



THE ENLIGHT'NER

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Our club sponsor is: Rallye Auto Sales, 1010 Old Highway 99 North Rd, Burlington, WA 98233. (360)757-7770. <https://rallyeauto.com/>

**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**

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:

Tues. June 9, Meeting cancelled
Tues. June 23, Meeting cancelled

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

June 6th, Newhalem Trip - Bring your LUNCH, chairs, and club radio, Meet at Petco at 9:30

June 6-7 Waterfront Festival Car Shows Cancelled

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

June 27-28 Twin City Idlers Cruise/Show – 360-202-9034

Activities may be curtailed due to the Corona please check with the responsible parties.

June Birthdays

1 Dale McAtee	10 Bryan Pierson
2 Rose Mary Harris	14 Bill Ruch
4 Sandy Overton	26 Kathy Hammer
7 Greg Rust	26 Dan Welty
8 Irene Johnson	

June Anniversaries

2 Jack & Susan Harrison
7 Greg & Lyann Rust
10 Ron & Cheri Jones
12 Dave & Debbie Thomason
14 Mike & Susan Yahns
26 Warren & Terry Aspden

BLAST FROM THE PAST, Remember when?

From June 1999

Minutes of May 11, 1999 Meeting at Round Table Pizza

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

Members in attendance were: Overton, Reeds, Gilberts, Duckens, Julia, Fosters, Fixs, Hammers, Stroebels, Barco, Rancourt, Humann, Nowicki, Noltensmeyer, Shafer, Olson, Telles, Lambleys, Barker, Slattery & Pellham.

Minutes of 27 Apr 99 meeting were read and accepted as presented.

The financial report was provided by the treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Members discussed the results of the Big 3 Car Show.
- B. Dave and Donna discussed the layout and work assignments for the Waterfront Show.
- C. Donna talked about the Western Corvette Car Show and the date mix up for the Bellingham Corvette Club Show.
- D. Linda discussed the activities schedule and confirmed that the trip to Maui the third week of February 2000 was being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. There will be a "show-n-shine" car show in Lynden on August 21st. Ande Michelle has info.
 - B. Linda discussed other club activities.
 - C. Kevin presented the "quarterly report" to members.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Next meeting will be at Village Pizza on 25 May 99.
- K. Noltensmeyer won Joker Up

Minutes of May 25, 1999 meeting at Village Pizza

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

Members in attendance were: Overton, Reeds, Gilberts, Duckens, Nelsons, Olson, Fosters, Telles', Hammers, Barco, Humann, Nowicki, Noltensmeyer, Michelle, Julia, Strowbridges, Neys, Fixs, Barker & NEW MEMBERS: LARRY & JOYCE SMITH.

Minutes of 11 May 99 meeting were read and accepted as presented.

The financial report was provided by the treasurer.

(Minutes of May 25, 1999 continued)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Waterfront Car Show was discussed.
- B. Bellingham Car Show report provided by Donna.
- C. All Corvette Show was discussed and a plaque for Red Robin Restaurant. Donna will take action on the plaque. Dave O. and crew will tech cars.
- D. Linda discussed activities for the remainder of the year and into 2000.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Cascade Mall cannot support our Corvette Show with door prizes, etc.
 - B. Donna discussed activities from other clubs and talked about a car show in Bellingham on May 30th.
 - C. Motion was made and voted to expend up to \$150.00 for the 25th Anniversary Party to be held on July 31st at Cranberry Tree Restaurant.
 - D. Donna & Kevin discussed the number of members' car photos going on the WEBPAGE.
 - E. Carl Barco talked about a possible car show in Orting sometime in August. More details to follow.
 - F. Bill Strowbridge provided info on "corvette" trailers Trailability.
 - G. Motion made und voted on to purchase two new shelters for club use.
 - H. Ande Michelle discussed car display in Lynden on August 21st with KISM Radio and Al's Auto Supply. Also car display in Yelm at new Casino on August 7th.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting will be at Round Table Pizza on 8 June 99.
- Chris Barker won "Joker Up".

Birthday Parade:

On Monday, May 23rd, Linda, her grandson, Joanne & Brian, Nancy, Kristie, Bill & Karen, Dick & Betty, Dale & Patti, and John & Cynthia met at Where the Heart Is for Jim Reed's birthday. The group serenaded Jim from below his balcony and then did a Corvette parade around the building to the cheers of everyone on the lawn (including Jim who had been rolled out).



NEW Feature: With a dirge of car events and news, **I'd like start a series of membership profiles.** I know that there are a number of members who have been around since Corvettes ran on Flintstone branded Boulder tires with something called “solid axles” but there are also those of us who have only been around for 10 years or so and don't make it to both meetings so we only know half the members.

