



# LIV Meeting Minutes

## July 6, 2023

This meeting was held in the BFCU parking lot to finalize plans for our upcoming show.

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Forty members were present (including officers).

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

**President - Tony Sorrentino**

**Vice President - Tom Toner**

The planning for the July 9, 2023, BFCU Car Show is in the final stages. We have secured a permit from the Nassau County Dept. of Health. (Individual food vendors will also have to have their own permits). We have five paid-up sponsors: AutoQuip (Platinum), WheelCraft (Platinum), Elite Performance & Repair (Gold), The Fridge Factor Website Design (Gold) and Bolla Oil (Gold). Mark Feldman has been cold calling potential vendors. Mark has secured a bagel maker who will furnish bagels for LIV workers before the show. We have nine paid-up vendors, four of which are food vendors. Judging fees for LIV members working the show and entering their cars will be waived.

Dave Lobel has designed award plaques, trophies, and dash plaques for the show. We are not renting the Town of Oyster Bay Showmobile this year. We will therefore require a small generator to power our PA system, preferably a Honda. Any members willing to donate the use of their generator for the show, please contact a board member. Thank you to Nick Fucci, Alan Roscoe and Sean McSweeney who have all generously offered the use of their generators. There are outdoor electrical outlets available at the BFCE site, but they are not located in areas which would make their use practical for us. 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 sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.

A big thank you to Mark and Debbie Feldman for hosting the goodie bag stuffing and to Mark, Sal Gionta, Mike Marino, Phil Pernice, Alan Roscoe, Tony Sorrentino, Lou Trohatos and John Albora for stuffing the bags.

At this meeting we split up into committee groups to review show day procedures.

**Membership Secretary - Lou Trohatos**

New Members (Year of Corvette)

Rob Rosen - (1985 C4) - his first Corvette, a red 4-speed with 41,000 miles.

**Meeting Guests (Year of Corvette)**

Brian Harvey - (2003 Anniversary Edition Automatic C5) a new Vette owner, retired fireman.

He lives in Smithtown and intends to work at the show.

**Membership Total**

88

**July Member Birthdays:**

Lou Coccato: July 5

Lisa Klobus: July 5

Sal Gionta: July 6

Vincent DiTommaso: July 8

Lyle Magaril: July 8

Frazer Bharucha: July 10

Sean McSweeney: July 18

Joseph Opatovsky: July 20

Peter A. Lambert: July 22

Edward Olsson: July 30

James M. Marino: July 31

**WhatsApp**

Participation is at 31. 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, and 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).

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Breakfast at Gatsby on the Ocean was held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. It was an enjoyable morning held at a beautiful venue. Thirty-five members/spouses/girlfriends were registered and almost all attended. Due to the weather, the event was held indoors, and no one brought their Vettes. Thanks again to Phil Kostis for arranging this event.

The Drive for Dana Car Show/Fundraiser took place on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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 as well as a couple of other children. Members Joe and Deborah Cook, Rich and Martha Fingerhut, Dave Lobel, Lyle Magaril, Tom Toner, and John Albora attended with their Corvettes. Members Phil Kostis and Lou Trohatos attended with their daily drivers. Deceased member Joe Fabio's wife Sue attended with Joe's Corvette.

The LICOA/NCRS "Car Display for the Veterans" was held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at the Town of Brookhaven offices in Farmingville. Members Dan DeRoss, Rich Fingerhut, Tom Toner, Mark Tulley and John Albora attended with their Corvettes.

Automat's 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car Show was held on Saturday, June 19 at their facility in Hicksville. Nine members brought their cars and three members attended without their cars. Trophies were awarded mostly to Automat customers.

### **Treasurer/Webmaster/Merchandise Chair - 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 7 of 88 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 \$6,434.52

Closing Balance \$6,840.81

See "Statement of Financial Activity" below.

LIV pins (\$2.00), key chains (\$3.00) and caps (\$22.00) 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**

Gary Mehr is looking into another bowling event. A late summer or fall date is planned.

A show of hands at a previous meeting indicated there is interest in attending a Ducks game as a club.

At a previous meeting Sean McSweeney proposed a photo shoot for LIV member cars. We will target a fall date for the shoot. Ideas for a site are welcome.

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.

Nick Fucci is recovering from his second back surgery which was on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark Feldman recently had a bad nosebleed and fell on his head that same evening. He had a short hospital stay to evaluate the cause of the bleeding and to stitch his head. He is doing well and attended this meeting.

