

THE ENLIGHT'NER
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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
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, Jul 13, Club Meeting, Denny's,
Mt Vernon at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

See Calendar of events. Located on our WEB page.

July Birthdays

3 Daniel Bartek
5 Gayle Humann
6 Sandy Ruch
7 Mona Brown
20 Jackie Vannice,
Kevin Cobley

23 Jay Cockrum
24 Mike Keller
25 Doug Wicksell Sr.,
Wally VanDerToorn
27 Lucy Mitchell
28 Georgene Finch
30 Mickie Maisch
31 Linda Gilbert,
Marti Westphal
Mike Lindseth

July Anniversaries

27 Bill & Karen Amman

Minutes

Minutes of Jun 14, 2011 Meeting at Mt Vernon Denny's.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President.

Members in attendance were: (34) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Christie Bailey, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Jack Bowen, Mona Brown, Dick & Betty Carey, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Sam & Dee Lovold, Steve & Mickie Maisch, Joanne Olson, Rod Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Sandy Ruch, Dick Shafer, Bill & Barb Strowbridge, Roger Tenbrink, Wally VanDerToorn.

The minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Membership(75)

We all wished Bill Ruch a Happy Birthday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doug Gilbert reported on the Sedro Woolley Blast from the Past Show.

Kevin, Jim & June attended Vette-Bration in Yakima. They had a great time and recommended we all go next year.

Jim Reed had no additional news about Edgar. Linda Gilbert said she had called the Pentagon and State Patrol.

New members, Marlin & Elizabeth Sevy, joined tonight, but were not present.

Jim Reed reported on two corvettes for sale, contact Jim for details.

Jim asked Sandy Ruch to research event at NAS on 7-30. Linda Gilbert found out about trailer insurance, \$4000 on the trailer and \$5000 on the contents would cost about \$229. A motion was passed to buy said insurance.

We discussed the show in Sedro Woolley on July 10.

If you want to convoy we will leave Mt Vernon Petco at 7:30 AM.

Lenny Angelo reported on upcoming Lake Tahoe Trip. Kevin and Jim told us about many upcoming events. See the web site for information.

We will meet at Dave Overton's on July 4th at 9:00 – 9:30 for the parade.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM..

Christie Bailey won Joker Up

Next meeting Village Pizza on June 28.

Minutes of Jun 28, 2011 Meeting at Village Pizza.

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Minutes of June 28, 2011 Meeting at Anacortes Village Pizza.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President.

Members in attendance were: (18) Jerry & Daunne Bacon, Jerry & Diane Ball, Paul & Rissa Borgen, Joe Bradly, Dick & Betty Carey, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Skip & Rita Nelson, Dave Overton, Ron Telles.

The minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting were read and approved, with (1) revision about trailer insurance. Per the 14 June minutes it read "\$5000 on the contents in the club trailer. Revision now reads: \$8,000 on the contents. Treasurer's report was given.

Membership stands at (75)

OLD BUSINESS:

Waterfront Festival car show "personal check" has come back (2) times from the bank.

Linda Gilbert ordered trophies for "No Veteran Left Behind" car show in Sedro Woolley. We discussed the show in Sedro Woolley on July 10. If you want to convoy members will leave Mount Vernon "Petco" @ 7:30 AM.

See the club web site for information.

Skip Nelson attended a car show in Vancouver, WA.

Very un-organized car show (compared to our car shows). On a positive note, Skip liked a particular "auction" the car show offered.

Dave Overton stated, and reminded members, of a Friday Night "Cruise In" every Friday evening during the summer in Anacortes.

Jerry Bacon reported on attending the Seattle "Greenwood" car show.

Paul Borgen & Gene Hitt reported on the "Twin City Idler's" Stanwood car show.

Kevin Humann told us about many upcoming events.

Reminder for 4th of July parade in Anacortes to meet at Dave Overton's house on 25th Street on July 4th @ 9:00 AM. Depart Dave's @ 9:30 AM to get in line for the parade.

