

# Corvettes of Berkshire

## August 2011 Newsletter

The August 3, 2011 meeting was held at Krispy Cone and was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Lou Rocha with 15 members present.

### Past Activities:

The planned drive to Pedrin's in North Adams was held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> with 5 cars in attendance. The weather was perfect that evening and good time / good food was had by all.

Fran Bourdan reported on the Lia 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show was held in Schenectady on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. He said it was a great show... maybe to consider as a club event.

Wayne Eastwood reported on a show he attended in Sylvan Lake. He suggested that the club may consider the show next year as a possible multi-day event with a possible overnight stay somewhere around Syracuse, NY.

### Future Activities:

Our Corvette Show scheduled for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Bedard Chevrolet in Cheshire is fast approaching. Ted Kaufman has continued most all of the behind-the-scenes work in coordination with Bedard's. **There is a plan to have a bake sale during the show and all members attending are asked to bring something with them that may be donated to the sale. Remember that we will not have access to refrigeration, so plan your baking accordingly. All proceeds from the baked goods will also be donated to our charity- Berkshire County Kids' Place.**

**We could use some small stuff for "giveaways"... car polish, windshield cleaner... etc. If any member can obtain some small things like this... or even additional gift cards to be raffled off... bring them to the show. It would be greatly appreciated.**

All members planning to attend our show with their cars should consider **pre-registration** through our website (on our front page). Nice laser printed window cards will be printed for all who pre-register and available the morning of the show.

On the evening prior to our Corvette Show (Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>), there is a car show scheduled in downtown Pittsfield, on North Street, from 4 to 8pm. Members are planning to coordinate meeting at the McKay Parking Lot at 4pm to drive into the show.

Every Thursday evening through the month of August features a "Party in the Park" (free community concert series) at Noel Field in North Adams. The party runs from 6-8pm and offers separate parking / show area for any classic or custom cars.

On Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, the “Honor Our Vets Car Show” is scheduled at the Veterans Administration Hospital on 113 Holland Avenue in Albany, NY. The show runs from 10am to 3pm. Registration is \$10 and more information may be seen at [www.HonorOurVetsShow.com](http://www.HonorOurVetsShow.com). Club members are planning to attend and there is a small group planning to meet at 8:30am at Thom’s Diner in Nassau “village”... have breakfast, and drive to the show from there.

Our Annual Club Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is being held at Gary Sharp’s house in Stephentown, NY and all planning to attend are asked to contact Gary to coordinate what they will bring as a “dish”. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Ed Anker is looking at planning a “tour” on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Any details will be provided at next month’s business meeting.

### **Items of Interest:**

A new membership application was received from John Burke from Adams, MA. John was in attendance at this meeting and was voted favorably by the members present. As mentioned, John hails from Adams, MA and is the proud owner of 6 Corvettes (1967, 1978, 1982, 1984, 2003, and 2008)! Please introduce yourself to John at a future event or meeting. Welcome!

Those present at the meeting voted to donate \$100 toward the benefit for Cindy Levardi Casey. She was recently diagnosed with Stage IV Colon Cancer. The benefit is scheduled on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 11 pm, at the GEAA on Crane Avenue in Pittsfield, MA. Tickets at the benefit itself are \$20 per person (free for children under 10).

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

The balance on hand as of 8/3/2011 was \$1178.27.

### **Raffle Winner:**

Dave Johnson won the 50/50 raffle for \$12.00. A poster from the 2011 Pittsfield Parade was also raffled off... Fran Bourdan was the lucky winner.

The next meeting will be September 7th at Krispy Cone. Meeting starts at 7:30 but be there by 6:30 if you plan to eat there.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

(The meeting notes were collected and summarized with the combined efforts of Butch Eddy and Dave Johnson.... both eagerly awaiting Lew’s return!)