

***THE ENLIGHT'NER***  
**November 2009 NEWSLETTER**  
**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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**2009 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, Nov 10.** Club Meeting, Denny's,  
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

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

There are no official meetings for the Month of December

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**  
(Dates/Events are subject to change)

**Saturday, Dec 12,** Christmas Party, Max Dales

**November Birthdays**

2 Mike Beardsley  
4 Eileen Putnam  
10 Barbara Strowbridge  
13 Frank DePuy  
15 Bonnie Pierson  
22 Mary Thorne  
23 Therese Kingsbury  
24 Jeff Tarleton  
27 Dalene Somerville

**November Anniversaries**

25 Jeff & Michelle Tarleton  
27 David & Eileen Putnam  
31 Dave & Georgene Finch

## Minutes

### **MINUTES OF 13 Oct 09 MEETING AT Denny's**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (34), Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angello, Christie Bailey, Rob & Sherri Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphrey's, Steve & Mickie Maisch, Dale McAtee, Skip & Rita Nelson, Joanne Olson, Rod Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Sandy Ruch, Dick Shaffer, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Roger Tenbrink, The minutes of the 22 Sep 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. Treasurer's report was presented

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership: 62. Introductions to prospective new members. Our membership is rising, more dues have been paid. Forms for Club Officer nominations are due next meeting. Halloween at the Strowbridges. bring Pumpkins to decorate, chili, side dishes, salads or deserts. Also wear costumes. there will be prizes awarded. Halloween 1 Nov. Meet at PETCO 12:00 for off Islanders. Meet at Frontier Industries 12:45 for those on Island.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Car show dates have been announced. Christmas party at Max Dale's 6:30 start time. Bring an exchange gift NTE 15.00. No New Years Party this year we'll try again next. Bill S. will take care of the Museum Brick for Soupy. To make Reservations for Pacific Beach, Contact Steve Maisch. 360-435-4745.

**OTHER:** The next meeting will be at Village Pizza 27 Oct 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8.05. Jim Reed won "Joker Up"

### **MINUTES OF 27 Oct 09 MEETING AT Village Pizza**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President. Members in attendance were: (34), Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angello, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene Hitt, Ann Humphreys, John & Therese Kingsbury, John & Cynthia Lucke, Skip & Rita Nelson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles. The minutes of the 13 Oct 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. Treasurer's report was presented

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership: 65. Forms for Club Officer nominations have been returned. Ballots will be out soon. (Please no write-ins) Halloween at the Strowbridges. bring Pumpkins to decorate, chili, side dishes, salads or deserts. Also wear costumes. There will be prizes awarded. Halloween 1 Nov. Meet at PETCO 12:00 for off Islanders. Meet at Frontier Industries 12:45 for those on Island. Our dates for next year's Car Shows are published and paid for.

**NEW BUSINESS:** For Pacific Beach please contact Steve Maisch. Dates are 18-22 April. Christmas party at Max Dale's 6:30 start time. List has been sent around for food selection. Bring an exchange gift NTE 15.00. Bill S. has taken care of the

Museum Brick for Soupy. Denny's is putting together a picture collage of our Car Show to post in the restaurant. Bryan Pierson will now be pulling our trailer for us. Bill R will be checking into new trophies.

**OTHER:** The next meeting will be at Denny's 10 Nov 09. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8.00. Barb Strowbridge won "Joker Up"

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## *Corvette History - November*



- **November 1, 1997:** Corvette Assistant Chief Engineer, John Heinrich is re-assigned to Chief Engineer of GM's F-Body platform which builds the Firebird and Camaro.
- **November 2, 1990:** In a small shopping center in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the National Corvette Museum Annex is opened.
- **November 2, 1999:** Chevrolet announces that it will enter a C5R Corvette race car at the 68th annual 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 2000.
- **November 7, 1969:** The 250,000th Corvette ( a Riverside Gold convertible) rolls off the assembly line.
- **November 16, 1997:** Corvette Designer, Larry Shinoda, (famous for the 1963 split window Corvette) dies of kidney failure.
- **November 1960:** The CERV I (Chevrolet Experimental Research Vehicle) is first shown in public at the Riverside International Raceway. It is a mid-engine, open wheel, single seat prototype racing car.
- **November 1992:** The date of building 1997 Corvettes is planned to be September 3, 1996.
- **November 1992:** Dave Hill, an engineer in General Motors' Cadillac program, accepts a job offer to become Corvette Chief Engineer.
- **November 1992:** Mercury Marine, in Stillwater, OK, completes building all LT5 engines destined for Corvette ZR-1s for the year.
- **November 1996:** The 1997 Corvette is unveiled to the press.

