

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

2/14/09: Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, Ken & Cindy for details

3/7/09: Four Winds Casino, New Buffalo, MI (lunch / dinner – pay your own) – Mary & Jerry for info

3/10/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 02/10/09 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ray led the meeting in Bear's absence.

Ray asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes, either by email or regular mail. A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded and then approved by the membership.

Diane gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that as of January 31 there was \$5,729.91 in the checking & savings accounts. Diane also stated that \$1,481.00 is the balance remaining for the Tony 'n Tina event to be disbursed in February. With that amounts taken into account, the available balance at 1/31 was \$4,248.91. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved.

Ray thanked Diane & Cliff for arraigning and leading the trip to the Volo Museum. Everyone that attended had a good time.

The tech team gave their reports. Ted went first and noted a common problem in the C6's (2005 – current year) is moisture accumulation in the headlights. This is normal and should be left alone unless it becomes a big problem or a significant amount of moisture accumulates. If this is the case, take it to a dealer for repair. Gene discussed the need to take care of the battery while a car is in storage. He suggested that everyone should have their car on a trickle charger / battery tender. Even if you are not running your car, there is a draw on the battery (i.e., the clock, radio presets, etc.). He also discussed the need to scrape your car windows before turning on your windshield wipers. Frost or anything heavier will rip the rubber on the wipers leaving metal that will scratch your windows. He suggested using steel wool to clean your windows in both your car and home (outside only) with steel wool that is at least a triple zero grade. Jim D. also agreed with Gene's suggestion of a charger of some sort on your cars that are stored. The hood light on the C5

& C6 models will continue to draw until the light goes out. He also suggested to not disconnect your battery from your car and then take it for emissions testing right after reconnecting. While disconnected all codes in the brain box will be erased and with no codes at all this will cause your car to fail emissions. If you do disconnect the battery, drive the car around for a while before taking it thru emissions. If you have side posts on your battery and need to replace it, you must make sure the replacement battery has the specific depth on the side posts to allow all things to function properly on the Vettes.

John also requested that if anyone has photos for the website, please email them to him at webpage@valpovettes.com.

Unfinished Business:

Cindy gave an update on the Tony 'n Tina's wedding event. Everyone that is going is to meet at Bear's store in Valpo (Silhavy & Laporte Ave.) at 4:45pm on 2/14. The dress code is business casual (i.e., khaki pants & a nice shirt).

The by-law committee will be having its first meeting to set up procedures. If you are on that committee, Diane will contact you to arrange the meeting.

New Business:

The club received a check from Harbor for the 1st installment of this year's sponsorship.

Pizza party – everyone needs to think about whether we want to have it in the spring or fall and where. September was suggested as a month to have the party since there is a conflict with the library that night. However, the club was also reminded that we also have the club picnic in September. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Ray discussed a possible tour of Corvette Central. He has spoken to them and they would be available to host us any Friday in May or June. A sign-up sheet for those who are interested in attending will be available at a future meeting after the date has been established.

Suggestions for the 2009 Christmas party were requested. Do we want to have it in December like past years or would we rather have it in July? If we want to have it in December, we need to decide soon so a deposit can be made on location. If we want to have it earlier in the year and have it more like a big party, that too needs to be decided so plans can be made. Mike C. suggested that we separate the meeting and the party. He would like to see us separate business and pleasure.

Mike C. announced that the Nate's Car Wash show is tentatively set for July 18. He will be speaking to Terry to confirm the date and have more information hopefully by the March meeting.

The status of Valpo's cruise night on Fridays has been put on hold until a suitable place to hold it can be found. The city's event committee is looking for a new place to hold the Friday night event because the new park being built in downtown Valpo will be taking up a good portion of the area that was used last year. If anyone has suggestions for a place, contact the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce or Leigh Ellis.

Jerry and Mary will be leading the event to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, MI on March 7 for dinner. Those who have signed up will be meeting at the **NEW** Jewel parking lot in Chesterton at 1:30pm.

Jim C. will be leading the Indy 500 trip this year. Details will follow.

A get well card was passed around for everyone to sign for Marie R.

50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Cindy J.

Tickets to the Chicago Auto Show and scratch off lottery tickets were also given away to lucky winners who participated in the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.