

Corvettes of Berkshire

September 2013 Newsletter

The September meeting was held at Ozzie's Steak and Eggs on September 5th. President Lou Rocha called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with 19 members present. In attendance were Ed and Valerie Anker, George Beeker, Fran Bourdon, Chick Carmel, Wayne Eastwood, Butch Eddy, Bob and Carol Garrity, Dave and Marie Johnson, Ted Kaufmann, Donnie and Joanne Lamoureux, Gabe Prendergast, Mike Purcell, Lou Sharp, Ed Rupke.

Past Activities:

“Cars for Kids” 2013 Charity Car & Truck Show – What a day for our annual car show! The day started out a little iffy weather wise, but after a brief shower it turned out to be outstanding. Sixty one cars showed up with the majority of them Corvettes. We had a record turnout of our members to help run the show. It was great to see Ed & Valerie Anker, Fran Bourdon, Wayne Eastwood, Butch & Matt Eddy, Bob & Carol Garrity, Larry Gattasso, Shawn Herbert, Dave & Marie Johnson, Ted & Carolyn Kaufmann, George Miller, Alex Morin, Lou & Doloris Rocha, Mike Sawicki, Gary & Margo Sharp and Nate Zuckerman. Everyone enjoyed looking at all of the cars, the great food and music. The day was a huge success with \$3363 being donated to Kids Place. Plans are already being made for the show next year.

Club Picnic – The annual Club Picnic hosted by Jim and Bev Contenta was an outstanding success. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and conversation with a record attendance of our members.

Corvettes at Carlisle – COB was represented well at Carlisle this year with fourteen members. Rumors persist that the Pennsylvania State Police are still trying to track down two individuals who allegedly were photographed removing parts from the underside of the C7 on display. The “Club Spot” provided by Dave Johnson and set up by Gary Sharp was a big hit.

ZANY / Lustgarten / VIP at Saratoga Race Track – The weather was perfect, the ponies were running fast, the anniversary hats were free, the betting was intense and the Hattie's fried chicken was delicious. You couldn't ask for a better day as Dave & Marie Johnson and Ed & Valerie Anker represented your Club well at this event. PS: There is a reason it's called a long shot. Dave's long shot is still running!

Future Activities:

Mario's – Mark your calendar for dinner on September 14th. Contact Mike Purcell at 413-499-4757 if you are attending.

Vettes to Vets – Come join Ed and Valerie Anker and Bob and Carol Garrity as well as a crew from VIP at the 10th Annual Vettes to Vets event. We will be traveling to Billerica, MA on the weekend of September 28th. More information can be found at <http://www.vetestovets.org/> Be sure to make your hotel reservation ASAP if you are going.

Items of Interest:

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.

Treasurer's Report: The balance reported for the end of July was \$1267.85

Raffle Winner: Fran Bourdon won the raffle. Again!

Next Meeting:

The next meeting on will be held on **Wednesday, October 2nd at Misty Moonlight Diner**. The meeting will start at 7:30, but arrive by 6:30 if you plan to eat there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Anker