NEW BUSINESS

Event at NAS Whidbey on July 30th was discussed. The club is also invited to attend the annual "Whidbey Cruiser's" BBQ on July 30th. Since NAS Whidbey requires a security check, that had to be completed by June 30th, it was thought we should attend the "Whidbey Cruiser's" BBQ.

Mel & Linda Paul received a trophy at the "Lake Tahoe" car show in Nevada.

Linda Gilbert reported the following club members received trophies at the Burlington "Berry Dairy Days" car show: Dave Putnam (1st place), Doug & Linda Gilbert (2nd place), Wally VanDerToorn (3rd place).

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

NO Joker Up game was played due to lack of playing cards

Club members convoyed to "Fidalgo's" for an ice cream social after the club meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Denny's in Mount Vernon on July 12th.

Jeremiah Speaks

Half way through the year already and I am ready for summer. That should start on the 5th of July but we will hope for a good day on the 4th when we do the parade in Anacortes. July is a pretty full month with a few car shows and some other activities around the area. The trip to Lake Tahoe for "Corvettes at Lake Tahoe, hosted by the Lake Tahoe Corvette Club was a real fun trip and you should find a short story somewhere in this issue of the newsletter. Don't forget our Open Class Show at Denny's in Mount Vernon on the 31st of July. Also, be thinking of club elections in November. Nominations for club officer positions will be made in October and the election will be in November. It still is hard to believe just how fast the year is going. I do hope everyone has a great summer. More later so stay tuned and check your email for late breaking news and activity information.

SCAM ALERT

A 'heads up' for those men who may be regular Home Depot customers. Ladies - Warn your husbands. Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works: Two seriously good-looking 20 year-old girls come over to your car as you are packing your shopping into the trunk. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. It is impossible not to look. When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' and instead

ask you for a ride to another Home Depot. You agree and they get in the backseat. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them climbs over into the front seat and starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen Mar 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th and 29th. Also Apr 1st, 4th, twice on the 8th, three times last Saturday and very likely again this upcoming weekend. So tell your friends to be careful. P.S. Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$ 2.99 each .

You May Be A Corvette Owner If:

You have ever bought a piece of clothing to "match the car."

You have multiple cars in the family, but everyone refers to the Corvette as "THE car"

You've driven an hour+ and had to take a day off work to buy a \$10 car part (that does not affect the operation of the car in anyway)

Your car is 26 years old and you find out that it still has the original fuel filter, and you're HAPPY!

You have more than one car, and the one that is 20 years older than the other runs 10 times better

You know the exact DATE that your car was built (Jan 16, 1974)... but forget your girlfriend/wife's birthday (Uh, I was going to get you something honey but I...)

You know the exact day you bought your car (April 3, 1999)... But forget your anniversary.

You have ever explained (in detail) to your girlfriend who "Zora" is...

You know that "Corvette" is a small French ship known for its maneuverability.

You have 100% cotton towels for your car and you use old, worn-out ones in your bathroom.

You have a PO Box that your wife does not know about so you can get your mods in the mail.

You refer to your Vette as if it were your child.

Instead of your spouse, you carry a picture of your car in your wallet.

You hang pictures of Vettes in your GARAGE so she's not lonely.

You've actually had a momentary twinge of worry at night, when you turn out the light in the garage, about leaving your 'Vette alone in the dark.

You spend more time vacuuming the 20 square feet of carpet in your Vette than your 2000 square foot house.

You feel that you must scrub the underside, you never know, some mechanic may get the wrong impression of you if it's dirty.

You find yourself looking at your reflection in large plate glass as you drive by.

A bird craps on it, you stop turn around and go home to clean it off.

You drive around town to every Starbucks looking for an outside table next to a parking place because you think people are impressed by watching you drink coffee next to your Vette.

You order a build sheet for your Vette even though you have no idea what it means.

You have a window sticker hanging in your bedroom.

You think people that drive BMW's are commies.

