



# THE ENLIGHT'NER

May 2020 NEWSLETTER

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**Our club sponsor is: Rallye Auto Sales, 1010 Old Highway 99 North Rd, Burlington, WA 98233. (360)757-7770. <https://rallyeauto.com/>**

**Club Supporters are: Corvette Alley, 1103 – 23rd St., Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 299-9303  
Village Pizza, 807 Commercial Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 293-7847 or 293-8009**

## 2019 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT----- LINDA GILBERT  
VICE-PRESIDENT----- SANDY RUCH  
SECRETARY----- KRISTIE SWEET  
TREASURER----- DOUG GILBERT

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

Activities----- All Members  
Web Master----- Bill Amman  
Statistician----- Bill Ruch  
Car Shows----- Open  
Elections----- Karen Amman  
Newsletter Editor----- John Lucke  
Membership----- Kristie Sweet  
Sergeant at Arms----- Bryan Pierson  
PAO----- Bill Amman

## MEETING SCHEDULE:

**Tues. May 12, Meeting cancelled**  
**Tues. May 26, Meeting cancelled**

## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

All activities on hold until Corona virus limitations begin to subside

**June 6-7 Waterfront Festival Car Shows Cancelled**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

## May Birthdays

4	John Kingsbury	16	Pat Baldwin
6	Norma McCaleb	20	Brian Olson
14	Rita Nelson	21	Dave Morgan
16	MaryAnn Chellis		

## May Anniversaries

5	Dan & Lisa Welty
16	Bill & Sandy Ruch
29	Marvin & Rose Mary Harris

## Message from the President:

Hi everybody,

Well by now you know there will not be any car shows in June. It breaks my heart. Doug and I have been in the club for forty two years and this is the first time we have to cancel the shows. But we are strong and we will get through this. I am working on a couple runs for the club, a run and a car picnic, and driving by Jim Reed's retirement center. We have talked about going to Oak Harbor and do a drive by where Sandy works. As soon as the weather gets a little better. I miss you guys so much but we have to be safe. You will hear from me soon.

Mom

## Anacortes Waterfront Cancellation:

With the uncertainty of businesses opening and the need to stay home in order to slow avoid the corona virus all club activities are on hold.

The Anacortes Chamber working with the City of Anacortes and the Port have made the decision to cancel or postpone the Anacortes Waterfront Festival and related activities. With that the Waterfront Festival car shows have been cancelled.

The Chamber is looking for potential dates to hold the Waterfront Festival and we will look for opportunities to have a show or gathering which may or may not be in conjunction with the Waterfront Festival.

John

### ***BLAST FROM THE PAST, Remember when?***

#### **Minutes of April 13, 1999 meeting at Round Table Pizza**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the president.

Members in attendance were: Gilberts, Duckens, Reeds, Humann, Telles, Fosters, Overton, Nelsons, Shafer, Julia (STB Kellogg), Hammers, Pages, Olson, Fixs, Nowicki, Pellham, Clarks, McAtees, Barco, Hart, Noltensmeyer, Hershaws, Strowbridges, Ney, Bartek, Stroebels; Drew York visited, Carol & Richard Rydstrand (JOINED) & Dale Glassett (potential member).

Minutes of 23 Mar 99 meeting were read and accepted as presented.

The financial report was provided by the treasurer.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Club T shirts are available.
- B. Trophies for the shows were discussed. Door prizes for the three shows were discussed as was a new tech procedure that will be tried for the Big 3 Show. The two other shows were discussed.
- C. Club radio information was given out to new members and Bill Strowbridge will check on a new source.
- D. The "All Club" Brunch was reported on with plans for next year discussed.
- E. Linda Gilbert and Ron Telles talked about upcoming club activities.
- F. The trailer work party was discussed.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Donna talked about finding a place for our Christmas Dinner party. After discussion for dates and places, all agreed to check into the availability of the Cranberry Tree Restaurant for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **(Minutes of April 13, 1999 continued)**

B. Donna talked about doing a Friday night cruise to Kow Corner in Oak Harbor on April 30th and then dinner at the China Buffet.

C. Donna talked about shows and activities from other clubs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 27 April 99.

Janeen McAtee won Joker Up.

#### **Minutes of April 27, 1999 meeting at Village Pizza**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the president.

Members in attendance were: Overton, Gilberts, Duckens, Reeds, Humann, Julia, Olson, Telles, Hammers, Oisten, Nowicki, Noltensmeyer, Foster, Fixs, Ney & Barco.

Minutes of 13 Apr 99 meeting were read and accepted as presented.

The financial report was provided by the treasurer.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. The trailer work party details were reported.
- B. Club radio information was passed on to members. Club will stay with current source and model.
- C. Dash plaques for the May shows were displayed. Details for the Big 3 show were discussed in length.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Donna talked about the election ballot/questionnaire that will be in the May newsletter.

**(Minutes of April 13, 1999 continued)**

B. There will be an activity committee meeting on May 8th at Farmhouse Inn at 6:30 PM.

C. Donna talked about activities from other clubs.

D. Steve Nowicki discussed using an "air dryer" in the trailer. He will take action to acquire one.

E. Linda talked about a possible trip to Maui in February 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting will be at Round Table Pizza on 11 May 99.

Julia won "Joker Up".

**June 11-20 California Road Trip: We have decided to cancel the planned California road trip for this year.**

If there is interest we will try again next year, stay tuned.

In the meantime, here's a sampling of a early production C8 on LA area back roads: [C8 in the SO Cal Canyons](#)

**NEW Feature:** With a dirge of car events and news, **I'd like start a series of membership profiles.** I know that there are a number of members who have been around since Corvettes ran on Flintstone branded Boulder tires with something called "solid axles" but there are also those of us who have only been around for 10 years or so and don't make it to both meetings so we only know half the members.

