

THE ENLIGHT'NER

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Majestic Glass Corvette Club

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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, 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.

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.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(Dates/Events are subject to change)

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 Mitchell's Camp Grounds

Other Events

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.

May Birthdays

1	Jacob Angel
4	John Kingsbury
9	Cherie Cobley
10	Colleen Folkes
14	Rita Nelson
19	Anita Davis
20	Brian Olson, Ron Davis
26	Jim Reed
28	Jan Irwin
30	Dave Finch

May Anniversaries

12	Carman & Suzan Saia
16	Bill & Sandy Ruch
28	David & Patricia Acton

Minutes

MINUTES OF 14 Apr 09
MEETING AT DENNY'S

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (40) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Christie & Curt Bailey, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Jack & Carol Bowen, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank & Maureen DePuy, Dave Fikse, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Jerry Miller, Ande & Lucy Mitchell, Skip & Rita Nelson, Joanne & Brian Olson, Rod Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Bill Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles, Roger Tenbrink.

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

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: 78. 5 cars showed for the La Conner parade. Introduction for guests.

If you have collected any Door prizes, please bring them with you to Trailer Work Day on 3 May. Bill Amman has accepted the responsibility of sending out all mass e-mails. Bill R. has all of the Trophies ordered and paid for.

They are on their way. Dave O. has all of the plaques on order also.

NEW BUSINESS:

The number for Cascade Locks is 541-374-8777. Make your reservations soon. July 4th Parade. checking on meeting place for after. For the Cruz to Colby you need to pre register. 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 still are in need of all the help we can get. Linda Telles still has selected sizes of some of our t-shirts. Marine Corp League Benefit 26 July @ Riverside Park Sedro Woolley from 10-4.

Motion by Ron Telles, Seconded by Bill S. to donate \$250.00 to the Marine Corp League Benefit. All in favor. Mill Creek Car show July 18th 10-6, all Corvette. By Four Corner Elites. Dayton WA all wheels weekend June 19-21. The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 28 Apr 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Lucy Mitchell won "Joker Up"

MINUTES OF 28 Apr 09
MEETING VILLAGE PIZZA

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (33) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Jack Bowen, Dick & Betty Carey, Jay & Jan Cockrum, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Jon & Therese Kingsbury, Jon Martin, Skip & Rita Nelson, Dave Overton, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, David & Eileen Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Dave Thomason.

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OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 80. Bill Ruch reported on the trophies, "They're Here". Introduction of 5 cars showed for the La Conner parade. Introductions for guest. Report on Car show at Cascade Mall. We had 7 cars there. Weather was wonderful. Don't forget Trailer Day is the 3rd. Meet at PETCO at 9:00am. Bill A. will put out an email for meet time on Car Show Days. Cascade Locks DTBA.

If you have collected any Door prizes, please bring them with you to Trailer Work Day on 3 May.

NEW BUSINESS: July 4th Parade, yes you can bring candy. Make sure you throw it well off the street. Meeting place for after still TBD. Bill Ruch is placing another order for Radios, let him know what you need. Car shows are fast approaching and we are still in need of all the help we can get. Linda Telles still has selected sizes of some of our t-shirts.

Marine Corp League Benefit 26 July @ Riverside Park Sedro Woolley from 10-4.

Mill Creek Car Show July 18th meet at PETCO 8:00am. Four Corner Elites. Dayton WA all wheels weekend June 19-21.

Lyman Car Show, 11 July, meet PETCO 7:30am. Twin City Idlers June 28 in Stanwood.

The next meeting will be at Denny's on 12 May 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Bonnie Pierson won "Joker Up"

Corvette History - May



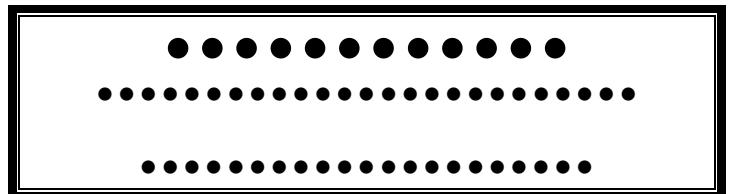
- **May 1, 1957:** A fully-synchronized four-speed transmission is first made available on the 1957 model Corvette, as a US\$188.30 option.
- **May 1, 1988:** The first round of the SCCA Corvette Challenge race series is held in Dallas, Texas. Mark Dismore wins the race.
- **May 3, 1993:** Corvette chief engineer Dave Hill unveils the CERV-4 test car at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren. Most of the hundreds of people attending did not even know the test car was being built. It cost Chevrolet about US\$1.2 million to build.
- **May 5, 1994:** The two Corvette C5-R cars participate in a one-day test of the Paris Le Mans circuit, prior to the 24 Hours of Le Mans in June.
- **May 13, 2000:** The eight-day One Lap of America race finishes. A 600 hp C5 entered by Chuck Mallett finishes Third. Fifth is a Lingenfelter ZR-1, and 7th is a Lingenfelter twin-turbo C5.
- **May 21, 2000:** The Nevada Open Road Challenge is held on a 90 mile stretch of highway S.R. 318 between Lund and Hiko. 78 of over 200 cars are Corvettes. A modified 1992 Corvette takes top speed of 227 MPH. Another Corvette averages 207 MPH, taking first place.
- **May 25, 1986:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 70th Indianapolis 500 race is held. A yellow convertible 1986 Corvette is the official pace car.
- **May 28, 1978:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 62nd Indianapolis 500 race is held. A 1978 Corvette is the official pace car, driven by Jim Rathmann. This is the first Indianapolis 500 pace car with a stock drivetrain.
- **May 28, 1995:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 79th Indianapolis 500 race is held. A 1995 Corvette performs the role of Official Pace Car.
- **May, 1956:** Zora Arkus-Duntov builds the Corvette SR-2 Sebring racer.

