

# Corvettes of Berkshire

## June 2012 Newsletter

The June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Ozzie's Steak and Eggs, Hinsdale, MA. President Lou Rocha called the meeting to order at 7:30 with 14 members present. The new location proved to be a real winner with excellent food, service and lively conversation.

### Past Activities:

**Break Out Run** – Three corvettes and four members made the journey to Rhinebeck for the annual antique car show. Ted Kauffman brought home a 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy for his “other” car. It was a nice day, but the show had fewer vendors than past years.

**Chesterwood Car Show** – Lou Rocha and Fran Bourdon attended this show. It was a great day for Fran as he earned a trophy with his 1964 blue coupe. Nice job Fran!

**Mario's** – Thank you Mike for hosting the annual first Saturday in June visit to Mario's in Lebanon, New York. Six couples enjoyed the evening being with their COB friends.

### Future Activities:

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** – Be part of the largest parade in the country! Contact Mike Purcell at 413-499-4757 or [corvettemike04@yahoo.com](mailto:corvettemike04@yahoo.com) for the details.

**Car Show Committee** – The trophies are ordered and the signs will be placed next week. The final preparations for the show are in the works. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 21, 2012. Show your support for your Club with a large COB turn out.

**Club Picnic** – For your long range planners, mark your calendar for the annual Club picnic that will be held on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Jim Contenta is hosting the event at his home. Jim reports that this event should not be missed!

**Car Shows** - This is the time of year we have all been waiting for to drive our cars and even show them off a bit. Be sure to check the Club calendar and your emails for updates on the latest offerings.

### Items of Interest:

Longtime member, Jack Carter passed away last month. We all send our condolences to his family. A donation in Jack's name will be made to Hospice.

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. Contact Mike Purcell at 413-499-4757 or [corvettemike04@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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

There was a discussion about attendance at events or just going on a drive and how we can communicate with other Club members. Dave Johnson is looking into a member website forum for our use. In the meantime, if you are going to go for a drive, ice cream, or whatever and would like company, send an email to Dave at [djohnson@corvettesofberkshire.org](mailto:djohnson@corvettesofberkshire.org) a few days before you plan to go and he will notify the rest of the membership for you.

There was a lively discussion about premature tire wear and harsh ride on the Grand Sport. The Goodyear F1 Super Car tires on the car appear to only last for 10,000 miles and the run flats ride very hard. One of the major problems is that due to the staggered fitment there are only about four sets of tires that will fit the car. This severely limits your replacement choices. The general consensus of the group was to replace them with Michelins for better ride and longer tread life.

**Treasurer's Report:** We had receipts of \$290 and disbursements of \$642.64 for the month. An ending balance of \$897.36 was reported.

**Raffle Winner:** There was no raffle.

**Next Meeting:**

**Please note the new day and location.**

The next meeting will be **Thursday, July 5, 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 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Anker

# Corvette Wave Rules

by Dan Woomer (October 23, 2003)

The **Corvette Wave** is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence. So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.**  
Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
- 2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.**  
There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
- 3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.**  
As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
- 4. Any type of wave is okay.**  
Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)
- 5. A late wave is better than no wave.**  
If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up.

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple: **Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them.** This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.