

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

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

NO OFFICIAL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

See Calendar of events. Located on our WEB page.

November Birthdays

4 Eileen Putnam
5 Daunne Bacon
9 Ric Jennings
10 Barbara Strowbridge
12 Patti McAtee
13 Frank DePuy
22 Mary Thorne
23 Therese Kingsbury
24 Jeff Tarleton
27 Dalene Somerville

November Anniversaries

2 Richard & Betty Carey
4 Robert & Virginia Walshaw
18 Frank & Maureen DePuy
27 Wally & Jo VanDerToorn

Minutes

Minutes of Oct 11, 2011 Meeting at Mt Vernon Denny's.

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

Members in attendance were: (26) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Dick & Betty Carey, Jack Duncan & Joann, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Susan & Jack Harrison, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, Joanne Olson, Rod Olson, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Bryan Pierson, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Barbara Strowbridge, Roger Tenbrink, Bob & Viginia Walshaw.

The minutes of the Sept 27, 2011 meeting at Village Pizza in Anacortes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Membership(69)

We welcomed Sue and Jack Harrison to the club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim said 6 people showed up to help reorganize the trailer and that lunch at the Regal Star buffet was much improved.

The club Halloween party is on Oct. 30 at the Strowbridges. Costumes are optional. Bring chili or whatever you'd like. Meet up at Frontier Industries at 12:45 or at Petco in Mt Vernon leaving there at 11:45. Nomination forms are due in by Oct 25th. The election is in November. Ballots must be in by Nov. 22nd. Christmas party is Dec. 3rd. Sign up Oct 25th for head count and dinner preference. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner is at 7:30. We'll have awards ceremony, election results, and gift exchange (limit \$15).

New Business:

Jim reminisced about April Fools joke and other club exploits of years ago.
We are re-thinking raising our car show entry fee to \$20. More discussion at the next meeting.
Jim will submit our car show dates to Good Guys.
Let Jim know if you would like to work up flyers for next year's shows.
If you want a photo of your car on the club web page let Kevin or Bill Amman know.
If you want a club roster contact Barb Strowbridge.
Start thinking of club activities for next year.
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of foreign wars annual fund raising Auction will be held Nov. 5, 2011. Tickets are \$8 per person or \$15 per couple. For more info contact Amy Hannold (360-675-2338) or on the web at www.vfwpost7392.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Mel Paul won Jokers Up

Next meeting is at Village Pizza in Anacortes on Oct 25, 2011.

Minutes of Oct 25, 2011 Meeting Village Pizza Anacortes.

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

Members in attendance were: (27) Bill & Karen Amman, Lenny Angelo, Jerry Bacon, Dick & Betty Carey, Doug & Linda Gilbert, Jack & Susan Harrison, Gene & Doris Hitt, Kevin Humann, Ann Humphreys, John & Cynthia Lucke, Joanne Olson, Russ & Nora Osenback, Dave Overton, Mel & Linda Paul, Dave Putnam, Jim & June Reed, Bill & Barbara Strowbridge.

The minutes of the Oct 11, 2011 meeting at Mt. Vernon Denny's were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Membership(69)

OLD BUSINESS:

Nomination forms are due tonight. The election will be in November. Ballots will be e-mailed to members and snail mailed to members with no e-mail.

Halloween party at the Strowbridge's Oct. 30th. We'll be leaving Mt Vernon Petco at 11:45 and leaving Frontier Industries at 12:45.

The Christmas party sign up list is going around. Be sure to sign up how many will attend and what your meal preference is. Party is at Max Dales on Dec.3 .

New Business:

It was decided not to run a holiday ad in Cruzin Magazine. Our regular ad will run in Feb. & April. We had a long discussion on whether or not to raise our registration fee to \$20 per car. Kevin gave us the stats on income and expenses for this year's shows and compared them to next year(2012) when we will have two shows. Discussion was tabled till next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Dave Putnam won Jokers Up

Next meeting is at Mt Vernon Denny's on Nov 8th, 2011.

