

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

9/12/09: Third Annual Valpo Vettes Car Show, Arnell Chevrolet, Burns Harbor, IN

9/19/09: Valpo Vette Club picnic, Rogers Lakewood Park, Valpo.

10/13/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

Minutes of the 9/08/09 Meeting:

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

Bear asked Paul to introduce the rest of the Arnell team.

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 will give a more detailed Treasurer's report at the October meeting. She asked Cindy J. to give the report of the finance committee. On behalf of the finance committee, Cindy made a motion for the club to return the amounts paid by members for the club picnic to be refunded at the picnic. Members must pay now for the picnic and the money will be returned when they show up. If members do not show up to the picnic, no money will be returned to them. Motion was seconded and approved. The finance committee met in October to discuss the status of the club budget. At this point the budget looks really good, but the committee will have more details after the club car show and picnic are complete. They were looking at doing more local donations that will stay in the community, possibly involving Arnell's name.

Next on the agenda was the final discussion on the bylaws. Dick W. had expressed concerns with certain articles in the bylaws. His concerns were with who decides if a member is a member in good standing after they have committed an offense against the club or club members, having a parliamentarian at every meeting and if one is not present then it is not an official meeting, and the way a bylaw can be changed by petition. Diane then took off her treasurer's cap (her words) so as to be unbiased when responding to Dick. One suggestion was to have a meeting that only related to the bylaws – no treasurer's report, no 50/50, etc. Diane felt that with 72 memberships this would not be practical. Diane also stated that the membership voted in confidence by electing the officers and that the changes that were made were not a personal agenda by any officer, but rather for the good of the club and a club goal. The ability for an officer to call a special meeting or a quorum to get their own personal agenda accomplished was taken out of the bylaws. This almost occurred last year. With regard to the member in good standing after an offense against the club has been committed, it is now in the bylaws that the person would be on probation for the next year. If in that year a second offense in incurred, the end result would be automatic expulsion. Bear stated that the club is for the people. A motion was made to accept the new set of bylaws as written. It was seconded and approved by the majority in attendance at the meeting.

The upcoming club car show at Arnell is on September 12. Please take posters and put them up in places that you go to. So far 30 people have signed up for specific jobs. This year the judges will be: Ted, Bobby S., Mike M., Dave W. and Cathy S. A photo will be taken of every car at the show in front of the Arnell sign. If you have signed up to help at the show, please be at Arnell by 8am. Registration will be from 9am – 12noon. We will have the same food vendor as last year. Arnell is supplying a DJ and tent. The three oldest cars in the club will be featured upfront between the tents. You will get a free t-shirt only if you help at the show.

Bear wanted everyone to know that when he contacted Mid-America for items for the goody bag they wanted every club member's name and email before they would contribute. He declined to provide any of that information.

New Business:

Unfinished Business:

Rita needs a final count for the picnic by 9/16. It is in the same location as last year (Rogers Lakewood Park in Valpo.) and kids, grandkids, etc are welcome at the event. John M. suggested that we hold the pizza party not on a meeting night. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

The tech team did not have a report, but suggested that if you had any questions to ask the Arnell team during the party.

Upcoming events:

9/12/09: Arnell Show – flyers and posters are available – see Bear, Troy or Ray. No club member's car will be judged.

9/19/09: Club picnic at Rogers Lakewood Park. See Rita for details or to pay \$10 per person attending.

9/25 – 9/27/09: Mid America Fun Fest, Effingham – to park in club parking you must have the special banner on your dash.

9/26/09: Drag racing with the Crown Point Club at the US41 Dragstrip, Morrocco, IN

9/30/09: Blood drive at Arnell, 1-6pm

10/16/09: Girls Night Out at the Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, IN – signup sheet at the meeting for those interested. Sandy M. is leading this event.

50/50 drawing for \$120 was won by Steve.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.