

THE ENLIGHT'NER

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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, 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)

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.

April Birthdays

12	Anita Foster
14	Bill Hershaw
22	Sue Keller
25	Susan Kellogg

April Anniversaries

5	Dennis & Dalene Somerville
11	Mike & Pat Beardsley
27	Dan & Linda Haskins
29	Mel & Linda Paul

Minutes

MINUTES OF 10 Mar 09 MEETING AT Denny's
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (28) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Paul Borgen, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Ron & Anita Foster, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Joanne & Brian Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Bill & Barb Strowbridge,

The minutes of the 24 Feb 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: 78. Dave O. reported on the Nostalgic Drags. There are still rooms available at Ocean Shores if anyone is interested. We will leave PETCO at 10:00am, breakfast at IHOP. Have radios ready. Dale will lead the group for Sternwheeler Days. Remember 29 March is Leprechaun Dayz. If you want anything in the Newsletter please send it to EDGAR. Bill R gave all the information on Club radios, suggestion was made that we buy 2 extra. That was tabled until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill S. presented information on watches for door prizes or for raffle. Motion made by Doug Gilbert and Seconded by Anita Foster to purchase

10 at 10.00 ea. Bill R will order the Trophies and Dave O. will order dash plaques. Trailer Day is set for 3 May. Meet at the CPO club for brunch first at 10:00am. Car show are fast approaching and we need all of the help we can get. Linda discussed the Denny's show with Duane. He will present us with a \$300.00 check. 200 for Trophies and 100 for sponsorship. He will also pass out coupons for all participants. We will provide the music and barricades. Duane will see about having a 50's menu for that day. La Conner parade is on 11 April if interested.

The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 24 Mar 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Barbara Strowbridge won "Joker Up"

MINUTES OF 24 Mar 09 MEETING AT Village Pizza
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (33) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Ron & Anita Foster, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Larry Kiger, John & Therese Kingsbury, Jerry Miller, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, David Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles

The minutes of the 10 Mar 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction.

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: 78. Report on Pacific Beach. If we didn't go we missed a great time. We now have a club theme song. Written by Therese Kingsbury to the tune of "Jeremiah was a Bullfrog". Performed by Therese Kingsbury and Bill Strowbridge. March 29, Four Corner Elites Car show in Bellingham. Leave PETCO @ 10:00 weather permitting. Linda spoke to Conner at Jerry Smith's. They want to present a Sponsors choice trophy. They will also provide some Door Prizes. Remember 29 March is Leprechaun Dayz. If you want anything in the Newsletter please send it to EDGAR. Sandy will speak to Dave Thomason about the Brick in Soupy's name.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill S. presented information on watches last meeting, They have arrived and look very nice.

Trailer Day is set for 3 May. Meet at the CPO club for brunch first at 10:00am. Leave PETCO @ 9:00am, Sharp's Corner @ 9:30. Car show are fast approaching and we need all of the help we can get. Greenbank Car show 13 June. Cruz to Colby Everett 24-25 May. Lyman Car show 11 July, departure time to be announced. Cool Bayview Nights Car show So. Whidbey 11 July. Tahoe Corvettes Car show June 19-21. Contact Lenny Angelo for more Info. La Conner parade is on 11 April if interested. Linda is seeking more Info for T-shirts. The next meeting will be at Denny's on 14 Apr 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Rissa Borgen won "Joker Up"

