



Minutes of Sept 4th 2019 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill -

Attending: Steve Gigliotti, Shaun Hebert, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Jim Contenta, Butch Eddy, John & Pam Aulio, Dick Valenti, Charlie Messina, Gary Rougeau, Lou Rocca, Dave & Marie Johnson, Ted Kaufmann, George Beeker, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Dave Kosla, Larry & Sandy Gattasso, Chick Carmel, Carmen Simonelli and Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- Sept 8th Car show and museum tour at Air Museum in Windsor Locks Ct. No one Attended
- Sept 6th – 8th Adirondack Vette Festival Shaun attended. About 112 cars. Great Day!
- Sept 14-16 Hemmings Concourse d'Elegance Lake George
- Sept 15th VIP Fall Show NY Lakeside Farms 3 Cars attended. 2 Prizes Won by Gary & Deb Jozefiak and Trophy by John Aulio.
- Sept 22nd The 1761 Old Mill in Westminster, MA Attended by 18 members/spouses. Great ride and meals.
- Sept 28th Autocross at Berkshire Mall. John Aulio competed with his Camero.
- Sep 27-29 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma. No one attended. About 725 Vettes. Looking for a representation from COB next year.
- Gary, Butch and Darrio attended a car show sponsored by Becket Police Dept.

New Business: See the calendar on our website www.corvettesofberkshire.org. Events are added constantly.

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

- Oct 5th Turners Falls Car Show.
- Oct 5th Mercedes Benz Springfield Ma.
- Oct 6th Clark Art Tour and Dinner at Publyk House (Bennington) (Fran) www.clarkart.edu, www.thepublykhouse.com We will have two docents at 1:00 who will accommodate the first 40 people that register to attend then Happy Hour at the Publyk house in Bennington VT at 3:00 and supper at 4:00. 11 cars are registered to attend.
- Oct 13th Last Kringle Cruise-in.
- Oct 26th Bowling at Mingo's is uncertain. More will follow from Dave if this is a GO.
- **Nov. International Dinner is also uncertain unless someone offers to host the event.**
- **Nov 16 VIP luncheon event at Red Lion Inn...** Dave made contact with VIP to see if we could join them for this lunch. **Dave received information after this meeting that we are welcome to join them. Their plan is to arrive at the Red Lion Inn at 12 noon. They request a count from us by November 9th. After the lunch, some plan to stop at the Norman Rockwell Museum... and we are welcome to join them there as well.**

- Jim Contenta mentioned he is selling a trifold cover for an 8' pickup bed. Contact Jim if you are interested.

2019 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- Oct 5th Mercedes Benz Springfield Ma.
- Oct 26th Bowling & Food at Mingo's North Adams www.mingossportsbar.com
- Nov?? International Dinner -- Looking for sponsor and date???
- Dec 7th Zucchini's (Carmen) www.zucchinisrestaurant.com
- Jan 25th 2020 Holiday Meal at Mazzeo's (Joanne & Donnie)

Recurring events 2019 –

- Kringle's Candle Bernardston Sunday car shows Sept 8th, Oct 13th 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.

Possible additional events: Check calendar for current updates!

Treasurer's report: September Balance was \$2,596.45 plus \$13 from plus \$20 from Dues leaving an ending balance of \$2,629.45.

Raffle: The Sept raffle winner of \$19 was Fran Bourdon.

Next COB Meeting is Wednesday Nov 6th, 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.