



Minutes of July 3rd 2019 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill -

Attending: Wayne & Sue Eastwood, Larry Gattasso, Jim Contenta, John & Pam Aulisio, Mike Sawicki, Gary Rougeau, Carmen Simonelli & Wanda Lindsey, Tom & Deb DeGray, George Beeker, Chick Carmel and Fran Bourdon.

Larry opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- COB Vette Show Discussion: We had perfect weather and 58 cars which included 20 from COB. Many other clubs sent small groups of cars. John thanked all the members who supported the event and he is considering running one again next year. Larry thanked John for his efforts as it brought credit to the club. Attached please find the financial report and the thank you letter from the Pediatric Development Center. We raised \$2,431.00 for this Charity.
- Tom & Deb, Lou & Dolores and Gary & Deb attended the Old Orchard Beach weekend. There was about 400 Vettes and it was well organized and a lot of fun. Tom highly encourages club members to attend next year. It was hosted by Corvettes of Maine.
- A few members attended the Barrett Jackson Auction where the last C7 was auctioned off.
- Hemmings show on June 27th had 150 to 175 cars and great weather. Cars were from as far away as New Jersey.
- It was announced that this year will be the last for the NAPA show in North Adams due to Darryl's health. He is selling the business. Butch Eddy and Gary Rougeau attended.
- The Bennington VA had a great car show with 200 to 250 cars. We should include this annual event in next year's calendar.

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

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

- July 5th Car show at Bedards in Cheshire
- July 6th Pittsfield Commons car show (Rain date 7th)
- July 27th Berkshire Ramble & Club Picnic at Bob & Darlene Rodowicz. There will be an announcement soon to sign up. It will be a catered event sponsored by the Radowiczs so we need a firm count as soon as the announcement is published. Attendees are welcomed to bring snacks and BYOB. It will start out with a mini cruise through Berkshire roads. The meeting point will be in the announcement for those participating in the drive. Otherwise the others can meet directly at the Rodowiczs at the start of the picnic.
- Aug 4th White Flower Farm drive & Lunch (Butch) www.whiteflowerfarm.com. An announcement will also be going out for this event. More will be discussed at the Picnic. Brochures were distributed at the meeting.

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

- Aug 22nd - 25th Carlisle
- Aug 24th & 25th Motorama North Adams (Gary??) There is a Cruise-in at Noel Field on the 24th.
- 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) July 25th, Aug 8th, Aug 22nd, and Sept 12th. www.ozziessteakandeggs.com
- Kringle's Candle Bernardston Sunday car shows July 14th, Aug 11th, Sept 8th, Oct 13th www.kringlecandle.com
- Hemmings (Thursdays) (Fri) July 12th, Jul 25th, 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!

- July 14th Sons of the American Legion Car Show Dalton Mass.
- Aug 3rd Car Show at Albany VA Hospital
- Sept 6th – 8th Adirondack Vette Festival
- Mohawk Trail/Zoar car shows??
- 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.

Next COB Meeting is Wednesday Aug 7th, 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.