



Minutes of Aug 7th 2019 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill -

Attending: Wayne & Sue Eastwood, Mike Purcell, Butch Eddy, John Aulisio, Mike Sawicki, Gary Rougeau, Lou Rocca, Dave & Marie Johnson, Tom & Deb DeGray, George Beeker, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Dave Kosla, Bob & Darlene Rodowicz, Chick Carmel and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- July 5th Car show at Bedards in Cheshire 6 members attended. Many raffle gifts donated by NAPA North Adams & Darryl Roy.
- July 7th Pittsfield Commons car show on rain date. 3 members attended.
- July 27th Berkshire Ramble & Club Picnic at Bob & Darlene Rodowicz. 43 people/members attended. We thank Bob and Darlene for hosting the Picnic. We had a great time. A new logo was coined for the club "Berkshire Storm Chasers" Those attending get the joke! The club gave Bob & Darlene free 2020 dues and their meals at the Post-Holiday dinner at Mazzeo's scheduled in January 2020 in appreciation for sponsoring the event. The catered food came from A-ok Berkshire BBQ and was amazing! Mike & Deb Purcell did some cross-country driving on the way to the picnic courtesy of their "GPS" directions.
- Aug 4th White Flower Farm drive & Lunch was postponed to a future date.
- Car show in downtown Great Barrington was attended by only 1 member. Poor spectator parking and late notice.
- July 25th Ozzie's attended by only 1 member.
- July 25th Hemmings attended by 4 members.
- Limerock Vette Day attended by 4 members. Some members drove the "Show "lap.

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

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

- Tom and Deb DeGray sold their 1999 Vette to Steve and Michelle Gigliotte from Cheshire ... who attended this meeting. We hope they join the club! Tom and Deb will pick up their new 2010 GS on Thursday Aug 8th. Congrats to Tom and Deb!
- Aug 8th is both Ozzie's and Hemmings but the weather is doubtful.
- Aug 10th Cheshire Cruise-in at the Cheshire Elementary School. Hours 4-10 Several members plan on attending.
- Aug 11th Kringle Candle is this Sunday
- Aug 11th Autocross at Berkshire Mall.
- Aug 22nd-25th Carlisle 5 Members plan on attending.
- Aug 25th Motorama in North Adams. Pre-registration is open. 8 to 3:00 They expect 500 cars! There is a Cruise-in at Noel Field on the 24th... the evening before.

2019 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- Sept 8th Car show and museum tour at Air Museum in Windsor Locks Ct. Great event!
- Sept 22nd The 1761 Old Mill in Westminster, MA (Fran) www.1761oldmill.com Fran reported that we have secured a separate room and couples' checks. We will arrive by 1:00 so members can have a choice to order off the menu or the Buffet.
- Sep 27-29 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma www.facebook.com/vetestovets
- Oct 6th Clark Art Tour and Dinner at Publyk House (Bennington) (Fran) www.clarkart.edu, www.thepublykhouse.com We will have a guide at 2:00. Then Happy Hour at the Publyk house at 4:00 and supper at 4:30.
- Oct 26th Bowling & Food at Mingo's North Adams www.mingossportsbar.com
- Nov?? International Dinner -- Looking for sponsor and date???
- Nov 16th Lunch @ Red Lion Inn with VIP?? (Dave will reach out to VIP) www.redlioninn.com
- Dec 7th Zucchini's (Carmen) www.zucchinisrestaurant.com
- Jan 25th 2020 Mazzeo's (Joanne & Donnie)

Recurring events 2019 –

- Ozzie's (Thursdays) Aug 22nd, and Sept 12th. www.ozziessteakandeggs.com
- Kringle's Candle Bernardston Sunday car shows Aug 11th, Sept 8th, Oct 13th www.kringlecandle.com
- Hemmings (Thursdays) Aug 8th, AUG 22nd
- Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in)
- Leadfoot Lucy (Kohl's Plaza Albany) May 1st and every Wednesday
- Prestige Auto Clifton Park Every 2nd Saturday 9-12.

Possible additional events: Check calendar for current updates!

- Sept 6th – 8th Adirondack Vette Festival
- Hemmings Concourse d'Elegance Lake George Sept 14-16
- VIP Fall Show NY Lakeside Farms www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com

Treasurer's report: No report for this meeting.

Raffle: The August raffle winner of \$15 was Deb DeGray who donated it back to the Club. Thanks Deb.

Next COB Meeting is Wednesday Sept 4th, 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 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.