

**APPROVED**

General Membership Monthly Meeting  
March 11, 2010 – VFW Dupont, PA

Tina Gittleman, President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the VFW Dupont, Pennsylvania. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Fumanti read the minutes from the previous general meeting. Bob Tuffy motioned to accept the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting; seconded by Bert Occulto.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara McCracken distributed the following financial report:

Balance carried forward in the M&T checking account \$xxxx

Income \$xxx

Expenses \$xxx

Balance of Scranton Times FCU \$xxxx

Total Balance \$xxxx

Motion to accept the financial report by Amy Zaretski; seconded by Steve Sincavage.

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: \$25 VFW. Motion to pay the bills made by John Reese; seconded by Bob Tuffy.

DUES REPORT: Everyone is paid per Barbara McCracken.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Allan Reese – Lenny and Mary Alice Scott joined the club, paid their fees and were unanimously voted into the membership.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro announced that the NCCC packets have not been sent out to our Club and reported no reason for the delay. Joe expects to be attending the March 20<sup>th</sup> Governor's meeting.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro indicated that the website has been updated as of this date to reflect the new request form for funds in the Charity section and asked for pictures for the membership page updates.

CORVETTE CORNER: Jon Valentine reminded everyone to thoroughly go over his or her stored vehicles before vigorously driving. Joe Lazzaro mentioned some of the specifications of the new 2011 limited edition Z06's and announced the ZR1's will be available in Inferno Orange or Supersonic Blue. Check the website frequently for updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

February 20, 2010 Saturday – Sandy Fumanti reported 17 members and 2 guests enjoyed dinner at Leggio's and a terrific comedy show at Wisecrackers in Wilkes-Barre. Lucky couple Jim and Pat Cockerill won the door prize of two tickets to another comedy show. This is a repeat act since they also won a door prize at the last dinner and a comedy night in November. Jim mentioned that Wisecracker's owner, Scott Bruce, really appreciates and enjoys the Corvette Club's attendance and support.

February 27, 2010 Saturday – Atlantic City Car Show. Bert Occulto reported the trip was a success netting a profit of \$34, which he presented to the Treasurer. He further noted that despite the recent snow, the weather turned out nice for the day and everyone enjoyed the car show and casinos. Some members, Maryann O'Hara to mention one, were smiling on the return trip to Scranton.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 13, 2010 – Bryan McCracken (407-0068) Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet in Arby's parking lot in Scranton near Memorial Stadium at 11:45 a.m. for line up on Wyoming Avenue between Vine and Olive Streets at 12:30 p.m. Due to expected rainy weather conditions, call Bryan McCracken for updated parade information.

March 27, 2010 – Saturday, Club Night – Tina Gittleman's (254-6932) home at 360 Green Grove Road, Scott Township. This will be a cover dish, with no cost to the Club. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. each member is expected to bring a finger food item or pay a \$5 fee. Remember, this is a BYOB (bring your own beverage) affair. Please call Tina for reservations.

April 25, 2010 – Sunday Ride – Ron Ferman – details to be announced.

May 1, 2010 – Saturday – May Day Party Carol Reese and Joe Lazzaro. Event will take place at Carol and Alan Reese's home in Dallas. Each member is to bring a cover dish item or pay a \$5 fee. Guests should bring a cover dish item plus \$5 or \$10. The Club

will be providing certain food items. Reservation deadline is April 27, 2010. Reminder, bring your Corvette; there's plenty of room for parking.

May 15, 2010 – Saturday – Armed Forces Day Parade Bryan McCracken and Amy Zaretski. Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. Details will be announced as they develop.

May 15, 2010 – Saturday – Bingo with the Veterans at the Geno Merli Center following the parade (Charity Committee, Pat Cockerill, Amy Zaretski, Sandy Fumanti). After the parade, Corvettes will be parked in the Geno Merli Center for the residents to enjoy while the Club members have lunch at a local restaurant. The group will re-assemble at 12:30 in the lobby to prepare for bingo at 1:00 p.m. with the veterans. The event is already funded with \$100 that was unused at the Christmas bingo event.

