

***THE ENLIGHT'NER***  
**March 2010 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.

Club Supporters are: Corvette Alley, 1103 – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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.

**Tuesday, Jun 8.** Club Meeting, Denny's,  
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

**Tuesday, Jun 22.** 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  
**2 May** Trailer Work Day  
**15 May** All Corvette show Anacortes  
**16 May** Open Class Car Show Anacortes

## March Birthdays

5	Betty Carey
11	Steve Maisch
14	Candy Callen
17	Rod Wise
26	June Reed, Sherri Brown, Sam Lovold

## March Anniversaries

27	Christie & Curt Bailey
29	Jim & June Reed

## Minutes

### MINUTES OF 9 Feb 10 MEETING AT Denny's

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (26) +2 Visitors, Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Paul Borgen, Charlie & Mona Brown, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Steve & Mickie Maisch, Dale McAtee, Skip & Rita Nelson, Joanne Olson, Rod Olson, Dave Overton, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Max Wilson, Marc Zart. The minutes of the 26 Jan 10 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: 67. Introduction to new members. If going to Pacific Beach please contact Steve Maisch. The date is fast approaching. April 18-22. The rooms are \$35.00 a night. We spoke to Janice Campbell (Soupy's Wife) and told her about the plaque. She was very pleased. The Dash Plaques have been ordered. Bill Ruch is working on the trophies.

#### 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. We are currently working on a location for a Cruise and lunch with the cruzers. We still need suggestions for day trips this year. We also need a volunteer to make up our flyers for our shows this year. If interested please contact Linda Gilbert. Valentines Day get together, meet at PETCO 3:00 pm. Dinner and fun at the Skagit Casino. Bill A will put out an e-mail.

**OTHER:** The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 23 Feb 10.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 Bonnie Pierson won "Joker Up"

### MINUTES OF 23 Feb 10 MEETING AT Village Pizza

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (31), Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Jerry Bacon, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Jack & Carol Bowen, Dick & Betty Carey, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan Pierson, David & Eileen Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dennis Summerville, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles. The minutes of the 9 Feb 10 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: 67. If going to Pacific Beach please contact Steve Maisch. Report on the Valentines' trip to the Casino. Yellow T-Shirts are being ordered. If your emblem has come off of your name tag Jim Reed can repair it for you. Ruch is working on the trophies. Our Plaques are in. Aug 15<sup>th</sup> is the date set for a run to Baker with the BC club.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

We still need suggestions for day trips this year. We have found a volunteer to make up our flyers for our shows this year. Kevin Humann did a wonderful job. Flyers have been printed for mailing and handing out. Trailer Day has been set for 2 May. A date has been set aside for an inventory of door prizes. Bill Amman is looking for a newer version of Front Page or any other appropriate software. A budget of \$250.00 has been allowed.

**OTHER:** The next meeting will be at Denny's on 9 March 10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 Gene Hitt won "Joker Up"

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## General Motors to reinstate 600 dealerships slated to be cut

Friday, March 5, 2010

WIRE SERVICE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — General Motors Co. will reinstate more than half the dealerships it targeted to drop from its network.

GM executives said Friday that about 600 dealerships out of the 1,100 seeking to stay with GM will receive letters giving them the option to remain with the automaker.

The Detroit automaker last year told 2,000 dealerships it would revoke their franchise agreements in October 2010 as part of its restructuring. The company has said it needs to shrink the number of showrooms to keep the remaining ones healthy.

The dealerships, who say they have been treated unfairly, have been appealing the decision.

*GM needs to design 2 models of Corvettes*

As sure as the sun rises and God makes little green apples, there will always be a Chevrolet Corvette. Exactly what the next generation of America's most revered sports car will bring is the topic of intense study within General Motors, however. The Corvette is arguably the world's best sports car. It has looks that would make Ferrari proud, performance to match Porsche, and a price that undercuts both by

