



Minutes of Oct. 12th, 2022 COB meeting held at Proprietor's Lodge, Pittsfield MA.

Attending: Dave Kosla, Dave & Marie Johnson, Angela & Bruce Stetson, Donald Bronson (NEW), Dianna Bartlett, George Beeker, Chick Carmel, Mike Sawicki, Tom & Deb DeGray, Bob & Carol Garrity, Larry & Marilynn Gallup, Larry & Sandy Gattasso, John & Pam Aulisio, Pat Garrett, Carmen Simonelli, Ted Kaufman, Shaun Hebert, Alan Richer, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:35.

Old Business:

- Sept 18th Fran reported that the September "45th Anniversary" Dinner at the 6 Pub in Williamstown was attended by 26 People. The ride was great – Thanks to Bob and Darlene for planning and leading this gorgeous ride. The meal was also good and the facility room was perfect.
- Sept 24th Sugar Hill Farm Dalton was attended by 11 COB cars. "Lucky" Pat won the booby prize.

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. 15th Windy Hill Farm Car Show
- Oct 16th Fall "Put up" run sponsored by Larry & Sandy Gattasso. Starts at Harbor Freight parking lot at 11:15. Then to Ozzie's for breakfast. Then onto a 2 hr. fall ride with a half-way stop. Ending in North Adams on Rt. 2 for return to home by RT. 8 or Rt. 7 depending on your home destination.
- We accepted the application from a new member Donald Bronson. He drives a 1996 Red C4.
- Dave opened a discussion for the consideration of Mike Purcell as an "Honorary Member" recognizing his many years of dedication to the Club. Mike was one of the founding members of the COB in 1975. Over the years, he has served in many positions with many years as the secretary. He annually posted the club's information with the State DOR to keep our non-profit status up-to-date. His Corvette memorabilia was legendary. As per the COB Bylaws, the vote was solicited from the members present at the meeting and unanimously approved. Formal recognition will be forthcoming.
- The meeting room at Proprietor's was reconfigured with long tables rather than round and it fit 35 easily with room to spare. Also the center was open for wait staff. The staggered arrivals helped the kitchen staff keep up with the service and the experience was good for both the Club and the Proprietor's staff. We will continue using this facility into the foreseeable future.
- During the Treasurer's report we discovered another of Mike's ongoing contributions was to notify the Treasurer of the passing of Member's families/relatives. We missed the passing of Marilynn Gallup's brother and John Aulisio brother over the past weeks. Our condolences to both. Dave asked that if any member has knowledge of the passing of another member's relative that they should notify him and Dave will ensure that Joanne is notified appropriately.

TENTATIVE Club Events for 2022 and COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted)

- Oct 16th Golden eagle with Gates City Corvette Club.

Recurring events 2022– Check all events for cancellations due to weather, and end-of-season.

- **Monday**
 - Marks-every week thru Sept.
 - Hadley-Young Men's Club-every week
- Springfield-Basketball Hall of Fame-every week thru Aug.
- **Tuesday**
 - O'Kennys-1st + 3rd thru Sept with a final Sunday cruise in Oct.
 - Westfield-Hampton Plaza-every week
- **Wednesday**
 - Pittsfield Airport-1st Wed July 6, Aug 3, Sept 6, Oct 5.
 - Leadfoot Lucy (Kohl's Plaza Albany) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1905437466441360/>
- **Thursday**
 - Florence-Elks-every week
 - Chicopee-Moose-every week-150 car limit
 - Enfield CT-Mt Carmel 93 Park Ave-every week *
- **Friday**
 - Hinsdale-Ozzie's- Aug 12th 5-8 PM
 - Stephentown NY Gardner's last Friday - May to October
 - Whately-Tom's Hot Dogs-2nd + 4th Friday
 - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week *
 - Matt's Automotive, Rt. 2 in Charlemont First Fridays until Sept 2nd.
- **Saturday**
 - Verillo (Prestige) Auto Clifton Park Every 3rd Saturday 9-12.
 - Cairo NY-town park-4pm
 - Colonie NY-Village Square Plaza-every week *

Treasurer's report: Starting Balance of \$3,350.76, deposit \$21 for the raffle and checks for \$25 for memorial and \$421.75 for hor d'ourves for an ending Balance \$2,934.01.

Raffle: no raffle

NOTE: NEXT MEETING IS BACK AT PROPRIETOR'S LODGE ON November 9TH. Caution due to a speed bump - on Constitution –drive slowly or take Spaniol Street. Please arrive as close to 6:00 as possible 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 invitation 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. Then delete the rest of the "old" e-mail so there is no confusion.

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. (Such as rest area, parking lot, etc... known to members). It also helps to maintain a master list to ensure that everyone has arrived before departing and that you have a count for the restaurant if needed. **Note: keep members listing in your glove compartment so you can contact anyone in your group before or during the cruise.**

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.