

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"

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North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts Annual Fireworks Cruise to Hampton Beach!

(MEMBERS ONLY)



Wednesday - August 19th Fireworks Run to Hampton Beach, please let me know and send me \$20.00 to reserve your place. As in past years, we will be allowed 20 spaces of secure parking for our Corvettes. For this reason, we must make this an NSCM members-only event.

The way this will work is as follows - Meeting Place - Weigh Station on I-95 North, between Routes 97 & 133.
-Meeting time — ~6:00 PM
-Departure time — 6:30 (SHARP) Your \$20.00 deposit reserves your place. Disposition will be as follows
-Upon arrival at the secure parking area, I will pay for the parking of each car (\$5.00 per car).
-After payment for parking is made, \$10.00 will be refunded to each driver.
-Once parking and driver disbursements are made, the remaining \$5.00 per car will go to our club treasury.
-Since there is no rain date this year, a rain cancellation will mean that your deposit will be refunded in full.
Please contact me as soon as you can. The spaces will go quickly and it's first come, first served. Make checks out to NSCM.

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

NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I knew it was too good to last! Everything was going great, our cruise nights were growing as was our membership list. We came up with some dynamite new ideas for cruises and Corvette outings and then, BLAM, everything turned to rain! I guess I shouldn't let this get me down. After all, I belong to the best little Corvette club east of the Pecos River, my club buddies are all super nice folks and my Corvette is Torch Red! Did I mention my wonderful and tolerant wife? I'd better include that if I know what's good for me. Now, on a serious note, don't let me catch any of you feeling down because of this recent inclement weather. The season is just beginning and we're looking at having lots of fun events in front of us. Watch the web site and stay tuned through e-mail and telephone. If you have a question about an event, give any board member a call. Keep smiling and before you know it, you'll be looking out your windshield at a bunch of Vettes, driven by your pals. Just as I tell my dear wife, "Wait 'til the sun shines, Nelly!" (That girl deserves a medal for putting up with me.)

About our club trip to Niagara Falls, if you want to go, get in touch with me, (Rich Gureghian). There are only a couple of rooms left. Next, make sure you have a valid American passport that does not expire for at least six months after the dates of travel (17 July through 20 July). Last, contact your insurance company and request a "Canada Card" that extends your coverage to driving north of the border. One last reminder is to remove any radar detectors before we cross the border into Canada. They're illegal there and there's no need to look for obstacles to having a great weekend. We will communicate with the Niagara Falls Corvette Club during the remaining weeks to assure all will be in readiness for our arrival there. This looks like it's going to be a great trip, don't pass this one up!

Well, our club 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, has already paid off for me. Right after I signed up, my computer's All-In-One printer died and was able to get the one I wanted at Costco and saved \$50.00 over Staples! I went and bought some new FRS 2-way radios and that saved me another \$15.00. So far, I've saved \$65.00 and my net cost for my membership was only \$40.00! This was not a bad deal at all. We want to thank Costco Representative Debi Veale and her colleague Cora from their Danvers store for setting up the club deal. In the event you use the Costco in Waltham, say "Howdy" to Maggie Buckley, the person with whom we first spoke and who set us up with the company. If you want to get in on this membership deal, please feel free to contact me for the application to use.

Does anyone care for polo? Not sure? How about tailgating at a polo match at the Myopia Polo Grounds in Hamilton? Sound kinda snooty? I used to think so until I tried it. Let me tell you, children, it's a blast! With good weather, you spend an afternoon with your friends and enjoying good food while watching some true athletes – and the guys who ride them. We're looking at coordinating such an event for a Sunday this year. Please feel free to let me or any board member know if you would be interested. As I just said, the best part of the event is spending time with friends, just like you.

Now, let's see, what's coming up next? Oh, yeah, Pat Ferullo and I scoped out a nice state park in New Hampshire for a club outing and barbecue. He has also assembled a list of restaurants for us to visit on a weekend run. In addition, we're still planning those Sunday breakfast runs with visits to estate sites maintained by the Trustees of Preservation. Also, you will be receiving an announcement about the annual NSCM Fireworks run to Hampton Beach. We're just getting the secure parking spaces reserved for you. Please note, we can get only 20 spaces and they will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, this has always been a members-only event.

Trust me, you're going to like this season! 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!

MEDIA LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

I just spoke with Patrick Belmonte , the programing director of 104.9 Northshore and he CONFIRMED they will be present July 14 at our cruise night. They will bring 3 radio personalities and play music. I will forward another confirming e-mail to you the minute I get the finial conformation. We will be asking all the Corvette Clubs, in the area and friends to show up with their Corvettes that July 14.

Dave Hunt



NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

May 21, 2009

Start time: 7:30 PM

Adjourn time: 9:05 PM

E-Board Members Present:

Don Cowan	Vice-President
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director



E-Board Member Absent:

Richard Gureghian	President
Barry Keohan	Treasurer

Meeting Date: June 18, 2009

Vice-President Don Cowan opened the meeting at 7:23

Agenda Items: Welcome & New Member Introductions – No new members present

Member Announcements - Joe Generazzo reported 128 members as of 11 June.