From new MGCC member Tom Norman:

I'm Getting a C8...Someday

First, a little background. I have never owned a Corvette. In fact, before joining MGCC, I've only known two people who've owned Vettes.

Back in the early eighties I worked with a guy that bought a used C3, black on black. It was a beauty. As golfing buddies, we'd squeeze our bags into the back and head out each week to various courses enjoying not only our round together, but the journey to links far and wide.

The other owner was my cousin's husband who was quite the petrol-head. His passion was collecting Harleys. He'd always had a hankering for a Vette, though, and when the 50th-Anniversary edition came out in 2003 he bought a red one. I think in his seventeen years of ownership, he has yet to turn over the 10,000 mile mark. When he does drive it, say for a special occasion dinner, he insists on a window seat located so he can keep an eye on it from the table. Passion!

I've always loved sports cars, a fascination which I no doubt inherited from my mom. Over the years mom owned a '67 Mustang, a '72 Fiat X1/9, an '80 Toyota Celica and a 2001 Chrysler Sebring convertible (more of a "sporty" car than a sportscar). I inherited the X1/9 while in college and quickly learned that FIAT does indeed stand for, "Fix It Again Tony." But I digress. Back to Corvette.

My wife, Madeline and I frequent a favored restaurant in Mukilteo, John's Grill. We generally dine in the bar area for happy hours. One evening about a year ago the husband of a couple seated next to us was waxing poetically about the coming C8 and the revolution of this new 2020 mid-engine design. We conversed about the C8, but I hadn't seriously considered it as part of my driving future. However, something did perk my interest. Or as the famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot would say, "Stimulated my little gray cells."

I found myself checking out articles about the C8 and it was soon obvious the car was an exceptional value. I mean Ferrari, Lamborghini, Aston Martin performance at one fourth the price? What's not to like?

So, I decided last November to take the plunge and blurted out my desire while at a family Thanksgiving dinner - much to Madeline's surprise - and after Madeline warmed to the idea, placed my preorder in early December with the local Chevrolet dealership in Shoreline.

Each dealership was given a number of preorder slots based on their volume and sales history. I ended up getting slot nine out of the ten assigned to the dealer. To prepare, dealerships sent at least one sales rep each to Kentucky for training on the C8 and to be qualified as the go-to for managing the process of ordering/selling/delivering as the resident expert.

The beauty of the preorder process is that you can get the car manufactured to your exact specifications. My approach was to focus on performance rather than bells & whistles. Jacob, my rep, expertly steered me through several pages of potential options and thus I became a future Corvette owner.

The good news - what's coming:

- Shadow Gray metallic paint
- Black interior with red seats
- Z51 performance package (tuned exhaust, Brembo brakes, tightened suspension, spoiler, summer performance tires and a few other treats)
- Red painted brake calipers
- Enhanced engine appearance package
- A partridge in a pear tree

The bad news: soon after I ordered, GM went on strike for two months. Production returned in February, but after about 2,700 were built COVID-19 shut down the plant. Jacob, my rep who's been great about staying in touch, estimates production will resume May 18th.

My current status is that I am confirmed and slotted into the production schedule but there is no firm delivery date. At this point, I'm hoping for October.

I was so looking forward to showing my new acquisition at the various shows this summer, but as we all know that's going to be a 2021 thing. Am I the first club member without a car? Man, I can't wait! Updates to follow...

Tom Norman
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Auto World News:

Myself, I hate the simulated racing that most series are utilizing to fill in for the shutdown of all sports activities during the corona virus pandemic. That said, this story does add some entertainment to the situation.

NASCAR Driver Denny Hamlin Gets DNF'd When Kid Turns Sim Rig Off Mid-Race –

Sim racing's sudden ascension from a niche hobby to a televised esport has given people as many new ways to make a racing career as it has disrupted an existing one. This past Sunday, three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin had the misfortune of discovering one of the latter when he scratched out of NASCAR's simulated Talladega contest for an unusual reason: A mid-race encounter with his daughter.

During the race, Hamlin found himself a lap down due to an early collision and subsequent damage, but he fought his way back up the pack, and by the race's halfway point, was running in the top five. Things went south for Hamlin again when he encountered more technical difficulties, reportedly vanishing from the broadcast. As shown in a video later posted to Hamlin's Twitter, his seven-year-old daughter Taylor popped into the room holding a remote, seemingly asking if she could take one of the family go-karts for a spin. Hamlin, being in the middle of earning a paycheck, tries to wave his daughter away, though seconds later, his screen shuts off, presumably setting off the sequence of events that led to his eventual DNF.

