



Minutes of April 6th, 2022 COB meeting held at Proprietor's Lodge, Pittsfield MA.

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, Alan Richer, Jeff Sherman & Dianna Bartlett, Bob & Carol Garrity, Gary & Sue Rougeau, George Beeker, Carmen Simonelli, Mike Purcell, Butch Eddy, Larry & Marilyn Gallap, Dave Kosla, Shawn Hebert, Mike Sawicki, John & Pam Aulisio, Pat Garrett, Ted Kaufmann, Lou & Dolores Rocha, and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:40

Old Business:

- Bass Water closed after our last Meeting. Fran identified a few options to discuss with Proprietor's Lodge used for the next meeting. See discussion in "New Business".

New Business: See the calendar on our website www.corvettesofberkshire.org. Events are added constantly.

Hint Use the "Agenda" option for a chronological listing.

NOTE SEE SPECIAL PICTURE AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!

- Dave will reach out to the Gate City Corvette Club who plan a cruise over Rt. 2 to the Golden Eagle sometime in the future. Possible some of us can meet them there.
- We opened the meeting with a discussion on the location/date for future meetings. Proprietor's Lodge can fit 40 people in the conference room and is open on the first and second Wednesdays. It was said that the summer months have limited parking, and the menu is somewhat limited and pricier than the alternative Zucco's. The outdoor lakeside location is excellent for warm weather months. Zucco's was the other site researched and discussed. It has a more extensive menu and is somewhat cheaper. The parking is somewhat larger but is shared with Big Lots and is subject to higher traffic and shopping carts. The private room is smaller with smaller tables and appears to also hold forty. Unlike Proprietor's Lodge the meeting area is not entirely private. They cannot accommodate a fixed Wednesday. The members had expressed a desire to shift away from the First Wednesday as it now conflicts with the Airport Car Show which has become very popular. We decided to delay a final decision until the next meeting which is at Proprietor's Lodge on Wednesday May 13th (second Wednesday) Dave will be sending out a separate communication on the future site selection process.
- Our new member Jeff Sherman & Diana Bartlett has traded his new LT1 C8 Blue Coupe, even before he drove it. He received an offer he could not refuse from Grossman Chevrolet in Old Saybrook Ct. to trade for a new C8 upgrading to a LT3 and convertible in his desired color of red. The end result was at no additional cost! Congrats Jeff.
- Mazzeo's is rescheduled for May 7th. 40 people are planning to attend. The signup is being resent as some people had not received it or could not open the form. **Money and dinner choices are due to Joanne by April 22nd.**

- Dave has made several updates on the calendar. Members should check both the newsletter and calendar for future events.
- Mike Sawicki announced that there will be a special Corvette Anniversary celebration at Limerock on Labor Day weekend. It will have a display of the Corvette concept cars that first appeared in 1952 – a year before the first production corvette. More to follow.
- Ozzie’s will begin in June with only 3 shows planned. More to follow.

TENTATIVE Club Events for 2022 and COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted)

- May 4th Pittsfield Airport
- May 7-8 Reinbeck Sat. is rods and Sun. is Classic cars.
- May 14th IOKA Valley Farm
- May 21st Chester Ma. Railway Station Car Show 9-4
- May 21st Balise corvette show <https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/15th-annual-vettes-to-vets-day-2/>
- May 22nd Kiwanis at Dalton American Legion 9-3
- May 29th 40th Corvette Cruise-in at the Merrimack NH. Brewery <https://gatecitycorvetteclub.com/index.php/spring-fling/>
- June 1st Pittsfield Airport
- June 4th Windsor Car Show
- June 12th Southside Sales N. Adams
- June 9-12 Old Orchard Beach Back-2-the-beach. Advertized as sold out but some members were able to register in Dec. 5 Members going at this point. <http://back2thebeach.net/beachschedul.html>
- June 18th Bennington Soldier’s home
- Car Show Osceola Park Pittsfield
- June 25th Two Guys Restoration N. Adams
- June 26th Whately (More to follow from Gary Rougeau)
- July 6th Pittsfield Airport 5-8
- July 10th American Legion Dalton 10-5
- Aug 25-27th Carlisle
- Aug 27-28th Motorama
- Sept 2-5 Limerock Corvette show
- Sept 6th Pittsfield Airport
- September 24th Sugar Hill Dalton
- Oct 1-2 Vettes-2-Vets <https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/15th-annual-vettes-to-vets-day-2/>
- Oct 16th Golden eagle with Gates City Corvette Club.

Recurring events 2022– Check all events for cancellations due to weather, end-of-season and covid-19 concerns. This list is from the 2021 events calendar and will be updated as 2022 confirmations arrive.

- **Monday**
 - Marks-every week thru Sept.
 - Hadley-Young Men's Club-every week
- Springfield-Basketball Hall of Fame-every week thru Aug.
- **Tuesday**
 - O’Kennys-1st + 3rd thru Sept with a final Sunday cruise in Oct.
 - Westfield-Hampton Plaza-every week

- **Wednesday**
 - Pittsfield Airport-1st Wed May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 6, Oct 5.
 - Leadfoot Lucy (Kohl's Plaza Albany) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1905437466441360/>
- **Thursday**
 - Florence-Elks-every week
 - Chicopee-Moose-every week-150 car limit
 - Enfield CT-Mt Carmel 93 Park Ave-every week *
- **Friday**
 - Hinsdale-Ozzie's- Done for year.
 - Stephentown NY Gardner's last Friday - May to October
 - Whately-Tom's Hot Dogs-2nd + 4th Friday
 - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week *
- **Saturday**
 - Verillo (Prestige) Auto Clifton Park Every 3rd Saturday 9-12.
 - Cairo NY-town park-4pm
 - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week *

Treasurer's report: Starting Balance of \$4,275.69, Income of \$120.00, Memorial for \$25.00, ending Balance \$4,370.69.

Raffle: Sue Rougeau won the raffle of \$20.00

NOTE Next COB Meeting May 11th at 7:30 at Proprietor's Lodge (6:00 if you are eating).

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 invitation 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. Then delete the rest of the “old” e-mail so there is no confusion.

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. (Such as rest area, parking lot, etc... known to members). It also helps to maintain a master list to ensure that everyone has arrived before departing and that you have a count for the restaurant if needed. **Note: keep members listing in your glove compartment so you can contact anyone in your group before or during the cruise.**

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!

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.).

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.

Butch's First Lift!

