



Minutes of September 2nd, 2015 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Butch Eddy, Dave Johnson, John and Pam Aulisio, Lou Rocca, Ed and Val Anker, Wayne Eastwood, Bob Garrity, Donnie and Joanne Lamoureux, George Beeker, Mike Purcell, Ralph Ledger, Gennaro and Marge Aulisio, Jim Contenta, Larry Gattasso, Gary Rougeau, Dario Cavallero, Mike Sawicki, Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- Carlisle: 7 members/Spouses attended. Posted as the second largest attendance ever. Next year, it will expand to 4 days (Thu-Sun). Great weather and no hotel issues. Hampton Inn Harrisburg/North (tel 717-540-0900) is accepting reservations for next year. This Hampton Inn is a little closer to the fairgrounds than the "usual" Union Deposit Road location... but still close enough to maintain the Outback/Texas Roadhouse routine. The AAA and AARP rate is \$143.10 plus tax and you can cancel up to the day of arrival without penalty. There are some better deals as far as price, etc... but if you want to at least secure a room, it might be a good strategy since a lot of the hotels are already posting "no rooms available" for next year's dates.
- N. Adams Motorama: 4 COB cars attended and 2 additional members stopped in. About 500 cars and a perfect day. Gary Rougeau won a trophy in the "Favorite 50" category. Next year it is again on Carlisle weekend. If we wish to park together we will need to rally outside and enter together at about 7-7:30.

New Business: Be sure to check updates at the COB web site www.corvettesofberkshire.org

- Mike Sawicki passed out free posters that he got from a trip to Kerbeck's in NJ.
- The club formally welcomed the newest members, Gennaro and Marge Aulisio. He is the twin of John.
- Ralph and Barb Ledger have offered to host a "40th Anniversary Cookout" at their beautiful spot in Tolland. **The cookout is planned for Noon Saturday, September 19th.** Details, directions and already committed foods will be sent from Ralph or Dave in a separate e-mail. Attendees need to bring chairs and their own beverages. Bring your (Golf) Driver if you want to smash balls into the woods. (Golf Balls provided by Ralph). For those wishing to convoy we will meet at 10:30 at the "old" Friendly's across from the "old" Dakota on Rt 7/20 on the Pittsfield-Lenox road. Bring your Radios.

Future discussion:

- Ed asked for interest if he planned a future event to the Thousand Islands... thinking of 3 days... estimated cost \$500 per couple to include lodging/dinners out, etc. If you are interested, let Ed know

and he will start the planning effort for some time in 2016... rates vary in Summer and Fall. Ed is willing to coordinate if there is interest. The area is about a 3 to 4 hour ride.

- International Dinner - Joanne mentioned that she would like to host an event at their house ... possibly in October before the snow flies in Hinsdale. More details to follow.

New Event Info is highlighted in yellow.

- September 3rd Ozzie's (Cruise-in)
- September 11-13 Adirondack Vette Fest Glens Falls NY
- September 13th Bernardston cruise-in. 8AM to 11 AM.
- September 17th Ozzie's (Cruise-in)
- September 19th COB 40th Anniversary picnic at Ralph and Barb Ledger's.
- September 25-27 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma. (Currently Ed, Dave, Bob, Fran & their wives are planning to attend)
- Oct 3rd VIP at Eagle Mills NY
- October 11th Car Show at Balston Spa "The way we were" Theme.
- October ??? International Supper at Donnie and Joanne's.
- January 16th 2016 Christmas Party at Mazzeo's

Other 2015 potential Activities:

- Other events that we are working on are:
 - Cruise to Black Watch Farm Springfield VT (Fran will organize this event) fall event.
 - Day Bus trip to Mohegan Sun is an option. (\$30 per person includes \$20 back for slots and \$10 back for buffet)
 - Fall Mystic Car Show
 - Ice Cream/supper cruise to Gardner's in Stephentown. Last Friday of each Month - May to October (Cruise-in event)
 - Anyone going to Sept 25-27 Vettes-to-Vets in Billerica should 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. Past attendees arrived 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! 4 COB couples are currently registered.

Dave encouraged anyone who was going to attend a "Cruise-in" 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 of \$1120.42, plus \$20 in dues, plus \$10 from the 50/50 raffle leaving a new balance of \$1150.42.

Larry won the 50/50 raffle and used the \$15 to feed his 427!

Next COB Meeting is October 7th at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.