You think all Japanese cars are junk driven by young punk rice boys that want to race you.
You think there's a chance it may rain.. I'll take the Lexus...
SUVs aggravate you because they are bigger than you are...
You find it necessary to keep pressing that little button that goes between oil temp/water temp/fuel avg./ etc..
Even though you've never changed oil in any car you've ever owned, you want to do it on your Vette because nobody else knows how...
You go to the drug store to buy cotton swabs for your car instead of your ears.
You cause traffic jams as you maneuver your Vette around a puddle of water in the street.
When nobody is looking, you talk to it and swear that it understands you...
You get very depressed if you've been cruising all day and stopped many times but nobody comes up and says.. "Wow, nice Vette!"
You keep a shop manual in the bathroom for your reading enjoyment...
You understand that "Owning" does not necessarily mean "Driving".
You have one pair of sunglasses that are designated Vette shades. You never wear them while driving the "other car".
You spend half an afternoon and cause bodily harm to yourself trying to get that last little leaf that's stuck to your radiator through that little hole on the right side of the shroud.
Every time you talk about your Vette to ANYBODY, you say "The Vette" instead of car.
Nobody under the age of 30 is allowed in your garage.
The weatherman predicts rain and you are VISIBLY upset.
You yell "Save the wave!" to people who don't wave back.
You have an 11'X4' corvette poster on the wall above your bed.
You wave at other Corvette owners when you are out for your evening jog.
Your friends make sure they bring up your car more than you do, when you meet new people.
You tell everyone that you will drive yourself when a big group is going out even though there is plenty of room in another vehicle, and everyone fights over who gets to ride with you.
You flip through every page of Eckler's, Mid America and Corvette Central every month even though they have the same parts every month.
You look at parts for C1s, C2s, C4s, and C5s even though your car is a C3.
"Ooo" and "Ahh" over another Vette, that for all intents and purposes could be your Vettes twin (same year, color, etc.)!
While looking to buy a house, garage space and condition is the first thing you look at.
You decline a night at the "gentlemen's" clubs with friends, because you need to be up early the next morning to get to the track.
You grit your teeth, and scowl, every time you see a Mustang on the road.

Your 10-year-old kid has been programmed to warn his little friends to stay away from the car without you having to prompt him.

CORVETTES AT LAKE TAHOE 2011

The Reeds and the Ruchs left Oak Harbor at 5:30 AM on June 22nd to start our journey. Off we go to Lake Tahoe, Nevada to attend the 9th Annual "Corvette at Lake Tahoe" Car Show being held on the 24th, 25th, & 26th of June. We made it to Medford, Oregon for the overnight stop (90+ deg weather and Jeremiah by the pool) the next morning we headed south to stop at the "Olive Pit" a few miles south of Red Bluff, California for a mandatory stop to let Bill & Sandy replenish their supply of olives. Quite the place! I was impressed with the variety of product they had to sample and to sell. It was probably a good thing we had the Corvette, otherwise I might have acquired much more stuff than we did. After our shopping stop, we headed North to pick up the route to Susanville, Reno, and finally on to South Lake Tahoe Thursday afternoon. we checked in, registered, and met up with Lenny. After 2 days on the road the cars needed a bath, and of course the only car wash was in California. Ok so it was only a few blocks away but still. Unfortunately the MontBleu Hotel had no facilities for car washing. We found out that all convertible tops will leak if you go through a laser car wash station. Other than a good shower for us as well as the cars, we came out sparkling clean and headed back to the Hotel to find our parking spots. Then we relaxed for the rest of the evening. On Friday we took advantage of the coffee and donuts while we did some more detailing on the cars. Mel & Linda Paul arrived in the late afternoon as I recall and we just wandered around looking at the sites and seeing the changes around the area since our last visit a few years ago. Saturday was the actual show and shine so we were up early to do last minute wipe down on the cars. Lots of pollen to contend with but all the cars looked really great. There were about 175 Corvettes attending the show and the majority were C5s and C6s. After the show there was a Poker Run and a Corvette Challenge. The Corvette Challenge was very interesting with the driver being blindfolded and the partner giving directions. Also that afternoon were the drawings for the raffle items. The awards dinner in the evening was very nice and the food was great. Awards were presented and Mel & Linda received a 3rd place award in the C5 class. They were surprised and pleased. Sunday morning we checked out and traveled through Napa Valley with a stop at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery before arriving in Bodega Bay, north of San Francisco. Bodega Bay was the place where the great Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds" was filmed. We had a nice dinner in a little place called Occidental at a family style Italian Restaurant then back to Bodega Bay to settle in for the evening. Monday morning we were on the road about 7:30 AM heading up the coast on Highway 1 and 101 with a stop in Mendocino before arriving in Fortuna, CA for the evening. They say you can get your kicks on route 66 but you really get your kicks on Highway 1 with

