

# THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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*"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"*

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### THE BIG KAHUNA DATE CHANGE:

There is a change in the Cruise Night schedule because the Big Kahuna was going to be on September 8th just when some club members will be getting back from Kentucky. See the updated schedule bellow, the new Big Kahuna date will be on **September 15th** with a rain date of the 22nd. This will be on the front page of the next newsletter.

Week # 20 - Sept. 15th \* The Big Kahuna Night  
\* Sept. 22nd (Rain Date for the Big Kahuna Night)

### CORVETTES CONQUER CANCER

#### **by Gate City Corvette Club**

September 19 - Saturday - Nashua Airport Nashua, NH. There will be music, dinner, a Corvette Display and auctions to benefit American Cancer Society and Corvettes Conquer Cancer.

For tickets contact Rich Gureghian.

Or call 978-877-6390 or 978-302-5023

### CORVETTE STORAGE

This is the time to look for good storage for your Corvette. Please let me know if anyone has good Corvette Storage Locations in the area, so I can pass it on to our Members. Thank you in advance,  
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**Newsletter:** Submit before the  
**25th of the month**

Please send all info to: [doncowan57@comcast.net](mailto:doncowan57@comcast.net)

## NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

At this juncture, I wish to extend my sympathies – to all you who did not join us for a great long weekend in Niagara Falls! The driving was great and our caravan of eleven (11) Corvettes and 22 North Shore faithful were able to make the trip to and from our destination with improving accuracy and precision. This, thanks to our “Ober Führer” of Caravans, the one and only Barry Keohan. Thanks to Barry’s tutoring, our group can now do passing blocks with safety and complete confidence. Just in time for the upcoming caravan to Bowling Green. Our good times were made even better with the hosting by some of the nice folks from Niagara Falls Corvette Club. Mr. George Dalbergs, NFCC President) and his wife Marilyn and Mr. Mike Sirianni with his wife Karen spent their Saturday showing us around the area. Another member of their club, Claus Reif, owner of the Reif Estate and Winery welcomed us (although he had a conflict at that time) and had one of his key people show us their winery and provide a tasting. Sincere thanks go to them all. Our hotel worked out great and a great bargain to boot. The Hampton Inn’s Kim Sinodinos not only arranged for our accommodations and rates but also saw to it that we were provided with a wash hose, clean buckets and towels! We were able to keep our Vettes looking just fine. What a great Kid! The only problem some of us encountered with the hotel was the softness of the mattresses. Other than that, it was great. The photos from this trip should be available soon. Take my advice and make every effort to join in if we go again.

I guess that by now you have received your announcement about the annual NSCM Fireworks run to Hampton Beach. I have some good news about parking. We will be allowed more than the original 20 secure parking spaces but we need to let the parking lot authority know sooner, rather than later. The date for the event is Wednesday, August 19. As always, any available spaces will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Please let me know as soon as you can if you wish to be added to the list. We want to avoid any disappointments. For this reason, this has always been a members-only event.

Our thanks and congratulations go to our Media Director David Hunt and to our Cruise Night Director, Patrick Ferullo, for putting together a really successful Cruise Night in July. David invited North Shore Radio, 104.9 FM to visit us and the result was a gathering attracting 81 Corvettes! We thought they were going to broadcast from the Sylvan Street parking lot but they simply came to get a taste for North Shore Corvettes, our Cruise Night and for our excellent members and friends. We were happy to see the folks from Gate City Corvettes and South Shore Corvettes joining us as well! Keep this in mind. It’s up to us to show respect by visiting their cruise nights as well.

Now, let’s see, what’s coming up next? Oh, yeah, we’re still planning those Sunday breakfast runs with some of these being visits to estate sites maintained by the Trustees of Reservations. And don’t forget our weekly All-Corvette Cruise night. This Tuesday evening event is really taking off. What else? Oh, yeah, Joe Scafidi, owner of the Bow-Tie Shop in Billerica, has invited us to stop by for coffee on selected Saturday mornings to have him review the restoration of his 1963 Corvette, his 1963 Z06 and his 1958 Impala. It is hoped that by seeing what is involved in a proper restoration, as it occurs, we will be able to develop a better understanding for such work and the shops that are qualified to accomplish it. I’m thinking a donation of \$5.00 per person to offset the cost of coffee, pastries, bagels, etc. Any funds leftover can be raffled off. Sound okay to you? Please let us know what you think. We will be inviting other clubs and friends as well so feel free to invite the “Car Nuts” you know.

Believe me, you’re going to enjoy this Corvette season! Come on, Kids. Come out and spend some great times with your buddies!

With a wave,

— 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!*

## 2009 NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA TRIP



Does this make me look fat? (Note: picture was stretched)



The Maid of the Mist Crew.



