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CONGRATULATIONS

*At our Holiday Party,
President: Rich Gureghian announced that*
Pat Ferullo
*is our newest Life Member of
North Shore Corvettes of MA*



Our Life Member's are now
Charlie "O" Oliveri & Pat Ferullo

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

PRESIDENT NOTES: *By Rich Gureghian*

Hi, Kids!

Well, we're off and running! – *Almost.*

Our 2012 events are being very well received.

The visit to Callaway cars in Old Lyme, CT, has 55 persons signed up but it never went off due to snow causing some unsafe driving conditions. I'm always telling you folks that safety comes first so we had no choice but to default to the snow date. Our alternate date is February 4th and I have my fingers crossed that we will be able to make this event finally happen. Have faith, children, all good things will come to pass.

Diane Crovo and her committee put together another successful Holiday Party for our members to enjoy. We all had a great time with friends like you there! Our thanks go to all the members who supported the effort with their contributions of centerpieces and gifts. A big "Thank You" also goes to Pat Ferullo and John Cabral for taking care of the musical entertainment. Finally, we want to express our thanks to Diane Crovo for another Successful Holiday celebration. Thank you, Dee. — What a great kid!

The Grand Tour of The Maritimes, a 12-day Corvette outing through New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia is being planned for us right now. I am hopeful we will be able to enjoy a cruise of the Cabot Trail and the "Airline Road". This is some of the best driving you can do. Oh, just between us girls, the Provincial police and the "Mounties" have heard the phony excuse that you thought a speed limit of 130 Km per hour was the same as 130 miles per hour and that was the reason you were breaking the sound barrier. Stay in caravan and you'll be fine. As soon as we have firmed-up planning and coordination with the Corvette clubs in those areas, we will let you know. If past experience is any indication, this will be a trip you will remember for the rest of your days. Our thanks, in advance of this event, go to our own Ralph Gillis who has accepted the task of planning the route, our sight-seeing and our accommodations. Stay tuned to the newsletter and to the web site so you can have the latest information on this fun Corvette trip.

Casino trip plans have changed. We're going to Foxwoods with your fellow club members because Mohegan refused to give us the \$30.00 package. I am putting together the finishing touches on a planned April trip, with the \$30.00 package of value as in past years. We will keep you informed of the trip with an event flyer as the plan comes together. Stay tuned!

See you all soon, Kids! (And remember, shifting under 3,000 RPM – can give you a "pain in the torque"!)

With a wave from Nelly and from me along with our warmest wishes for a Bright and Happy Corvette Year! You're all great Kids. Please take good care of yourselves. We want you around for a long time!

— Rich Gureghian

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS THAT RECEIVED
APPRECIATION AWARDS AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY.

**Mike O'Leary, Dan Dellucci, John Cabral, Karen Blandini, Rich Cialone,
Jerry Dunklee, Kevin & Sue O'Connor and Diane Crovo**

CONGRATULATIONS TO **PAT FERULLO** THAT RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD
(MEMBER OF THE YEAR)

CONGRATULATIONS TO **DAN DELLUCCI** THAT RECEIVED THE VICE PRESIDENT'S AWARD
(OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER)

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

January 19, 2012

Meeting Started @ 7:32PM

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Collect \$1.00 per person & Sign-in Sheet

E-Board members present:

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



President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting @ 7:32 PM.

Rich asked if there are any new members present? Terry Tgavalekos introduced himself. He drives a 2011 Grand Sport.

1. Treasury — Treasurer Tony Liburdi made the report which was accepted as read.
2. Membership – Membership Director Joe Generazzo reports we are currently at 148 renewals plus one new member.
3. Vice President – Greg noted we will be doing another Fuzzy Dice run plus other events. We will be looking for volunteers to help out.
4. Cruise Night – Cruise Night Director Pat Ferullo wished everyone a Happy New Year. Don't forget we are still meeting Tuesday nights at Sylvan St. Grille. Call Pat if you are going to attend. Year round attendance ensures our use of the parking lot.
5. There will be a meeting on February 26 for planning this years events. Expect a trip to Canada. Check the website frequently for changes. Next year is NSCM's 50th anniversary year. We're looking for ideas for 2013. Trips, events, etc. Write it down and get it to him.
6. The club received a letter of thanks from the USMC's Toys for Tots program.
7. Business –

Holiday Party Preparations – Diane Crovo reported raffles are planned as well as the 50/50. There will be two lottery trees of \$100 each. Silent auction for Celtic's tickets. Several baskets...ask Dee for details.