May 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2010 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Pocono Events Joe Lazzaro announced there would not be an Autocross on Saturday and the Sunday Concourse is homeless since Pocono Manor is hosting an annual skeet-shooting event on the normal site. The committee is waiting for the snow to melt to scope out the property for an alternate site. Kerbeck Chevrolet will not be sponsoring the trophies and other sponsors are being solicited for the \$500 fee. The driving event on Monday and Tuesday are on track and currently 25% full. Reference the website for updated information.

June 6, 2010 – Sunday Ride – Jay Demerer a scenic tour through Jim Thorpe with a restaurant stop are being planned. Details will be announced as they develop.

June 12 & 13, 2010 - Weekend away. Suggestions and information for location sites should be submitted at the next General Meeting.

June 19, 2010 – Fairway Car Show – Ray Burroughs. Information to be announced.

June 27, 2010 – McDade Park Picnic

July 10, 2010 – Alan Reese – Ice Cream Ride

July 30, 2010 – Baseball Game – Baby Yankees

August 1, 2010 - Joe Lazzaro – River Raft Ride

August 15, 2010 – Barbara McCracken – Summer Picnic – Pennbrook Grove, catered by Inn of the Abington's

OLD BUSINESS: Two bids were received for the Member Appreciation Night: Café Rinaldi in Old Forge and The Café in Wilkes-Barre. The bids will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Cockerill, Parliamentarian, announced that a change to the Constitution has been submitted for consideration. He reminded the members that the change must be read at two general meetings and announced in the newsletter. Tonight is the first reading, the change will be published in the upcoming newsletter, the second reading will be at the April general meeting along with the vote.

The Constitution currently reads as follows:

Article 5, Section One, Sixth Item:

“The limit for events to be spent by the chairperson will be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Additional fees can be obtained only with Board or general membership majority vote. Any chairperson exceeding this amount without approval will be personally responsible for the excess expenditures.”

Proposed Change:

Article 5, Section One, Sixth Item:

“The limit for events to be spent by the chairperson will be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) **with board approval**. Additional fees can be obtained only with Board or general membership majority vote. Any chairperson exceeding this amount without approval will be personally responsible for the excess expenditures.”

Jim explained the change was recommended to prevent a chairperson from arbitrarily spending \$250 for frivolous expenses.

CHARITY: Amy Zaretski and Pat Cockerill reviewed the current promotion to support the SPCA of Luzerne County and the Lackawanna County Humane Society. Please note the wish list posted on the website and available at meetings. The items are not necessarily new or need to be purchased; both shelters will accept gently used collars and leashes along with used towels and blankets. Household items such as detergent and paper towels are also needed. The deadline for bringing in these much-needed donations is the May General Meeting. Keep saving those ring tabs. Joe Lazzaro submitted a donation request form for a local 10-month old with an

inoperable brain tumor. The board approved his request for a \$100 cash donation along with two baskets to be auctioned off at the March 13, 2010 fundraiser to help support the family. One basket is comprised of car care items that were purchased and the other is made up of Corvette Club items including a folding chair, coasters, glasses, hat and tee shirts. Jim and Pat Cockerill also donated a basket. The fundraiser is being held at the American Legion at 320 Lee Park Avenue Hanover Township at 6:00 p.m. Several club members expressed interest in attending. Joe announced the details but he was unsure of the cost. Pat Cockerill also asked the membership for ideas and suggestions on how to continue to replenish the \$2,000 charity fund.

**GOOD OF THE CLUB:** On behalf of Ron Gitkos, John Reese announced the Memorial Day Parade in West Pittston. Since the Pocono driving school weekend has been changed, Ron would like the Corvette Club to participate in this annual parade event. Veterans from the VA center are expected to join in the celebration of the day. Staging begins at 11:00 a.m. in Antonio's parking lot for an 11:30 step-off. Please consider joining this worthy cause.

Parliamentarian, Jim Cockerill reminded the membership that board meeting minutes are made available at the front desk at every general meeting and the members should consider reading them for interesting facts.

Club calendars are available at the front desk; please take one or two for vital information and list of upcoming events for the year.

50/50: \$64 collected; Bert Occulto won \$32.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Pat Cockerill; seconded by Jon Valentine.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Fumanti  
Secretary