and hopefully all members will be participating if it fits their schedule.

As a reminder we have a business meeting scheduled for May 20th at 400 East Restaurant & Bar, 1421 Orleans Rd, Rte 39, East Harwich, Ma. Hope to see you all there.

Don Mason



## Reminders

May 2 - Kick-Off Cruise

May 20th - CCCC Business Meeting

May 23rd - Troops in the Spotlight

May 26th - Mystery Cruise

June 11-13 Trip to Ogunquit Maine

June 17th - CCCC Business Meeting

June 26th - Factory 5

June 30th - Mystery Cruise

Please Check Website for details

## In Memoriam

Sadly we lost two great members.  
They will be greatly missed.



**Richard McCarthy**



**Noel Shumsky**



### *May and June Birthdays*

*Heather Swenson May 8*

*George Malloy May 20*

*Don Travis June 4*

*Bev Travis June 19*

*Janice Valente June 19*

*Please let me know if I missed anyone*



## Sunshine

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.



# Corvette News

## My First Corvette Bill Collette

The year was 1968, I was fresh out of the Coast Guard, with no job prospects. I had been a Corvette lover since I built my first AMT model, at around 12 years of age. My first week out I saw a 1965 Corvette Convertible, 4 speed, Fuelie. I bought it.... Of course when I got home at my parents house and told them... my Dad went threw the roof... He threaten me to cancel the deal unless I had a job. I went looking the next day for a job. [I was always good at determining priorities.] There was a handwriting specialist, who was the owner of a drug store and 2 gas stations. He asked me to write my name, he analyzed it [I guess] before he said go on tell me more and after talking a while hired me. I than became a manager of a Texaco gas station in R.I.. Days later I picked up my used 1965 [first ever] Corvette. Of course it was my everyday driver.... Winter, Summer, Spring, and Fall.. Yep Winter...to. Challenging but I did it for 3 years before buying a junker to use when there was nasty weather. In those days .... that car was fast... 375 HP.

Now old and still dum, my Dad probably would have said, I ordered a 2021 Corvette, my 11th Corvette... 7 months ago and still waiting... I am still a big Corvette nut.. and hoping I live long enough to get the new Corvette.



# ***What Our Members have been doing!***

## **Anderson's trip to Connecticut April 17, 18, and 19th**

Gail and I spent the weekend in Connecticut visiting my best friend and his wife. We hadn't seen them for 14 months due to Covid. We all had our shots and had waited a month after that for the our visit. My buddy Gary has 14 cars and 4 motorcycles. We joined him on Sunday for cars and coffee in Glastonbury, CT. He. Brought his 2017 Silver Acura NSX which is quite a extraordinary vehicle. In addition there was a Mercedes-Benz E-Class E AMG 63 sports car, a Dodge Viper, Maseratti, Aston Martins, Porches, Ferrari's, Corvettes including ZO6s, a ZR1, my 2014 Limerock Green convertible, my wife's 2019 Camaro convertible, a modified C8 with extreme exhausts and Gull Wing doors, an Aston Martin and some older vintage American Muscle cars. After the get together many of us headed over to a Winery in Glastonbury, CT and additional vehicles joined us including a new Corvette C8 Convertible and the star of the cars was a red \$2.7 Million Ferrari La Ferrari. There were number of high end very expensive exotic vehicles but everyone was very down to earth and gracious and just happy to be with people in a somewhat normal Sunday afternoon get together with fine food, wine, a great band. A good time was had by all. See some attached pictures.





## Smith's Trip to Lancaster, PA

**Bob and I have been going to Lancaster, PA for 51 years. It has always seemed like the perfect place for us. I am an avid quilter and the Amish have so many fabric stores. Bob is a woodworker and the Amish are into woodworking and have many shops to visit. Over the years we have purchased all our furniture from the Amish and as a result we have made Amish friends which we visit often. This time we also went to Barry's Car Barn, which is an antique car museum with muscle cars from the 50's, 60's and 70's. There were some great corvettes there. If you are ever in the area it is worth a visit. Bob and Carole**



**What have you been doing? Please send me a paragraph and some pictures.**

**We would love to see your adventures. Please send them to [smith-ca@comcast.net](mailto:smith-ca@comcast.net)**

# Things To Do And Places To Go

## **Barry's Car Barn**

**Antique Car Museum featuring  
Muscle Cars of the 50's-70's**

**<https://www.barryscarbarn.com>**

**Lancaster PA**



## **Seekonk Speedway**

**2021 Event Schedule is Out**

**A fun place to go!**

**Checkout their website**

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

## **Devens Autocross**

**Located at Devens Airfield**

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

## **Patriots Place, Foxboro MA**

### **Bass Pro Shops Cruise Nights**

**Please check with Bass Pro Shop to make sure  
there are no cancellations due to COVID**

2021 Bass Pro Shops Cruise Night Schedule						
Thursday bi-weekly cruise dates are subject to change if a conflict occurs with Gillette Stadium events, Patriot's Thursday night home game dates* and ongoing Massachusetts ongoing COVID-19 mandated outdoor event gathering restrictions.						
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST*	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
8 & 22	6 & 20	3 & 17	1, 15 & 29	12* & 26*	9* & 23	7 & 21
Enjoy your day of cruising nostalgia and fun at the Bass Pro Shops Cruise with the Mass Cruisers						

