



Minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Gary Rougeau, Butch Eddy, Ted Kaufmann and his grandson Alex, Lou Rocca, Aaron Namislo, Nate Zuckerman, Larry Gattuso, Mike Purcell, George Beeker, Larry Gattasso, Dave Johnson, Mike Purcell, Gabe Prendergast and Britney, Don & Joanne Lamoureux, Wayne Eastwood and Fran Bourdon

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

#### **Old Business:**

- April 18<sup>th</sup> 12 people attended the supper at Delmonico's in Albany. Based on the excellent experience this may become an annual spring event.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> 15 people/8 cars went to Yankee Candle on our breakout run. Good meal in a private room and excellent weather made this a great day.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> George and Ted attended Reinbeck and report that there were significantly less Vettes and Mustangs on show. Ted passed out flyers for the COB car show.
- In April, Wayne and Austin attended a show in Clearwater Fl. Where Wayne won Best of Class for his C7.
- In March, Ed Anker attended the Spring Mountain NV driving school on C7 Vettes. He described the exhilarating experience where he drove a C7 over 120 MPH on the track. GM picks up ¾ of the tuition for purchasers of new C7s.
- Dave reminded the members of the Business cards and the "dues" credit for bringing in any new members. Also, he passed out the static stickers for members who needed them for their Vettes or family cars. Basic message... "Just get the word out!"
- Ted passed out the flyers for the car show and asked for help distributing them. Ted also asked for raffle items to be used during the car show... basically, anything works. The crowd has always been a great mix of people and kids... so anything for anyone.

#### **New Business: Be sure to check updates at the COB web site [www.corvettesofberkshire.org](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org)**

- Dave asked for suggestions on locations for car show signs. We are looking for visibility. We will have 7 bright yellow 3'x4' banners. We currently have our "a-frame" banner frames that stand alone and each holds 2 banners... but if there is a better location for hanging a single banner... i.e. chain link fencing in a visible busy area, (and you have "approval") please let Dave know. The banners are usually up 1 month prior to the show and are taken down right after the show. Gary Rougeau offered a location on Route 8 North Adams near the new Cumberland Farms. **We need visible spots.**
- Ed Anker encourages anyone going to Sept 25-27 Vettes-to-Vets in Billerica to reserve their rooms now. The flyer for the show is on our website under a link for "other Corvette shows". The tel # for the Billerica Courtyard by Marriot is 978-670-7500.... Rooms are \$85/night. Right now, Dave & Marie Johnson, Bob & Carol Garrity and Ed & Val Anker are going. Past attendees arrive either Friday or

Saturday and spend time enjoying the area (Gloucester, Salem, etc..). There is a buffet dinner at the hotel on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, Corvettes from all over descend on the hotel rear parking lot... upwards of 500+... to travel in caravan a very short distance to the VA Hospital for a show and celebration on the grounds. Recommendation is to stay Sunday night to travel back Monday because moving 500+ Corvettes off of the VA grounds usually takes a while!

**New Event Info is highlighted in yellow.**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> IoKa Farms (Near Jiminy Peak) car show 10-1 in conjunction with relay-for-life.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Bernardston MA. Car show
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Hemming's first Cruise-in of 2015 (Put-up)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Gate City Merrimack NH w/VIP (Budweiser tour) Dave may go – call him if you are going.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Lakeside Exit 8 Northway (w/VIP)
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Hemming
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Pittsfield parade (No one was interested in participating)
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Hemming
- July 11<sup>th</sup> COB car show at Jiminy Peak. (On behalf of the Show committee Fran asked for a donation from the Club as we did in previous years)
- July 24-26 Sylvan Lake NY
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Veterans Hospital Albany NY
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Hemming
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Supper at New Boston Inn (Ralph is asked to coordinate this event)
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Culinary Art Institute Poughkeepsie NY (Date will have to be changed since the CIA is closed for a short period.) Joanne is working on this event-may also include other activities such as the Hudson Historic Walkway or a winery tour)
- August 28-30 Corvettes at Carlisle
- August 30<sup>th</sup> North Adams Auto Show. This is a put-up event since several members will be at Corvettes at Carlisle.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> Vettes at Harbor House Clifton Park NY
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- September 11-13 Adirondack Vette Fest Glens Falls NY
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Ozzie's (Put-up)
- September 25-27 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> VIP at Eagle Mills NY
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Car Show at Balston Spa "The way we were" Theme.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 Christmas Party at Mazzeo's

**Other 2015 potential Activities:**

- Other events that we are working on are:
  - Piston Popper and Night Cruiser events. (Night Cruiser calendar is not yet available) (Put-up events)
  - Visit to F40 Motorsports Portland CT. (Butch is arranging this event -- date TBA)

- Cruise to Black Watch Farm Springfield VT (Fran will organize this event) Fall event.
- COB July or August Picnic -- (Ted is researching Jiminy Peak for a combined 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary/Picnic. Britney is researching Berkshire Hills Country Club. Discussion at April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting led to agreement that the club could pick up some of the cost and the individual the remainder. More to follow at the next meeting. We also chose the anniversary plaque which is the same as the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque.)
- International Supper (Joanne and Donnie have volunteered to organize this event for the fall)
- Day Bus trip to Mohegan Sun is an option. (\$30 per person includes \$20 back for slots and \$10 back for buffet)
- Trip to Niagara Falls (Possibly a Sunday to Monday trip)
- Fall Mystic Car Show
- Ice Cream/supper rally to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month May to October (Put-up event)

Dave reinforced that events did not need to have many cars to be an event. If only a few can make a day then it is OK. He encouraged anyone who was going to attend a "Put-up" 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: Starting balance was \$1,152 less the \$100 payment for our PO Box leaving us a final balance of \$1,052.**

**Butch won \$12 in the raffle.**

**Next COB Meeting is June 3rd at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.**

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.