

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTES

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February 10, 2011 is the GENERAL MEETING

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP

General membership meetings are held at 6:00pm, the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Capital Auto Group, 2711 Mission St. SE, Salem, OR 97302.

We have a social meeting on the 4th week of every month, location and event will be announced in the activities calendar.

Web site: www.CapitalCityCorvettes.com

Membership annual dues are \$50.00

Check out the Capital City Corvettes web site: www.CapitalCityCorvettes.com Flyers & Registration forms, information on coming events, photos of recent and past events. Calendar of events. Cars and items for sale. Past copies of newsletter (past 12 months)

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Address, phone#, cell phone #, e-mail changes

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BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

February Anniversaries

None

February Birthdays

Roman Baszniak Feb 15

Steve Stanley Feb 7

Joe Watson Feb 16

2010/2011 CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Elegant- john.elegant@gmail.com

V. President: Joe Watson

Secretary: Brenda Fleming

Treasurer: Mary Stanley

Directors at Large

Steve Stanley-Past President

Frank Salerno-Member at Large

Car Activities Chair-Roman Baszniak

Charlotte Burton-Social Coordinator

CLUB COMMITEES

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COMING EVENTS

February 26th-Bowling

March 19th-Corvette Top Chef Challenge

April dtbd-Blossom Drive

May 21- Roman's Mystery Drive

June 25-Flemings Coastal Surprise

July 15,16,17-Corvettes on The Bay, Coos Bay

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Capital Corvette Club Meeting Minutes January 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Capital Auto Group by President John Elegant. There were no new members or guests in attendance.

The membership approved the minutes from December.

Hospitality: Jane reported that she sent a poinsettia from the club members to Jerry and Deanna Jackson as a token of our collective appreciation for hosting the Christmas party this year.

Upcoming Events: Charlotte distributed a signup sheet for John's mystery tour on January 22nd. She then indicated that the previously stated February club event of a Men's Cook off/Dessert social would be moved to March and that the previously stated March club event of bowling (led by Roman) would be therefore moved to February. The date for the bowling is February 26 and the date for the cook off is March 19th. Apparently the cook off is a very *serious* activity. It was reported that Glen will be purchasing a genuine chef's hat at a culinary school especially for this event.

Charlotte also presented more information about the July Jubilee – Corvettes on the Bay event in Coos Bay on July 15th and 16th. She distributed a well prepared flyer of information about accommodations and the possible event agenda. Charlotte strongly encouraged everyone that is interested in attending to make reservations as soon as possible. She also circulated a signup sheet for all those with interest in this event.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have 1736.71 in our treasury.

New Business: Jim reported that he has successfully placed the club's 2010 photos on a CD. He made every effort to put the photos in chronological order. He distributed some sample CDs for club approval. He will continue working on this project.

Tech talk: Ira reported that there is a service bulletin from GM regarding the roof top on the C6 models.

John's corner: John's report on the C7 model contained an overview of the project as well as lots of details. I jotted down some of these details and John generously shared his notes with me. So here goes..... Ten design studios submitted concepts for the car, John passed around pictures of various proposed concepts. The body shape has been finalized and "alphas" have already been manufactured. The car will be a lot smaller and will look different in an attempt to arouse interest. Currently, the C6 is selling badly and the hope is that the C7 will renew interest. There is a projected two to three years run for the C7, ranging from 2013 to 2016. The improvements that John mentioned included: LED lights for the headlights and taillights, improved navigation system, better interior, complete camera system, better gas mileage. Hopefully it will appeal to the younger set as the current Corvette population is aging. The car will have its debut at the January 2012 auto show.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Members met at the Flight Deck for dinner and conversation.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Fleming



Another day at glen's office

I like long walks, **especially** when they are taken by people who annoy me.

PRESIDENT'S CAR CORNER

JOHN & ANNIE



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Thanks to you, it was a wonderful Mystery Tour to the Coast on January 22nd. I know you were personally responsible for bringing the beauty sunny weather. Thank you Gary and Charlotte for suggesting the extra trip to the top of Mt. Hebo! That was an extra bonus, being able to see the ocean, north to Tillamook, and yet to turn around and see, in their full splendor, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Jefferson and of course Mt. Hood. You are fun folks to mystery tour with!

Why do you care about GM racing's efforts? The next major GM motor will be a 5.5 L (337 cubic inch) V8. It will probably be the base motor in the C7 Corvette, yet may itself in other high-end GM products. Last year, while still in the development

process, GM, introduced it into the C6R (the Corvette American Le Man series, ALMS, factory race car). Its success was, to say the least, not very good, at least for most of the year. Five different motors failed, including two during the 24 Hours of LeMans. Not exactly the results that GM wanted for their upcoming C7 motor... However, just before the end of the season GM found one of those intermittent, hard to trace, impossible to repeat when you want, electronic "anomalies." It was probably a single "bit or byte" among bits-n-bytes in the computerized programming that governed engine performance – just like the millions of bits-n-bytes that control all modern motors. GM found something that needed to be fixed in the racing program, two years before that motor becomes the heart of a new GM vehicle. They fixed it. Proof of

