

# THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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## JANUARY 2009

*"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"*

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOOD HEALTH



"Oh my, should I buy snow tires?"

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST RUNS

Just because the summer is over we don't stop having fun. Check the website to see when we are having a Breakfast Run and join us. We use our sheet metal cars because our Corvettes are in storage, unless you dare to take it out. We also are still meeting on Tuesday nights at the Sylvan Street Grille at 6:30PM unless otherwise noted on the website.

**Newsletter:** Submit before the  
**25th of the month**  
Please send all info to: [doncowan57@comcast.net](mailto:doncowan57@comcast.net)

## NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

With thanks –

Let me start this month's letter to our members by thanking them for re-electing the incumbent Executive Board Members, Don Cowan (Vice President – acting as Newsletter Editor and Web Master), Dan Crovo (Secretary), Barry Keohan (Treasurer), Pat Ferullo (Cruise Night Director) and yours truly as your club president. Your faith in the folks currently serving your interests is greatly appreciated. It remains our hope that we will earn the privilege of having more of you join our ranks in the open board positions and as volunteers to help out with upcoming events – and there are going to be some great events for your enjoyment. Thanks, again. We all look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings.

I want to take a moment to thank JoAnn Keohan for serving as Membership Chairperson. With our recent by-law revisions, only one of the Keohans could serve in office so JoAnn decided to allow her ever-lovin' hubby, Barry, to continue as our treasurer. Thanks for all you have done for our club through the years, JoAnn. Please remember it is now your job to keep Barry on the "straight and narrow" and to put up with our continuing craziness!

While I'm typing, I also wish to thank our e-board for being such wonderful people. These folks work hard for our members and they work as a truly dedicated and cooperative team. When the work load seems daunting, they don't complain, instead, they simply get it done. They exemplify mutual respect, mutual support and mutual trust. These are quality folks and I see their virtues are reflected throughout our organization. The next time you're with one of our club officers, take a moment to thank them for their hard work. I'm sure they'll appreciate your thoughtfulness.

When we asked for December meeting attendees to bring a toy for an underprivileged child, you responded admirably. Pat Ferullo and I made it to the Danvers State Police barracks the following morning with five large trash bags full of toys from North Shore Corvettes plus a Tonka Fire Engine ladder truck that must have been four feet long! Your generosity will make a lot of kids happy this season. You have done well. Thank you for doing this. I am privileged and proud to stand with you as a member of our club.

A lot of folks think that Corvette clubs don't do much in the winter and for some clubs, this is true – NOT for North Shore Corvettes. January is our annual Holiday Party – Yaaayyyy! The long-awaited event is being planned by member Diane Crovo who volunteered to lead this effort. As of this writing, she and her committee of volunteers have done a great job and I expect that all attending will really enjoy this good time. The announcement for the 17 January event has full details, including the fact that your \$20.00 deposit will be refunded when you show up to the party. There will be great food, music, dancing, and a number of good time events, just to make our members smile. I cannot think of any reason not to attend so make sure you fill out your form, send it in with your check and be there for a great time. Thanks for planning this, guys. Well done, Diane!

Finally, let me encourage you to stay in touch with your club members so that you get the latest information on upcoming events. If you check out our secretary's report in this newsletter, you will get a good idea of how we mean to keep you busy and smiling. Make a resolution in 2009 to attend at least a few of our monthly meetings. This will also help to keep you current as to club happenings plus it will be an enjoyable evening out with friends. After all, your treasury pays for the supper, why not take advantage? Try to keep your weekends flexible. We don't want you to miss out on the special North Shore Corvettes events as they come up.

On behalf of the entire Executive Board, let me extend to each of our members our best wishes for a Happy and a Fulfilling 2009. We hope it will be a year marked by your good health and your continued enjoyment of your car and your club.

See you all soon!

