

THE ENLIGHT'NER
May 2010 NEWSLETTER
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The Majestic Glass Corvette Club provides local charitable support to organizations in Snohomish, Skagit, Island, and Whatcom Counties as well as to National non-profit organizations and families in need. Proceeds received from fund raising activities that include hosting of Annual Car Shows, etc., are used for this purpose. The distribution of funding is reviewed and approved by the membership.

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, 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)

2 May Trailer Work Day
15 May All Corvette show Anacortes
16 May Open Class Car Show Anacortes

May Birthdays

1 Jacob Angel
4 John Kingsbury
9 Cherie Cobley
14 Rita Nelson
19 Anita Davis

20 Brian Olson, Ron Davis
26 Jim Reed
28 Jan Irwin
30 Dave Finch
31 Helen Pierson

May Anniversaries

16 Bill & Sandy Ruch
28 David & Patricia Acton

Minutes

Minutes of 13 April 2010. Meeting at Denny's.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (32), Bill & Karen Amman, Paul Borgen, Dick & Betty Carey, Jay & Jan Cockrum, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Sam & DeLonis Lovold, Mickie Maisch, Dale McAtee, Joanne Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan & Bonnie Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Bill & Barb Stowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles.

The minutes of the 23 Mar 10 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented.

OLD Business:

Membership: 66

Received a very nice thank you letter from the Anacortes Food Bank.

For those who didn't know we lost Charlie Brown. All our prayers are with Mona.

We won't be able to have a picnic with the Cruizers this year. We will try to plan ahead for next year.

Pacific Beach April 18-22. Have your radios ready. Meet at PETCO 10:00 am. Bring dimes and pillows. Report given on the LaConner parade.

Linda Telles said shirts are here. She has a sign up sheet for the appropriate sizes XS-XXL are 25.00, 1X-2X are 30.00.

Plaques are in and look great thanks to Kevin's artwork.

Barbecue/Car show July 9th. Tickets are \$20.00 and includes entrance to Aqua Sox game. More Info call Chris 425-258-3673.

NEW BUSINESS:

April 24 Wenatchee Apple Blossom Corvette Rally. 509-665-9505 for more info.

Trailer Day 2 May. Breakfast at San Remo, Luke will meet us there. If you live off the Island meet at PETCO 9:00 am.

May 15-16, be ready to work and have Radios charged.

June 4 & 5 CruizinChelan car show

July 4th parade - meet at Dave Overton's.

Car show for the Marine Veteran League at Riverfront Park is July 11th 10-4. 15\$ entry. Meet at PETCO 9:00 am

This year's Summer Party will be held at Brian & Joanne Olson's (Uncle Ollie's Overnighter) on Saturday Aug. 7th. You can set up your tent or Trailer the night before. Ann Humphreys made a motion that Brian & Joanne be given \$400.00 to pay for a Port a Potty for the affair. It was seconded and passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Apple Blossom Corvette Rally, Saturday April 24th. Call 509-665-9505

J.J. Cruisers', 10th annual April Showers Show & Shine, Sunday April 25th. Call 360-708-9372

Spring Rod Run, Ferndale, Sunday May 2nd. Call 360-734-5931

Cruizin Chelan JUNE 4-5. Call 1-800-424-3526

City of Auburn Car Show Sunday July 4th. Call 253-931-3043

Lyman car show Saturday July 10th. Registration 8-12. \$10.00 entry. Meet at PETCO 7:30 am

The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on Tuesday April 27, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Jan Cockrum won Joker up.

Minutes of 27 April 2010. Meeting at Village Pizza

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (28), Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angello, Jerry Bacon, Rob & Sherri Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank DePuy, Dave Fikse, Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, John & Cynthia Lucke, Joanne Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Dave Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Sandy Ruch, Bill & Barb Stowbridge, Ron & Linda Telles.

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Report on Pacific Beach. Not sure it's safe for some club members to be allowed to travel together. Much less stay in the same place.

Linda Telles Has the shirts that were ordered. She also has a couple of extras. Please let her know if you need one.

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For more information on our overnighiter please contact Joanne at 360-428-3058.

