



February 1, 2010

Happy New Year! And welcome to 2010. As we start the New Year I hope that you are all satisfied with your resolutions and have already started exercising and dieting. (Isn't that what we promise ourselves every New Year?)

Let me give you a brief review of what we have been working on this year so far and what we want to accomplish.

NCRO Ongoing Mission and Focus

- Mission:
1. Protect pension and other benefits
 2. Inform, Educate, and Communicate
 3. Support American workers, jobs, and products
 4. Build camaraderie and fellowship

Quarterly Breakfast meeting

The next quarterly breakfast meeting has been postponed to February 23 due to scheduling conflicts. Our Keynote speaker will be David E. Davis a veteran of the automobile industry. David was past editor and publisher of Car and Driver Magazine eventually leaving to found Automobile magazine. Time Magazine called David the "dean of automobile journalists". David will be giving his insights into the events of 2009. His presentations are always interesting and enjoyable. The website is open for reservations. Reserve a seat at NCRO.org.

When: February 23, 2010

Where: The Club Venetian (north of 12 mile rd. at 29310 John R, Madison Hgts., MI 48071)

Cost: \$15 for members - \$15 for spouses - \$31 for non-members

Doors Open at 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast 10:00 to 10:30: Family style with eggs, sausage, fruit, rolls and beverages

Meeting Agenda - 10:30:

- Introductions / News – John Argeropoulos, NCRO – 5 min
- NRCO 2009 results and 2010 objectives – Chuck Austin, NCRO – 10 min
- Washington DC Fly in/ NRLN Conference Update – Chris Dyrda, NCRO – 15 min
- Featured Speaker – "2009 – A Very Bad Year" David E. Davis, Jr. – 45 min (includes Q & A time)
- General Questions & Answers– 20 min
- Adjourn 12:05 p.m.

Reservations open on February 1st and will close February 17th or until sold out if earlier.

* Payment is preferred on WWW.NCRO.ORG using the Events tab with credit card or PayPal.

For payment and reservations by check for this event only: (Please do NOT include payment for anything else. It confuses our Treasurer as to what it should be applied to.)

Checks should be mailed to:

* Liz White, (make check payable to "NCRO") 2229 Lost Oak Court, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

* Telephone: 810-513-1105

Political Activism - NCRO Visits our Senators and Congressmen in Washington

During the 60's our generation changed the world. Now in retirement we need to change the way the world (and more importantly) the laws treat retirees. During the week of January 11th NCRO sent a contingent to DC to meet with Congressmen and Senators and their staffs. We tied this into a NRLN effort so not only did we bring our message to Michigan congressmen and senators but to many other states' representatives as well. We also met with a staff group from the Judiciary Committee that has offered us support in establishing a hearing to review the status of retirees of companies in bankruptcy, which is another step in the process of developing legislature to protect us. The NCRO leaders involved were myself, Chris Dyrda, Stan Hurst, Rich Brown and Mike Kane. We met with Congressmen Gary Peters, Mike Rogers, Bert Stupak and Senators Levin and Stabenaw.

We told them we were there because of the risk to retirees regarding the potential loss of pensions and Health Care benefits as experienced in the Delphi case.

While most of us had our pensions minimally impacted last year as Chrysler went through bankruptcy, we can't hope for the same result if Chrysler doesn't recover. If you've read the papers recently, you have seen that companies like Delphi have not only lost health care but have had their pensions turned over to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). We must take action now to prevent this from happening to us. Here are several steps that we must take together.

First, continue to support Chrysler. Continue to buy its products and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. Retirees have access to the Employee Advantage Program that has been renewed for the 2010CY. Retirees have 6 Employee Purchase (EP) and 6 Friends program (FP) numbers available for use. Log on to the program at <https://www.ea.chrysler.com/employeeprogram/login2.jsp> I know we are upset with the Company due to the way that we have been treated regarding health care, life insurance, pensions, and lease cars. However, buying a competitor's product does not keep the Company strong and our pensions intact and we all need our pensions intact.

Second, it is really important for the NCRO to know everyone's Congressional District so that we can effectively organize to contact our congressmen. The easiest way to accurately determine districts is for you to provide us with your 9-digit zip code. You can do this several ways. The preferred way is to go on-line and follow the procedure at the end of this email. If you do not have access to a computer or prefer not to make the updates yourself, you can mail your 9-digit zip code to Deb Morrisett at 3395 Cleveland Drive, Troy, MI 48083-5623 or email Deb Morrisett at morrisett@comcast.net and she will update our files for you.

Finally, we recognize that the only way to protect our pensions may be through Legislative and Regulatory change. You should currently be receiving Action Alerts from the National Retirees Legislative Network (NRLN). We support this organization with our money and our time. For this reason, when you receive an Action Alert that requests you write or visit your Congressman, please comply. In the coming months you will not only hear from the NRLN but you will receive requests from the NCRO to write, call or contact your Senators and Representatives regarding issues that are important to all of us. Some of you will be requested to meet with your Congressmen. Don't worry, we will provide talking points to support you... (And now you know why we need your complete 9-digit zip code!)

