

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"

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GET WELL WISHES

Jo-Ann Barretto: The day after our holiday party she was rushed to the hospital after suffering a stroke. Thanks to the quick response from, her husband, Louie, the EMT's and the doctors at Mass General Hospital, I am happy to report Jo-Ann is improving each day and looking forward to a full recovery, just in time for Corvette season.

Ken Goldberg: Will be in Cleveland having heart surgery. We all wish him good luck and a speedy recovery. Soon as I get updates I will let you know.

ANY NEWS, ALL NEWS

SELLING A CORVETTE

BUYING A CORVETTE

SELLING CORVETTE PARTS

DISCOUNTS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

IF YOU KNOW A FELLOW MEMBER IS SICK

Keep everyone informed

by Email info to the Newsletter Editor.

Newsletter: Submit before the
25th of the month
Please send all info to: doncowan57@comcast.net

NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Never mind the snow – it's going to clear up sooner than you think!

Well, this is the March newsletter and that means only one more to go before our Dust-off and the beginning of our North Shore Corvettes Driving Season! Before that happens though, we have a lot to do. Your e-board is considering some different drives & cruises for you this year. These are designed to bring a lot more enjoyment than just getting behind the wheel and driving. As we get into the year, I am certain you will resign yourself to the fact that you're going to put more miles on the Vette than last year and that you'll be smiling all the way.

Remember the events we have scheduled for the month of March, including the Mohegan Sun Run on 28 March. As of this writing, on 23 February, more than half the seats are sold and there's more than a month to go before that trip. Let me know if you want seats and send me a check made out to North Shore Corvettes of MA or just NSCM. Please do this promptly to avoid disappointment. As a member, you may want to invite friends and relatives to come along. All are welcome, as long as we have the seating. Please use my home address, 3 Marvel Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. Also remember to keep yourself in good shape – laughing for that long a time can take a lot out of you!

In addition to the "Run to the Sun", we are putting out information on early season events as well as later events. The two major drives this year will be the July 17th to 20th trip to Niagara Falls (slowly we turned . . .) and the 2009 Caravan to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, in late August and early September.

For Niagara Falls, we are still putting this trip together but the caravan is growing so let me know if you wish to come with us before we need to limit attendance. This will be a long weekend with the Niagara falls Corvette Club folks and some wonderful driving and sight-seeing. Their roads up there are great and I know that if they're fun to drive in a steel car, they're going to be even better in a Vette! Please remember to bring your passports as we will be spending some time in Canada. After all, a passport is the best identification you can have.

For the Bowling Green, KY, trip you need to register with the NCM as soon as possible. This will be the fifteenth anniversary for the National Corvette Museum and they will have completed a major expansion by the time we arrive. So, if you've been there before or if this will be your first time, you are bound to get a thrill out of this visit. When we go across the street to the Corvette factory, perhaps we'll have the good fortune to see a new ZR-1 coming down the assembly line to completion! Rooms in BG are difficult to get so let the e-board know if you want to go on that trip. We will put you in touch with the folks coordinating the effort.

Some of the new ideas for the shorter drives this year will be to incorporate visits to grand estates, currently under preservation, such as the Crane's Castle Estate with a Sunday morning breakfast run. Imagine a beautiful Sunday morning drive to a nice breakfast spot, followed by a trip to a grand manor and gardens. Now, consider doing all your traveling in a Corvette with a bunch of folks who, like you, can't stop smiling! Admit it – it just doesn't get any better.

We're doing all we can for you to make 2009 a great year and to get your minds off the winter doldrums and the sad state of the economy. The best way to do that is to make sure you attend our club meetings and the events we are putting together for you. Chin-up, Kids – the days will get longer and brighter for us. You'll see!

Hope to 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!