Corvette History - April



- **April 8, 1989:** The SCCA Corvette Challenge race series begins its second season, at the Dallas Grand Prix, in Texas.
- **April 18, 1958:** The Sting Ray makes its debut at the President's Cup Race at Maryland's Marlboro Raceway. The car is Bill Mitchell's personal vehicle for style testing of the Corvette. Richard Thompson races it to fourth place. The car was made from the last Corvette SS mule chassis, and given a new body by Bill Mitchell and Larry Shinoda.
- **April 21, 1996:** Zora Arkus-Duntov dies at age 86, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
- **April 25, 1992:** Chevrolet General Manager Jim Perkins announces at the Corvette Wind and Thunder meeting that there is a plan for a 1996 Corvette, but with no radical changes.
- **April 28, 1995:** The last ZR-1 Corvette rolls off the assembly line. During its six year lifetime, 6939 ZR-1 Corvettes were built. Chevrolet general manager Jim Perkins and Chief Corvette Engineer Dave McLellan deliver the car to the National Corvette Museum.
- **April 30, 2000:** Dave Hill, Chief Engineer of Corvette, unveils the 2001 Z06 model Corvette, with new 385 HP LS6 engine.
- **April, 1965:** The Mako Shark II (project XP-830), formerly called the Mako Shark, makes its debut appearance at the New York International Auto Show. The non-running full-size model cost nearly US\$3 million to create.
- **April, 1970:** Chevrolet unveils the experimental mid-engined XP-895 Corvette at the New York Auto Show. The car is the restyled XP-882 prototype.
- **April, 1994:** General Motors holds a marketing clinic in Los Angeles, to ascertain how well the new 1997 model Corvette might sell. 60% of the clinic attendees say they would buy the Corvette over the competition.

You could have heard a pin drop

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French Admiral suddenly complained that whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?' without hesitating, the American Admiral replied 'Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

Frankly Speaking

Will someone please wake up SPRING!!! Better yet, let's jump right into summer. In a month and a half our first car shows May 16th and 17th (Waterfront Festival) will be upon us. Last year was great. We did not have to drag out the heaters. Anyhow we will be there and put on another great performance. However, in order to be great in our performance at the shows, we need helpers to park cars, etc. The Sunday open class show seems to have less helpers and we get as little thin in trying to get everything done. So, if you cannot be there on Saturday, try to make it Sunday or better yet both days!! Plan ahead and you may surprise yourself. April 11th is the Laconner parade and visit to PACAR. Be there or loose out on a great day. Other corvette clubs will be joining us.

The word STINGRAY is synonymous with corvettes of the past. First a primer on the STINGRAY and then the latest news.

A though inspired by such British roadsters as the Jaguar XK120, the first 1953 Chevrolet Corvette was more sporty car than sports car.

It had a modified version of the Chevy sedan's overhead-valve, inline six and its two-speed automatic transmission was disdained by sports car enthusiasts.

That soon changed. Under the guidance of Belgian-born, German-educated engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov, the Corvette evolved into a genuine sports car.



WINNER: The 1967 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray is among those second-generation models that are prized by collectors as the best of the Corvette line. Its sharp character line was a break from the Corvette's previous rounded shape.

Arkus-Duntov joined the General Motors research department in May 1953, coinciding almost exactly with the production of the first Corvette in June.

Among his early duties was an analysis of the Corvette's handling. He turned the Corvette into a credible road holder.

Arkus-Duntov's dedication to the Corvette eventually earned him the title of chief Corvette engineer; unofficially he was the "Father of the Corvette."

The remarkable 1955 overhead-valve Chevy "small-block" V-8 was installed in the Corvette and by 1956, a genuine four-speed manual transmission was available. Optional fuel injection appeared in 1957 and displacement was raised to 4.6 litres (283 cubic inches).

Chevrolet began working on competition versions of the Corvette. These included the mid-engined CERV 1, the Corvette SR and SS series and the Corvette Sting Ray.

The Sting Ray racer led to the production Corvette Sting Ray. Under the leadership of GM's chief stylist, Bill Mitchell, the 1959 racer closely predicted the styling of the production car of 1963 to '67, the models many Corvette enthusiasts regard as the greatest of all Corvettes.

