

# Valpo Vettes Club News

## Upcoming Events

01/31/09: Volo Museum (tentative date – talk to Cliff & Diane for details)

2/10/09: Club meeting, Valparaiso Public Library, Valparaiso, 7pm

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

## Minutes of the 01/13/09 Meeting:

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

Bear welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pam W. was thanked for an excellent job with the Christmas party. Also, special thanks went out to St. Nick for his appearance. Ted also expressed a personal thank you to everyone who donated toys at the Christmas party. Many needy families were able to be helped this Christmas (138 in Jasper County, 90 in Porter County and 145 in Lake County).

Bear had each of the new & returning officers introduce themselves. He also stated that he has an open door policy with regards to any issues that may arise within the club (complaints or complements).

Bear 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 December 31 there was \$3,928.70 in the checking & savings accounts. Diane also stated that the following amounts should not be considered part of the club funds at this time: \$455 is the balance remaining for the Tony 'n Tina tickets to be disbursed in January and \$75 was prepaid 2009 dues. With those amounts taken into account, the available balance at 12/31 was \$3,398.70. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved.

Diane also noted that at the end of 2008 the club had 80 paid memberships for a total of 145 people.

Bear announced the following appointments that were made by the officers:

Internet / webmaster: John T. – John has set up an email address for anyone to send photos, club related info, etc. that they want put on the website. That email address is [webpage@valpovettes.com](mailto:webpage@valpovettes.com). He also explained how to use the [members@valpovettes.com](mailto:members@valpovettes.com) email to everyone. If your email is on record with Diane & Kim, you may send emails from that account on file to everyone in the club by sending it to [members@valpovettes.com](mailto:members@valpovettes.com). If you have given us your home email only and you try to send from a work email or different account your email will not go through to the entire group. This has been set up to block spam and unwanted emails from outside the club. Also, if you are sending photos to be put on the website, John has requested that they be less than 1MB if possible. If you want to send a higher resolution photo, he will store it at that level on a local machine for anyone who wants to request a copy to print. He will put a lower resolution on the website to conserve space. Also, any photos that are put on the website become property of the Valpo Vette Club. Bear asked about the ability to password protect certain parts of the club website to restrict access to club members only. John said he would look into that issue.

Technical team: Ted F. & Gene W. – They will present different info on Corvettes that they feel club members will be interested in. If you have a question you would like an answer for, give it to them and they will research an answer and present at a future meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms: ?? If anyone is interested in this position, please see Bear.

Club Photographer: Troy M. – Troy will take photos at most club events. This does not mean members do not need to bring their cameras to club events. We still want lots of different photos from different people.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Cindy gave an update on the “Tony ‘n Tina’s Wedding” trip planned on 2/14/09. There are 23 people signed up to go at this point. She had quotes from a limo company if people were interested in traveling as a group to Chicago. Everyone who has signed up for this event needed to stay after the meeting to decide if we wanted the limo and pay for it.

It was discussed at the end of last year that the club by-laws needed to be updated and revised. The board has picked a few members from the club with varying backgrounds to address this issue. At this time the committee consists of: Bear, Diane R., Tom M. and Rita M. The board has a few others they would like to discuss this opportunity with. If you are interested in helping with the revision of the by-laws please speak to a board member.

## **New Business:**

Ray reviewed a partial list of the upcoming events that are already on the schedule for 2009. Please let him know if there are any events you would like to add and we also need leaders still for several events already on the list. Some suggestions that have not made it to the list are more drag racing, a trip to a microbrewery, a tour at Corvette Central. All

events where meals & admission fees are involved are on you own for the fees. A tentative list is as follows:

Volo Museum – 1/31/09  
Tony 'n Tina's Wedding – 2/14/09  
Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, MI for dinner – 3/7/09  
C5 / C6 Bash, Bowling Green, KY – 4/23 - 4/26/09 - Jim D. has an initial list of items for this event  
McVey's in Lowell, IN for dinner – 4/29/09  
Little Rock Arkansas Corvette Weekend – 5/7 – 5/9/09  
Indy 500 Community Day trip – 5/20/09  
Cobe Cup Run – 5/23/09  
Boathouse Restaurant with a stop at the art festival – 6/6/09  
Father's Day show on the Porter County Courthouse lawn – 6/20/09  
Bloomington Gold – 6/25 – 6/27/09

Diane let everyone know that if you are interested in leading any event what exactly that involves and she encouraged everyone to try an event. You need to get a sign up sheet from Diane, place it on the front table at the monthly meeting for sign ups, make reservations for the group (if they are needed) and lead the pack as we drive there.

Bear also announced that Harbor would be sponsoring us again in 2009. We may get our money either biannually or quarterly this year instead of the lump sum at the beginning of the year. The payment schedule has yet to be determined.

Bear suggested that the club try to find sponsors for the Harbor show t-shirts this year. We would put Harbor on the front and sell advertising space on the back of the shirt. This could help defray the cost that was put up by the club in the past.

Bear also suggested a new club banner. He and Diane had seen an example of a nice one at an event last summer where the club had photos of the members cars airbrushed on the banner. Bear would like to revise that and instead of airbrushing it on the actual banner we would have photos printed with sticky backs so we could add and remove photos as necessary. We could put up to a 100 members photos on the banner. To get you and your car's photo on the banner you must participate in a club event.

Ted announced for those who are not going to "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," there will be 2 concerts at the Porter County Expo Center that weekend. On Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10 pm will be the tribute to Johnny Cash and on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10 pm will be American English Beatles Tribute. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$20 for preferred admission. Food will be available for purchase and there will be a cash bar. Mario has offered club members discounts on the tickets. Please call 219-464-9918 for details and the discount.

50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Don P.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

