

## Minutes JBCCC Meeting November 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 17 members were present. Judy gave the Treasurer's Report. JoAnne read the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

<b>Balance October</b>	\$10,864.06
Deposits October	\$ 1,120.00
October Expenses	- \$ 313.60
November balance	\$11,670.46

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by:

Joe Curran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sal LoPresti and Harry Lewis. All were in favor,

motion carried

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the October 2025 meeting were read

Motion to accept the secretary's report was made by:

Sal LoPresti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Lewis and Joe Barone. All were in favor,

motion carried

Nominations were closed at the October meeting and the vote to keep the current slate of officers passed unanimously.

As of November 12, 2025 we have 173 members. 163 are paid and 10 are unpaid

### **Webmaster Report**

Debby reported that birthdays and emails are up to date. 11 members emails don't mesh with ours. Open house at CCTI went well. They were very happy that we participated. Halloween parades went well. We won first prize for Car Club. We will be getting a check in the mail which we plan to donate back. Veterans parade is Sunday November 16. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome. Debby would like to put a "Save the Date" on Car Cruise Finder.com for our upcoming Anniversary Show. There are already postings about Auto Mania in January in Allentown. The director at CCTI volunteered to help us with the design of our flyer for Save the Date since we help them out. It would be nice to have something on the table for the Christmas Party.

Larry got a call from Kim who is in charge of America 250 PA initiative. She has a few veterans that will be in the Veterans Parade next year and will be getting an award. She would like to have them ride in convertibles. We contacted our members with convertibles and Ron Bowman volunteered his car. Larry also told her the Club would like to be involved with the America 250 initiative. We would make a donation, possibly involve some of our cars, but we would want significant recognition in return for our participation. We have received calls and letters asking for the Club's participation in various America 250 celebration events. There is a meeting regarding the America 250 celebration scheduled in Summit Hill on Thursday at 6 if anyone from the Club is able to attend.

Larry hasn't spoken to Wix yet about making the website better, but he will soon.

We already have 56 responses for the Christmas Party. We usually have around 120 people. Larry told Pat that everyone was thrilled with last years' party. He asked him to just simply duplicate it since it went so well last year. He will try to keep the price in the same range.

Everything is going well. He will do the Remembrance Table again. Pat reported that the linens were a big expense but they are going to keep them because an alternative does not work with the finer quality dishes and flatware being used. Appetizers will be the same. He suggested Meatloaf and chicken for the main entrée, salad, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans and rolls. For vegetarians, and anyone who does not want meat, Pat suggested vegetable lasagna or a turkey less roast. Everyone voted for the vegetable lasagna. He also suggested a small raffle for door prizes. Not cheap door prizes. Example would be a gift certificate for a metal sign to be made for whomever wins. Members attending the Christmas party would receive a ticket when they entered and the winner would be pulled during the course of the evening. Joe Boyle suggested having a 50-50 for the fire house but it was mentioned that we are already supporting them by having the party there. Larry stated that Pat goes above and beyond for the Club and it is greatly appreciated. The Fire House members that are also Club members will not be serving at the party this year. They are going to enjoy the dinner. He has 3 other people scheduled to help. Maureen Hopkns will hand make and contribute 2 large sheet cakes for desserts. Larry will put out an email blast about the party again and mention that if anyone would like to bring a dessert, Christmas cookies could be a welcome donation as they will add a festive complement to the party. We will have small plastic bags available to take home any that are left over at the end of the party. Larry also stated that Maureen was the member that came up the idea of raffling the Blackstone Grill to benefit the Club. Many thanks to Maureen.

Pat also mentioned that there is a sign out in front of the fire house stating commercial space for lease. No one has responded. There is nothing set in concrete. Nothing was brought up at the last Board meeting. It is basically out there to see if the Firehouse can rent the space to offset the costs to maintain the building. The total goal is to keep the trucks rolling. There is nothing in writing stating that our Club can have their cruises there from April to October next year. Pat won't know anything for sure until January.

