



Minutes of Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, John Aulisio, George Beeker, Mike Sawicki, Butch Eddy, Bob & Darlene Rodowicz, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Dick Valenti, Charlie Messina, Dave Kosla, Gary Rougeau, Ted Kaufmann, Tom & Deb DeGray, Larry Gattasso, Shaun Hebert, Keith Seidman, Peter Gentile, and Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

#### Old Business:

- None – due to a snow storm the last meeting was only 3 weeks ago and no events since.

**New Business:** See the calendar on our website [www.corvettesofberkshire.org](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org). Many events have been added and there is a lot going on! <http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/cobcalendar> Hint Use the “Agenda” option for a chronological listing.

- April 14<sup>th</sup> Delmonico’s Italian Steakhouse, Central Ave, Albany (Dave & Marie)
- SCCA site in Limerock is only taking waiting list applications. Thompson Ct. and Palmer are still open. Dario, Austin, Mike Sawicki, and Dave Kosla are all interested.
- Carmen has been sidelined due to back issues. Get well soon – the C7 is calling!
- Palmer Mass. Track has a Vettes day on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 1:00.
- We have 3 new members. David Epstein from Lenox, Peter Gentile from Cheshire and Keith Seidman from Great Barrington – welcome to the club!
- Members voted not to participate in the Pittsfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as there was little interest.

#### 2018 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Breakout Run to The 1761 Old Mill in Westminster, MA (Joanne) details to follow
- There have been many activities added to our calendar from various sources and several days... there are multiple events going on. An example... May 19<sup>th</sup> there are 3 separate events – the Corvette Club of Western Mass Corvette Show at Balise Chevrolet in Springfield, the Adirondack Corvette Poker Run, and “Rollin’ on the River” Car Show and (Car) Auction at the Rivers Casino in Schenectady, NY. We will discuss this at the May meeting. With all of the posted activities, we may have several club events with split participation. If this is any indication, there will be plenty on choices of things to do!
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Saratoga Auto Museum/Car show & Dinner out “somewhere”
- June 10<sup>th</sup> (note date change) Dad’s Copake Diner, Copake NY Lunch & Wine Tasting (Larry and Sandy) details to follow
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Anker’s Cookout at Great Sacandaga Lake, NY
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Pittsfield Commons (Piston Popper’s) Car Show (Rain date 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Aug ?? Club Picnic possibly at Ralph and Barb’s house in Tolland, MA / details to follow once Ralph and Barb decide to come home!

- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup> Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Motorama North Adams – A larger event every year... we will figure out where to meet and drive in as a group to park together.
- Sep 28-30 Vettes to Vets Billerica, Ma [www.facebook.com/vettestovets](http://www.facebook.com/vettestovets)
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Xicohtencat Mexican food Great Barrington (Bob & Darlene) Possibly a different restaurant!
- Oct 20/27<sup>th</sup> Put up Run Melody Lodge Speculator NY (Ed & Val)
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> International Dinner (Joanne & Donnie)
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Zucchini's (Carmen)
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 Mazzeo's (Dave & Marie)

#### Recurring events 2018 –

- Ozzie's (Wednesdays) May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>
- Gumpstill's Ice Cream Latham NY ????????
- Kringle Candle in Bernardston- They have Sunday morning car shows that attract a great variety of cars... many not usually seen at shows or cruises in our area.
- Hemmings (Thursdays) May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Jun 21<sup>st</sup>, (Fri) July 13<sup>th</sup>, Jul 26<sup>th</sup>, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, AUG 23<sup>RD</sup>
- Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in)

#### Possible additional events: Check calendar for current updates!

- Apr 21<sup>st</sup> Empire State Car & Plane show
- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> UMASS Car Show
- Apr 28<sup>th</sup> New Era Car show – Schenectady
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Dock Brown's Car Show Saratoga Springs
- May 1<sup>st</sup> O'Kenny's Car Show Valatia
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Musclepalooza
- Mohawk Trail/Zoar area car show... This is a regular cruise night directly on Route 2 (the other side of Florida Mountain) Details to follow once someone sees the sandwich board on Route 2!
- Hemmings Concourse d'Elegance Lake George Sept 14-16
- Sep ?? VIP Fall Show NY Lakeside Farms [www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com](http://www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com)
- Waubeeka Golf Course Lunch (Tom)
- Barrett Jackson Mohegan Sun 21-23 June

**Treasurer's report:** Starting Balance of \$1,985.22 with deposits of \$390 leaving an ending balance of \$2,375.22.

Raffle of \$21.00 was won by Larry who donated it back to the club. Thanks Larry!!

**Next COB Meeting is Wednesday May 2nd, at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.**

**Club Event 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 should then change the subject (so we know that it is new) 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 (couple's) 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](mailto: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](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org)), we are quickly climbing out of the 18<sup>th</sup> century!

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

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.