- **May, 1975:** A Car and Driver Reader's Choice Poll names the Corvette as "Best All-around Car".
- **May, 1986:** At the first annual vintage races at Riverside Raceway in California, Bob Paterson races his Grand Sport Corvette #003 to first place, among eight powerful Cobras.
- **May, 1994:** General Motors' Strategy Board convenes with Corvette group executives for the Concept Approval phase of the Four-Phase process of building new cars. Conditional approval is given to pass from Phase Zero to Phase One, subject to a review in one month regarding production downtime between the 1996 model and the 1997 model.
- **May, 1994:** A Reeves Callaway Corvette qualifies at Le Mans for the pole position in the GT2 class. At the 6-hour mark, the car is leading in its class, and is 8th overall. But at the 9-hour mark, the car runs out of gas, due to a fuel economy miscalculation.

You could have heard a pin drop

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. 'You have been to France before, monsieur?' the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. Then you should know enough to have your passport ready.' the American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it. Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!" The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."

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Frankly Speaking

Car show, car show car show!! Yes, in a few weeks the club starts our car show season of with the Waterfront Show in Anacortes May 16th and 17th. The club needs helpers BOTH days! So please try to attend one of the two days. Usually the Sunday Open class show does not

have as many of our club members attend. That puts on strain on the rest of us trying to cover everything that must be done to ensure a smooth running show. So, if you could attend both days that would be great. We especially need people to park cars and watch for people who try to get in without paying the entre fee. See you there!!

Smog tests are always a PITA, but the newer cars with OBDII diagnostics have it easier. The Smog police interrogate your computer. GM (as well as other car companies) have a driving cycle which is used as a diagnostic of the powertrain GM's version is as follows:

General Motors Driving Cycle

A complete driving cycle should perform diagnostics on all systems. A complete driving cycle can be done in under fifteen minutes.

To perform an OBDII Driving cycle do the following:

- Cold Start. In order to be classified as a cold start the engine coolant temperature must be below 50°C (122°F) and within 6°C (11°F) of the ambient air temperature at startup. Do not leave the key on prior to the cold start or the heated oxygen sensor diagnostic may not run.
- Idle. The engine must be run for two and a half minutes with the air conditioner on and rear defroster on. The more electrical load you can apply the better. This will test the O2 heater, Passive Air, Purge "No Flow", Misfire and if closed loop is achieved, Fuel Trim.
- Accelerate. Turn off the air conditioner and all the other loads and apply half throttle until 88km/hr (55mph) is reached. During this time the Misfire, Fuel Trim, and Purge Flow diagnostics will be performed.
- Hold Steady Speed. Hold a steady speed of 88km/hr (55mph) for 3 minutes. During this time the O2 response, air Intrusive, EGR, Purge, Misfire, and Fuel Trim diagnostics will be performed.
- Decelerate. Let off the accelerator pedal. Do not shift, touch the brake or clutch. It is important to let the vehicle coast along gradually slowing down to 32km/hr (20 mph). During this time the EGR, Purge and Fuel Trim diagnostics will be performed.
- Accelerate. Accelerate at 3/4 throttle until 88-96 km/hr (55-60mph). This will perform the same diagnostics as in step 3.
- Hold Steady Speed. Hold a steady speed of 88km/hr (55mph) for five minutes. During this time, in addition to the diagnostics performed in step 4, the catalyst monitor diagnostics will be performed. If the catalyst is marginal or the

battery has been disconnected, it may take 5 complete driving cycles to determine the state of the catalyst.

- Decelerate. This will perform the same diagnostics as in step 5. Again, don't press the clutch or brakes or shift gears.

If you missed the 1996 special edition Corvette Grand Sport Gm is once again offering a Grand Sport for 2010. here are a few details:

If you were to go to the dealership today to buy a [Chevrolet Corvette](#), the choice between base car and Z06 is hardly a choice. The Z06 is a full 50 percent more expensive, which makes the decision for some, and isn't available as a convertible or with an automatic. If you want the wind in your hair or have a serious aversion to clutch pedals, you have no choice.

