



# LIV Meeting Minutes

## October 5, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thirty members were present (including officers).

Guest speaker and member **James Marino** began the meeting with a nice presentation of his Wealth Management Company. He answered several member questions and left business cards.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

#### **President – Tony Sorrentino (Absent)**

Tony was taken to the hospital today by ambulance. The club wishes him a speedy recovery.

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 appreciation to BFCU's support of our car show. Members should attend with their Corvettes. 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.

#### **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 at the September meeting. The collected ballots were reviewed, and nominees were contacted before the October meeting to see if they'd 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.

## **Elected Positions – Candidates**

President – **John Albora**

Vice President – **David Lobel, Phil Pernice**

Treasurer – **Pete Puccio**

Membership Secretary – **Louis Trohatos, Brian Larsen**

General Secretary – **Martha Baker-Fingerhut**

Members that are eligible and want to vote, but cannot attend the November meeting, can vote by absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots must be made via email and must be received by October 15, 2023, after which absentee ballots with instructions will be mailed to them via USPS. Completed ballots must be received no later than October 31, 2023.

## **Appointed Positions**

Judging Chairperson – **Joe Balbanick** (Backup - **Mark Feldman**)

Webmaster – **Rich Fingerhut** (Backup – **Brian Larsen**)

Event Chairperson – **Sean McSweeney**

Beer Man – **Gary Mehr**

Note that we still need a Merchandise Chairperson. If interested, please contact **Lou T.** for more information (as Lou explained at the meeting, it is not as onerous as it sounds – e.g., you will not need to carry around merchandise for sale to bring to every meeting and event). And we can always use additional backups!

## **New Members** (Year of Corvette)

**Joe Casella** – (1984 C4)

## **Membership Total**

90

## **October Member Birthdays:**

**Robert Messina**: October 1

**Thomas Cipriano**: October 10

**Dan DeRoss**: October 17

**Anthony Sorrentino**: October 31

## **WhatsApp**

Participation remains at 32. 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 (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 the voting period began on October 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through December 15<sup>th</sup>. The direct link to vote for LIV can be found in the email Lou T. sent a few days ago as well as on the home page of our website. Please vote daily!

**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.

**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 lacking sizes for 6 of 90 members. We attempted to continue giving out member T-shirts at this meeting but only 1 of 39 of the remaining members were present.

Opening Balance \$8,416.56

Closing Balance \$7,910.40

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****THIS EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE WEATHER FORECAST.**

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 September 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 us 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.

A Holiday breakfast or brunch at Desmond's at East Wind in Wading River was discussed. Members seemed open to this.

At the September meeting **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** 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. A \$20.00 per car donation to the Long Island Veterans home is suggested. Members should bring their own food and purchase wine. A flyer was available at this meeting.

**Mark Tolley** noted at the September meeting 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. A show of hands showed interest in this event.

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 \$20.00 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 possible dates. No progress has been made.

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.

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 Tolley** who became the NCRS National President in January. Long Island Vettes now has the NCRS National President and the NCRS Metro Long Island Chapter Chairman (**Lou Coccaro**) 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:**

10/8 – LI Street Rod Assn. Car Show/Swap Meet, Suffolk Comm. College, Brentwood, NY

10/14 – Cars and Coffee at Sunrise Senior Living (see above), East Meadow, NY

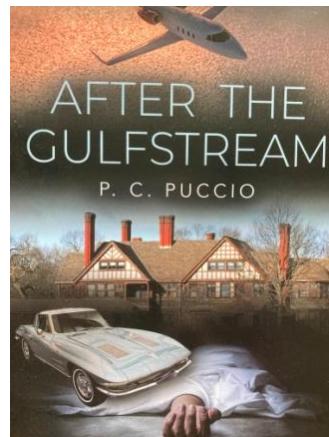
10/15 - LI Metro Packards All Car Show, Tanner Park, Copague, NY

**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 Coupe. 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 Coupe. 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\\_lo1lFIxuc](https://youtu.be/q_lo1lFIxuc)



**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 **Rick Canavor** 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. **Phil Kostis** won the \$60.00 prize and \$60.00 went to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on November 2, 2023, in the Bethpage Public Library Basement. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

10:18 AM

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Accrual Basis

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

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	No item	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>		
50/50	73.00	73.00
check lost in mail and void	20.00	20.00
merchandise sold	15.00	15.00
new_member_dues	40.00	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>148.00</b>	<b>148.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
reimbursement	522.10	522.10
safeguard_self_storage	116.00	116.00
Zoom monthly payment	15.99	15.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>654.09</b>	<b>654.09</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>-506.09</u></b>	<b><u>-506.09</u></b>