CONCEPT CORVETTES



Concept Corvettes: 1959 Sting Ray, 1973 XP-895 Reynolds, 1977 Aero-Vette, 1990 Cerv III, 1992 Sting Ray III

CHECK OUT MOTOR TREND FOR MORE INFO ON THESE CARS

http://www.motortrend.com/classic/roadtests/c12_0511_concept_corvettes_comparison/engine_prototypes.html

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

February 19, 2009

Start time: 7:30 PM

Adjourn time: 8:25 PM

E-Board Members Present:

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



E-Board Members Absent:

Barry Keohan	Treasurer
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Agenda Items:

President Richard Gureghian called the meeting to order @ 7:30 PM at the conclusion of a hearty meal of homemade corn chowder and sausage, peppers, potatoes and onions casserole provided by Pat Ferullo.

1. Welcome & New Member Introductions - no new members present.
2. Member Announcements - 104 members have renewed; One new member. Name badges being ordered.
3. Treasurer's Report — Barry is absent; Rich Gureghian made the report which was accepted as read.
4. Secretary's Report — Dan Crovo requested a motion to accept the secretary's report as it appears in the Red Line newsletter. A motion was made and seconded. The report was accepted.
5. Cruise Night Report – Pat Ferullo is present but not feeling well. Rich reported that Cruise Night dash plaques are on order featuring the ZR1.
6. Newsletter – Don Cowan; nothing new to report.
7. NCM & Ambassador – Register & Reserve Hotels for Caravan '09! Do this NOW. If you need help, please inform the e-board. No reports as Barry is absent. Rich noted that Henry Saulnier asked about setting up a children's membership. Rich checked with the NCM, they have a children's program. Don will add the details in the newsletter.
8. Web Site – Don reported that we finally own the "northshorecorvettes.com" web domain name. It was a long process to track down the owner, a former club member, and get the name assigned to the club.
9. Old Business –

Rich presented Diane Crovo with a "thank you" bouquet for her efforts in organizing our holiday party.

Other clubs having problems – NSCM is reaching out to involve them in our activities. Don reported that he attended the Seacoast Corvette calendar meeting. At the meeting, it was announced that a new website, <http://www.corvettecommunityusa.com>, has been created to consolidate New England Corvette club schedules. A link is on our website.

10. Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

Mohegan Sun Trip – March 28, 2009. Rich reports the bus is more than ½ full at this time. Get Rich your check ASAP if you want to go. Cost is \$30 per person, leaving from the Elks at 10:00 am. Rich negotiated three \$5 bets and \$15 towards food or the buffet. The return trip will leave promptly at 6:00 PM.

Visit to Factory Five Racing in Wareham – Invited for 04 April. Rich has spoken to the president of the company, David Smith. We will tour the factory where the kits are built. They will also have some completed cars on display as well. Details to follow.

Visit to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, CT for spring 2009 – Planning Saturday, 02 May 2009 Dust-off Cruise & possible visit to Mystic Seaport. Refundable \$10.00 deposit will go into the treasury for "no-shows". Will be looking for a restaurant, likely near Mystic Seaport.

Gate City Spring Fling – 24 May at Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Merrimack, NH. First show 'n shine of the year. Details to follow.

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NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Niagara Falls Tour – Working with Niagara Falls Corvette Club — Depart Fri, 17 July, return Mon, 20 July. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out. Rich has negotiated rates with the Hampton Inn. Price will be \$345 for all three nights. Reif Estate and Winery: We have been invited to participate in the NFCC annual Show ‘n Shine at the Reif Estate and Winery on Sunday. Mr. Reif is a member of NFCC. More information to follow.

Bow Tie Shop; restoration process of a 1958 Chevrolet Impala. Joe Scafidi agreed to 3 or 4 sessions as the restoration progresses. More info to follow.

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

Adam’s Detailing Session – 14 March, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet, Nashua, NH by Norm’s Detailing.

Hillcrest Expo – 25 April, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Corvettes and previously owned Harley Davidson motorcycles. Food will be served.

Breakfast Runs & Estate Visits – Trustees of Reservations, Massachusetts. Crane’s Castle, etc. Will set up Sunday breakfast runs and a ride to one of the venues. Looking for a volunteer to organize.

Keohan’s Place – 01 March for Pasta Day & Mid-April for detailing. Details to follow on these activities.

BJ’s discounted membership available. Rich has applications.

