

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

That's it, the cover's off, I survived the first engine start (These are always traumatic for me!) and now, my Vette's out! – Look out, world, here I come!

I haven't felt this good for quite a while. The weather's warming up, my snow blowers are put away, the summer tires are once again on my sheetmetal car and all seems right with the world. Now, let see if we can get our arms around a 2009 Corvette season that will KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF!

You're going to have to put up with breakfast runs and breakfast runs with visits to historic & scenic properties, Dealer open houses, the Bow-Tie Open House, our annual Dust-off Cruise to Callaway Cars, Dinner cruises, Ice cream runs, our annual fireworks run (for members only) and don't forget the best All-Corvette Cruise Night in New England!! Yup, we have a lot to look forward to and a lot of good folks with whom to enjoy them. Look at it this way, if Vette people come from other states to visit our cruise nights and other events, why not make it a point to be there?

Has anyone noticed our membership is growing earlier than usual this year? I guess some folks have heard good things about us and want to take part of our enjoyment. When you show up at cruise night (Wow, it starts in just over a month!), take a look at some of the new faces and the new Corvettes and make it your business to welcome these new members to North Shore Corvettes. In the final analysis, the reason people want to be part of this club is the character of our club – that's you. So, save a smile and a handshake for a new member. Once upon a time, someone in NSCM did that for you – *right?*

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. We may need to limit attendance. The trip will be a long weekend with the Niagara Falls Corvette Club folks. Their roads up there are just great. I know that if they're fun to drive in a steel car, they're going to be even better in a Vette! Plus we'll be with some nice folks who know the area. We plan to do sight-seeing, driving on "twisties", great dining, visits to the falls and their new casino as well. 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.

Have you signed up for the Bowling Green, KY, trip yet? Our board members are helping folks who just made up their minds to go, find rooms, etc. Many in our club are customizing their route. For instance, some of us are leaving to drive straight to Harrisburg, PA the first day we're out. If you're self-employed or if you have limited vacation time available, this saves time and money. Once we meet up with the official caravan in Harrisburg, we'll continue with them to Kentucky. Remember, rooms in BG can be 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 and help out in any way we can. Come on – make the decision to go and see the National Corvette Museum while sight-seeing with nice people on some great roads. We're not coming this way again, kids, so let's make it count!

Don't forget, our club meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at the Wakefield Elks Hall (next to Liberty Chevrolet) on Bay State Road in Wakefield. We usually serve a light supper at 7:00 PM and convene at 7:30 PM. Be there. We're going to have guest speakers, special offers and summertime ice cream runs! Our days are getting longer and brighter, just as we promised you. I'll bet the weather this year will cooperate with all our Corvette plans and we're going to have some great miles & smiles. 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!

NOTE FROM THE KRASKER FAMILY

North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts received the following note of appreciation for the expressions of sympathy shown the Krasker family at the loss of their beloved son, Eric. The sentiment of thanks is expressed to all NSCM members.

We could do no less. –

“To all our friends at NSCM,

It's difficult to put our thoughts into words but we very much appreciate your thoughtfulness & kindness. Thank you for your support. The knowledge that we have such sympathetic friends is of immeasurable value at this time.

Gratefully,

Barry, Cheryl & Lynne (Krasker)”

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

February 19, 2009

Start time: 7:30 PM

Adjourn time: 8:40 PM

E-Board Members Present:

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



President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome & New Member Introductions – no new members present.
2. Member Announcements — 113 members; name badges ordered.
3. Treasurer's Report — Barry Keohan read the report. Treasurer's report 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 – 1st Tuesday in May is our first Cruise Night. Pat noted there is a 3 day walk to benefit breast cancer that his daughter is involved with. Pat is requesting those who participate in the May 2 dust off cruise to Callaway consider sponsoring his daughter. He is asking for \$5 per car; more if you are so moved. Pat requested a vote of those present to make to make the request; passed unanimously. Pat brought a form for member's to use to set up cruises. He is hoping more members will get involved in running cruises. Pat will be presenting Sylvan Street Grille with a thank you plaque on the first cruise night. Rich noted he received a call from "Cruisin' New England" magazine looking for information on our club and cruise nights.
6. Newsletter – Don Cowan has nothing new to report. Rich thanked Don for his excellent work.
7. NCM & Ambassador – Register & Reserve Hotels for '09! Do this NOW. If you need help, please inform the e-board. Barry reports we have 9 cars registered for the NCM cruise.
Barry reports that the museum has added Sunday as an extra day for the September Cruise In.
Barry intends to cover the activities in more detail at the May 3 detailing session at his home, however, Saturday Sept. 5 is club colors day. Be prepared with your white club shirt.
The entire itinerary is available on the NCM website.
8. Web Site – Don reports there is nothing new to report.

