



LIV Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:42 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Twenty-four members were present (including officers).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President - Tony Sorrentino

Vice President - Tom Toner

We have met with BFCU and the 2023 car show at their Bethpage property is a go! We have already accomplished a lot in anticipation of the show happening. We have secured a permit from the Nassau County Dept. of Health. (Individual food vendors will also have to have their own permits) Four potential sponsors have been secured. **Mark Feldman** has been cold calling potential vendors.

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 Show mobile 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. 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.

General Secretary - John Albora

A Tech Session was held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Chris Tucci's Corvettes & Customs in Lindenhurst. This tech session was presented by LIV and the Metro LI Chapter of NCRS. Our host, Chris Tucci was very accommodating and gave us an extensive look at his operation. Chris does both restorations and custom work. He prefers working on carbureted engines. He had about fifteen cars in his shop during the tech session. He has had his work on the cover of Corvette Magazine.....he is the real deal. Eighteen LIV members attended with a total of about thirty. Richard Prince (Corvette restorer, photographer, and author) and his wife Carolyn attended. Chris asked for a LIV membership application at the end of the meeting.

Below, Chris Tucci explains the intricacies of the internal combustion engine while Phil Pernice, Mark Feldman, Lou Coccato, and Rich Fingerhut listen intently.



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

Membership Secretary - Lou Trohatos

New Members (Year of Corvette)

Forrest Woodward - 1982 C3

Membership Total

87

Meeting Guests

Chris DeTillio - Friend of Ben Russo, has 2-1969 C3's, also submitted a membership application.

Adrian Johnson - LEO friend of Tom Toner, new to the Corvette hobby, with a 2023 HTC in Ceramic Matrix Grey.

March Member Birthdays:

Joe Giamo: April 3

Brian Larsen: April 9

Thomas Sugar: April 11

Perry Beek: April 13

Mary Sydor: April 14

Thomas J. Scannapieco: April 17

Philip Schwartz: April 18

Richard H. Larsen: April 19

Joe Cook: April 19

Jim Marotta: April 21

Rick Canavor: April 23
Steven Stout: April 23
Stefano Marino: April 29

WhatsApp

Participation is 32. 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 (absent), Lou Trohatos presented the treasurer’s report. At the March meeting the board began giving all paid-up members a free club T-shirt, which is different from those for sale. (They were not distributed at this meeting as Rich was absent). 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 12 of 87 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 \$3,710.73
Closing Balance \$3,301.55

See Statement of Financial Activity at the end of the minutes

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 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.

Phil Kostis is looking into another breakfast at Gatsby on the Ocean.

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 had his second back surgery on March 20th. Surprisingly, he attended this meeting!

Mike Marino is scheduled to have a stent installed the week of March 9th.

Mark Feldman is scheduled to have nasal surgery on March 18th.

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.

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:

April 7-15 - New York International Auto Show at the Javits Center

April 15 - The Empire Galaxy Club's Annual Spring Poker Run & Cruise from Old Bethpage to Calverton

April 22 - Blessing of the Cars, Carl's Equipment & Supply, Patchogue, NY.

April 29 - Arts + Automobiles, Westbury, NY

April 30 - Car Show Long Island TOBAY Beach Spring Classic

The Drive for Dana Car Show/Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 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 drivers' 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.

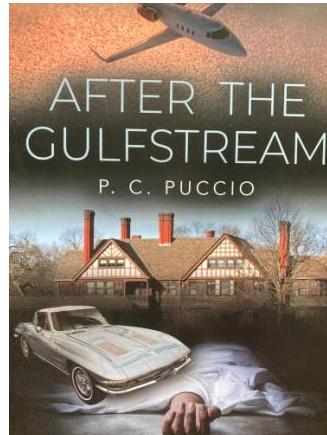
At the November meeting **Mike Comparetto** asked if the club will be having another road rally in 2023. **Rich** and **Martha Fingerhut** worked hard in planning, running (with **Lou T.**) and scoring the 2022 rally which was a big success. It would be nice if other members would step up and assume 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, 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 at 139 New York Avenue in Huntington. His partner at Elite 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 **Ben Russo**, the previous month's 50/50 winner, for bringing the coffee and donuts to the meeting.

A **50/50 Raffle** was not held as no one remembered to bring the tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on May 4, 2023, at the Bethpage Public Library basement meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

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

	No item	TOTAL
Income		
50/50	75.00	75.00
BFCU Show_Income		
BFCU_gold_sponsors	500.00	500.00
BFCU_Preregistrations	40.00	40.00
Total BFCU Show_Income	540.00	540.00
Dues renewal	320.00	320.00
new_member_dues	40.00	40.00
Total Income	975.00	975.00
Expense		
BFCU Show_ Expense		
BFCU_flyers	325.86	325.86
BFCU_Nassau_DoH_permit	100.00	100.00
BFCU_port-a-potties	733.22	733.22
Total BFCU Show_ Expense	1,159.08	1,159.08
reimbursement	93.11	93.11
safeguard_self_storage	116.00	116.00
Zoom monthly payment	15.99	15.99
Total Expense	1,384.18	1,384.18
Net Income	<u>-409.18</u>	<u>-409.18</u>