Name badges - Don asked if anyone present needs a name badge. He has forms.

Scott Kourian reminded those present that the Merrimack College car show is April 19.

May 16, rain date May 17 - Steve Cataldo is sponsoring a “Vettes for Pets” day. People’s choice show ‘n shine to benefit a no kill animal shelter in Salem, MA. \$20 per car.

“Jets and Vettes” June 27 and 28, Quonset State Airport. Features the United States Navy Blue Angels and Canada’s Snowbirds. Contact Tri-Boro Corvette Club “www.triborocorvetteclub.com”.

Diane Crovo asked if there was a club rate for car storage at Exotic Car Club, Methuen. Nothing in the works.

Nellie Gureghian asked about setting up a visit to Chunky’s Cinema.

\$19 collected for the Elk’s scholarship fund.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

PICTURES OF THE PAST



Bob Lewis’s Ice Cream Run - July 9, 2006



Sleigh Ride in N.H.

Little Corvette Nuts – How Cute! – I was asked by member Henry Saulnier to have the board consider a children's membership for NSCM. While discussing this, Barry Keohan, our Treasurer and National Corvette Museum Ambassador, said he thought there was such a membership available through the museum. I checked this out and received the following information from Stephanie Morrill, Membership/Guest Services Manager of the National Corvette Museum –

“The New Generation Membership is \$20 the first year and \$10 for renewal. With this membership, the child receives: Free admission to the Museum, Membership card and certificate plus a special gift and a subscription to “New Generation Newz”. If you would like to purchase the membership, you may do so by sending a check to the NCM at 350 Corvette Dr., Bowling Green, KY 42101. Please include the Child Member’s name, address and age. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.”

When my battery died, my Vette was called a “Failure”! – Handsome Gerry Distefano, a friend of our club said his battery died while in storage and he could not get his 2001 Vette inspected. Instead, he received a “REJECT” sticker and was told to come back once he had driven several hundred miles and the vehicle had gone through a number of engine starts. I asked our resident automotive scholar, Professor Steve Cataldo, what the story was. His cogent response was –

“Rich — Anytime a battery is disconnected on an OBD2 car which is 1996 to current the computer has to relearn. The minimum drive time is about 100 miles and if there are no stored fault codes and no check engine light it should pass. Batteries need to be maintained as the emissions test no longer uses a dyno but a direct plug in to scan for faults. If a battery is disconnected or fails the vehicle PCM cannot be read by the emissions test equipment hence the relearn procedure. Beginning last August all non OBD2 cars/light trucks are exempt from emissions test and now must only pass safety. The state no longer requires a dyno test as in the past for all cars. Last word, keep the battery charged or if it’s disconnected drive it for at least 100 miles and all should be fine. — Steve”

Apparently, Gerry took his car in for the inspection sticker, too soon after installing the new battery. Oh well, live and learn. Our thanks go to Gerry for the question and to Dr. Cataldo for the answer. At this time, I remind you all that the 16 May “Vettes for Pets” Show & Shine event & fund-raiser at the North Shore Animal Shelter, on Highland Avenue in Salem, MA, is Steve Cataldo’s . . . “pet project” (get it?). Let’s support Steve and this good work by joining him there on the 16th (17 May rain date). Registration for competing cars will pay \$20.00 per car, as with the Museum of Transportation show. See you all there!

(By the way, we are trying to set up another Roadblock Tech Session with a special price deal for those attending. Stay Tuned and wish us luck in getting this one done!)

All Warranties Are Not Created Equal, Part II – When I watch Speed Channel or some car-related show, more often than not, I see ads for an extended warranty company called “US Fidelis”, their name playing off the US Marine Corps motto, “Semper Fidelis” (Always Faithful). They say their warranties are better and cheaper and altogether wonderful. Maybe they are. Heck, they even have Rusty Wallace and his son as spokesmen for them. When I “Googled” this company’s name, however, I found references to their being under the scrutiny of a number of states Attorneys General. The references suggested this firm was once called “NEWS” (National Extended Warranty Services?) and “Dealer Services”. Both those entities were reported to be of tarnished repute. SO, dear kid dies, before you buy a third party warranty for your car, first check with your Attorney general’s Department of Consumer Affairs and the Better Business Bureau. I will try to look into these things further, when I have the time. Stay tuned!