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Request was made by Kevin H. that we loan our Sound System to be used at the Arlington Nastalgic Drags. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

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May 2 Spring Rod Run 360-739-5931

May 3 Toyota Car show

June 4 & 5 CruizinChelan car show. 1-800-424-3526

June 12 Greenbank Show 360-929-1609

June 18-20 Lake Tahoe, Linda G has registration form. For more info contact Lenny Angello.

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12 Chevrolet Models Offer Fuel-saving, Six-speed Automatic Transmissions for 2011 Model Year

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2010-05-06

DETROIT – With the introduction of the all-new Chevrolet Cruze, 12 Chevrolet models will be offered with fuel-saving, six-speed automatic transmissions. Chevrolet has quickly become a leader in six-speed automatics, which will be available on 75 percent of all Chevrolet cars, trucks, SUVs and crossovers for 2011. Compared to traditional four-speed automatics, six-speed automatics offer consumers up to four percent better fuel economy, and smoother, more responsive vehicle performance.

“Our advanced six-speed transmissions offer customers wide-ranging benefits,” said Charlie Klein, Director, GM Global Mass, Energy and Aerodynamics, “including reduced cost of ownership, improved vehicle performance, lower CO2 emissions, and a lesser dependence on foreign oil. As such, the wide availability of six-speed transmissions is a real advantage for Chevrolet customers.”

The Chevrolet Cruze, which goes on sale in the third-quarter of 2010, will be available with either a six-speed manual or automatic transmission. With either transmission, the Cruze will deliver impressive fuel economy and performance. For example, the Cruze Eco model is expected to accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in less than 10 seconds and deliver a class-leading 40 miles per gallon on the highway when equipped with the manual transmission (estimates for the Cruze Eco with an automatic transmission will be available closer to launch).

According to Mark Gilmore, global engineering director for manual transmissions, the Cruze lineup represents an example of how six-speed transmissions can provide customers better performance and reduced fuel consumption:

“Six-speed transmissions inherently offer increased flexibility over four- or five-speed transmissions to fine tune the gear ratios to specific engine characteristics and vehicle performance targets. In the case of the Cruze Eco, we have developed a unique combination of speed gear ratios and a final drive ratio that provide very good vehicle launch and low-speed performance along with three overdrive speeds (fourth, fifth and sixth) which enable excellent highway fuel economy and passing performance.”

The combination of improved performance and increased fuel economy provided by six-speed transmissions has contributed to consumer demand for many of Chevrolet's best sellers, including:

Chevrolet Malibu, 33 mpg highway

Fifty-four percent of 2010 Malibus sold are equipped with a six-speed automatic and an Ecotec 2.4L engine that delivers 33 miles per gallon on the highway. Through April, 2010, consumer demand for the fuel-efficient Malibu has resulted in seven consecutive months of retail year-over-year sales increases.

Chevrolet Equinox, 32 mpg highway

Eighty percent of 2010 Equinox crossovers sold are equipped with the standard six-speed automatic and Ecotec 2.4L direct-injected engine with variable valve timing, delivering 32 miles per gallon on the highway. Through April, 2010, consumer demand for the fuel-efficient Equinox has resulted in 10 consecutive months of year-over-year retail sales increases.

Chevrolet Camaro, 29 mpg highway

The 2010 Camaro is available with four powertrain combinations: a 312 horsepower 3.6L, direct-injected V-6 that delivers 29 miles per gallon on the highway with either the six-speed manual or automatic; and a 6.2L V-8 that delivers up to 426 horsepower and 25 miles per gallon on the highway with either a six-speed manual or automatic transmission. The combination of power and performance has helped Camaro outsell its closest competitor, the Ford Mustang, for 11 consecutive months.

