

# 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.  
Call 781-799-3371

### 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**  
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## NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

When you read this article, a bunch of your North Shore Corvettes buddies, including Nelly and me, will be on our way to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to take part in the 2009 National Corvette Caravan and Celebration. Once we return, we should be able to bend your ears with stories of some great times. Hopefully, these shared experiences will motivate you to take part in the next national caravan or to go to the museum and factory on your own. It's a great way to really appreciate the moment of the cars we drive.

Gate City Corvettes visited the Niagara Falls area after our club visit there. They enjoyed themselves immensely and the Niagara Falls Corvette Club folks had so much fun, they suggested we do it again, next year – together. How about it? It's a fun ride, costs are manageable and it takes only a day each way. We will keep you posted on hotels, trip planning, etc. Stay tuned!

I want to inform you all that our own Tony Marino is collecting pop-tops from beverage cans to benefit the Shriners Hospital, a worthy and noble cause.

Our best wishes go to Club members Henry Saulnier and Ken Crouch. Both men had a health setback but they came through like troopers and we're glad to see them both at club events. We're a club of folks who appreciate a chance to get together and when one of our members is down with health issues, we rally to the cause. When you see these boys, remember to welcome them back and make them promise to stay well.

Joe Scafidi, owner of the Bow-Tie Shop in Billerica, invited us to stop by for coffee on selected Monday evenings to have him review the restoration of a 1963 Corvette "Fuelie". Our first tech session was very well received by those who attended and I plan to inform you of future such sessions, once we're back from Kentucky. We're hoping that by allowing you to see what is involved in a proper restoration, as it occurs, you will be able to develop a better understanding for such work and the shops that are qualified to accomplish it. There's more where this came from!

THE BEST FOR LAST — Save the date — *This is important* — (I'm jumping up and down as I type!) — September 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, late morning. Details will follow. We will do a club cruise to the **Crane Castle in Ipswich** for a **Tour And A Club Photo**. That's right, the Trustees of Reservations, who care for the property, will allow us to be there before a planned wedding takes place and place our cars in the front courtyard for a club photo. We're trying to arrange for a photographer now but most important is that you are there! **Don't Miss This Opportunity!** Be there or be sorry. After the photo and tour, we will take a ride for lunch or for ice cream, depending on what folks want. Admission, per car, is only \$8.00. Trust me on this. It will be more than worth it. Pray for great weather. As I just said, more details will follow.

There's much more coming our way. Please stay tuned to the web site and make it to the club events. 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!*

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## OUR FIRST TECH. SESSION ON A COMPLETE RESTORATION OF A 1963 CORVETTE By the BOWTIE SHOP



Stripped Frame of the 63



Rear View - 63 on the car jig.



Side View - 63 on the car jig



Rich asks Joe, "When can I drive it?"



NSCM Model "Ursula Bolz" Posing.



Joe Scafidi, Explains.

## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

August 20, 2009

Start time: 7:08 PM

Adjourn time: 7:48 PM

### E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Don Cowan	Vice-President
Barry Keohan	Treasurer
Dan Crovo	Secretary
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director
All present	



### Agenda Items:

Welcome & New Member Introductions – no new members present.

Member Announcements – Joe Generazzo reports 133 members as of 13 August.

Rich noted two members with health problems.

Henry Saulnier had heart surgery and is home and on the mend.

Ken Crouch has some health issues but was able to join us for the Hampton Beach fireworks run last night.

Treasurer's Report - Per B. Keohan ledger; Barry read the report which was accepted as read.

Secretary's Report - Dan Crovo requested that the secretary's report be accepted as it appears in the Red Line newsletter. A motion to accept was made , seconded and passed.

Cruise Night Report - WOW, Great Cruise Nights! – Well done, Patrick! Big Kahuna night is scheduled for September 15 with a rain date of September 22. Pat thanks all for the support and noted Cruise Night is a team effort and thanked all who help.

