



LIV Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Twenty-eight members were present (including officers).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President - Tony Sorrentino

BFCU has been contacted and the possibility of a 2023 car show at their Bethpage property seems promising. The membership will be informed as talks continue and progress is made. A meeting between LIV and BFCU is scheduled for March 9, 2023. If we move forward with the show, we will look for members to be involved with the planning of the show and procurement of permits. We will need members to work on committees for Registration, Parking, Tabulation, Judging, LIV Booth/Merchandise Sales, 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales and Clean-Up. A preliminary sign-up sheet was passed around and twenty-six members signed-up to help. Thank you all.

Vice President - Tom Toner (absent)

General Secretary - John Albora

The AutoMat Tech Session was held on Saturday, February 11, 2023. This tech session was presented by LIV and the Metro LI Chapter of NCRS. Our host Tim Browner was very accommodating and gave us an extensive look at his operation. Twenty members from each club attended (a total of 40).



A Tech Session is scheduled for Saturday, March, 25, 2023 at Chris Tucci's Corvettes & Customs at 217 Cortland Street, Lindenhurst. This tech session will be presented by LIV and the Metro LI Chapter of NCRS. A sign-up sheet and flyer were available at the meeting and a flyer is posted on the LIV website. Please preregister as we need a headcount for our host.

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

If any members have any connections for a car show venue, please contact a board member.

Member **Sean McSweeney** has presented documentation from the West Babylon School District which reflects their desire to host a car show this year. Although we cannot commit to this show at this time, we may explore this venue should the BFCU show not materialize.

Membership Secretary - Lou Trohatos

New Members

None

Membership Total

86

Meeting Guests

None

March Member Birthdays:

Pete Puccio: March 4

Michael P. Marino: March 17

Michael Blanc: March 18

Howie Kramer: March 24

Greg Lotko: March 26

Norman D'Amico: March 28

Lou Cicio: March 29

Steven Albanese: March 31

Gary Mehr was asked to investigate holding another club Bowling Event this year.

WhatsApp

Participation is at 29. Please contact **Lou T.** to be added to the group.

Best of Long Island Voting

LIV has been awarded Best Collectable Car Club of Long Island for 2023 (three-peat!). 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 have begun for 2024.

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).

Treasurer - Rich Fingerhut

For 2023, 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 13 of 86 members.

Front



Back



LIV will retain the same six parking spaces for Corvettes at Carlisle 2023. Thank you to **Doug Brooks** for his efforts in the club's presence at Carlisle.

Opening Balance \$5,041.08

Closing Balance \$3,710.03

See “Statement of Financial Activity” below.

LIV pins (\$2), key chains (\$3) and caps (\$22) are available in the merchandise section of the LIV website and can be picked up at the monthly membership meetings.

Tom Sugar finally pulled his
bought a hat!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



wallet out of his pocket and

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

Upcoming Events:

OBI Cars and Coffee

Sunday March 5th @ 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Oak Beach Parking Lot, 1 The Fairway, Babylon, NY 11702

<https://carsandcoffeeevents.com/event/obi-cars-and-coffee/2023-03-05/>

Congratulations to LIV member **Mark Tulley** who became the NCRS National President in January. Long Island Vettes now has the NCRS National President, NCRS Metro Long Island Chapter Chairman (**Lou Coccato**) and 1953-1955 National Judging Team Leader (**Greg Picconi**) as members.

Dual LIV/NCRS member **Lou Coccato** mentioned a car show is in the works at the Veterans Home in Stony Brook. This will not be a judged show. A May or June date is anticipated.

Lou also mentioned that the NCRS Spring Chapter Meet will be May 21, 2023, at JTM Motorsports in Deer Park. The date and location of the Spring Judging School is yet to be determined.

Mark Tulley and **Lou Coccato** recently attended the NCRS Winter Regional in Lakeland Florida and informed the membership of their experience there.

Mark Tulley also recently attended the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona. Mark is a veteran of many car auctions and considers Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale to be the best. He discussed the winning auction prices for several Corvettes at the auction. He said it while it appears that the winning bids for some cars may have slowed down Corvettes, as well as many other cars are still bringing in big numbers.

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

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. **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.

The Drive for Dana Car Show/Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2023, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at 4000 Middle Country Road (Miller's Ale House) in Lake Grove. Dana Ryan suffered a near fatal brain injury on July 9, 2018. All proceeds from the show go towards Dana's therapy. It would be nice if the LIV membership would have a good showing at this show. A \$25 donation includes driver's lunch.



Long Islander and Corvette Magazine Technical and Motorsports Editor, Richard Prince, has come out with a new book to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Corvette. We are hoping to schedule an event, possibly with NCRS, to host Mr. Prince for a book signing/discussion.

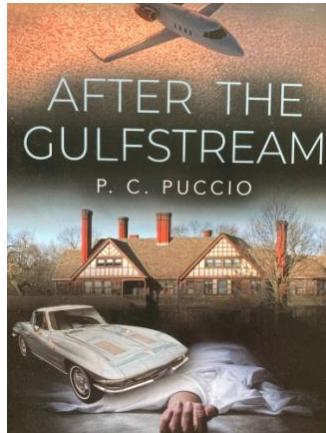
At the November meeting **Mike Comparetto** asked if the club will be having another road rally in 2023. **Rich** and **Martha Fingerhut** worked hard in planning, running (with **Lou T.**) and scoring the 2022 rally which was a big success. It would be nice if other members would step up and assume that role so that **Rich** and **Martha** could compete in the rally themselves.

Pete Puccio's new 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



Ozzie Mirza, Shop Foreman and Corvette Expert at Empire Chevrolet (formerly Robert Chevrolet in Hicksville) was a guest speaker at our December meeting again. He is now servicing Corvettes at his shop: 786 AutoCare at 139 New York Avenue in Huntington. He will work weekdays at Empire Chevrolet and evenings and Saturdays at 786 AutoCare. His partner at 786 AutoCare is Sammy R. The shop number at 786 AutoCare is 631-470-6346. Ozzie's cell phone number is 516-458-4498. Ozzie left flyers which offer discounts to LIV members.



Thank you to **Mike Razzano**, the previous months 50/50 winner for bringing the coffee and donuts to the meeting.

Lou Coccaro sold tickets for the **50/50 Raffle**. \$150.00 was collected.
Member Rick Canavor drew the winning ticket.
Ben Russo won the \$75.00 prize while \$75.00 went to the Treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on April 6, 2023 at the Bethpage Public Library basement meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

Long Island Vettes, Ltd.
Statement of Financial Activity
February 2023

	No item	TOTAL
Income		
50/50	80.00	80.00
Dues renewal	160.00	160.00
merchandise sold	47.00	47.00
Total Income	287.00	287.00
Expense		
domain renewal	18.00	18.00
Merchandise Purchased		
Membership T-shirts	1,303.26	1,303.26
Merchandise Purchased - Other	65.00	65.00
Total Merchandise Purchased	1,368.26	1,368.26
reimbursement	100.10	100.10
safeguard_self_storage	116.00	116.00
Zoom monthly payment	14.99	14.99
Total Expense	1,617.35	1,617.35
Net Income	-1,330.35	-1,330.35