



Minutes of Sept 6th, 2017 COB meeting held at Bass Water Grill

Attending: Dave & Marie Johnson, John & Pam Aulisio, Ed & Val Anker, Carmen Simonelli, Ted Kaufmann, Marilynn Gallup, Wayne & Sue Eastwood, Shawn Hebert, George Beeker, Bob Rodowicz, Jim Contenta, Ron & Cindy Brouker, Lou Rocha, Donnie Lamoureux, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Gary Rougeau, Dick Valenti, and Fran Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

Old Business:

- 30 + members attended the Aug 12 COB Picnic at Ralph's. A great time was had by all on a beautiful day. Much appreciation is extended to Ralph and Barb for their hospitality and preparation.
- Aug. 12th Cheshire Cruise-in was rained out with late day storms.
- 7 Cars and 13 members attended the Aug 19th cruise to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy & Barrington Brewery. Perfect weather for the tour and great meal.
- 6 cars went to the Aug 24-27 Corvettes at Carlisle. Great show and weather and good lodging/meals.
- 4 members attended the Aug 27 Motorama in North Adams. Again Great weather and 400+ cars.
- 5 Cars attended the Aug 24th Cruise-in at Ozzie's. Again perfect weather.
- Gary & Sue Jozefiak visited the Corvette Museum at Bowling Green.

New Business: See the calendar on our website www.corvettesofberkshire.org. Many events have been added and there is a lot going on!

- Sept 9th & 10th Vette fest.
- Sept 10th Lake George car show.
- Sept 10th Kringle Candles 8-11 AM.
- Sept 10th Jets & Vettes in Windsor Locks. Group to meet at Harbor Freight to convoy down. Dave will send out an e-mail to organize the event.
- Sept 14th Ozzie's.
- Sept. 15-17 Pownel Vt. Race track Swap meet & car show. (Remnants of Bennington car show.)
- Sept 22nd Saratoga Auction at SPAC.
- Sep 22-24 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma www.facebook.com/vetestovets
- Sept 24th Sugar Hill.
- Sept 29th Gardner's.
- Sep 30th VIP Fall Show NY Lakeside Farms www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com
- We voted in a new member Phil Grannan, a friend of Ralph's. He has already attended the Picnic and Motorama with the club. Welcome aboard Phil!

2017 COB Official Planned Events (new/changed events are highlighted in yellow)

- Oct 7 Brewmaster's Pub Williamsburg MA (Joanne)
- Oct 8th O'Kenny's Car show
- Nov 11 International Dinner (Donnie & Joanne)
- Dec 9 Zucchini's (Carmen)
- Jan 13 2018 Holiday Dinner @ Mazzeo's (Dave)

2017 Other non-official events

- NCRS New England – Multiple events www.newenglandncrs.com
- Sep 24 The Collector Car Experience Big-E Springfield Ma 2-4pm

Recurring events

- Kringle Candle Oct 8.
- Hemming's Sep 15-17.
- Ozzie's Sept 14 and Sept 28. www.ozziessteakandeggs.com
- Charlemont Ma. 1st Friday of each month. 5-8 PM Oct 7th

Club 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 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.).

Treasurer's report: Starting Balance of \$2,339.09, less expenses of \$10 for Mass filing fee & \$62.83 for the sign and \$158.34 for the Picnic food, plus deposits of \$23 from the 50/50 and \$20 in Membership for an ending balance of \$2,157.92. .

NO Raffle.

Next COB Meeting is Wednesday, Oct 4th, at Bass Water Grill in Cheshire.

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.