

THE ENLIGHT'NER
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Our club sponsor is: Jerry Smith Chevrolet – Buick, 12484 Reservation Road and Highway 20, Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 293-5166.

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2008 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-----
VICE-PRESIDENT-----LINDA GILBERT
SECRETARY-----SANDY RUCH
TREASURER-----DOUG GILBERT

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Activities-----All Members
Web Master-----Bill Ruch
Statistician-----Kevin Humann
Car Shows-----Dave Overton
Elections-----Betty Carey
Newsletter Editor-----Sandy Ruch
Membership-----Barbara Strowbridge
Sergeant at Arms-----Skip Nelson
PAO-----Bill Amman

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jul 14. Club Meeting, Denny's, Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Jul 28. Club Meeting. Village Pizza, Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Aug 11. Club Meeting, Denny's, Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Aug 25. Club Meeting. Village Pizza, Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Sep 8. Club Meeting, Denny's, Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Sep 22. Club Meeting. Village Pizza, Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
(Dates/Events are subject to change)

Saturday, Jul 4. Parade in Anacortes

Sunday, July 19. Jerry Smith "Open Class" Car Show

Saturday, Aug 8. 5th Annual Shooter Party. Overnight at Mitchell's Camp Grounds

Other Events

July Birthdays

3	Richard Fagundes
5	Gayle Humann
6	Sandy Ruch
7	Mona Brown
12	Beki Killorin
15	Mary Ellen Lotze
20	Kevin Cogley, Jackie Vannice
21	David Acton
23	Jay Cockrum

July Anniversaries

2	Bill & Sue Hershaw
22	Ken & Siow Lee Anderson
27	Bill & Karen Amman

Minutes

MINUTES OF 9June 09 MEETING AT Denny's

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (37) Lenny Angelo, Christie & Curt Bailey, Jack & Carol Bowen, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank & Maureen DePuy, Ron Foster, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Ande & Lucy Mitchell, Skip & Rita Nelson, Joanne Olson, Rod Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shaffer, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles, Roger Tenbrink, Wally & Jo VanDerToom, Marc Zahrt.

The minutes of the 26May 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. Treasurer's report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 81. Cascade Locks trip is coming up. Meet at PETCO Thur. at 10:00am. Have your radios charged. Our PAO will send out e-mails. For the 4th of July meet at Dave O's. Time is 9:30am. Bring Candy and Decorate Cars. Berry Cool Car show, June 21st, meet at PETCO 8:00 am. Twin City Idlers Show in Stanwood June 28. Meet at PETCO 8:00am. Lyman car show is on July 11th. Meet at PETCO 7:30am. The Marine Corp League Benefit 26 July. Meet at PETCO 9:00am.

NEW BUSINESS: Another Reminder * Remember to pay your dues!* All Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green. If interested Lenny has information. Bill Strowbridge has a CD presentation by Jim VanDorn if interested. He also has 2 watches left for \$15.00 each. Bill has a DVD of out theme song. He will send you the link to it if you ask. The new Grand Sport has now been unveiled at Bowling Green. The next meeting will be at Village Pizza June 23. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53. Joanne Olson won "Joker Up"

MINUTES OF 23 June 09 MEETING AT Village Pizza

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (29), Bill & Karen Amman, Dick & Betty Carey, Ron Foster, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann

Humphreys, Jerry Miller, Joanne & Brian Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Dave & Eileen Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles, Wally VanDerToom, Marc Zahrt.

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Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 81. Report on the Berry Cool Car show in Burlington. We took 3 trophy's. 10:00am. For the 4th of July meet at Dave O's. Time is 9:30am. Bring Candy and Decorate Cars. Twin City Idlers Show in Stanwood June 28. Meet at PETCO 8:00am. Lyman car show is on July 11th. Meet at PETCO 7:30am. The Marine Corp League Benefit 26 July. Meet at PETCO 9:00am. We had an impromptu trailer day to clean up our mess.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Barb Strowbridge for the club to pay for the meats and chefs. Seconded by Dave Putnam. Motion passed. Another Reminder * Remember to pay your dues!* Cruzin Magazine wants to know if we wanted to advertize our Denny's car show. We declined. We need volunteers to help move cars the night before our Jerry Smith car show. Meet at Jerry Smith's 5pm the 18th of July. Shooter Party is 8 Aug. LaConner Classic Car / Yacht 15 Aug. Sedro Woolley's Founders Day 13 Sep @ Riverfront park. The next meeting will be at Denny's July 14. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04
Dave Overton won "Joker Up"

