

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

- 7/18/09: Nate's Car Wash Show, 9am – 2pm
- 7/26/09: Cruise to Fair Oaks Dairy – details to follow
- 8/1/09: Gilmore Museum trip – leave Jewel in Chesterton at 8am
- 08/11/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 07/14/09 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 June 30th there was \$7,975.34 in the checking & savings accounts. There were no corrections to the treasurer's report. It was filed as written for audit.

No new members were present at the meeting.

Bear let everyone know that Jim C. has recovered from his knee surgery and is walking on his own again.

Bear also thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes he received during his last surgery. He was happy to report everything went well and he is feeling great.

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

- Ray & Teenia G. – Corvette Central tour
- Cliff R. & Mike C. – Father's Day show
- Doc & Judy – Hosted an excellent cookout at their home.

The Frankfort Cruise night was great for those who went.

Bear asked Paul from Arnell if he had anything he wanted to announce from the sponsorship. Paul reminded members to have the tires filled with nitrogen on one of their vehicles compliments of Arnell. They will be providing the members with cards to turn in when the service is done. Diane pointed out that their ads in the newspapers now say "Proud Sponsor of the Valpo Vette Club."

John asked that when you submit photos for the website please make sure they are labeled with what event they are for. We are going to try to do something different in the future with the photos on the website. You can submit as many photos of an event as you want, but pick out the 4 that best represent the event and those will be shown on

the main photo page. The rest of the photos will be accessed thru a link on that event.
If you have any questions, please call John T. or email him at
webpage@valpovettes.com.

The main portion of tonight's meeting will be devoted to the by-laws. Diane tried to determine the best way to go over the by-laws. She decided to introduce the committee members and then review a few of what she felt were the important changes. Each member will be given a packet containing a copy of the by-laws and an envelope. Each member should review the by-laws and if they have any questions or concerns, they should write them down and use the envelope to mail them back to the committee. The issues will then be reviewed by the committee and then also at the next meeting. The by-laws will be reviewed again at the August meeting. The by-laws will be voted on as a whole package at the September meeting, which will be the pizza party at Arnell Chevrolet.

The by-law committee was a diverse group of people. They included: Tom M., Rita M., Frank G., Bear and Diane. The finance committee also helped as a sounding board for the changes. Those on the finance committee who helped were Ken & Cindy J. and Dave W. Ray & Teenia G. also helped with things such as proofreading. Diane also wanted to thank Cliff for his sense of humor to help lighten the mood and also for his unique perspective. The process the committee was this: they read each of the old by-laws, discussed them, wrote a new version, discussed that one and then re-wrote again if necessary. They would go around the table to discuss and the next by-law was not covered until the 1st one was finished completely and everyone was in agreement. After the final draft was done, Diane read all of the by-laws to the board with only a few changes noted by the board. Now they are being presented to the membership.

The following are the items Diane covered in the meeting. Please review the exact by-laws in your packet. If you still need a packet, please contact Diane.

The club name – this was just an update in more detail that the original by-laws.

Member eligibility

Dues

Expulsions

Voting eligibility

Email list

Annual meeting in December (This will allow for the Christmas party to be just that, a party with no meeting or minutes.)

Elections

Officer duty list

Webmaster & Parliamentarian (protocol manager – advisory position)

Associate members

Armed Services members

How to handle a proposal for a by-law change

Jim D. questioned the definition of "member in good standing" that was used quite often in the new by-laws. Diane stated the committee determined that to be: dues paid, over the age of 18 and that there was no meeting attendance requirement.

New Business:

Bear thanked Ted F. for the new drum cage to mix up the tickets used for the 50/50 and other raffles.

Ted F. also has arraigned for members to cruise over to The Port Drive-In in Chesterton after tonight's meeting for some free root beer.

Unfinished Business:

Upcoming events:

7/17/09: Osceola Raceway with the Michiana Vette Club for some drag strip racing. The cost is \$20 per person to race as many times as you want.

7/18/09: Nate's Car Wash Show – Mike C. asked for club members to bring desserts. Terry always provides club members with a great lunch. The show is from 9 am – 2 pm.

7/26/09: Fair Oaks Dairy – Ray & Teenia G. leading and will have more info to follow. Sign up sheet at the meeting. Those going will be contacted with time and location to meet.

8/1/09: Gilmore Museum – Jim & Ann J. leading this event. Please meet at the Jewel in Chesterton. We will be leaving at 8 am.

8/8/09: Gary Corvette Club show begins at 9 am. A meeting place will be determined for those who want to go as a group

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

9/12/09: Arnell Show – flyers and posters are available – see Bear, Troy or Ray. No club member's car will be judged. If you know of anyone interested in sponsoring the t-shirts or trophies, please let the committee know. The charges will be \$50 = 50 shirts, \$100 = 100 shirts, or trophy sponsorships starting at \$25. A motion was made to give Nate's Car Wash free advertisement space on the t-shirt as a thank you. It was seconded and approved.

Frank M. donated a coupon for 50% off of a Corsa exhaust system that he cannot use to the club for anyone who was interested. The coupon will only be good until 9/30/09. Both Bobby & Dan were interested in it. They were each given a ticket and then a winner was drawn. Congratulations, Bobby.

50/50 drawing for \$122.00 was won by Chad.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

Many members then went to The Port Drive-In in Chesterton for root beer.