

Corvette Club of Western MA

Monthly Club Meeting March 8, 2022

Meeting called to Order – Ken @ 6:32

We had 34 members and one guest present at tonight's meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for departed

Ken then gave a eulogy for Stan Sai who passed away this winter. Ken pointed out some little known but significant contributions that Stan made to the club. He was the first to sponsor a club picnic, first to head up a Christmas party. He also spear headed the involvement of the club in the Ludlow Memorial Day Parade.

His daughter is organizing a memorial service for him on April 23rd at the Immaculate Conception Church with a luncheon at Toni and Penny's following the service. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting.

Welcome :

Ken welcomed the group to our first meeting of 2022. He mentioned that the next meeting will be on April 12. All meetings will be at the KofC and held on the second Tuesday of the month. The reason for the move from Wednesdays as in previous years is not to conflict with the Wednesday night car shows held here in the KofC parking lot.

Board Member Introductions – Ken, Richard, E J, John, Renee, Steve, Bob

All board members stood and introduced themselves. Rich upon introducing himself, gave a shout out to Sheri Anderson for compiling the photo albums on display. He mentioned that he had compiled an additional album and scrapbook. He asked for donations to the books. He also had a tablet with a flash drive of pictures that ran a slideshow prior to the meeting and during the intermission. This will be a monthly display going forward.

Renee, Steve, and Bob were not present.

New Member Introductions

ED Giza, Somers CT driving a 2015 3LT coupe

Doug and Kathy Bunnell, West Springfield driving a 1993 C4

Secretary's Report

Richard mentioned that he had the previous meeting notes available, but put forth a motion to forgo the reading of them and it was seconded.

Treasurer's Report – E J

We currently have adequate funds in the account. \$4300 total. \$2,600 of it from new member dues.

Membership Report – John

We have 74 paid members driving 83 corvettes. Counting associate members, we have 136. It was asked from the floor, how that compared to 2021 when we did not have a \$35 dues fee. John said that this was about half the 2021 number. It is a number that was expected. John also felt that as the weather warmed up, we would pick up a few of the old members.

Winter events recap – John

John mentioned that we met on February 6th for an afternoon of bowling at Shaker Bowl in E. Longmeadow and then Pizza at a nearby restaurant.

On March 5th the club met for an afternoon of pool at Frankie B's in Wilbraham and then dinner at the Route 20 restaurant.

Upcoming Events / 2022 calendar

Ken opened this portion of the meeting by giving the new members a brief review of our two major events of the year. The Balise all Corvette show at Balise dealership and the Three Charity Car Show here at the KofC. Both events donate significant dollars to charity. Both events are put on by volunteers from the club. Ken stressed the need for members to step up to the plate to help with these events. The preferred way to register for these is via PayPal.

Ken gave an overview of the April 10th cruise event to Newport Car Museum with lunch at Wright Chicken Farm.

Rich gave an overview of the day cruise on April 30th to the Stone Cow Brewery in Barre Mass with ice cream at Randall's in Ludlow on the way home.

Signup sheets for both were passed around.

Communications – Ken

After the break Ken briefly reviewed the events for the year from the events calendar (attached). He also went on to explain the CCWM website now being only available to paid members, our Facebook page which is open to anyone, the newsletter sent out to members on a monthly basis, and club meetings and meeting summaries posted on the website.

Palmer Motor track is looking to put together 3 events for the summer which will allow a participant to run their own car through the course. Glen Wiley mentioned that there would be runs consisting of two or three levels of proficiency per event. There would be a significant cost for this. He estimates \$200 – \$300 per event. More details will follow.

Ken mentioned that he has had communication with a new corvette club forming in NH. Southern NH Corvette Club. They are proposing a regional show. Ken responded that we may be interested but the summer dates are filling fast and they should come up with a date quickly. We are waiting for a response from them on this.

Ken then gave the mic to Sheri who updated us on the plans for our summer picnic on July 31st. It will be at the Moose Club this year. Signups will take place soon once details are finalized.

Ken then gave a brief overview of the events for the rest of the year. He also plugged for volunteers to lead and run an event to share the load.

Old Business - none

New business - Sheri's information on club Picnic, previously discussed.

Raffle – Sheri Anderson \$50. She purchased a hat and donated \$25 to the club.

Adjourn John Pajak made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by floor

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