With a wave,

— Rich Gureghian

*How about you? Do you have an idea for an event or a cruise that you'd like to see developed? If so, please let me know or bring it up at the next cruise night or club meeting. Remember this is your club . . . so let's hear from you!*

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## 35th Annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels

Friday, Jan 9 (2009) 5:00PM to 10:30PM

Saturday, Jan 10 (2009) 10:00AM to 10:30PM

Sunday, January 11 (2009) 10:00AM to 7:00 PM

at [Bayside Expo and Conference Center](#), Boston, MA



## Admission

**Gate:** General Admission – \$15.00

Children 6-12 – \$5.00

Children 5 and under free

**Discounts:**

*At participating Town Fair Tire Stores \$2.00 off discount coupons, good for child or adult, one per customer*

## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

December 18, 2008

Start time: 7:50 PM

Adjourn time: 8:51 PM

### E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Don Cowan	Vice-President
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Barry Keohan	Treasurer
Jo Ann Keohan	Membership Director



President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:50 after dinner, compliments to Pat Ferullo's corn chowder.

### Agenda Items:

Welcome & New Member Introductions & Voting – No new members present.

With no opposition to the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and cruise night director, the secretary cast one vote for each of the existing E-Board members.

E-Board members re-elected are:

President:	Rich Gureghian
Vice President:	Don Cowan
Secretary:	Dan Crovo
Treasurer:	Barry Keohan
Cruise Night Director:	Pat Ferullo

There are several open positions, please consider contributing to your club.

Member Announcements — 137 members; 20+ have already renewed

Treasurer's Report — accepted as read by Barry Keohan, current balance \$3069.81 – includes payments made to Vettes-to-Vets (\$500), \$250 each to Globe Santa, North Shore Children's Hospital & American Cancer Society (in memory of Brian Alford) and \$100 for Lyme Disease Research.

Secretary's Report – accepted as it appears in the Red Line newsletter.

Cruise Night Report – Pat thanked all present for their attendance. He is doing his best to get attendance at the meetings. Pat reported that the E-board is working on getting a thank you plaque for Sylvan St. Grille. It will be presented on the first cruise night on May 7, 2009 to Ernie Trembly and his family.

If anyone has ideas for winter activities, forward them to the E-board.

He is looking forward to running cruise night for the next two years. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

NCM & Ambassador – Register & Reserve Hotels for '09! Do this NOW. If you need help, please inform the e-board. Barry reports that you will need to find a hotel in the area. He expects rooms to open up. There are many good hotels on either side of Bowling Green.

Barry introduced Charlie Oliveri. Charlie emphasized it is important to sign up for the caravan. Send him an email at [caravanleader@yahoo.com](mailto:caravanleader@yahoo.com) for help in getting rooms on the way. He is unable to get us rooms in Bowling Green.

Rich noted that Jim Burns is present tonight who markets a product called the "Ultimate Cloth". Jim spoke on the merits of the cloths, he has two sizes priced at \$5 and \$8 if anyone would like to purchase tonight.

Old Business –

Bow Tie Shop (paint & Body resto), (Saturday, November 22) — Great time! – a good example of NSCM reaching out to involve other clubs. Rich reported that about 35 people attended the event. Joe Scafidi, the owner of the Bow Tie Shop, presented a Q & A session and described in detail the process to repair the problems on Rich Gureghian's Z06.

Lobster Fest '08 – postponed due to illness of most participants; Perhaps we'll go to the Mt. Vernon in Revere before winter is over.

## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

NSCM Holiday Party – 17 January, snow date is Jan. 31: Diane Crovo reported the member's only party will be at the Mt. Hood golf club in Melrose. Diane described the menu choices; a vegetarian meal will be available. Make a note on the registration form if you need a gluten free meal. Handouts were available. Details and registration form were mailed out with the renewals. January 3, 2009 is the deadline to register. Send \$20 per person with the form to Don Cowan at the club address to provide an accurate count for ordering dinners. Your \$20 deposit will be returned on arrival at the holiday party. Deposits from no shows will go into club's treasury.

Mohegan Sun – Late March 2009. Leave from the Elks about 10:00 am. Details to follow.

Visit to Factory Five Racing in Wareham – Invited for Winter/Spring. Rich is working on the details.

Tech Sessions – 03 May 2009 — Detailing Workshop & Get-together at Barry Keohan's home in Sandown, NH.

Visit to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, CT for spring 2009 — Planning a possible 10 May 2009 Dust-off Cruise & visit to Mystic Seaport.

Nitrogen tire inflation – Rich has brochures from Montvale Tire (this is the company that Dave Hunt spoke about at the November meeting). This company will charge club members \$30. They have a list of current members (names only) and will verify you are on the list to allow the discount.

