



LIV Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:48 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Twenty-Seven members were present (including officers).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Tony Sorrentino

The planning for the 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 presently have four paid-up sponsors: AutoQuip (Platinum), Elite Performance & Repair (Gold), The Fridge Factor (Gold) and Bolla Market (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 presently have six paid-up vendors. Judging fees for LIV members working the show and entering their cars will be waived.

Members are urged to contact potential vendors and sponsors.

Downloadable vendor applications, sponsor applications and a sponsor opportunities description sheet are available on our website's home page. (In the red box)

Dave Lobel has designed award plaques 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 located near South Oyster Bay Road which does not 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.

Vice President – Tom Toner (Out on sick leave)

Membership Secretary – Lou Trohatos**New Members (Year of Corvette)**

Roy Brinker – (1976 C3) Former member from early in the club's history.

John DeMartino – (1996 C4)

Johnny Marconi – (1980 C3)

Meeting Guests (Year of Corvette)

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

Jeff Rosenking – (1968 International Blue C3 Convertible) He has owned it for 40 years.

Both were given membership applications.

Membership Total

89

June Member Birthdays:

Craig Brooks: June 5

Ben Russo: June 5

Andrew Athanas: June 11

Teri Clow: June 13

John Fausto: June 19

Margaret VanGulden: June 25

Michael Steele: June 26

Cheryl Trohatos: June 26

Rich Fingerhut: June 27

Dave Lobel: June 27

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, 2022. New York AutoFest won in 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.

Phil Kostis has arranged another Gatsby on the Ocean breakfast buffet. This is a genuinely nice venue and there is ample safe parking for Corvettes. It is scheduled for Saturday June 24th. A flyer and registration form were available at the meeting and are also on our website.

Members **Joe** and **Deborah Cook**, **Mitch Kantor**, **Dave Lobel**, **Stefano Marino**, **Tom** and **Helen Scannapieco** and **John Albora** and Marie Alberto drove in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Memorial Day parade with their Corvettes. Thank you all for participating.



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. (Additional shirts were distributed at this meeting). 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 9 of 89 members.



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 \$4,171.91

Closing Balance \$6,434.52

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 indicated there is interest in attending a Ducks game as a club.

Sean McSweeney has 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 do their own oil changes. Mark lives in Oceanside.

Nick Fucci is recovering from his second back surgery which was on March 20th.

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 now resting at home.

Congratulations to LIV member **Mark Tolley** who became the NCRS National President in January. Long Island Vettes now has the NCRS National President, NCRS Metro Long Island Chapter Chairman (**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

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:

June 3 – LICOA Show at the Elks Club, New Hyde Park, NY

June 4 – Drive for Dana (see below)

June 4 – 57th Annual GNYR Car Show at Wesbury Gardens, Westbury, NY

June 11 – LICOA/NCRS All Cars Display for the Northport VA Hospital, Farmingville, NY

June 17 – 67th Anniversary Automat Open House and Car Show, Hicksville, NY

June 25 – Morgan Park Car Show by Gold Coast Cruisers, Glen Cove, NY

Tuesdays – Oyster Bay Cruise Nights, Thursdays 5/30/23 - 9/5/23 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay, NY

Thursdays – Crusin’ Thursdays at the Milleridge Inn (6/8/23 - 8/17/23), Jericho, NY 3:00 PM - ?

The Drive for Dana Car Show/Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 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 \$25.00 donation includes the driver's lunch.



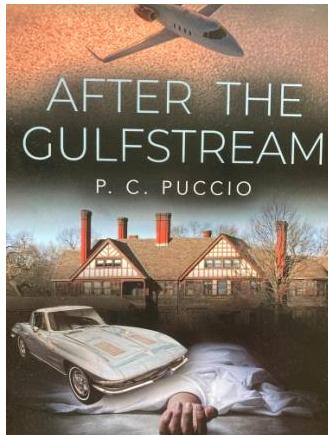
At the November meeting **Mike Comparetto** asked if the club will be having another road rally in 2023. **Rich** and **Martha Fingerhut** worked hard in planning, running (with **Lou T.**) and scoring the 2022 rally which was a big success. It would be nice if other members would step up and assume 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 sixty second trailer on YouTube, it's pretty cool.

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 **Joe** and **Deborah Cook**, our previous 50/50 winner for bringing the coffee and donuts to the meeting.

Dr. Martha Baker-Fingerhut sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Rob Rosen picked the winning ticket. \$140.00 was collected.

Peter Lambert won the \$70.00 prize and \$70.00 went to the treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on July 6, 2023, in the Bethpage Federal Credit Union parking lot. Refreshments will be served.

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

| | No item | TOTAL |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Income | | |
| 50/50 | 80.00 | 80.00 |
| BFCU Show_Income | | |
| BFCU_gold_sponsors | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| BFCU_Preregistrations | 99.40 | 99.40 |
| BFCU_Vendors | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Total BFCU Show_Income | 1,274.40 | 1,274.40 |
| Corvettes at Carlisle spot | 315.00 | 315.00 |
| Dues renewal | 440.00 | 440.00 |
| new_member_dues | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| registration_Gatsby_2023 | 414.00 | 414.00 |
| Total Income | 2,643.40 | 2,643.40 |
| Expense | | |
| BFCU Show_Expense | | |
| BFCU_flyers | 61.94 | 61.94 |
| Total BFCU Show_Expense | 61.94 | 61.94 |
| deposit-Breakfast at Gatsby reimbursement | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| safeguard_self_storage supplies | 70.58 | 70.58 |
| Zoom monthly payment | 116.00 | 116.00 |
| | 16.28 | 16.28 |
| | 15.99 | 15.99 |
| Total Expense | 380.79 | 380.79 |
| Net Income | <u>2,262.61</u> | <u>2,262.61</u> |