

# THE RED LINE NEWSLETTER



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*"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"*

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## SAVE THE DATE

North Shore Corvettes Membership

**HOLIDAY PARTY - SATURDAY - JANUARY 30, 2010**

At the Fairways at Woburn Country Club

More info to follow .....

## NEW SEAT BELT LAW

This became effective June 1, 2009 in ALL Countries. The National Highway Safety Council has done extensive testing on a newly Designed seat belt. Results show that accidents can be reduced by as much as 95% when the belt is properly installed.

Correct Installation is illustrated below.....

**THIS MAY HELP SAVE A LIFE!**



**Newsletter:** Submit before the  
**25th of the month**

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

## NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I think it's about time I said, "Thanks".

This is a good time for me to get a bit corny and take a moment to thank those who help North Shore Corvettes of MA remain the great club that it is.

First, let me thank Ernie Longo and the Wakefield Elks who so hospitably open their doors to us for both our e-board and club monthly meetings. This is why we collect the dollar-per-person at our monthly meetings. These funds go to the Elks scholarship fund which we are proud to support.

Thanks to the management and staff of Sylvan Street Grille, in Peabody, for being our Tuesday Cruise Night destination for these many years. They always roll out the red carpet for us and make us feel as if we owned the place. Thanks, Kids!

I next want to thank our E-board members who do so much for no reward other than the stated satisfaction of our members. Pat Ferullo runs our Cruise Night Season and is the de-facto income generator for our club, along with our dues collection. Barry Keohan is our "accurate to the penny", "honest as the day is long" and "too conscientious for his own good" Treasurer. We need not worry that our club funds are in good hands as long as Barry is taking that responsibility. Joe Generazzo, who stepped in after the fact, picked up the pieces of this responsibility and is now our Membership Director. He makes sure our members, both new and existing, are welcomed and are treated properly. Dan Crovo volunteered to be our club secretary and Corvette Cruise Pathfinder. We are unusually fortunate to have a guy such as Dan serving NSCM. And then there's Don Cowan. How can I thank this man enough? Don was elected as Vice President and volunteered to serve also as newsletter editor and as web master when we needed those positions filled. No one could have accomplished what we have for our members without dedicated and committed people such as these folks. They deserve more than my thanks. Please remember that when you see these guys.

I want to thank Charlie Oliveri for his decades of membership and for keeping this club together when it would have been a lot easier and a lot less expensive to just walk away. When we voted him as our "Member for Life", he was freed from having to pay annual dues. So what did Charlie do? You guessed it – he paid his dues anyway just to screw us up! Charlie O, you're the best!

I want to thank long-term member and Corvette guru, Steve Cataldo. Steve has been a friend to his fellow NSCM members when they were in real need. When no one else could diagnose the problems they were having with their rides and dealers were lining up to take more money away from them, Steve was able to get them on their way without breaking the bank. How do I thank someone for being honest, capable and almost as good-looking as I? He's a genuine Corvette guy and I appreciate the content of character he brings to our hobby. If it sounds as if I'm "buttering him up", you're right. You see, when folks come to me with their technical woes, I usually send them to Steve, knowing he will put matters right. Most every referral I give him is a headache and he never once tried to kill me. Thanks, Steve, for not killing me.

I want to thank Joe Scafidi, owner of the Bow-Tie Shop, for being a member of NSCM and for being a friend of our club for so long. He has taken the time and resources to conduct tech sessions for our members, the latest of which are our Monday Night Tech Sessions on the restoration of a fuel-injected split-window coupe. I doubt others in his position would go out of their way to do this for our folks. Joe does. Thank you, Joe.

Thanks go to Diane Crovo for again taking the responsibility for putting on a great Holiday Party for our members. She comes through for us consistently. She never complains and she is always gracious when burdened with these tasks. Thanks, Dee!

Thanks go out to Dennis Connolly for putting together the club photo archives. That was a lot of work and the guy never stopped to take a well-deserved bow. Thank you, Denny.

Thanks to Matt Walsh. He's a student who bought a C4 and wants to make his Corvette experience all it can be while getting good grades. He visited our Tuesday night dinner at Sylvan Street Grille recently and has a real interest in taking part in our activities and he isn't even a member (yet)! I think guys like Matt are the future of our hobby. Thanks, guy!

My thanks go to all the members who in their own way, contributed to our Tech Page, took photos, found out about and suggested different cruise destinations, or just plain showed up when we needed them. Thanks go to those who brought their freshly detailed Corvettes out in the rain to show respect for our Veterans while wearing their club shirts and jackets. Thanks to those who show fellowship with their club buddies. Thanks go to those who took part in a caravan when someone had to pull over – and every NSCM Vette pulled over! Thanks to those who refused to abandon a fellow member on the road.

