



Minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 COB meeting held at Olde Forge Restaurant, Lanesboro MA.

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, Dave Kosla, Lou Rocha, Jeff Sherman & Dianna Bartlett, George Beeker, Tom DeGray, Mike Sawicki & his brother Henry Sawicki, John & Pam Aulisio, Pat Garrett, John Korte (new Member), Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:40.

#### **Old Business:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We had 6 cars Plus a 7<sup>th</sup> non-member who intends on joining. Dave Kosla drafted two family members/friends as banner carriers. Dave Johnson thanked Dave Kosla for his successful efforts to represent COB in the parade supporting our long held tradition of representation in this parade. Dave Kosla said that about 50,000 people attended the parade route.
- June 9-12 Old Orchard Beach Back-2-the-Beach. 7 Members attended and Mike Sawicki won a trophy. Our banner was displayed and all had a great time. Dave will put out the 2023 announcement as soon as the info is available. 300-350 cars attended.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Pops Cares Southside Sales N. Adams no one attended
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Adirondack Corvette Club Car Show - Mohawk Chevrolet, Ballston Spa. Jeff Sherman received the people's choice trophy. Congrats Jeff. 2 members attended.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Hemmings no one attended.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Verillo Cars & Coffee Tom and Alan attended.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Falls Village - Dave Kosla attended
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Austerlitz Car Show 1 member attended and about 75 cars.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Pittsfield Airport - 7 members attended and approximately 100 cars attended.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's - 5 members attended. About 130 cars.

**New Business:** See the calendar on our website [www.corvettesofberkshire.org](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org). **Events are added constantly.**

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

- Dave announced that Dave Intelisano's wife, Maureen, passed away on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of all the COB members, we extend to Dave and his family our sincere condolences. Joanne will be sending flowers/memorial from the club.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Peru Car show Piston poppers 11-3
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Verillo Cars & Coffee
- Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Pittsfield Airport 5-8
- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> GBFD Main Street Car Show, Main Street, Gt. Barrington 4-9
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> American Legion Gt. Barrington
- Aug 6<sup>th</sup> American Legion Dalton (LaFramboise memorial) 12-6
- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Hemmings

- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> VIP Club Poker run starting at Verillo at 9:00. Tom will again be the group leader and will send out an e-mail before the event on when/where to meet if you want to convoy with him.
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Cheshire FD Cruise-in.
- Fran reported that the September "45th Anniversary" Dinner will at 4:00 at the 6 Pub in Williamstown on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be preceded with a cruise northward or an optional tour of the Marian Property in Stockbridge. More to follow.
- **NOTE** Olde Forge worked well for the meeting. Remember that our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. The checks will be handled by table rather than individual/couples. They did split checks across credit cards... or cash is always helpful.

**TENTATIVE Club Events for 2022 and COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted)**

- Aug 25-27<sup>th</sup> Carlisle
- Aug 27-28<sup>th</sup> Motoramma
- Sept 2-5 Limerock Corvette show. Concept cars on the 4<sup>th</sup>. \$25 entrance fee and no track time available,
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Pittsfield Airport
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Sugar Hill Dalton
- Oct 1-2 Vettes-2-Vets <https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/15th-annual-vettes-to-vets-day-2/>
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Golden eagle with Gates City Corvette Club.

**Recurring events 2022– Check all events for cancellations due to weather, end-of-season and covid-19 concerns. This list is from the 2021 events calendar and will be updated as 2022 confirmations arrive.**

- **Monday**
  - Marks-every week thru Sept.
  - 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 July 6, Aug 3, Sept 6, Oct 5.
  - Leadfoot Lucy (Kohl's Plaza Albany) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1905437466441360/>
- **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 8<sup>th</sup>, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 5-8 PM
  - Stephentown NY Gardner's last Friday - May to October
  - Whately-Tom's Hot Dogs-2nd + 4th Friday
  - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week \*
  - Matt's Automotive, Rt. 2 in Charlemont First Fridays until Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Saturday**
  - Verillo (Prestige) Auto Clifton Park Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9-12.
  - Cairo NY-town park-4pm

- Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week \*

**Treasurer's report:** Starting Balance of \$3,376.19, deposits of \$21 for Raffle and check for \$70.43 (banners) for an ending Balance \$3,326.76.

**Raffle:** No Raffle.

**NOTE** Next COB Meeting August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Olde Forge Inn (6:00 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 invitation 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. Then delete the rest of the “old” e-mail so there is no confusion.

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. (Such as rest area, parking lot, etc... known to members). It also helps to maintain a master list to ensure that everyone has arrived before departing and that you have a count for the restaurant if needed. **Note: keep members listing in your glove compartment so you can contact anyone in your group before or during the cruise.**

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](mailto: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](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org)), we are quickly climbing out of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:photo@corvettesofberkshire.org)) - with any details you want posted with the picture (Year, Paint Color, etc.).

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.