See no evil, Hear no evil, Speak no evil.



Barry coming out of the woman’s bathroom, gain?.



Diane teaches the Girls how to drink wine.



Hey, I’m not in the picture. Oh, I took it.

## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

July 16, 2009

Start time: 7:10 PM

Adjourn time: 7:40 PM

### E-Board Members Present:

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



### E-Board Member Absent:

Don Cowan	Vice-President
Barry Keohan	Treasurer

President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Agenda Items: Welcome & New Member Introductions – No new members present.

Member Announcements - Joe Generazzo reports 132 members as of 15 July. Several applications were given out on Tuesday's cruise night.

Treasurer's Report - Per B. Keohan Ledger; in Barry's absence, Dan Crovo read 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 motion passed.

Cruise Night Report - WOW! – Well done, Patrick! Our thanks also go to Dave Hunt for his efforts.

Rich reports he has invited the Malco rep to attend a cruise night to show his products. Date to be determined.

Pat Ferullo reports last Tuesday was a smashing success. There were about 80 cars including representatives from Gate City and Cape Cod Corvettes. Pat asks that we consider attending one of their cruise nights. Thanks for the support and the help with setting up and breaking down. Thanks to Rich for getting the word out.

Newsletter – No report newsletter editor Don Cowan is absent. Rich asked if there is anything we would like to see in the newsletter that is not there. No comments from members present.

NCM & Ambassador - Register & Reserve Hotels for '09! Do this NOW. NCM Ambassador Barry Keohan is absent; no report.

Web Site - Webmaster Don Cowan is absent. No report.

Old Business - No old business to report.

Upcoming Events (New Business) Update:

Niagara Falls Tour - Working with NFCC - Depart Fri, 17 July, return Mon, 20 July. Reserve hotel Now! Limit is 25 rooms; must be registered first. \$20.00 per car to cover cost of snacks and other expenses. Any unused funds will go to our treasury. Passport & insurance card a must! Rich reports there is still room for anyone interested.

Breakfast Runs & Estate Visits – Crane's Castle, etc. (seek committee). Rich reports that Pat and he visited the Bradley Estate in Canton MA. Will be checking others. Rich extended an invitation to the membership to accompany Pat and him on future visits to Trustees of Reservations properties.

Display day at Amesbury Chevrolet - Barry Keohan working on setting this up.

Hampton Beach Fireworks Run August 19 - still a few slots open. Rich has contacted Rep. O'Neil who runs the parking lot. Additional spaces are available and Rep. O'Neil will accommodate sheet metal cars if there is any interest.

Tech Sessions - Is there interest in visiting a custom engine builder? Rich asked for a show of hands. Sufficient interest shown; Rich will make arrangements and publicize via an Email blast.

Bow-Tie shop regarding the restoration series on the 1958 Impala, 1963 Corvette Z06 and other cars. Saturday AM coffee meets are in planning – anyone interested? Sufficient interest shown. Rich will work with Joe Scafidi to set this up.

## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

Other –

Discussion of Sunday breakfast runs.

Pat is working on a “tail gate” run to NH.

Myopia Polo is in the works for early Autumn.

\$16 collected for the Elk’s Scholarship fund

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM for an ice cream run.

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### NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN 2009 NEWS: *By Charlie “O”*

## 2009 N.E. Corvette Caravan

HERB CHAMBERS THE NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN SPONSOR

**CORVETTE DISPLAY @ HERB CHAMBERS CHEVROLET**

**RT 114 DANVERS, MA**

**SATURDAY AUG. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM**

Summary:

See some of the finest Corvettes in the NE area and take a look at the Herb Chambers Chevrolet Corvette inventory /parts /Service

NE Caravan and National Corvette Museum Caravan items for sale

Officers: NE Caravan Captain and MA State Leader are available for questions and answers concerning the 2009 “Fifteenth Anniversary” Corvette Caravan

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To all Corvette owners and enthusiasts; The Canadian Contingent, of the 2009 NE Corvette Caravan, is arriving at Herb Chambers Chevrolet on Saturday August 29th at approximately 2 - 3 PM. Any and all Corvette people are requested to be there to welcome them. We are inviting the Radio Station “OLDIES” and also “Fox TV”. We are also seeking to have as many Corvettes show up on Sunday August 30th to help send off the NE Caravan to Bowling Green and the “Fifteenth Anniversary” of the National Corvette Museum. We will be leaving around 8:00 to 8:30 AM heading to Danbury CT to meet the rest of the NE Caravan! Ride with us for a while if you want to or just be there to give us a wave. Come join us on Saturday or Sunday or both days.

