



Minutes of July 7th 2021 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire, MA.

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, Chick Carmel, John & Pam Aulisio, CJ Hayes (NEW Member), Lou Rocha, Pat Garrett (Potential NEW Member), Sam Russo, Butch Eddy, George Beeker, Mike Sawicki, Gary Rougeau and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- June 5th - VIP Corvette Show at Lakeside Farms Ballston Spa. 4 Members attended and both John Aulisio and Lou Rocha won trophies. John and CJ also won raffle prizes.
- June 10-13 "Back to the Beach", Old Orchard Beach, ME. 6 Members attended (3 cars) and Lou estimated 300 Vettes participated. The organizers will shortly be sending out invitations to current attendees for 2022 and then open it up to new attendees. More to follow.
- June 18th Ozzie's was attended by 8 members. Ozzie's felt that this was the largest show ever with about 125-150 cars. The weather was perfect!
- June 19th Verillo's cars n' coffee was attended by only 1 member. There were 20-25 cars participating.
- June 20th Dave organized a dinner event at Proprietors Lodge on Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield (old ITAM). 8 People attended and the food was great and served on the patio overlooking the lake. Dave suggested the club return at a later date.
- July 2nd Tom's Hot Dog Stand Whately 3 members attended.

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

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

- Dave welcomed our newest member CJ Hayes from Cambridge NY. He owns a 2007 Coupe.
- Dave also welcomed a potential member Pat Garrett who was referred by Butch Eddy at Ozzie's. **Later note... Pat submitted his written application after the meeting with his dues!**
- Dave explained that new members receive a welcome e-mail with an attachment that explains the particulars of how our club operates. He felt that it could be helpful to resend this to all members to remind them of things like updating their cars on the club website, how to set up an event and how to order items from Land's End... just to name a few.
- Carlisle is having its GM Show June 25th-26th. There is a special charity show-within-a-show dedicated to Corvettes.
- FYI... Corvettes at Carlisle in August has been scheduled from Thursday to Saturday... the normal schedule through Sunday has apparently been dropped.
- July 11 Dalton-American Legion, 10-2
- July 12th Malta NY -Albany Saratoga Speedway

- July 15 Gill-Rt. 2, Martin Cove
- July 27th Canaan CT Railroad day's car show.
- July 10th Galloway NY 10 to ?
- Dave offered a new supply of hats to members for \$17. (cost) Only Tan are now available. Also he made available COB business cards and static window stickers.

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

- Aug 14th Adirondack Club Poker run. More to follow.
- August 21st All Corvette Show at Balise Chevrolet / organized by Western Mass Corvette Club. Limited show spots for 1st 100 cars... \$15 day of show / \$10 pre-reg. The flyer is available for download, print out and pre-registration submission by going to the event on our calendar. ? Maybe a food run to Bernie's in Chicopee after the show??
- August 28th North Adams Motoramma (Potential!)
- September 10th thru 12th - Adirondack Vette Fest, Glens Falls (on our COB calendar)
- Oct 2nd Vettes in Perfection
- Sept 24-26 Vettes to Vets. NO word yet if this event will be able to be held 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-July 7 + 21, 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-July 16, 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**
 - July 17th, 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: No report for this meeting.

Raffle: No Raffle!

- **NOTE** Next COB Meeting August 4th 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.