Newsletter – Nothing to report.

NCM & Ambassador - 10 days to go! Barry Keohan reports all members going to Bowling Green met at his home for a meeting to review the trip.

Pre-Bowling Green activities:

There will be a buffet dinner (\$5) at the Hampton Inn on RT. 1 in Peabody on the Saturday prior to leaving.

Looking for 5 cars to guide the Canadian contingent in on Saturday 8/29 to lead them in to Herb Chambers Chevrolet.

Barry reviewed the Celebration activities:

Wednesday evening we will be dining at the Montana Grille in Bowling Green. John Morris is the contact.

Thursday will be doing the Corvette assembly plant tour at 2:00 PM. Tickets for those who don't have them will be available at the door. We will be taking a tour in the afternoon of a winery.

Friday 11:00 tour of the Maker's Mark distillery. Friday dinner at Mariah's 7:00 PM. Friday night is the Beatle's tribute concert.

Web Site - Nothing to report.

### Old Business:

Hampton Beach Fireworks Run (Who the heck, ever heard of a Wednesday night wedding??) Successful evening but the Ashcroft dining room was closed for a wedding!

### Upcoming Events (New Business) Update:

Olsen Display Day, Olsen Cadillac, Woburn, MA; Saturday, 22 August – All-car show 10:00 am to 2:00 PM

Crane's Castle Visit & Club Photo – 12 September, admission is \$8.00 per car. This a rare opportunity and should not be missed. We will have a tour of the estate and will be able to have our Corvettes photographed in front of the mansion. Expect to arrive about 10:30 am.

Lunch or ice cream run to follow. Additional information will follow.

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

Visit to Bradley Estate in Canton, MA (Sunday) – Any volunteers to help coordinate? No one present volunteered.

Corvettes Conquer Cancer, 19 September – Rich has tickets. \$25.00 per person. Aloha theme. Will caravan from Anderson transportation center in Woburn. Pat noted that ALL funds collected are turned over to cancer research. This is a very worthy cause and our opportunity to support our fellow Corvette clubs.

Vettes to Vets, 27 September – Another reason for the entire club to turn out. Meet at the Marriot in Billerica to caravan to the Edith Nourse Veteran's Hospital in Bedford with a police escort. Rain or shine event. Flyers are available at Cruise Night. Additional info at <http://www.vetestovets.org/>

Any interest in attending a polo match at Myopia? No interest shown. Pass.

Tech Sessions – Bow-Tie Shop Tech Session Series — regarding the restoration of Corvettes to NCRS standards. Those who attended received a wealth of information from Joe Scafidi. Another session will be scheduled when there is progress to show.

Malco will attend Cruise Night soon – will advise when scheduled.

Other: Exhaust System Statute Revision – any volunteers? A club member with a Borla exhaust was rejected for the state inspection at Hillcrest Chevrolet. Rich looked up the statute and the inspector's judgement determines if the exhaust is too loud. Rich is working on setting up a meeting with Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo. Rich asked for volunteers to attend when a meeting is set up. Several members present volunteered.

September 13; Reading Day in Reading, MA. Details to follow.

Ursula Bolz noted that the Collings Foundation in Stow, MA has activities scheduled with antique cars and aircraft on Saturday and Sunday, 8/22-23. See <http://www.collingsfoundation.org/menu.htm>

\$24 collected for the Elk's Scholarship fund.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM for an ICE CREAM!!!!!!!!!! run.

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## **COSTCO**

Guess what we just found out?

From Aug 28 - Sept. 13, Costco is having a "Smokin' hot deal" for NEW member sign ups. The deal is \$25 Cash Cards for new Gold Star applicants and \$50 Cash Cards for new Executive applicants!! Debi Veale, our Costco representative, talked with her boss, and he says we will extend the special deal to the 17th for benefit of North Shore Corvettes members at our September meeting!