Old Business –

Norm's Detailing put on a tech session for Adam's detailing products at MacMulkin Chevrolet on Saturday, March 14.

Barry reports he had 18 people at his home for St. Patrick's day dinner on March 15. Many thanks to Pat for assisting with the cooking.

Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

Mohegan Sun – March 28, 2009. Rich reports we are currently at 42 people; there are 14 seats left. The flyer is available on the website.

Bow Tie shop open house - April 4. We will caravan from Anderson Regional Transportation Center in Woburn leaving at 9:30.

Visit to Factory Five Racing in Wareham – Rescheduled to 18 April . We will caravan from Anderson Regional Transportation Center in Woburn. Leave Anderson at 9:30; expected travel time is about 1 to 1.5 hours. Rain or shine event.

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Merrimack College car show – April 19, 10:00 am to 2:00 PM.

Visit to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, CT for spring 2009 – Saturday, 02 May 2009 Dust-off Cruise & Lunch refundable \$10.00 deposit will be forfeit for “no-shows”. Mail a check to NSCM to the PO Box.

Vettes to Pets – 16 May, North Shore Animal Shelter, Salem, MA. Member Steve Cataldo is running this. \$20 per car to benefit the “no kill” shelter.

Gate City Spring Fling – 24 May @ Anheuser-Busch, Merrimack, NH. Rich noted if you do one show and shine in the year, this is the one to do. We will caravan there from Anderson Regional Transportation Center in Woburn.

Niagara Falls Tour – Working with NFCC — Depart Fri, 17 July, return Mon, 20 July. Reserve hotel NOW! Limit is 25 rooms – must be registered first. The hotel is on the Canadian side of the falls. \$10.00 per person registration to cover cost of snacks and other expenses. Any unused funds will go to our treasury. Rich reports passports are not required but are recommended. Proof of automobile insurance is required to enter Canada. Get a certificate from your insurance agent. Flyer is in draft form. Completed flyer will be on the website.

Tech Sessions – 03 May 2009 — Detailing workshop & get-together in Sandown, NH, at Barry and JoAnn’s home. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at no charge. Caravan from Anderson in Woburn. Leave at 9:30.

Other – Hillcrest Expo – 25 April, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Corvettes and Harley’s. Will be serving food.

Roadblock deal; the Hillcrest Chevrolet service manager will work with us to offer special pricing to club members.

Breakfast Runs & Estate Visits – Crane’s Castle, etc. Work in progress.

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

A motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

NSCM TECH PAGE: *By Rich Gureghian*

Starry, starry Night – Why The Heck Can’t I See Out Of My Windshield?! – Everyone with a car has experienced the problem of a “starburst” windshield. You know, those tiny pits that come about from sand and debris hitting your windshield, causing it to turn into a fireworks display when lights hit it from the outside. The usual remedy is to simply replace the windshield. In Massachusetts, this is handled as glass breakage as it is as great a safety issue as a broken windshield. If the windshield belongs to an antique car or a Corvette that’s being restored to NCRS standards, the original windshield is just like gold. It has the all-important date code that judges look for when evaluating the car for a “Flight Award”. It would be a real boon to the automotive hobby if these original windshields could be saved. With this thought, I asked the technical guys at JN Phillips Glass if they had anything up their sleeves to repair antique and hard-to-find windshields. Well, they never got back to me. Don’t worry, I’ll keep on trying. If there’s anything new out there, we’ll find it!

Windshield Wonder – I have longed to get my hands on a device that would extend my reach enough to efficiently clean the front and rear windshields of my Vette. There’s a product out called the Windshield Wonder and it’s a pivoting handle with a pad that holds a micro-fiber pad. Get this; the item costs \$20 with \$7 shipping. They’ll send you a second one free but you pay another \$7 shipping. If anyone has tried this product, let us know. As for me, I’ll wait for the item to show up at a store where I can see it and get a feel for both construction and quality.

