

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"

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December 16 - Thursday 7:30PM
NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks

*VERY IMPORTANT MEETING
VOTING FOR E-BOARD OFFICERS*

Happy Hanukkah!



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

PRESIDENT NOTES: *By Rich Gureghian*

This is it, Kids! We're coming into the final stretch for year 2010. Our December meeting will take place on the 16th of the month and I can hardly wait! The December meeting is traditionally the meeting where we have all the great foods and our highest attendance for the year. This means we get to see more of each other and have time to chat.

Let's face it we have a lot to talk about. We've done a lot together this year.

- You kicked off the year with a landmark Holiday Party in January. This was thanks to the excellent efforts of our own Diane Crovo.
- You even rode all the way to the Sun (Mohegan) and after enjoying each other's company with a day of fun, you strengthened our club treasury. Thanks, Kids.
- You dusted off your Vettes with a cruise and showed us all the tricks of properly detailing a Corvette. Barry & JoAnn Keohan hosted us all once again.
- June meant a wonderful long weekend in Bar Harbor with your buddies and your Corvettes.
- We had a great Cruise Night season, thanks to our able Cruise Night Director, Pat Ferullo.
- We traveled to the Adirondacks for the Nationals there. Imagine, three days of open pipes and burning rubber! Many thanks go to that handsome Louie Barretto for setting us up at a new hotel facility at bargain rates.
- We've witnessed the frame-off restoration of a 1963 Fuel-Injected Split-Window Coupe through month-by-month tech sessions at Joe Scafidi's Bow-Tie Shop. He was willing to conduct these during weekday evenings so more of you could make it.
- Our Sunday breakfast/brunch runs are now the stuff of legend.
- There were fireworks for more of us than ever before. (Ooh – Aah!)
- For the seventh consecutive year you guys were the largest supporting club for the *Vettes to Vets* event, honoring our hospitalized veterans. Our continuing thanks go to members Ron Morneau and Karen Blandini for carrying the ball for this event each year.
- We imposed upon Karen throughout the year for her Sunshine greetings. She marked the occasions when we were ill and when we mourned. Thanks, Kiddo!
- You visited a castle and posed your Corvettes for a photograph that will be part of your club memories from now on. Once more, Diane Crovo brought this to fruition and to top it off, she took us to a delicious lunch. Thanks, Dee!
- You ended the season with a brunch trip to picturesque Northampton. You then took a side trip to wish Happy Birthday to a friend you had not yet met. You thanked him for giving so much to our country – certainly more than any of us. Dan Crovo scoped out the trip so we wouldn't get lost or see a rough road. Thank you, Dan — I hope you put in for your gasoline expenses!
- You escorted World War II veterans on their way to be honored in Washington – and you did it with almost no sleep under your belts.

Yes sir, you folks did a great deal this year and you did it with a lot of class. Gee, I'm proud of this club. I'm just so damned proud of you guys!

We had nominations to club offices at the October & November meetings. I hope you will attend the election, held at the December meeting. It's important to let people know you appreciate their work for you and that they have your support. Besides, you miss a lot when you miss our monthly meetings.

PRESIDENT NOTES CONT.:

As mentioned last month, this is also the time of year to consider an underprivileged child at Holiday time. If you can, please attend the upcoming December meeting and bring an unwrapped toy for our donation to the "Toys for Tots" campaign. If the toy requires batteries, please provide them with the toy. Imagine the disappointment of a child on Christmas morning, given a toy that they cannot enjoy because the donor did not provide the batteries! Please bring a toy for these kids.

See you all soon, Kids! (And remember, shifting under 3 grand – causes premature aging – of both you *and* your Vette!)

With a wave and with my sincere thanks,

— 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 TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER MEETINGS:

Tuesday Night Dinners are usually held at Sylvan Street Grille during the Cruise Nights. We also meet for Tuesday Night Dinners during the winter too. We try to plan to visit another restaurant every other week.

Please send your suggestions to me and I will send out an Email Blast to the membership and they will respond to you, via Email, so you can make the reservations.

Remember the restaurant must do separate checks, take reservations, be moderately priced, close to the Peabody area, since it's centrally located for most of the members. I would need the following info, at least one week in advance, Your name, your email address with the name, address, telephone number, website of the restaurant and any other info you think we should pass on to the membership.

Below is a sample of an Email blast.

DINNER MEETING

November 23rd - Tuesday 6:30PM

**SAMPLE
EMAIL
BLAST**

The Fat Cactus

215 Broadway, Rt. 1 North
Lynnfield, MA
781-592-0077

PLEASE RSVP by Monday - Nov. 22nd - 6:00 PM!

to: araokelegends@yahoo.com

This was a suggestion from Jerry Pacelli.

