



Minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Butch Eddy, Dave and Marie Johnson, John and Pam Aulisio, Lou Rocca, Ed and Val Anker, Wayne and Sue Eastwood, Bob Garrity, Donnie and Joanne Lamoureux, George Beeker, Aaron Namislo and Mike Purcell.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

#### **Old Business:**

- Wayne sold the C6 GM bra to Fran Bourdon.
- New Boston Inn Lunch on August 1<sup>st</sup> was hosted by Ralph and Barb Ledger. 16 people met at Ralph and Barb's house including our newest members... John and Pam Aulisio, who had a previous commitment so could not join us for the lunch. 14 of us took the short ride over to the New Boston Inn to enjoy a nice lunch. Not sure how "nice" it was for Larry and Sandy when a sudden (and predicted) downpour caused Larry to have to make a short run out to the parking lot to put his roof up! Towards the end of our lunch, Austin circulated around the group to offer "dessert" at the lake house on Otis Reservoir. The group followed Austin and Lynda to their lake house and enjoyed both the beautiful spot, the refreshments, deserts and the continued conversation. Everyone reports a great time was had by all... probably even Larry.
- Butch and Aaron attended the Piston Poppers Car Show in the old Lenox Shoppes... about 100 cars... good show and the rain held off.
- As a wrap up to our car show, a letter from our organizer, Ted, is attached to this newsletter to report on the show and thank all club members who were involved. Thanks Ted for a great event!
- An impromptu Board Meeting was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> as called by Dave. The main reason for the meeting was to discuss the financial status of the club... using the example of our past holiday dinner where the club subsidized \$25 per person / \$50 per couple... and how we need to reconsider how, or what, we subsidize in the future. With the example of \$50 holiday dinner subsidy compared to the \$40 dues funding... "the math does not work". Changes in dues were discussed and voted down with the understanding, and realization, that more of the social events throughout the year will be "pay as you go", without club subsidy and when subsidized it is on a paid member basis. The Board Minutes were shared, via e-mail, with all members.
- On the expense issue, Mike reported that the PO Box fee would be increasing to \$100/year. There was discussion about alternatives for "physical mail" and it was decided that the Board will discuss in the near future and make a decision before the end of the year when the "fee" is due.

**New Business:** Be sure to check updates at the COB web site [www.corvettesofberkshire.org](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org)

- Wayne has 3 additional rooms reserved but not yet taken at Carlisle. Call him if you want one!
- The club formally welcomed the newest members, John and Pam Aulisio. They join us from Pittsfield with their 1995 Torch Red Convertible. John's name was also "mentioned" as a very recent "Top Flight NCRS Winner" down in North Carolina. Congratulation John and Pam!
- Corvettes at Carlisle is coming up at the end of the month. A few members are making the trip down to Carlisle. Dave will have his vendor spot (C79 & C80) and as usual, all members there are welcome to drive by the spot when they arrive to drop off chairs, pop-up (if they have one), and coolers... to use the area as a meeting/resting place while we enjoy the event.
- North Adams Motorama is Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> in downtown North Adams. The event has grown enormously in a few years and it is expected that this event will be the largest ever. Fran is planning to attend so let him know if you will be joining. He is working on special parking with one of the organizers.
- Ralph and Barb Ledger have offered to host a "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookout" at their beautiful spot in Tolland. **The cookout is planned for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, and details will be forthcoming. Normally, the club funds the "protein", and attending members contribute a "dish" (as coordinated by the hosts) so that we end up with a good balanced spread from salads to desserts. Attendees will also bring their own beverages.
- Ed asked for interest if he planned a future event to the Thousand Islands... thinking of 3 days... estimated cost \$500 per couple to include lodging/dinners out, etc. If you are interested, let Ed know and he will start the planning effort for some time in 2016... rates vary in Summer and Fall. Ed is willing to coordinate if there is interest. The area is about a 3 to 4 hour ride.
- International Dinner - Joanne mentioned that she would like to host an event at their house ... possibly in October before the snow flies in Hinsdale. More details to follow.