Callaway Visit – Unlikely it will happen on the 21st due to a forecast of snow. Rich will make the call tomorrow and get the word out. The snow date is February 4.

Bow-Tie Shop Tech Sessions – Rich reported we had the second session with the 1966 Vette Rod. It is expected the project will cost about \$140,000. Rich visited the shop with Tony Marino recently and there has been much progress. Tentative next session is 1st Thursday in February.

Canadian Maritimes trip in the planning stages for 12 day trip this summer.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

NSCM 50th Anniversary (2013) — Rich noted that we plan on having a year long celebration for 2013. Currently planning a long weekend in Washington, DC as well as other trips.

Dust-Off Cruise (Date & Possible Destinations) — Looking for ideas and suggestions for an early May cruise. Looking for ideas for different places. Patty Egavian reported on Wentworth by the Sea, they cannot accommodate 40 people. Tried several others. The Good Table at Cape Elizabeth Maine. Breakfast and brunch, good parking and reasonable. Waiting for a return call from the manager. Several area attractions including light houses. Greg checked on several diners. Work in progress.

Casino Run — Rich reported that Mohegan Sun is no longer willing to provide the \$30 package as in previous years. He contacted Crystal Transport who will hold the price at last year's level. Crystal Transport can make arrangements for a trip to Foxwood's which will include the \$30 package. Will keep the club informed via email. Looking at Saturday April 14. Between Passover and Easter.

NSCM Calendar of Events – Rich noted the E-Board is putting the list together. Will be using last years events as a base and add to it. Don read the list of last year's events.

Meeting adjourned at

NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT: *By Joe Generazzo*

**So far
we currently have 139 Renewals
& 1 New Member**

So far we have 139 members that have renewed for 2012 and one new member. If you haven't sent in your 2012 Renewal Membership Application and Renewal Fee, please do so to avoid from being dropped off our membership List. Our By-Laws read as follows:

Article 3 / Section 3 Renewal Membership:

- A. The renewal form will be mailed to all current NSCM Members no later than December 1st of the fiscal year.
- B. **Renewal Payment will be due no later than January 31st of the fiscal year.**
- C. **There will be a twenty eight day grace period (February 1st to February 28th) during which there will be a late fee of \$10.00 for the member to remain an active member.**
- D. **Renewal payments not received by January 31st or without the \$10.00 late fee surcharge by Feb 28th will be dropped from the NSCM roster. If the member chooses to renew after January 31st and not pay the late fee they will be considered a new member and will be required to pay the new member fee in such a case the "NSCM New Member Welcome Package" will not be received by the renewing member.**
- E. Renewal membership fees are as follows:
 - Renewal member single or dual membership with 1-2 vote(s) for \$ 50.00

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS: *By Walter Bolz*

Since many senior discounts are not advertised to the public, our advice to men and women over 55 is to ALWAYS ask a sales associate if that store provides a senior discount.

Restaurants

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+) - Arby's: 10% off (55+) - Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+) Bennigan's: discount varies by location - Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+) Boston Market: 10% off (65+) - Burger King: 10% off (60+) - Captain D's: discount varies on location (62+) Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+) - Chili's: 10% off (55+) - CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+) Culver's: 10% off (60+) - Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+), Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+) - Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+) Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+) - Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+) - Golden Corral: 10% off (60+) Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+) - IHOP: 10% off (55+) - Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+) KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+) - Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+) - Long John Silver's: various discounts at participating locations (55+) McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+) - Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+) Shoney's: 10% off - Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+) - Steak'n Shake: 10% off every Mon. & Tues. (50+) Subway: 10% off (60+) - Sweet Tomatoes 10% off (62+) - Taco Bell: 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+) TCBY: 10% off (55+) - Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+) - Village Inn: 10% off (60+) Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+) - Wendy's: 10% off (55+) - White Castle: 10% off (62+)