I guess what I mean to say is that we have a lot to be grateful for. Most involves each other. Please remember this when you see our monthly meetings coming up. Make arrangements to be there. Try to be part of the special cruises and the sessions we arrange for you. By simply participating in your club, you say, "Thanks" to all those who worked so hard to make NSCM work for you.

Well, that covers some of it. It's getting really late and I need to send this in to Don Cowan so he can get it posted in time. See yea, Kids!

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!*

## NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

October 15, 2009

Start time: 7:35 PM

Adjourn time: 8:26 PM

### E-Board Members Present:

Richard Gureghian	President
Don Cowan	Vice-President
Dan Crovo	Secretary



### E-Board Member Absent:

Barry Keohan	Treasurer
Pat Ferullo	Cruise Night Director
Joe Generazzo	Membership Director

### Agenda Items:

Welcome & New Member Introductions – no new members present.

Welcome/New Member Introductions & Announcements – Charles “Chick” Chicarello: Rich expressed his gratitude for those members who attended Chick’s memorial mass. Member Announcements — 140 members as of 08 October.

Treasurer’s Report — B. Keohan absent. Rich supplied 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, seconded and accepted.

Vice President’s Report – Don Cowan noted that he will not be doing the newsletter and website after the current term expires in 2010.

NCM & Ambassador – Barry Keohan is absent.

Business – Exhaust System Legislation – Contacted the Massachusetts Joint Transportation Committee, following up. If Rich does not get cooperation from our politicians to have a meeting he intends to bring this to the media. Rich will have the letter he wrote to the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Transportation in the newsletter. Will also send via Email.

#### Guideline Revisions —

- A membership renewal deadline — leave as-is. No comments from those present.
- Extend membership of new members who join in September to cover their membership for the following year. Currently it is October. No comments from those present. Change to September will be made.
- Allow Sgt.-At-Arms and Historian positions to run out at the end of 2009. Both have become inactive. No comments from those present. DONE.
- Any other issues? No comments from those present.

End of Season Cruise – 01 November Cruise to Hotel Northampton for Sunday Brunch. Dan Crovo will navigate. November 8 as a rain date. We need a head count for the hotel. Charge \$10 per car, refund on arrival. The club will keep the money for no shows.

Holiday Party Planning — Decided to charge \$20 pp, refund \$10 per voting member. Tentative dates are 1/16/2010, 1/23/2010 or 1/30/2010. Thank you, Diane Crovo – Need any help?? Diane reported her progress in selecting a venue to this point. She asked for suggestions for other venues. So far Woburn Country Club is looking good.

Hillcrest – Rich noted that Hillcrest is no longer a Chevrolet dealer. It is now known as Hillcrest Motors. The club is seeking another Chevrolet dealer to work with and perhaps sponsor the club. Also they have not been a NSCM Sponsor for the last few years.

#### Upcoming Events (New Business) Update –

Visit to Bradley Estate in Canton, MA (Sunday) – Any volunteers? No volunteers at this time. Tabled for now.

Tech Sessions – Bow-Tie Shop Evening Tech Session Series – 1963 Split-Window “Fuelie” – Monday, 19 October at 6:30 PM.

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

Sunday, October 18, First Annual Car Club Invitational in N. Andover. \$10 per car. Don Cowan will post a notice on our website if it is called due to rain.

Karen Blandini noted Spindle City is having their fall cruise on Sunday and NCRS is having a cruise on Saturday.

Karen thanked all for attending Vettes to Vets. \$30,000 in cash and merchandise was raised for the veterans.

A collection was made for the Elk's Scholarship fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH



SO THAT WE CAN ENJOY OUR CORVETTES IN COMPLETE FREEDOM

### **WOW — Thank you! Thank you! Thank you !**

Once again, the Corvette community has shown its true colors. You folks are the most generous and patriotic I've ever met. Mother Nature tried to make us miserable again. It did not work. The Corvettes came "pouring" in from all over the northeast, from uppermost New York state and Vermont, south to Pennsylvania, to the tip of Cape Cod. You had smiles on your faces and emptied your trunks and pockets to support the patients. They really enjoyed themselves and appreciate all you do for them. Joe Dooley and I estimate that the value of your contributions this year will come close to \$30,000. I had to run the numbers several times to believe them. This is considerably more than last year with about the same number of cars (about 200 Corvette owners).