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### Frankly Speaking

Unfortunately, the weather is getting to get cranky outside and just about time for some of us to put our vette away for the winter. I am hoping we will have a mild winter and have some nice days to go for a ride and blow the dust out of our vettes. Over periods of semi storage, I have started using a Battery Tender to keep a small trickle charge on the battery. I have found this to device prolongs the battery life. Repeated deep discharge on batteries is detrimental to prolonged battery life. Bill S. has added a second ZR1 to his stable. A beautiful 1990 red with chrome wheels. This ZR1 has only 14,000 miles on the clock. Barbara even got to drive it. Congrats to Bill and Barb!! With GM bankruptcy and all the corporate maneuvering, the crystal ball on when the new C7 platform is a little cloudy and what it may look like is fodder for vetted enthusiasts to ponder about. Here are some thoughts regarding the C7. Enjoy!!

Through good time and bad, the Chevrolet Corvette has continuously been a standout at GM no matter what the rest of the company has looked like. While as successful as ever, the current car has taken an evolutionary and blander approach than some would have liked though.

It's GM's Porsche 911, if you will. The debate about its future has always been, and will continue to be, fierce. Should it be revolutionary, evolutionary or heritage-inspired?

Revolutionary would be a huge change, like a mid-engined layout that deviates from the front-engined/rear-wheel drive configuration the Corvette has always had. Don't expect that to happen. Evolutionary would be like the change from Corvette C5 to C6. Modern styling, revamped interior with no major upsets to the tried and true formula.

The third option could be a standalone, or a blend with evolutionary. That option would be heritage. Most of the signs point to a heritage-inspired next-generation of the Corvette. There is a danger though, GM needs to be careful not to take the Corvette into purely heritage/retro territory.

Because that isn't where the car is at right now. I'd prefer a thoroughly modern car, but with inspired touches from classic Corvettes. Many have speculated that the Corvette Stingray Concept from the Transformers movie previews the C7 Corvette, but GM's head of design Ed Welburn says that is not

the case. *That car (the Corvette Stingray Concept) is not the next Corvette....but the split-window is something that I expect for the next Corvette.....with the back-up cameras and blind-spot detection systems that we have these days, the visibility issue is much less of a problem.*" While it was only put into production for the 1964 model year, the split window amazingly has proved to be an iconic Corvette design element.

Some of those classic styling elements with an overall modern design is what I expect GM to do with the next-generation Corvette. I trust that GM won't mess it up. They have done since the car's inception, right?

There has also been recent talk about a Corvette hybrid. My response to that? Nonsense. It's not going to happen – GM doesn't need to make the Corvette a hybrid due to mileage issues. Work on making other high-volume vehicles achieve higher ratings instead.

Besides, if the Volt really does achieve 230 mpg in the EPA cycle, that will make a big difference in the company's overall CAFE figure. The current Corvette is already pretty efficient, and can become more so through the proper use of technology.

That's why the seventh-generation C7 Corvette is going to be *very* interesting in many ways. GM's design prowess has improved so much since the current car's development. If the current Corvette was developed in the same time frame as the 2005 Equinox, imagine a Corvette developed with the improvements of the 2010 model. The C7 could be the most amazing Corvette yet – a car with all the attention to detail of recent GM models, and the world-class interior that the car has always deserved.

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### Doctor Dictionary Word of the Day

**beseech** \bi-SEECH\, verb;  
beseech, besought or beseeched, beseeching:  
to ask earnestly; implore

In this purgatory, the narrator feels threatened by more recent emigres who beseech him for help and force him to face the hard fact of his own displacement.

-- Laura Winters, Moscow on the Thames, New York Times, January 5, 1997

"Spare your poor children these vulgarities, I beseech you," his wife might protest, to hone her point that he was not a gentleman.

-- Peter Matthiessen, Bone by Bone

c 1175, Old English bisecen "to beseech, beg urgently," from be- + Middle English secen "to seek"

Dictionary.com Entry and Pronunciation for beseech  
<<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/beseech?r=10>>

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## For Sale

Professional Auto Detailing Supplies & Car Wash Chemicals.

These products are easy to use and the shine is the best you've ever seen (even better than "der stuff"). Visit the following web site for a look at all the products that I can get for you at prices less than retail

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Chemical Guys Manufacturing Co has been in business over 30 years with customers world wide. Their products are even sold as over 300 private labels.

Bill Strowbridge  
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If you want something to appear in the Newsletter.

Feel free to e-mail the information to Edgar.

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## Thanksgiving Pie

3 large eggs  
1 cup dark corn syrup  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
¼ cup butter, melted  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 (9 in) unbaked pie shell  
Whipped cream, pecans (optional)

### *Preheat oven to 350*

In a large bowl, beat eggs at a medium speed with an electric mixer. Add corn syrup, pumpkin, sugar, melted butter, and vanilla, beating until combined, Arrange pecans in bottom of pie shell. Slowly pour egg mixture over pecans. Bake for 1 hour, or until knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Cool completely before serving. Serve with whipped cream and pecans if desired.

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## ?????Trivia Question?????

Who coined the phrase "Californy, Here We Come"?  
Answer: The Real McCoys

Who was Dan'l Webster?

