

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(Dates/Events are subject to change)

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

Sunday, Aug 16. Denny's Open Class Car Show

Other Events

Saturday, Sep 12. Arlington Drag Strip 6th annual Reunion
and Car Show.

Saturday & Sunday, Sep 12,13. Oak Harbor airport, Classic Car show and fly-in.

Sunday, Sep 13. Sedro-Woolley Founder's day Car Show

September Birthdays

3 Sue Hershaw
8 Ande Mitchell
14 Mary Jo Phillips
16 Jo VanDerToorn
18 Ann Marie Humphreys
20 Gary Benedict
24 Gary Hammer
28 Larry Kiger
30 Doug Gilbert

September Anniversaries

10 Mike & Sue Keller,
11 Steve & Mickie Maisch
12 Dave & Sandy Overton
18 Jacob & Kristi Angel
22 Barry & Marti Westphal
25 Jay & Jan Cockrum, John & Therese Kingsbury
30 Doug & Linda Gilbert

Minutes

MINUTES OF 14 JUL 09 MEETING AT Denny's

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (35), Bill Amman, Curt Bailey, Rob & Sherri Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Sam Lovold, Dale McAtee, Jerry Miller, Ande & Lucy Mitchell, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bonnie & Bryan Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles, Wally & Jo VanDerToorn, Doug Wicksell Sr, Marc Zahrt.

The minutes of the 23 JUN 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 81. Reading of Ron Foster's resignation as Club President. Photo presentation of Sternwheeler Days and 4th of July. Thanks to Dick Carey Report on 4th of July. Everyone had a good time. Report on Twin Cities Idlers car show in Stanwood. There were 500+ cars. Bryan Pierson won a trophy. Report on Lyman's car show. We had 2 trophy winners. Doug Gilbert and Ann Humphries. The Marine Corp League Benefit 26 July. Meet at PETCO 9:00am. We need lots of cars to show our support.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Smith Car Show meet there at 7:00 am ready to work. Wear Yellow / Purple Tee shirts. There will be a vendor there selling breakfast and lunch. Linda bought supplies for our trailer. Shooter Party is 8 Aug. Bring your Dimes for a Dice & Dimes Tournament. Also bring Salads, Snacks, Sides and Deserts.

OTHER: Carpenter Creek Winery Car show 11-3 July 18th. Corvettes Unlimited Mill Creek Car show 10-6 July

18th. Plant Farm Open Class, Smokey Point 9-3 July
18th. Classic outlaws LaConner Classic Car / Yacht 15 Aug. Sedro Woolley's Founders Day 13 Sep @ Riverfront park. Nostalgic Drags Sep 13. The next meeting will be at Village Pizza 28 July 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30
Doris Miller won "Joker Up"

MINUTES OF 25 AUG 09 MEETING AT Village Pizza

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (31), Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angello, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, John & Therese Kingsbury, Dave Overton, Dave & Eileen Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles, Wally VanDerToorn, Marc Zahrt. The minutes of the 11 Aug 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted with 1 correction.

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 82. Report on Denny's show. With a little jump start all went well. Picked up a new member. High Praises to the Denny's staff for a job well done. Report on Whidbey Cruzers Rendezvous.

NEW BUSINESS: Presentation of Club Statistics by Kevin Humann New Laptop for club has been purchase. Motion made by John Kingsbury and seconded by Anne Humphreys to pay the Telles Insurance Deductable for the repair of their vehicle. Motion Passed

OTHER: Sedro Woolley's Founders Day 13 Sep @ Riverfront park. Nostalgic Drags Sep 12. Christmas party at Max Dales. Date tbd The next meeting will be at Denny's 8 Sep 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25
Dave Overton won "Joker Up"

Corvette History - September



- **September 1, 1992:** Corvette chief engineer Dave McLellan formally retires, staying on as a consultant until his replacement is named.
- **September 2, 1994:** The National Corvette Museum opens in Bowling Green, Kentucky. 4000 Corvettes attend. Over the three-day weekend, 118,000 people visit the museum. The gift shop does US\$1 million in business.

- **September 3, 1996:** Workers at the Bowling Green, Kentucky, Corvette plant begin assembling the first production 1997 Corvette.
- **September 4, 1998:** The following people were inducted into The Corvette Hall of Fame at the National Corvette Museum: The Corvette Hall of Fame inducts Ed Cole, General Motors President and Chief Engineer of Chevrolet, Bill Mitchell, head of General Motors Design staff, Joe Pike, Corvette promoter and editor of Corvette News and founder of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), Larry Shinoda, designer and member of the 1963 Sting Ray design team, Zora Arkus-Duntov, first Chief Engineer of Corvette.
- **September 8, 1998:** Baseball team St. Louis Cardinals president Mark Lamping presents team member Mark McGwire with a red 1962 Corvette, after McGwire hits his 62 home-run of the season.
- **September 9, 1955:** Zora Arkus-Duntov races a disguised 1956 model Corvette with a V-8 engine at the Pike's Peak Hill climb, setting the stock car record of with a time of 17:24.05.
- **September 13, 1973:** General Motors show a 266 ci two-rotor Wankel engine test Corvette at the 45th German Motor Show in Frankfurt, Germany. The car is called Corvette 2-Rotor, (code name XP-897GT) with a steel body.
- **September 24, 1974:** General Motors president Ed Cole announces that the company is postponing the introduction of a Wankel-based rotary engine, due to difficulties in meeting proposed emissions standards.
- **September 29, 1953:** The automotive press get their hands on a Corvette for test and review, as the Corvette is officially released. Eight Corvettes are made available to the press at the Milford Proving Grounds.
- **September, 1997:** 9,000 Corvette owners attend a special weekend gathering at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chevrolet introduces the 1998 convertible Corvette.

