

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

3/27/09: Dinner at Picasso's (Double Tree Club House), 6pm – Cliff & Diane R. leading

4/14/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 03/10/09 Meeting:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dennis K. led the club in a prayer for the passing of Marie R. An envelope was passed for club members to make a donation for flowers for her funeral. An email will be sent with the details of her funeral arrangements.

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 February 28th there was \$5,374.18 in the checking & savings accounts. There was an excess of \$6.08 collected for the Tony & Tina event that was donated to the club. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved.

Those who attended the Tony & Tina event had a great time. Great job Cindy & Ken!

The trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo was great, especially for the big winner of the night Jim J.

The tech team gave their reports. Gene discussed the many filters on Corvettes starting with the oil filter. He recommended AC Delco. He also gave instructions on how to install an oil filter. You should put oil on the gasket and oil in the new filter itself before you install it. A cup filter remover or strap wrench works best when removing / replacing the oil filter. The second filter discussed was the gas filter. You should replace it every 50,000 to 60,000 miles. The filter usually has markings on it showing which way it should be installed for the gas to flow. Next the transmission filter was discussed. It is not necessary to change it. It is an owner preference. Finally, the air and cabin filters were discussed. You should tap the air filter to clean it or use a shop vac on it. There is a cabin filter on C6's that is located under the hood on the passenger side by the battery. You can clean it the same was as the air filter. It is expensive to replace. It is \$80-85 for a replacement at a GM dealer. Ted discussed a GM service bulletin on a clunking noise that has been reported in some C6's when backing up or making sharp corners. The solution to this problem is to have the differential fluid drained and refilled. Also, he suggested that as members are taking there cars out of storage to check for any mouse or small animals that have been nesting and / or

storing food in the cars. Bruce suggested putting Bounce fabric softener sheets in the car to keep the critters out.

Dick W. announced that if anyone was interested in helping him repair / work on his Vettes to let him know. He will be starting some projects soon.

Unfinished Business:

The by-law committee has met and discussed various topics, including club rules and purpose, dues, expulsions, etc. They will continue to meet and will bring a draft to the club in the future.

After a discussion, a vote was taken on the issue of having a larger party in the summer in place of the Christmas party or to continue with the Christmas party as usual. The Christmas party prevailed and Pam W. has stated an interest in chairing it again this year.

Ideas were discussed for an additional party during the year. One idea discussed was boat trip in Grand Rapids that has a buffet for \$30 per person. Other ideas are also being sought.

New Business:

Club members will be having dinner at Picasso's (DoubleTree Club House) on March 27th at 6pm anyone who is interested in joining should sign up tonight. Cliff and Diane will be leading this event. Club members should meet at the restaurant for a buffet dinner. Club members will pay their own way.

Upcoming club activities:

4/18/09: Bruce O. will host the club at the Ragtop Museum in Michigan City. We will be his guest at the museum. We will have lunch or dinner in New Buffalo or Michigan City as well. This will be a pay your own way meal. Time and restaurant details will follow.

5/20/09: Indy 500 trip. Jim C. leading – details to follow. Some members are discussing possibly staying over in Indy that night and going to the Ray Skillman museum to see the classic cars.

6/6/09: Tom & Susie M. will lead a trip to the Boat House Restaurant in Winona, IN. The Winona Art Festival is also that day.

6/12/09: Ray & Teenia G. will be leading a trip to Corvette Central in Sawyer, MI for a tour and dinner in New Buffalo. More details to follow.

7/11/09: Troy M. is chairing the Harbor Car Show in Michigan City this year. If interested in helping judge, park cars and line up show cars, please see him.

50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Little John.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.