Corvette History - July



- **July 1, 2000:** Corvette brand manager Jim Campbell is promoted, and replaced by Rick Baldick.
- **July 2, 1992:** The one millionth Corvette is built. It is a white LT1 roadster, with red interior.
- **July 10, 1994:** At the four-hour endurance GT Championship race at Vallelunga, Italy, a Callaway SuperNatural Corvette LM driven by Andreas Fuchs and Enrico Bertaglia finishes first in GT-2 class and second overall, behind a Ferrari F40.
- **July 17, 1999:** At Knebworth House in Essex, England, 120 Corvettes take part in the longest convoy of Corvettes ever in England. 344 cars in total take part in the main event, the 20th Annual Corvette Nationals of the Classic Corvette Club United Kingdom.
- **July, 1953:** Zora Arkus-Duntov begins working on the Corvette.

- **July, 1956:** Work begins on Project XP-64, a sports/racer built for the upcoming race in Sebring. The car is named the Corvette SS (Super Spyder), or Sebring SS. A clay model of Zora's design is made, and shown to management.
- **July, 1956:** Richard Thompson races a production Corvette to first place in C class - Production, in the Seattle Seafair race, the first SCCA National title for the Corvette.
- **July, 1958:** Bill Mitchell assembles the XP-700, a highly modified Corvette with a long oval nose, and twin-bubble plastic roof. The rear design is later adopted for the 1961 model.
- **July, 1962:** Production begins on the Grand Sport, designed for racing in World Championship races. Production is intended to be 125.
- **July, 1975:** The last 1975 model-year convertible Stingray rolls off the assembly line.
- **July, 1977:** Bill Mitchell resigns from General Motors.

Frankly Speaking

Ah, summer is here and time play in the Corvette. Top down, roaring down the road. It has been a long time coming. Time to make some noise and set off alarms in parking lots. Went to a few car shows and saw a lot of really nice cars which I have not seen before. How do we persuade these once a year car show folks to attend one of our shows? Free hotdogs, bikini clad dancing girls or name your own trophy? Our next car show is July 19th at Jerry Smith Chevrolet. We need help as usual. Sooo, if you can participate and help our club out that would be excellent.

Dreams come true for some people, and their stories vary. Here is one dear to our hearts from north of our border:

72 Corvette was love at first sight

When Rick Claffey saw a black Corvette at a Swift Current car show, he fell in love with it. When he had the chance to buy it a couple of years later, he just couldn't say no.

Claffey and his wife Laura lived in Regina for years, until business took them to St. Albert, Alta., near Edmonton.

They were living in Saskatchewan when they first saw the 1972 Corvette, owned by a Swift Current area farmer, at the car show.

"When he sold the car, my buddy from Swift Current bought it," explained Claffey.

"He then phoned me, after he bought it, because he knew I was intrigued and interested in it. He said, 'I've got your car!' I said, 'what do you mean?' Then he told me it was the black '72 Corvette he bought from his buddy. He said he was doing a few things to it, and if I wanted it, here was the price."

That was four years ago, after Claffey had relocated to St. Albert. He and Laura travelled to Swift Current and drove home their car.

The Corvette is fully restored to original, with all of its equipment from 1972. It has a small block 350 four-speed, all factory original.

The car was built with dark green paint, but has since been painted black.

"There wasn't a lot of work to be done to it because it was looked after over the years," said Claffey.

As with most classic cars, there's always a bit of work to be done, but the car, originally from Ontario, only has 50,000 miles on it.

The Corvette is in good enough condition that it could be a show piece, but the Claffeys love to drive the car much more than they would ever like to show it.

Rick has already pulled the car out onto the driveway just to start it up. They drive it throughout the summer into the mountains, going through the mountains to Jasper and Canmore.

The car will be making another trip this year -- a trip home to Regina when the Claffeys move back.

"It's fun to take the T-top off and then we strap our suitcases on the back," said Claffey.

