

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

8/14 – 8/16/09: Midwest Chevy Vette Fest, Porter County Fairgrounds

9/6/09: Blueberry Festival, Plymouth, IN

09/08/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Arnell Chevrolet, Burns Harbor, IN

Minutes of the 08/11/09 Meeting:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 July 31st there was \$9,234.69 in the checking & savings accounts. There were no corrections to the treasurer's report.

It was filed as written for audit. Diane also noted that as of July 31st we have 71 memberships resulting in 124 members and 91 Corvettes. The finance committee will also be meeting before the September meeting to decide how to spend any excess funds the club has.

New members present at the meeting were:

Mauro Gonzalez & his wife, Chris from Portage – silver '07

Patty Chaja from Portage – '09 silver Z06

Bear thanked the following members for doing a great job leading past events:

Mike C. – Nate's Car Wash show: It was a great day with great food.

Jim & Ann J. – Gilmore Museum: Everyone had a great time – 19 cars went on this event. The dinner at Blackhawks was great, too.

Club members participated in 3 car shows and won awards.

At the Cedar Lake show the following members won: Bear, Troy, Ray G., Frank M., Frank G., Jim D. & Rhonda D.

At the Demotte show the following members won awards as well as the club participation award: Bear, Chuck C., Frank M., Greg L., Don P.

At the NWICC (Gary Club) show the club won the club participation award as well as the following members winning individual awards: Troy, Bear, Greg L., Ray G., Joe T., Frank M.

Jim D. also won best in show at Applebee's in Chesterton on a recent Monday night.

Bear asked Paul from Arnell if he had anything he wanted to announce from the sponsorship. Paul reminded members to see Diane for the discount cards the dealership made up for each club membership. Club members will have to present this

to receive the club discount and to have the tires filled with nitrogen on one of their vehicles.

John had nothing new to report for the website. He is working on getting the new format of the photo displays running. If you have any questions, please call John T. or email him at webpage@valpovettes.com.

Rita discussed the club picnic. It will be on September 19th at Rogers Lakewood Park in Valparaiso. We will have the same shelter and caterer as last year. The price will be \$10 per person (including children not eating off of the adult plate) and this should be paid to Rita no later than the week before the picnic. There will be a Cornhole / Corn toss tournament and anyone who has a game set to loan please see Rita. There will be additional games as well. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allot \$250 for prizes for the games. A motion was also made, seconded and approved to charge the \$10 per person for the picnic. Rita thanked everyone who has been helping her so far. Jim C. asked Rita to check on the possibility of having a hay ride at the picnic.

The Arnell show is coming up on September 12th. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have the Best in Show trophy carry the Arnell name. Bear announced that thanks to the sponsorships of the t-shirts, the club will not have to outlay any money for the shirts. There will be 12 logos on the backs of the shirts. A motion was made to spend the monies received via logos on the t-shirts and trophy sponsorships on T-shirts, trophies and expenses for the Arnell show.

New Business:

Unfinished Business:

The By-laws were reviewed again at this meeting. Diane felt she needed to address the way the reading of the by-laws was handled at the July meeting. The procedures she used were established due to time constraints and she had no interest in stifling ideas from club members. She asked Jim D. to address his issue with the way the by-laws addresses a member in good standing. Jim stated that he believes that a member in good standing should have a vested interest in the club and not just someone who shows up at the Christmas Party. Diane restated that the by-laws are written to show a member in good standing is at least 18 years old and has paid their dues. There is no minimum meeting attendance required. Diane asked the members present for an advisory vote. The majority of the members in attendance approved the by-law regarding member in good standing as read / written. There were a few present who disapproved. Diane reviewed a few other questions she received with regards to club funds and club sponsored events. Club funds can only be allotted for club sanctioned events (such as the club picnic or Christmas party) by a membership vote. No club funds can be allotted for a non-club sponsored event. Any non-club sponsored event (such as someone sending out a mass email inviting anyone who is interested on a last minute cruise) does not need a vote. One individual had a number of items in question and the by-law committee will review these issues and have a report at the next meeting.

There was no report from the tech team tonight.

A motion was made to dispose of one of the club tents as it is in really bad shape. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bobby S. announced that he has a stock '09 exhaust if anyone is in need of one, please contact him.

Upcoming events:

8/14-8/16/09: Midwest Chevy Vette Fest – Porter County Fairgrounds. Ted announced that any club member willing to drive cars for the auction would be given 2 passes into the show, 2 passes to the Survivor concert and a food voucher. They will also pay \$5.00 per car driven. It was decided by the members present any funds earned would be given to the club. Anyone interested should see Ted after the meeting.

8/27/09: Cruise to Das Essenhaus – Several club members have been going on Thursdays.

8/28 – 8/30/09: Corvettes at Carlisle

9/3 – 9/6/09: 15th Anniversary of the Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY

9/6/09: Blueberry Fest, signup sheet at meeting for those interested.

9/12/09: Arnell Show – flyers and posters are available – see Bear, Troy or Ray. No club member's car will be judged.

9/19/09: Club picnic at Rogers Lakewood Park. See Rita for details or to pay \$10 per person attending.

9/25 – 9/27/09: Mid America Fun Fest, Effingham

9/26/09: Drag racing with the Crown Point Club at the US41 Dragstrip, Morrocco, IN – more details at the September meeting.

10/16/09: Girls Night Out at the Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN – signup sheet at the meeting for those interested. Sandy M. is leading this event.

50/50 drawing for \$95.00 was won by Rita.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.