Karen Blandini provided business cards for "Fleet Pride" who will sell us Baldwin automotive filters at a discounted price. Mention you are a club member for the discount.

U-Coat-It session – will be setting something up.

Other – Niagara Falls in 2009 – Contacted NFCC — Is Late July okay? Depart Fri, 24 July, return Mon, 27 July. Will be putting together an itinerary with the Niagara Falls Corvette Club.

Call for new business:

Ron Morneau reported that the Air Force Cadets who handled the food at the Vettes for Vets event were concerned they would be running in the red. A benefactor paid for the food and the \$1800 that was collected for the food was returned to the hospital. A photo of the Corvettes parked at the hotel staging lot for Vettes to Vets is hanging in the bar at the Royal Garden restaurant.

Cheryl Brown won the drawing for a free 2009 membership for the club.

\$31 collected for the Elks scholarship fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51

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**NORTH SHORE CORVETTES'**  
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**BALDWIN FILTERS**

*Air, Oil, Cabin, Fuel, Etc.*

For the information and use of our club members, our source for Baldwin Filters (oil, air, cabin, fuel, etc.) is:

**Fleet Pride**

200 Salem Street  
Woburn, MA 01801  
781-938-7328

Contact: Chris Kemp

If you do not contact Chris Kemp, you may not receive the North Shore Corvettes' Discount.

## NSCM TECH PAGE

**Hark, I Hear A Squeak, Squeak, Squeak . . .** – This is another tech update that relates to C6 Coupes making noises they shouldn't. Relating to Corvettes from 2005 through current model years, some owners have been bothered with a squeaking noise coming from the removable roof, when installed. Our own Steve Cataldo experienced this with his beautiful C6 and pursued a solution. There were no tech bulletins at the time so he contacted the factory (I guess it helps to know folks in high places.). Steve's dissertation is as follows: ***The C6 roof creaking issue on the coupes can be addressed by applying a product called Superlube synthetic lubricant to all the pivoting points especially the latch pivots. It comes in spray and gel form and the spray is best for this application. I sourced it out at Dawson's True Value in Topsfield but it is retailed at most outlets. A 6 oz. can will last a long time. The can is silver in color with 4 colored stripes on the front so it is easily identifiable for those who are visually challenged. Key to this service is to make sure all the weather-strips are CLEAN including the roof surround and the window vertical strips. Apply a weather-strip dressing to the seals (not a clear silicone sealer as one owner did and the weather-strip are now useless) and lube the roof attachment points with the Superlube. Various dressings are available. Make sure the lube gets to all the roof mounting points and work it into the latches by moving them while lubing them. In this case a little is good and a lot is not. Most of the creaking is at the corners in front so weather-strip prep is essential. I received this information direct from the Corvette plant via an inquiry to Dave Hill former chief engineer now retired.*** — Thank you, Mr. Cataldo!

**Got A Mirror? Perhaps You'd Better Get One.** – At the November Bow-Tie Shop Tech Session, I was talking with NCRS New England Chairman, Dick Capello who told me of a neat trick he uses for super-detailing his Vette. When looking your car over, keep a small mirror handy. Without needing to bend over or get on his back, he is able to inspect the underneath of his side-view mirrors, doors, wheel well openings, etc. This is especially handy when detailing/cleaning for NCRS judging or for a Show & Shine. Most of the experienced NCRS judges have kits with mirrors, small flashlights, magnifiers, etc. This was the first time I'd heard it used as a detailing aid. A Great idea! Thanks, Mr. Capello.

**Nitrogen Tire Fills – With An NSCM Discount!** – North Shore Corvettes of MA has just concluded a discount deal for nitrogen tire fills with Montvale Tire Company, 221 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801, telephone 781-935-7144. Our contact there is Dave Frissore. They regularly charge \$35.00 for cars but will charge us only \$30.00. Trucks and SUVs are slightly higher — call Dave for his best price. This deal includes free refills. If you have a leak or need to add air to your tire, go ahead and do it. When it's convenient, stop by Montvale and they will refill your tire with nitrogen for free. If you buy new tires from them, the nitrogen costs only \$20.00. Please note, at this time, we have not concluded a tire discount deal with these folks but will inform our membership as soon as this is done. I had them do my car as the test case and am very happy I did so. The tire pressure monitors in the car show all four pressures to be equal and now, I don't have to check tire pressures every 2 to 3 weeks. – Perfect! (*Our thanks go to NSCM member David Hunt who told us about this place, allowing us the opportunity to come to agreement on a discount for our members. – way to go Dave!*)

