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"CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS"

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Coming Soon! APRIL 1st

Our Corvettes come out of Storage!

It's been reported that some Corvettes came out early and didn't see their shadow.

We even heard that someone is using their Corvette as a daily driver. You know who you are. (S.E.)

This is Your Newsletter!

If you wish to post something in your newsletter.

Please Submit Before the

25th of the month

Please send all info to: doncowan57@comcast.net

Sad News:

Dan Crovo's father, Augustus S. Crovo Jr. 87, of Fort Myers, Florida, formerly of Revere, Massachusetts, passed away at his home on February 17, 2010 surrounded by his loving wife and children. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Diane, Dan and his family.



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NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Something's wrong!

I'm getting worried about the dreams I've been having lately where I'm driving my Vette down a nice country road with a lot of twists in it. Typically I don't get the Corvette dreams until around April but this year, things seem to be starting early – just like with our club activities! (Man, what a sneaky way to open up the topic of this season's Corvette events.) At our February E-board meeting and later at the general membership meeting, we started discussing a list of the Corvette stuff happening this year then we began adding in some of the suggestions from our members. Man, what a full calendar we're going to have. Please, during the season, be sure to visit our web site and to pay close attention to your e-mails for announcements that you will definitely like. Some events are being planned without a firm date as yet. Have no fear; we'll do our best to select timing that fits well with your calendar. Also, please note that North Shore Corvettes supports the Corvette Community USA (CCUSA) web site which is a continuously updated of everything happening in the Corvette community. You can link to them from our web site or you can visit them at <http://www.corvettecommunityusa.com/>

Speaking of web sites, remember that our web site (<http://www.northshorecorvettes.com>) is a heck of a resource for our members and for friends of our club. Be sure to visit the site regularly and check Don's updates and announcements as well as his calendar of upcoming events. This will be Don's last year as our web master so we will be looking to recruit another from our club ranks or from friends of North Shore Corvettes of MA. Let Don know if you know of someone who might be right for this job.

One of the major springtime events the club photo in front of the world-famous Crane Castle. We want all of you to turn out for this one as it represents a unique opportunity for our club and for all our members. The club photo of our cars arrayed in front of the mansion will be one to keep. Don't pass this one up! We'll keep you posted as we set up this significant event.

For those of you who have signed up or who plan to sign up for the Vettes of Coastal Maine Bar harbor weekend, make note that, as a group, we traditionally cruise up to this event on the Thursday morning of that weekend. Once we define particulars, we will announce the caravan start point and timing. Going up there as a club is always a great time and I can tell you I am really looking forward to this one. It is always a good idea to show up for these caravans with extra batteries for your 2-way radios, something to drink or snack on along the way and lots of smiles. Every time I think of the past Bar Harbor weekends we have attended, I automatically start to smile. It's not just because of the activities there; it's because of the people we share them with.

Feeling lucky? We're putting together another trip to Mohegan Sun for you. The nice folks there have agreed to allow us the \$30.00 deal (Fifteen dollars in the form of three \$5.00 free bets as well as Fifteen dollars in food credit or a free buffet). We will be charging \$30.00 per person so your actual cost is ZERO. Transportation will be with luxury motor coach (as always) with free on-board entertainment with our mobile master of ceremonies, Barry Keohan! Stay tuned for the formal announcement and be sure to get your money in quickly to save your seat on the bus. This will be a first-come, first-served event.

Finally, we are asking for volunteers to work as a committee with our legislative members and our registrar in assuring that predatory legislation on aftermarket exhaust systems is not enacted. We also wish to pursue the single-plate "Automotive Hobbyist" license plate as a means of providing our hobby with a much needed improvement to our licensure as well as generate much needed cash for the Commonwealth's coffers. Of course, our e-board members will work with you but we need your time and attention to make these things happen.

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 MEMBERSHIP REPORT: By Joe Generazzo

We currently have 149 Members

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES:

February 18, 2010

Start time: 7:30 PM

Adjourn time: 8:25 PM

E-Board Members Present:

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| Don Cowan | Vice-President |
| Pat Ferullo | Cruise Night Director |
| Joe Generazzo | Membership Director |
| Richard Gureghian | President |
| Barry Keohan | Treasurer |



All E-Board Members were Present:

Dan Crovo Secretary

Guests: NONE

President Rich Gureghian opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. He extended sincere sympathy to NSCM Secretary Dan Crovo, and to his wife Diane, at the death of Dan's beloved father. Dan was in Florida to provide care to his Dad when this untimely death occurred. Rich also announced the passing of past member Sam Falzarano and of past member Bill Jansen's mother. Bill was a past president and recently helped Don Cowan in his efforts to have the club web site transferred to club ownership.