Based on the video above, Hamlin believes his daughter turned off his monitors to get his attention; the screen goes black almost immediately after his daughter makes a gesture with the remote. Moral of the story: Don't ignore your kids (OR grandkids for that matter)!

<https://www.thedrive.com/accelerator/33184/nascar-driver-denny-hamlin-gets-dnfd-when-kid-turns-sim-rig-off-mid-race>

Corvette News:

Leaked Chevy Corvette Launch Timeline Reveals 1,000-HP Zora Halo and E-Ray Hybrid

Come 2022, the long-awaited, supercar-slaying Z06 will reportedly debut with a wider body, fatter tires, bigger brakes, and a 5.5-liter, C8.R race car-derived V-8 called the LT6. This engine will reportedly have twin-cam, 32-valve cylinder heads and a flat-plane crankshaft that—according to some rumors—will let it rev as high as 9,000 rpm. Power is disputed as being between 600 and 650 horses, and torque anywhere from 550 to 600 pound-feet via the same eight-speed, dual-clutch automatic used on the base, 6.2-liter Corvette.

Said to be following the Z06 will be the 2023 Grand Sport variant which will reportedly utilize the 6.2-liter plant with a hotter tune to produce at least 510 horsepower and 490 pound-feet of torque. Hagerty insists that the Grand Sport will gain a hybrid system that'll boost output to 600 horse and 500 torque, while GM Authority says this tech won't be seen before the launch of a separate model called the E-Ray, said to produce 600 and 575 respectively.

<https://www.thedrive.com/news/33138/leaked-chevy-corvette-launch-timeline-reveals-1000-hp-zora-halo-and-e-ray-hybrid>

You need this!

Yeah, it's a small block but it's a survivor with 50k miles and gorgeous green on green!.



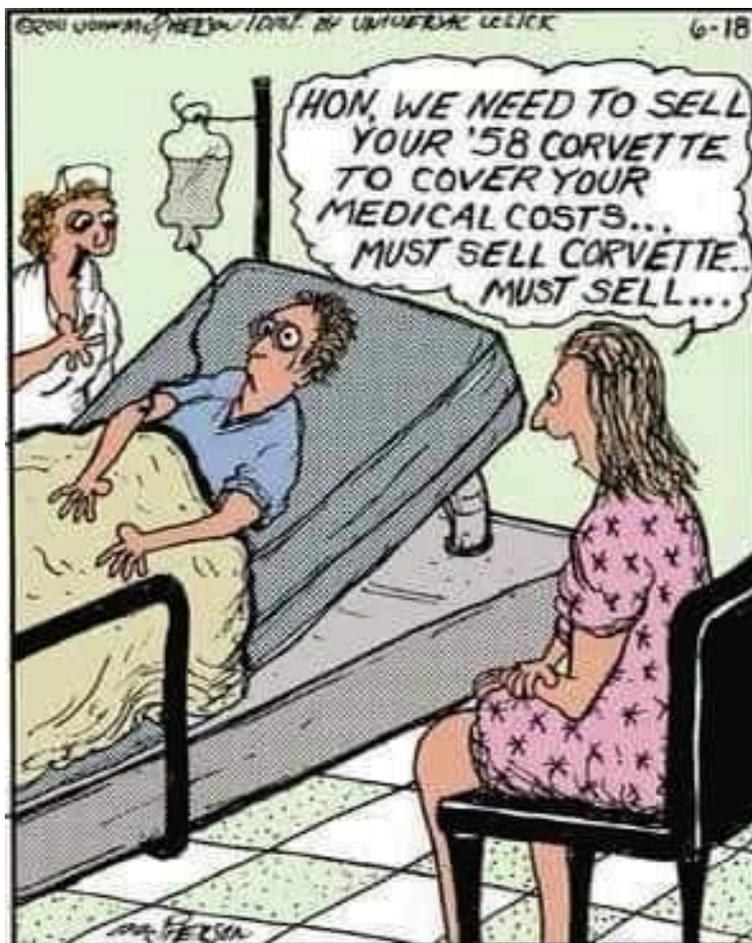
<https://www.classicdriver.com/en/car/chevrolet/corvette/1969/699196>

Corvette Racing:

DNF before they even start! General Motors confirmed to The Drive today that its brand-new Chevrolet Corvette C8.R race car will not be going to this year's rescheduled 24 Hours of Le Mans. Le Mans had been rescheduled from its traditional June date to Sept. 19-20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



[Read the full story here](#)



Gary suddenly emerges from his 57-day coma.

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

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 7pm Club Meeting Lore Cancelled	12 7pm Club Meeting Lore Cancelled	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 7pm Club Meeting Cancelled	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6 Anacortes Water Cancelled All Corvette Cal



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