



Minutes of April 5th, 2017 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, John & Pam Aulisio, George Beeker, Ron & Cindy Brouker, Ted Kaufmann, Jim Contenta, Ed & Val Anker, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Dave Kosla, Carmen Simonelli, Gary Rougeau, **Bob Rodowicz**, Bob & Carol Garrity, and Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- Mar 18th Dinner at the 6' House was attended by 27 persons. Everyone enjoyed the meal and good cheers.
- Dave has 30 people registered for the Memorial Day Weekend trip to the Kitzhof Inn in Dover Vt. Five couples from our club and 10 couples from other Corvette clubs/individuals. There are 4 or 5 rooms still available so register now if you wish to join us. (www.kitzhof.com) Any questions, e-mail Dave (djohnson@corvettesofberkshire.org). Arrive Saturday, May 27th ... stay 2 nights... to leave Monday morning (the Holiday). 2 nights / 2 breakfasts / Inn-Hosted BBQ / mapped country road trips... all for \$269 per couple including tax. *****Late Entry- 3 more couples have secured rooms since our meeting... one couple from the Cape, another couple from Newburyport (NCRS founding member/official), and the organizers for Vettes to Vets (Karen Blandini and husband).**

New Business: Check our calendar (<http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/cobcalendar>) for updated details.

- Apr 22 Delmonico's Italian Steak House, Central Avenue, Albany (Dave). We will be in the Main Dining room. No discussion on group drive but Ted mentioned a show near Saratoga earlier that day. Contact Ted if you want to join him. He then plans to meet up at Delmonico's. Dave will send out e-mail requesting accurate count by Tuesday, April 18th... with a listing of those members he has collected thus far.
- Bedard's has not replied on sponsorship or hosting of the COB car show. Ted has "retired" (his own words) from coordinating any show, so unless another member steps forward to organize the event, there will not be a show. If anyone is interested to "pick up that torch", please let Ted know so that organizing information, e-mail databases, etc. may be shared.
- May 13th Breakout run will be to the Opa Opa Steak House on Rt. 10 in Southamptn, MA. Carmen is organizing the run and more will follow with an e-mail with details for time, meeting place and proper count.
- Welcome to our newest member Bob Rodowicz. He and his wife, Darlene, reside in Cheshire and have a 1969 red convertible.
- Kringle Candle in Bernardston Ma. has its 1st monthly car show this Sunday April 9th from 8 am till Noon. It is a nice ride with a lot of cars not seen in our area. They open the store early on the days of their car show.
- Ozzie starts their 2017 season on May 25th. All dates are on our club calendar on our website.

2017 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- May 6-7 Rhinebeck Car Show NY (TBD)
- May 27-29 Kitzhof Inn Dover, VT (Dave) See e-mail from Dave on Feb 1st for more info www.kitzhof.com (reservations are open now... get your room... 1-800-388-8310)
- Jun 11 Saratoga Winery (Larry) www.thesaratogawinery.com
- Jul 8 Anker's Lakeside House Sacandaga Lake NY (Ed)
- Aug 12 COB Picnic (Ralph)
- Aug 19 National Shrine of Divine Mercy & Barrington Brewery (Fran) alt Oct 14 www.marian.org/shrine
www.barringtonbrewery.net/
- Sep 10 Jets & Vettes / Air Museum in Ct. (TBD)
- Oct 7 Brewmasters Pub Williamsburg MA (Joanne)
- Nov 11 International Dinner (Donnie & Joanne)
- Dec 9 Zucchini's (Carmen)
- Jan 13, 2018 Holiday Dinner @ Mazzeo's (Dave)

2017 Other non-official events

- NCRS New England – Multiple events www.newenglandncrs.com
- May 28 Musclopalozza Lebanon Valley Speedway
- June 3 VIP Spring Show Lakeside Farms www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com
- Jun 19-24 Barrett Jackson Car Auction Mohegan Sun CT. See e-mail from Dave on Feb 2nd for more info.
- July 22nd Limerock
- Aug 24-27 Corvettes at Carlisle
- Aug 27 Motorama N. Adams
- Sep 17 The Collector Car Experience Big-E Springfield Ma
- Sep 22-24 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma www.facebook.com/vetestovets
- Sep 30 VIP Fall Show NY Lakeside Farms www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com

Recurring events

- Hemmings May 25, Jun 8, Jul 20, Aug 3, Aug 17, Sep 15-17
- Ozzie's May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug 24, and Sept 28. www.ozziessteakandeggs.com

Club SOP – We encourage anyone who is going to attend a “Cruise-in” event, or set up an impromptu dinner, to send out an e-mail to all members who may be interested. This can be done by going to your MOST RECENT e-mail you received from the club... and clicking “Reply All”. That will pull all of the most recent member e-mails into the “To” section for your e-mail. You can then change the subject and add the content that you want to send out. We encourage individuals in the club (anyone) to accept responsibility to coordinate any event that they wish. Whether a small group... or large... it does not matter. The responsibility is not difficult... There are only 5 key points...

1. If the activity involves dining, do we have the ability to sit (at least somewhat) together?
2. Will the establishment provide separate checks?
3. If it is a “fair weather” event (meaning driving the Vettes), is there parking that will be acceptable to those attending?
4. Set the meeting place prior to the drive, if applicable. (i.e. rest area, parking lot, etc... known to members)

5. Maintain a “count” by screening the “Reply All” e-mails that come back from members if the food establishment expects one.

THAT’S IT!

Keep checking our calendar (<http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/cobcalendar>) for updates. Events are being added all the time. If you hear of an event that may be of interest to the club members, send the information to Dave at DJ@corvettesofberkshire.org and he will post it on the calendar.

Also, Corvettes of Berkshire is on Facebook!  Dave (with the help of Marie) will continue to expand the group. If you have not been “connected” yet, search “Corvettes of Berkshire” on Facebook and put in a friend request (<http://www.facebook.com/berkshirecorvettes>). This is a “public group” and a great way to instantly add photos, updates and ideas. Along with our website (www.corvettesofberkshire.org), we are quickly climbing out of the 18th century!

Member Cars posted on our website - If you have updated a car or want a different picture on the site, please e-mail it to Dave at (photo@corvettesofberkshire.org) - with any details you want posted with the picture (Year, Paint Color, etc.).

Treasurer’s report: Starting balance is \$2,156.09 with deposits of \$68, 18 from the 50/50, and \$40 in 2017 Dues giving us a remaining balance of \$2,224.09.

The raffle was won by Dave Johnson (He said something about free drinks at Carlisle.... NOT!))

Next COB Meeting is May 3rd at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.