Retail and Apparel

Banana Republic: 10% off (50+) - Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+) - Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55+) - Big Lots: 10% off - Bon-Ton Dept Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55+) - C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (60+) Clarks: 10% off (62+) - Dress Barn: 10% off (55+) - Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location) Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location) - Kmart: 20% off (50+) - Kohl's: 15% off (60+) Modell's Sporting 10% off - Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions - Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+) - Salvation Army Thrift up to 50% off (55+) Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55+)

Grocery

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55+) - American Discount 10% off every Monday (50+) Compare Foods Mkt 10% off every Wednesday (60+) - DeCicco Family Mkt 5% off every Wednesday (60+) Food Lion: 6% off every Monday (60+) - Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+) - Great Valu Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+) - Gristedes Mkt 10% off every Tuesday (60+) Harris-Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+) - Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location) Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location) - Morton Williams Mkt 5% off every Tuesday (60+) The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50+) - Publix: 5% off every Wednesday (55+) Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+) Uncle Guiseppe's Mkt 5% off (62+) **Travel** Alaska Airlines: 10% off (65+) Alamo: up to 25% off for AARP members American Airlines: various discounts for 65 and up (call before booking for discount) Amtrak: 15% off (62+) Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members Best Western: 10% off (55+) Budget Rental Cars: 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+) Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+) Clarion: 20%-30% off (60+) Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+) Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+) Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+) Econo Lodge: 20%-30% off (60+) Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members Greyhound: 5% off (62+) Hampton Inns & Suites: 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members Holiday Inn: 10%-30% off depending on location (62+) Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+) InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+) Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+) Marriott Hotels: 15% off (62+) Motel 6: 10% off (60+) Myrtle Beach Resort: 10% off (55+) National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members Quality Inn: 20%-30% off (60+) Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+) Sleep Inn: 20%-30% off (60+) Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) Trailways Transportation : various discounts for ages 50 and up United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount) **Activities & Entertainment AMC** Theaters: up to 30% off (55+) Bally Total Fitness: up to \$100 off memberships (62+) Busch Gardens Tampa: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+) Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+) Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+) Regal Cinemas: 30% off SeaWorld Orlando: \$3 off one-day tickets (50+) **Cell Phone Discounts AT&T:** Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+) Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+) Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+) *Check out our Secret Cell Phone Discounts to view all cell phone discounts available to you! **Miscellaneous Great Clips:** \$3 off haircuts (60+) Super Cuts: \$2 off haircuts (60+)

Zero-to-Sixty Times – Club member John Toce came through with a really interesting resource. He e-mailed me the site which lists the zero-to-sixty and quarter mile times for a variety of manufacturers. You should check it out and save the site in your “favorites” as a reference. Here’s John’s message with the site.

“Not much difference between 06 Z06 and 09 ZR1.

Have to scroll down a bit.”

<http://www.zeroto60times.com/Chevrolet-Chevy-0-60-mph-Times.html>

A Clutch Works HOW??? – A quick visit to Corvette On-line yielded a nice tutorial on the basics of how a clutch works, given by the folks at Centerforce. It’s very well done and allows explanation without getting your hands dirty. Just visit

http://www.corvetteonline.com/tech-stories/drivetrain/centerforce-university-1-get-schooled-on-how-a-clutch-works/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=centerforce-university-1-get-schooled-on-how-a-clutch-works

Okay, Sparky – Try These! — I ran across an interesting article in “Corvette On-line” which spoke about a new Type of spark plug. They look the same on the outside but that’s where the similarity ends. Read the following article and see what you think. Advance Auto Parts already has them at \$12.99 a pop!

The Latest in Spark Plug Technology with Pulstar (from Corvette On-line, January 11, 2012)

by **Andrew Wolf** on January 11, 2012

Comments



The spark plug was first developed in 1860 by Etienne Lenoir in his first internal combustion engine, but it wasn’t until the invention of the commercially-viable high voltage spark plug as part of a magneto-style ignition system by engineer Gottlob Honold in 1902 that the development of the internal combustion engine was made possible. Since that time, the basic principle of the spark plug has remained largely the same. Until now, that is.