Charlie “O” 2009 NE Caravan Captain

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

**We currently have 132 Members:**

Welcome to our newest member:

Stanley von Sternberg with his 2005 Yellow Callaway Coupe

Recently, I received a Tech Question about a problem that would have puzzled most car enthusiasts – NOT ME!! The question read as follows:

— I have a friend at work that has a 1993 Vette. His car's service engine light comes on when he starts the car up and runs it. He said when it is wet or rains the light does not come on. Are there any reasons for this that you know of? He thinks it may be a contact  
No problem. I gave the matter some thought and came up with the answer in short order. I simply asked Steve Cataldo for his reading on this. Here's his reply.

**"Rich, While mourning the loss of the pop icon Michael Jackson, 70s sex goddess Farrah Fawcett and some geezer named McMahon, the aforementioned check engine light on dry and off wet suggestion comes to mind. The code is still stored even if the light's off. Have it scanned is the usual procedure and work from there... Trust me, it's the best way to find out what is wrong."**

Never, but never try to diagnose things such as this unless you are a certified tech with the appropriate diagnostic tools & scanners. With that said, see how easy it is for me to define the next step in resolving these technical issues? So simple, it makes me blush. Just ask Professor Cataldo. (pssst! Thanks, Steve!)

Club member John Toce brought this one by at a recent Cruise Night. It's from the September 2009 issue of Vette Magazine. Thanks, John.

Question — The key-fob transmitter has stopped working on my '99 Corvette. I called my local dealer's service department, and they wanted more than \$100 just to look at it. Is there any way I can repair the transmitter without going to the dealer? Also, how do I access the transmitter battery?



Answer — There are three things that usually go wrong and prevent a transmitter from doing its job:

1. The transmitter may need to be resynchronized. Stand next to your Corvette and hold down both the Lock and Unlock buttons for approximately seven seconds. The horn will chirp, and you're done. If the horn doesn't chirp, the problem may be in the transmitter, so you'll need to move on to Step 2.

2. Now we need to try to match the transmitter to your car.

A. Turn the ignition key to the "On" position, but don't start the car.

B. Clear any warning messages on the DIC (Driver Information Center) by pressing RESET.

C. Press OPTIONS several times until you get the blank DIC page. Then press and hold RESET for two seconds.

D. When you see the DIC message "FOB RETRAINING," push RESET once. The message "HOLD LK+UNLK 1ST FOB" will be displayed.

E. Press and hold the LOCK and UNLOCK buttons on the transmitter for 15 seconds.

F. If successful, the DIC will display "FOB LEARNED." Now a prompt for the second transmitter will be displayed.

G. Repeat Steps E. and F. for each transmitter you have (up to three).

Remove the key from the ignition.

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## **NSCM TECH PAGE CONT.:**

To replace the battery in the key fob, simply pry the two halves of the transmitter apart (Image 1). You will see a round battery (CR2450), which can be found at any parts store (Image 2). When replacing the battery, check for broken prongs, as this is a common failure.

These steps should help. If not, the next question is, Does the PKE (Passive Keyless Entry) lamp light when the key is first turned to the "On" position? This is a system self-test and will indicate if the PKE receiver is defective or just in "Sleep" mode.

When you shake some fobs, you'll hear a rattle. The sound is caused by a tiny gold bearing in a small cylinder, which "wakes up" the fob when movement is detected. Otherwise, the fob would be on all the time, draining the battery.

If the ball bearing becomes dirty, its movement can be impeded, making it much more difficult to wake the fob. In extreme cases, the fob may not reactivate at all.

It's sometimes possible to clean the inside of a fob using a moisture-free dust remover. This procedure is similar to cleaning the mouse on your home computer. Remember: This is an electrical unit and therefore should not be oiled, so choose your cleaning agents with care.

If the PKE light does not illuminate at all when entering the programming mode, you may have a bad PKE receiver. Check the PKE fuse and the radio fuse, both of which are associated with PKE operation. If these look to be OK, the receiver likely has failed. Unfortunately, the receiver is located behind the DIC in the dash, making it difficult to access.

The last potential cause of PKE problems is a malfunctioning door switch. If one or both of the switches aren't reporting the correct status to the CCM (Central Control Module), the PKE system can lose its ability to lock and unlock the doors.

To determine whether the switches are working correctly, simply start the car, close the door, turn the radio on, and let the engine run for approximately 30 seconds. Next, turn the car off, remove the key, open the door, and look to see if the "Door Ajar" light illuminates on the dash. Also note whether the radio goes off when the door is opened. If not, the door switches could be defective. If the door switches do turn out to be bad, they can be replaced through their existing holes, without taking the whole door apart. Good luck.

