

THE ENLIGHT'NER

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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 – 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, Sep 14 Club Meeting, Denny's,
 Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Sep 28. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
 Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Oct 12. Club Meeting, Denny's,
 Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Oct 26. Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
 Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Nov 09 Club Meeting, Denny's,
 Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

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

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (Dates/Events are subject to change)

Sep 12th Founder's Day, Sedro Woolley. Meet PETCO
 8am
 Dec 11th Christmas Party at Max Dales

September Birthdays

3 Sue Hershaw
 7 Cynthia Lucke
 12 Jan Maryott

- 8 Ande Mitchelle
- 16 Jo VanDerToorn
- 18 Ann Marie Humphreys
- 20 Gary Benedict
- 24 Gary Hammer
- 30 Doug Gilbert

September Anniversaries

- 10 Mike & Sue Keller
- 11 Steve & Mickie Maisch
- 12 Dave & Sandy Overton
- 18 Jacob & Kristi Angel
- 22 Barry & Marti Westphal
- 25 Jay & Jan Cockrum,
John & Therese Kingsbury
- 30 Doug & Linda Gilbert

Minutes

Minutes of 10 Aug 2010. Meeting at Denny's

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (35), Bill Amman, Lenny Angelo, Curt & Christie Bailey, Paul Borgen, Dick & Betty Carey, Frank & Maureen DePuy, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Ann Humphreys, Steve & Mickie Maisch, Skip & Rita Nelson, Joanne Olson, Rod Olson, Russ & Norah Osenbach, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Roger Tenbrink, Barry Westphal. The minutes of the 27 July 10 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership: 73

Thanks to Brian & Joanne for the overnigher. The Food and entertainment were great.

The Mt. Baker run with the B.C. club is coming up. Lenny has provided an itinerary. He also has passes available for those going on the 15th. Meet at PETCO 7:30 am

Some of our members attended a show in Canada. Frank & Maureen got the longest distance award.

A very nice thank you placed in the paper by Doyle thanking everyone for their help and support at the car show for the Marine Veterans' League.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Telles was approached about us doing a car show in Oak Harbor. It still needs to be discussed.

Need to plan ahead for our August car show if the GI Joe's building rents out.

If you plan on going to Pacific Beach next year please contact Steve Maisch. The dates are April 17-21.

Motion made by Bryan to donate \$400.00 to his Motorcycle club's show in support of Head Start & Autism. Seconded by Bill S. Motion passed.

Christmas Party Dec 11 at Max Dales.

Nice Thank You card from Joan Reeves.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Aug 13-15 Cruise the Gorge 541-980-7183

- Aug 14 11-4 North Whidbey Show
- Aug 15 Run to Baker
- Aug 21 Cascade Days in Concrete 360-853-7223
- Aug 27-29 Deming Log Show Grounds, 4 Corner Elites
- Sep 11 Arlington Show
- Sep 12th Founder's Day, Sedro Woolley. Meet PETCO 8am

The next meeting will be at Village Pizza on Tuesday Aug 24, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Barry Westphal won "Joker's up.

Minutes of 22 Aug 2010. Meeting at Denny's

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. Members in attendance were: (23), Lenny Angelo, Rob & Sherri Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, John & Therese Kingsbury, John & Cynthis Lucke, Joanne Olson, Russ & Norah Osenbach, Dave Overton, Mel Paul, Dave Putnam, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Marc & Jackie Zart

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The Mt. Baker run with the B.C. club was awesome. Many thanks to Lenny for all his efforts.

Report on the Car show in Concrete, attended by Wally and Joanne.

Report on the Jerry Chambers Car show in Bellingham, attended by Dale & Dave. Dave won a 3rd place.

Report on the Whidbey Island Car show, Dave Putnam won 2 trophies.

Report on the LaConner Car show attended by Joanne Olson.

NEW BUSINESS:

If you plan on going to Pacific Beach next year please contact Steve Maisch. The dates are April 17-21.

Doug has assembled our non-profit paperwork for submission to the State. Our request for money from the city has also been submitted.

We are still working on a place for a New Year's party. If you have a recommendation please contact Linda Gilbert.

It's coming up on election time. Nomination forms will be in the mail soon

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Dave Putnam won "Joker's up.

1953, Early Production.....

- On June 30, 1953, Corvette production began and the Corvette #1 Serial number E53F001001 rolled off the assembly line.
- The first five Corvettes to come off the assembly line lacks an outside rear view mirror.
- The 1953 Corvettes only options were a heater and an AM radio.
- Susan Coleman, 16 years old at that time, was the first civilian to drive a production Corvette
- Flint, is the birthplace of the Corvette.
- The early Corvettes were a stock Chevrolet with almost the same frame components and running gear, except for the body and the interior.
- The introduction of 265 cubic inch, 195 hp V-8 engine and 3-speed manual transmission, the 1955 Corvette finally achieved a "true" sports car status.
- The F-85 Starfire, a Corvette spin-off was created by Oldsmobile, it was powered by a 324 CI V8, but it never made it to production because of the low sales of the Corvette.
- The first Corvette looks the same with the 1952 Chevrolet, it differs only on the fiberglass body which was really new.
- Because of the "average" performance that it shows, its lack of options and with a high price of \$3513 while Jaguar XK120 were sold at \$3345, \$168 less than the Corvette, only 183 Corvettes were sold out of the 314 that were built.
- There was a report that because of the bad sales, several of the 1953 Corvette were given to movie stars, to increase public sales.
- The 1953 Corvette's only available color top was Black.

