

# THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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*"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"*

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Howie, Cheryl Brown's husband is on the mend after suffering from a heart problem. We hope to see him back in the saddle seats of a Corvette again soon.

Rick & Doreen Melanson have had some health issues. We wish them both a speedy recovery for their return to the Corvette scene.

### **SAD NEWS**

Sorry to inform you that Carol Skomurski's father passed away last month. Our sympathy goes out to Rich, Carol and her family.

### **REQUESTING**

I am looking for info, about our members and things that might be of interest to our fellow NSCM members. Just Email it to me at [doncowan57@comcast.net](mailto:doncowan57@comcast.net) (Thank You for your help.)

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

## NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, it can't get much better than this. Our cruise nights are off to a good start and our membership ranks are growing. Activities are increasing in number, substance and scope. Club deals are becoming more numerous – I know, I need to get you folks a listing of member deals. I will, don't worry. And, finally, we're having a great time.

Our Dust-Off Cruise this year was to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, CT. We had 27 people take part with 4 of them being from Gate City Corvettes. I'm very glad to see other clubs joining us in road trips. We had a great cruise down and back with a ninety-minute guided tour and presentation by their Mr. Mike Zoner, Managing Director. The tour was arranged by Callaway's Commercial manager, Mr. Mike Vendetto. These great guys took all the time we wanted and toured us first through the history of Callaway Cars and then gave us a look at their current offering and a peek into what's to come. I made sure we thanked these gentlemen in writing and asked for our appreciation be made known to Mr. Reeves Callaway, their founder.

As a completely new and different event, North Shore members joined other clubs to support the first annual Vettes for Pets All-Car Show Event, coordinated by NSCM member Steve Cataldo. This effort raised almost \$3,000 for the Northeast Animal Shelter in Salem which is a no-kill shelter. They keep their animals until adopted. It's a noble effort and we were proud to support it and equally proud that one of our own was the champion for this cause. In the past we have openly thanked Steve for his technical support of club members and their Corvette challenges. Now we wish to congratulate him and assure him of our support for next year with a big, "Woof-Woof!"

Before I forget, please note that we only have a couple of rooms left for Niagara Falls. If you want to go, get in touch with me, Rich Gureghian (781-799-3371).

We now have a discount deal with Costco, where your paid membership gets you a \$10.00 or a \$20.00 cash card, depending on your level of membership. If you are interested in either a new membership or extending your current Costco membership, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the people who can help you. We want to thank Costco Representative Debi Veale and her colleague Cora for attending the May meeting, explaining the club deal & benefits and for bringing those yummy cookies and a large North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts cake! Thanks, again, Kids! I have already signed up and plan to buy a new set of FRS radios (walkie-talkies) with sub-channels to make caravanning a bit easier. I've also got my eye on a new GPS. The money I'll save will pay for more than two years membership in Costco. I'll keep you informed of how things go with these new items. Thank you, Debi, thank you, Cora!

We also wish to thank Cruise Night Director, Pat Ferullo, for arranging to have Rick Scarpaci of Royal Designs also to be at our May meeting showing us all what is available in embroidered club apparel. This included shirts, hats and club jackets. Everything was quoted in prices direct from Royal Designs. Your club does not purchase and then mark up items to its members. You paid your dues and this is part of the benefits you get. Rick has always been generous to our club with his time and with his smile. He had us obtain some raffle tickets and then proceeded to raffle off items with NSCM embroidery. These included a pull-over nylon (?) shirt, pullover hooded shirt, a great duffel bag and (this is no kidding) a North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts club jacket, fully embroidered! Congratulations to Joe Generazzo, Jo-Ann Barretto and others for their wins. The big winner was Tony Marino with a beautiful new NSCM club jacket. We look forward to seeing his smiling kisser at more of our club events. You are invited to contact Rick directly at Royal Designs, 700 Salem Street, Malden, MA 02148, telephone 781-322-4300.