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 Chairperson (Lou Coccaro) and 1953-1955 National Judging Team Leader (Greg Picconi) 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/Rallys/Toy Drives:

<b>JULY</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>SATURDAY Hot Rods for Heroes Car Show Fundraiser</b> by Beyond the Badge, Seaford • 516-501-2583   Rain: 7/15
<b>8-9</b>	<b>SAT &amp; SUN Antique Truck Show</b> American Truck Hist Society, 5951 Sound Ave, Riverhead • 631-339-3065
<b>9</b>	<b>SUNDAY Charity Car Show by LI Vettes</b> Last Hope Animal Shelter, Bethpage • 516-216-0217   Rain: 7/16
<b>9</b>	<b>SUNDAY Fabulous 50s &amp; 60s Nostalgic Car Club</b> for Masons & Shriners, Medford • 631-402-2798   Rain: 7/16
<b>9</b>	<b>SUNDAY Mustangs at the Museum</b> MSCLI at the Vanderbilt Museum, Centerport • 631-371-1432
<b>16</b>	<b>SUNDAY Car Show - Bellmore</b> Bellmore Presbyterian Church, 2740 Martin Ave • 516-790-2475   Rain: 7/23
<b>16</b>	<b>SUNDAY Car Show - Manorville</b> by Impressive Aggressive Club for Animal Rescue • 631-902-1522
<b>16</b>	<b>SUNDAY Car Show - Bay Shore</b> Sagtikos Manor • <a href="http://www.sagtikosmanor.org">www.sagtikosmanor.org</a>
<b>16</b>	<b>SUNDAY Fungawee Car Club Car Show / Vendors</b> West Hampton Brewery, West Hampton Beach • 631-873-6068
<b>22-23</b>	<b>SAT &amp; SUN Car Show and Sock Hop - Manorville</b> By Rescue Vixens & Fabulous 50's 60's • 631-402-2798   Rain: 7/29 & 7/30

### **AUGUST**

Tuesdays - Oyster Bay Cruise Nights, May 30, 2023 - September 5, 2023, Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay, NY

Thursdays - Crusin' Thursdays at the Milleridge Inn - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

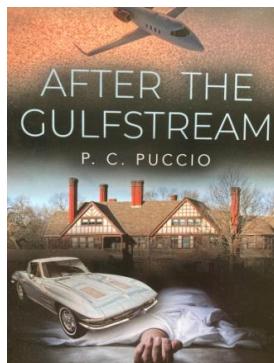
At the November meeting Mike Comparetto asked if the club will be having another road rally in 2023. Rich and Martha Fingerhut worked hard in planning, running (with Lou T.) and scoring the 2022 rally which was a big success. It would be nice if other members would step up and assume that role so that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

Pete Puccio's 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 Peter Lambert, our previous 50/50 winner for bringing the donuts to the meeting. There was no 50/50 Raffle. The meeting broke up at approximately 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on August 3, 2023, in the Bethpage Public Library Auditorium. Refreshments will be served in the lobby prior to the meeting.

7:09 AM

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Accrual Basis

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

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	No item	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>		
<b>50/50</b>	70.00	70.00
<b>BFCU Show_Income</b>		
<b>BFCU_platinum_sponsors</b>	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>BFCU_Preregistrations</b>	508.40	508.40
<b>BFCU_sponsors</b>	100.00	100.00
<b>Total BFCU Show_Income</b>	1,608.40	1,608.40
<b>Corvettes at Carlisle spot</b>	315.00	315.00
<b>Dues renewal</b>	360.00	360.00
<b>merchandise sold</b>	70.00	70.00
<b>new_member_dues</b>	40.00	40.00
<b>registration_Gatsby_2023</b>	388.00	388.00
<b>Zoom Class Action Settlement</b>	32.32	32.32
<b>Total Income</b>	2,883.72	2,883.72
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>BFCU Show_ Expense</b>		
<b>BFCU_Show_Last_hope_transfer</b>	175.00	175.00
<b>BFCU_show_printing_paperwork</b>	74.80	74.80
<b>BFCU_supplies_misc</b>	12.81	12.81
<b>BFCU_Tee_Shirts</b>	1,390.40	1,390.40
<b>Total BFCU Show_ Expense</b>	1,653.01	1,653.01
<b>Breakfast at Gatsby - gratuity</b>	135.00	135.00
<b>domain renewal</b>	18.00	18.00
<b>final_Breakfast at Gatsby</b>	470.28	470.28
<b>reimbursement</b>	69.15	69.15
<b>safeguard_self_storage</b>	116.00	116.00
<b>Zoom monthly payment</b>	15.99	15.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	2,477.43	2,477.43
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>406.29</b>	<b>406.29</b>