Securing our futures though pensions and healthcare protection should be a top priority for all of us. Please help us help you.

Retiree Friendly Dealer Program

We now have signed up 5 Detroit Metro dealers that will sell vehicles to retirees using a "no hassle" process. They are Crestwood Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Golling Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Southfield Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Telegraph Dodge Chrysler Jeep and Galeana's Dodge. (We are still looking for a few more geographically spread out.) Go to <http://www.NCRO.org> for details on the process as well as who to contact at the dealerships to schedule an appointment. Once your appointment is completed feel free to log onto the NCRO blog at <http://blog.ncro.org> to report your experience. We use your blog comments to monitor the dealer's follow through on their commitments.

Remember the vouchers are good through December 31, 2010... From a Chrysler letter... "Cash incentive vouchers were mailed to participants earlier this year, and the expiration date has been extended through December 31, 2010. In addition, Model Year 2008 has been phased out and has been extended to 2009 and 2010 model years. As a bonus, all SRT8 models are now available. This incentive program is in addition to most other retail vehicle incentives. Participants who cannot locate their voucher should contact the Rebate Hotline at 1-800-227-0757, select Option #3, and a representative will provide the original voucher number." They will also help you with the complete list of incentives which include Employee Pricing, the above voucher certificate, consumer cash and special financing.

Lifetime of Oil Changes

For those of you purchasing a new vehicle Fenkell Glass is offering oil changes for the life of your vehicle every 3000 miles for \$225. Fenkell has been replacing glass on lease cars for Chrysler for many years. If you have purchased a car you will be keeping you should check it out at www.fenkell.com

SRP Activities

If you are an SRP recipient and haven't sent your email address and info to Jeff Chiapetta at chiapet@wowway.com please send it to him now. We are developing a plan of action that will affect SRP recipients.

Medicare – Quarterly information Meetings

NCRO will continue to hold quarterly Medicare informational meetings to cover those individuals turning 65 and becoming eligible for Medicare during the year. We will try to coordinate these with breakfast meetings beginning in May. If you have additional immediate questions you can also use the federal website to determine the best plan for you at <http://www.medicare.gov/Default.asp>

Museum Announcement



Walter P. Chrysler Museum Has Much to Offer NCRO Members

The Walter P. Chrysler Museum is delighted to count a number of Chrysler retirees among our member, volunteer and visitor ranks and we value our relationship with each of you who were instrumental in creating the history we showcase for thousands of visitors each year.

For those of you less familiar with our spectacular offerings . . . let us introduce ourselves:

The 55,000 square-foot Museum is located on Chrysler Group LLC's Auburn Hills, MI, complex and celebrates the company's proud heritage with three levels of more than 65 antique, custom and concept vehicles interspersed with interactive displays and historical exhibits. We spotlight Chrysler's contributions to automotive design, technology and innovation, as well as the automobile's impact on American culture.

- The first floor traces the industry's first 50 years from Chrysler's perspective - both the man and the company. Rare vehicles date back to the early 1900s and a timeline wall details the key executives and predecessor companies that played a key role in the company's evolution. The vintage collection includes such historic marques as DeSoto, Hudson, Nash, Plymouth, Rambler and Willys-Overland.
- The second floor continues Chrysler's story, beginning with the introduction of the first HEMI® in 1951 and spotlighting the automaker's design, engineering and marketing successes. Exhibitions illustrate decades of vehicle styling brilliance, the electronic age of transistors, Mopar® Muscle, turbine technology, the family transportation revolution and leadership in safety and fuel economy.
- The lower level, called "Boss Chrysler's Garage," houses dream machines from the '60s - '70s, including classic and muscle cars from the heyday of cruising to one-of-a-kind record-setting race vehicles. The Garage also features a series of Jeep® vehicles and trucks as well as an eclectic sampling of vehicles from the Chrysler collection.

In addition to serving as a great spot to while away the hours, the Museum also offers Chrysler retirees ample opportunity to satisfy and celebrate your automotive passion and professional achievements:

- Lend a hand – Volunteers are the Museum's backbone and retirees are the perfect ambassadors for sharing the Chrysler story. From interacting with visitors to leading school groups and adult tours to staffing after-hours events, we offer meaningful ways to stay connected and give to the community.
- Become a member – Join with enthusiasts around the globe in enjoying unlimited access to the Museum and such perks as our members-only newszine, *Forward*; discounts on Museum programs and events and gift shop savings.
- Cap your career – Commemorate a vocational milestone through one of our programs of public expression:
 - Brick Legacy – offer a heartfelt sentiment on a permanently engraved brick that will grace the Museum's grounds and greet visitors for decades to come.

- o Adopt-a-Vehicle – support the care and maintenance of a favorite model in support of the Museum’s entire vintage vehicle collection.

For an in-depth look at Chrysler history, as well as more about the Museum’s general offerings and our events and programs (including those outlined above) visit our new Web site at www.wpchryslermuseum.org or call 248-944-0001.

The Walter P. Chrysler Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity (effective February 2008) and all contributions – including those for Brick Legacy, Adopt-a-Vehicle and portions of some membership levels – are tax-deductible.