The folks at [Pulstar](#) boast a line of plugs that aren’t your average spark plug. These Pulstar plugs are claimed to be designed to not only deliver additional horsepower and torque, but increase fuel economy as well. To learn more about these radical plugs and how one can best select the proper plugs, we sat down with Pulstar founder and President Lou Camilli, who could be best described as a walking encyclopedia of science and electrical energy knowledge.

Putting the Pulse In Pulstar

So what is the Pulstar Pulse plug, and what makes it so different from other spark plugs on the market, you ask?

Interestingly, the Pulstar Pulse plug was created not through the inspiration of the automobile, but of science. The Pulse plug applies technology developed at the Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, known as Pulsed Power Technology, which is used to generate and apply energetic beams and high power energy pulses. And through plasma research supported by the scientists and engineers at Sandia derived from ultra-high power electrostatics, the technology behind the Pulse Plug was born. The result is a plug that Pulstar boasts as virtual replacement for the age-old spark plug.

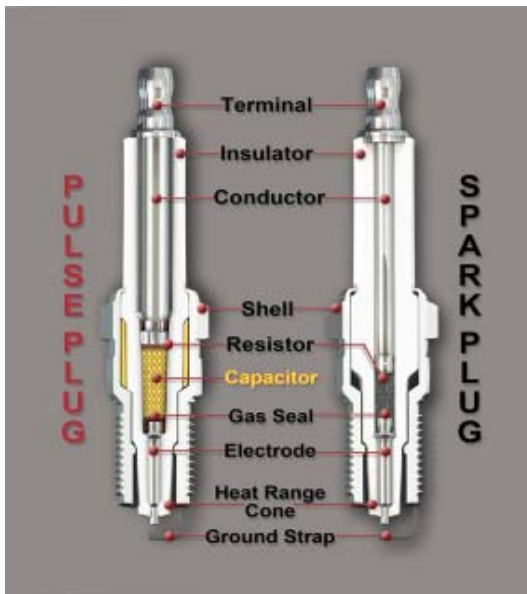


“We took a different approach,” says Camilli. “We thought, why don’t we take the spark and go after the fuel? And that’s essentially what we’re doing.”

And while the Pulse Plug may look like your ordinary spark plug on the outside, it’s what inside that matters. With the Pulse Plug, electrical energy from your engine’s ignition coil is stored in a capacitor within the plug, which is released in a powerful and quick two-nanosecond high-energy pulse when needed. They claim these plugs incorporate a current peaking capacitor to increase peak spark power from 50 watts in traditional plugs to over 1,000,000 watts of fuel igniting power.

Behind The Technology

Over the years, many attempts have been made to take the spark plug to a new level, but the basic principle has remained the same for more than 100 years. The traditional plug has an insulator and an air gap, and a spark is created. But as Camilli explains, auto makers have for years worked around the design limits of the spark plug, with cam phasing, direct injection, stratified charge, and other modifications to get the fuel into the spark.



Last Note – Racer Parts Wholesale will sell us the C-TEK battery maintainer at a discount. Instead of \$79.99, the price was \$55.99 with free shipping. I just bought one. Tim Sopko of Racer Parts Wholesale says he will extend the discount to our whole club but that there will be a time limit. It appears that C-TEK wants all their dealers to charge full list price. So, if you’re interested, get on the phone and call RPW and speak to Tim (no one else) at 1-800-397-7815. Be sure to tell him you’re with North Shore Corvettes of MA so that you get the discounted price. Time is of the essence!

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*

2012 FEBRUARY EVENTS:

February 02 - Thursday 6:30PM - **The Vette Rod Seminar at the Bowtie Shop** at 50 Dunham Road, Billerica, MA 01821 - Phone Number: 978-857-5002*

February 04 - Saturday **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*

February 07 - 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)

February 09 - Thursday 6:30PM - **NSCM Board of Directors Meeting** - at Pat's Garage*

February 14 - 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)

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

February 21 - 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)

February 28 - 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

THE BOWTIE SHOP

1966 Corvette Vette-Rod Seminar

The next Vette Rod Seminar will be held Thursday February 2nd. Start time is 6:30 PM.

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!