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2009 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-----?????????
Sergeant at Arms-----Skip Nelson

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan 13. Club Meeting. Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Jan 27. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
(Dates/Events are subject to change)

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

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

Sat-Sun 7-8 Feb 35th Annual Corvette & High Performance Meet Puyallup.

January Birthdays

3 Max Wilson
4 Maureen DePuy
6 Dan Haskins
9 Jan Cockrum
10 Debbie Thomason, Suzan Saia
19 Linda Telles
27 Russell Mudder

January Anniversaries

1 Gary & Kathy Hammer
3 Steve & Candy Callen, Sam & Delonis Lovold
21 Kevin & Gayle Humann

December 6th Christmas Party at Max Dale's

The unofficial meeting was brought to order at 7:30 PM by the President.

The minutes and Treasurer's report were not required and will be provided at the next official meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Not discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Dinner was served after a short social time.

The new club officers were announced. Ron Foster for President. Linda Gilbert for Vice President. Sandy Ruch for Secretary and Doug Gilbert for Treasurer.

The club points awards were presented as follows: 5th place went to Kevin & Gayle Humann, 4th place went to Ron & Linda Telles, 3rd place went to Bill & Barb Strowbridge, 2nd place went to Jim & June Reed. And for the first time in club history we had a tie for 1st place. and that honor went to Bill & Karen Amman and Dick & Betty Carey.

Several other special awards were presented this evening. The President awarded the club officers with plaques as a thank you for the hard work.

The Vice President presented two club appreciation awards for individuals going above and beyond what is expected. This year they were presented to Ron & Linda Telles and Jim & June Reed.

After all of the presentations the gift exchange commenced.

The festivities concluded at about 11:00 PM.

The next meeting will be at Denny's on 13 Jan 09

Corvette History - January



- **January 1, 1956:** The 1956 Corvette makes its debut at the Waldorf Astoria in New York for the Motorama show.
- **January 1, 1975:** Zora Arkus Duntov officially resigns from Chevrolet. David McLellan takes over as Chief Engineer.
- **January 1, 1994:** Chevrolet begins handling all warranty engine repairs for the ZR-1s' LT5 engines.
- **January 6, 1997:** Chevrolet unveils the 1997 Covetted, dubbed "C5". A new small block V-8 engine is introduced, the LS1, with 345hp and 10:1 compression ratio.
- **January 8, 1997:** The 1997 Corvette is introduced to Canada in Montreal.
- **January 17, 1953:** The prototype Chevrolet Corvette "Dream Car" is displayed at the Motorama show at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.
- **January 21, 1962:** General Motors' Chairman, Frederic Donner issues a policy memo, re-iterating the company's compliance with 1957 AMA company-sponsored racing ban. This officially cancels production plans for the Corvette Grand Sport, with only 5 of the intended 125 cars built.
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- **January 1986:** Chevrolet introduces the Corvette Indy prototype car, the CERV III, at the

Detroit Automobile Show. It has 4-wheel drive, 4-wheel steering, and CRT cockpit screens.

- **January 1986:** Chevrolet announces that the Corvette has been chosen to be the Official Pace Car for the Indianapolis 500 race.
- **January 1990:** The CERV III (No. 3) makes its debut at the International Auto Show in Detroit. The car's mid-engine V8 is a 5.7 liter 32 -valve, dual-overhead cam LT5 with twin turbos and internal modifications, giving it 650 hp and a top speed of 225 mph.
- **January 1992:** At the 1992 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan, General Motors debuts a show car called the Stingray III, a styling preview being considered for the next generation Corvette.
- **January 1993:** At the 22nd Annual Awards Banquet of the Society of Plastics Engineers, the Corvette platform team is given the Environmental award for their use of recycled sheet molded compound body panels. Chevrolet is given the Hall of Fame award for the 1953 Corvette.
- **January 1999:** At the 24 Hours of Daytona race, Chevrolet debuts the GT2 class C5R Corvette race car. Ron Fellows and Chris Kneifel drive one to third in GTS class.