Thank you letters for their participation in the car shows were sent out to Blockers and Mahoning Valley Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. Larry asked Harry Lewis if there was any input from the new owners of Mahoning Valley. He said it was not good but did not go into detail. It was great while it lasted so we have to be thankful for that. Harry did a great job in the past and we will have to see where it goes.

Joe Curran gave us information regarding the banner which will serve as a beautiful advertisement for the Club. The cost is \$125. A motion was made by Sal LoPresti to buy the banner for \$125, seconded by Harry and Frank, all were in favor, motion carried. Joe will get a template made and bring to the meeting. It wouldn't be hung until the spring.

We comprised about 25% of the attendance at the Mrs. Bush's show. It was nice overall and our Club had a commanding presence.

Larry hasn't spoken with Donna yet regarding Lansford Alive but he will. He wants something different and that will determine if we will continue to participate in the future or drop out entirely.

Becky's Drive-In Car Show was the best and highest attended show in Becky's Drive-In history. There were more than 500 vehicles in total and many were turned away due to lack of space. They gave 9 trophies and our Club took 2 of them which is remarkable given the tremendous turnout and large number of participants. It was a very hot day but a very good show overall.

Larry and Steve discussed the progress being made for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. More frequent meetings of the committees will be set up soon. The lemonade vendor that was at

Blockers has committed to the Anniversary show. Joe Curran also got an ice cream vendor. Steve wants to get the measurements for the vendor space done asap. Joe Curran volunteered to go with him this month before the weather gets bad. Joe Curran will contact the Match Box car vendor and have him call Steve for space. Larry will contact Bill & Donna Gentile to make sure they are available on that date. The idea of having a band at the event was suggested. It was noted that Bill also has a band. He may want to cross-over. The committees will discuss further and report back. The committee list will be posted at the Christmas party for additional volunteers.

Judy and Larry finalized the design and execution for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt based on the comments, feedback and prior vote to move forward with the design at a prior Club meeting. We went with the white insert and a white and red juke box. Larry showed the sample at the meeting. The shirt will be a good quality and the color will be Oatmeal. There will be 50 available for sale at the Christmas party. If we run out, we will take orders. They will also be available at the first 3 cruises. We want our members to be wearing them at the Anniversary event. We will take the remaining t-shirts down to the Anniversary show to sell.

Frank brought the sample license plate for display. The cost to us is \$15. We will sell them for \$20. A motion was made by Joe Curran to use the sample brought to the meeting, seconded by Dave Curran, all were in favor, motion carried. Another motion was made by Dave Curran, seconded by Sal, all were in favor, motion carried to order 50 for the Christmas party. Larry will put out a final email blast stating that merchandise will be available for sale at the Christmas party. Frank will place the order.

Larry asked Joe Barone to stay in touch with the owner of Pizza Como regarding our Club having cruises there on a regular basis. Joe said they talk every week, Joe asked how often we want to do it. It was suggested one night a month. Different local eateries have this type of event on a regular basis. We should have a designated spot to park and a specified day we want to do it.

We never heard back from the engaged couple on the photo shoot after they came to us requesting a Ford convertible for taking pictures.

The Tamaqua Car show was a huge success. Even though our year started out poorly because of the weather, it turned out to be a banner year. We broke all kinds of records and ended up with a very profitable year.

By-Laws revision is still pending and is on the back burner for now and will be taken up over the winter. Debby mentioned that there are so many archaic items in the By-laws that should be addressed. Members joining in September 2025 will not have to pay dues for 2026 according to the current By-Laws. That will change once the By-Laws are amended.

There were no new members this month.

Steve thanked everyone for their contributions to CCPAC. He explained how they can purchase food at cost and also said it would be a while before they receive funds from the government again. He suggested that the Club make a donation to get them through the holidays. Sal made a motion, seconded by Joe Boyle, all were in favor to send a \$250 donation to CCPAC.

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Joe Curran to adjourn, seconded by Dave Curran. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:20 PM.