Jeremiah Speaks

This month is the election for club officer positions for 2012. I sent out the election ballot by email so you should have received it by now. For those of you who do not have email, you will get your ballot by regular mail. Please follow the directions on the form and please send them in or, preferably bring them to either of the two meetings this month. Once again Bill and Barb Strowbridge graciously opened their home on October 30th for our annual Halloween Party/Chili Cook Off. The costumes were great and the food was very delicious as

usual. 22 members were present and we were happy to see some of our newer members attending. These types of activities give us the opportunity to really get to know the new members and gives the new members a chance to get to know us. I hope we did not scare them off. We also had a surprise visit from Jerry Miller, a past member, who wanted to see some of us before his health deteriorates to the point that he cannot get out and about. I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see many of you at our annual Christmas Dinner/Awards party on December 3rd

A BIT OF HUMOR

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed.....

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God agreed.....

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.....

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God. "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.

MORE HUMOR

A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot. One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them.

Generally, the people would respond negatively and she would wander off. But occasionally someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that she carried in her bag.

The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her.

After a couple of weeks the wife said, 'Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?' He hadn't and said so.

Then she said, 'Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing.'

Well, the plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave... The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road.

'Well, is she selling drugs?' she asked excitedly. 'No, she's not,' he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have.

'Well, what is it then? What does she do?' his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, 'She's a battery salesperson.' 'Batteries?' cried the wife. 'Yes!' he replied. 'She Sells C Cells down by the Seashore!'

And just a little more humor

Notes From An Inexperienced Chili Taster Named FRANK, who was visiting Texas:

For those of you who have lived in Texas, you know how true this is. They actually have a chili cook-off about the time Halloween comes around. It takes up a major portion of a parking lot at the San Antonio city park. The notes are from an inexperienced chili taster named Frank, who has visited from Springfield IL.

Frank: "Recently, I was honored to be selected as a judge at a chili cooking contest. The original person called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judges table asking for directions to the Coors Light truck, when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (native Texans) that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy and, besides, they told me that I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted."

Here are the scorecards from the advent: (Frank is Judge 3)

Chili #1 Eddie's Maniac Monster Chili

>Judge #1 -- A little too heavy on the tomato. Amusing kick.

>Judge #2 -- Nice, smooth tomato flavor. Very mild.

>Frank -- What the hell is this stuff?! You could remove dried paint on my driveway. Took me two beers to put out the flames. I hope that's the worst one. These Texans are crazy!

Chili #2 Austin's Afterburner Chili

>Judge #1 -- Smoky, with a hint of pork. Slight jalapeno tang.

>Judge #2 -- Exiting BBQ flavor; needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

>Frank -- Keep this out of reach of children. I'm not sure what I'm supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver. They had to rush in more beer when they saw the look on my face.

Chili #3 Ronny's Famous Burn Down the Barn Chili

>Judge #1 -- Excellent firehouse chili. Great kick. Needs more beans.

>Judge #2 -- A bean less chili, a bit salty, good use of peppers.

>Frank -- Call the EPA. I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now. Get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back, now my back bone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting pie-eyed from all the beer...

Chili #4 Dave's Black Magic

>Judge #1 -- Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

>Judge #2 -- Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish, or other mild foods; not much of a chili.

>Frank -- I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Is it possible to burn out taste buds? Sally, the barmaid, was standing behind me with fresh refills. That 300-lb woman is starting to look HOT...just like this nuclear waste I'm eating! Is chili an aphrodisiac?

Chili #5 Lisa's Legal Lip Remover

>Judge #1 -- Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very impressive.

>Judge #2 -- Chili using shredded beef, could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

>Frank -- My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead, and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from the pitcher. I wonder if I'm burning my lips off. It really pisses me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw those rednecks.

Chili #6 Pam's Very Vegetarian Variety

>Judge #1 -- Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spices and peppers.

> Judge #2 -- The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb.

> Frank -- My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous sulphuric flames. I pooped on myself when I farted and I'm worried it will eat through the chair! No one seems inclined to stand behind me anymore. I need to wipe my butt with a snow cone.

Chili #7 Carla's Screaming Sensation Chili

>Judge #1 -- A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

>Judge #2 -- Ho-hum; tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last minute. **I should take note that I am worried about Frank. He appears to be in a bit of distress, as he is cursing uncontrollably.

>Frank -- You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with chili, which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are filled with lave to match my shirt. At least during the autopsy, they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing; it's too painful. Screw it; I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air, I'll just suck it through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.