Corvette history compiled by Ken Pollson

December 8 6:00 PM

It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses print. So romantic we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

December 9

We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had! Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

December 12

The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment! My neighbor tells me not to worry-

we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14

Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15

20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

December 16

Ice storm this morning. Fell on my ass on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like hell. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17

Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. God I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own livingroom.

December 20

Electricity is back on, but had another 14 inches of the damn stuff last night. More shoveling! Took all day. The damn snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

December 22

Bob was right about a white Christmas because 13 more inches of the white shit fell today, and it's so cold, it probably won't melt till August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel and then I had to piss. By the time I got undressed, pissed and dressed again. I was too tired to shovel. Tried to

hire Bob who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy. I think the asshole is lying.

December 23

Only 2 inches of snow today. And it warmed up to 0. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning What is she, nuts? Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did but I think she's lying.

December 24

6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the son of a bitch who drives that snow plow, I'll drag him through the snow by his balls and beat him to death with my broken shovel. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over where I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents, but I was too busy watching for the damn snowplow.

December 25

Merry f---ing Christmas! 20 more inches of the damn slop tonight - Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's a fucking idiot. If I have to watch "It's A Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to stuff her into the microwave.

December 26

Still snowed in. Why the hell did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27

Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him, he only charged me \$1,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28

Warmed up to above -20. Still snowed in. The BITCH is driving me crazy!!!

December 29

10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30

Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver, and now he is suing me for a million dollars, not only for the beating I gave him, but also for trying to shove the broken snow shovel up his ass. The wife went home to her mother. Nine more inches predicted.

December 31

I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

January 8

Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed?

Corvette

Corvette, originally, a sailing man-of-war, smaller than a frigate but larger than a sloop of war. It was a flush-decked, ship- or bark-rigged vessel, with a single tier of guns either on the upper or main deck. During World War II the term was applied to a type of vessel, lightly armed and armored but well equipped with antiaircraft and antisubmarine devices, that could be built more rapidly than a destroyer and could be a substitute in escorting convoys. These small vessels were built in large numbers by the British and Canadians. The U.S. Navy relied more on similar U.S.-built vessels, known as submarine chasers. *See also* Naval Vessels; Ships and Shipbuilding.

Doctor Dictionary Word of the Day

candor \KAN-der\, noun:

1. honesty in giving one's view or opinion; frankness and sincerity 2. fairness; impartiality

What remains to be seen is whether the candor he offered in his early memoir will be greeted with a new-style acceptance by voters.

-- Lois Romano, *The Washington Post*
<<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>> , 2007-01-03

But we know that real leadership is about candor and judgment and the ability to rally Americans from all walks of life around a common purpose, a higher purpose.

-- *The Guardian* <<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>> , 2008-01-27

c.1637 from earlier senses c. 1398, from Latin *candor* "purity, openness," originally "whiteness," from Latin *candere* "to shine."

beleaguer \bi-LEE-ger\, verb:

1. to surround with troops; besiege
2. to surround or beset

Among the strangers who befriend and beleaguer Jimmy are a band of circus freaks led by a foulmouthed midget, a Hindu ice cream and curry vendor, a club of raving Chinese American mud wrestling fans, a surly Chicano biker with a heart of gold and, in a game stab at "Pee-wee's Big Adventure"-style absurdism, a busload of robotically cheerful cultists trekking toward their charismatic leader.

-- Jan Stuart, LA Times

<<http://www.latimes.com/>> , 2004-08-28

The Chicago Tribune, first cousin of the News, has long made it a point to beleaguer venereal quacks.

-- Time <<http://www.time.com/>> , 1936-03-23

by 1589, from Dutch belegeren "to besiege," from be-"around" + legeren "to camp."



Company Chocolate Cake

Ingredients:

- 2 cups cake flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup butter, cubed
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- CHOCOLATE SAUCE:
- 1-3/4 cups sugar

- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Vanilla ice cream
- Maraschino cherries, optional

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking soda and salt; set aside. In a small saucepan, combine cocoa and water until smooth; add butter. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly; add to dry ingredients and stir well. Combine the eggs, buttermilk and vanilla; stir into chocolate mixture.

Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

For chocolate sauce, in a small saucepan, combine the sugar, cocoa, milk and butter. Bring to a boil; boil for 1 minute. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla. Serve warm with cake and ice cream. Garnish with cherries if desired. **Yield:** 20 servings.

What Is Grits?

Nobody knows. Many people feel that grits are made from ground up bits of white corn. This is obviously a lie. Nothing as good as a Grits can be made from corn.

The most recent research suggests that the mysterious Manna that God rained down upon the Israelites during their time in the Sinai Desert was most likely Grits.

Critics disagree, stating that there is no record of butter, salt, or cheese raining down from the sky, and that God would not punish his people by forcing them to eat Grits without these key ingredients.

How Grits are Formed

Grits are formed deep underground under intense heat and pressure. It takes over 1000 years to form a single Grit. Most of the world's grit mines are in Southern Georgia, and are guarded day and night by armed guards and fierce attack dogs. Harvesting the Grit is a dangerous occupation, and many Grit miners lose their lives each year so that Grits can continue to be served morning after morning for breakfast (not that having Grits for lunch and dinner is out of the question).

Yankees have attempted to create a synthetic Grits. They call them Cream of Wheat. As far as we can tell the key ingredients of Cream of Wheat are Elmer's Glue and shredded styrofoam. These synthetic grits have also been shown to cause nausea, and may leave you unable to have children.

Historical Grits

As we mentioned earlier, the first known mention of the Grits was by the Ancient Israelites in the Sinai Desert. After that, the Grits was not heard from for another 1000 years. Experts feel that the Grits was used during this time only during secret religious ceremonies, and was kept from the public due to it's rarity.

The next mention of the Grits was found amidst the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii in a woman's personal diary. The woman's name was Herculaneum Jemimaneus (Aunt Jemima to her friends.)

The 10 Commandments of Grits

- I. Thou shalt not put syrup on thy Grits
- II. Thou shalt not eat thy Grits with a spoon or knife
- III. Thou shalt not eat Cream of Wheat and call it Grits, for this is blasphemy
- IV. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors Grits
- V. Thou shalt use only Salt, Butter, and Cheese as toppings for thy Grits
- VI. Thou shalt not eat Instant Grits
- VII. Thou shalt not put syrup on thy Grits
- VIII. Thou shalt not put syrup on thy Grits
- IX. Thou shalt not put syrup on thy Grits
- X. Thou shalt not put sugar on thy Grits either

How to Cook Grits

For one serving of Grits:

Boil 1.5 cups of water with salt and a little butter.

Add 5 TBsp of Grits.

Reduce to a simmer and allow the Grits to soak up all the water.

That's all there is to cooking grits.

How to Eat Grits

Immediately after removing your grits from the stove top, add a generous portion of butter. (WARNING: Do NOT use low-fat butter.) The butter should cause the Grits to turn a wondrous shade of yellow. (Hold a banana or a yellow rain slicker next to your Grits; if the colors match, you have the correct amount of butter.) Next, add salt. (NOTICE: The correct ration of Grit to Salt is 10:1 Therefore for every 10 grits, you should have 1 grain of salt.)

Cheese is optional. However if you wish to add cheese, cut it into 1/4' squares and add immediately before you eat your Grits. You do not want your cheese to melt completely.

Now begin eating your grits.

Always use a fork, never a spoon, to eat Grits. Your grits should be thick enough so they do not run through the tines of the fork.

The correct beverage to serve with Grits is Milk or Chocolate Milk. (WARNING: Use whole milk only - DO NOT use 2% or, heaven forbid, Skim Milk.) Your grits should always be eaten in a bowl.

Never use a plate to eat Grits.

Ways to Eat Leftover Grits

(Leftover grits are extremely rare)

Spread them in the bottom of a casserole dish, Cover and place them in the refrigerator overnight.

The Grits will congeal into a gelatinous mass.

Next morning, slice the Grits into squares and fry them in 1/2' of cooking oil and butter until they turn a golden brown.

Many people are tempted to pour syrup onto Grits served this way. This is, of course, unacceptable.

(Source: GRITS -- Girls Raised in the South)