Now, let's see, what's coming up next? Oh, yeah, summer meetings will be quick ones with an ice cream run to follow. We usually convene at 7:30 PM but for the months of June through September, we will convene at 7:00 PM. We will go to a different ice cream place each month. If you have a favorite place in mind, please let us know. In addition, we will plan on Sunday breakfast runs with visits to estate sites maintained by the trustees of preservation. Trust me, you'll like it! Vroom, Vroom!

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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## 1st VETTES FOR PETS IN SALEM, MA

### Northeast Animal Shelter



## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

May 21, 2009

Start time: 7:30 PM

Adjourn time: 9:05 PM

### E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Don Cowan	Vice-President
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Barry Keohan	Treasurer
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director



### E-Board Member Absent:

Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
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### Agenda Items:

Special Guests – Costco & Royal Design

President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:30 PM

Welcome & New Member Introductions – Ted & Kelly Cook 1990 steel blue coupe and Bob Snyder 2001 torch red coupe.

Costco Wholesale; Debi and Cora, Danvers Costco: individual/business membership is \$50/year. Executive membership is \$100 and earns 2% via an annual rebate check. Costco offers a generous return policy. \$10 gift card if you sign up today or \$20 for executive membership. Costco accepts cash, checks, debit and American Express. Costco offers an American Express card that offers rebates with no annual fee. Several categories of rebates. The American Express card is attached to the Costco membership. If you cancel your membership, the card will be canceled after a grace period.

Royal Design Rich Scarpachi; brought samples and pricing. Shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, shells, carry bags.

Member Announcements — 116 members as of 14 May.

Treasurer's Report — Barry made the report which was accepted as read.

Secretary's Report — Dan Crovo requested a motion to accept the secretary's reports as it appears in the Red Line newsletter. A motion was made and seconded.

Cruise Night Report – Pat Ferullo was unable to attend this meeting, however, he provided Rich with a note which Rich read to the members present.

Newsletter – Editor Don Cowan had nothing new to report.

NCM & Ambassador – Register & Reserve Hotels for '09! Do this NOW. Barry reports people are still booking at the Days Inn located in Bowling Green, KY. Barry has \$10 raffle tickets for the 2010 red convertible that will be drawn while we are there in September.

Charlie Oliveri spoke regarding the caravan. The Canadian contingent of the caravan to Bowling Green will be arriving at Herb Chambers Chevrolet on route 114 Saturday afternoon, August 29. Charlie is asking that people be there at 2 PM to welcome them. The caravan will be leaving from Herb Chambers Chevrolet on Sunday morning at about 8:00-8:30. Charlie is *asking all of the Corvette Community to show support for the NCM and be there on Saturday or Sunday or both. Join with the caravan as it leaves Herb Chambers Chevrolet, even if you are not going on the caravan.*

Web Site – Webmaster Don Cowan has nothing new to report.

### Old Business –

Visit to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, CT; the dust off cruise was a huge success. The people at Callaway treated us very well and spent 1 ½ hours giving us a tour of their facility.

Vettes for Pets on May 16; Salem MA. A very good turnout by NSCM members to support the no kill shelter.

Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

Gate City Spring Fling – Sunday, 24 May @ Anheuser-Busch, Merrimack, NH. Will be leaving from the Anderson Transportation Facility in Woburn. Don sent an Email blast and it is on the website.

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. \$20.00 per person registration to cover cost of snacks and other expenses. Any unused funds will go to our treasury. You will need to have an insurance card with proof of your insurance for entrance to Canada. A passport is required for reentry to the USA.

## **NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.**

Fast Lane speed passes are now being issued at no charge in Massachusetts. Get one prior to the trip. Besides the convenience of not stopping to pay tolls, there is the safety aspect of not having to stop and wait for those without the Fast Lane speed pass.

Ice Cream Runs – June/July/August meetings will be brief followed by an ice cream run.

Tech Sessions – 31 May 2009 (new date) — Detailing Workshop & Get-together in Sandown, NH (Our thanks to the Keohans). Flyers passed out at the meeting to those present. Malco sample products will be available. Barry requests you RSVP him so he and Jo-Ann will know how much food to purchase.

### **Other –**

Breakfast Runs & Estate Visits – Crane's Castle, etc. (seek committee).

