

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

04/18/09: Ragtop Museum in Michigan City & lunch at El Grande in New Buffalo, meet at **New** Jewel parking lot in Chesterton, 11am

4/23 – 4/25/09: C5 / C6 Bash, Bowling Green, KY

5/12/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 04/14/09 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bear thanked everyone who brought out there Corvettes for Marie's funeral procession. Marie was a great lady and will be missed.

Bear also thanked Diane for arraigning the dinner at Picasso's. Everyone who attended had a great time and a great meal.

Bear welcomed back several members who had been gone on extended vacations over the winter. Bear announced that he will be a grandfather. Mike C. will also be a grandfather. Congratulations to Bobby & Miranda on there new "baby," a 2009 Corvette.

Bear asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes, either by email or regular mail. There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Diane gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that as of March 31st there was \$5,689.31 in the checking & savings accounts. The club collected \$289 for flowers for Marie's funeral. Most of the money was used for the flowers with the remaining balance given to the family to use as they saw fit. There were no corrections to the treasurer's report. It was filed as written for audit.

Upcoming events were reviewed:

4/18/09: Ragtops Museum in Michigan City – sponsored by Bruce & Luann. Club members should park in the back of the museum. Those interested in attending should meet at the new Jewel parking lot in Chesterton at 11am. We will be heading to El Grande in New Buffalo after the museum.

4/23-4/25/09: C5 / C6 Bash in Bowling Green, KY

5/9/09: Arnell Chevy & Corvette Show, Burns Harbor, IN – event to showcase the release of the new 2010 Camaro. Larry from Arnell was as the meeting to discuss this event.

5/16/09: Crown Point Show, Carroll Chevrolet, Crown Point, IN.

5/16/09: Ladies Tea Party, Tea Room on Madison, Merrillville

5/20/09: Indy 500 trip – sponsored by Jim & Jill C.

5/24/09: Stray Dog, New Buffalo – sponsored by Gene & Sandy W.

5/30/09: Michigan City High School Car Show – see Ray for details

Suzy & Tom M. made a test run to the Boathouse Restaurant and found that the parking was not great in the area, so the event is being taken off of the club events list.

Unfinished Business:

Finance Committee gave their report. The club will have approximately \$1300 less this year due to the possibility of fewer members this year. We are still hoping and expecting a few new members to join the coming months. The committee decided that there are enough funds in the budget to have both the club picnic and the club Christmas party.

The by-laws committee has met and the new by-laws have been redrawn and are in the final works. The committee is hoping to have the draft out to the members at either the May or June meeting. After they have been distributed to the membership a time to vote on them will be determined.

Pam W. will again chair the Christmas party this year. She is already checking on the place that we had it last year (Casa Del Roma in Valpo.). If anyone has any other suggestions for a location for the party, please get them to her ASAP. A motion was made to give Pam \$200 for a deposit on the location of her choosing.

Rita will again chair the picnic. We have given her the dates of September 12th or 19th to work with. She will get back to us with more details.

The Harbor Car Show is approaching. Troy is chairing this event with Bear assisting. Sign up sheets were passed around for members to sign up to help. We are looking for sponsors for the trophies and t-shirts. If anyone knows a company that would be interested in sponsoring, please ask them or ask Bear to talk to them. The sponsors name would be on the plaque / trophy. Their logo would be placed on the back of the t-shirt.

The tech team gave their reports. Gene discussed using microfiber towels to clean and polish your cars. Be careful when choosing the towels and check the stitching on the edges. If the thread is nylon, it could scratch.

Ted reviewed several bulletins regarding Corvettes and stated that even if GM files bankruptcy, warranties will be honored. The following bulletins were covered:

*If your OnStar phone in the C6s doesn't work, you must take it to a dealer for repair.

*There are problems with the lower control arm washer on C5s, especially 2004.

*There are issues with the electronic column lock system on C5s (1997-2004). Some club members have had these issues and the cars will not move if this fails / locks.

*The body color coupe roofs are coming apart on some C6s. This must be taken to a dealer.

50/50 drawing for \$77 was won by Rich B.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.