



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

Attending: Wayne Eastwood, Marilynn Gallup, Donnie & Joanne Lamoureux, Mike Purcell, Butch Eddy, John & Pam Aulizio, Mike Sawicki, Gary Rougeau, Lou Rocca, Dave & Marie Johnson, Tom DeGray, George Beeker, Gary Jozefiak, Dave Kosla, Bob Rodowicz, Chick Carmel, Butch introduced potential members Sam & Pam Russo and Fran & Nancy Bourdon.

Dave opened the Meeting at 7:30

#### **Old Business:**

- Aug 8<sup>th</sup> both Ozzie's and Hemmings had bad weather. Only 30 cars total at Ozzie's and no one from the club attended either.
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Cruise-in at the Cheshire Elementary School. 7 members attended and it ended in Rain.
- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Kringle Candle no cars from the club
- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Autocross at Berkshire Mall. Dave Kosla participated and won a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in his class (only car in class!)
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Carlisle 5 Members attended. Split decision on if the event was larger or smaller than previous years. East Coast Caravan stopped in with about 200 cars. C8 tent was mobbed every day.
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Motorama in North Adams. 5 members attended. They had over 500 cars! Two members attended the Cruise-in at Noel Field on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** See the calendar on our website [www.corvettesofberkshire.org](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org). Events are added constantly.

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

- Steve and Michele Gigliotte from Cheshire were unanimously voted into the club. Welcome Steve and Michele!
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Car show and museum tour at Air Museum in Windsor Locks Ct. Great event!
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Adirondack Vette Festival
- Sept 14-16 Hemmings Concourse d'Elegance Lake George
- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> VIP Fall Show NY Lakeside Farms [www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com](http://www.lakesidefarmscidermill.com)
- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> The 1761 Old Mill in Westminster, MA (Fran) [www.1761oldmill.com](http://www.1761oldmill.com) Fran reported that we have secured a separate room and couples' checks. We will arrive by 1:00 so members can have a choice to order off the menu or the Buffet. Email will go out about Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Autocross at Berkshire Mall.
- Sep 27-29 Vettes to Vets Billerica Ma [www.facebook.com/vetestovets](http://www.facebook.com/vetestovets)
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Clark Art Tour and Dinner at Publyk House (Bennington) (Fran) [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu), [www.thepublykhouse.com](http://www.thepublykhouse.com) We will have two docents at 2:00 who will accommodate the first 20

people that register to attend. Others need to tour on their own. Then Happy Hour at the Publyk house in Bennington VT at 4:00 and supper at 4:30. Email will go out about Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Dave Kosla reported on a positive experience with service & protective film product from Protection Plus.
- Butch introduced potential members Sam & Pam Russo who have a 2004 Vette. We also met them at Ozzie's in August. Welcome and hope they join!
- Lou Rocca discussed his recent purchase of the first C8 in the club. It is Bronze Zeus Metallic, Z51, 3lt, Neutral Interior, with front lift feature. It will arrive in the spring. Congrats Lou!
- Fran is following up on two Vettes for sale from a deceased friend. One is a 1999 low miles and the other is an early C3 454. More to follow.

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

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Charity Car Show at Mercedes Benz of Springfield Ma.
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Bowling & Food at Mingo's North Adams [www.mingossportsbar.com](http://www.mingossportsbar.com)
- Nov?? International Dinner -- Looking for sponsor and date???
- Nov 16th Lunch @ Red Lion Inn with VIP?? (Dave will reach out to VIP) [www.redlioninn.com](http://www.redlioninn.com)
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Zucchini's (Carmen) [www.zucchinisrestaurant.com](http://www.zucchinisrestaurant.com)
- Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 Holiday Meal at Mazzeo's (Joanne & Donnie)

#### **Recurring events 2019 –**

- Ozzie's (Thursdays) Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. [www.ozziessteakandeggs.com](http://www.ozziessteakandeggs.com)
- Kringle's Candle Bernardston Sunday car shows Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> [www.kringlecandle.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and every Wednesday
- Prestige Auto Clifton Park Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 9-12.

#### **Possible additional events: Check calendar for current updates!**

**Treasurer's report:** August Balance was \$2,576.45 plus \$30 from raffle (donated back to club by Deb DeGray) less \$10 for web services leaving an ending balance of \$2,596.45.

**Raffle:** The Sept raffle winner of \$16 was Marilyn Gallup. Congrats Marilyn! Also, Mike Purcell had acquired several high quality posters while at Carlisle and they were also raffled off following the 50/50 raffle.

#### **Next COB Meeting is Wednesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://www.corvettesofberkshire.org)), we are quickly climbing out of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:photo@corvettesofberkshire.org)) - with any details you want posted with the picture (Year, Paint Color, etc.).

Submitted by; Fran Bourdon, Secretary.