

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"

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With Deepest Regret

It is with deepest regret that I inform our membership of the passing, on Saturday, 26 September, of club member and friend, Charles "Chick" Chicarello. There was no wake or funeral. A memorial mass was held at noon time on Wednesday, 30 September, at St. Margaret's Church on Winn Street, Burlington.



Charles "Chick" Chicarello

Charles lived alone, so cards should be sent to:
The Family of Charles A. Chicarello
9 Sears Street
Burlington, MA 01803-3037

Our sympathy also extends to Joan Gordon, Chick's companion for many years.

Newsletter: Submit before the
25th of the month

Please send all info to: doncowan57@comcast.net

NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I'm writing this on the 24th in order to get it to our Vice President, Web Master and Newsletter Editor, Don Cowan, by the 25th. (Aside: We tried getting a name badge for Don that had all his titles on it but it was so heavy, it kept stretching out his shirt!) I am looking forward to Sunday, 27 September, for the annual Vettes to Vets event. It's supposed to rain that day. I don't care. Someone said they didn't want to take their Vette out on a rainy day. I responded exactly as in the past, *"They placed no conditions on their willingness to serve the Nation – I can place no stipulations on my willingness to show support and to express my thanks."* I hope you all felt the same way and attended this outstanding event. In addition to having fun with our Corvettes and with our friends, we can also do some good with them. This event is a brilliant example of just such a good purpose. I look forward to seeing every member there to support our infirmed veterans. If you could not be there, perhaps you were able to make a donation – either way, "Thanks, Kids!"

I trust that all our members who went to the National Corvette Museum (NCM), Bowling Green, Kentucky, to take part in the 2009 National Corvette Caravan and Celebration, found the trip to be fun and a memorable Corvette event. I know that Louie and Jo-Ann Barretto did. Jo-Ann was the lucky winner of a new 2010 Torch Red Corvette Convertible!! They received the car in a ceremony called "Museum Delivery" where Wendell Strode, the NCM Executive Director presents the car keys along with special certificates and photos. All this takes place in a special room of the museum. This was all part of a week in which we enjoyed our cars, saw some really nice scenery, met some great people and enjoyed each other's company. Some of us took part in a race track day where we found out what our cars can really do. (Man, was that fun!) Hopefully, these experiences will motivate you to take part in the next national caravan or to go to the museum and factory on your own. Heck, if we get enough interest, perhaps we can do it as a club! It's a great way to really appreciate the cars we drive.

Regrettably, rainy weather forced us to cancel the club cruise to the Crane Castle in Ipswich for a Tour and Club Photo. This was a real loss for us as this opportunity was unique among Corvette Clubs in New England. We will stay in contact with the Trustees of Reservations in order to attempt this again, next springtime. Please stay tuned. You will find this event worthwhile. The club photo that results will be a real "keeper". In the meantime, we are looking into visiting one of the other mansions, perhaps in the western part of the state.

Speaking of going out west, several club members have requested we do our end of season tour to the Hotel Northampton for brunch. It's a great ride and everyone has enjoyed the excellent brunch. These folks have always been extra good to us, even going so far as to rope off part of their parking lot for our use. Heck, they even sent staff members out there to keep an eye on our Vettes while we ate and then walked around Northampton. I will try to get info on sight-seeing around that area before we beat feet back home. Danny Crovo, our vaunted Club Secretary, has again volunteered to be our "pathfinder" on this trip. Look forward to going up and down the hill called "Prescott Road" – Oooowee! The planned date is Sunday, 01 November, with a rain date of 08 November. Please save those dates.

Try to make a special effort to make the last club meetings of this year. Remember, October is "By-Laws Month". If you have any suggested revisions to our club guidelines, please bring them up at our 15 October gathering. Even if it's a grammar correction, it's a good excuse for you to be there and to share an evening with your buddies.

Repeating a note from last month — I want to inform you all that our own Tony Marino is collecting pop-tops from beverage cans to benefit the Shiners Hospital, a worthy and noble cause.

Joe Scafidi, owner of the Bow-Tie Shop in Billerica, has again invited us to stop by for coffee on selected Monday or Tuesday evenings to have him guide us through the restoration of a 1963 Corvette "Fuelie". Our first tech session was very well received by those who attended. I will inform you of future timing, albeit with short notice. We're hoping that by allowing you to see what is involved in a proper restoration, as it occurs, you will be able to develop a better understanding for such work and the shops that are qualified to accomplish it.

