

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

05/16/09: Ladies Tea Party, Tea Room on Madison, Merrillville – Diane leading

05/16/09: Crown Point Show at Carroll Chevrolet

05/20/09: Indy 500 trip – Jim and Jill C. leading

05/24/09: Stray Dog / Oinks, New Buffalo, MI – Gene and Sandy W.

06/09/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 05/12/09 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 April 30th there was \$5,849.43 in the checking & savings accounts. There were no corrections to the treasurer's report. It was filed as written for audit.

Bear thanked Bruce for arranging the Ragtops trip.

Between 15 and 18 members attended the Arnell Camaro release show with their cars. The weather was cool and rainy, but a good time was had by those who attended.

Upcoming events were reviewed:

5/16/09: Crown Point Show, Carroll Chevrolet, Crown Point, IN. begins at 10 am. Club members interested in arriving as a group should meet at the Lake County Government Center in Crown Point at 9 am. Jim D. has raffle tickets if anyone is interested.

5/16/09: Ladies Tea Party, Tea Room on Madison, Merrillville – see Diane if interested.

5/17/09: Roselawn Road Rumble – Car show at Roselawn Home & Garden Showplace on route 10, ¼ mi. west of I-65. 10am-2pm. Ted has flyers.

5/20/09: Indy 500 trip – sponsored by Jim & Jill C. Meet at Wal-Mart in Valpo at 7am. The group will then meet up with others at Fair Oaks Dairy and leave there at 9am. There is a lot of road construction on I-65. Diane passed a sign up sheet for those who are interested in staying overnight in the Indy area and going to the Ray Skillman Museum the following day.

5/24/09: Stray Dog / Oinks, New Buffalo – sponsored by Gene & Sandy W. Meet at the new Jewel in Chesterton at 10 am. The group will be taking US-12 and not I-94.

6/12/09: Corvette Central tour – sponsored by Ray & Teenia G. Meet at 11am at the new Jewel in Chesterton. There will be others from the Gary and Crown Point clubs joining us on this trip.

6/20/09: Father's Day Show – Porter County Courthouse lawn in Valpo – sponsored by Mike C. & Cliff R.

6/25-6/27/09: Bloomington Gold

Diane read an email from a Crown Point club member who is going to the 15th anniversary of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green over the Labor Day weekend. He is trying to find out if anyone else from this area is going and if they would be interested in joining an Indiana caravan. See Diane for details and the email address of the person inquiring.

New Business:

Frank Morgan has designed some ideas for new club logos. Bear passed the samples around for the club to look at. They will be discussed at a future meeting. Some pricing has been given for embroidering of the new design and the digitizing is the most expensive part of the process. The small design on the chest area of a garment would be \$16. To have the large oval design placed on the back of an item would be \$110.

Unfinished Business:

Diane stated that the by-laws have been rewritten and packets containing the new copies will be passed out at the next meeting for members to review before voting at a future meeting.

Pam W. gave an update on the status of the Christmas party. She has checked out several places in the area (Dimitri's Catering / Picasso's, Amassador's in Hobart, Waterbird in Chesterton, and Casa Del Roma in Valpo) and the prices are all similar for a similar menu at all the places. She was looking for input and discussions on the locations. After a short discussion, a motion was made to have the Christmas party at Casa Del Roma again this year. It was seconded and approved.

Rita gave an update on the club picnic. It will be Saturday, September 19th at Rogers Lakewood Park in Valpo at the same pavilion as last year. She contacted the caterer we used last year, Ruge's Meats. He stated they had a price increase from \$10 to \$12 per person, but because we were repeat customers he would do the catering for \$11 per person. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have Ruge's cater the picnic again this year.

Rita also expressed the thanks that she received on behalf of the club from Marie's family. They asked her to express their thanks for the flowers and for members bringing out their cars to lead her funeral procession.

A sign up sheet was made available for the helping in various capacities with the Harbor Show on 7/11. Dave W. has brought in the first goody bag items – calendars. Bear reminded members to start trying to gather goody bag items. Haggerty Insurance will be sending bags to be used again this year.

The tech team gave their reports this month on tires. Gene discussed proper inflation and rotation. It is normal for tires to lose 1 lb of pressure each month. The pressure in tires will rise with the temperature. Tire pressure will drop 1 lb for every 10 degree drop in temperature. You can expect to gain 3.3% in gas mileage with properly inflated tires.

Over-inflated tires will wear out the center of the tire. The tires on most Corvettes cannot be rotated due to the different sizes on the fronts and backs. C6's with the Z51 package can rotate left to right only. Most Corvettes have run flat tires on them. According to manufacturer recommendations you can drive 50 miles at 55 mph on a run flat with no air pressure. Ted discussed the fact that tire age causes most accidents when the tires are at fault. A tire at 6 years old will start to deteriorate. That is 6 years from manufacture date, not the date you put them on your vehicle. One sidewall on each tire must list the manufacture date. For example, the number 517 will be listed and this means the tire was manufactured the 51st week of 2007. Most tires have a warranty on them from manufacture defect for 4 years from the date of mounting. From a safety standpoint it is best to replace all 4 tires at the same time if you can. A question was asked about using nitrogen in tires instead of air. Ted recommended this for better wear and holding of pressure.

Jim D. announced that the Applebee's in Chesterton on Indian Boundary Rd. will be having a car show every Monday starting June 1st from 5-8pm. There will be prizes each week from Applebee's and Advanced Auto.

50/50 drawing for \$92 was won by Michelle.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm.