

THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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CRUISE NIGHTS COMING SOON

We are looking for members to help out at cruise nights:

People to get there early to help Pat set up tables, chairs, cones, etc.

Someone to give out new membership applications:

Just sign up for one week or so, to help out.

See one of your E-Board Members.

Thank you in advance!

BREAKFAST RUNS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLACES TO GO

Just send me an Email with the info: doncowan57@comcast.net

The place has to have good parking for our corvettes.

They have to be willing to split checks.

They have to be able to accommodate up to 30 people.

And of course, have good food.

A plus would be a destination to go to after we eat.

I am putting this challenge out to you the membership as I am starting to run out of good places to go.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Just a reminder: We still meeting on Tuesday Nights at the

Sylvan Street Grille at 6:30PM

unless otherwise noted on the website.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME!

PLEASE JOIN US!

Newsletter: Submit before the

25th of the month

Please send all info to: doncowan57@comcast.net

NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Is it cold outside or is it just me? –

Has anyone else noticed how many C5 & C6 Vettes are still on the road? I was at a stop light recently, waiting to take an on-ramp to I-95 when a C6 Z-06 went by! It's one thing to take a Vette out in the winter but a Z-06?! I guess our "babies" are a good deal more robust than we want to admit. Then again, some Vette "nuts" can't bring themselves to miss a chance to "wrap their ass in fiberglass"? Who can blame them?

Speaking of missing out on opportunities, you folks are likely tired of my repeating how you miss a lot when you miss the club meetings. It's true, you do miss a lot. Those of you who missed out on the North Shore Corvettes Holiday Party also missed out – on a great time!! Party coordinator Diane Crovo and her committee put together a fun time. There were about sixty members & guests present and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Folks kept coming up to me, telling me how much they enjoyed themselves and how everything, from the food to the music (Thanks, John Cabral!) was just great. Next year, please try to make the Holiday Party. I am certain, it will be an evening of smiles, laughter and good fellowship.

I'm typing this on Monday, 26 January. We're supposed to get another nine inches of snow on Wednesday. Man, this has been a rough winter. You know you've had a lot of snow when you start running out of gasoline for the snow blower! This has also been a rough winter for a number of club families who have lost family members or who have had illness threaten their loved ones. Know this, we hold you all in our hearts and pray for your finding comfort and brilliance in the days that lie ahead of you. Remember that you are surrounded by an extended family of good people who want only the best for you. I can only hope you find strength in this.

A new event for our club participation will be the "Vettes for Pets" event on 16 May (rain date is 17 May). Our own Steve Cataldo is working to put together this inaugural event to benefit the Northeast Animal Shelter on Highland Avenue, Salem, MA. It's important to note that this is referred to as a "no-kill" shelter. They keep pooches and kitties until they find a happy home for them. They do not dispose of these little guys. Ours will be a display day with a trophy awarded to the Corvette selected in a non-judged competition. There will be food, drink, good people around you and a lot of fun. More information will be coming but for now, please save this date. Mr. Cataldo has always come through for our members who had a problem with their Vettes and steel cars. You know – problems that would make driving a problem until you got near a technician, and then the problem would go away. He also is able to solve those problems that dealers cannot remedy, even after spending more than a grand on a learning experience. Steve is asking for our support now and I plan to be there for him and for this event he's putting together.

Hey, man, I think I'm getting old – I keep forgetting things. Did I remember to let you know we have only until the end of February for a discounted membership for NSCM members to BJ's Wholesale club? Instead of paying \$45.00 for a 12-month membership, we pay only \$35.00 for a 15-month membership! That's a saving of \$21.25 or 47%! Don't pass this up. All you need to do is fill out the special application form provided to our club (contact any board member to get a copy) and either fax it (with credit card information) or mail it (with a check) to the address shown on the form. I mailed mine already. Please note we have only until the end of February to get these in to our buddy, Marge Zaltman, at the BJ's Danvers offices.

Watch your emails for announcements on trips this winter. Trips such as 28 March to Mohegan Sun (This one costs \$30.00 per person which you get back in the form of free bets and free food.), Factory Five Racing (A trip worth taking, believe me!), our dust-off to Callaway Cars (If we need to persuade you to take this trip, something is dreadfully wrong!), and a lot more. Please stay tuned. Stay in touch with your fellow club members so that you get the latest information on upcoming events. If you check out our secretary's report in this newsletter, you will get a good idea of how we mean to keep you busy and smiling. Try to keep your weekends flexible. We don't want you to miss out on the special North Shore Corvettes events as they come up.