Rich also expressed special thanks to all who kidnapped him to Mass General (especially Don Cowan and Lou Barretto). It turns out they and the docs at MGH saved his life!

1. Treasury — Barry Keohan gave the report which was accepted as read.
2. Membership – Joe Generazzo reports we are currently at 149 members. Don Cowan noted that he sent all members renewal reminders via email and regular mail.
3. Cruise Night – Pat Ferullo reported our kick-off Cruise Night will be Tuesday, 04 May. Pat looking into cruise night t-shirts and dash plaques.
4. Vice President – Nothing new to report.
5. Business –

Holiday Party – Club extends sincere thanks to Diane Crovo and her committee for a great holiday party.

Given the huge work burden on one primary person (Diane), it may be necessary that, for next year, we consider dinner at a restaurant where they would give us a room. It is a lot of work for the party committee to put it together and we have to have a minimum head count.

Sponsorship Discussions with Dealer – Rich reports he had discussions with Herb Chambers management. Rich reviewed the email he wrote to them suggesting tech sessions: alignments, paint protective film (Venture Shield) and a "lube/oil/filter" day. This relationship would have been a one-way street, favoring the dealer instead of an even-handed matter that also supported our members' interests. It was determined to pass on Herb Chambers as a potential sponsor.

Exhaust System Legislation – Rich announced that we will seek volunteers to approach and interface with the legislature and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Niagara Falls – Rich received a flyer from the Niagara Falls Corvette Club inviting us to their Cruise-In at the Reif Winery. They are going to have a free track day on Friday 7/23. Recommend arriving on Thursday; the show is Sunday 7/25. Leave for home on Monday 7/26. Any interest? More information will be forthcoming.

Bar Harbor – June 4-6. Several club members have made reservations.

Lake George in September; Don is working on a hotel other than Roaring Brook Ranch. Will consider Roaring Brook if we get the rooms we had 3 years ago.

NSCM MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES CONT.

6. Upcoming Events & New Business –

- Annual Calendar Meeting is Sunday, 21 February. – No NSCM ad this year in favor of CCUSA web postings.
- The Bow Tie Shop is having the next tech session on March 10th for the 1963 coupe restoration.
- World of Wheels in Boston – March 12, 13 & 14.
- Adams Detailing Session, MacMulkin Chevrolet, Nashua, NH – March 13th
- RimPro Tour (for NSCM members) planned for late March (27th)
- Adams Detailing Session, Corvette Mike's, Plymouth, MA – April 17th
- Merrimack College Car Show – April 25th.
- Corvette Mike Blessing of the Vettes – May 1st
- NSCM Dust Off Cruise — May 2nd (16th rain date)
- Vettes for Pets, Salem, MA — May 22nd
- Corvette Day (NCRS) at Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation in Brookline. – June 13th
- Bar harbor Tour – June 4, 5 & 6th Information for registering is in February newsletter. NSCM will caravan up on Thursday.
- Gate City "Spring Fling" at Budweiser in Merrimack, NH. — May 30th
- "Adirondack Attack" Lake George – September (date to be determined)
- Vettes for Vets, Bedford, MA — Sept. 26th

Pat did some research and had several restaurant destination locations to consider in southern NE. Pat will put together a schedule and publicize it.

Rich suggested we check on Barre Dam Park for a picnic. Dan will investigate.

Members asked if we were going to Mohegan Sun again. Rich will look into scheduling a trip with the same \$30.00 deal we received last time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

MECHANIC VERSES DOCTOR

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."



<http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.php>

Possible Gas Tank Issue – Member Barry Keohan forwarded the following to our attention regarding potential C5 gas tank leaks – Here is an excerpt from an Email from one of my Corvette Club buddies:

I would like to bring a serious safety issue to the attention of any of our members who own a late production 2003 and all 2004 Corvettes. Due to a design change, the left hand fuel tanks crack and/or leak at the new metal crossover tube. This allows fuel and fuel vapors to leak and fumes to flood the cabin. This is a very serious safety issue (not to mention an emission law violation). GM has taken the stance that the cars are out of warranty even though emission warranties are for 80,000 miles. The dealers want \$2,400 to replace the fuel tanks as this is the only repair.