this is probably best confirmed by the fact that not only did both C6R's finish the 10 hours of the Petite LeMans, but that was Corvette's first ALMS race win of the year. The now-fixed motor will run an entire 2011 season in those cars, and as you can well imagine, nothing tests the durability and the performance of an engine better than extended, flat out racing. Of course, GM is also running the new motor in its C7 test mules, to test its durability in hours of hot and cold weather stop-n-start driving, to also insure it will perform perfectly in street usage. The 5.5 L motor development program is just one example of how GM often tests its new technology in the race car, and how those "learned improvements" (yes, often by race failures), positively translate into better consumer vehicles. Also in Corvette racing news, the vacated ALMS C6R #3 racing seat will be filled by Mark Milner (replacing Johnnie O'Connell who will be moving into Cadillac's new, 2011 race car program -- with Andy Pilgram as his co-driver.) Mark Milner previously raced in the ALMS series, as a competitor in the BMW M3 car. Last time GM undertook driver changes in the Corvette race cars, the results were better finishes the following years. Let's hope this is a repeat of those earlier improvements, for Corvette winning only one race in 2010 in ALMS was its worst year since its first ALMS year over ten years ago.

Buick News: Buick will be bringing out the 2012 Verano this August. It is essentially a spiffed-up, bigger motor (180 HP) version of the Chevy Cruze. Considering that Buick was the most improved brand in 2010, expect the Verano to be another home run. As the Cruze has been winning accolades – just ask test drivers John and Jayne Risko and other car industry analysts, the Verano has a lot to base quality to build on. Here it is:



Ford scores again: At the North American International Auto Show (known to most as the Detroit Auto Show), Ford was again a winner of the North American Truck of the Year title, this time with the all-new 2011 Ford Explorer. The Ford Explorer has much better fuel economy compared to its successor; it no longer has a V-8 option, offering only a 290 HP V-6 motor. It has a towing capability of 5,000 pounds. Ford describes the vehicles as one with "available industry-exclusive second-row inflatable safety belts and Intelligent 4WD with an advanced Terrain Management System." Last year, the Ford Transit Connect was the Truck of the Year Show winner. The best-selling Ford F-150 pickup won the honor in 2004 and 2009; the fuel-efficient Ford Escape Hybrid

won in 2005. (Preceding Information re-printed from "Autoblog.com".)

Volkswagen: Would you buy the car below? Before answering, please note that it will get you 261 miles per gallon of diesel fuel. VW is planning to build/sell only one hundred of them in 2011, but the car will probably be a precursor of a mass market version coming out in about three years. Price has not yet announced.



Cadillac ATS
Cadillac's 3 Series competitor, likely called ATS, is getting closer. Anticipated in the second half of 2012 as a 2013 model, it is expected to come as a sedan, coupe, convertible, and maybe a wagon. The car will both appear as a regular series Cadillac and also have a "souped-up" "V" model. This car is expected to go toe-to-toe by offering comparable models to the entire BMW 3 series range.

Camaro Convertible To Pace Indy: This May's Indianapolis 500 will be paced by the 2012 Camaro convertible. As before, expect GM to offering "Camaro Pace Car" replicas for sale starting this August when the convertible debuts. For those of you who can't wait, you can place your order at your Chevy dealer starting this May.



CADILLAC's New Cars:
Cadillac XTS

The long-awaited merger of the STS and DTS is finally expected to arrive later this year as a 2012 model. The AWD sedan should have multiple six-cylinder engine options with a hybrid variant likely added to the mix at some point. A small-block V8 might appear in following years.

That's this month's perspective. Thank you!
John



2012 Chevrolet Sonic

What's special about it?

The 2012 Chevrolet Sonic is the small car GM has been saying it will build for decades. This time, however, the Sonic has been given a stylish look along with a generous helping of the company's latest technology. Penalty box? No, just a smaller version of the company's best sedans. At least that's how Chevrolet is pitching it.

Positioned to compete with [Ford's Fiesta](#), [Mazda's 2](#), [Honda's Fit](#) and [Toyota's Yaris](#), Chevrolet's new entry will be available as a sedan or a five-door hatchback. There will be a choice of two engines and three transmissions, which it shares with the larger, heavier [Chevy Cruze](#).

Engine choices include a turbocharged 1.4-liter inline four-cylinder rated at 138 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque or a 1.8-liter normally aspirated inline four-cylinder rated at 135 hp and 123 lb-ft of torque. A five-speed manual and six-speed automatic can both be paired with the 1.8-liter engine, while a six-speed manual is the only transmission option available with the 1.4-liter turbo mill. Fuel economy numbers haven't been released.

Those are class-leading power numbers according to Chevy, but the company is also bragging about the Sonic's suspension. It's nothing fancy in terms of hardware — struts up front, torsion beam out back — but the task of tuning them was turned over to engineers who also tuned the Corvette. Does that mean the Sonic will be a sportier subcompact than the Aveo that came before it? Maybe.