We'll start out and I'd like to ask other members to send me a short (well less than a page) profile along with an updated photo (Corvette and owners, pets, grandkids?????) and I'll pan on running one each month.

**John & Cynthia Lucke**

We've been members of MGCC for 11 years since we retired in Anacortes. We had previously lived in Issaquah for 10 years after being re-located from Sacramento for a job with Washington Mutual Bank.

I had previously worked for one of the California banks acquired by WAMU in the late 1990's. Over a 25 year career with the bank I worked under 5+ different ownership structures including the Federal Government and went through 2 of the largest bank failures in history, first in 1985 and again in 2008.

I have always been a car nut, primarily interested in foreign sports cars. My first sports car was a XK120 Jaguar coupe which ended up with a XKE engine. My last British car was one of the last 35 pre-Corba AC's.

I grew up in Colorado and after 4 years in the air Force in Tucson, (sports car heaven!), I moved to the Bay Area to work in Silicon Valley. After growing up in New Jersey and going to art school in Kansas City, Cynthia moved to San Francisco. And worked for almost 20 years in the graphic arts industry.

It would be 25 years before we met in Sacramento only to find that we had lived across the street from one another in Stockton and had a number of common acquaintances including fairly close friends from that period.

We purchased our first Corvette in 1996. It was a survivor Corvette Tan '77. We figured it would be something we could take to open events in addition to sports car events (we participated in the Auto Week magazine tour during Monterey Car Week several times) and Corvette specific events. We have since had 6 Corvettes, the C3, 2 C4's (including a '96 CE), a C5,6 and 7.

During the time we lived in Stockton we were members of the Port City Corvette Club. During the short time we lived in Sacramento we attended dinner meetings and several events with the River City Corvette Club at the time that Jack and Susan Harrison were members proving that it is indeed a small world.

We enjoy the character of MGCC and especially have enjoyed the several week long road trips with the group and look forward to many more.



John & Cynthia & their 2019 C7-Z51 Coupe

## Auto World News:

Myself, I hate the simulated racing that most series are utilizing to fill in for the shutdown of all sports activities during the corona virus pandemic. That said, this story does add some entertainment to the situation.

### **NASCAR Driver Denny Hamlin Gets DNF'd When Kid Turns Sim Rig Off Mid-Race –**

Sim racing's sudden ascension from a niche hobby to a televised esport has given people as many new ways to make a racing career as it has disrupted an existing one. This past Sunday, three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin had the misfortune of discovering one of the latter when he scratched out of NASCAR's simulated Talladega contest for an unusual reason: A mid-race encounter with his daughter.

During the race, Hamlin found himself a lap down due to an early collision and subsequent damage, but he fought his way back up the pack, and by the race's halfway point, was running in the top five. Things went south for Hamlin again when he encountered more technical difficulties, reportedly vanishing from the broadcast. As shown in a video later posted to Hamlin's Twitter, his seven-year-old daughter Taylor popped into the room holding a remote, seemingly asking if she could take one of the family go-karts for a spin. Hamlin, being in the middle of earning a paycheck, tries to wave his daughter away, though seconds later, his screen shuts off, presumably setting off the sequence of events that led to his eventual DNF.

Based on the video above, Hamlin believes his daughter turned off his monitors to get his attention; the screen goes black almost immediately after his daughter makes a gesture with the remote. Moral of the story: Don't ignore your kids (OR grandkids for that matter)!

<https://www.thedrive.com/accelerator/33184/nascar-driver-denny-hamlin-gets-dnfd-when-kid-turns-sim-rig-off-mid-race>

## Corvette News:

### **Leaked Chevy Corvette Launch Timeline Reveals 1,000-HP Zora Halo and E-Ray Hybrid**

Come 2022, the long-awaited, supercar-slaying Z06 will reportedly debut with a wider body, fatter tires, bigger brakes, and a 5.5-liter, C8.R race car-derived V-8 called the LT6. This engine will reportedly have twin-cam, 32-valve cylinder heads and a flat-plane crankshaft that—according to some rumors—will let it rev as high as 9,000 rpm. Power is disputed as being between 600 and 650 horses, and torque anywhere from 550 to 600 pound-feet via the same eight-speed, dual-clutch automatic used on the base, 6.2-liter Corvette.

Said to be following the Z06 will be the 2023 Grand Sport variant, which will reportedly utilize the 6.2-liter plant with a hotter tune to produce at least 510 horsepower and 490 pound-feet of torque. Hagerty insists that the Grand Sport will gain a hybrid system that'll boost output to 600 horse and 500 torque, while GM Authority says this tech won't be seen before the launch of a separate model called the E-Ray, said to produce 600 and 575 respectively.

<https://www.thedrive.com/news/33138/leaked-chevy-corvette-launch-timeline-reveals-1000-hp-zora-halo-and-e-ray-hybrid>

**Whatsit????????**

Americans may have created the Chevrolet Corvette, but if our tendency to airbrush our favorite animal or cartoon character on the hood of our cars says anything, it's that we Americans don't really know what we're doing when it comes to tastefully modifying Corvettes. Sweden, on the other hand, sure as hell does.

I'm not sure everyone would agree!



<https://www.thedrive.com/news/33061/this-rad-euro-built-c4-chevy-corvette-widebody-is-a-cross-cultural-masterpiece>

**Self quarantine Corvette style:**



*"When I said you spend so much time in your Corvette you might as well sleep in it, I was being sarcastic."*

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May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 7am Club Meeting Lore <b>Cancelled</b> Ermon	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 7am Club Meeting <b>Cancelled</b>	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6 Anacortes Water <b>Cancelled</b> All Corvette Cal

Since we will not have our Waterfront Festival car shows, here's some images from last year:





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***SAVE THE WAVE!***