



# LIV Meeting Minutes

## August 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President John Albora, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. John thanked Pete P. for bringing the coffee and John had brought the cake and cookies. We welcomed two new members: Gene Rorhle who is retired and has a red Corvette, and Anthony Cherco who has a grey 2021 Corvette.

### Future Events

#### **Empire Muscle Cars Car Show**

On Sunday, August 10, 2025, Empire Muscle Cars will be attending the car show at Cohen Medical Center to raise funds for Pediatric Medical Research. They will be attending as a large group in support of the research and have invited us to support the show with them. Empire Muscle Cars brought about 20 cars to our show at FourLeaf Federal Credit Union in July. We can preregister and caravan with them to the show, meeting at Bagel Boss on Union Turnpike at 8:00 AM.

#### **Island Harvest Farm**

On Friday, August 15, 2025, we will be volunteering with Island Harvest at their farm in Brentwood from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM doing weeding and harvesting. The farm is about two acres and is on the premises of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We would like to have about ten people to help.

#### **Corvettes at Carlisle**

August 21-August 23 mark the dates of the annual meet in Carlisle, Penn. It is 3 days of nothing but Corvettes. The NCRS-Metro LI Chapter is caravanning there on Wednesday, August 20, leaving at 5:00 AM. Pete P. and John A. will be leaving from Nassau County on Thursday at about 5:00 AM. If you are interested in joining either caravan, please get in touch with either group for the details.

#### **Car Show at Mark Tully's church**

On Saturday September 20, Mark Tully's church in Carle Place is having a car show to benefit the church. Please see him for details.

#### **Annual LIV Picnic – This year at the Feldman's**

Our annual club picnic will be held at Mark and Debbie Feldman's home on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM, with a rain date of September 28<sup>th</sup>, for club members and their spouses/significant others. The pool and hot tub will be open for anyone interested. The club will provide food and beverages. The price is \$10.00 per person. The flyer will be on the website and preregistration and payment is a must!

### **Sunday Brunch at the Windemere in Mattituck**

On Sunday, September 21, the club will be holding a buffet brunch at the Windemere in Mattituck on the water. Phil Kostis is finalizing the details, and the flyer will be on the website soon. The cost is \$29.00 per person, and preregistration is a must!

### **Tech Session at Chris Tucci's Corvettes and Customs with NCRS**

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, we will be holding a Tech Session, with NCRS, at Chris Tucci's restoration shop from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Chris's shop is in Lindenhurst. Refreshments, pizza and beverages will be provided. The flyer is on the website. While there is no cost to members, you must text John A. to let him know you will be attending, so we can have a headcount.

### **After the Holidays Party**

We need a new venue for our annual Holiday party, which is usually held the first weekend after the New Year, which is Saturday, January 3, 2026. The location where we have held it in the past, Dominico's, has closed, as the owners are retiring. So, we need suggestions for a new venue. We usually have about sixty people, with space for our tables for the ticket-drop auction items. If you have any suggestions, please let us know as soon as possible, as we need to reserve the venue in short order.

### **Membership Report**

Brian L. reported that we have seventy-five members. He announced three members with birthday this month.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance	\$15,747.00
Ending Balance	\$17,567.00

The car show at FourLeaf on July 13 brought in a profit of \$4,404.00. The day of the show we brought in \$2,975.00

### **FourLeaf Car Show Review**

John A. thanked many members for their contribution to the success of the show:

Dave Lobel for designing plaques for trophies and for making announcements all day.

Tom Sugar for helping with set-up of the show, setting up the audio equipment, and running the judging sheets from the field to tabulation, all with little sleep after participating in a water-skiing competition the day before.

Tom also donated the audio equipment to the club for our use.

Rich and Marty Fingerhut for doing the tabulation in the sweltering lobby of the bank, and then creating a list to email the attendees for future events.

Tony Sorrentino and Rich Larsen who transported everything we needed from the storage unit to the storage pods at FourLeaf for our show.