tens of thousands of dollars. It also has countless fanatical admirers and a devoted owner base built up over decades. This is not a formula an automaker messes with lightly. However, there's a school of thought within GM that the next Corvette -- which probably won't hit the road for at least three to four years -- must break the mold. Chevrolet finds itself on the horns of a dilemma. Should the new Corvette embrace higher technology and the higher price that would go with it? Or should the mid-2010s car reach out to buyers enraptured by the 'Vette mythos but unable to afford today's car? It may do both. Prices for the 2010 Corvette start at \$48,930. It's a bargain compared with other beautiful high-performance sports cars like the \$114,200 Audi R8, \$192,000 Ferrari California and \$76,300 Porsche 911. However, the Corvette is out of reach for many buyers. At the same time, its relative affordability keeps Chevrolet from equipping it with higher-tech drivetrains, expensive lightweight materials and the most advanced electronic systems the world's other supercars offer. One school of thought within GM says Chevrolet should split the Corvette into two models -- a high-end vehicle that offers everything Audi, Ferrari and Porsche do and a separate, more affordable model. "To compete fully with Porsche, prices would have to go well over \$100,000. That's not a volume car, so it makes sense to have another model that appeals to buyers who are a little younger," said Bill Perkins, president of Perkins Automotive Group in the Detroit area. GM has not made any decisions yet. If it takes the two-model route, however, the cars would have different styling, names and powertrains. The upside is obvious: Make a great car better and charge a higher price for it while tapping into a pool of new customers. The risks are equally clear. By fiddling with a winning formula, GM risks alienating existing buyers without winning new ones. "Any time you talk about changing an iconic model, there are always pros and cons," said Rebecca Lindland of consultancy IHS Global Insight. Porsche has shown the strategy can work. Its Cayman sports car offers Porsche performance and looks for a lower price than the 911. It boosted sales without tarnishing the 911's reputation. Standing pat may not be an option for the next Corvette. "Generation X doesn't relate to the Corvette," Lindland said. Indeed, Corvette sales hit a 49-year low of just 13,934 in 2009, Edmunds AutoObserver.com notes. Corvette's 48.3 percent decline was far worse than Chevrolet or GM as a whole suffered in recession-plagued 2009. A more

affordable Corvette would be a return to the model's roots, IHS analyst John Wolkonowicz said. As late as the mid-1990s, "mere mortals could afford Corvettes," he said. "A college grad could order a new 'Vette. You don't see that anymore."

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**lampon \lam-POON\, noun, verb:**

1. a composition that imitates or misrepresents someone's style, usually in a humorous way
2. a light, good-humored satire
3. ridicule with satire

Attendees typically lampoon US presidents with grotesque puppets and caricatures.

-- LA Times <<http://www.latimes.com/>>

by 1645, from French lampon, of unknown origin, said by French etymologists to be from lampons "let us drink," popular refrain for scurrilous 17th century songs, from lamper "to drink, guzzle," a nasalized form of laper "to lap." The verb is first attested by 1657.

**penhanded \OH-puhn-HAN-did\, adjective:**

1. giving freely; generous
2. done with an open hand

From his mother's mother he inherited a sense of fete and a gift for cosmopolitan and open-handed hospitality.

-- John Russell, A Magnificent Mischief-Maker, New York Times, July 27, 1997

Lucius remembers his father as a warmhearted, larger-than-life but openhanded man.

-- Janet Burroway, Still Looking for Mr. Watson, New York Times, November 23, 1997

by 1593, open + handed

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**THE CORVETTE PRAYER**

My Corvette is my Shepherd, I shall go fast.  
 It maketh me burnout on black pavements.  
 It leadeth me down wide open highways.  
 It leads me on the path of gut-wrenching quickness.  
 Yea, though I drive through the valley of rice,  
 I shall fear no turbo, for the Touque art with me.  
 Thy rod and Thy piston, they comfort me.

thou hast anointed my bearings with Mobile  
One oil.  
My car has an abundance of power.  
Surley traction and victory shall follow me,  
All the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the ChevyV-  
8 Forever.

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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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#### ETOUFEE

Cajon seasoning  
1 Bell Pepper  
Green onions  
Celery  
Minced Garlic  
2 cans diced tomatoes  
2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
Red pepper  
Shrimp, crawfish, sausage, or chicken (2 lb)

Season choice of meat with minced garlic and red  
pepper, cover and put in refrigerator. Chop and sauté  
bell pepper, green onions and celery. Add cream of  
mushroom soup and diced tomatoes to sautéed mix.  
Cook for 5 min then add meat and let simmer for  
about 30 minutes. You can always add more or less  
with seasoning so season to taste.

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

Who was "Fast Edie" ?

#### **Answer**

Role played by Paul Newman in the Hustler

Who played the role of "Ma Kettle" ?

