



# LIV Meeting Minutes

## September 7, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thirty-One members were present (including officers).

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### President - Tony Sorrentino

The 2023 BFCU Car Show took place on July 9. There was a brief downpour during the show, but most cars stayed until the skies cleared. We had five sponsors: AutoQuip (Platinum), WheelCraft (Platinum), Elite Performance & Repair (Gold), The Fidge Factor (Gold) and Bolla Oil (Gold). We had four food vendors and six non-food vendors. One Hundred and eight cars were judged, and another nine cars paid to enter. Seventy plaques and trophies were awarded. **Mark Feldman** secured a bagel maker who furnished bagels for LIV workers before the show. Judging fees for LIV members working the show and entering their cars were waived. We used a generator to power our PA system. There are outdoor electrical outlets available at the BFCU site, but they are not located in areas which would make their use practical for us. As usual LIV members came out in force and worked hard to put the show on. Thank you to all LIV members who worked at the show. LIV members worked on Registration, Parking, Tabulation, Judging, LIV Booth/Merchandise Sales, 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales and Clean-Up.

**Joe Balabanick** was happy to report that our charity, Last hope Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation, collected just under \$2,500.00.

Leftover goodie bags and show shirts were distributed to members at the meeting. Some special thanks are in order:

**Mark and Debbie Feldman** for hosting the goodie bag stuffing and all the members who stuffed the bags, **Mark and Debbie Feldman** for cold calling vendors and sponsors, **Dave Lobel** for designing the award plaques, trophies, and dash plaques and for being the show announcer, **Alan Roscoe** for the use of his generator, **Rich and Martha Fingerhut** for dispersing equipment throughout the show field and for handling the high-pressure job of tabulation, Head Judge **Joe Balabanick** for hustling and modifying the judging classes on the fly to accommodate the show cars on the field, and **John Albora**, for dealing with vendors, permits and plaque, trophy, and dash plaque acquisition Also, Lou **Coccaro** (AutoQuip) for being a platinum sponsor, **Tony Sorrentino** for securing WheelCraft as a platinum sponsor, **Rich Fingerhut** (The Fidge Factor Website Design) for being a gold sponsor, **Phil Pernice** for securing Bolla as a gold sponsor, **Ozzie Mirza** (Elite Performance & Repair) for being a gold sponsor. We are also grateful to the LaFamiglia Cadillac club for entering thirty cars to be judged.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union Turkey Drive supporting Island Harvest will take place on Friday November 17, 2023, at BFCU in Bethpage. Members are urged to support this event as BFCU's support of our car show is essential. Members should attend with their Vettes. A member donation of \$20.00 is suggested. Checks should be made out to Island Harvest. Those unable to attend can bring their donations to the November member meeting.

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**Vice President - Tom Toner (Absent)**

**Membership Secretary - Lou Trohatos**

#### **LIV Nominations**

The process for the Board elections was explained. Board elections take place every two years. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and General Secretary. The appointed positions are Judging Chairperson (we need a backup), Coffee & Snacks (haven't had a permanent one in a while), Merchandise, and Webmaster (we could use a backup). The nomination and voting criteria, which defines who is eligible to vote and run can be found on our website under the 'Legal Jargon' tab. Nominations were made by anonymous ballot. The collected ballots will be reviewed, and nominees will be contacted before the October meeting to see if they would like to run and for what position (the election will take place at the November meeting). Nominations for appointed positions were distributed and collected as well.

**New Members (Year of Corvette)**

**Jeff Rosenking - (1968 C3)**

**Membership Total**

89

**August Member Birthdays:**

**Mark Feldman:** September 3

**George Yurcak:** September 6

**Philip Kostis:** September 8

**Christina Vitarella:** September 8

**Manny Martinez:** September 18

**Eddie Gonzalez:** September 25

**WhatsApp**

Participation remains at 31. Please contact **Lou T.** to be added to the group.

### **Best of Long Island Voting**

LIV was awarded the Best Collectable Car Club of Long Island for 2023. Many thanks to those who voted daily and helped make this happen. (Previous wins: 2015, 2016, 2021, 2022; New York AutoFest won other years; voting began in 2012). Nominations for 2024 ended August 31<sup>st</sup> and we are awaiting the voting period, which begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trademark**

We received notice on February 1, 2023, that our trademark renewal filing on July 18, 2022, for "LONG ISLAND VETTES" has been accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

### **General Secretary - John Albora**

If any club members have any ideas for Club Events or Tech Sessions they would like to chair please contact a board member.

The LIV Annual Membership Picnic was held on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of members **Ed and Lisa Klobus** in Syosset. Once again, our gracious hosts opened their home to our club. Thirty-five members and guests had a very enjoyable afternoon/evening in their fabulous backyard.