Rich and Pat will visit some of the sites in preparation for a visit.

Performance Day (per Glenn Kurkjian of TEK Lifts); track day. Work in progress.

Rich received an Email from Dave Hunt, our media liaison. He is working on publicizing the club. He has invited Danvers public TV and the Salem Evening News to do a story on the club and run event listings. Danvers TV responded and is running a spot through September.

Rich introduced Ron Morneau, representing Vettes to Vets. Corvette weekend at the Blackthorn Resort in NY was last weekend; they chose Vettes to Vets as their charity. Ron left there with \$1275. Ron has commitments from Corvette clubs in NY, NJ, PA. Vettes to Vets will be Sept. 27.

Tech tip: Ursula and Walter Bolz got tree sap on their car and did not notice it until they took the car out several days later. The sap had hardened and nothing they tried would remove it, including WD40, sap and tar remover and paint thinner! Mothers Clay Bar was the solution.

Various items were raffled off by Rich Scarpachi of Royal Designs.

Thank you to Barry and Jo-Ann Keohan for handling the food for this meeting.

\$35 to the Elks Scholarship Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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### **NEWS FROM:**

#### **The 2009 NE Caravan Captain “Fifteenth Anniversary”:** *By* Charlie “O”

Saturday 8/28/09 and the Canadians arriving at Heb Chambers Chevy around 2:00 PM.

We are working on FOX TV and the OLDIES Radio as coverage on Saturday and possibly Sunday Aug. 29th when we leave HC Chevy around 8:00 - 8:30 AM for BG.

Further, we will have a dinner Saturday night (8/28/09) unknown at this time. Most likely at “Allen Hurst Restaurant” across the street from HC Chevy. All Corvetter's are welcome, details later, and food order will be off the menu.

We are asking all of the Corvette Community to show support for the NCM. This is not about dealerships, only about the Fifteenth Anniversary of the NCM. Show your support for the “Thing We Have” (Corvette) and be there on Saturday or Sunday or both.

Start with us on our journey to BG and the NCM. Even if you are not going on the Caravan! Even if you are taking a different approach to BG, “Start with us at HC Chevy”

Thank You,

Charlie “O”

2009 NE Caravan Captain “Fifteenth Anniversary”

1994 NE Grand Opening Caravan Captain

2003 “50th Birthday” Caravan MA State Leader

1999 Local Leader

NCM Ambassador

Life Member of NSCM

Founding Member NCM #1727

**Free Transponders?! WOW! – That’s Good, Isn’t It?** – Just when I got ready to blame the Commonwealth for more of my woes, they go ahead and do something I like. Heck, I LOVE this one! Now, you can obtain up to four (4) Fast Lane transponders for FREE! That’s right, kiddies, FREE. There’s no charge for them and there’s no monthly charge. All you need to do is pay your tolls and some of those are discounted! What a deal. Don’t wait. These make our cruises a lot easier and safer. All you need to do is call FAST LANE Service Center, 27 Mid-state Drive, Auburn, MA 01501. Their telephone number is: toll free 1-877-MASSPIKE (877-627-7745).

**Avoiding Autobahn Warranty “Roadblocks”** – Many of us have elected to have the Autobahn “Roadblock” clear film installed on our Corvettes. In fact, I’m thinking of having it put onto my DTS. This product is the real stuff and is not supposed to yellow with age as other, imitators, do. That’s why the product and the installation carry a lifetime warranty. Still, some guys have encountered staining in the film, especially at the lower points of the body. This can occur since the Achilles heel of any grade of urethane film is (Diesel or gasoline) fuel, therefore the area rear of the front wheels and the area at the rear of the rear tires, referred to as the mud flap protection, can change color and these areas are on a limited warranty not life time. Another NSCM member had a problem where a portion of Roadblock edge was lifting from the paint. Here are some rules of thumb when dealing with instances such as these.

