

UNAPPROVED

General Membership Monthly Meeting

April 8, 2010 – VFW Dupont, PA

Tina Gittleman, President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 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. Pat Cockerill motioned to accept the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting; seconded by Bob Robinson.

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

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

Income \$xxxx

Expenses \$xxx

Balance of Scranton Times FCU \$xxxx

Total Balance \$xxxx

Charity Fund beginning balance \$xxx less \$148.09 expenses for Baby Jacob, leaving a current balance of \$xxx.

Motion to accept the financial report by Jim Mulhern; seconded by John Davenport.

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: \$25 deposit for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees event to Amy Zaretski, \$25 to the Dupont VFW, \$35.74 to Allan Reese for new member packet postage, \$xxxx.00 to Joe Lazzaro for Pocono Event, and \$151.88 to Tina Gittleman for State Farm Insurance for the van. Motion to pay the bills made by Ron Furman; seconded by Ray Burroughs.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Allan Reese - Sandra Kirby who learned about the Club through the website decided she is not interested at this time. He also called Lenny and Mary Alice Scott to remind them about the general meeting.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro remarked that the last meeting was rather lengthy and reported that Cumberland Valley, who has been trying to establish a Teen Driving School modeled after the very successful Northern Virginia program, had to suspend the event since one of the Northern Virginia instructors threatened legal action. Cumberland Valley felt the legal fees would be too cost prohibitive. In light of her actions to pursue legal action against Cumberland Valley, Northern Virginia asked the instructor for her resignation. Gary Lamberton volunteered to be CCNEPA's ambassador to the Corvette Museum and has been provided with information to get indoctrinated. NCCC packets have finally been sent out to our Club and Joe reported the delay was due to an untimely death of the person in charge; her husband assumed the responsibility and found the task a bit overwhelming. The next Governor's meeting is set for May 24 and will be a combined car show and 2009 awards event.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro indicated that the website has been updated as of April 7, 2010 and contains a flyer on the Pocono event, charity information, and Sharon Rhodes' Car of the Month. Of course, pictures are always welcome. Joe suggested everyone check out the humorous section.

CORVETTE CORNER: Joe Lazzaro recommended checking around for deals, such as a free oil filter with an oil change, for added savings. The membership shared a brief discussion on fire extinguishers and possible mounting positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

March 13, 2010 –Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade Bryan McCracken reported 8 cars participated in the event. Despite the weather forecast, there was no rain but it was cold. Bryan thought the parade was shorter that he expected.

March 27, 2010 – Club Night – Tina Gittleman reported 11 members participated. No games were played, but quite a bit of eating and BS-ing was the highlight of the evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 25, 2010 – Sunday Ride – Ron Furman 833-4635 or 677-7401 (cell) Meet at Wal Mart in Tunkhannock for a 10:00 a.m. departure for an approximate three-hour ride through Dushore, Canton, and Towanda with appropriate pit stops and a lunch break at a fine restaurant.

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. This is a BYOB event. Reservation deadline is April 27, 2010. Reminder, bring your Corvette.

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

May 15, 2010 – Saturday – Bingo with the Veterans at the Geno Merli Center following the parade Amy Zaretski. 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 for bingo at a time to be announced. The 1:00 p.m. start as reported in last month's minutes has not been confirmed by the Merli Center. 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 the site for the Sunday Concourse is still undetermined and the driving school is currently at 50% capacity.

June 6, 2010 – Sunday Ride – Jay Demerer – meet at Fox Ridge Plaza on Route 315 in Wilkes-Barre at 10:30 a.m. for a picturesque ride through Jim Thorpe, a scenic stop at Penn's Peak and lunch at Roadies.

June 12 & 13, 2010 - Weekend away – Tina Gittleman (254-6932) Bath, New York; Microtel rooms are \$62.10 for 1 queen bed, \$75.60 for two queen beds, dinner cruise is \$45.95 per person with the possibility of stopping at Corning for a \$14 per person tour.

June 19, 2010 – Fairway Motors Car Show Hazleton – Ray Burroughs. Meet in K Mart parking lot near Blackman Street in Wilkes-Barre at 10:00 a.m. The car show starts at 11:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Rain date is June 20, 2010.

June 27, 2010 – McDade Park Picnic – Barbara McCracken 12:00 noon the club will supply hot dogs and hamburgers everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. This is a state park – alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

July 10, 2010 – Alan Reese – Ice Cream Ride destination to be announced. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at Fox Ridge Plaza Wilkes-Barre.

July 30, 2010 Friday – Baseball Game Baby Yankees – Amy Zaretski \$11.50 per person NASCAR night; a NASCAR driver will be tossing out the first pitch; fireworks after the game. An all-you-can eat hot dog, hamburger, chicken item buffet will be available for an additional \$6 per person for 2 ½ hours, 20 person minimum. A possible car show before the game is being investigated. The cars would be parked in the season ticket holder's parking lot for the show as well as through the duration of the game. Cars are to arrive by 5:30 p.m.

August 1, 2010 - Joe Lazzaro – River Raft Ride; details to be announced, as the establishment is not yet open.

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 at the last meeting; one was withdrawn. Café Rinaldi on Main Street in Old Forge offered a private room with seating up to 60 with ample room for a DJ. Quoted price for a buffet featuring three entrées is \$16.99 plus tax and gratuity. Open bar is \$15 per person. The business is open 4:30 to 11:00 p.m. A \$100 deposit is necessary. Joe Lazzaro motioned to secure Café Rinaldi for Member Appreciation Night, seconded by Carol Reese, passed unopposed.

In reference to the proposed Constitution change, since the wording in the Newsletter did not exactly match the version read at the meeting, the change will be re-published in the Newsletter and voted on at the May General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Lazzaro received information on a car show being held at Wilkes University on April 27, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union Building parking lot (entrance on West South Street). Since the show was successful last year and members of the Club participated, Joe recommended it be added to the events calendar and information made available on the website.

CHARITY: Amy Zaretski reminded members that the current promotion to support the SPCA of Luzerne County and the Lackawanna County Humane Society is running through the May General Meeting and thanked everyone for their current donations. The Geno Merli Veterans Home newsletter, "The Merli Messenger" was passed around for review. Joe Lazzaro thanked the Club for their donation to the Baby Jacob Fund and reported that 10 Club members and 3 guests attended the March 13, 2010 fundraiser. Joe further announced that at his last visit to the doctor, Baby Jacob's tumor is reported to be shrinking. Sandy Fumanti reminded everyone to continue collecting ring tabs.

GOOD OF THE CLUB: Information regarding the West Pittston Memorial Day Parade is listed on the website. There's even talk of an interesting jet fly-by. Club calendars are available at the front desk; chairs, patches and hats are available for sale.

50/50: \$42 collected; Pat Cockerill won \$21 and donated her winnings to the Charity Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. on a motion by Bryan McCracken; seconded by Barbara McCracken.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Fumanti, Secretary