

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-----RON FOSTER
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

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Mar 10. Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Mar 24. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Tuesday, May 12. Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 26 . Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Jun 9. Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Jun 23 . Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
(Dates/Events are subject to change)

Sun-Thurs 15-19 Mar. Pacific Beach, WA

Sunday 3 May. Trailer Day at the Reeds.

Saturday 16 May. Anacortes Waterfront Festival "All
Corvette" Car show. Details TBA

Sunday 17 May. Anacortes Waterfront Festival "Open class" Car Show. Details TBA

June 25-28. Cascade Locks Trip

Saturday, Jul 4. Parade in Anacortes

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

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

Other Events

Sun 29 Mar. Leprechaun Dazs, Bellingham.

Sat 18 Apr. Mt. Vernon Swapmeet Skagit Co Fairgrounds.

Sat-Sun 25 & 26 Apr. JeffCo EXPO Car Show

Sun-Mon 24 & 25 May. Cruz to Colby Everett

Sat 6 Jun. Skagit Valley College Car Show

Sat 13 Jun. Greenbank Farm Car Show Whidbey Is.

March Birthdays

5	Betty Carey
7	Ken Anderson
11	Steve Maisch
14	Candy Callen
17	Rod Wise
23	Clint Stroebel
26	June Reed, Sherri Brown, Sam Lovold
30	Carman Saia

March Anniversaries

27	Christie & Curt Bailey
29	Jim & June Reed

Minutes

MINUTES OF 10 FEB 09 MEETING AT Denny's
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (34) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Curt & Christie Bailey, Paul Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Dick Carey, Frank DePuy, Ron & Anita Foster, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Sam & DeLonis Lovold, Steve & Mickie Maisch, Ande & Lucy Michelle, Skip &

Rita Nelson, Joanne Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Dave Thomason. The minutes of the 27 Jan 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: 78

The 2009 Car show flyers were presented for viewing. Bill Strowbridge has provided information on some Car Care Products for Club Members.

The new Goodguy's Schedule is now available.

Received some very nice thank you letters from the Food Banks we donated to.

Steve has some more information available on the Ocean Shores trip.

Be sure to make your reservations for Sternwheeler Days.

Linda & Linda are still working on the T-shirt situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Several Door Prizes were presented to the club. Thank you to the Doner.

Linda will talk to Jerry Smith about door prizes for our shows and maybe a trophy or two.

We need to get trophy's on order. Bill Ruch will have more info next meeting.

Bill Ruch will get more info on "Soupy's" Memorial. Will have the President send out a mass e-mail.

If interested in club radios, please let Bill Ruch know so he can order them.

The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 24 Feb 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Lenny Angelo won "Joker Up"

MINUTES OF 24 FEB 09 MEETING AT Village Pizza

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (27) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Paul Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Frank DePuy, Ron & Anita Foster, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Sam & DeLonis Lovold, Jon Martin, Joanne & Brian Olson, Dave Overton, Dave Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge.

The minutes of the 10 Feb 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

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Report on Soupy's Memorial. There were reps from at least 5 car clubs. The entire service was wonderful.

If you're going to Pacific Beach, then leave PETCO at 10:00 AM. Breakfast at IHOP at Smokey Point.

Dave Putnam's 59 Roadster is pictured in Vette Magazine.

Be sure to make your reservations for Sternwheeler Days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Ruch presented information on the trophies. It will cost \$1,158.00 for all 4 shows.

Dash Plaques will be taken care of by Dave O.

3 May is trailer day at the Reed's. Meet at the C.P.O. club at 10:00 AM for Brunch.

Sponsorship is due from Village Pizza. An invoice will be provided for them.

If interested in club radios, please let Bill Ruch know so he can order them.

The next meeting will be at Denny's on 10 Mar 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Bill Ruch won "Joker Up". (First card drawn)