Can you please let our members and the members of our sister clubs know they can go to www.safercar.gov and register a complaint if they drive one of these model Corvettes? They can also call Nathan Ong at the NHTSA his number is 1-202-366-5224. Let's hope we can get GM to fix these cars before more burst into flames!

I naturally went to Steve Cataldo for his input and received the following –

Rich, I have not heard about this one before. When I was with GM there was no mention of it nor did I replace any faulty tanks or pipes. That being said there may be a number of cars repaired while they were still in the warranty period so I would not know. I only saw the locally sold cars.

If an owner of a 2003-2004 who bought it used wants to know the warranty history of their specific car they can go to ANY GM dealer and request a VIS or vehicle inquiry search. You will need the last 8 numbers of the VIN and maybe proof of ownership (I don't know). It only takes a few minutes and I usually go to the parts dept. and ask. It is a print out that list all warranty work done on the car and where/when. There is usually no charge.

Every dealer is different so that is a start...

My guess is that if you have no issue by now you most likely wont but check it out anyway...

My 2003 Vette has never exhibited a problem so all I can do is offer to help any member who feels they might have a fuel tank issue.

I can see clearly now the rain is gone . . . – Barry Keohan also posed the following question about Rain-X.

Hi everyone. Just got back from Hawaii, and our son in-law has a real bad windshield problem. It looks like sunbeams looking out. He had a detail job before this happened. I think I is from rain x. Will the ultimate cloth help, and how do I get some for them.

Barry

The best response I could come up with was — You can remove the Rain-X with a solvent such as 3M Solvent or by simply mechanically buffing with a clean paper towel. Paper towels, it turns out, are quite abrasive. This is why they are not recommended for use on plastic eyeglass lenses.

- 1. To avoid problems in the future, I suggest the following procedure for applying Rain-X.*
- 2. Thoroughly clean the windshield.*
- 3. Apply Rain-X using a clean paper towel.*
- 4. You will see the applied product dissipate almost immediately. Once this happens, re-apply the Rain-X.*
- 5. Buff with a clean paper towel to remove any excess Rain-X.*
- 6. Sprinkle the windshield with water and buff dry with a paper towel or a clean terrycloth towel.*

Sounds tedious but once you get used to it, this become a "piece of cake". Hope this helps.

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

2010 UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 02 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

March 09 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

March 10 - Wednesday - 6:30PM Tech Session at Bowtie Shop - Located at 50 Dunham Road, Billerica, MA 01821 (off of Rte. 95 and Rte. 3). Joe can be reached at 978-857-5002 or by e-mail at joe@thebowtieshop.com

March 11 - Thursday NSCM Executive Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks. Time: TBA*

**March 12 - Friday 5:00PM to 10:00PM World of Wheels at Bayside Exposition Center 200 Mount Vernon, Boston, MA 02125
More info: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.php>**

**March 13 - Saturday 10:00AM to 10:00PM World of Wheels at Bayside Exposition Center 200 Mount Vernon, Boston, MA 02125
More info: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.php>**

March 13 - Saturday 10:00AM to 2:00PM - 2nd Annual Adam's Detail Clinic by Norm's Detailing - at MacMulkin Chevrolet, second floor showroom - 3 Marmon Dr. - Nashua, NH 03060

**March 14 - Sunday 10:00AM to 7:00PM World of Wheels at Bayside Exposition Center 200 Mount Vernon, Boston, MA 02125
More info: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/show/boston.php>**

March 16 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA*

March 18 - Thursday 7:30PM - NSCM Membership Meeting at Wakefield Elks - Serving Food at 7:00PM*

March 23 - Tuesday 6:30PM - NSCM Dinner Meeting - Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA

March 27 - Saturday 10:00AM - RimPro - more info to follow

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

* unless notified on website

GPS & CELL PHONE WARNING Submitted by Laraine Cowan

This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

GPS: A couple of weeks ago a friend told me that someone she knew had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

CELL PHONES: I never thought of this.....This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet... Etc...was stolen. 20 minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says 'I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago. 'When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account. Moral of the lesson: Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc....And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends' who text you.

I never thought about the above! As of now, I no longer have 'home' listed on my cell phone.