



Minutes of May 5th 2021 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire, MA.

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, Gary & Sue Rougeau, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, John & Pam Aulisio, Dave Kosla, Lou Rocha, Dick Valenti, Larry & Sandy Gattasso, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Butch Eddy, Ted Kaufmann, Tom Degray, George Beeker and Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

#### Old Business:

- NONE.

**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.**

- May 8<sup>th</sup> Cruise-in at Berkshire Mantiques, 20 Williamstown Rd, Lanesborough, MA 01237, USA ([map](#)) (RT 7) (11am to 9PM) Dave has a spot in this shop so be sure to visit it! This is a get-together with proceeds going towards cancer. There is no fee for the cruise. There will be food trucks, music and raffles. The timing is set up to allow people to arrive when they want... and leave when they want. This is not a 10 hour "show". Because of covid limitations it is expected that cars and visitors will swap out continuously throughout the day. Hope to see you there!
- We do not have the schedules for several re-occurring events such as Ozzie's. We will post them on the club calendar and in this newsletter as soon as they become available. Dave will also send out an e-mail when they are posted. **If any club member gets information on a cruise/show that has been scheduled, please send the information to [djohnson@corvettesofberkshire.org](mailto:djohnson@corvettesofberkshire.org) so that he can get the information on our club calendar.**
- Members are urged to plan impromptu rides as we unwind and get released from this lock down. If you are taking a ride for a quick snack somewhere and you have the time to send an e-mail "to all"... pull a few cars together to get our season going!

To avoid confusion, you can take our last newsletter e-mail you received (because it would have been sent to all of our latest membership listing), hit "reply all", make sure you change the subject of the email, enter your content... and send. It can be that simple!

- George Beeker has it "on authority" that there will not be any Hemmings Cruise-ins this year.
- Marie brought up that we did not celebrate the club's anniversary last year due to Covid. We need to at least plan a special supper to celebrate once the restrictions are lifted. Proprietor's Lounge was suggested as one possibility because of the ambiance and great parking.

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

- **May 30<sup>th</sup> Lebanon Valley Speedway Musclepalousa Presented by Hemmings.**

- June 5th - VIP Corvette Show at Lakeside Farms Ballston Spa (on our COB calendar)
- September 10th thru 12th - Adirondack Vette Fest, Glens Falls (on our COB calendar)
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Vettes in Perfection
- 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 covid-19 concerns.**

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> and every Wednesday
- Cars and Coffee - May 15<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Aug 21st, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at Verrillo Motor Car Company (the old Prestige) Route 9, Clifton Park, NY Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9-12.
- Guptill’s Ice Cream Latham NY [www.regionalfoodbank.net/event/guptills-car-shows](http://www.regionalfoodbank.net/event/guptills-car-shows)
- Ozzie's TBD

**Treasurer’s report:** Beginning balance - \$2854.65. Less State annual registration - \$18.50, ending balance - \$2846.15

**Raffle:** No Raffle!

- **NOTE** Next COB Meeting June 2nd<sup>at</sup> 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](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.