Corvette History - March



- **March 2, 1990:** At the Firestone Test Center near Fort Stockton, Texas, a team of drivers set a dozen land speed records with a Corvette ZR-1 and a Corvette L-98. Cars were in near stock condition, minus mufflers and catalytic converters. Records include 5000 miles in a time of 28:46:12.462, 5000 km in a time of 17:40:53.748, and 4221.256 miles in 24 hours. Average speed for all record runs were 170-175 MPH. One driver is Corvette Development and Validation Manager John Heinrichy.
- **March 6, 1996:** Corvette's Chief Engineer, Dave Hill makes the final decision to stop C4 model Corvette production and put all emphasis on C5. June 16 is set as the last day of building C4 Corvettes.
- **March 7, 1997:** Chevrolet begins selling the 1997 model Corvette.
- **March 14, 1977:** The 500,000th Corvette drives off the assembly line.
- **March 18, 2000:** In Florida, the 48th Annual Superflo 12 Hours at Sebring is held. Corvette C5-R, #4, driven by Ron Fellows, Chris Kneifel, and Justin Bell, places 16th overall. Corvette C5-R, #3, driven by Andy Pilgrim, Kelly Collins, and Frank Freon places 24th overall.
- **March 20, 1999:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race, Ron Fellows, John Paul Jr., and Chris Kneifel drive C5-R No. 3, finishing 4th in class. Andy Pilgrim, Scott Sharp, and John Heinrichy drive C5-R No. 4, but do not finish the race.
- **March 23, 1957:** Chevrolet enters four Corvettes in the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida. The Corvette SS (Super Sport), driven by John Fitch and Juan Fangio, runs only 120 miles before being retired on lap 23 due to erratic brakes and faulty rear suspension. Richard Thompson and Gaston Andrey in No. 4 finish first in GT Production class, 12th overall. A third Corvette wins Modified Production class, 15th overall. The fourth Corvette takes 16th overall. 12th place is the best showing for a car in GT class at Sebring.
- **March 23, 1992:** General Motors applies for a registered trademark of "STINGRAY".
- **March 24, 1956:** Four 1956 Corvettes take part in the Florida International 12-Hour Grand Prix of Endurance, at Sebring, Florida. Car No. 1, with 307-ci engine, driven by John Fitch and Walt Hansgen, runs in SCCA class C/Modified, and finishes the race, winning first in its class, and ninth overall. Car No. 5, with 265-ci engine, high performance Duntov cam and 4.11-to-1 final drive, and driven by Dale Duncan and John Eager, runs in class B/Production, but breaks an axle shaft 20 minutes into the race. Car No. 6, with 265-ci engine, 3.70-to-1 final drive, driven by Ray Crawford and Max Goldman, runs in SCCA class B/Production, and finishes the race 6th in class and 15th overall. Car No. 7, with 265-ci engine, 4.11-to-1 final drive, driven by Ernie Erickson and Chuck Hassan, runs in class B/Production, but blows a piston about 1:20 hours into the race.
- **March 27, 1962:** At the 12 Hours of Endurance race at Sebring, Florida, M.J.R. Wylie and Duncan Black drive Gulf Oil's 1962 Corvette to 2nd in A/Production class, and 18th overall.
- **March 27, 1978:** The Wall Street Journal runs a front-page article about the 1978 Corvette Indianapolis 500 Pace Cars, indicating they would be excellent investments.
- **March, 1960:** A Corvette finishes first in class at the 12 Hours of Sebring race. Two Corvettes of the Camoradi racing team, driven by Jim Jeffords and Fred Gamble, finish second and third in GT class.
- **March, 1961:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race, Corvette drivers Delmo Johnson and Dave Morgan finish 1st in GT class and 11th overall.
- **March, 1964:** A Corvette finishes first in GT category at the 12 Hours of Sebring race.
- **March, 1966:** Roger Penske, in his 1966 Corvette with 427 ci engine, finishes first in GT class at the 12 Hours of Sebring race.
- **March, 1967:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race, Dave Morgan and Don Yenko compete in a 1967 L88 Corvette, finishing 1st in GT class and 10th overall.

- **March, 1968:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida, Yenko/Rodriguez race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 2), Thompson/DeLorenzo race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 4), and Morgan/Sharp race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 3). One finishes first in GT class.
- **March, 1972:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida, Dave Heinz and Bob Johnson race Toye English's 1969 L88 convertible to first in GT class.
- **March, 1973:** The driving team of John Greenwood, Ron Grable, and Mike Brockman drive a Corvette to a win in its class at Sebring, and taking third place overall, the best ever showing for a Corvette at Sebring
- **March, 1983:** The 1984 Corvette goes on sale in the US, except for California.
- **March, 1989:** Chevrolet introduces the Corvette ZR-1 at the Geneva Auto Show in Switzerland.
- **March, 1990:** Dennis Amodeo, winner of 36 Corvettes through a 1989 VH-1 contest, sells the collection to artist Peter Max for approximately US\$1.5 million.
- **March, 1992:** Ground-breaking ceremony is held next to the Corvette plant for a permanent home for the National Corvette Museum.

THESE WILL NOT PASS THE "FACT CHECK" TEST,
BUT YOU GET THE IDEA
YOU COULD HAVE HEARD A PIN DROP.

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including France and America. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying 'have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier into Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?' A Boeing engineer stood up and quietly replied: 'Our carriers have three hospitals that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?'

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Frankly Speaking:

Hopefully all the really bad weather is behind us so we can start bringing our cars out of storage and enjoying them. An early start would be nice! In the same vane, before we can think about it, May will be here and our club will be putting on the first two cars shows of the 2009 season (May 16th and 17th Waterfront Festival). Please put these dates on your calendar. We had good participation from our club members last year (weather lady did a outstanding job). However, we need more helpers on Sunday to help park cars, relieve people for breaks, etc. The open class car show on Sunday is usually busier than the Corvette show on Saturday (although we have had exceptions to the norm). So... if you could help both days or on Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. I will again mention car show help/participation every month to remind club members.

