

Corvettes of Berkshire

September 2012 Newsletter

The September 6th meeting was held at Ozzie's Steak and Eggs, Hinsdale, MA. Vice President Ted Kaufmann called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm with 22 members present. In attendance were Ed and Valerie Anker, George Beeker, Fran Bourdon, Chick Carmel, Jim Contenta, Wayne Eastwood, Butch Eddy, Bob & Carol Garrity, Larry Gattasso, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Mike Purcell, Ed Rupke, Gary Sharp, Lou Sharp, Nate & Maria Zuckerman, returning member Carmen Simouelli and new member Mike Sawicki.

Past Activities:

Club Picnic – The members of Corvettes of Berkshire were treated to the warm hospitality of Bev and Jim Contenta at their beautiful home overlooking the scenic Bousquet Ski Resort. Despite the rainy weather the day was brightened by conversation and laughter with our many COB friends. The meal, prepared by Jim's Brother in law, was exceptional in every way. It consisted of smoked prime rib au jus, barbequed chicken and all the trimmings. Thank you to everyone for all of the wonderful dishes and desserts to complement the entrée. Thanks again to the Contentas for a wonderful afternoon.

Corvettes at Carlisle – We have two reports from our member's trip to Carlisle:

George, Chick and I had a great trip, free of police cars almost the entire trip. Unlike last year we had great weather for the weekend. We spent Friday hunting on our own for items on our wish lists and George actually found some model cars he did not have. We hung out with Dave who was having a very successful day. Unlike previous years we did not run into anyone else from the club. I felt that the car prices were very depressed for all years, regardless of the condition. After exhausting the lot we headed back with a really enjoyable experience. Fran Bourdon

I arrived in Carlisle on Thursday to set up my vendor space/tent... but did not "open shop" that afternoon. I just spent time wandering around looking at some of the displays. There was a lot of empty space because many either had not arrived yet or were just setting up themselves. From that point on from 7am until at least 4pm for the next two days, I spent either on my feet or doing my familiar deep knee bends to demo the "no screws" installation of my cup holder. For some, it was a multiple install demo because they just did not get it. (Editor's note: The installation of the cup holder is really a "no brainer") Ultimately, I had a great weekend with support from my fellow club members. Special thanks to Butch for relieving me while I "re-set my service light". The important thing was a safe ride ... both ways for all. Dave Johnson

Future Activities:

Ozzie's Cruise In - On Sunday, September 16th Ozzie's will be holding their final cruise in of the season. The cruise will run from 1 pm to 4pm. Join us for an afternoon of food, music, prizes and fun with all proceeds going to Hospice. 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. There is a Saturday night buffet at the hotel for \$20 PP (all tax and gratuity included) and a 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.vettestovets.org/>

VIP Cruise In & COB Put Up Run - At Eagle Mills Cider Mill, Saturday, October 13 with a bad weather date of Sunday, October 14. Watch your email for more details about meeting place and times.

COB Christmas Party - The annual Christmas Party will be held at the Skyline Country Club on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

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: Joanne reported a balance of \$1323.18.

Raffle Winner: Wayne Eastwood was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle (for the second month in a row) See, it pays to attend meetings!

Next Meeting:

The members present voted to hold the next meeting on **Thursday, October 4, 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!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Anker