

THE ENLIGHT'NER
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Our club sponsor is: Jerry Smith Chevrolet – Buick, 12484 Reservation Road and Highway 20, Anacortes, WA 98221. (360) 293-5166.

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 and Denny's, 300 E. College Way, Mt Vernon, WA (360) 424-7500

2010 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-----LINDA GILBERT
VICE-PRESIDENT-----BETTY CAREY
SECRETARY-----SANDY RUCH
TREASURER-----DOUG GILBERT

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Activities-----All Members
Presidential Assistant-----Jim Reed
Web Master-----Bill Amman
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, Feb 9. Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Feb 23. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Mar 9. Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Mar 23. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Tuesday, May 11. Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 25. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(Dates/Events are subject to change)

21 March Leprechaun Daze Bellingham 360-380-2733
17 April Mt Vernon Swapmeet Skagit Fairgrounds
15 May All Corvette show Anacortes
16 May Open Class Car Show Anacortes

February Birthdays

3	Curt Bailey
6	Karen Amman
9	Dick Shafer
13	John Lucke
14	Pat Acton
20	Jack Bowen
23	Dave Thomason

February Anniversaries

5	Skip & Rita Nelson
8	Bill & Barb Strowbridge
13	Bob & Jan Maryott
14	Ron & Anita Davis, Jim & Jan Irwin
18	Bryan & Bonnie Pierson

Minutes

MINUTES OF 12 Jan 10 MEETING AT Denny's

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (31), Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angello, Jerry Bacon, Paul Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Steve & Mickie Maisch, Dale McAtee, Joanne Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, Dave Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Bill & Barb Strowbridge. The minutes of the 24 Nov 09 meeting were reviewed and accepted with I correction.

New Board Members were sworn in.

Treasurer's report was presented

OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 65. Betty Carey read all of the Thank you notes we have received for our donations. If you are in need of T-shirts please see Linda Telles. She still has a few available. Bill Ruch is in charge of the radios so if you require one please let him know. Bill Ruch is also working on acquiring new trophies for the coming year. If you have suggestions please send Edgar an e-mail. Dave Overton will be placing the order for Dash plaques for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Car show dates are as follows; All Corvette May 15, 2010, Open Class May 16, 2010 and our Denny's show is 1 Aug 2010. Dave Overton has early entry tickets for the Puyallup High Performance Swap meet on Feb 6-7. If you are going to Pacific Beach this year please inform Steve Maisch so he can make the appropriate arrangements. The dates are April 18-22. We need suggestions for day trips next year. We also need a

volunteer to make up our flyers for this years shows. If interested please contact Linda Gilbert. Our WEB page is a "work in progress" please bear with us. Karen Amman will be filling in for Sandy on the 26th.

OTHER: The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 26 Jan. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10

Kevin Humann won "Joker Up"

Minutes 26 January 2010 at Village Pizza

The meeting was call to order at 7:30 PM by the president. Members in attendance were: (29)

Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Jerry Bacon, Paul Borgon, Jack Bowen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Anne Humphreys, John & Cynthia Lucke, Skip & Rita Nelson, Joanne Olson, Dave Overton, Mel Paul, Brian & Bonnie Pierson, Dave Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron Telles. The minutes of January 26th meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections. Treasure's report was presented. **OLD BUSINESS:** Membership: 65. If you are going to Pacific Beach this year please inform Steve Maish so he can make the appropriate arrangements. The dates are April 18 – 22.

NEW BUSINESS: The Car show dates are as follows; ALL Corvette May 15, 2010, Open class May 16th 2010 and our Denny's show is August 1, 2010. We could more suggestion for day trips. So far we have, Mount Baker, maybe including a picnic with the BCC Club; Flight Museum with a stop at Gene & Doris' "working" garage; Studebakers in Cashmere with a visit to the Pioneer Museum and the Aplets and Cotlets factory; Griots Garage in Tacoma; a picnic with Whidbey Island Cruizers (Our Treat) and the Future of Flight Museum at Pain Field. Bill Strowbridge is getting more Corvette watches to raffle at the All Corvette in May. Linda read a thank you card from WAIF for our recent donation. It was suggested we attend other club's shows to encourage participation in ours. We discussed going to Angel of the Winds Casino for Valentines Day Dinner.