— Vette Magazine, Tech Corner, Edited by James Berry.

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](mailto: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*

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## **NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM:** *By Barry Keohan*

### **Get Ready to Roll in the 4th National Corvette Caravan**

Our 15th Anniversary Celebration is just around the corner and preregistration for both the caravan and the Corvette celebration will be closing August 3. We have **over 4,700 participants registered for the caravan** and you can sign up to join one departing near you by visiting our website at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/celebration/info.shtml>

Meeting at the Keohan's August 9, 2009. Make sure you are registered for the Caravan, and the Museum. Everyone brings something, we will reserve the clubhouse. Time after 10:00AM.

**Raffle Tickets still available for Corvette to be drawn at the event. Please see me.**

The Corvette caravans signal the beginning of our grand reopening - so don't miss out! Be sure to register for the event activities taking place once you arrive as registration is separate for the caravan and festivities that include live entertainment, the Corvette Hall of Fame, one of a kind displays, seminars from Corvette legends and much more! Preregistered participants can also win cash in our special drawings - Thursday - \$500, Friday - \$1,000 and Saturday - \$1,500! You can only be a part of the cash giveaways if you are preregistered before August 3! So don't wait!

"Build Your Own" Z06 Winner

**Cobb Barksdale** from Acworth, GA

Drawn July 23, 2009

Ticket # 51

Barry Keohan

Treasurer NSCM

National Corvette Museum Ambassador



**CORVETTES ONLY**

# **Hampton Beach Fireworks Cruise**

**DATE: Wed., 19 August 2009 (No Rain Date)**

**Meeting Location: The Weigh Station on I-95 North,  
Between Routes 97 & 133**

**Meet Time: 6:00 PM      Leave Time: 6:30 PM (sharp!)**

**Limited to the first 20 member-cars that sign-up and prepay!**

**- - - - FUN, FOOD AND MORE FUN - - - -**

***Reminders!*** Bring your 2 way radios set to Channel 7

\* Any additional updates on the event will be posted on the NSCM Website  
(northshorecorvettes@comcast.net)

## 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 03 - 10:00AM - 3:00PM Cars - **4th Annual 4 Wheels Car Meet - Raffle, Ice Cream PEPBOYS 570**  
Providence Highway Dedham, MA

August 04 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

August 11 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

August. 13 - Thursday NSCM Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks. Time: TBA

August 18 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

August 19 - Wednesday - **NSCM Hampton Beach Fireworks Cruise** - Meeting Location: weigh station on I-95 north, between Routes 97 & 133 - Meeting Time: 6:00PM - Leave Time 6:30PM SHARP! Limited to first 20 Corvette member-cars that sign-up and prepay. Bring your 2-way radios set on channel 7 (Flyer)

August. 20 - Thursday 7:00PM - **NSCM Membership Meeting** at Wakefield Elks and 7:30PM an Ice Cream Run.

August 25 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

August 29 - Saturday - All Corvette owners are to meet at Herb Chambers Chevrolet for the send off party to Kentucky. (time to be announced later) TV and Radio are going to be there. If your going to Kentucky, or not please attend!

August 30 - Sunday 8:00PM to 8:30PM - All Corvette owners are to meet at Herb Chambers Chevrolet for the send to Kentucky. The TV and Radio are going to be there. If your going to Kentucky, or not please attend this send off!

September 01 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

September 03, 04, 05 - **National Corvette Museum's - 15th Anniversary Celebration** - All Roads Lead to Bowling Green! DID YOU SIGN UP YET? CONFIRM WITH CHARLIE "O", Northeast Caravan Leader

September 07 - Monday - Labor Day

September 08 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - Cruise Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

September 10 - Thursday NSCM Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks. Time: TBA

September 15 - Tuesday 5:00PM till Dusk - **The Big Kahuna Night** at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\* (Rain Date Sept. 22nd)

September 17 - Thursday 7:00PM - **NSCM Membership Meeting** at Wakefield Elks (Serving Food)

September 19 - Saturday - **Corvettes Conquer Cancer** Gate City Corvette Club - Saturday (Nashua Airport Nashua, NH) Music, dinner, Corvette Display and auctions to benefit American Cancer Society and Corvettes Conquer Cancer. Call 978-877-6390 or 978-302-5023 for tickets) (You can see Rich Gureghian for tickets too)

September 22 - Tuesday 5:00PM - (Rain Date for the) The Big Kahuna Night at the Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA\*

September 27 - Sunday 9:00AM - **6th Annual Vettes to Vets - Gold Star Mother Day!** Go to their website for more info: <http://www.vetestovets.org/>

September 29 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting -Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA \*

\* Check our Website for updates to find out about all our NSCM Events.