



UNYBCA

Minutes from Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Metro 7 Diner

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by John DeFiore.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks: John DeFiore.

John welcomed everyone and stated that we have a quorum, so he called for a motion to approve the 1/8/25 meeting minutes.

Minutes Approval:

Motion to approve 1/8/2025 minutes:

By: Lynn Baum-Jakubiak

2nd: Tom Proulx

Vote: Unanimous to accept.

Discussion/Questions? No questions or discussion.

Announcements:

Dick Andrews is still pretty sick. Since last month, he was sent home with 24 hr care, but he had a relapse and was back in the hospital. Barbara is doing okay. Dick may be discharged back to home and hopes that will help him recover. We wish him well.

Condolences to Stacey Pinkowski-Roth on the passing of her Mom, Helen. It is a difficult time. Wishing her and her Mom peace.

Also, Rosemary Durso Malette will be stepping down from her position as a Board Member and Club Secretary as of August 31, 2026, which is after our National Meet in 2026. If anyone has an interest in filling this position, please contact Ed A. or John D.

Upcoming Chapter Car Events:

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Saturday, March 15th at 11 am.

Ed has been going to the organizing meetings.

Ed has 4 cars who will in the parade, but he still needs 9 more cars. Please let Ed A. know if you are interested in helping out. A big plus is the cars rarely overheat in this parade.

Rhinebeck Antique Car Show and Swap Meet (May 2nd to 4th). Club tour to the event will be on Sunday, May 4th. Contact Ed A. for more details.

Cadillac Buick Lawn Show: Saturday, May 17th, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. Ed handed out registrations to those interested.

Old Business:

Membership Report: Chris Timber.

Members: 41 BCA: 25 (61%) MAL:16 (39%)

This has been fairly consistent over the years.

Eight members have still not renewed.

Chris Timber is stepping down as Membership Chair in April 1, 2025 and Ted Sweet has agreed to take the Membership Chair position. Thank you to Chris for all she has done for many years, and thanks to Ted for stepping up to take the responsibility.

John Corey has been comped for this year's dues to work on the National Meet Program Book.

Treasurer Report: Given by John D. in Ken M. absence.

Bank balance: \$6,204.66

Income: \$1,065.00

Expenses: \$50.76

Website Report: Tom Proulx /Ed Allmond

We are still trying to figure out the Word Press software. Library books have not been as helpful as thought. The only way to get this website free is to stick with Word Press. Other software is available, but will require cash outlay. We plan to get pricing on some other software packages for the next meeting. Perhaps we just stay with Word Press until after the National Meet?

Facebook Report: Simone Z. absent.

John D. asked Simone Z. to post a notice on the National Meet, and he also saw that Morgan Wright was able to post a response. He suggested that we just use the FB site for any announcements, as we can see responses from the site. Is it possible to see how many people have looked at an individual post?

Tony D. says can make anyone an administrator and that can be seen. Tony is looking for pictures to post. Glenn T. said he would have his guy send pictures of CITS 15 to Tony for his use.

Tony D. will make John D. an administrator.

Newsletter Report: Lynn Baum-Jakubiak.

Lynn is always looking for articles, stories on meets and pictures.

Rosemary submitted one recently regarding the January Ronald McDonald House Charities Radiothon 2025.

Lynn is willing to continue as Editor regardless of her impending move to Florida, as long as she has material to work with.

Motion to approve Committee Reports:

By: Ed Allmond.
2nd: Tom Proulx.
Vote: Unanimous.

Ed A. questioned the voting procedure. John D. explained he always asks if anyone is opposed first. If no one is opposed, it seems logical that everyone else is for the motion. But, it is possible some would abstain. It was agreed that future votes will be changed to allow for abstentions.

Current Club Business:

Ed A. had a conversation with TSS Printing (Ris). It is very expensive to produce any club merchandise with embroidery. There would be a \$20.00 charge to embroider each item, which would increase the cost. It would make things so expensive that folks may not want to purchase them. We will look at other companies for comparison before our March meeting. Several possible vendors were discussed. Tony D. will look into a shop in Schenectady.

We decided to make a short list of items with cost and survey the members to see if they would be interested in purchasing any embroidered items.

CITS 16: John D:

*Saturday, June 14th, 11 am to 3pm, Goldstein Buick GMC.
Rain Date: Saturday, June 28th.*

Tom and Diane Proulx's 66 Electra has been chosen for the CITS 16 poster car.

