



Minutes of March 2nd, 2016 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Butch Eddy, Dave & Marie Johnson, John Aulisio, Donnie and Joanne Lamoureux, Ted Kaufmann & Alex, George Beeker, Jim Contenta, Larry Gattasso, Carmen Simonelli, Ed & Val Anker, Gary Sharp, Dave Kosla, Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:40

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Mar 12th / 6pm The Hub restaurant N. Adams (Carmen) <http://berkshiremenus.com/Restaurants/North-Adams/The-Hub.aspx>
- Discussions on joining North Shore at the Northampton Inn for their breakout led to concerns over the lack of parking. Instead the members decided to go back to Yankee Candle for May 1st. Carmen is making arrangements and Dave will reach out to Western Mass Corvette Club to offer an invitation.
- Dave warned the members to be very careful opening any email attachments that they are not sure of. See the warning at the end of the newsletter on spoofing and viruses pretending to come from trusted senders.
- Added Kringle Candles and Coffee show schedule has been added to other potential activities. The show is one Sunday each month from April thru October. The show starts at 8am and runs till 11am... and it is free.
- Ralph offered to create a Tool & Tech manual library. It would list sources within the club of specialized tools and tech manuals for loan within the club. Members thought that this was a good idea and Dave will speak to Ralph to get details.
- Fran discussed the cruise to Blackwatch farms in Oct. The owner, Frank Manafort is also a NASCAR dirt Midget car team racer and could have his crew there on the 8th or he could be there on the 1st or 15th. Since the 1st is Eagle Mills we chose the 15th.

New Event Info is highlighted in yellow.

- Apr 16th Delmonico's (Albany) (Dave) www.delmonicositaliansteakhouse.com/ May change to another Delmonico's that has more seating in a private area. Our current reservation on Central Avenue for the Sinatra Room will only accommodate 20 people. Details will follow.
- May 1th Breakout to Yankee Candle (Carmen)
- May 21st Corvettes of Western Mass at Balise in Springfield
- Jun 4th VIP Spring Corvette Cruise In at Lakeside Farms, Ballston Lake
- Jun 25th '6 Pub Williamstown (Mike) <http://berkshiremenus.com/Restaurants/Williamstown/The--6-House-Pub.aspx>

- Jul 9th Corvettes of Berkshire car show at Jiminy Peak (Ted)
- Jul-Aug Picnic at Ralph & Barb's (BYOPotatoes)
- Aug 25-28th Corvettes at Carlisle
- Sep 23-25th Vettes-2-Vets Billerica Ma.
- **Oct 1st Eagle Mills with VIP**
- Oct 8th Culinary Arts Inst. NY (Donnie & Joanne) www.ciachef.edu/network/
- Oct 15th Blackwatch Farm & Manchester Vt. (Fran) www.blackwatchfarm.com (rain date 16th)
- Nov 12th International Dinner – Lamoureux Lounge (Donnie & Joanne)
- Dec 3rd Zucchini's (Carmen) <http://zucchinisrestaurant.com/LunchDinner.html>
- Jan 21st 2017 Winter Dinner Mazzeo's (Dave)

Other 2016 potential Activities:

- May 18-22 "Marble and Glass Corvette Weekend" Newport, RI
- May 29th "Spring Fling 2016" Gate City Corvette Club, Anheuser-Busch Plant, Merrimack, NH
- June 3-5 Vettes of Coastal Maine Bar Harbor Tour 2016
- June 9-12 "Back to Beach Weekend" Old Orchard beach, ME
- June 12th Corvette Day – Larz Anderson Museum – Brookline, MA
- June 18th Paul Masse Vetteacular Show E. Providence, RI
- June 26th Elm Bank Car Show Medfield Ma. (John)
- July 10th Corvette Club of CT Corvette Show Moroso Guilford, CT
- July 17-22 NCRS 2016 National Convention, Crown Plaza, Warwick, RI
- August 7th Corvette Club of RI "Corvettes by the Sea" show, Scalabrini Villa, North Kingstown, RI
- Sept 4-5 Corvette racing at Limerock (Ralph)
- Sep 10 Lake George
- October 2nd Vettes in the Village Old Mystic Village, CT
- Ozzie's Monthly car shows Hinsdale Ma Dates TBD (Cruise-in) ozziessteakandeggs.com/
- Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in)
- Sun Mornings "Kringle Cars and Coffee" 1x ea month Kringle Candle Company, Bernardston Ma. Dates TBA (Cruise-in)
- Thurs nights 1x ea month Hemming's Bennington Vt. Dates TBA (Cruise-in) www.hemmings.com
May 21st, May 26th, Jun 9th, Jun 23rd, Jul 8th, Jul 21st, Aug 4th, Aug 18th

Dave encouraged anyone who was going to attend a "Cruise-in" event to send out a "Reply All" e-mail to find out if others wanted to attend. Also he is looking for individuals in the club (anyone) to accept responsibility to coordinate any event that they wish and not leave it just to the Officers and BOD.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$936.57.

No raffle!

Next COB Meeting is April 6th at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.

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Notice from Dave

Comment regarding e-mails- Since I am maximizing our “outreach” to members through our website e-mails, I want to offer some suggestions...

- If you choose to send an e-mail to all of the club members, please be clear on the “subject line” what your e-mail is about. That way, other club members can be comfortable that it is a legitimate e-mail.
- If you receive an e-mail that “appears” to be from another COB member, but the subject is not clear... or you look at the other recipients of the e-mail and don’t recognize them as “COB members”... delete the e-mail. In this world of scammers and hackers, there will always be someone out there trying to spread something malicious... so play on the side of being safe.
- Never open an attachment unless you expect it, you’re positive you know what it is, and that you trust the sender.
- Never click on a link in an email message unless you’re positive you know where it’s going and that you trust the sender.
- Over the years, I have received several e-mails from what appear to be COB members... but they don’t look quite right... the subject is questionable, the spelling or grammar is off, etc. They usually contain some sort of link. I delete it and that is all I do. I don’t discuss it... and I don’t panic about it.
- We depend on our e-mail communication between members. If you get something questionable and don’t know what to do... ask me. Don’t assume that just because another member’s e-mail address has been “used” in a bogus e-mail from an unknown sender... that the member “has a virus”. Please be prudent before you “click” on anything and be protective of other COB members.