



Minutes of Sept 14th, 2022 COB meeting held at Zucco's Pittsfield MA.

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Attending: Dave Intelisano, Dave Kosla, Lou Rocha, Dianna Bartlett, George Beeker, Chick Carmel, Austin Brazee, Gary & Deb Jozefiak, Butch Eddy, Mike Purcell, Larry & Marilyn Gallap, Gary Rougeau, Larry & Sandy Gattasso, John Aulisio, Pat Garrett, Carmen Simonelli, Ted Kaufmann, Shaun Hebert, Bob & Darlene Rodowicz, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Larry opened the Meeting at 7:45.

Old Business:

- Aug 11th Hemmings: The Old Hemmings garage is sold and they moved to a warehouse. The Hemmings Cruise-in was downtown and was very well attended with 200+ cars. Many restaurants were open.
- Aug 12th Ozzie's: Full house for the last show with a separate area for Vettes. 7 members attended and we picked up a new member.
- Aug 13th Verillo VIP Club Poker run. We had 10 members attending. There were a few issues this year with the stops but the ride was great. The only prize was won by Nancy Bourdon, (worse hand!)
- Aug 13th Cheshire FD Cruise-in. Good overall attendance and great fireworks.
- Aug 25-27th Carlisle Only Austin attended. While there he attended several classes and registered to get his C8 turbocharged when it becomes available.
- Aug 27-28th Motoramma Perfect day and 500+ cars. About 8 Members attended. Post show Dave and Marie invited any members (even those who did not attend) to a BYO picnic at their beautiful house. About 16 members/spouses attended.
- Sept 2-5 Limerock Corvette show. 4 members attended this event at different times.
- Sept 6th Pittsfield Airport only one member attended. Low turnout due to possible rain.

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

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

- Sept 18th Fran reported that the September "45th Anniversary" Dinner will at 4:00 at the 6 Pub in Williamstown on Sunday, September 18th. It will be preceded with a cruise northward led by Bob Rodowicz. 7 cars are going on this Cruise. Fran is sponsoring a tour of the Marian Property in Stockbridge. Only one member is joining him. Several others are only attending the meal totaling 27 people.
- Sept 24th Sugar Hill Farm Dalton.

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

- Oct 1-2 Vettes-2-Vets <https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/event/15th-annual-vettes-to-vets-day-2/>
- Fall Put-up Run. Larry offered to organize a put-up run in October. More to follow.
- Oct 15th Windy Hill Orchard, Castleton NY.
- Oct 16th Golden eagle with Gates City Corvette Club.
- Joanne presented a new member application for acceptance. Since Angela Stetson has attended several recent events, satisfying the requirements. We voted her in. Welcome Angela.
- An impromptu BOD meeting was called to approve the purchase of hors d'ourves for the Anniversary Party on Sunday. The BOD approved Joanne to purchase up to a \$300 limit.
- **NOTE:** we were 3 persons shy of maximizing the capacity of the Zucco's event room. We also "closed" down the restaurant at 8:15. While the meals and service are great we need to keep looking for a more suitable option. **Proprietor's is willing to try us again but it does strain their kitchen staff if we all order at once so please arrive as close to 6:00 as possible.**

Recurring events 2022– Check all events for cancellations due to weather, end-of-season and covid-19 concerns. This list is from the 2021 events calendar and will be updated as 2022 confirmations arrive.

- **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 \$3,311.76, deposits of \$20 for Dues and \$19 for the raffle for an ending Balance \$3,350.76.

Raffle: Sandy Gattasso won the Raffle of \$22.

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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.