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2011 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-----JIM REED
VICE-PRESIDENT-----KEVIN HUMANN
SECRETARY-----KAREN AMMAN
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, Jan 11 Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Tuesday, Feb 22 Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

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

Tuesday, Mar 22, Club Meeting. Village Pizza,
Anacortes at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Tuesday, May 10, Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

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

Tuesday, Jun 14, Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

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

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
(Dates/Events are subject to change)

January Birthdays

- 3 Max Wilson
- 4 Maureen DePuy
- 6 Paul Borgen
- 8 Linda Paul
- 9 Jan Cockrum
- 10 Debbie Thomason,
Michelle Tarleton
- 11 Rissa Borgen
- 12 Sue Olson
- 19 Linda Telles

January Anniversaries

- 1 Gary & Kathy Hammer,
Gene Hitt & Doris Miller
- 3 Steve & Candy Callen,
Sam & Delonis Lovold
- 21 Kevin & Gayle Humann

Minutes

No OFFICIAL meetings held for the month of December.

UNOFFICIAL Meeting, Dec 11. Christmas Party at Max Dales.

The festivities began at 6:30 with the announcement of the new Club Officers of 2011. Our President is Jim Reed. Vice President is Kevin Humann.

Secretary is Karen Amman.

And last but not least our Treasurer is Doug Gilbert back for another term.

Kevin handed out the Length of Membership awards. It's nice to say there were several.

Also, the awards for points were presented. Fifth place went to the Telles with 43 points. Fourth place went to Brian & Joanne Olson with 46 points. Third place went to Gene and Doris Hitt with 48 points.

Second place went to Jim & June Reed with 49 points. And the first place award went to Bill & Karen Amman with 53 points. Congratulations to you all.

GM unveils new subcompact

Aimed at first-time buyers, Chevrolet Sonic positioned to challenge Ford, Honda models

Christina Rogers / The Detroit News

General Motors Co. is taking another shot at subcompact buyers, this time around with the all-new 2012 Chevrolet Sonic — a sporty replacement for the outgoing Aveo.

The Sonic makes its world debut today at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. The new car, which goes on sale later this year, will come in two body styles — sedan and hatchback. It will be available with a 1.8-liter engine mated to either a six-speed automatic transmission or a five-speed manual, or a 1.4-liter turbocharged engine linked to a six-speed manual transmission.

Pricing and fuel economy figures have not been announced.

GM will build the Sonic at its Orion Assembly Plant alongside Buick's all-new compact Verano, which also debuts today at the Detroit show. The Sonic will be smaller than Chevrolet's recently launched Cruze, but larger than the Spark, which arrives in 2012.

With the Sonic, the Detroit automaker hopes to rev up sales in a segment crucial to capturing first-time buyers, and as automakers hurry to add more small cars to prepare for higher gas prices and stricter federal fuel economy regulations.

GM is banking on the Sonic to get the automaker back in fighting form as it goes up against the popular Ford Fiesta and Honda Fit. The new name is meant to reflect the depth of its overhaul from the outgoing Aveo, which first hit the U.S. market in 2003.

"The small car segment is really one undergoing a lot of change right now," said Margaret Brooks, Chevrolet's small-car marketing director. "We see this as one of the growth sports in the market."

The Sonic is crammed with gee-whiz technologies typically reserved for larger, more expensive cars, such as XM Satellite Radio and Bluetooth connectivity.

And while Americans are still warming up to small cars, the Sonic ultimately will prove its mettle overseas, said Aaron Bragman, an analyst at IHS Automotive in Northville.

"If it doesn't sell 100,000 units here in North America, that's OK," Bragman said. "They sell far more of these kinds of vehicles in China and Brazil."

Chevrolet Volt Wins 2011 North American Car of the Year

DETROIT – The Chevrolet Volt has been named the 2011 North American Car of the Year.

The North American Car of the Year is selected by a jury of 49 automotive journalists from Canada and the United States, representing newspapers, magazines, websites, television and radio shows.