OTHER: The next meeting will be at Denny's on February 9th 2010. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. Mona Brown won joker Up

NASA and GM Create Cutting Edge Robotic Technology

2010-02-04

◊ **WASHINGTON** -- NASA and General Motors are working together to accelerate development of the next generation of robots and related technologies for use in the automotive and aerospace industries.

Engineers and scientists from NASA and GM worked together through a Space Act Agreement at the agency's Johnson Space Center in Houston to build a new humanoid robot capable of working side by side with people. Using leading edge control, sensor and vision technologies, future robots could assist astronauts during hazardous space missions and help GM build safer cars and plants.

The two organizations, with the help of engineers from Oceaneering Space Systems of Houston, developed and built the next iteration of Robonaut. Robonaut 2, or R2, is a faster, more dexterous and more technologically advanced robot. This

new generation robot can use its hands to do work beyond the scope of prior humanoid machines. R2 can work safely alongside people, a necessity both on Earth and in space.

"This cutting-edge robotics technology holds great promise, not only for NASA, but also for the nation," said Doug Cooke, associate administrator for the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "I'm very excited about the new opportunities for human and robotic exploration these versatile robots provide across a wide range of applications."

"For GM, this is about safer cars and safer plants," said Alan Taub, GM's vice president for global research and development. "When it comes to future vehicles, the advancements in controls, sensors and vision technology can be used to develop advanced vehicle safety systems. The partnership's vision is to explore advanced robots working together in harmony with people, building better, higher quality vehicles in a safer, more competitive manufacturing environment."

The idea of using dexterous, human-like robots capable of using their hands to do intricate work is not new to the aerospace industry. The original Robonaut, a humanoid robot designed for space travel, was built by the software, robotics and simulation division at Johnson in a collaborative effort with the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency 10 years ago. During the past decade, NASA gained significant expertise in building robotic technologies for space applications. These capabilities will help NASA launch a bold new era of space exploration.

"Our challenge today is to build machines that can help humans work and explore in space," said Mike Coats, Johnson's center director. "Working side by side with humans, or going where the risks are too great for people, machines like Robonaut will expand our capability for construction and discovery."

NASA and GM have a long, rich history of partnering on key technologies, starting in the 1960s with the development of the navigation systems for the Apollo missions. GM also played a vital role in the development of the Lunar Rover Vehicle, the first vehicle to be used on the moon.

For more information about Robonaut 2, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/topics/technology/features/robonaut.html>

Chevrolet Tahoe Police vehicle achieves lowest lifecycle cost recognition in the law enforcement market

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« **DETROIT**- The Chevrolet Tahoe Police 2WD vehicle was found to have the lowest lifecycle cost in the law enforcement market by Vincentric, a company specializing in the area of automobile lifecycle analysis. Vincentric recently released their 2010 law enforcement vehicle market analysis that measured 20 mileage/lifecycle timeframes and the Tahoe Police 2WD enjoyed the lowest lifecycle cost in the majority of scenarios.

The lifecycle computation analysis evaluated seven factors: depreciation expense, fuel costs, finance costs, opportunity costs, maintenance costs, repair costs, and insurance costs. When these seven factors were analyzed for 2010 police models of the Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD, Chevrolet Impala, Ford Crown Victoria, and Dodge Charger, it was the Chevrolet Tahoe that came out on top due to its strong residual value.

In addition to the lowest lifecycle costs in the law enforcement market, the Chevy Tahoe offers extensive functionality. A wide range of applications valued by law enforcement agencies are available including HAZMAT, K9, medical, and tactical operations, with both police and special service packages.

"We are proud our vehicles performed so well in Vincentric's lifecycle cost analysis," commented Joyce Mattman, Product Director, Fleet and Commercial Operations. "The low lifecycle costs of the Tahoe and Impala police vehicles offer our customers great value in this economic climate."

Lifecycle cost analysis allows government agencies to more effectively compare the cost to own and operate law enforcement vehicles. The data provided facilitates a better informed decision about which vehicles provide the combination of features essential to their operations versus the overall lifecycle costs.