Here is the latest news from GMville. Not good! The sky *is* falling. GM announced today that it was disbanding its High Performance Vehicle Operations in order to focus on its core products as part of its commitment to the government to transform the company by concentrating on building fuel-efficient vehicles. These people did great work and left a legacy of some outstanding cars (the CTS-V for one). Not just the end of an era, but the end of the world as we know it. This is a sad day for hard-core enthusiasts everywhere. However there is a little bright lite:

The upcoming release (June 26) from DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" - the sequel to "Transformers" - will again feature concept vehicles from General Motors playing prominent roles in the film. Directed by Michael Bay, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" sees the AUTOBOTS confront a new threat from DECEPTICONS[®] bent on avenging their earlier defeat on Earth. The new AUTOBOT characters in their current Chevy-based form square off against new, tougher foes determined to rule the universe. Five Chevrolet-based characters – including four all-new characters – are featured in the new film. All of them were at the Chevrolet display at the Chicago Auto Show. The four new movie characters include:

- SIDESWIPE – a stylized Corvette concept
- SKIDS and MUDFLAP – twin AUTOBOTS[®] based on Chevy's Beat (a concept that will go into production as the Chevy Spark in 2011) and Trax concepts
- JOLT – an AUTOBOT-based on Chevy's upcoming Volt extended-range electric vehicle

Of most interest is the SIDESWIPE, which takes the form of a sleek, visionary concept for the next-gen

Corvette dreamed up by some of GM's top designers. The design is influenced by the original Stingray race car, introduced in 1959, but also draws on Corvette heritage cues from other generations.

"SIDESWIPE represents an exercise in exploration for the Corvette," said Ed Welburn, vice president of GM Global Design. "By giving my creative team the freedom to design no-holds-barred vision concepts, it helps them push boundaries and look at projects from different perspectives."

With GM's financial travails, the next-gen Corvette C7 has been pushed back to 2012 at the earliest. This Stingray concept is one direction that the design exploration for the C7 has taken, and we like it - a lot. Ed Welburn has made no effort to hide his affection for the original Stingray - which happens to be my personal favorite all-time design too - so I would hope that if GM survives and we get to a point that a new C7 Corvette can actually be built, that it would look a lot like this concept.

Time to go to press. Enjoy and fly under the radar!!

Doctor Dictionary Word of the Day

obscure \uhb-SKYOOR\, adjective:

1. not clearly expressed; hard to understand
2. to hide from view; dim, darken
3. not well known; not prominent
4. dark, dim, murky

An obscure federal agency with a history of setbacks announced Thursday that it will upgrade its troubled wastewater treatment plant in San Ysidro.

-- Mike Lee, The San Diego Union-Tribune
<<http://www.signonsandiego.com/>> , 2008-05-18

Either way, it's the sort of obscure Australian that fascinates local historian David Morgan, who has been an inveterate collector of trivia, compiler of lists and orchestrator of improbable connections since he began thumbing through encyclopedias as a child.

-- John Huxley, The Sydney Morning Herald
<<http://www.smh.com.au/>> , 2005-11-12

c 1425, from Old French *obscur* "dark, dim, not clear," from Latin *obscurus* "covered over, dark, obscure, indistinct," from *ob* "over" + *-scurus* "covered," from Proto Indo-European **(s)keu-* "to cover, conceal;" source of Old Norse *sky*, Old English *sceo* "cloud," Latin *scutum* "shield" and Greek *skeue* "dress.". The verb is first recorded 1475.

qualitative \KWOL-i-tey-tiv\, adjective:

concerned with quality or qualities

Firstly, it was woefully underfunded. Secondly, by making testing the end-all be-all of educational performance, we ignored the more qualitative dimensions of education, which help a child expand and become a whole person.

-- Rep. Dennis Kucinich, The Washington Post
<<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>> , 2007-10-18

Many agencies are abandoning the painstaking analysis of reams of statistical information - called quantitative research - in favor of one-on-one and group interviews, or qualitative research.

-- Randall Rothenburg, New York Times
<<http://www.nytimes.com/>> , 1969-04-06

by 1607 from Latin *qualitativus* "concerned with quality" from classical Latin *qualitas* "quality" and *-ive* suffix.

"Don't Let Go of the Rope"

In response to your request for additional information in block number 3 of the accident reporting form, I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust the following details will be sufficient. I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident I was working alone on the roof of a new six story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 500 lbs. of bricks left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which fortunately was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went up on the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the brick into it. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 500 lbs. of brick. You will note in block number 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh 135 lbs. Due to my surprise at being jerked from the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by that time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately 50 lbs. I refer you again to

my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the 2 fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed my descent enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks, in some pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel six stories above me, I again lost my presence of mind. You guessed it, I LET GO OF THE ROPE!!

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Tennessee, and the third is from Minnesota.

All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The Minnesota contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me.."

The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700."

The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The Chicago contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence."

"Done!" replies the government official.

And that, my friends, is how the new stimulus plan will work.