



# THE ENLIGHT'NER

## January 2020 NEWSLETTER

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**(360)757-7770. <https://rallyeauto.com/>**

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### 2019 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT----- LINDA GILBERT  
 VICE-PRESIDENT----- SANDY RUCH  
 SECRETARY----- KRISTIE SWEET  
 TREASURER----- DOUG GILBERT

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Activities----- All Members  
 Web Master----- Bill Amman  
 Statistician----- Bill Ruch  
 Car Shows----- Open  
 Elections----- Karen Amman  
 Newsletter Editor----- John Lucke  
 Membership----- Kristie Sweet  
 Sergeant at Arms----- Bryan Pierson  
 PAO----- Bill Amman

### MEETING SCHEDULE:

**No Meetings in December or January**

**Next meeting: Feb 4, 2020 Lorenzo's,  
 2121 East College Way, Mount Vernon**

### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Wed. Jan. 1, 10:00 New Year's Brunch, Calico Cupboard, Mount Vernon

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Sun. Dec. 1, Issaquah XXX Jingle Bell Cruz Toys Drive 425.766.3514

### January Birthdays

4 Marueen DePuy	10 Michelle Tarleton
6 Paul Borgen	11 Rissa Warner
8 Linda Paul	19 Linda Telles
10 Debbie Thomason	24 Bev Bowers

### January Anniversaries

Gary & Kathy Hammer  
 Gene Hitt & Doris Miller

## Minutes:

No meetings in December so here are a couple items from the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Christmas:

The results of the annual election of club officers were announced and the leadership will remain the same for the coming year. Thank you Sandy for overseeing the election.

Several members were recognized for membership award (including Bill and Karen as the most active members).

We were well entertained by Jack Rabbit AND everyone thoroughly enjoyed the gift exchange and the wonderful things they received!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you at the New Year's brunch or at the next meeting on February 4.

## Member's Rides:



Bill A. at the Spring Mountain Corvette Experience

## Ron Fellows Performance Driving Class December 9 – 10 2019

John asked me to write up a short article about the 2 day Corvette Owners School that you can purchase when you buy a NEW Corvette from GM.

My son Jeff and I went to the Spring Mountain Motor Resort in Pahrump Nevada for the two day Corvette Owners Driving school offered through General Motors when you purchase a new Corvette and run by Ron Fellows Performance Driving School.

We flew out of Seatac on Sunday December 8th to Las Vegas, rented a car and set off for Pahrump. About three turns and 2 or 3 miles we were stopped by a roll over auto accident before we even got out of Las Vegas. This was at 7 PM on a Sunday evening, the drivers in Las Vegas are crazy. Anyway, after a short hold up to get around the accident we proceeded north 49 miles to Spring Mountain Motor Resort in the out skirts of Pahrump NV. It was raining hard and we both received an emergency alert on our cell phones to the effect that caution was advised due to possible flood waters over the road way. Fortunately we didn't experience any problems other than wet roads. We checked in at the gated entrance about 8 o'clock.

The next morning we had a great breakfast at the club house. Breakfast and lunch are included with the course.

The class is structured around 25 minutes of classroom instruction (with a 65 inch TV and white boards), a 5 minute break, then ~25 minutes driving time and a one hour lunch, followed by an afternoon of more classroom instruction and track time. There were seven instructors for 12 students. The classroom instruction revolves around teaching you the basics of performance driving and the ins and outs of the C7 Z06 Corvette.

Wow what a machine, and LOTS of fun to drive in Track Mode, Sport One, Active Handling and Traction Control OFF. The class of 12 students was broken up into two groups with one doing classroom instruction while the other six students were broken into two groups of three students per instructor on the track.

The cars are equipped with short wave radios that the instructor uses to coach you around the course as you follow him for two laps then you trade places on the straightaway and then the next car in line moves right behind the instructor's car for their two laps.

Track session ONE was accelerating to about 60 MPH then braking at the end of the straight and making a U turn and then doing the same exercise going the other way. Then back to the classroom while the other half of the class had their turn on the track.