There's much more coming our way. Please stay tuned to the web site and make it to the club events. Come on, Kids. Come out and spend some great times with your buddies!

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!

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

September 17, 2009

Start time: 7:30 PM

Adjourn time: 8:33 PM

E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Don Cowan	Vice-President
Barry Keohan	Treasurer
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director
All present	



Agenda Items:

Welcome & New Member Introductions – no new members present.

Costco rep. Debi Veale is here tonight offering special discounts to club members. Rich introduced Debi; the deal tonight is \$50 membership with \$25 gift card, executive \$100 membership with \$50 gift card.

Member Announcements — Joe Generazzo reports we are currently at 140 members.

Treasurer's Report — Per B. Keohan; Barry made the report which was accepted as read.

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, seconded and accepted.

Cruise Night Report – WOW, Great Cruise Night Season! – Well done, Patrick! Pat reported we had a pretty good season considering all the wet weather. On more than one occasion we had in excess of 80 cars. Thank you to all for your support. Pat noted "it is not over". We will still be meeting on Tuesday nights for dinner throughout the off season. Rich noted Pat was there every week without fail and thanked him with a well done. Pat reported the Big Kahuna trophy was won by Jim Burns with his 2003 anniversary roadster as selected by Sylvan Street staff members.

NCM & Ambassador – Jo-Ann has a new ride! Barry reported that Joanne Barretto won the raffle for a torch red 2010 roadster at the National Corvette Museum! Congratulations Joanne.

Charlie Oliveri took the floor and spoke; we had a good time, good leaders, no accidents or breakdowns. Thank you to Rich Gureghian for leading our group. Charlie noted that the NJ and PA leaders were terrific. The laps at Balterra were great. Barry reported non members who traveled with us said it was great to travel with us and several joined us for dinners. Fantastic time. Laraine Cowan noted that a couple we met, from Nantucket, invited the club to their home for a cook out in April for the daffodil festival. This would be no car event. Laraine Cowan has their contact information.

Rich took the opportunity to thank those who went on this adventure.

Old Business – The 2009 Caravan is history; Rich noted we are looking forward to the next one. Rich was gratified by strangers who decided to hang out with us.

Upcoming Events (New Business) Update:

Crane's Castle Visit & Club Photo – 12 September rained out. We will try again next spring.

Visit to Bradley Estate in Canton, MA (Sunday) – Any volunteers? Rich reported that Pat Ferullo and he visited there. Pat Ferullo and Tony Marino volunteered to help with organizing a visit.

Corvettes Conquer Cancer, 19 September – Rich has tickets. \$25.00 per person.

Vettes to Vets, 27 September – Another reason for the entire club to turn out. Ron Morneau took the floor to provide details of the event. Ron has flyers available. There will be a get together at the Royal Garden restaurant (RT. 1 southbound Peabody) on Friday night at 6:00 PM. Saturday night the Marriott Hotel in Billerica MA, 270 Concord Road will have a buffet for \$15 and Sunday breakfast. Check the website for details. <http://www.vetestovets.org/>

Tech Sessions – Bow-Tie Shop Tech Session Series — regarding the restoration of Corvettes to NCRS standards at the Bow Tie Shop at 50 Dunham Road in Billerica. These will start up again, after the NCRS Regionals.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

End-of-Season Cruise – Timing and destination; Rich reported we have not yet set a date, however, he has had requests to go to the Hotel Northampton. Some interest shown, no other suggestions for other destinations were given. Tentative date is Nov. 1 with Nov. 8 as a backup.

Holiday Party – Rich noted in past years we have not charged members for the party. This year, due to the large amount of members, we would bankrupt the treasury. Rich is suggesting we charge \$20 pp and refund \$10 on arrival to offset cost. Tentative date January 16.

Other – Exhaust System Statute Revision – we are actively working on making contact with Robert DeLeo and the registrar of motor vehicles. If we are able get a meeting, anyone interested in attending will be welcome.

NSCM Guideline Revisions – The October meeting will be the time to make suggestions for changes to the guidelines.

Tony Marino reminded the membership to save the aluminum pull tabs to benefit Shriner's Hospital.

