



Minutes of March 4th 2020 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, John Aulisio, Gary Rougeau, Tom Degray, Mike Purcell, Butch Eddy, Ted Kaufmann, Larry & Marilyn Gallap, George Beeker, Lou Rocca and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Fran opened the Meeting at 7:30pm

Old Business: NONE

New Business: See the calendar on our website www.corvettesofberkshire.org. Events are added constantly.
Hint Use the "Agenda" option for a chronological listing.

- On the 3rd of March, Marie Johnson donated part of her liver to Bob Garrity at the Worcester UMASS Medical Center. As of the "editing" of these minutes, both are recovering very well after many... many combined hours of surgery. Marie is expected to be discharged on Monday, March 9th, but Dave and Marie will remain in the hotel for some additional nights for a follow-up appointment on Thursday. Please keep both Marie and Bob in your prayers for a continued speedy recovery!
- Mike Purcell offered some free Vette magazines and "Carlisle" consecutive years posters free to club members. The posters are gone but he still has some magazines – many never read. Also he has a collection of vette front hood badges/ornaments for C1 to C7. All are original except for the C1 which is a repro. They are all new. He is asking \$100 for the set.
- **March 22nd** Delmonico's Albany (Fran) www.delmonicositaliansteakhouse.com/ (**NOTE Date Change from the 21st**) Email was sent out on March 5th.
- April 1^{8th} Cork 'n Hearth (Donnie & Joanne) www.corknhearth.com/
- Fran also reviewed the events for May.
- John Aulisio announced he is working on a rain date for the show even if it is another location. Also he is looking for a CD with the National Anthem on it. Please call or email him if you can help.
- Gary Rougeau has secured a group parking space for the COB at the Motorama. He will send out an email in late March for the count. They expect over 550 cars!
- Butch mentioned that there will be a Cruise from the Pittsfield Airport to Taconic HS. Date TBA
- Fran called a quick meeting of the BOD members present and they authorized Joanne to initiate flowers for Marie and Bob to be sent when it is appropriate for them to receive them. Note the club normally does not send flowers for hospitalizations, but the unique nature of this amazing gift and sacrifice justified a special consideration on behalf of all the COB Members.

Club Events for 2020 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- May 9th Breakout to Brown's Brewery in North Hoosick Falls (Gary & Deb)
<https://brownsbrewing.com/walloomsac-taproom/>
- May 16th Balise all Vettes Car Show (TBA)
- May 16th Adirondack Corvette Club Poker Run (Tom & Deb?)

- June 14th COB all Corvette Show Ozzie's (John & Pam) www.ozziessteakandeggs.com
- June 27th Westwood Tavern (Carmen) www.westwoodpub.com/ (Highly recommended by Fran)
- July ?th Pittsfield Commons car show (Rain date ?th)
- July 12th Daddio's (Larry & Sandy) daddyoshopewell.com/
- July 25th Club 45th Anniversary Picnic at Bob & Darlene Rodowicz
- Aug 9th Paolo Lombardi restaurant (Larry & Sandy) ??? <https://paololombardis.com/>
- Aug 30th Motorama North Adams (Gary & Suzanne)
- Sept 13th Jets and Vettes (Fran & Nancy) www.neam.org
- Oct 3rd VIP Corvette Show Elks Lodge Ballston Spa
- Nov ?? International Dinner -- Looking for sponsor and date???
- Dec 7th Zucchini's (Carmen) www.zucchinisrestaurant.com
- Jan 23rd 2021 Mazzeo's (Joanne)& Donnie)

Possible additional events in 2020: Check calendar for current updates!

- June 6th VIP Lakeside
- June 20 Balise all cars show
- Aug 27th to 30th - Carlisle
- Sept 4th to 6th Adirondack Vette Fest
- Sep 25th to 27th Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma www.facebook.com/vettestovets
- Date ?? Washington Car Show (Butch)
- Oct – Nov ?? Jackson's Old Chatham Inn (Fran & Nancy) www.jacksonsoldchathamhouse.com
- Vermont Country Inn and supper at Publyk House www.thepublykhouse.com
- TBA Picnic at Shaun Hebert's camp in Vermont.

Recurring events 2020 –

- Hemmings (Thursdays) May 14th, June 11th, (Fri) July 10th, Aug 13th
- Kringle's Candle Bernardston Sunday car shows www.kringlecandle.com
- 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.
- Ozzie's (Thursdays) TBA ozziessteakandeggs.com/
- Guptill's Ice Cream Latham NY www.regionalfoodbank.net/event/guptills-car-shows
- Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in)

Treasurer's report: December Balance was \$2,872.45, deposits of \$15 (50/50), \$80 dues, and checks for \$25 for a memorial for Sandy's sister leaving an ending balance of \$2,942.45.

Raffle: \$10 won by John who donated it back to the club. Thanks John!

NOTE Next COB Meeting is Wednesday April 1st (NO FOOLING!), 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.