Per Mr. Pierre Richard of Autobahn North, “*For all Warranty issues customers contact their office (the phone # is 978-739-4262, fax 4264) from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM to schedule a morning, 5-minute, viewing of the issue from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM for a warranty clerk to look at the issues that the customer may have.*”

DO NOT REMOVE any Roadblock material that seems to be lifting, until the warranty determination has been made. This is only fair to you and to Autobahn. Without verification of the issue, they can’t help you.

When detailing your car, always use Plexus instead of detailer on the Roadblock treated areas. This preserves the new surface shine and cleans the material safely.

Follow the requested procedure and you won’t encounter any obstacles with your “Roadblock” – get it??

**Hey, How’s My Bra Look?** – When a member suggested they might go with a nose bra on their Vette instead of a protective film, Mr. Pierre Richard, of Autobahn North, provided the following comments “ . . . a bra takes away from the car and damages the finish with rubbing and discoloration of the paint where the bra stops the UV from the sun, therefore creating a non match color in the future.” How true this is. I’ve seen guys on the road who used specially softened cloths between their car’s nose bra and the paint. They said that when they get rolling really fast, the bra chafed against the paint and harmed the clear coat. This becomes worse if there is any debris between the material of the bra and the paint. Given the price of an OEM-quality paint job, investing in a protection system for the car’s finish has always seemed a worthwhile expense – just my 2 cents.

**I’ve Been Framed!** – A member asked about license plate frames now being illegal in Massachusetts. I contacted the registry web site and saw the following on their FAQ page. — ***I was told my vehicle failed because the dealer license plate frame obstructs the logo “The Spirit of America” or “Massachusetts.”***

*Regulations require that all letters, numbers, stickers, and symbols must be clearly visible on the number plate. A number plate frame that obstructs any part of the plate is illegal, and you could be fined for having an obstructed plate. I went on to the RMV web site and asked if chromed or polished metal license plate frames were a reason to fail inspection or if they are illegal in the Commonwealth. The reply was –*

**If any part of the plate is obscured by the plate frame it must be removed.**

*“540 CMR 4.04 (2)(b) License plate(s), shall be undamaged, securely mounted, clean and clearly visible. No bumper, trailer hitch or other accessory may interfere with a clear view of the license plates. The license plate must be mounted in the proper location on the rear of the vehicle if the vehicle has been issued one plate. Both license plates must be mounted in the proper location on the rear and front of the vehicle, if the vehicle has been issued two plates. Any decorative license plate or license plate replica not issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles on which any jurisdiction name appears must be removed from the vehicle.”*

So, Kids, it appears chrome is not cited in the statute and therefore is not the issue.

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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## **REMINDER**

June 18 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks



7:30PM - Our First Ice Cream Run

Bring Your Corvettes and Radios on Channel 7

(Did you replace your radio batteries, for the season?)



## 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 02 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

June 09 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

June 11 to 14 - Thursday to Sunday - Back to the Beach Weekend, Old Orchard Beach, Maine - more info [www.back2thebeach.net](http://www.back2thebeach.net) - Fabulous gathering for all Corvette people ! (FLYER) The rooms are sold out, Ralph and Sandie encourage you to join everyone for the Corvette Display on Saturday morning or the parade later that day. Also, if you would like to be placed on a waiting list for a room that may become available, please let them know. You can contact Ralph at [rquag85@comcast](mailto:rquag85@comcast) and Sandie at [sandieb98@yahoo.com](mailto:sandieb98@yahoo.com) .

June 11 - Thursday NSCM Executive Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks. Time: TBA

June 16 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

June 18 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks - 7:30PM Ice Cream Run.

June 23 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

June 30 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

July 04 - Saturday - Independence Day

July 07 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

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

July 12 - Sunday 8:00AM - 4:00PM Corvette Club of CT Show 'n Shine - Guilford, CT

July 14 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

July 16 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks - 7:30PM Ice Cream Run.

July 17 to 21 - Friday to Monday - NSCM Niagara Falls Trip - (Flyer on the website)

July 21- Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

July 28 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

\* unless notified on website

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## NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**We currently have 118 Members:**

Welcome back: David Lombardo & Jack Beckwith.

Welcome to our newest members:

Ted Cook, Bob Snyder, Christo Haley and Allen Stephen