



Minutes of August 4th 2021 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire, MA.

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, Chick Carmel, John & Pam Aulisio, Joe Bolus, Lou Rocha, Pat Garrett (NEW), Sam Russo, Butch Eddy, George Beeker, Mike Sawicki, Gary & Sue Rougeau, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Dave Kosla, Jim Contenta, Dave Intelisano, Shawn Hebert, Marilyn & Larry Gallup, Mike Purcell, Tom & Deb Degray, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Alan Richer, and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- Dave took the formal vote that accepted Pat Garrett as a member. Pat had attended our last meeting and gave Dave his completed application and dues at the end of that meeting... Quick Decision... Welcome Pat!
- July 11 Dalton-American Legion, 2 Members attended.
- July 12th Malta NY -Albany Saratoga Speedway
- July event Chatham/Kinderhook 250 cars - 2 members attended.
- July 20th O’Kenny’s 80-100 Cars 3 Members attended.
- July 23rd Tom’s Hot Dog Stand Whately. 3 cars /6 members attended.
- Corvette Night at Mark’s Granby Ct. 700 Cars with 300 Vettes.
- July ?? Lake Bomoseen Vt. 100 cars ate annual meet.
- Limerock Raceway. 2 members attended.
- Aug 4th Pittsfield Airport - 11 COB Cars participated prior to our meeting. 250+ cars.
- Dave offered a new supply of hats to members for \$17. Only Tan is available... Also he made available COB business cards and static stickers. More business cards will be on order.

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

Hint Use the “Agenda” option for a chronological listing.

- Aug 6th North Adams Motorama pre-show. 4 to 8 pm downtown N. Adams (in lieu of Motorama)
- Aug 7th Postenkill FD 8 to 3.
- Aug 14th Adirondack Club Poker Run. Should be a great event. Full day activity. Tom Degray will attend and attempt to make it back in time for Cheshire Cruise-in. Let Tom know if you are joining him. Tdegray1@hotmail.com The registration starts at Verillo in Clifton Park, NY.
- Aug 14. Cheshire Cruise-in at old Cheshire elementary school. 4-8 pm.
- Aug 20th Ozzie’s. NOTE fills up fast so be there before 5pm.
- August 21st Balise All Corvette Show... Limited to first 100 cars. You can pre-register by Aug 14th... save \$5 off the normal \$15 “day of show” fee... and save your space. Go to our calendar on our website, open the event, and download/print the pre-registration form to send in.

- Aug 26-28 Corvettes at Carlisle in August has been scheduled from Thursday to Saturday... the normal schedule through Sunday has apparently been dropped.
- Aug 28th Windsor FD 9 to 4.
- All members expressed their congratulations to Al Richer on his recent retirement. More time to spend in the Vette!
- Report on Bob Garrity is that he is doing very well and has started to get out of the house. Wishing him the best from all of his COB friends.
- Dave did a roster check to verify that the member listing is up to date. If you have new pictures please send them to him with the proper information you want labeling your member photo (djohnson@corvettesofberkshire.org).
- Mike Purcell offered some vintage/old COB materials with pictures and historic records. Fran took the records to be preserved with the current records.
- The required annual BOD Meeting will be announced shortly by Dave to pick the best date and location for the Board.

TENTATIVE Club Events for 2021 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in green)

- September 10th thru 12th - Adirondack Vette Fest, Glens Falls (on our COB calendar)
- Sep 11th IOCA Farms
- Sept 25th Sugar Hill Farms
- Oct 2nd Vettes in Perfection
- **Sept 24-26 Vettes to Vets CANCELLED FOR 2021**
- No official events planned by the BOD at this point. Strongly recommend spontaneous cruises as some members did in late 2020 until we can plan cruises with safety and certainty.

Recurring events 2021– Check all events for cancellations due to weather and Covid-19 concerns.

- **Monday**
 - Marks-every week thru Sept except Labor Day (feature cars-Corvette July 19, VW Aug 2, Mustang Aug 23)
 - 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
 - Leadfoot Lucy (Kohl's Plaza Albany)
 - Gt. Barrington-Bogies- Aug 4 + 18
- **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 20, Sept 17
 - 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**

- Aug 21st, Sept 18th Verillo (Prestige) Auto Clifton Park Every 3rd Saturday 9-12.
- Cairo NY-town park-4pm
- Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week *
- North Adams-Two Guys Garage-July 10 5-9pm *

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance of \$2,846.15, new members \$120, ending balance \$2,966.15.

Raffle: Raffle of \$26 was won by Sue Rougeau. (Our first 50/50 raffle in over a year and a half!)

• **NOTE** Next COB Meeting Sept 1st at 7:30 at Bass Water Grill (6:30 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 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.