For 2011, the Volt garnered more juror votes than the Nissan Leaf or Hyundai Sonata, which were also finalists.

This is the third time Chevrolet has won the North American Car of the Year, and the fourth time for General Motors. Most recently, the Chevrolet Malibu was the 2008 North American Car of the Year.

"It's a great honor to be recognized as the North American Car of the Year," said GM CEO Dan

Akerson. "Since development began, we believed the Volt had the potential to transform the automotive industry. Today, the Volt is the first electric vehicle to win the prestigious North American Car of the Year award, and the first vehicle ever to receive the industry's highest automotive, technology, and environmental recognitions."

The North American Car of the Year is the latest in a series of major awards presented to the Volt, which previously was named:

- Motor Trend 2011 Car of the Year
- *Green Car Journal* 2011 Green Car of the Year
- *Car and Driver* 10Best for 2011
- *Ward's AutoWorld* 10 Best Engines for 2011
- *AUTOMOBILE Magazine* 2011 Automobile of the Year
- 2010 Breakthrough Technology, by *Popular Mechanics*

"Such recognition provides customers with credible, expert endorsement of new models," said Akerson. "This is particularly important for vehicles like the Volt that feature significant new technologies. Being named the North American Car of the Year will help convince customers that the Volt is truly a breakthrough vehicle, delivering the benefits of electric driving without the range anxiety associated with pure electric vehicles."

The Volt is an electric vehicle that can operate under a range of weather climates and driving conditions with little concern of being stranded by a depleted battery. The Volt has a total driving range of up to 379 miles, based on EPA estimates. For the first 35 miles, the Volt can drive gas- and tailpipe-emissions-free using a full charge of electricity stored in its 16-kWh lithium-ion battery. When the Volt's battery runs low, a gas powered engine/generator seamlessly operates to extend the driving range another 344 miles on a full tank.

In December, the first Volts were delivered to retail customers in California, Texas, Washington D.C. and New York. Due to strong public interest, Volt

U.S. production is being raised to 45,000 Volts in 2012 from 30,000.

proliferate \pruh-LIF-uh-reyt\, verb:

1. To increase or spread at a rapid rate.
2. Biology. To grow or produce by multiplication of parts, as in budding or cell division, or by procreation.

Look at the smokestacks, how they proliferate, fanning the wastes of original waste over greater and greater masses of city.

-- Thomas Pynchon, Gravity's Rainbow

During the 1990s, armed escort vehicles began to proliferate in Lima and cars ceased stopping at red traffic lights. Professional companies fitted more and more electric fences round high- and middle income settlements.

-- Alan Gilbert, The mega-city in Latin America

Proliferate is a back-formation from the biology term proliferation, circa 1873.

swain \SWEYN\, noun:

1. A male admirer or lover.
2. A country lad.
3. A country gallant.

Ms. Henley knows too how life-changing revelations arrive in grotesque little packages, as when Lenny admits over the phone her traumatizing inability to have babies and forthwith counters her swain's answer with a

slight shock and vast elation: "They're not all little snot-nosed pigs!

-- John Simon, "Living Beings, Cardboard Symbols", New York Magazine

A nymph and a swain to Apollo once prayed/ The swain had been jilted,
the nymph been betrayed/ They came for to try if his oracle knew/ E're a nymph that was chaste, or a swain that was true.

-- Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's almanack : being the choicest morsels of wisdom written during the years of the Almanack's publication

Swain evolves from swein, Old English for "servant".

Picante Peanut Chicken

From: Campbell's Kitchen

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Serves: 4

It's hard to believe you can make this flavor-packed dish in just 30 minutes in just one skillet. Easy enough for weeknight cooking, it's also a fabulous dish to serve to guests.

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves or skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into strips
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen stir-fry vegetables
- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace® Picante Sauce
- 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 cup dry roasted lightly salted peanuts, chopped

Directions:

Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook until well browned, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic and cook and stir for 1 minute.

Stir the vegetables, picante sauce and soy sauce in the skillet. Cook until the vegetables are tender-crisp and the chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with the peanuts.



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