**Brother, Can You Spare A Tire?** – Ever dream of having an actual spare tire for your Vette instead of a bottle of goop and a compressor? A Mr. John Evans e-mailed the club to inform us that there is a spare tire kit available for the C5 and C6 Corvette. Many Corvette owners prefer non run-flat tires and many would like the security of a spare that will get them home from a long distance, which run-flats will not do. see [www.VetteSpare.com](http://www.VetteSpare.com). The web site has photos of the spare and jack kit shown separately and stowed as a kit. The price for the kit is – a cool \$950.00.

Hope this helps, guys. Is there a tech question we can help you with? If so, just let me know via. the NSCM home page e-mail or e-mail me at [r.gureghian@comcast.net](mailto:r.gureghian@comcast.net). My fax number is 781-272-7457.

Keep the wave and always save one for the Corvettes you see! — *Rich Gureghian*

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## **DON'T FORGET THE NSCM MEMBERSHIP HOLIDAY PARTY**

January 17 - Saturday 6:30PM - NSCM Members Only Holiday Party.

Contact the E-Board for Details before January 3, 2009

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## NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 65 Members that Renewals so far:

Be sure to mail in your renewal membership application and check before January 30th to avoid the \$10.00 Late Fee

No new members this month.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

Download Membership Application  
off our website.

## 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 01 - Thursday **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

January 06 - Tuesday **NO NSCM Dinner Meeting** this week because the Holiday Party is meeting.

January 08 - Thursday **NSCM Board of Directors Meeting** at the Elks. Time: TBA

January 09 - Friday 5:00PM to 10:30PM **World of Wheels at Bayside Exposition Center** 200 Mount Vernon, Boston, MA 02125 More info: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.html>

January 10 - Saturday 10:00AM to 10:30PM **World of Wheels at Bayside Exposition Center** 200 Mount Vernon, Boston, MA 02125 More info: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.html>

January 11 - Sunday 10:00AM to 7:00PM **World of Wheels at Bayside Exposition Center** 200 Mount Veron, Boston, MA 02125 More info: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.html>

January 13 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

**January 15 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks (Serving Food)**

January 17 - Saturday 6:30PM - **NSCM Members Only Holiday Party.**

January 20 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

January 27 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

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## NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN 2009

Our NE Caravan should have three starting/kickoff points.

Note, Canada is Doug Mac Donald, Canadian Provinces Leader

1) Loudon NH, Mike Dupont NH State Leader, starting in Loudon and then to Danbury CT.

2) Danvers MA, Herb Chambers Chevrolet, Rt 114, Mike Ciampa MA State Leader, and then to Danbury CT

3) Danbury CT, George Sipprell CT State Leader, NH & MA will converge at the Danbury Mall on Sunday August 30, 2009,

4) All will leave for Harrisburg PA and stay over night (tentatively the Sheraton/Holiday Inn)

5) Monday all off to the Belterra Resort & Casino (Florence IN) across the river from the Kentucky Speedway.

6) All day Tuesday at the speedway and back to Belterra for a banquet and sleep.

7) Wednesday move to BG, approx arrival 12 - 1 PM. Hotels at this are not set due to they will not release until August 08. Further on this later, in a month or two. I do request that you poll your members as to who has signed up at the NCM and advise that Texas - So Cal & N. Cal as well as Louisiana are combining and now total over 700. This could present a problem with tickets and NCM Functions later on. Functions will not be available until after start of 2009. Please advise me of any known numbers, not already signed up at the NCM. I'll need them as part of our hotel arrangements and the negotiations for hotel rates on the Caravan trip down to BG.

As always, Save the Wave",

Charlie "O", 2009 NE Caravan Captain, Founding Member # 1727

NCM Ambassador, 2003 MA Leader, 1999 Local Leader

1994 Grand Opening Caravan Leader

1st Life Member Of North Shore Corvettes