The 1963 Sting Ray was, except for the engine and transmission, all new. The X-member frame was replaced by a stiffer, wider ladder type and the car's overall dimensions were reduced. The wheelbase was shortened 102 mm to 2,490 mm, length reduced 35 mm, width cut 20 mm and height lowered 61 mm. It was a trimmer, tauter sports car, although its 1,361 kg. weight stayed approximately the same.

The most advanced feature was its new independent rear suspension. Based on the CERV 1, its double-jointed half-shafts also functioned as the upper control arms.

For space reasons, the rear coils were replaced by a lateral multi-leaf spring. That independent rear suspension was a piece of engineering elegance, the first modern American use of a fully articulated rear axle.

Corvettes had previously been exclusively open cars, but for 1963, a fastback coupe was added.

The split rear window, which everybody but stylist Mitchell wanted to eliminate, became a '63 identifier. Mitchell was finally overruled, and the split window was used for only one year.

The Sting Ray's styling was a break from the previous rounded shape. A sharp character line extended all around at wheel top. The headlamps were concealed behind electrically operated doors, the first on an American car since the 1942 DeSoto.

Power came from a 5.4-litre (327-cubic-inch) V-8, an enlargement of the original 4.3, with horsepower ratings of 250, 300, 340 and 360.

Both an automatic transmission (still a two-speed) and three- and four-speed manuals were available, although the automatic was confined to the lower powered engines.

Performance, particularly with the high-output engines, was prodigious. Road & Track magazine reported a zero to 96 km/h time of 5.9 seconds and a top speed of 229 km/h with the 360-horsepower, four-speed.

Although the Sting Ray remained substantially unchanged over its five-year history, it did receive many subtle styling alterations and mechanical options.

For 1964, the two phoney air intakes atop the hood disappeared. In 1965, the fake front fender vents were made functional.

Although the 5.4 litre V-8 would continue to be available, in 1965 a "big-block" 6.5-litre (396-cubic-inch), 425-horsepower engine appeared.

Four-wheel disc brakes arrived for '65, which was also the last year for the optional mechanical fuel injection. When fuel injection returned to the Corvette in 1982, it would be electronic.

For 1966, the big block was bored out to 7.0 litres (427 cubic inches) but was still rated at a conservative 425 horsepower.

Then for '67, the Sting Ray's last year, the engineers went all out with their L88 7.0-litre big block rated at 560 horsepower. Only a handful were built.

The Sting Ray was a winner. It was a styling success, had outstanding performance and, by Corvette standards, sold very well. Sales of the '63 totalled 21,513 compared with 14,531 of the '62s. It reached its peak year of 27,720 in 1966.

The Sting Ray was a major departure from the first generation 1953-'62 Corvettes and to many enthusiasts, it was the high-water mark in Corvette's history. It's a desirable collectible, particularly the '63 split-window coupe.

Although the Stingray name (as one word) returned in the restyled Corvette after a hiatus of one year, to many the only "real" Sting Rays were those 1963-'67 models.

Lets fast forward to 2009.

2009 Corvette Stingray - Spied



From afar this Vette would appear to be just another Z06. Now rub your eyes and take a closer look, because these are the first spy shots of the highly anticipated, but yet unnamed super Corvette. The large hood bulge you see is rumored to be concealing a supercharged 6.2-liter V-8, and packing upwards of 650 horsepower. This engine will likely use an integrated intake-manifold intercooler and should sprint from 0 to 60 mph in less than 3.4 seconds. And, with the addition of more carbon fiber in the body and expanded use of polycarbonates, this super Vette could weigh less than the current Z06.

GM's Performance Center in Wixom, Michigan will likely produce the powerplant, but expect only about 1500-2000 copies annually. Initially called the Blue Devil, there has been much speculation in the past several months about the name for this super Z06. Recently we hear that GM has scrapped the Blue Devil name in favor of Corvette SS (we hope not), Z07, or even reviving the Stingray nameplate. Whatever the name may be, expect this beast to carry a sticker around the \$100,000 mark, which is by far the cheapest way to get 650 hp in a production car. Now, that is alot of sting to put in the tail!!