I know, I know, I probably forgot something. Did I mention I'm getting old?

See you all soon!

WORLD OF WHEELS 2009



Rez gets his signed autograph by the Toyo Tire Girls for the third year in a row.



Boston's Pilgrim Award winner for 2009 is Richard and Barbara Lagasse from Enfield, CT with a '63 Corvette.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

January 15, 2009

Start time: 7:35 PM

Adjourn time: 825 PM

E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Don Cowan	Vice-President
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Barry Keohan	Treasurer



After enjoying a meal, Rich opened the meeting at 7:35 PM

Agenda Items:

Welcome & New Member Introductions – No new members present.

Rich noted that this has been a sad month for the club. Barry and Cheryl Krasker lost their son, Ken Crouch lost his father and Charles Garabedian lost his father. Our sympathies go out to them for their losses.

Member Announcements — Don reported 82 members have already renewed their memberships for 2009.

Treasurer's Report — 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 and seconded. The report was accepted.

Cruise Night Report – Pat Ferullo contacted Rallyee Productions, the company that provides our dash plaques and t-shirts. Pat will have the new ZR1 on the dash plaque.

Next month there is the NE area schedule meeting for Seacoast Vettes.

Pat thanked all who are here tonight for attending with the bitter cold weather. This is a sign of a true member. Pat requested ideas from the membership for club activities.

Newsletter – Thank you Don.

NCM & Ambassador – Register & Reserve Hotels for '09! Do this NOW. If you need help, please inform the e-board. Barry Keohan had nothing new to report. He will request \$10 NCM raffle tickets to sell to members. Rich asked Barry to investigate the possibility of purchasing season \$10 tickets.

Web Site – Nothing new to report.

Old Business – Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

NSCM Holiday Party – 17 January, at the Mount Hood Golf Club. Diane Crovo reported the party will be at 6:30 and reported on the particulars. Rich thanked Diane and her committee for the work they put in for this event.

Mohegan Sun – March 28 2009: Rich reported we will travel via luxury motor coach by Crystal Transportation. We will leave from the Elks parking lot at 10:00 am, expect to arrive about 12:00 PM. Cost will be \$30 per person, however, Rich negotiated \$30 worth of gambling and/or food credits. Leave Mohegan Sun for home at 6:00 PM sharp. We will be using a 56 passenger bus; first come, first served unless there is sufficient interest to justify a second bus. Snacks and refreshments compliments of NSCM will be served.

Visit to Factory Five Racing in Wareham, MA – Invited for Winter/Spring. Rich met the president of the company at the World of Wheels who reiterated the invitation. More information to follow.

Visit to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, CT for spring 2009 – Planning for Saturday, 02 May 2009 Dust-off Cruise & Visit to Mystic Seaport.

Tech Sessions – 03 May 2009 — Detailing Workshop & Get-together in Sandown, NH, hosted by Barry and JoAnn Keohan.

Other – Niagara Falls in 2009 – Working with Niagara Falls Corvette Club — Depart Fri, 17 July, return Mon, 20 July. The NFCC is putting together an itinerary. Details to follow.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Rich reported he provided RimPro with a list of members to allow a discount .

Children's Membership – considering allowing children to be “honorary” members, would get a t-shirt and certificate....what do you think? General consensus is to pursue this.

Rich reported many of the local Corvette clubs are in trouble, membership numbers are declining. In talking to some of those members, they reported that their clubs don't do anything. They check our website and request to join us for our activities. Expect to see other club members at our events.

BJ's Wholesale club: Rich has made arrangements for a discounted membership rate. Contact Rich for a copy of the special application. Initially the form was attached to an Email blast. The standard rate is \$45 for 12 months; NSCM members discount is \$35 for 15 months.

Montvale Tire is offering nitrogen tire fills for \$35 for members.

We have many items that we are getting special pricing for. Rich will put together a list to make available to members.

Barry noted JoAnn and he will be having a “get together” March 1 to go over the September 2009 caravan to the NCM, show photos of previous caravans and make catalog purchases of Corvette accessories. Men are requested to bring their favorite catalogs. Pasta will be served, cost will be \$5 pp to defray food cost.

Pat said that Royal Design couldn't make it tonight, but they can supply embroidered clothing and jackets for club members with the club logo. Several samples of Royal Design's work were available for members to see.