### **Treasurer/Webmaster - Rich Fingerhut**

At the March meeting the board began giving all paid-up members a free club T-shirt, which is different from those for sale. Members can pick them up in person at our monthly meetings. To receive a shirt, we must have your shirt size - please enter it on the meeting sign-in sheet (previously entered sizes are noted). Those members whose sizes we lack have been (repeatedly) emailed with a Google Forms Survey asking for their size. We are still missing sizes for 6 of 89 members.

Corvettes at Carlisle 2023 took place August 24-26. Seventeen LIV members attended. LIV retained the same six parking spaces. LIV shares the location with NCRS Metro Long Island. Thank you to **Doug Brooks** for his efforts in the club's presence at Carlisle. We have secured the same six vendor spots for 2024.

Opening Balance \$9,315.94

Closing Balance \$8,416.56

See "Statement of Financial Activity" below.

LIV pins (\$2.00), key chains (\$3.00) and caps (\$22.00) as well as our other apparel are available in the merchandise section of the LIV website and can be picked up at the monthly membership meeting.

If you are an Optimum customer and are having trouble receiving club emails, please see the link on the homepage of our website.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

LIV and Sunrise Senior Living are hosting a Coffee and Car Show on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1555 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., East Meadow, NY. Doreen and Danielle (**Nick Fucci's** daughter) spoke about this event at the meeting. The show will be from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Coffee, donuts, muffins, and refreshments will be served. There will also be a raffle. Let's make a good showing for the seniors and at the same time support Danielle at her place of employment. Flyers were available at the meeting and are also on the club website.

**Lou Coccaro** noted that the John Theissen Children's Foundation has relocated to 1492 Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh. This is a little north of his previous location. We will be supporting his cause again this year in early December.

**Lou Coccaro** noted that the NCRS Metro Long Island Chapter will be holding their Fall Judging School and Meet on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at JTM Motorsports in Deer Park.

**Lou Coccaro** also noted their Annual Charity Cruise to Duck Walk Vineyards in Water Mill will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup>. LIV members are invited to caravan to this event with the NCRS Chapter. The flyer can be found on the LIV website [www.longislandvettes.org](http://www.longislandvettes.org)

**Mark Tulley** noted that Dream Car Restorations has relocated to 45 S Service Road, Unit 100 in Plainview. NCRS is looking into holding a dual (NCRS/LIV) Tech Session there.

**Gary Mehr** is looking into another bowling event. A fall or winter date is planned.

**Mitch Kantor** is looking into a fall or winter event at RPM Raceway in Farmingdale.

At a previous meeting **Sean McSweeney** proposed a photo shoot for LIV member cars. We are considering holding the shoot at the Airpower Museum in Farmingdale. A \$20 fee would be charged to members which would include access to the museum. **Sean** will speak with his contact at the museum and present us with dates.

At the November 2022 meeting **Mike Comparetto** asked if the club will be having another road rally in 2023. **Rich** and **Martha Fingerhut** worked hard in planning, running (with **Lou T.**) and scoring the 2022 rally which was a big success. It would be nice if other members would step up and assume that role so that **Rich** and **Martha** could compete in the rally themselves. No one has offered to organize and run this event so it will not happen this year. We will revisit this event in the spring.

**Mark Feldman** has generously offered the use of his home lift for those members wishing to perform their own oil changes. Mark lives in Oceanside.

Congratulations to LIV member **Mark Tulley** who became the NCRS National President in January. Long Island Vettes now has the NCRS National President and NCRS Metro Long Island Chapter Chairman (**Lou Cocco**) as members.

Members **Randy Stever** and **Joe Morabito** have located a woman in upstate New York who will embroider the LIV logo on garments at a reasonable price. T-shirts and jackets can be found on the website: [www.alphabroder.com](http://www.alphabroder.com)  
A member can pick a T-shirt or jacket off the website, fill out an order form and send a check to the address on the order form. The check should include the price of the garment plus the embroidery fee. A T-shirt will have an embroidered logo on the chest for an additional \$10.00 A jacket will have a small embroidered logo on the chest and a large embroidered logo on the back for an additional \$30.00 The club covered the one time set-up fee of \$65.00 **Joe Morabito** and **Mark Feldman** have both purchased and received jackets which they wore to the meeting. The embroidery of the club logo is exceptional. Order forms were available at the meeting and a downloadable order form is available on the merchandise page of the LIV website.