all the twists and turns. Lenny (Our Fearless Leader for the trip home) has a meter in his car that showed he was pulling about .86 Gs. It was a real workout for the cars and the drivers but lots of fun too. We left Fortuna Tuesday morning after being kept awake by some partiers who stayed up most of the night and made sure that everyone else did too. Mel and I were about to go out and throw them over the rail on the 2nd floor but we maintained our cool (Good thing they did too our cars were parked there). Weather by this time was not great but we survived and we were still able to enjoy the trip through the redwoods with a stop at the Redwood National Park. We had lunch at the famous Hot Rod Grill (the smallest burger was 1/3 lb) in Florence then on to Lincoln City for the night. Up again early on Wednesday and headed for home while Mel & Linda stayed behind to visit some friends in the area before heading north. We took some great back roads across to Interstate 5 and we arrived home around 3:15 PM. Over 2300 miles with some great traveling companions and a terrific leader of the group. This was one of the funniest trips we have been on and we had a lot of fun doing it. Just ask Linda about the SEACOW. Have the Kleenex ready it's a HOOT!

bedlam \BED-luhm\, noun:

1. A scene or state of wild uproar and confusion.
2. An archaic term for an insane asylum or madhouse.

Late at night, Jacob DeSerres has often put himself to sleep with thoughts of hoisting the Memorial Cup in the midst of bedlam and wild celebration.

-- Dan Ralph, "DeSerres close again to realizing dream of hoisting Memorial Cup trophy," The Canadian Press, May, 2011

There was bedlam -- noise, scurrying, shouting, screaming, and confusion.

-- James Khan, "System going flaming mad," The Daily Star, May 2011

Bedlam is an alteration of the name of a British insane asylum, the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem in London, in essence a folk shortening of Bethlehem.

chow \CHOU\, noun:

1. Food, especially hearty dishes or a meal.

verb phrase:

1. "Chow down:" to eat; eat a meal, especially the main meal of the day.

The chow callers were screaming that there was one minute left before morning meal formation.

-- James Webb, A sense of honor

It was almost time for the chow-wagon to show-up.

-- George W. Adams, Under the Southern Cross

Chow originates among Chinese workers in California around the Gold Rush, shortened from the pidgin chow-chow, derived from cha, Chinese for "mixed."

BREAKING NEWS

Edgar has been Kidnapped

I'm sorry to report that there is no update at this time.

If you want something to appear in the Newsletter, feel free to e-mail the information to Edgar. Or email direct to the Editor.

Balsamic Chicken

From: Campbell's Kitchen

Prep: 5 minutes

Cook: 20 minutes

Serves: 4

Flavorful chicken breast halves are simmered in a savory balsamic vinegar and Italian sauce to make a simply elegant and exquisite dish with very little effort.

Ingredients:

Vegetable cooking spray

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 pound)

2 cups Prego® Heart Smart Traditional Italian Sauce

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

Directions:

Spray a 10-inch skillet with the cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat for 1 minute. Add the chicken and cook for 10 minutes or until it's well browned on both sides. Remove the chicken from the skillet.

Stir the sauce and vinegar in the skillet and heat to a boil. Return the chicken to the skillet. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through.

Recipe Tips:

Serving Suggestion: Serve with orzo cooked in Swanson® Chicken Broth and sprinkled with Parmesan cheese and a green salad. For dessert, sandwich light vanilla frozen yogurt between oatmeal-raisin cookies.