Drawing for \$25 gift certificate to Dunkin Donuts won by Barry Keohan.

\$21 collected for the Elk's Scholarship Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

History of the Corvette Emblem - 1st Corvette Emblem - fleurdelis - 1997 Emblem

Over the years, the Corvette has gone through many design changes; some subtle, some not so subtle. The Corvette's symbolic crossed flags emblem has also seen its fair number of changes. If you've taken a close look at the emblem over the five generations of Corvette, you'll notice that even though the design has changed dramatically from time to time, a few design cues remain. These include some form of a checkered flag and a bow-tie emblem. From time to time, a strange, maple leaf type of insignia, called a "fleur-de-lis" also shows up from time to time in the emblem. So what does all this mean and how did it get started?

The original Corvette logo was designed by Robert Bartholomew, an interior designer at Chevrolet in 1953. This emblem was destined to appear on the 1953 Corvette prototype which was introduced to the public for the first time at New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel in January of 1953. It had crossing staffs with the checkered flag on the right hand side, and the American flag on the left hand side. However, four days before the Corvette was to go on display at the show, Chevrolet management decided that it should be redesigned. The problem with the proposed emblem was that it included the American flag which is illegal to use on a commercial product. Right before the show, redesigned emblems were attached to the front hood and steering wheel of the Corvette. The new emblem contained the checkered flag on the right side as well as the white racing flag, red Chevrolet bow-tie symbol and a fleur-de-lis.

Where did the fleur-de-lis come from? At the time, Chevrolet was conducting research on various emblem designs for the 1953 and 1954 passenger cars. They looked at the Louis Chevrolet family history in an attempt to discover a crest or some type of heraldry that they could utilize. Unfortunately, they came up empty, but they did realize that Chevrolet is a French name and the fleur-de-lis (flower of the lily) is a French symbol meaning peace and purity. They decided to use the fleur-de-lis along with the famous blue Chevrolet bow tie on a new flag which replaced the American flag on the Corvette. When the 1953 Corvette first appeared to the public at the Waldorf Historia Hotel, the redesigned emblems were in place.

However, this emblem was temporary and used only for press photography at the show. A new emblem was designed prior to the 1953 Corvette going into production.

If you're wondering what ever happened to the original 1953 Corvette emblem by Robert Bartholomew, it's currently on display at the National Corvette Museum!

Insurance Is Insurance – Right? – I've heard guys singing the blues over car insurance, more accurately, their uncertainty over different companies. I'm insured with AMICA and have been for the past 25 years. They always treat me well and I always refer others to them. J.D. Power always seems to rate them Number One in customer satisfaction. Others may not be the same. They may charge lower rates but provide less support to the motorist. I overheard Joe Scafidi, a highly respected body shop & restoration shop owner discussing one firm that refused to pay the hourly rate to repair a client's car. Their justification was that they were committed to repair the car – they were not committed to the quality of that repair. (WHOA!). With this, I inquired as to Haggerty and Grundy insurance for collector cars. Both charge less for agreed-value coverage on collector cars but there's a glitch – if registered in Massachusetts, the car has to be 25 years old or older. We're the only state with that requirement. Scafidi has had experience working with both these firms – more with Haggerty. He has good words for them. So, if you have an old car (25+ years), you can get a deal through these collector car insurers. If your car is newer and you're in MA, you're out of luck.

Hey Doc, Something's Wrong – I See Spots! – A club member who has the Roadblock treatment on their car complained that they have residual stains in the roadblock where it had picked up bits of road tar. The surface cleaned up fine but there were these darned spots left behind. To get the best information, I contacted Mr. Pierre Richard of Autobahnd. His response was as follows: ***“Depending on the age and film and model “type” we can give you the right information concerning how to clean...Hot water is always a plus but I would need more info in general... As far as white cars, there is a light goldfish glow that come through inside a garage’s incandescent lighting which is normal, but if it comes out in the sun light it would be a warranty issue and we would have to replace the failing film... Best regards Pierre Richard”***. So, if the spots are there in the daylight – These folks will stand behind the product, under warranty. This is a good reason to look for a name brand when purchasing these products. A top-notch firm will stand behind their products and their customers. (By the way, we are trying to set up another Roadblock Tech Session with a special price deal for those attending. Stay Tuned and wish us luck in getting this one done!)