In the next weeks to come, where would you like to go?

Thank you,
Don Cowan, VP
North Shore Corvettes of MA
Email: doncowan57@comcast.net

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

November 18, 2010

(HELD AT FERULLO'S GARAGE LOFT)

Start time: 7:30 PM
PM

Adjourn time: 9:27

E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Barry Keohan	Treasurer
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director



E-Board Members Absent:

Don Cowan	Vice-President
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President Richard Gureghian opened the meeting at @ 7:35 PM after dinner.

Agenda Items:

Welcome/New Member Intros – No new members present.

Member Announcements – Joe Generazzo reports we are holding at 185 members. Membership renewals will be going out within the next few weeks with the Holiday Party announcements noting the new club address.

1. Treasury — Barry Keohan made the report which was accepted as read.
2. Vice President – No report; Don Cowan is absent.
3. Secretary's Report – Dan Crovo asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as it appears in the Redline newsletter. Accepted.
4. Museum Report – Barry Keohan reports that raffle tickets are available for "Build your own Z06". There is currently a Camaro exhibit on going. The report was accepted as read.

Rich suggested that you consider giving a gift membership to the museum as a holiday present.

5. Business –

Final Nominations to Office –

Karen Blandini offered to stay on the Sunshine Committee.

Rich opened the floor for nominations. No new nominations.

By-Laws —

Amendments are in. Rich Gureghian called for any additional changes. There were none.

Rich noted the E-Board is working on correcting spelling, grammar, etc. in the current document.

Insurance – Rich said we are looking into liability insurance for the E-Board. We will bring the information to the membership and the cost for membership approval.

Holiday Party – Diane Crovo reports 3 venues were checked, Bradford Tavern in Rowley, Mount Hood in Melrose and Woburn Country Club in Woburn. A decision by the E-Board was made to have the party at the Woburn Country Club for January 29, 2010. The menu is similar to last year. Rich asked for a vote to appropriate \$1500 for the party. All members present voted in the affirmative.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Website —

Jerry Pacelli will be taking over the website. His intention is to make it more user friendly. Cost will be \$59/month for a four year contract or \$79/month for a two year contract. Jerry will provide a proposal. Rich asked Ken Goldberg to have a look at the contract. Tony Liburdi made a motion to table this until next month when more information will be available. The motion passed.

NSCM Club Photo @ Crane Castle – Walter Bolz has inserted the NSCM logo and the Crane Castle title and sent a hi-res file to Don Cowan for final approval. We intend to make the file available to the membership to have prints made as they wish.

Club Logo Wristwatches —

Barry Keohan reports he has orders for 30 watches (18 men's, 12 women's) and will be placing the order tomorrow. This will be the only order until next year this time. A motion was made to place an order for the exact quantity of paid watches. The motion passed.

Tech Sessions:

Paint Scratch Repair – Rich is working with MacMulkin Chevrolet to invite their paint scratch vendor to do a presentation on a Saturday during the winter.

Paintless Dent Repair – Rich is working with MacMulkin Chevrolet to invite their paintless dent repair vendor to do a presentation on a Saturday during the winter.

Automotive Lifts – No progress on this item.

NSCM Bermuda Cruise - Carrie Crouch has been working with Nelly Gureghian on a cruise from Boston to Bermuda since August. They have selected a leaving date of June 10, 2011 for a 7 night cruise. Includes \$100 shipboard credit per stateroom. \$250 deposit per person based on double occupancy, refundable up to March 20, 2011, the final payment date Pricing for the cruise ranges from \$845 pp/dbl occupancy for an inside cabin, ocean view cabin \$885 pp/dbl occupancy, balcony cabin \$1195 pp/dbl occupancy. . Price range for trip insurance is about \$79 to \$120 per person which Carrie highly recommends. Contact Carrie (978 683 3926) if you're interested in going on this trip.

Elections – REMINDER, DECEMBER MEETING IS OUR ELECTION MEETING.

Other — Toys for Tots – We will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots at the December meeting. Be sure to include batteries if required.

Pat Ferullo showed samples of club clothing from Rich Scarpaci's "Royal Designs". Pat has his business cards available. Royal Designs, 700 Salem St., Malden, MA 781-322-4300.

Pat is looking into replacing the Big Kahuna trophy that resides in the Sylvan Street Grille lobby showcase sometime next year. The existing trophy is getting tired looking and all of the past winners don't fit on the front panel.

Rich noted that Ken Goldberg's new Callaway was repaired by the Bow Tie Shop after it suffered a close encounter with a box truck. Ken reports that his car is perfect and highly recommends the shop.

Motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Meeting adjourned.

Callaway! – Recently received from Reeves Callaway — Team Champions or not Team Champions? FIA GT3-Team Championships were finally decided – The Callaways won!

It's nice to know you can buy a Corvette that is an investment-quality car that looks great on the street and is ruggedly derived directly from those thoroughbreds that win international endurance races.

C4 Convertible Luggage Racks – Who Says They're No Longer Available?! – Well, they're out of production and the inventories are long gone so if you want one, you're out of luck. They tried telling this to club member Henry Saulnier but Henry has difficulty taking "No" for an answer. Henry's beautiful white C4 has a new luggage rack on the rear lid. How did he do it if they're no longer available? The answer is to buy the "Trunk Deck Rack Kit" from Proline® Products (www.prolineracks.com).

PRODUCT DETAILS:

- Add an aerodynamically styled trunk deck rack to your sedan!
- Black polyester powder coated aluminum cross rail and 5 center slats.
- Easy to Install, all hardware and instructions included.
- Available in black finish only.
- Sizes to most foreign and domestic vehicles.
- Five (5) adjustable tie down locations for securing your cargo and luggage.



Henry purchased the 18-inch model for \$99.95 (plus \$12.00 shipping) and cut the 5 center slats to custom fit the rear deck of his beautiful white Vette. The result is stunning. The next time you see Henry at Cruise Night, check out his ride. It just goes to show that nothing is impossible for those who refuse to give up. Thanks, Henry!

Who Said There's Nothing For Free?! – Club member and Cruise Night Director, Patrick Ferullo came up with a helpful tip about another free business Directory Assistance service (Google free 4-1-1 no longer functions). If you want a business phone number, simply dial 1-800 FREE-411 (800-373-3411) and after a brief ad, you're in for free 4-1-1 assistance. It's great – try it. Thanks, Pat!

No More Alcohol – I've Had Enough! – Well, now that winter seems to be approaching, some folks are looking to stock up on gasoline dry-gas as we did in previous years. Have you noticed that dry-gas is getting harder to find? That's because it's no longer needed. Our motor fuels are now blended with 10% by volume methyl alcohol. In other words, if your car's tank holds 18 gallons, you have 1.8 gallons (230 ounces) of alcohol mixed in. That's like having 29 8-ounce bottles of dry gas in it!! Long story short, if your fuel takes on moisture with all that alcohol, it means you accidentally filled the car's tank with mostly water, not gas! Now, since all that alcohol is part of our motor fuel mix, you see why fuel systems tend to suffer varnish deposits and require a good fuel system stabilizer (make sure the Sta-Bil® you use is marked "new & improved") that is formulated for alcohol fuels. It's also the reason why they need regular additions of an additive such as Techron so that the adverse effects of varnish deposits can be cleaned away.

I sure hope this helps, guys. Is there a tech question we can help you with? If so, just let me know via e-mail at r.gureghian@comcast.net. Always save a wave for each other and for the Corvettes you see! — *Rich Gureghian*

2010 UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 02 - Thursday **Happy Hanukkah**

December 07 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

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

December 14 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

December 16 - Thursday 7:30PM - **NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks** - Serving Food at 7:00PM*

December 21 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

December 25 - Saturday - **Christmas**

December 28 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

* unless notified on website

NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

By Joe Generazzo

We currently have 185 Members

2011 Renewal Applications are out in the mail.

STILL HOME RECOVERING:

Cheryl Dunklee is home recovering and doing much better.

Her address is:
Cheryl Dunklee
24 Park Ave.
Middleton, MA 01949

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for electing me to be the Vice President of NSCM. It has been a wonderful experience, working with a great bunch of guys on the E-Board and to serve all of you, the members. I have made many friends and look forward to continuing those friendships for many years to come. In addition to Vice President, I also enjoyed other responsibilities such as: Newsletter Editor, which I hope to continue, Webmaster, which took many hours a week but it was another way I could contribute to keep everyone better informed. It was well worth the time. Also as Tuesday Night Dinner Coordinator, in the winter and Sunday Morning Brunch Coordinator through out the year.

In closing, I want to thank Rick Gureghian, our President for his outstanding leadership for the past few years and moving our club in the right direction. Thank you to Dan Crovo, our Club Secretary, Barry Keohan, our Club Treasurer, Pat Ferullo, our Cruise Night Director, Joe Generazzo, our Membership Director, for a perfect job they did to make our club stand out among the rest. We ran like a perfectly oiled machine.

Save the wave and happy motoring,

Don Cowan, Vice President