All members are asked to solicit one business in their area for the Chance Auction or for a potential cash donation. But, please wait for the draft of the Flyer to be approved before doing so. Since we donate all funds collected to the two charities, many businesses might like the opportunity to help out. Equinox and Boy

Scout Troop 278 are 501c3 organizations, so their donations should be tax deductible. Please help us out with this effort.

Last year, we had some direct cash donations. No specific amount was planned nor asked for. But John D. would like to see the business card images for those making donations of \$100.00 or more incorporated into our signage and maybe our tee shirts.

Ed A. passed around copies of the Flyer draft, which were created by Bob Martino, and questioned where we could put business cards for the sponsors who donated \$100 or more. It was determined that the business cards could be scanned and reduced in size to be tucked in, if possible.

Tee Shirts were discussed. Ed A. was asked to talk to Jackson Taunton to see if there is a better pricing available for the small run.

National Meet: John D.

We have contacted the Albany Airport which has a large parking lot 1.25 miles from the Desmond Hotel. The area is fully fenced and it appears it will more than accommodate the projected 60 trailers. We do not have approval yet, but it is the best case scenario. It will move the parking cost and security out of our hands. If we get the site, we will have to have some staff on hand while trucks are parking.

We also called the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, and while they were accommodating, we looked at the lot and determined it is much too small for our purposes.

We also still need to look for another alternative hotel.

Tour plans continue to be developed.

We have a contract deposit pending with Premiere Transportation for the tour buses. They are offering us a favorable rate compared to today's prices.

We also have a contract deposit for a tour lunch pending with the *Common Roots Brewing Company Restaurant in Albany*.

John D. has completed the registrations required for the *NY State Museum* tours.

We have discounted pricing from the *USS Slater* tours. John D. has yet to hear back from the *Ten Broeck House*. Other tours are yet to be worked out, but they will have to be self-driving tours. John D. was wondering if we should revisit the after-tour we did in 2017, or a possible loop through Saratoga or a brass car tour.

John D. and Ed A. met with John Corey regarding the program booklet for the National Meet. Advertising rates and sponsorship rates have been determined.

John Corey did some drafting work and created a very nice image for the Meet logo. Right now, we are waiting on Jackson Taunton, our shirt vendor, for his artist to review and propose draft images from John's piece. If he presents something we want, then we will need to get any permissions required, and that will be a big step ahead.

Glenn Taunton offered to set up a meeting with his son on March 8th, when he will be in town. If an image is done in time, he will see if a shirt mock up can be brought with him to the meeting. Ed A. will be unavailable. John D. will be able to make it.

Discover Albany has been consulted. They provided many of the contacts which we have used so far. We are working with them on a sponsorship. We are also hoping they will attend this year's National Meet in Concord, North Carolina (July 23-26, 2025) to promote our event and the Albany area. We have not yet touched base with them in 2025.

We have a spreadsheet of all our anticipated incomes and expenses for the Meet. This will be used to establish final pricing for all activities. It was used to submit a budget to the BCA Board of Directors for approval. We have not heard yet if that has occurred.

However, the BCA By-Laws have recently been changed to increase the amount a sponsoring chapter will receive from hosting a Meet by \$500. Thus, the minimum we can now expect from this Meet is \$3,000.00. We have verified that the new amount will apply to our show.

We will need help soliciting sponsorships. Please contact John D. or Ed A. if you can assist. A package of materials and a potential script are being developed.

So far, we want to solicit associations like the Restaurant Association or the local Buick Dealer group, if that still exists.

Can anyone think of another similar group that might be interested?

We are also looking for someone to work on creating the bases for the sign supports. We have an idea of how to do it, so if you are interested in the project, please let us know. Materials will be either supplied or reimbursed in full.

Sharon Summer has volunteered to make signs for the National Meet.

She did this for several years for a Bicycle touring group her family was involved with. Signs include our normal class signs for the parking lot, and other signage needed for the show. We are looking for cardboard tubes from paper towels to work on this aspect. Please save them if you can and bring them to the next meeting.

Chapter vendor spot Survey: John D.

John said he would survey members about the need for a chapter vendor spot at the National. He has not had the time to work on this, but he will try to get it done before the next meeting.

Questions/ comments? Please contact John D. or Ed A.

New Business: None

Open Floor: None

Members in Attendance: 13

John DeFiore

Ed Allmond

Glenn Taunton

Chris Timber

Lynda Baum-Jakubiak

Tom Proulx

Al Patnode

Tony D'Amelio

Ted Sweet

Ed Marcy

Bill Traver

John Schmid

Sharon Summer (non-member)

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Durso Malette.

Adjournment: 8:09 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

6 pm for dinner and 7 pm for the meeting. Metro 7 Diner.