Sham-What?!! – I bit the bullet and bought the Sham-Wow towels, shown on TV at all hours of the day and night, in a local store. It cost the same as the TV deal and there was no shipping. Good deal, right? Not really – it won’t dry my car. I split the purchase with our own Pat Ferullo and he came away with the same result. After drying your car with this thing, you still need a terry cloth towel to get what the Sham-Wow leaves behind. I’ll keep on trying to work with this thing and will let you know if there’s a technique involved in making it pick up water as it does on TV. If you have any input, let us know. I’ll tell you one thing, if this thing cannot be made to work; I’m going to refer to it as the Sham-SHAM!

Even My Screens Are Genuine – Let Me See You Beat That!! — If you plan on putting those mesh “screens” in the duct openings of your C6, Steve Cataldo suggests you look into buying the Original GM products. These are chrome plated and mechanically fastened to the inner fender insert. They cost more but are far easier (and less costly) to install. The aftermarket ones are held in place with double-stick tape. Although far less expensive, they require much more labor time to install than the GM accessories. *Think about it, Kiddies!* 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*

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 04 - Saturday ***The Bow-Tie Shop 3rd Annual Open House***, at 50 Dunham Road, Billerica, MA with Joe Scafidi. Call or Email Rich Gureghian so we can get a head count (FLYER on website)

April 07 - Tuesday 6:30PM - ***NSCM Dinner Meeting*** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

April 09 - Thursday - ***NSCM Executive Board of Directors Meeting*** at the Elks. Time: TBA

April 14 - Tuesday 6:30PM - ***NSCM Dinner Meeting*** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

April 16 - Thursday 7:30PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks (Serving Food)

April 19 - Sunday - 10:00AM - 2:00PM - ***4th Annual Car Show - Merrimack College Automotive Club*** - (Rain Date: April 26) Merrimack College Sakowich Campus Center Parking Lot, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA - Admission: To raise money for Intrepid Fallen Heroes (helping disabled war veterans and their families) Car Registration: \$Admission: \$5 for show entries (includes passenger admission), \$3 for walk-ins, children under 10 free. Trophies will be awarded and dash plaques. Also food and entertainment. All show cars and motorcycles are welcome Contact: www.mcautoclub.s5.com

April 21 - Tuesday 6:30PM - ***NSCM Dinner Meeting*** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

April 28 - Tuesday 6:30PM - ***NSCM Dinner Meeting*** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

May 02 - Saturday - NSCM Dust Off Cruise to Callaway Cars in CT - (FLYER on website)

May 05 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - OUR FIRST CRUISE NIGHT at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

May 10 - ***Sunday - Mother's Day***

May 12 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - ***Cruise Night*** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

May 14 - Tuesday ***NSCM Executive Board of Directors Meeting*** at the Elks. Time: TBA

May 16 - 10:00AM to 3:00PM - ***Vettes to Pets*** - Corvettes, Street Rods, Classics and Muscle Cars welcome (\$20.00/car) all Proceeds go to the Shelter - Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA - Music, Food and Raffles. Contact Steve Cataldo @ 978-777-2241 or Laurie at the Shelter @ 978-745-9888 ext. 303 for more info.

May 16 - 10:00AM till 2:00PM - ***3rd Annual Blessing of the Vettes*** Corvette Mike New England 151 Samoset St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-8388 www.corvettemikenewengland.com Demo of "Roadblock" by Autobahnd with Clear Urethane Film protection. Special Discount Offers for all those who attend. Plus Refreshments!

May 19 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - ***Cruise Night*** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

May 21 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks and 7:30 an Ice Cream Run.

May 24 - Sunday 8:00AM to 4:00PM - ***Gate City Corvette Club's Spring Fling at Anheuser-Busch Brewery*** in Merrimack, NH (FLYER)

May 26 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - ***Cruise Night*** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

May 28 to 31 - Thursday to Sunday - Vettes of Coastal Maine Harbor Tour 2009 - Contact Debbie 207-594-9023 bshepard@midcoast.com or Joan Janowski bluelady01@suscom-maine.net

* unless notified on website

NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 114 Members:

Welcome New Member: David W. Lombardo with his 1958 Roadster