Frankly Speaking

The club's car shows have come to a close for 2009. the club has none very well this year and we hope to have the same momentum going into next year. We are very dependant on the

weather, and mother nature was good to us this year. I want to thank everyone who participated and helped out in our car shows. Even though the number of cars at our last show at Denny's was only 49 cars, we can build on this show and make it better every year. Again thanks to everyone for a great car show year.

One item the club needs to improve on, is attending different car shows other than the immediate area. We need to participate in other car shows to bring those people to our shows. Before I leave the subject of car shows, Ron T. put together another superb year of tunes for our shows. The mistro of music is a big asset to our success in putting on our car shows. Big cudos to Ron.

Did you ever have the opportunity to drive a car of your dreams or something very close. The following is driving a piece of history:

It's a rare opportunity to drive a piece of history.

But sure enough, sitting in a parking lot full of 2010 Chevy Corvette Grand Sport models was a white Corvette with 1,500,000 written across the top of its windshield.

The once-in-a-lifetime machine will spend its days at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky., not far from the assembly plant that puts it together.

But on Wednesday, this beautiful ride was parked in Milford and Chevrolet officials said I could take this convertible for a ride.

No one hopped in with me and no one lectured me about the speed limits along meandering Kensington Road, which borders General Motors Co.'s proving grounds. It was just me and a 2009 Chevrolet Corvette.

As the car's V-8 grumbled to life, I looked down at the odometer and smiled at the blue readout: 96 miles.

This particular car was born on May 28, and since then has been pampered and polished. It will never need to worry about salty roads or rainy days. It will have a good life.

It is part of history. The first Corvette was born on June 30, 1953, and it took 39 years before the 1 millionth arrived. Seventeen years later, this one rolled off the assembly line.

I pulled out and floored the automatic. It purred at first but then roared in a deep sobering tone. The engine's echo bounced off the trees as I gunned it

again. Every time you hit the throttle, the Corvette rewards you.

We headed north as I watched the odometer hit 98, and I knew I would be the person to turn it to 100. It's only a number, but something felt special about the pending moment.

All of the traffic disappeared and the sun shined. It was a perfect Michigan summer day for driving a convertible, and the Corvette feels like such a good car when you're behind the wheel.

As we passed mile 99, I turned around and headed back to the parking lot. I wanted the Corvette to pass through this milestone in a hard turn or at least breaking the speed limit. It may get a luxurious life at a museum, but it also will spend its days away from the elements and open road.

So we tore down Kensington, but this time with a little fury. The wheels squealed just a little, and the V-8 howled.

By the time we made it back to the entrance of the Milford facility, I finally looked down at the odometer and saw 103. We had passed through 100 and I didn't get to revel in the moment.

But that's the beauty of a convertible Corvette speeding along an empty twisty road on a perfect summer day. It stretches the moment and compacts the miles, making them vanish away. It's kind of sad this car won't ever see 100,000 miles. It's like keeping a thoroughbred in the barn. Sometimes it just needs to run.

Fifty years from now, when I make my way to the Corvette Museum and look at the 2 millionth and 3 millionth Corvettes, I can point to the white one with 1,500,000 across its windshield.

"I drove that one," I can say (and no doubt the red leather interior will look just as rich as it did on Wednesday).

"Of course, you did mister," some patronizing young person will say as he escorts me out the building.

"Of course, you did."

Doctor Dictionary Word of the Day

toady \TOH-dee\, noun, verb:

1. a fawning flatterer; humble dependent
2. to attempt to gain favor by fawning or being servile

The freshman was the senior's toady even though many made fun of her.

They came backstage and toadied to the actor.

c 1690 for noun, possibly shortened from toad-eater "fawning flatterer," originally referring to the assistant of a charlatan, who ate a toad (believed to be poisonous) to enable his master to display his skill in expelling the poison. The verb is recorded from 1827.

highhanded \HAHY-HAN-did\, adjective:

acting or done in a bold, arbitrary way

He wants to be seen as less bossy and highhanded.

by 1631, from "a high hand: with imperious or absolute exercise of power" c 1382

For Sale

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

Due to technical difficulties the August Newsletter was not mailed. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The Editor

Barbecued Ribs

1 t. salt
1 t. Italian seasoning
½ t. pepper
2 rack pork spareribs (3-4 pounds)
1 bottle (12oz) beer
2/3 C. barbecue sauce

Rub the salt, Italian seasoning and pepper over the ribs and place in a shallow roasting pan; add beer. Cover and bake at 325 degrees for 2 hrs. Coat grill rack with cooking spray before starting the grill. Drain ribs. Spoon some of the sauce over the ribs. Grill covered, over medium heat for 8-10 minutes or until browned, turning occasionally and brushing with sauce. Yield: 3 servings.

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

What was the original name of Alexander, son of Blondie and Dagwood Bumstead in the comic strip "Blondie"
