

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"

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REMINDER

Toys for Tots – Bring an unwrapped new toy (with batteries if required) to the December meeting. Meeting will be held at our regular location, The ELK's Hall in Wakefield, MA.

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Our Membership Director, Joe Generazzo, has sent out our Club Renewal Applications in the mail. Also, you will find a Holiday Party Reservation Form. Please, sent them in with payment at your earliest convenience. Please make out separate checks, one for Membership Dues and one for the Holiday Party.

SAVE THE DATE:

Save the date, for our member only NSCM Club Holiday Party. The party is planned for Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Woburn Country Club. We are still working on the per person cost. More details to follow.

CORVETTE IN THE PLASTIC BUBBLE



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

PRESIDENT NOTES: *By Rich Gureghian*

Howdy, Kids! This month's message is brief, just as our December meeting will be brief.

Well, it's hard to believe but the year is almost over. This means that we're looking toward the Holiday Season and all the good times we have come to expect from that time of the year. We're also setting up events just for your enjoyment so please be sure to watch the web site for announcements and be mindful of your email Inbox for news of what your club has planned for you. Just because our cars are put away doesn't mean we aren't going to have fun – far from it!

We got good news from the Elks Hall management – we have the upstairs room once more for our December meeting on December 15th. With that, please remember to attend our last meeting of the year and exchange holiday greetings with your friends in NSCM. Also, PLEASE remember to bring your unwrapped toy for a little boy or girl to the meeting as part of our club donation to Toys for Tots. If the toy requires batteries, please include them, separately with the toy so a child is not disappointed by receiving a toy that they cannot use as it is without batteries. This is important, guys. Please attend the December meeting and bring your gift for Toys for Tots.

By now, you all have received your email blast that we are invited to visit Callaway Cars, in Old Lyme, CT, on 21 January with 04 February as our snow date. Please save those dates and let me know if you wish to attend. We need to give Callaway's management a head count so they can have enough staff there to host us. I have also taken the liberty to invite the folks from Gate City Corvettes and Spindle City Corvette Club to attend with us. They're nice people and we have always enjoyed their company.

Diane Crovo has spoken! Our Holiday Party will be taking place on Saturday, January 28th, at the Woburn Country Club. Just as in previous years, Diane is undertaking the needed hard work so that all we need to do is show up and enjoy ourselves. Plan on attending and make sure you set aside the date. We'll all have a better time if you're there!

Thanks for being part of our great club! We want to make sure you all have fun with your Corvettes and with your Corvette buddies! Watch the email blasts and our web site. We have some really interesting events and workshops coming up for you.

See you all soon, Kids! (And remember, shifting under 3,000 RPM – can allow you to consider a Ford!).

With a wave from Nelly and from me along with our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and a Happy and a Healthy New Year! You're all great Kids. We want you around for a long time!

— 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 MEMBERSHIP REPORT: *By Joe Generazzo*

We currently have 208 Members

I sent our Club Renewal Applications in the mail. Also, you will find a Holiday Party Reservation Form. Please, sent them in with payment at your earliest convenience. Please make out separate checks, one for Membership Dues and one for the Holiday Party. Thank You!

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

November 17, 2011

Meeting Started @ 7:38PM

Meeting adjourned @ 8:37 PM.

E-Board members present:

Rich Gureghian	President
Greg Egavian	Vice-President
Tony Liburdi	Treasurer
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director



E-Board members absent:

Don Cowan	Newsletter Editor
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Agenda Items:

President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Announcements: Rich noted that Costco couldn't make this meeting, however, any member of the Corvette Club who wants to join as new members to Costco will receive a \$10.00 Cash Card for Gold Star Memberships (\$55.00 per year) and a \$20.00 Cash Card for Executive Memberships (\$110.00 per year). Interested members should contact Deb Veale at Costco, Danvers (w301mkt01@costco.com). Interested parties must state they are NSCM members.

Sad news; Bob Dobson's wife Judy passed away this past Sunday. Our sympathies go out to Bob and his family.

Good news; Louie Barretto is present tonight as he continues to recover from surgery.