**New Event Info is highlighted in yellow.**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Cruise-in)
- Culinary Art Institute Poughkeepsie NY (Originally scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> will have to be changed since the CIA is closed for a short period.) Joanne is working on this event-may also include other activities such as the Hudson Historic Walkway or a winery tour)
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Cruise-in)
- August 28-30 Corvettes at Carlisle
- August 30<sup>th</sup> North Adams Auto Show. This is a Cruise-in event since several members will be at Corvettes at Carlisle.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> Vettes at Harbor House Clifton Park NY
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> Ozzie's (Cruise-in)
- September 11-13 Adirondack Vette Fest Glens Falls NY
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Cruise-in)
- **September 19<sup>th</sup> COB 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic at Ralph and Barb Ledger's.**
- September 25-27 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma. (Currently Ed, Dave, Bob, Fran & their wives are planning to attend)
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> VIP at Eagle Mills NY
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Car Show at Balston Spa "The way we were" Theme.
- **October ??? International Supper at Donnie and Joanne's.**
- January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 Christmas Party at Mazzeo's

## Other 2015 potential Activities:

- Other events that we are working on are:
  - Piston Popper and Night Cruiser events. (Night Cruiser calendar is not yet available) (Cruise-in events)
  - Cruise to Black Watch Farm Springfield VT (Fran will organize this event) fall event.
  - Day Bus trip to Mohegan Sun is an option. (\$30 per person includes \$20 back for slots and \$10 back for buffet)
  - Trip to Niagara Falls (Possibly a Sunday to Monday trip)
  - Fall Mystic Car Show
  - Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in event)
  - Anyone going to Sept 25-27 Vettes-to-Vets in Billerica should reserve their rooms now. The flyer for the show is on our website under a link for "other Corvette shows". The tel # for the Billerica Courtyard by Marriot is 978-670-7500.... Rooms are \$85/night. Past attendees arrived either Friday or Saturday and spend time enjoying the area (Gloucester, Salem, etc..). There is a buffet dinner at the hotel on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, Corvettes from all over descend on the hotel rear parking lot... upwards of 500+... to travel in caravan a very short distance to the VA Hospital for a show and celebration on the grounds. Recommendation is to stay Sunday night to travel back Monday because moving 500+ Corvettes off of the VA grounds usually takes a while! **4 COB couples are currently registered.**

Dave encouraged anyone who was going to attend a "Cruise-in" event to send out a "Reply All" e-mail to find out if others wanted to attend. Also he is looking for individuals in the club (anyone) to accept responsibility to coordinate any event that they wish and not leave it just to the Officers and BOD.

**Treasurer's report:** \$16 deposited from the 50/50 raffle leaving a new balance of \$1120.42.

Butch won the 50/50 raffle and walked away with \$10!

**Next COB Meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.**

Special THANK YOU to Marie who took the minutes in the absence of Fran. Great Job!

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THE LETTER FROM TED ON THE CAR SHOW**

From: Ted Kaufmann

Date: July 23, 2015

Subject: Cars for Kids Charity Show, 7/11/2015

Dear members,

I thank all the members and spouses who made this show a success. Everyone who passed out or posted flyers, secured raffle items, brought misc. supply items, borrowed the show pop ups, worked parking cars, sold 50/50 tickets, helped with set up, worked the registration table, helped tear down the show, provided much appreciated suggestions, gave financial support and much appreciated moral support. If I forgot anything or anyone I am getting older, so my apologies. ( oops forgot used trophy donors )

We had 97 really cool cars attend.

There was a fantastic showing of support from VIP Vettes in Albany.

I heard nothing but positive things said about the venue, Jiminy Peak.

We had a lot more spectators than ever.

Bathrooms, though present, were not convenient. Resolveable.

Everything went very smooth throughout the day.

Great support from the Kids Place staff too.

The show donated \$2,330 to Kids Place. Kids Place raised an additional \$580 from their raffles and the 50/50 winner gave back \$50.

I'd say we had a very good day.

While still fresh in your mind, any suggestions to help improve the show in any way are always welcome. Please pass them on.

Thanks again,

Ted