

APPROVED

APRIL 2012 Monthly General Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2012 – VFW Dupont, PA

Joe Lazzaro, President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the VFW in Dupont, Pennsylvania. The pledge of allegiance was recited. All officers were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Fumanti – Jon Valentine motioned to accept the March minutes as read as an accurate account of the meeting, seconded by Ron Gitkos; passed unopposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barb McCracken

Beginning Balance: \$xxx

Income: \$xx

Expenses: \$xx

M&T: \$xxx

Scranton Times Federal CU: \$xxx

Balance all accounts: \$xxxx

Bob Tuffy motioned to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Bert Occulto; passed unopposed.

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: VFW \$25; Joe Lazzaro \$148.32 for Pocono expenses, newsletters, envelopes and postage. Ron Gitkos motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Jon Valentine; passed unopposed.

DUES REPORT: Reporting suspended until August 2012.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Alan Reese called David Joyce and was expecting him to attend this evening's general meeting, but he did not.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro reported a large turnout at the last meeting. Standing rules were discussed in great length with no definitive changes. The FCOA dues increased from \$5 to \$10. There are currently 16,243 current members in the Northeast region. Any change in address information needs to be conveyed to Joe Lazzaro. The next Governor's meeting is May 19 and it will be a combination awards banquet and car show. Last year's event profited the Northeast Region approximately \$1,200.

CHARITY: Report in Pat Cockerill's absence, Barb McCracken reported ring tabs continue to be collected. Please let Barb know if you are planning to attend the bingo with the Vets event.

PROPERTY: Joe Lazzaro – everything is in order.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro – updated with current events, visit regularly. Car of the month belongs to Bert Occulto. If you'd like to see your car featured, please provide Joe with a photograph.

CORVETTE CORNER: Jon Valentine took everyone down memory lane back to his early days in the Club in 1974 when he would have to stop at a filling station on his way to the meeting to gas up his '66 big block or '65 high performance Vette, and then stop again to gas it up to be sure he could get home. Jon said there's not even a noticeable change in the gas gauge on his new Z06. He also reported the Corvettes did well in the Rolex race. Jay Demerer suggested checking out the April edition of Consumer Reports for a complimentary report on the new Z06 Corvette.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunday, March 18, 2012, Buffet at East Mountain Inn – Joe Lazzaro – 13 members and 1 guest attended brunch at the East Mountain Inn on Route 115. All but one brought out their Corvettes on an unseasonably warm March Sunday. Most of the group remained in the parking lot for continued conversations. Keep alert for another brunch date.

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Nite @ the Races – Ron Gitkos thanked the 20 members who attended the Jeffrey DePrimo Foundation event at St. Anthony's. The event was a huge success with 340 attendees.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 21, 2012 – Dinner and a Surprise – Sandy Fumanti

Meet for dinner at Leggio's in Plains at 6:00 p.m. followed by a surprise. Reservations MUST be made by Tuesday, April 17 to ensure the surprise is complete for everyone. This will be a BYOB event after dinner, with a twist – that's the surprise!

April 22, 2012 – Wilkes University Car Show – Joe Lazzaro - \$10 per car fee, registration opens at 9:00 a.m.; show runs 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union parking lot at 84 South Street. Tee shirts are distributed and the ever-popular Dyno will be available. Come early the line gets long.

April 29, 2012 – Rallye – Jim Cockerill - charity event. Registration at noon Keyser Oak Shopping Center \$20, first car off at 1:00 p.m. Poker Run. Prizes will be awarded at the finish line, Midtown Bar and Grill in Avoca.

May 6, 2012 – Sunday Ride – Jay & Paula Demerer Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sunoco, exit 206 off I-81. This 4th annual ride is 90 miles approximately 2 hours through scenic Pennsylvania and New York ending with dinner at the Candlelight Inn Uniondale, Pennsylvania.

May 19, 2012 – Armed Forces Parade – Jay Demerer contacted the National Guard and more information will be available at the next general meeting.

May 19, 2012 Bingo with the Vets Barb McCracken meet for lunch after the parade at Preno's or at the Gino Merli Center lobby at 1:30 p.m. for bingo.

Monday, May 28, 2012 – Pocono Driving Event – Joe Lazzaro – this is a track only event. Joe indicated he participated in a teleconference meeting and learned that the Mazaretti club dropped out of the event. In light of that development, negotiations resulted in Joe agreeing to pay ½ of the track fee rather than 1/3 as in past years. Joe verified that the other clubs would pay the workers and our Club would provide the insurance, for which there is no additional cost to the Club. Another teleconference meeting is scheduled for the end of April. NASCAR is test running the newly paved track the week before this event.

Monday, May 28, 2012 – Annual Memorial Day Parade West Pittston – Ron Gitkos if not attending Pocono Driving Event meet in the Antonio's parking lot between 11 and 11:15. The parade starts at 11:30 with many military and civic groups. An F18 fly-over is planned.

June 10, 2012 – Vettes for Vets – Ron Gitkos Valero filling station on Wyoming Ave West Pittston \$10 registration includes food, beverages, a fly-over, and DJ. Raffle drawings are expected. All proceeds are disbursed among local VFW posts. Ron's goal is 40 to 50 vehicles.

June 16, 2012 – Fairway Chevrolet Car Show – Ray Burroughs details to be announced.

June 24, 2012 – Sunday Ride – Bud & Sue Vinton – Meet at 11:00 a.m. in K Mart parking lot near Blackman Street in Wilkes-Barre for a trip to Bill's Old Motorcycle Barn and Memorabilia. \$6 per person admission allows roaming freely through the establishment.

July 1, 2012 AND September 16, 2012 – Drags – Joe Lazzaro joint venture with the Pocono Mountain Corvette Club at Seman's Airport in Factoryville. First heat at noon; run as often and as long as you like.

Chairpersons are needed for the Halloween event and two weekends away; see Joe for details.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe announced that he is open to suggestions for establishments to hold the summer general membership meetings. If you have someplace in mind see Joe or one of the board members.

Bert Occulto returned \$1,282 representing the deposit on the bus for the Atlantic City bus trip. He further turned over an \$11 profit to the Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Lazzaro explained the details and planning that goes into the Pocono Event and the need to spend a large sum of money to plan and secure different entities. That being said and after a discussion alerting the general membership that this event is the only significant money-making project the Club enjoys, Jon Valentine motioned to expend funds for the 2013 Pocono Event to include the contract and expenses related to the event, Sandy Fumanti seconded; general membership approved unopposed. Joe Lazzaro announced that over 100 packets have been mailed out and returns are comparable to previous years.

GOOD OF THE CLUB:

The next board meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Midtown Bar & Grill; 6:00 for dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2012 Alfredo's Café in the South Side Shopping Center at 1040 South Washington Avenue in Scranton; dinner at 6:00 followed by the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Club merchandise available for sale: Hats \$12; chairs \$20; coolers \$15; coasters \$2.50 each or 6 for \$10; blankets \$20.

50/50: \$xx collected; Dan Stroka won \$xx and immediately donated his winnings to the Charity Fund (thank you Dan) and \$xx was directed to the charity fund. John Davenport won the (reportedly) last poster.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. on a motion by Jon Valentine, seconded by Bob Tuffy.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Fumanti, Secretary