Treasurer's Report — Per B. Keohan Ledger. Dan supplied a printed copy of the treasurer's report. Don Cowan read the report which was accepted as read.

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

Cruise Night Report – Award to Sylvan Street management; Pat reported he awarded the plaque on 6/16. We had almost 60 cars at the 6/16 cruise night. Pat is still looking for responses to the cruise form for suggestions on cruises. Joe has put the form in the membership packages.

Newsletter – Don Cowan has nothing new to report.

NCM & Ambassador – Register & Reserve Hotels for '09! Do this NOW. Barry absent, no report.

Web Site – Don Cowan has nothing new to report.

Old Business – Detailing Session – Thank you Barry and Joanne.

Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

Niagara Falls Tour – Working with Niagara Falls Corvette Club — Depart Fri, 17 July, return Mon, 20 July. Reserve hotel Now! Limit is 25 rooms; must be registered first. \$20.00 per car to cover cost of snacks and other expenses. Any unused funds will go to our treasury. Passport & insurance card a must! Don will send an Email blast to membership with trip details.

Breakfast Runs & Estate Visits – Crane's Castle, etc. (seek committee); Pat reports Rich and he checked out Crane's Castle. We have permission to park the cars in the courtyard for a photograph. This event will likely will be in September.

Rich and he also checked Hilton Park in Dover NH. Bar-B-Que pits, picnic tables, etc. Good "tail gate" location.

Is there interest in a display day at Amesbury Chevrolet (?)

Consensus of those members present is to do it. Don reports Amesbury Chevrolet will provide food. We need to schedule a date.

Pat has several other locations to check out

- Yummies, Kittery Maine for candy
- Cruising to Amherst
- JT Farnum's, Essex MA
- MoJoes Bar-B-Que in Portsmouth NH
- Evelyn's Drive-In Tiverton RI

Pat is looking for people to step up and run a cruise.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Hampton Beach fireworks date is set for August 19. No rain date.

Tailgating at Myopia – Rich has correspondence from Myopia Polo Club. Any Sunday in August or September are available except August 16 and September 20. \$10 per-person. Look for a volunteer to coordinate.

Tech Sessions – Is there interest in visiting a custom engine builder?
Some interest shown by members present.

Bow-Tie shop regarding the restoration series on the 1958 Impala - Work in progress by Rich.

Pat has ½ a bundle of Whip's Wheels newspapers that he will bring to cruise night.

Adirondack Vettefest 2009 is Sept. 11-13.

Other –

A collection was made for the Elk's Scholarship fund.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM to go for Ice Cream at Jordan's Furniture in Reading.

NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN 2009

All, Just received this and I am passing it on to you. Please forward to everyone who may be interested. Charlie "O" New Plant Schedule
Please see the information below regarding the new plant schedule. If you are planning to schedule a club visit this year, you may want to plan on arriving on Saturday or Sunday and schedule your plant tour for Monday. If you would like to schedule a club visit or make changes to your existing visit, please contact Chris Sweeney at chris@corvettemuseum.org or by calling Chris directly at 270-467-8885.
New Work Week - Effective the week beginning July 20th, the Plant will be moving to (4) four.....ten (10) hour days. They will be working Monday through Thursday. Their start time will be 6:12 am.....and the end of shift time will be 4:42 PM. Revised Work Schedule -
The Plant will work next week (week of June 22nd).
The Plant will then be closed for three weeks.....the weeks of June 29th, July 6th and July 13th.
The Plant will work for two weeks.....the weeks of July 20th and July 27th
The Plant will then be closed for three weeks.....the weeks of August 3rd, August 10th and August 17th.
The Plant will return to work the week beginning August 24th.
Tour Times - The morning tour times should remain the same (9 am and 11:30 am). The afternoon tour time will be changed. We will let you know when we know the new time for the afternoon tour.

Reported by: Charlie "O"

NSCM NIAGARA FALLS TRIP

Dear fellow NSCM members,

As you have seen in the past several newsletters, North Shore Corvettes is planning a long weekend run to Niagara Falls; leaving July 17 and returning on July 20.

If you are interested in participating, here are the details.

Depart Fri, 17 July, return Mon, 20 July. Hotel limit is 25 rooms; you must be registered first. Contact Rich Gureghian; registration fee is \$20.00 per car 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 automobile insurance for entrance to Canada. A passport, for driver and passenger, is required for re-entry to the USA.

