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*"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"*

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### 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, send them in with payment at your earliest convenience. Please make out separate checks, one for Membership Dues and one for the Holiday Party.

### NSCM MEMBER'S 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.

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

**PRESIDENT NOTES:** *By Rich Gureghian*

Happy New Year, Kids!

This will be a great year for us and for North Shore Corvettes. We're planning a number of events to keep you busy and having fun throughout the year, not the least of which will be our planned cruise to the Canadian Maritimes – twelve days of fun in a Vette, spending time on great roads with some very nice people who call that area "home". Our thanks go to club members Ralph Gillis and his wonderful wife, Jane, who will be putting this trip together. Please remember to tell them if you wish to help out in some way with the planning or the implementation of the caravan(s).

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. We will continue to keep you all informed as we approach our visit date.

Diane Crovo is putting the finishing touches on our Holiday Party, taking place on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Woburn Country Club. Just as in previous years, Diane, with her committee, 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 going to have a great time with you there! What a great kid — Thank you, Dee!

Earlier in 2011, you heard me mention my wish to have a club visit to Washington DC to see the monuments and to pay respects at some of the memorials there. Well, we are now looking at doing this trip in 2013, as part of North Shore Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! That's right, North Shore will be 50 years old and we're going to celebrate by having fun events throughout the year. Our celebrations will be a year-long celebration of our club and of the Corvette. Pat Ferullo had the idea and Greg Egavian and Pat are putting together the list of activities and items that will be part of our celebration. If you want to help these guys with this effort, please let them know. (By the way, Pat's new email address is [butch053g@gmail.com](mailto:butch053g@gmail.com) .)

Are you interested in going to Mohegan Sun with your fellow club members? I am putting together the finishing touches on a planned April trip, provided they will give us the same \$30.00 package of value as in past years. We will keep you informed of the trip as the plan comes together. Stay tuned!

See you all soon, Kids! (And remember, shifting under 3,000 RPM – can cause arthritis!)

With a wave from Nelly and from me along with our warmest wishes for a Bright, Happy and a Healthy New Year! You're all great Kids. Please take good care of yourselves. 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 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

December 15, 2011

Meeting Started @ 7:30PM

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

E-Board members present:

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



Agenda Items: Special Guests @ Meeting – Gunnery Sargent Joshua Ackles, U.S. Marine Corps & Mrs. Ackles (Collect \$1.00 per person & Sign-in Sheet)

President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A sign-in sheet was passed around the tables.

1. Treasury - Treasurer Tony Liburdi made the report which was accepted as read.

Annual Charities: He has written checks for \$250 each to the Globe Santa and Lung Cancer Clinic; he expects to write checks to North Shore Children's Hospital and the Shriner's Burn Unit tomorrow.

2. Membership - Membership Director Joe Generazzo reports the end of year membership is 208 members; we have 45 renewals at this time. Renewals and holiday party registration forms are available here tonight.

3. Vice President - Nothing to report.

4. Business:

Toys for Tots - United States Marine Corp. Gunnery Sargent Joshua Ackles is present representing the USMC Toys for Tots Program. Dave Hunt, NSCM Publicity Chairman, photographed the presentation of the toys to Sargent Ackles and will submit the photos and story to the Woburn Times.

Holiday Party Preparations – Party Chair Diane Crovo reports the party will be January 28 at the Fairways, Woburn Country Club. There will be a cash bar; international cheese & fruit table, salad, chicken provincial, roasted shoulder of beef, roasted red potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, a vegetarian pasta primavera and desserts including a full sheet cake with the club logo. Email Diane ([dee\\_crovo@comcast.net](mailto:dee_crovo@comcast.net)) if you have any ideas or would like to donate items for the raffle table. Don't forget to include your music choices on the registration form.

Bow-Tie Shop Tech Sessions – Rich Gureghian reports the Bow Tie Shop in Billerica restored a 1963 Split Window coupe last year. We were able to observe monthly progress during the restoration on a weekday evening making this program available to those who work on week-ends. This year Joe has a 1966 big block coupe that will become a "Vette-Rod" powered by a 600 hp + ZO6 engine with all modern equipment and conveniences. The second session will be after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after the tubular frame arrives. Sessions are usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Contact Rich if interested in attending so he can put you on the list.

Callaway Visit – 21 January (04 Feb snow date); Meet at the Anderson Transportation Facility to carpool and drive to Callaway. Will be meeting other Corvette clubs on the way. Rich has the sign up list. Contact him if you intend to participate.

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

NSCM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2013) – Rich noted that Pat Ferullo reminded us the club started as the Rt. 1 Racing Association at the Prince Pizza in Saugus in 1963. We anticipate a year long celebration; one item we're considering is a long weekend in Washington, DC. Rich asked for a show of hands and got 6 members interested in helping with the anniversary year celebration.

WeatherTech Mats & Floor Liners – Rich noted that Joe Scafidi of The Bow Tie Shop is offering WeatherTech products with a minimal discount (\$2) but with free shipping. Contact Joe to place an order; make sure to mention you are a member of NSCM.

Red Line Oil – Rich has made arrangement for Red Line Oil at \$119.00 per case (12 qts.) with free shipping. An email blast went out recently with ordering details.

Dust-Off Cruise – Looking for ideas from the membership.

### NOTES:

Rich has had inquiries regarding another trip to Mohegan Sun. Asked for a show of hands for those interested. Enough interest was shown that Rich will contact Mohegan Sun to see if the \$30 deal he got previously is still available.