The Chevrolet line up leverages the General Motors families of advanced six-speed transmissions, designed for front-wheel, rear-wheel and all-wheel drive applications. Here is the full list of 2011 model year Chevrolets available with six-speed manual or automatic transmissions:

1. Avalanche Standard six-speed automatic
2. Camaro Standard six-speed manual, available six-speed automatic
3. Cruze Standard six-speed manual, available six-speed automatic
4. Corvette Standard six-speed manual, available six-speed automatic
5. Equinox Standard six-speed automatic
6. Express Available six-speed automatic
7. Malibu Standard six-speed automatic
8. Silverado Available six-speed automatic

9. Silverado HD Standard six-speed automatic
10. Suburban Standard six-speed automatic
11. Tahoe Standard six-speed automatic
12. Traverse Standard six-speed automatic

General Motors Foundation Supports American Red Cross Response to Tennessee and Kentucky Floods

2010-05-10

« Financial support from the General Motors Foundation is enabling the American Red Cross to purchase supplies and rush disaster relief services to communities affected by the Tennessee and Kentucky floods.

When disaster strikes, the Red Cross mobilizes volunteers and supplies into affected areas to shelter, feed and provide emotional support to disaster victims and emergency personnel.

“Thanks to the generosity of our Annual Disaster Giving Program members, the Red Cross is able to mobilize supplies and staff to provide help to people and communities in need,” said Neal Litvack, chief development officer at the American Red Cross. “These contributions, along with the support of the American public, are critical during floods and similar disasters because they enable the Red Cross to rush immediate relief to disaster victims before the first donation has been given.”

Since the Annual Disaster Giving Program's inception in 1997, members have pledged donations to the Red Cross in advance of major disasters to ensure an immediate response will meet the needs of people who are affected by disasters of all sizes, at no cost and regardless of income.

“Recent flash floods have caused incredible damage and heartache for the people in Tennessee and Kentucky,” said John Montford, GM Foundation chairman. “GM Foundation is working with the American Red Cross to help bring quick relief to those who were impacted by these tragic floods.”

Individuals can join forces with companies who are members of the Annual Disaster Giving Program and help provide food, shelter, emotional support and other assistance to the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like the Tennessee floods either by going to www.redcross.org or calling 1-800- RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make a donation.

About General Motors Foundation

Since its inception in 1976, GM Foundation has donated hundreds of millions to deserving American charities and to disaster relief efforts worldwide. The GM Foundation focuses on Education, Health and Human Services, Environment and Energy and Community Development initiatives, mainly in the communities where GM operates. For more information, visit www.gm.com/corporate/responsibility/community.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

Jim's Blog is a personal opinion and is not in any way intended or reported to represent that of other persons or organizations including those which Jim may be affiliated with or become affiliated with. Your opinions and replies are welcome! Recalls & Stuff...

So you've all heard about the huge recalls of Toyota products, but more recently GM too is recalling a million of its smaller cars for power steering problems. Many of you have had experiences with problems on your cars and later found out they were common ones that many others experienced. Why didn't they have a recall?

Recalls

A recall is issued when a safety issue is involved. The NTSB (National Transportation and Safety Board) receives complaints and initiates an investigation. If a safety problem is determined to be valid, then it asks the manufacturer to issue a "voluntary" recall. This makes the manufacturer give the impression of wanting the best for its customers. In reality, it's all about money. The manufacturer usually finds out there is a problem long before the

NTSB because the customers bring their cars to the dealers first.

Auto manufacturers play a game called warranty. Warranty is defined as a period of time that the manufacturer guarantees a product will perform to a set of parameters. They will do anything and EVERYTHING to get a vehicle off the warranty and therefore saving them warranty expense. In some cases, a manufacturer will ignore a problem, hoping to get those particular vehicles off warranty and their own financial liability.

It is important to note that a recall is for safety related issues.

Campaigns

Campaigns are internal manufacturer fixes for a faulty design or for parts not operating as prescribed for the given period of time. Say for instance a fan motor is designed too close to the exhaust manifold causing pre-mature failure. The manufacturer identifies the failure is common, it's costing them money to fix under warranty, so they design a cheap, foil wrapped shield to fit over the motor hoping this will keep the problem from happening on all their similar cars, thus costing them much more to replace the motors.

A campaign is usually about non-safety related manufacturer issues. Faulty parts, faulty design, or premature failures are manufacturer related and not usually government controlled. There are exceptions to every rule however. Sometimes faulty design or performance becomes a legal issue when action is taken against the manufacturer by a customer group or "class" of customers.