To bridge the gap between the already capable base car and the wild-eyed maniac Z06, Chevrolet has announced the 2010 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, available either as a coupe—with a removable targa top unattainable on the Z06—or convertible and with either a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic transmission. Like the Z51 performance-suspension package it displaces, the Grand Sport will upgrade the base Corvette chassis with more-aggressive shocks, springs, and anti-roll bars. Chevrolet claims the Grand Sport will be capable of generating 1.0 g of cornering grip, up from the 0.95 we recorded in our last test of a base Vette.

It looks the part, with wider fenders front and rear that endow it with the same 75.9-inch width of the Z06 and ZR1, and a Z06-style front splitter and rear wing. Unique wheels are fitted, 18-inches up front wearing fat 275/35 rubber, and 19s in the rear wrapped in sprawling 325/30s. Behind those wheels are tucked [Z06](#) brakes measuring 14.0 inches up front and 13.4 in the rear and squeezed by the same six- and four-piston brake calipers fore and aft. An additional bit of Grand Sport historical flair is available in the Heritage package, which bundles front-fender hashmarks and two-tone seats with Grand Sport embroidery.

Grand Sport—specific ratios in manual-equipped cars and a unique final-drive ratio for cars with the automatic are said to drop 0-to-60-mph times by 0.2 second despite a modest weight gain; the last manual car we tested did the deed in 4.0.

While the Grand Sport will bring a measure of the Z06's track focus to the rest of the Corvette lineup, a degree of exclusivity will still be reserved for the harder-core buyer. Opt for a manual coupe, and you'll get a dry-sump oiling system, a differential cooler, and a rear-mounted battery for better weight distribution.

The Grand Sport will be in dealers in September. Expect pricing to begin around \$57,000 for a coupe and \$60,000 for a convertible.

Choices, choices, choices!! Later!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Doctor Dictionary
Word of the Day**

quaff \KWOFF; KWAFF\, verb:

1. To drink a beverage, esp. an intoxicating one, copiously and with hearty enjoyment.
2. To drink (a beverage) copiously and heartily.
3. An actor instance of quaffing.
4. A beverage quaffed.

He gets drunk with his guides, makes eyes at the girls and gamely quaffs snake wine.

-- Pico Iyer, "Snake Wine and Socialism", New York Times, December 15, 1991

If you were patient and kept your nose clean, you could slowly, almost effortlessly, rise from serf to squire and maybe even all the way to knight, in which case you, too, would be entitled to quaff bowl-size martinis at midday.

-- Charles McGrath, "Office Romance", New York Times Magazine, March 5, 2000

Instead they consume caviar, feed off foie gras, chomp exotic cheeses, and quaff champagne.

-- "Internet Shopper", Times (London), August 11, 2000
Quaff is of unknown origin.

albatross \AL-buh-traws; AL-buh-tros\, noun:

1. Any of several large, web-footed sea birds of the family Diomedidae that have the ability to remain aloft for long periods.
2. A seemingly inescapable moral or emotional burden, as of guilt or responsibility.
3. Something burdensome that impedes action or progress.

The pressure is hardly off. It's just as much pressure as it has been, it's just without the albatross of bankruptcy hanging over it.

-- Robert Mann

That's something that's going to be an albatross for us throughout the remainder of the year. What do you do? How do you fix it? It's going to be an issue but we've got to get better in other areas so it's not the issue that's going to cost us games.

-- Andy Kennedy

They thought they were putting an albatross around my neck. Little did they know they were building me a life raft.

-- Ken Blackwell

Albatross originated around 1675-1685 as probably an alteration (influenced by Latin albus, white) of alcatras, pelican and from Portuguese or Spanish alcatraz.

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
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Bill Strowbridge
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REMINDER!

Do you know what MAY is?

It's DUES time.

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



Salmon Ball

- 1 lb. can salmon
- 1-8 oz. pkg, cream cheese, softened
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 2 tsp. grated onion

1 tsp. prepared horseradish
 ¼ tsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. liquid smoke
 3 tsp. snipped parsley
 Drain and flake salmon removing skin and bones.
 Combine all ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Chill
 Several hours. Shape salmon mixture into ball
 and roll in parsley. Served with assorted crackers.

Summer

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AUGUST	FLIES	JUNE	SUNGLASSES
BARBECUE	FLOWERS	MOSQUITOES	SUNSCREEN
BASEBALL	GARDENING	NO SCHOOL	SUNSHINE
BEACH	GOLF	PICNIC	SUNTAN
BEEES	GREEN GRASS	ROLLER BLADES	SWEAT
BICYCLE	HAT	SANDALS	SWIMMING
BLUE SKY	HIKING	SKATEBOARD	U V RAYS
BOATING	HOLIDAYS	SOCCER	WASPS
BREEZE	HOT	SOLSTICE	WATER FIGHTS
CAMPING	ICE CREAM	SPRINKLERS	WATERMELON