Chili #8 Karen's Toenail Curling Chili

>Judge #1 -- The perfect ending, this is a nice blend chili. Not too bold, but spicy enough to declare its existence.

>Judge #2 -- This final entry is a good, balanced chili. Neither mild, nor hot.

Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Frank farted, passed out, fell over, and pulled the chili pot down on top of himself. Not

berserk \ber-SURK\, adjective:

1. Violently or destructively frenzied; wild; crazed; deranged.

noun:

1. Scandinavian legend. An ancient Norse warrior who fought with frenzied rage in battle, possibly induced by eating hallucinogenic mushrooms.

I was shaking like a washing machine gone berserk.
-- Francisco Goldman, The Long Night of White Chickens

She had had lots of power, in her own way, but she had no more motherly instinct than a berserk rhino.

-- Gregory Maguire, Son of a Witch

The English usage of berserk lies in an Old Norse story introduced by Sir Walter Scott in 1822. It is from the Old Norse word berserkr (n.) meaning a

raging warrior of superhuman strength. Linguistically, it probably from stems from ber- meaning bear and serkr meaning shirt, thus literally "a warrior clothed in bearskin."

tawdry \TAW-dree\, adjective:

1. Gaudy, showy and cheap.
2. Low or mean; base: tawdry motives.

noun:

1. Cheap, gaudy apparel.

It was all worn off now: cheap as Coney Island, tawdry, tarnished as the last year's trappings of a circus, bedraggled, shabby as a harlot's painted face at noon.

-- Thomas Wolfe, Of Time and The River

She knew it was a tawdry, a squalid freedom, tawdry as the pink geraniums and squalid as the awful and inevitable bridge and poker parties.

-- D.H. Lawrence, The First Lady Chatterly

Tawdry was originally short for (Sain)t Audrey lace, which was a kind of neck lace bought at St. Audrey's Fair in Ely, England named after St. Audrey, Northumbrian queen and patron saint of Ely, who, according to tradition, died of a throat tumor which she considered just punishment of her youthful liking for neck laces.

THE NOMINATIONS ARE IN FOR THE NEW 2012 CLUB OFFICERS

President: Linda Gilbert
Vice President: Sandy Ruch
Secretary: Karen Amman
Treasurer: Doug Gilbert

Ballots are in the mail. Please make sure you vote.

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

MGCC Club Wristwatches

New styles for MGCC LOGO wristwatches
Unlike the old club design these feature:

**** A watch designed for the ladies; the polished stainless steel band stretches and can also be used as a charm bracelet

**** And a more impressive, flexible SS watch band design for the men
Watch bands fit most wrists from approx. 6 1/2" to 8"
Ultra slim 6mm thickness stainless steel watch case and back.

These have the same Miyota watch movement made by Citizen as the older style club watches.

Price is \$20 each

I have 4 men's and 2 women's watches in stock

Once these are gone, new orders will take about 10 work days to make and have shipped from Hong Kong

Bill Strowbridge

360-675-2629

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Let me know if you ever need a battery replaced for any of your watches and I'll install a new one for you

No charge for MGCC members

Chicken, Broccoli, Mushroom & Brown Rice Bake

From: Campbell's Kitchen

Prep: 15 minutes

Bake: 45 minutes

Serves: 4

This can't-miss combination of chicken, mushrooms and brown rice are brought together with convenient garden broccoli soup to make a family pleasing baked dish.

Ingredients:

1 carton (18.3 ounces) Campbell's® V8® Garden Broccoli Soup
1/4 cup water
3/4 cup **uncooked** instant brown rice
4 ounces mushrooms, sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
Paprika
Ground black pepper

Directions:

Heat the oven to 375°F.

Stir the soup, water, rice, mushrooms and onion in a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Top with the chicken. Sprinkle the chicken with the paprika and black pepper. Cover the baking dish.

Bake for 45 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the rice is tender.

Recipe Tips:

Ingredient Note: We develop our recipes using a 4-to 5-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast half per serving. However, there are a range of sizes available in-store, from the butcher counter to the meat case and the freezer section. Use whichever you prefer- just follow the recipe as written above for the best result. If you're using larger chicken breasts they may require a little longer cooking time.