#### **Upcoming Car Shows/Cruises/Rallies/Toy Drives:**

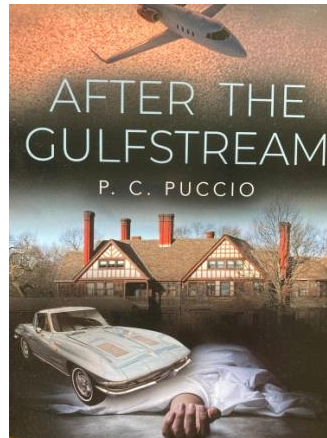
9/10 - Kiwanis 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, Tanner Park, Copiague, NY  
9/16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Concours d'Elegance, Tanner Park, Copiague, NY  
9/16 - Car show benefitting St. Judes Childrens Hospital, Main St., Cutchogue, NY  
9/16 - Car show Benefitting St. Elizabeths Ann Seton, 800 Portion Rd., Ronkonkoma, NY  
9/17 - Mattituck FD 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, Veterans Park, Mattituck, NY  
9/17 - Car show at Dix Hills Fire Department, 115 E Deer Park Rd., Dix Hills, NY  
9/17 - Car show by Fungawee Car Club at WestHampton Beach Brewery  
9/24 - Car show sponsoring a Guide Dog for the Blind @ Town Hall, Farmingville, NY  
9/24 - Italian Feast & Car show w/Super Cruisers Club @ Antoni Ravioli, Massapequa, NY  
9/24 - TOBAY Beach Car Show, TOBAY Beach, Massapequa, NY  
10/1 - Town of Hempstead Car Show, Point Lookout, NY  
Tuesdays - Oyster Bay Cruise Nights, 5/30/23 - 9/19/23 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay, NY  
Thursdays - Crusin' Thursdays at the Milleridge Inn 8/10, 8/24, 9/7, 9/21 - 4-8:30pm \$10.00

**Pete Puccio's** novel, his third, is available.

The book is titled "**AFTER THE GULFSTREAM**". Long Island Vettes is mentioned in the narrative of the book, as the main character, a major crimes detective, joins the club in his search for a '63 Split Window. The '63 Corvette is part of a continuing theme and is an integral part of the book. Check out the book cover. **Pete** stated the book is a crime drama, where the detective assigned to the case discovers the murder victim owns a '63 Split Window. Books can be purchased at **BookLocker.com**. Use the Promo Code **Save20** for a 20% discount.

Also check out the 60 second trailer on YouTube, it's pretty cool.

[https://youtu.be/q\\_lo1lFlxuc](https://youtu.be/q_lo1lFlxuc)



**Ozzie Mirza**, Longtime Shop Foreman and Corvette Expert at Empire Chevrolet (formerly Robert Chevrolet in Hicksville) has left the dealership. He is now servicing Corvettes full time at his shop: Elite Performance & Repair (formerly 786 Autocare) at 139 New York Avenue in Huntington. His partner at Elite is Sammy R., and another part-time (two days a week) technician that he trusts. The shop number at Elite is 631-470-6346. Ozzie's cell phone number is 516-458-4498. He is also looking for a larger location. He will also match TireRack prices and has a subcontractor for mobile mounting and balancing that can come to your home. Ozzie has signed up with King O'Rourke Cadillac in Smithtown to do factory warranty work on C8 Corvettes. He does extended warranty work at his Huntington location. Ozzie offers discounts to LIV members.



Thank you to **Phil Kostis** for bringing the coffee and donuts to the meeting. **Dr. Martha Baker-Fingerhut** sold tickets for the 50/50 Raffle. New member **Jeff Rosenking** drew the winning ticket. **Rick Canavor** won the \$72.00 prize and \$73.00 went to the club.

The meeting broke up at approximately 8:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on October 5, 2023, in the Bethpage Public Library downstairs meeting room. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

10:03 PM

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Accrual Basis

**Long Island Vettes, Ltd.**  
**Statement of Financial Activity**  
**August 2023**

	No item	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>		
50/50	70.00	70.00
Dues renewal	200.00	200.00
new_member_dues	40.00	40.00
picnic_2023_INCOME		
picnic registration	560.00	560.00
<b>Total picnic_2023_INCOME</b>	<b>560.00</b>	<b>560.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>870.00</b>	<b>870.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Carlisle Vendor Spots	567.00	567.00
domain renewal	18.00	18.00
PICNIC_2023_EXPENSE		
picnic-2023_drinks	72.34	72.34
Picnic_2023_dessert	32.47	32.47
picnic_2023_food	455.94	455.94
<b>Total PICNIC_2023_EXPENSE</b>	<b>560.75</b>	<b>560.75</b>
picnic_refund	40.00	40.00
PO Box Renewal	216.00	216.00
reimbursement	235.64	235.64
safeguard_self_storage	116.00	116.00
Zoom monthly payment	15.99	15.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,769.38</b>	<b>1,769.38</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-899.38</b>	<b>-899.38</b>