"I've always loved Corvettes. This is a 1972, the same year I got my driver's licence ... Every time we drive down the street with that, people are turning. It is a bit of a head turner.

"Every time we drive it, someone is pointing, giving me the thumbs up. I've had young guys almost crashing their cars trying to get beside it. The little kids see and say, 'Look, it's the Batmobile!' It's black and it kind of has that look to it."

Before this, Claffey had never had a Corvette, but his wife Laura did.

In 1976 her dad bought a Corvette and let her pick the features and colours -- which sparked Rick's interest in the vehicle.

Now that he has one, he doesn't know if he could ever be without. He's thought about possibly selling his car in the future, but he said he'll probably end up keeping it, as now that he's had his toy, it's in his blood and he'd just be looking for something else.

"When we saw it at the car show, that was the first time I'd ever seen the car," said Claffey.

"I had my sights set on it, and thought if I could ever get a classic car, that'd be the one I wanted to get, but I never thought that was the one we'd end up with. When I received the phone call from a buddy in Swift Current that he had my car, I couldn't resist."

Autoweek listed their choices for the ultimate alltime convertibles. Corvette convertible made the list(2nd) and these were the comments: Buzz and Todd never had it so good, and this ride begs to be hammered across Route 66, or any other long, flat stretch of asphalt. As Lightning McQueen will tell you, it is, after all, about the journey. I might add "And what's under the hood".

Our friends north of our border have some interesting insight into owning a Corvette: In 2009, Chevrolet introduced the ultimate Corvette expression -- the reincarnation of the ZR1. With 638 hp under the hood, this car is an unholy terror that does not take a back seat to any supercar.

If an exotic ride is in the cards, the Chevrolet Corvette offers astounding bang for the buck. At just \$91.08 for each of the 2006 Z06's stallions, it is impossible to beat. For example, the 2005 Acura NSX (its last year) commands a princely \$241.57 for each of its 252 ponies. The 2005 Porsche 911 Turbo S costs \$185.81 for each of its 444 hp and the 2006 BMW M3 rates \$118.61 (333 hp). Only the rapidly depreciating 2006 Jaguar XKR and its 390 hp comes close-- \$104.61. That the Corvette has enjoyed better than average reliability over the years, as witnessed by the lack of recalls, cements its enormous appeal. Adious, till next time!!

Doctor Dictionary Word of the Day

denigrate \DEN-i-greyt\, verb:

to attack the character or reputation of; defame

My sister denigrates her husband in every conversation.

by 1526, from Latin denigratus/denigrare "to blacken, defame," of unknown origin.

chaff \chaf\, noun, verb:

1. the stiff strawlike part of grains such as wheat, oats, rye 2. to make good-natured fun of someone 3. worthless material; detritus

Chaff is separated from the grain by threshing.

It's hard to separate the chaff from the wheat sometimes.

The kids chaffed the exchange student for her mistakes in grammar.

c 1000, Old English ceaf, from Proto-Germanic *kaf-, *kef-. Chaffinch (*Fringilla caelebs*) is Old English ceaffinc

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Bill Strowbridge
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REMINDER!

**If you have not paid your dues
They are past due. Please contact Doug
Gilbert**

If you want something to appear in the Newsletter. Feel free to e-mail the information to Edgar.

Grilled Asparagus

3 Tbs olive oil
1 Tbs lemon zest
1 Tbs fresh lemon juice
1 (1 lb) bunch asparagus, trimmed
2 tsp kosher salt
1 tsp ground black pepper
Garnish: grilled lemon slices

In a small bowl, combine olive oil, lemon zest, and lemon juice.

Preheat grill to medium high heat (350 to 400). Spray grill rack with nonstick nonflammable cooking spray.

Place asparagus in a single layer over prepared grill; brush evenly with olive oil mixture. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes, turning frequently, or until asparagus is tender. Remove

from grill. Sprinkle with salt and pepper before serving.
Garnish with grilled lemon slices if desired.

Tasty tip:

For an added punch of flavor, add crushed red pepper
or minced garlic to the olive oil mixture before brushing
asparagus.

?????Trivia Question?????

What is the name of the pet Viper of Albert (Aldo Ray) in
the film We're no angels?

Answer : Adolf

Which Independence Day was the first to celebrate with
fireworks?

Answer: In next months Newsletter