NSCM TECH PAGE: *By Rich Gureghian*

The Stem Of The Problem – I recently had some tire work done, only to find out that the green aluminum valve stem cap, installed when I had my nitrogen fill, was starting to cause a known problem. If you have a car with tire pressure monitoring, you likely do not have a brass thread on your tire valve stem. Instead, the stem is steel and is part of the Tire Pressure Monitor Sensor. It seems the stem, acting as an antenna for the TPS, undergoes electron exchange with the aluminum valve stem caps, sometime used by nitrogen fillers. This can result in the cap sticking to the stem and actually becoming welded to it! If this occurs, you could end up with the need to replace the sensor – an expense none of us need. The tire dealer doing the work for me, Hogan Tire of Woburn gave me some silvered plastic caps made for just such an application. Remember, this applies to cars with TPS monitoring. Brass thread tire stems should be okay. Now, I need to check all my other tires, including winter tires to make sure I don't have those green aluminum caps. You may want to do the same. Thanks for the tutorial, Hogan Tire – you guys are great!

This Problem Is Kind of “Shifty”, But Not The Guy Who Told Us About It – Steve Cataldo told me about a potential problem I want to check out on my C5. Many owners of C5 & C6 Corvettes with the 6-speed manual transmission have added a Computer-Aided Gate Selection (CAGS) by-pass device to allow them to shift from first gear to second, even at an RPM lower than that recommended. I like the convenience of the device and had no idea of any potential problem. It seems that Steve's beautiful 2005 C6 was getting a “Check Engine” light. Aside from this fault, there were no other symptoms and no drivability issues. When he looked into it, he found a transmission code which was being triggered by his CAGS b-pass device. These gizmos apparently have a diode which can “leak” electron flow (diodes are only supposed to allow electrons to flow in only one direction). The solution is simple. All the tech needs to do is remove the CAGS device and clear the fault code from your computer. Such a fault code could cause problems with a vehicle state inspection, if not cleared. Thanks for this tech tip, Steve Cataldo. What a good guy!

That's Our Barry Keohan, “Mr. Rock ‘N Roll” – When we held the NSCM Detailing workshop at Barry & JoAnn Keohan's home (By the way, thank you for doing this, Kids!), the volunteer car was John Cabral's 1993 metallic Red Hatchback Coupe. We washed the car under Barry's capable direction and, once dry were ready to roll the car into position to be polished and waxed, using the new nano product samples from Malco. Then we saw the unthinkable – the key and fob were locked in the car!! We started to brainstorm solutions, including blasting. Barry, remembering a Tech Page article from years ago started to rock the car from side to side. There's a small weight built into these fobs which, if moved (as would be the case with rocking the car) unlock the car. Sure as heck, it worked! The doors popped open and the event went on without a hitch. Remember this tip. It may come in handy. If you can't remember things too well, do what I do – program Barry's cell number into your phone! – Well done Barry, well done to all who participated.

Engine Tech, Anyone? – We wanted to know if there's interest in a tech session where we pay a visit to an engine builder of excellent repute. The firm I'm thinking of builds and rebuilds everything from antique (brass era) engines to NASCAR motors to NCRS-level Corvette engine restorations. They are a small company but they are very good at what they do. They not only build motors, they build them correctly. If this would be of interest to enough of our members, I'll contact them to set this up. Let me know, folks!

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*

SOME OF NSCM WINNERS AT ANHEUSER BUSH MERRIMACK, NH



2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:



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 and 7:30PM an Ice Cream Run.

July 17 to 21 - Friday to Monday - **NSCM Niagara Falls Trip** - Hotel limit is 25 rooms; you must be registered first. Contact Rich Gureghian; registration fee is \$20.00 per car 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 automobile insurance for entrance to Canada. A passport is required for re-entry to the USA. (Flyer on 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*

August 03 - 10am-3pm Cars - 4th Annual 4 Wheels Car Meet - Raffle, Ice Cream PEPBOYS 570 Providence Highway Dedham, MA

August 04 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

August 11 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

August. 13 - Thursday NSCM Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks. Time: TBA

August 18 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

August 19 - Wednesday - **NSCM Hampton Beach Fireworks Cruise** - Meeting Location: weigh station on I-95 north, between Routes 97 & 133 - Meeting Time: 6:00PM - Leave Time 6:30PM SHARP! Limited to first 20 Corvette member-cars that sign-up and pre-pay. Bring your 2-way radios set on channel 7 (Flyer on website)

August. 20 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks and 7:30PM an Ice Cream Run.

August 25 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

* unless notified on website

NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT: *By Joe Generazzo*

We currently have 131 Members:

Welcome back: Bob Lewis and Frank & Sharon Elliott

Welcome to our newest members:

James & Diane Falls and Mike & Susan Linnane



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CORVETTE

Hampton Beach Fireworks Cruise

DATE: Wed., 19 August 2009 (No Rain Date)

**Meeting Location: The Weigh Station on I-95 North,
Between Routes 97 & 133**

Meet Time: 6:00 PM

Leave Time: 6:30 PM (sharp!)

Limited to the first 20 member-cars that sign-up and pre-pay!

- - - - FUN, FOOD AND MORE FUN - - - -

Reminders! Bring your 2 way radios set to Channel 7

* Any additional updates on the event will be posted on the NSCM Website
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