**Doctor Dictionary
Word of the Day**

aquiline \AK-wuh-lyn; -lin\, adjective:

- 1. curved like an eagle's beak
- 2. of or like an eagle

To a page at his court, Gian Maria Angiolello, he appeared 'of medium height, fat and fleshy; he had a wide forehead, large eyes with thick lashes, an aquiline nose, a small mouth with a round copious reddish-tinged beard, a short thick neck, a sallow complexion, rather high shoulders and a loud voice'.
-- Philip Mansel, Constantinople: City of the World's Desire, 1453-1924

At 72, he looks weathered but unbowed, his white hair cropped close like a Roman consul's, with a large, aquiline nose to match.

-- Anthony Quinn, Dirty young man comes of age, Daily Telegraph <<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/>> , June 14, 2001
1646, from Latin *aquilinus* "of or like an eagle," from *aquila* "eagle." Originally in English, referring to long, hooked noses.

epicure \EP-ih-kyur\, noun:

- 1. a person who enjoys eating and drinking and who is very particular in choosing fine foods and beverages; gourmet
 - 2. a person who is fond of luxury and pleasure
- The journalists, bloggers, chefs and others who make up the Fat Pack combine an epicure's appreciation for skillful cooking with a glutton's bottomless-pit approach.
-- Kim Severson, The Fat Pack Wonders if the Party's Over, New York Times <<http://www.nytimes.com/>> March 18, 2004

While taking courses at City College in the late 1930's, he became active in its Young Communist League, where he stood out as the only black person, as a talented organizer and as an epicure who introduced his comrades to good wines, cheeses and pates.

-- Alan Brinkley, One Was a Multitude, New York Times <<http://www.nytimes.com/>> , March 1, 1993

As a confirmed epicure, I have eaten just about every meat acceptable in the Western world.

-- Robert V. Camuto, My Verona, Washington Post <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>> , May 3, 2004

c.1380, "follower of Epicurus," from Latin *Epicurus*, from Greek *Epicouros* (341-270 B.C.E.), the Athenian philosopher who taught that pleasure is the highest good and identified virtue as the greatest pleasure; the first lesson recalled, the second forgotten, and the name used pejoratively for "one who gives himself up to sensual pleasure" (1641), especially "glutton, sybarite" (1774). Epicurus's school opposed by Stoics, who first gave his name a reproachful sense.

For Sale

The Chrysler Crossfire is one of the best kept secrets in the used car market today! It has a Mercedes-Benz SLK platform and all the mechanicals. Manufacturing of body and interior were completed by German coach builder Karmann. All this gives the Crossfire the best-quality of any Chrysler product in recent times. The Crossfire's eighteen-valve, 3.2-liter SOHC V-6 is a staple of the Mercedes lineup giving the Crossfire 215 horsepower and 229 pound-feet of torque at 3000 rpm...0-60 mph in 6.4 sec. 1/4 MI 14.7 sec. at 95.9 mph. Antilock Four-Wheel Disc Brakes with Emergency Brake Assist = 60-0 mph in 117 ft., Fuel Economy with auto trans: 21city, 29 highway, top speed 155 mph (rev limit computer controlled). The Crossfire is a true sports car in every way and its performance can

be even more impressive with some after market tuning! Current NADA retail price for the MB SLK is over \$21000. Price for my 2004 with only 24500 miles that is basically the same car is very competitive at \$16000 OBO. I will consider a partial trade-in to help you (CORVETTE?). This link is to a short video with more info about this great sports coupe.

Jerry Miller
425-298-8302

For Sale

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Bill Strowbridge
360-675-2629

A guy, 81 years old, loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up."

He looked around and couldn't see any one. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up." He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up. Then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll then give you more sexual pleasure that you ever could have dreamed of."

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Taken back, the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will give you sexual pleasures like you have never had."

The old man opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

Would you trust this man?