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. My fax number is 781-272-7457.

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

NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 106 Members so far:

Welcome New Members:

Charles & Cheryl Simons that owns a beautiful 1959 Silver/White Roadster

Article 3 / Section 3 Renewal Membership

- D. Renewal Payments not received by January 31st or without the \$10.00 late fee surcharge by Feb 28th will be dropped from the NSCM roster. If the member chooses to renew after January 31st and not pay the late fee they will be considered a New Member and will be required to pay the New Member fee accordingly. In such, a case the “NSCM New Member Welcome Package” will not be received by the renewing member.
- New Member Single or Family Membership with 1 vote for \$ 50.00
 - New Member Joint Family Membership with 2 votes for \$ 65.00

WD-40 WHO KNEW?

I had a neighbor who had bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open.

Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I'm impressed! WD-40 who knew? 'Water Displacement #40' The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove top ... Voila! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

Here are some other uses:

1. *Protects silver from tarnishing.*
2. *Removes road tar and grime from cars.*
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. *Keeps flies off cows.*
6. *Restores and cleans chalkboards.*
7. *Removes lipstick stains.*
8. *Loosens stubborn zippers.*
9. *Untangles jewelry chains.*
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. *Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.*
13. *Removes tomato stains from clothing.*
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. *Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.*
16. *Keeps scissors working smoothly.*
17. *Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles & in the homes.*
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. *Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.*
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. *Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.*
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. *Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.*
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. *Removes splattered grease on stove.*
32. *Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.*
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. *Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.*
37. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.
38. *The favorite use in the state of New York, WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.*
39. *WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.*
40. *Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.*
41. *WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.*
42. *Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!*
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

According to the WD-40 Manufacture they are not recommending uses in red, per an inquirer on snopes.com .

Thank you for your submittal,

NSCM Member Daniel A. Locke

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 01 - Sunday - **NSCM Members Spaghetti Party at Barry & JoAnn's House**. Cost is \$5.00. *(Postponed)* New date March 15th.

March 03 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

March 10 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

March 12 - Tuesday **NSCM Executive Board of Directors Meeting** at the Elks. Time: TBA

March 14 - Saturday - 10:00AM - **Adams Car Care Products at MacMulkin Chevrolet** (back side of building - inside) 3 Marmon Drive Nashua, NH 03060 Available will be Adam's Detail Products at discounted rates. Cash or checks accepted (not setup for credit cards). Please contact Norman Wood woodnorman@comcast.net 603-668-2305 Member of Gate City Corvette Club, to register. (Flyer on our website)

March 15 - Sunday - **NSCM Members Spaghetti Party at Barry & JoAnn's House**. Cost is \$5.00. Details to follow.

March 17 - Tuesday - **St. Patrick's Day**

March 17 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

March 19 - Thursday 7:30PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks (Serving Food)

March 24 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

March 28 - Sunday - **Mohegan Sun Bus Trip** - NSCM is taking seat reservations: You won't find a better deal anywhere. For your registration fee of \$30.00 per person, you get \$15.00 in free bets and \$15.00 in free food! In addition, you get to have a heck of a great time with your buddies and a day away from the doldrums of winter. We hope to fill our 56-seat luxury motor coach once more. It's first come-first served so don't delay. Once we're sold out, we're sold out! If you have any questions, please let me know. Other than that, get me your payment as soon as you can. I'll look forward to making your reservations! Rich Gureghian (Flyer on our website)

March 31 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

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TUESDAY NIGHTS

Just a reminder: We still meeting on Tuesday Nights at the
Sylvan Street Grille at 6:30PM
unless otherwise noted on the website.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE JOIN US!

If you have a restaurant we should try. Please let me know.

They must take reservations, do separate checks, enough parking, seating for up to 22 people or so and be within 25 miles of Peabody.

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ONE (1) MORE MONTH TILL "APRIL"