"Our intent with any of our fleet lifecycle cost analyses is to provide guidance to all types of fleet buyers, including small businesses, large commercial fleets and police and other government organizations," stated David Wurster, President of Vincentric. "By looking at as many different mileage/lifecycle timeframe scenarios as possible, we're able to account for a wide variety of driving and ownership patterns and provide an independent, solid foundation for accurately evaluating the lifecycle costs of fleet vehicles."

Across all scenarios in the study, the Chevrolet police vehicles' costs were lower than those of the Ford Crown Victoria and Dodge Charger. Not only did the Chevrolet brand dominate the police market in this study, many General Motors vehicles have also won Vincentric's Best Fleet Value in America™ awards throughout the years.

For more information on the Vincentric law enforcement market analysis, visit the Industry Reports section at www.vincentric.com.

**Doctor Dictionary
Word of the Day
scuttlebutt \SKUHT-I-buht\, noun:**

1. A drinking fountain on a ship.
2. A cask on a ship that contains the day's supply of drinking water.
3. Informal. Gossip; rumor.

What were they talking about? Sports? Neighborhood scuttlebutt? Off-color jokes? I didn't know; I knew only how exciting it was to see Dad in action.

-- Eric Liu, *The Accidental Asian*

It was written in the optimistic belief that open debate beats backroom scuttlebutt.

-- Jon Entine, *Taboo*

In snooping around, my mother overheard the pageant scuttlebutt, which was that Snow White was the big winner.

-- Delta Burke with Alexis Lipsitz, *Delta Style*

Scuttlebutt comes from scuttle, "a small opening" + butt, "a large cask" -- that is, a small hole cut into a cask or barrel to allow individual cups of water to be drawn out. The modern equivalent is the office water cooler, also a source of refreshment and gossip.

paragon \PAIR-uh-gon; -guhnl\, noun:

A model of excellence or perfection; as, "a paragon of beauty; a paragon of eloquence."

Example Quotes:

Even his friends and business associates, men and women alike, were paragons of health: avoiders of fatty foods, moderate drinkers, health-club habitués, lovers of cross-country skiing, weekend canoe trips, and daylong hikes in the North Woods.

-- Alvin Greenberg, *How the Dead Live*

Voters, if they chose, could easily convince themselves that the people running their government were faithful spouses and temperate drinkers, paragons whose public images were in perfect accord with their private behavior.

-- Gail Collins, *Scorpion Tongues*

Example Sentences:

The hybrid technology in Prius is a paragon of innovative engineering.

-- Brought to you by the 3rd Generation Prius

Paragon comes from Middle French, from Old Italian paragona, literally, "touchstone," from paragonare, "to test on a touchstone," from Greek parakonan, "to rub against, to sharpen," from para-, "beside" + akone, "a whetstone."

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

<http://www.chemicalguys.com/>

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Bill Strowbridge

360-675-2629

Hello Bill,

Here is as much as I can remember, 1964 Stringray cpe. silver blue paint is about 4 years old, matching #s, 327c.i. approx 325 h.p., side pipes, p.s.p.b.p.w. auto. trans, am/fm case, "new carpet" any mods I have done are all bolt ons, I have all the right parts to put the car back to 100% stock, they go with the car. The car is one of approx 1900 built that year with factory air cond. Asking price \$45,000 obo

If you want something to appear in the Newsletter.

Feel free to e-mail the information to Edgar.

Orange Glazed Tenderloin

1 lb Pork tenderloin

1 ½ TBS mustard

1 clove of garlic

¼ tsp rosemary

1/8 tsp Creole seasoning

¼ Cup orange marmalade

½ cup water

½ cup chicken broth

Make a cut lengthwise down the center about halfway through tenderloin. Mix mustard, garlic, rosemary and Creole seasoning in small bowl. Stir in half of the marmalade. Brush half of the mustard mix over cut surface of tenderloin. Reshape, securing with string. Place on rack in roasting pan. Brush with remaining mustard mix. Add water to pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 to 45 mins or until meat thermometer registers 160 degrees. Remove from oven and cool slightly. Combine remaining marmalade and chicken broth in small saucepan. Simmer for 2 to 3 minutes or until thickend. Spoon sauce over slices and serve.

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

What was the license plate on the ambulance in Ghostbusters?

Answer
ECTO 1

Who was "Fast Edie" ?