Debi and Cora will be at our monthly meeting on September 17th to fully explain the program and to sign folks up. I think they plan to bring some goodies as well.

If you cannot make it to the September meeting, we will ask that the application form be sent to us electronically so you can file it with Debi or Cora before the monthly meeting takes place.

Stay tuned for more details.....

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

**We currently have 133 Members**

A New Membership accepted on or after October 1<sup>st</sup> will apply to the following years dues as well as the remainder of the current year.

**NSCM TECH PAGE:** By Rich Gureghian

Recently, I received an e-mail from NSCM member Bill Wood. With the following –

Hi Guys

*Thought I would pass on this info about an unfortunate experience I had at Hillcrest today.*

*Around noontime I went in to get an inspection sticker. They brought my car in and about ten minutes later it was out front with a REJECTION sticker. They explained that the state has a new law that prohibits any exhaust system from being louder than the factory system. You may remember that I have the after market Borla system that IS slightly louder than the factory system. What disturbs me is that the noise level is a judgment call and after they booted my car on the way into the inspection, no one warned me about the new law or gave me an opportunity to find another more merciful shop.*

*Please pass the word to the club members about this new law.*

Thanks

Bill

I contacted the Massachusetts RMV to ask what the specific statute was that caused this headache for Bill. Their answer was -

*“The Inspection regulation states: (5) Muffler and Exhaust System. Accelerate motor to test for prevention of unnecessary noise and emission of any unreasonable amount of smoke. The exhaust system, exhaust manifold(s), exhaust pipe(s), muffler(s), and tailpipe(s), if designed to be so equipped, shall be tight and free of leaks.*

*System components shall be securely fastened with fasteners in place and undamaged. All motor vehicle exhaust systems shall discharge the exhaust beyond operator, passenger, and/or trunk compartment.*

*Unnecessary noise is herein defined as any noise which is louder than that emitted by the vehicle when equipped with the original manufacturer’s equipment. A gas or diesel vehicle will be rejected if, at normal operating temperature, when at idle or any constant speed, visible black or blue exhaust emissions are evident.*

*If at any time you feel that an inspector failed to inspect your vehicle correctly, You have the right to challenge the Inspection and a Field Investigator will research the Inspection. I have attached a link to the form needed below.*

<http://www.mass.gov/rmv/forms/21413.pdf>”

**What the shop should do in such an instance, according to Mario Scenna, Service Director of Olsen Cadillac, was to turn the car away, informing the operator that their opinion of the exhaust would not allow a sticker - BEFORE REMOVING THE OLD STICKER!**

We will look into this further and are trying to get an audience with Mr. Bob DeLeo, the Speaker of the Massachusetts House and Rachael Kaprielian, Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Watch for updates. In the mean time, please let your e-board know if a particular inspection station becomes a pain in your . . .neck! Also, if you want to volunteer to take part in this effort, please let an e-board member know.

**Tech Service Bulletin** – Ed & Glenda Fisher of the New England NCRS Chapter made this information available to the members. I thought to pass this on to each of you.

**“Attention C6 coupe owners — Apparently some owners are experiencing “popping” noises in the roof panel. Chevrolet has issued technical service bulletin No.08-08-67-13A to correct the problem. The noise could be caused by the roof-panel latching handles. The nylon rollers inside these handles can come loose, allowing the rollers to move on the pins, causing the popping sound. The new handles are designed without the nylon rollers. Installing and lubricating the new ones should do the trick! Glenda”**

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



**HAMPTON BEACH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FIREWORKS**

20 CORVETTES MADE THE TRIP



## 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

### September

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

September 3-5, 2009 National Corvette Museum's 15th Anniversary Celebration - All Roads Lead to Bowling Green!

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 8-22-08)**

**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 Rich Gureghian for ticket.**

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.vettestovets.org/> (FLYER)**

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

### October

October 06 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

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October 27 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

### November

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nov. 26 - Thursday Thanksgiving

\* unless notified on website