Membership Dues

Reminder!! If you haven’t paid your 2010 membership year dues, the \$25 annual membership dues they are past due. Your membership will be moved to inactive status if your dues are not paid during February.

You can verify that your dues were received by visiting “Members/Review Your Registration Data” at http://www.ncro.org/Programs/member_display.php. Fill in your last name and registration identification number. If you do not know your registration ID number, fill in your email address and we will send it to you. If you have not yet paid you can pay online with a credit card by visiting “Members/Pay NCRO Dues” at <http://www.ncro.org/Programs/dues.php> to pay your dues or send a \$25 check to NCRO, PO Box 174, Washington Twp, MI 48094.

Contact Rick Golpe at 586-795-4012 or email registration@ncro.org if you have any questions about your account.

Volunteers needed for our committees

We have a large group of volunteers. We will be contacting you during the month of February to determine where you can best help out. Here are the various committees, their leaders and their objectives that will be contacting you. Remember, no one in NCRO at any level gets paid for his or her work, so we need volunteers to spread the workload. We are in special need of IT experienced people. If you would like to participate in one of these please email your name, email address and phone number and committee that interests you to Rick Golpe at registration@ncro.org

Technology Committee - Rick Golpe - Develop and maintain NCRO website and technical activities. The NCRO IT Team is in urgent need of the following:

- An experienced .php scriptwriter for simple programs to produce desired output as requested by the IT Team.
- An experienced SQL programmer to produce output from our server side database as requested by the IT Team
- An experienced graphics designer to produce output as requested by the IT Team
- **An experienced database administrator to perform database back-ups & restores along with design changes as requested by the IT Team.**
- The IT Team expects that the need for these services would be on a very limited basis with advance notice and generous timing.
- If interested, please contact Rick Golpe: webmaster@ncro.org

Insurance Committee – Frank Ceci - Investigate possible insurance programs for members. Initial focus on post 65 retirees.

Membership Committee – Rick Golpe - Grow membership and increase membership value.

Political Action Committee - Deb Morrissett - Work with NRLN and membership to develop lobbying plan with legislative leaders to support retiree healthcare and retiree rights in bankruptcy.

Pension Committee - John Glotzbach - Work with NRLN and membership to improve PBGC insurance of pensions post bankruptcy.

Bankruptcy Committee - Chris Dyrda - Work with NRLN and membership to improve retiree pension and benefit protection during bankruptcy.

Event Committee - John Argeropoulos - Plan, implement and execute NCRO quarterly breakfast meetings and other meetings as required.

SRP Committee - Jeff Chiapetta - Investigate SRP issues and develop plan to recover it.

Legal Issues Committee - Dana Oliver/Stam Hurst - Provide legal support for NCRO activities.

Regional Clubs Committee – Deb Morrissett - Maintain and improve communications and support for regional clubs.

Add 9 Digit Zip: Although this seems difficult there are only two steps that take less than 3 minutes. The process to change ANY of your membership information is the same, whether it be your email address, phone number or updating your zip

code.

- In order to log on to the change your data site, you need your registration ID number and last name. Most people do not know their registration/membership ID number that was included in the return email acknowledging your registration.
- **NB:** If you don't know your 9-digit zip you can find it on your inbound mail. Most companies use the complete zip code.

PROCESS FOR UPDATING NCRO MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

If you do NOT know your Registration/Membership ID Number, begin here. If you do, skip to step two.

Step one – Retrieve your member ID number (also called registration number).

1. Log on to the website at [www.http://www.ncro.org](http://www.ncro.org)
2. Move mouse onto the **Members** tab
3. Mouse over the **Member Administration** drop down
4. Click on **Review Your Registration**
5. Type in your last name in the **LAST NAME** field
6. Type in your email address in the **EMAIL ADDRESS** field

An automated email will be sent to you with your registration/membership ID number.

Once you have your registration/membership ID number (or if you already know it begin here).

Step two – add your 9-digit zip code

1. Log on to the website at <http://www.ncro.org>
2. Move mouse onto the **Members** tab
3. Mouse over the **Member Administration** drop down
4. Click on **Change Your Registration**
5. Type in your last name in the **LAST NAME** field
6. Type in your registration id number in the **Registration ID** field
7. Click the **SUBMIT** button
8. **Scroll down to the field** of the information you are changing
9. Key in the data such as the **last 4 numbers** of your zip
10. Click the **SUBMIT** button

That's it! Thanks and have a happy and healthy 2010!

Your NCRO (Volunteer) Team

(Remember no one in the NCRO gets paid for his or her efforts. All funds go towards expenses designed to secure your future benefits and pensions so come on down and help us!)

Chuck Austin, Chris Dyrda, Vicki Bonus, Mike Cipponeri, Rick Golpe, Roy Sjoberg, Jerry Koenigbauer, Mike Kane, Mike Aberlich, Deb Morrissett, John Glotzbach, John Argeropoulos, Stan Hurst, Dana Oliver, Sue Olejar, Brian Haw, Johnnie Johnson, Grainger Goodman, Pete Piccinato and Casey Mehta.

Sincerely,



Chuck Austin

President

National Chrysler Retirement Organization