\$29 collected for the Elk's scholarship fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

THE 2009 BIG KAHUNA WINNER:



JAMES BURNS
50 Anniversary 2003 Corvette Convertible

THE VETTES TO VETS WINNER:



NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT: *By Joe Generazzo*

We currently have 140 Members

A New Membership accepted on or after October 1st will apply to the following years dues as well as the remainder of the current year.

Storing Your Corvette For The Winter

This year, our Cruise Night Director, Pat Ferullo, suggested we again publish some tips for the winter storage of our Corvettes as our Tech Page. Over the years, I have solicited suggestions for this annual ritual. Hope this helps.

Winter Tips –

- Most cars are stored on concrete floors. If possible, store them on wood such as pressure-treated plywood. This helps prevent alloy wheels and other aluminum parts from oxidizing and tarnishing.
- Keep the moisture away from your car by taking baking pans or even trash can lids and filling them with kitty litter. Place one under the front and one under the rear of the car.
- Seal the car – aside from moisture, do not allow for the entry of mice or rats or tarantulas or . . . wait a minute, I'm getting scared!
- Use desiccant bags for the interior but do not allow them to sit onto the interior surfaces. Instead, place the desiccant bags on a nonporous surface inside the car. Place them in a Tupperware-type container or one of those new plastic "Gladware" containers. You should be able to find these bags at Wal-Mart. This will prevent moisture from concentrating under the desiccant bags and possibly staining the interior surface.
- Clean your windshield wipers with rubbing alcohol. I go a step further with my winter & summer blades on my drivers. I clean the rubber and then rinse & seal them using silicone paste lubricant. The wipers just last and last.
- Check your tire pressures with a good gauge, not a pencil-type gauge. Do not overpressure the tires. For run-flats, it is recommended to remove the tire stem to get rid of any damp air and repressurizing them with fresh, dry air. If your tires are pressurized with nitrogen, you don't need to worry about this last step.
- Always wash & wax and clean the car AND change the oil before putting the car into storage. Detail the car before storing. Contaminants should not be allowed to remain on any of the surfaces for the winter. Clean and condition the leather and vinyl surfaces before storing. These are preservatives. Cruise Director, Pat Ferullo, goes one step further. He also details the inward facing surfaces of his wheels. He removes the wheels, cleans all the exterior surfaces of the wheels and waxes them.
- On older Vettes, change the coolant every 2 years. On Newer cars, the interval is 5 years.
- On hinge pins, do not use white grease. Instead, use 30W or 10-30W synthetic motor oil. The synthetic oil lasts longer without the unsightly white-to-black blobs.
- Care for the emergency brake – you may need it in an emergency. The problems associated with e-brakes are primarily due to lack of use, so use your e-brake every time you park the car. When doing an oil change on newer Vettes put some anti-seize compound on the e-brake adjusters. On older Vettes with shoe-type e-brake mechanisms, this should be done when any brake service is done.
- Stabilizing the fuel may not be required as many experts feel the new fuels can take a 4-month rest. (I stabilize my car's fuel anyway!) All those I spoke to recommend, however, filling the tank and using dry gas.
- My personal recommendation is to drive your car on winter days that are dry, bright and sunny. That cold air is a feast for your Corvette's intake system and you'll have more fun than if you just leave your ride under a cover. – just my 2 cents.

Remember — If there is a tech question we can help with, 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.

Save the wave, Rich Gureghian

**OUR OWN JO-ANN BARRETTO WINS THE DRAWING FOR THE 2010 RED CONVERTIBLE
AT THE 2009 CARAVAN IN BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY AT THE NATION CORVETTE MUSEUM.**



2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

October

October 06 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)*

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

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

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

October 18 - Sunday - 10:00AM to 3:00PM **Car Club International by the Silverstone Club** 15 Sharpners Pond Rd. North Andover, MA - \$10/car - Food & Entertainment - All Cars & Clubs Welcome. (See website for Flyer)

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

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

November

Nov. 01 Sunday - End-of-Season Cruise to the Hotel Northampton (rain date 11-8) More to follow.

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

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

Nov. 12 - Thursday NSCM Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks. Time: TBA

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

Nov. 19 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks (Serving Food)

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

Nov. 26 - Thursday **Thanksgiving**

* unless notified on website

VETTES TO VETS



It may have rained the second year in a row but we still were there in great numbers to honor our Veterans.

More to follow in the next newsletter.