## **Several Raffles at the Museum**

**<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/national-corvette-museum-announces-special-one-off-anniversary-grand-sport-corvette-raffle/>**

**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.**

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# ***National Corvette Museum***

## ***Bowling Green, Kentucky***

General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager Kai Spande not only works on the Corvette brand, he's also a long-time enthusiast. Having owned a number of models over the years he's excited to share his latest with visitors to the National Corvette Museum.



“I have owned a number of Corvettes and many other fun cars in my life,” shared Kai. “My Corvettes, in order of ownership have been 1978, 1965, 1999, 1969, 1973, and a different 1999. I performed a lot of the work on many of these cars, but for the first time, with this 1966, I bought an old Corvette that was ready to drive. Given the limited time I have to work on cars this made the most sense.”

“My passion, beyond the current production Corvette, is big block engine mid-year (C2) Corvettes.

My 1965 was a big block convertible, although it was not an all original car, and the 1969 was a real L71 optioned 435hp coupe that I sold to Corvette restorer Kevin Mackay.”

“Last year I decided to start looking for another C2 big block Corvette. I was able to locate this Corvette which only has 39,000 miles on it. It was originally purchased in the Northeast United States, but was eventually purchased by a doctor in Franklin, Kentucky. The doctor sold the Corvette to a well-known collector and restorer who restored the car to Bloomington Gold standard. It spent the last part of its life in California, where the owner had recently passed away.”

“I was attracted to the car's very low mileage, originality and level of options. Specific options I love are the side pipes, 4-speed manual transmission, 427 cubic inch / 425hp engine, and the knock off wheels. The power, noise, and nostalgia are spectacular with this car. In a way, I believe that the C2 era of Corvette is reminiscent of what the new Stingray has done for the Corvette brand. At the time, this car was simply off the charts with technology and unparalleled performance, just like the 2020 Stingray. The two cars are vastly different, but to me represent the same level of performance for their respective times. Although, it is not the rarest Corvette in the world, it is a shining example of a fantastic time in Corvette history.”

Kai's Corvette will be displayed in the Museum's lobby on the turntable for the next several months. The Museum is open daily, 8am-5pm CT.

## **Message from the Secretary Carole Smith**

***Hello Everyone.***

***I hope you enjoy this Newsletter. This is your newsletter and I am looking for input from you. I have a couple of new sections, My First Corvette, What Our Members Have Been Doing and informational pages. Please send me your stories so I can put them in our newsletter. Also if you know of any events our members might be interested in please let me know. If you see an interesting article please send it to me.***

***I would also like to have a section on Corvette Tips. This would include helpful hints. This would include tips on maintaining our corvette's or how you might have solved a problem with your car.***

***Looking forward to hearing from our members. Please send information to [smith-ca@comcast.net](mailto:smith-ca@comcast.net)***

***Please continue to check the website for information. The calendar is full of information on upcoming events. All you have to do is click on the event and detailed information comes up. Our Webmaster has worked very hard making everything on the site user friendly.***

***Happy Motoring!  
Carole Smith***

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## ***Exciting Raffle from John Baldi***

**I would like to have a raffle of a full auto detail for a Corvette with the proceeds going to the Cape Cod Corvette Club charities account. It will consist of a wash, clay bar on the paint and machined polished and correction polish, then waxed and detailed interior. I will use Adams products which I will supply and I will need the car for a day. I have won many trophies for the finish of all the Corvettes I have owned.**

**The fee for the raffle is \$25 and members can take multiple chances. I hope members will take advantage of this offer and that it will help build up our charities account**

**John**



# ***Cape Cod Cares for the Troops***

***May 23, 2021***



***In the past our members have brought items that the troops need.  
Below is a list of the items.***

We need supplies for care packages to our deployed troops.

Hope everyone is starting a donation drive at home, work, school, church or sports teams. We need to fill up the truck at Troops in the Spotlight on May 30th in Hyannis. Here is a list of items we need:

Toiletries: Mouthwash, toothpaste & brushes, deodorant, hand lotions, body wash, eye wash, foot powder and hand sanitize.

Food: Power/Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Powder Drink Singles, Coffee Singles, Cookies, Microwave Pop Corn, Slim Jims, Beef Jerky. (please check expiration dates)

Misc: Mens Socks, New Towels & Wash Clothes, Crossword & Word Find Books

We also need cards and letters to put in the care packages. Younger kids can draw pictures!