1. Treasury — Tony Liburdi made the report which was accepted as read. The annual report was filed with Massachusetts on 11/1. Insurance renewal coming up in December.
2. Membership – Joe Generazzo 208 members. Holiday party invitations and membership renewals will be sent out in the next two weeks.
3. Vice President – Greg Egavian has nothing to report at this time.
4. Cruise Night - Pat Ferullo asked that we do our best to support Sylvan St. Grill on Tuesdays. Call Pat Tuesday afternoon with your RSVP.

Pat noted the following regarding club members:

Cathy Doucette was at MGH yesterday but is currently home.

Jim Burns was scheduled for his final surgery this past week.

Ron Hudd's wife is seriously ill.

Jerry Pacilli's mother isn't doing well.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Ted Cook wrote Don Cowan regarding an event in Stoneham on Sunday. We'll get an email blast out ASAP.

5. Business –

By-Laws – Tony reports the changes have been completed. They need to be proof read and put on the website.

Holiday Party Preparations – Diane Crovo reported that for next month's meeting she will have the menu and other details. She noted that vegetarian meals will be available. Joe Generazzo will work with Diane regarding timing of sending out the applications.

Bow-Tie Shop Tech Sessions – Rich reported the first session conducted, second will be confirmed. Expected to be the 1st Wednesday of the month, however, the December session may be delayed while waiting for the tubular frame to arrive at the shop.

Callaway Visit – Rich contacted Callaway Cars and tentative Saturday dates in January-February time frame selected for NSCM approval. Will pick three Saturday's (date, snow date and a snow date for the snow date). Will put out an email blast when the dates have been selected.

Toys for Tots – Bring an unwrapped new toy (with batteries if required) to the December meeting. Will send out an email blast.

Club donations – Rich asked to review last year's donations to decide if we want to donate to them again this year.

From last year:

American Cancer Society

North Shore Children's Hospital, Salem, MA

Shriner's Burn Center

Globe Santa

\$250 each

Approved for this year by the member's present.

Rich noted that in 2004 NSCM did a 12 day tour of eastern Canada. Rich sent member Ralph Gillis a copy of the 2004 itinerary for his review.

Ralph spoke with his suggested itinerary of leaving from Bangor to Holten ME.

2nd day to Fredericton past Moncton to the bridge to PEI. Ferry to Nova Scotia. Drive to Cape Breton Island to Baddeck. Drive Cabot Trail from there. Louisbourg Fortress to Halifax to Digby. Ferry to St. John and St. Andrews by the Sea. Eight hour drive to Boston. Suggestion is last week of July and first week of August.

Rich reports we are working on a Thursday-Monday Washington DC trip.

Reminder; Corvette Mike "coffee" visit the Saturday after Thanksgiving 10 to 4.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

The NCM Ambassador report:

Barry Keohan made a NCM report; the museum has a new Flint Brick program. The next anniversary caravan is 2014. Currently rezoning the motor sports park area with the groundbreaking in the spring of 2013; expect grand opening 2014 Labor Day weekend for the caravan.

Pat made a request that for any upcoming meetings that occur at his garage to park in the area in front of his garage and his driveway to minimize the number of cars parked on the street.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:37 PM.

NSCM TECH PAGE: *By Rich Gureghian*

Only The Best For My Baby – I found out that if your car is more than 3 years old or if it has more than 36,000 miles on it, your insurance company does not have to use new, OEM parts to repair accident damage. That's right, they can use junk yard parts to repair accident damage. I also found out you can ask for an endorsement (rider), for a slight additional charge, to allow the use of **new parts**. Suffice it to say, I opted for this rider, on all my cars, as soon as I found this out. You may want to do the same. For me, given the slight charge, it was worth the peace of mind. Think about it!

Snow Tires? – It's Not Cold Enough! – Believe it or not, mounting your snow tires early and driving them on warm roads can cost you money. Modern tires meant for ice and snow use a compound class that wears much more rapidly when ambient temperatures are above 50° F. Make sure you put them on your car when the weather forecast is for a week of colder temps and you should be all set. As a rule of thumb, I usually put mine on after December 1st.

My C6 Is Getting "Cranky" – Here's a tip from club secretary, Dan Crovo. After changing his Corvette's oil or when starting the car after a lengthy slumber, he builds up engine oil pressure before firing the engine. He demonstrated how this is possible with a C6. He depressed the accelerator all the way and kept it there and then hit the start button. Once there was pressure indicated, he let off the accelerator while still cranking and the car started without the possibility of a dry start. We're not sure if this works for C5's and it does not work for C4 or earlier cars. Our thanks go to Dan for this tip.

Last Note – Here's a tip, not only for your Vette but also for your steel-bodied car, if you plan its use during the colder months. With winter setting in with its freezing temperatures, it's a good idea to have your battery checked under load by the dealer or a qualified technician. This will assure your "juice box" has enough "oomph" to get you through the cold weather.

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

SAD NEWS:

NSCM Member Judy Dobson, Bob's wife, died peacefully at their home, surrounded by her family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Our sympathies go out to Bob and his family.

NEWS ABOUT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM:

By Barry Keohan, Corvette Museum Ambassador

Did you know.....

Bricks make great Christmas and year end award gifts! There are several options available that are categorized below by location.

Inside the NCM you will find our hexagon-shaped bricks which line each side of Corvette Boulevard. Hexagon bricks are \$200 for members and \$250 for nonmembers. They can accommodate three lines of text with 13 characters and spaces per line. You also have the choice of C1 – C6 logo or NCM Spire to be displayed at the top.

Outside the NCM, the options are nearly limitless. You can make your mark with a small, medium, or large brick or granite bench in the Corvette Courtyard.

Small bricks with text only are available for \$100 for members and \$125 for nonmembers. If you want to spice it up a bit, choose one of our logoed small bricks for only \$50 more.

Looking for something custom? Try adding your club logo or personal design to a medium brick (12" X 12") for \$600 for members and \$650 for nonmembers. Custom artwork is also available for large bricks (24" X 24") priced at \$2500 members/\$2600 nonmembers.

Want the ultimate tribute at the NCM? Granite benches in the Corvette Courtyard are a wonderful way to recognize friends, loved ones, clubs or businesses. Benches can purchased for \$5,000 for the entire bench, \$3,000 for ½ bench or \$2,000 for 1/3 of a bench.

To learn more or purchase, visit our website at <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=55>. Orders placed by November 18th will be processed and in place before Christmas.

Club Turntable Display Opportunity

Any club who belongs to the NCM as a Business/Club Lifetime or a Business/Club member can submit their club for display in the front turn display at the NCM. Even if you have submitted the club in the past, please submit again. The first opportunity to display will be January 1 – March 31, 2012. We will draw for the first club display on November 11. Please have all submissions in by tomorrow morning at 9:00AM.

Stephanie Morrill
Membership/Guest Services Manager
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2011 DECEMBER EVENTS:

December 06 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting at the Century House**, 235 Andover St., Rte. 114, Peabody, MA * (If you are planning on attending, Please, RSVP to Pat Ferullo at 978-697-0964 before 5:00PM the same day)

December 08 - Thursday 6:30PM - **NSCM Board of Directors Meeting** - at Pat's Garage*

December 13 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting at the Sylvan Street Grille**, Peabody, MA * (If you are planning on attending, Please RSVP to Pat Ferullo at 978-697-0964 before 5:00PM the same day)

December 15 - Thursday 7:30PM - **NSCM Membership Meeting at the Wakefield Elks** - Serving Food at 7:00PM* **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TOYS FOR TOTS GIFT** (don't forget the batteries if they are needed.)

December 20 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting at the Sylvan Street Grille**, Peabody, MA * (If you are planning on attending, Please RSVP to Pat Ferullo at 978-697-0964 before 5:00PM the same day)

December 25 - Saturday - Christmas

December 27 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting at the Sylvan Street Grille**, Peabody, MA * (If you are planning on attending, Please RSVP to Pat Ferullo at 978-697-0964 before 5:00PM the same day)

* unless notified on website

BOWTIE SHOP

Pictures by Barry Keohan

1966 Corvette Vette-Rod Seminar

The tentatively scheduled for Dec. 7, 2011, will be postponed until after the 1st of the year. Since the delay in the delivery of the tubular frame, Joe Scafidi decided it would be best to reschedule for some time in Jan. 2012. As soon as we have a firm date, we'll send out a notice.

Your not going to want to miss this!

