



Minutes of Aug 10th, 2022 COB meeting held at Zucco's Pittsfield MA.

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, Dave Kosla, Lou Rocha, Jeff Sherman & Dianna Bartlett, George Beeker, Chick Carmel, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Mike Sawicki, Butch Eddy, Mike Purcell, Marilyn Gallup, Gary & Sue Rougeau, Jim & Bev Contenta, John & Pam Aulizio, Pat Garrett, Carmen Simonelli, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 8:00.

#### Old Business:

- Aug 3rd Pittsfield Airport 5-8 Jeff attended and said that over 100 cars were there.
- Surprisingly quiet month of July. Too Hot for us old folks???
- NOTE John Korte joined the club last month but gave cash and did not supply a registration form so we do not know how to contact him. If anyone has information, please contact Dave ASAP.

**New Business:** See the calendar on our website [www.corvettesofberkshire.org](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org). Events are added constantly.

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

- We were shocked at the closing of Old Forge for the day of our meeting with no prior notice to us despite several days of calls from Carmen – without response. They were catering a Williams College event! We were able to relocate to Zucco's but had to use the dining room since the meeting room was in use. We tried to call or text all the normal meeting attendees and Dave sent out an e-mail at 6:15. Fran waited at Old Forge until 7:00 in case we missed people. We surprisingly had a good attendance! The meeting was held outdoors and we are looking for better solutions for the future.
- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Hemmings
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (**This is Ozzie's last cruise for the year and he is focusing on Corvettes... with separate parking in paved area! We need to show our appreciation to Ozzie's for his support!**)
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Verillo VIP Club Poker run. Tom has a group meeting at the Colonial Shopping Center in Williamstown at 7:30, Jeff has a group leaving the Shaker Village rest stop at 7:45 and Gary Rougeau is leaving from Adams at 8:00. If you have not already confirmed with the leader that you are joining them, please contact them ASAP. It appears that we may have as many as 10 members attending!
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Cheshire FD Cruise-in.
- Aug 25-27<sup>th</sup> Carlisle
- Aug 27-28<sup>th</sup> Motorama
- Sept 2-5 Limerock Corvette show. Concept cars on the 4<sup>th</sup>. \$25 entrance fee and no track time available, Mike Sawicki will send out an e-mail with further information.
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Pittsfield Airport

- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Fran reported that the September “45th Anniversary” Dinner will at 4:00 at the 6 Pub in Williamstown on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be preceded with a cruise northward or an optional tour of the Marian Property in Stockbridge. More to follow.

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

- September 24<sup>th</sup> Sugar Hill Dalton
- Oct 1-2 Vettes-2-Vets <https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/15th-annual-vettes-to-vets-day-2/>
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 5-8 PM
  - Stephentown NY Gardner’s last Friday - May to October
  - Whately-Tom’s Hot Dogs-2nd + 4th Friday
  - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week \*
  - Matt’s Automotive, Rt. 2 in Charlemont First Fridays until Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Saturday**
  - Verillo (Prestige) Auto Clifton Park Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9-12.
  - Cairo NY-town park-4pm
  - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week \*

**Treasurer’s report:** Starting Balance of \$3,326.76, deposits of \$20 for Dues and check for \$10.00 website and \$25 for sympathy flowers for Dave Intelisano’s wife for an ending Balance \$3,311.76.

**Raffle:** 50/50 raffle paid \$19 to Carmen!

**NOTE More information will be forthcoming once we figure out where our next meeting will be actually held!**

**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](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.