Track session TWO was on a flat wide open "skip" pad. Lesson one was driving a kind of figure eight course around three sets of orange cones followed by driving the same course with a sun screen over the windshield to teach you to use side vision to navigate the course. Next you went to another flat area where you drove the same type of course BUT on a WET track. After you make two laps around the cones to get used to the course they have you accelerate to about 30 MPH on the WET course then perform a PANIC stop, which usually leads to a spin. Next you select Weather mode and go through the same maneuver, but in Weather mode the car stops in a straight line. No spin. WOW!

Next you go to another part of the course where they have laid out a straight line acceleration course ending in two orange cones followed by three lanes of cones on WET pavement. The first two runs are simply straight line panic stops on WET pavement. Next they have one of the instructors stand at the end of the course and when you hit the stop line he uses a cone to point to one of the three lanes you should stop in. This simulates a panic stop to avoid a collision. Then it's back to the classroom.

That is followed by a track session driving around the 10 corner course in fourth gear at speeds of between 20 MPH and 75 MPH.

Day two involves track sessions driving around the track but now you work on going faster and you are allowed to shift. Also on day two you get to ride along with the instructor on a HOT lap. WOW!!

The road course is a 1.5 mile loop consisting of 10 corners named as follows:

#1 Ego Check

#2 Kenny's Corner

#3 The Drop and yes it drops into a small valley and if you don't have your wheels perfectly straight things get interesting, to say the least

#4 Zor's Run leads into the longest straight section of the course where you can hit speeds of about 100 MPH, at the end of the straight you have to negotiate a 20 MPH hair pin corner (turn 5)

# 5 Exit 28 is a Hairpin 20 MPH corner

#6 Patience is a fairly long corner

#7 & 8 Esses, left then right

#9 Long Beach, is almost a hair pin followed by a fairly long straight

#10 Catapult, is the "end" of the track and around you go again.

Each corner is marked with a turn cone, brake cone, and apex cone.

The cars that Jeff and I drove were Z06's with carbon rotor brakes, Performance Data Recorders, Electronic differentials..... If you want the results of your track runs, you supply a 32 gigabyte (80 m/s class 10) San Disk memory card. The San Disk Card is used to save the output of the Performance Data Recorder. You must remember to turn the PDR on and off to record your track sessions. I forgot to record the skid pad sessions.

I drove the same car both days. They gave the cars a complete check out including filling the gas tank between EVERY track session. The instructors drove Camaro's so that we could tell the difference between student and instructor's car's.

I was in the conservative "slow" group. Therefore my lap times were much slower than my son's. He turned a lap of 1 minute 33 seconds where my best lap was one minute 59 seconds.

We never left the property as everything you need is there and the only thing that you pay for is your dinner at the club house. I had a great burger and fries that cost a whole \$12 dollars.

I have to say that this is the most fun I have had in a long time and I recommend this course to anyone who loves Corvettes. If you sign up for the course please tell them that I recommended the course and I will get a small discount

Bill Amman

## Corvette News:

### Get one while you can:

#### *New C7 Chevy Corvettes Are Really Cheap Right Now*

We found discounts as high as \$16,000 off MSRP, and several Stingray models under \$50,000. (Of course it might have to be a white 1LT Coupe!)

Chevrolet is advertising a nationwide deal for nearly \$12,000 off the MSRP of a new Corvette Z06. We conducted a search of 2019 Corvette inventory on Chevrolet's website and found many Stingrays, Grand Sports, Z06s, and ZR1s with discounts ranging from \$8000 to \$16,000 off MSRP. These discounts include dealer markdowns, Chevrolet corporate cash-allowance incentives, and a current "Chevy Employee Discount for Everyone" deal that lasts until January 2, 2020. As is always the case with car dealerships, it's important to keep in mind that your mileage may vary when you walk in the door.



[Read the full article here](#)

### Chevrolet Makes It Relatively Easy For You to Change the Motor Oil in the 2020 Corvette:



I think this headline and the accompanying image can be slightly misleading! I doubt that you turn the new C8 on its side and drain the oil is what they meant!

[Read the full article here](#)



"I was so intoxicated at our office Christmas party, I was told I promised each employee a new Corvette. How am I going to get out of this one?"

[For more cartoons!](#)



Please check <http://www.majesticglass.org/> for more event information.

# January 2020

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