Class Actions and Lawsuits

Some say Toyota will suffer greatly if it is found that they in fact knew there was a problem but did nothing to solve it. This is nothing new and in fact, was usually the case until recently when juries began issuing huge awards to customers and groups, more than the manufacturer might have thought they would have to pay even when their customers were injured or killed as a result of a defect. Yes folks, Ford knew their Pinto fuel tanks would explode in crashes, GM knew their Monte Carlo and pickup fuel tanks would explode under certain conditions, but

they also figured it would cost much more to fix the problems rather than pay a few lawsuits, even if it resulted in deaths of customers. In both cases, they were wrong. Their respective juries awarded huge sums in punitive damages causing the manufactures to have second thoughts when an issue became known.

Partly because of its being the leader in sales, GM has had its share of recalls and class actions. In fact, some say their recent bankruptcy enabled them to partially escape their most recent defective product lawsuit: Dexcool anti-freeze. In short, the 2008 California Supreme Court decision agreed GM consumers were sold products containing DexCool even after it was found out the chemical was causing gasket damage and turned to a semi-solid causing cooling system failures of all kinds. GM is still using DexCool in ALL of their vehicles though the service intervals have been modified in their literature.

These problems and concerns can and will happen to any manufacturer whether the product is a baby stroller or a stealth fighter. The real issue is how and how well a manufacturer deals with them. It will be very interesting to see how both Toyota and GM decide to deal with their latest issues.

Either way, I see some BIG discounts coming!

JVD

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hidebound \HAHYD-bound\, adjective:

narrow-minded and stubborn

In recent years, there has been another voice on the scene -- one that has infused this hidebound, somewhat predictable genre with an unsettling energy
-- Daphne Merkin, Retirement Benefits, New York Times, December 17, 2000

They were class-bound, hidebound and incapable of expressing their emotions
-- Jeremy Paxman, The English
by 1559, from hide "cattle skin" + past tense of bind.
Original reference is to emaciated cattle with skin sticking

closely to backbones and ribs; metaphoric sense of "restricted by narrow attitudes" is first recorded 1603.

ululate UUL-yuh-layt; YOOL-ə, intransitive verb:

To howl, as a dog or a wolf; to wail; as, ululating jackals.

He had often dreamed of his grieving family visiting his grave, ululating as only the relatives of martyrs may.
-- Edward Shirley, Know Thine Enemy: A Spy's Journey into Revolutionary Iran

She wanted to be on the tarmac, to ululate and raise her hands to the heavens.
-- Deborah Sontag, "Palestinian Airport Opens to Jubilation", New York Times <<http://www.nytimes.com/>> , November 25, 1998

She used harrowing, penetrating nasal tones and a rasp that approached Janis Joplin
<<http://www.britannica.com/bcom/eb/article/6/0,5716,107506%2B1%2B105269,00.html?ref=A02020>> 's double-stops; she made notes break and ululate.
-- Jon Pareles, "On the Third Day There Was Whooping and There Was Moshing", New York Times <<http://www.nytimes.com/>> , August 18, 1998

Ululate derives from Latin ululare, to howl, to yell, ultimately of imitative origin. The noun form is ululation; the adjective form is ululant.

BAILEY'S ORIGINAL IRISH CREAM
(Home made "clone" version)

1 ½	cups	Evaporated Milk (1 12oz can)
1	cup	Irish Whiskey
2/3	cup	Granulated Sugar
1	tbls	Hershey's Chocolate Syrup
1	tsp	Vanilla Extract
½	tsp	Instant Coffe

Combine all ingredients in a pitcher and mix well or shake until sugar is dissolved. Store in the refrigerator in a sealed container. Shake before serving.
Makes 3 cups.

Bailey's uses a special process to combine two otherwise incompatible ingredients: cream and whiskey. This secret process keeps the cream from clumping and separating from the whiskey, and allows the liqueur to go for two years unrefrigerated without spoiling. Since we can't

use the same process, we'll replace cream with
canned evaporated milk in our recipe. This
gives us a finished product with the taste and
texture of the deliciously famous Irish Cream.
This version has fewer ingredients, is easier to
make, and tastes amazing

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