Mark Feldman for helping to get vendors. The simulator vendor that he got was busy all day!

Tom Scanapieco who brought bagels and cream cheese already prepped.

Joe Cook who brought coffee – the fuel that got us all going so early in the morning.

Judging Chairman Joe Balabanick, who handled the classification and final tally of all the awards.

Deb Cook and Marie Alberto for walking around the field all day selling 50/50 tickets.

Joanne Sorrentino, Sandy Puccio, Deb Cook and Marie Alberto for selling club merchandise.

The Registration Team - Al Roscoe, Mark Tolley, Pete Puccio, Doug Brooks and all the others who helped with that and then helped with parking.

The Parking team who got everyone parked together.

All the members who did the judging in the heat on the hot asphalt. It is a challenging job, with over 135 cars judged!

After John's comments, Rich F. raised his hand to acknowledge John A., who had also worked extremely hard on the show to make it successful. It is not an easy task!

News 12 came to the show. They filmed the field with all the cars and interviewed Cathy Balabanick, who was there at the booth for Last Hope Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation. Last Hope did well with their fundraising. They raised \$1,050.00 from the vendor fees from our club. They received a donation of \$1,000.00 from Vincent Doto who is with Empire Muscle Cars. They also had items to auction at their booth and raised money from that.

The vendors seemed to be very happy with their sales. This year we positioned the food vendors along the back fence, where their generators did not bother anyone at the show. The Greek food vendor wants to definitely return next year.

It was nice to have the music and announcements positioned along the ATM driveway and closer to the electric outlet, but some of the neighbors in the apartments behind the bank would like it to start later. The judging sheets and the large number for each car needs to be positioned prominently on the window so the judges can easily see who needs to be judged. Some cars were admitted after judging closed but did not care that they could not be judged. However, they still need to sign the liability waiver upon entry to protect the club. This year no one was upset that they did not win a trophy after being told "you'll definitely win a trophy because there are no other cars in your class.".

All in all, it was a very good show this year even though it started out with rain and drizzle in the early morning. Things got started a little late because of the rain, but it may be that because some of the other shows were canceled due to the early weather, we were the recipient of those cars.

## Elections of LIV Officers

This year we need to hold elections, which occurs every two years. Any member can run for any office if they have been in the club for a year (12 months), have attended at least four events, and paid their dues. Nominations will be held in September. The Membership Secretary will then contact those nominated to see if they will accept the nomination. Elections will be held in November. The new Board will assume their responsibilities in January. All offices are open for election, though Brian Larsen and Marty Baker-Fingerhut are willing to stay in their positions if no one else wants to run.

John A. encouraged all members to consider holding an office on the Board.

## Holding Elected Positions on Two Boards

LIV has had a rule that no elected LIV member can hold an elected position on another car club Board. This had been ruled in the past when there was the possibility that certain members of another club would attempt to be elected and disrupt our club. That is not the case any longer. This rule might limit our present possible officers. Marty Baker-Fingerhut has been appointed to Membership Secretary of the Metro-Long Island Chapter of the NCRS as they are without an active member in that position. This is an appointed position in NCRS so technically there is no conflict. Rich Fingerhut has been appointed to finish out the elected term of Vice-Chairman of the Metro – Long Island Chapter of the NCRS as that position is held by a member who is unable to attend many events due to geographical distance but has held the position to have it filled. His position (Webmaster) on our Board is an appointed position so technically that is not a conflict. However, both Marty and Rich want to be certain that this does not present an issue for our members. A discussion ensued and it was decided that this should be determined on a case-by-case basis. In both of these cases, there was no voiced opposition to these members assuming the positions in the other organization as they are deemed responsible enough to handle both positions. For other members that may not be the case.

## **50/50**

The 50/50 was won by Phil Kostis?

John A. adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Baker-Fingerhut  
General Secretary

Long Island Vettes  
Statement of Financial Activity  
July 2025