

Corvettes of Berkshire

August 2012 Newsletter

The August 2nd meeting was held at Ozzie's Steak and Eggs, Hinsdale, MA. President Lou Rocha called the meeting to order under the patio tent at 7:35 pm with 16 members present. In attendance were Ed and Valerie Anker, George Beeker, Fran Bourdon, Chick Carmel, Wayne and Sue Eastwood, Butch Eddy, Bob Garrity, Dave Johnson, Gary and Margo Sharp, Lou Sharp, Nate Zuckerman, and new member Ed Rupke.

Past Activities:

Car Show – What an absolutely beautiful sunny summer day for our annual car show! The committee arrived early to set up for the days' events. They went about their tasks of putting up tents, setting tables, getting registration materials in order, and planning for the raffles, etc. A little after 9 cars started to arrive. By noon we had 78 registered entries for the show. Most were Corvettes, but there were a few trucks, Camaros, other vintage Chevy's and one Studebaker Avanti. The VIP Club from Albany caravanned in with 14 cars. What a showing, and they took home 2 of the trophies to boot! There was also a nice showing from the New Hampshire Corvette Club with 4 cars in attendance. Member John Burch brought his entire six car collection. The folks from Kids Place were on hand with a booth selling baked goods and raffle tickets, lottery Christmas tree. We will be making a donation to them soon. Thanks to the Club volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a huge success for everyone. They were Ted Kaufman, Butch Eddy, Matt Eddy, Dave & Marie Johnson, Lou & Deloris Rocha, Wayne Eastwood, Ed & Valerie Anker, Fran Bourdon and grandson Kyle.

2012 Chevys for Kids Show Winners

Spectators' Choice – Pete Meizinger - 92 Blue Coupe

Top Ten

Joe Dean – 72 Red Pickup

Charlie Sinopoli – 67 Black Chevy

Bill Balcom – 65 Red Roadster

Leo and Kim Shepard – 88 Red Corvette Coupe

Bob Alexander – 58 Yellow Vette

Leo Braman – 56 White/Blue Chevy Belair

Jim Alonzo – 06 Yellow Convertible

Fran Bourdon – 64 Blue Coupe

John Burke – Not sure which cars won... but John got 2 trophies... He brought 6 cars!

Bedard's gave a trophy away to their "choice".... Not sure of his name, but it was for a new Camaro. We wonder where he bought it?

Future Activities:

Ozzie's Cruise In - On Sunday, September 16th Ozzie's will be holding their final cruise in of the season. Watch your email for future updates.

Vettes 2 Vets – In Billerica, MA. Spend all or part of the weekend of Sept 28-30. The show is the 30th, which is Gold Star Mother's Day. Hotel info is the Marriott/Billerica 978-670-7500. Mention the Corvette function and room rate is \$73 per room per night. Saturday night buffet with festivities right there for \$20 PP (all tax and gratuity included) and Sunday buffet breakfast is \$10 PP again inclusive. Editor Note: Valerie & Ed Anker attended last year. There were 475 corvettes in attendance. They hope to have 500 this year, one for each patient in the VA hospital. For more information go to: <http://www.vetestovets.org/>

VIP Cruise In - At Eagle Mills Cider Mill, Saturday, October 13 with a bad weather date of Sunday, October 14.

Items of Interest:

Be sure to check out the Club website for the most current Calendar of Events.

We are still trying to liquidate our clothing inventory. All remaining items are being sold at cost. Don't miss out on this fantastic deal. There are only a few items left. Contact Mike Purcell at 413-499-4757 or corvettemike04@yahoo.com.

Bedard Chevrolet offers a 10% discount on service and parts to all COB members. Remember to tell them you are a member of Corvettes of Berkshire when you are there for service.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Raffle Winner: Wayne Eastwood won the 50/50 raffle.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 6, 2012** at **Ozzie's Steak & Eggs**, 26 Maple Street, Hinsdale, MA. The meeting starts at 7:30, but arrive by 6:30 if you plan to eat there. The food is great! We plan to meet at Ozzie's during the summer months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Anker