1954

- For the first time in Corvette history the price was lower than the last year, the 1954 Corvette base price offers \$2,774 which is cheaper than the \$3,498 of 1953.

- The production for the 1954 model was moved to a new plant in St. Louis plant that has a capacity of producing 10,000 Corvettes per year.
- Only 3,640 were built in 1954.
- Because of the new camshaft, the 150 horsepower was raised to 155 horsepower.
- The 1954 Corvettes offers other color other than the polo white.
- Among the color that were offered by GM were Corvette in Black, Blue and Red. And for the interior instead of red you could have a beige.
- The 1954 Corvette is just the same with the 1953 Corvettes except for its colors.
- The V8 made its first debut in the 1954 Corvette in September prototype but still the 1954 Corvette has no V8 with it.

1955

- It was in 1955 that changes were made to Corvette.
- The introduction of the Thunderbird, a two seater American made sports car with a V8 engine, by Ford push GM to work hard and finally after years of testing the V8 engine was made available in the Corvette.
- The 265 CI 195 HP V8 gave Corvette what it needs and for the first time people recognize the Corvette as a true sports car.
- The 1955 Corvette has a weight of only 2,805 lbs when equipped with the V8, it was the lightest Corvette ever produced.
- The "Corvette", that was scripted on the front fenders was changed and an enlarged "V" to denote the new V8 has been added.
- The base model with the six cylinder engine combined with the standard 3 speed manual transmission was one of the most unusual Corvettes in 1955.
- People in the sports car market began noticing Corvette with its combination of the new more powerful V8 and the 3 speed manual transmission.
- A new record has been set by Zora Arkus-Duntov at the Dayton "Measured Mile" at

just over 150 MPH driving a prototype 1955 V8 Corvette.

- The changes and improvements that the 1955 Corvette had did not change the production, it was still to be the lowest production year since 1953.

vamoose \va-MOOS\, verb:

1. To leave hurriedly or quickly; decamp.
2. To leave hurriedly or quickly from; decamp from.

Councilman Caraway is adamant that all of the businesses on Pontiac Street must go away, vamoose, take a powder, even though they are industrial and manufacturing companies and even though they are on land that is zoned for industrial and manufacturing.

-- Jim Schultze, Dallas Observer, April 21, 2010

"Vamoose!" my father repeated, making an exasperated shooing motion.

-- Jose Skinner, Flight and other stories

"If you don't vamoose before I count fifteen, I swear I'll fire. And I shan't miss, I warn you. We don't want to see your face again."

-- Alfred Tresidder Sheppard, The quest of

Ledgar Dunstan

Vamoose originates in the 1800s, derived from the Spanish vamos, or "let us go." The word likely entered American usage through Mexico.

mugwump \MUHG-wuhmp\, noun:

1. A person who is unable to make up his or her mind on an issue, esp. in politics; a person who is neutral on a controversial issue.

2. A Republican who refused to support the party nominee, James G. Blaine, in the presidential campaign of 1884.

Twain declared that people arrive at their religion and politics "Second-hand and without examination," and proclaimed himself a Mugwump and anti-Imperialist. Those of all political persuasions quote and misquote him and claim him as a spokesman for their opposing views.

-- Cindy Lovell, Mark Twain's legacy worth preserving, Kansas City Star

It was his boast that he took his liquor and his politics "straight," and it was his creed that if anything was worse than a mugwump it was a bolter.

-- "If I were a man;": the story of a new-southerner, Volume 1889

Mugwump originates in the 19th century as a term for a Republican who refused to support the party nominee, James G. Blaine, in the presidential campaign of 1884. It is a rough adoption from the Algonquian (tribe native to the Massachusetts region) word muggumquomp, "war leader". In his 1959 novel "Naked Lunch" American author William S. Burroughs uses mugwump as the name of a bizarre creature.

Subject: For Those Who Thought They Knew Everything....

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for

Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half

more than seven (7) times. Oh go ahead...I'll wait..

Donkeys kill more people annually

than plane crashes or shark attacks. (So, watch your Ass)

You burn more calories sleeping

than you do watching television.

The first product to have a bar code

was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts is the only king

WITHOUT A MOUSTACHE

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive

from each salad served in first-class.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

(Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you ?) (That women are going the 'right' direction...! ;)

Apples, not caffeine,

are more efficient at waking you up in the morning ...

Most dust particles in your house are made from

DEAD SKIN !

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

So did the first 'Marlboro Man'.

Walt Disney was afraid

OF MICE! (But he didn't let it stop him! - good lesson)

PEARLS DISSOLVE

IN VINEGAR !

The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...

but, not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo,

and no one knows why.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

(I keep my toothbrush in the living room now !)

And the best for last....

Turtles can breathe through their butts. (I know some people like that, don't YOU ?)

So.....

Remember, knowledge is everything. And go move your toothbrush !

If you want something to appear in the Newsletter. Feel free to e-mail the information to Edgar.
