

Northstar Chevelle Club

March 19th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The March 19th, 2016, Northstar Chevelle Club meeting was held at Lares Corporation in Cambridge, MN. Twenty club members gathered for a tour of Lares' plant, where they stock or remanufacture steering gears, pumps, and other components. The tour was followed by pizza and a meeting. President Chris Staniec called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Chris started by thanking our hosts, Dan and Steve, for their hospitality and informative tour.

Chris also thanked Bryan Flatter for his continued publication of the club newsletter. Bryan reminded members that if there's anything they'd like to have included in future publications, suggestions are always welcome.

There was also a discussion of the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account was \$3,529, a \$44 increase from the February balance. The increase was due to five additional membership renewals, offset by expenses for the February meeting and the typical monthly expenses for Yahoo and website costs.

John Delke provided a report on the website and forum. Website traffic has increased 3% this month, but the average amount of time spent on the website has declined. John reported that the link to IDThreadz has been fixed. The forum has 3.3 million life-to-date views. John provided other statistics regarding the forum. However, my pen died and I missed the rest of them while I grabbed another one from my stash.

Chris Staniec reminded members that license plates are still available for \$12 each. We remembered to bring them this time!

Members were reminded that we are looking for hosts and/or organizers of monthly meetings in 2016. If anyone has interest in volunteering for a month, please let any of the officers know. We don't currently have a meeting on the calendar for April, so send us your ideas as soon as possible.

Lares Corporation will be hosting a Car-B-Q on June 25th from noon to 4:00 P.M. Cars, trucks, and bikes from any year are welcome. There is a \$5 vehicle entry fee, people's choice voting, grilled food, cold drinks, and valve cover racing (think Boy Scouts pinewood derby racing, only with valve covers). Chris Staniec requested the rules and regulations, as he's certain the club needs at least one entry in the race.

Following the popularity of last year's November bowling event, Chris Staniec asked the group if they would be interested in bowling again this November. Based on the show of hands, we will work on getting that scheduled.

Street Machine Nationals will be held July 15th through July 17th. A plan for club representation at that event will be determined as the date approaches.

The Powercruise at Brainerd International Raceway will be August 5th through August 7th. Registration is not yet open. Watch for further details as they become available.

Cruise for Troops will be September 24th at Running Aces in Columbus, MN.

Following a data breach at his place of employment, John Delke reminded members of the importance of protecting personal information. To protect against phishing scams and other misuse of personal data, he encouraged members to register for LifeLock. It is also a good idea to have one credit card dedicated to on-line purchases only, and never use a debit card on-line.

John also had some 2013 club calendars to give away for correct trivia answers.

Official business discussion ended, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 P.M. Many members continued to wander through the plant and ask Dan more questions, which he was more than happy to answer. It would be great to show our appreciation by attending their Car-B-Q in June, so mark your calendars for the 25th!