### New business:

Tony Marino asked that if anyone is collecting aluminum soda can tabs to get them to the e-board who will forward them to him to donate to the Shriner's Burn Center.

Member Ron Morneau reported the Bedford VA Hospital reports that Vettes to Vets generated more and better quality merchandise than in previous years and they are grateful.

David Hunt noted he has recently been certified as a CPR instructor. He intends to offer a "quick course" to NSCM members in the spring. He will be working on the cost and a location. Stay tuned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

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### **NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** *By Joe Generazzo*

## **So far, we currently have 109 Renewals**

I sent our Club Renewal Applications in the mail. Also, you will find a Holiday Party Reservation Form. Please, send 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!

Is that a Corvette?



**What Were Those Sneakers??** – I finally wrote to Harlan Charles, marketing Manager for Corvette, regarding a really nice Z06 he was driving when he arrived at Lime Rock this summer. I noted some interesting wheels and some nifty Michelins, so I asked him about the “sneakers” his car was wearing.

“Remembering the ALMS, Mr. Charles, it was a pleasure to finally meet you at this year’s Lime Rock races. I just fell in love with that Supersonic Blue Z06 (Z07?) you were driving. That Corvette is just beautiful. I noticed the black wheels mounted Michelin Pilot Sports that I had never seen before. These had a muted crimson stripe on the sidewalls. Are these available to the buying public? Do you know the proper designation for these Michelins?”

Mr. Charles reply was as follows – “Nice to hear from you. My car did have the Z07 package which for 2012 comes with the new Michelin PS Cup tires which are the most aggressive street tire ever offered on a factory Corvette. They are available from Michelin and now these tires are used with the larger cup wheels - 19"front and 20" rear in the same sizes as the ZR1.

<http://michelinman.com/tire-selector/category/ultra-high-performance-sport/pilot-sport-cup/tire-details>

The Corvette version was developed by Michelin specifically for the Corvette.

There is not any stripe on the tire, I think you may be referring to the special cup wheels with red stripe that are used on the Chevrolet Centennial Edition Corvette

<http://www.chevrolet.com/corvette-z06-sports-car/>”

**Winter Driving Tips From The Michelin Man** – I recently picked these up off the Michelin site (<http://michelinman.com/sites/michelincom/tires-101/driving-and-safety-tips/driving-tips/winter-driving.page>). Take a look.

You don’t have to live in Iceland to benefit from winter tires. If you frequently encounter snow or ice, or if the temperature is consistently below 44 degrees, your tires need the extra grip and turning capabilities that only winter tires can deliver. Even if you have 4-wheel drive or all-wheel drive, you still need winter tires on the front and back to conquer the elements and stay safe.

Enjoy the following Winter Driving Tips. And if you want a comprehensive look at winter driving, along with tests, videos and techniques visit our [Winter Driving Academy](#).

### **Winter Driving**

Driving safely in winter conditions requires knowledge, skill and four winter tires with proper tread.

- Drive with two hands. Always.
- Before turning, slow down while traveling in a straight line.
- While turning, maintain a slow and regular speed. If you accelerate suddenly, your tires could lose traction.
- While turning, don’t make any sudden steering wheel movements.
- Only brake in a straight line before the turn, and do so gradually. Do not brake during the turn.
- Increase your following distance from other cars significantly.
- If your wheels lock and slide, release the brake pedal to recover traction, then slowly brake again.
- Try to avoid changing lanes in slush. It’s safer to change lanes when slush is not on the road.
- If using chains, check for proper clearance between the tire and the vehicle, as well as the clearance between dual tires.

You probably do most of these things as part of your New England driving experience but it can’t hurt to keep these in mind. One safety tip I use which is not listed is to have four ice & snow tires (Michelin X-Ice or Bridgestone Blizzak, etc.) at all four wheels of my car.

## **NSCM TECH PAGE CONT.**

**Last Note** – Remember the Techron fuel treatment to keep your motor running efficiently and at peak performance. Treat your fuel at least twice a year. Watch for the 2-for-1 deal at Advance Auto Parts.

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](mailto:r.gureghian@comcast.net). Always save a wave for each other and for the Corvettes you see! — *Rich Gureghian*

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### **2012 JANUARY EVENTS:**

#### **January 01 - Sunday - HAPPY NEW YEAR**

January 03 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA \*

January 10 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA \*

January 12 - Thursday 6:30PM - **NSCM Board of Directors Meeting** - Pat's Garage\*

January 17 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA \*

#### **January 19 - Thursday 7:00PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at the Wakefield Elks - Serving Food at 7:00PM\***

January 21 - Saturday (snow date 2-4) **Callaway Visit** - Meet at the Anderson Transportation Facility to carpool and drive to Callaway. Will be meeting other Corvette clubs on the way. Be sure to sign up with *Richard Gureghian*, 781-799-3371 or Email: [r.gureghian@comcast.net](mailto:r.gureghian@comcast.net)

January 24 - Tuesday 6:30PM - **NSCM Dinner Meeting** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA \*

January 28 - Saturday 7:00PM - **NSCM Members Only Holiday Party\***

\*unless notified on website

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## **BOWTIE SHOP**

### **1966 Corvette Vette-Rod Seminar**

The next Vette Rod Seminar will be held Thursday January 5th. Start time is 6:30 PM.

The first session was held with folks on their feet. Please remember to bring a folding chair — better to have one and not need it than to need one and not have it.

Hope to see you all at the Bowtie Shop!