Corvettes and their owner's generosity are the focal visual point of the event, but so many others make huge contributions. The Marriott in Billerica is so supportive and helpful as well as the Middlesex Sheriff's motorcycle group. The Paul Revere Chapter of the Air Force Association was prepared to feed 1200 people. (Thanks again to Corvette folks for really helping defray the food cost). Thank you to Channel 5 for reporting on our success and to the hospital staff for all their support, including the amazing music performed by Mass Exodus. The Mass Honor Guard, Col. Poppe and Col. Orr deserve thanks for their participation and support. And, of course, my CREW for their enthusiastic help. The thank you list could go on and on to so many businesses who contributed

The patients at the hospital gave up a lot for our freedoms. You should all feel proud of what you've given back to say Thank You  
Once again – Thank you all for what you continue to do in Honor of our Veterans. Ron Morneau and the CREW  
Keep an eye on "**Vettes to Vets.Org**"



## **NSCM TECH PAGE:** *By Rich Gureghian*

**Muffler Wars** – The matter of the exhaust system debacle, mentioned in last month's Tech Page continues. One of our members went to the same dealership to get a sticker. She was told that the dealer could not give her a sticker with the aftermarket exhaust system on her car. Instead, they offered to do the following –

- Remove the aftermarket exhaust system
- Reinstall the car's original (stock") system
- Inspect the car and apply the new state inspection sticker
- Remove the stock system and reinstall the aftermarket exhaust system.

All this would be accomplished for only a bit more than \$200.00 plus the price of the sticker!! Now for the kicker – the guy who installed this non-stock exhaust system in the first place is none other than the guy who's quoting this rip-off! How unethical, not to mention unlawful, is that?! We're going to do something about situations such as this and the flawed legislation that has given rise to these instances! At a recent e-board meeting, Pat Ferullo offered to set up a meeting with House Speaker Bob DeLeo. He already initiated contact for an appointment with Rachael Kaprielian, Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Meanwhile, I am trying to get through to the Massachusetts Joint Transportation Committee. These folks don't communicate much. We'll try to persuade them. Watch for updates. In the mean time, please let your e-board know if a particular inspection station becomes a problem for you. Also, if you want to volunteer to take part in this effort, please let an e-board member know.

**Don't Slam That Thing!** – When talking to Mario Scenna, Service Director of Olsen Cadillac, I asked about the cost of the new trunk-mounted third brake lights. These large LED (light-emitting diode) units are quite pricey. They are known to go \$400.00 or more! I asked him if there was a way to avoid these costly failures. He said that owners should simply never slam their trunk lids. If there's a problem with closing the trunk, then address that as an issue but don't simply slam the trunk.

**Corvette Questions On-Line** – When visiting the National Corvette Museum Barry Keohan and I attended a seminar put on by Paul Koerner, a recognized Corvette technician. His web site is [www.corvettemechanic.com](http://www.corvettemechanic.com) . If you see me quoting them in the future, you'll know where it came from.

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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## **POSSIBLE CORVETTE STORAGE:**

We have a bit of space available for Cars and Motorcycles for rent for winter storage. The space is heated. We are asking \$125/month for Cars and \$65.00/month for Motorcycles. Contact Daryl Flynn of Plastic Design Inc. 180 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford, MA. 01863 - [daryl@plasticdesigninc.com](mailto:daryl@plasticdesigninc.com) - (978) 251-4830

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

**We currently have 141 Members**

**Welcome our newest member Richard McCusker and his wife Valerie**

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

**TECH. SESSION ON A COMPLETE RESTORATION OF A 1963 CORVETTE  
by the BOWTIE SHOP**



**UPDATED PICTURES**



These are pictures of the 1963 that is being professional repaired.

We will keep you posted when we have the next Tech. Session so you can see it in person.

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**POSSIBLE CORVETTE STORAGE:**

WINTER CAR STORAGE, Marlborough, MA. Indoor, heated, sprinkled with 24 hr. video surveillance. Room for more than 50 cars. Available November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Call Richard (617) 964-5534 (Note from Rich G. — This will be “dead” storage so you will not be able to get into your car and drive it away at your leisure. The price seems more than reasonable at \$140.00 per month. To get this rate, you must remember to tell them you are a member of North Shore Corvettes. Remember, this is heated space and electricity for battery maintainers should be available. As the ad says, call Richard at (617) 964-5534 and ask any questions you may have. He is a car guy and a nice fellow. You should have no problem.) Our thanks to club member Kevin O’Connor for bringing this to our attention. WINTER CAR STORAGE — Our Pat Ferullo has a line on a couple of spaces in our general North Shore area for winter storage. Please call Pat’s cell phone (978-697-0964) for more information.

## 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

### November

Nov. 01 Sunday - End-of-Season Cruise to the Hotel Northampton for Brunch (rain date 11-8) (See website for details)

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 **Happy Thanksgiving**

### December

December 01 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

December 08 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

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

December 15 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

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

December 22 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

December 25 - Friday - Merry Christmas

December 29 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA (unless notified on website)\*

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OUR CLUB BRICK AT THE CORVETTE MUSEUM, BOWLING GREEN KY.



09 CARAVAN SIGNED BANNER GOES BACK TO HERB CHAMBERS