All Warranties Are Not Created Equal – When I purchased the extended warranty for my 2003 Corvette, I wanted the longest term coverage I could get with the broadest scope (most parts covered.) I ended up buying one from “Ultimate Warranty” and thought nothing more of it. Club member Charles Chicarello bought the same warranty for his 1999 convertible and when he had a claim, the company was right there for him. Recently, I needed an axle cover seal and paid for it up front, once the warranty company gave the repair an authorization code. What they didn't mention was that they, as a result of the recent financial crisis, were put into receivership and I would have to wait for my money until they came out of this financial distress (if ever). I mentioned this to Chris Pike at Hillcrest and that, although no one could predict the future, I was disappointed that I did not buy the GM warranty. Here's where the cavalry came riding in – Chris told me to bring him my receipts. He went on to say that since I bought my car from Hillcrest and bought the warranty from Hillcrest, Hillcrest would stand behind the repair. We agreed that in the future, I would bring the car to them for warranty-covered repairs so as to contain their costs. This was a real learning experience for me and hopefully I can save you guys some heartache. Just remember the following:

- All third-party warranties are not created equal.
- Third-party warranties certainly do not have the substance of a warranty from the manufacturer.
- The true cost of a warranty is not simply the price you pay at the time of purchase.
- All dealers are not created equal – if you have a dealer that has done right by you, nurture a relationship with that dealer and make that relationship a two-way street.

Hope this helps, guys. Is there a tech question we can help you with? If so, 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.

Keep the wave and always save one for the Corvettes you see! — Rich Gureghian

NSCM MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 98 Members that Renewals so far:

Welcome New Member: “Maria Antonuccio” She drives a 2001 Pewter Coupe

Article 3 / Section 3 Renewal Membership

B. Renewal Payment will be due no later than January 31st of the fiscal year.

C. There will be a (28) day grace period (February 1st to February 28th) during which there will be a late fee of \$10.00 surcharge 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 accordingly. In such, a case the “NSCM New Member Welcome Package” will not be received by the renewing member.

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

February 08 - Sunday - 10:00AM -12:30PM Calendar of Events Meeting

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

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

February 16 - Monday - President's Day

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

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

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

March 01 - Saturday NSCM Members are invited to a Spaghetti Party at Barry & JoAnn's House. Cost is \$5.00. Details on our website.

* unless notified on website*

NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM: *By Barry Keohan*

Hi Everyone,

Hope You all had a great holiday season.

Please look on the National Corvette Museum website for new items for sale for Valentine's Day. How much do you bet I Am the one to forget? Give a Membership, or buy a brick. P.S Don't give the brick to your significant other. Trust me . Event coming up at the Museum. Also anyone interested in becoming a member or updating their membership, contact the Museum.

Latest Raffle winners

January 15th James Young, Ontario, 2009 Victory Red Coupe, January 8th Edward Burnett, Washington, 2009 Victory Red Coupe
December 18th James Young, California, Build your Own ZO6, December 15th, Robert Amor, South Dakota, Mexican Riviera Cruise.

Want a ticket? See Me (Barry) The National Corvette Museum has begun a Corvette raffle fund-raiser featuring a 2009 Red Corvette Convertible. This Corvette raffle car features the 3LT package, polished wheels, performance axle, NPP exhaust, automatic transmission, and ebony interior. The winner will be drawn on **Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 4:00 PM. CT** as part of the C5/C6 Bash event scheduled for April 23-25. Tickets are available at **\$10 each** with an unlimited number of tickets to be sold.

The winner of the new Corvette will also be able to take part in the Museum's highly requested "R8C Museum Delivery Program" which provides a private "VIP" tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant and Museum, a hands-on demonstration by a trained NCM Delivery Team member and includes a one-year Individual Membership to the Museum. In addition, an "R8C Delivery" decal and plaque exclusive to only Museum Delivery Corvette participants will be presented to the winner. R8C deliveries are viewed worldwide via the Museum's [webcams](#).

"The success of our raffle fund-raisers is a team effort and one that we could not count on without the help of our ambassadors, members and supporters," states NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode. "As a nonprofit foundation, we are always creatively using other means to raise funds and continue our mission. The Corvette raffles we offer each year are a tremendous help to us and we appreciate the support of everyone who buys a ticket and helps promote them."

Winner must be 18 years old with a valid driver's license.



TWO (2) MORE MONTHS TILL "APRIL"