If anything, it shows that Chevrolet is more serious than ever about making its small car feel refined. To that end, the Sonic was designed with one of the stiffest chassis in the segment and the wheel sizes range up to 17 inches in diameter. The standard electronic stability control system also features rollover sensors and 10 airbags. Mechanical bits aside, the Sonic also features a well-stocked interior, if you pay up for the options, of course. It offers heated front seats, remote start and a sunroof. The sedan's trunk space is also segment-leading, increase cargo capacity, but there's no sign of any and both body styles offer more rear-seat room than the Ford Fiesta. Rear seats fold almost flat to kind of multi-adjustable rear seat like the Honda Fit

Corvette Top Chef Challenge for those who *think* they can cook and those who *really can*. The rules will be simple; there are no rules, no limits. Hopefully, we will see some planning, thought and effort go into the dishes. No one will be “chopped” and everyone rewarded for their participation. Naturally, those not competing will “judge” the presentations. So, even being present will be a wonderful experience. We are planning for March 19th. Set up your favorite recipe and menu. You can present an appetizer, main dish or dessert.



Mesquite smoked turkeys

****WHATEVER YOU BRING****



Sonoran Hot Dog

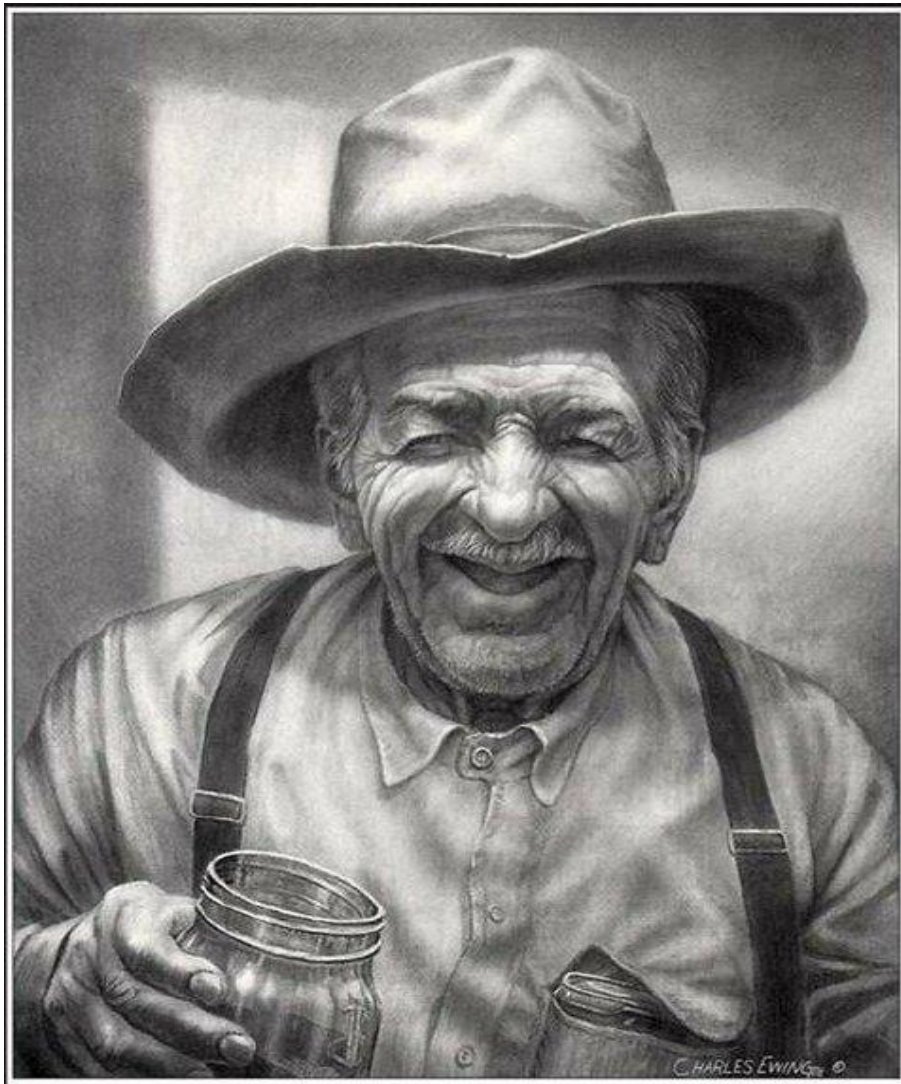


*****HOWEVER YOU COOK IT*****



Flank Steak

=EVERYONE WILL ENJOY A GREAT EVENING OF CHOW=



Set up the Chuck Wagon and let's eat !

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTES 2011 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Submitted by Charlotte Burton, Social Coordinator

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March 19th- Corvette Top Chef Challenge

April * - Blossom Drive

May 21st- Roman's Mystery Tour

June 25th- Flemings Costal Surprise

July 15th,16th & 17th- Corvettes on The Bay at Coos Bay

August 20th- President's Mystery Tour

September *- Oktoberfest

October 29th- Halloween Party at the Stanley's

November 26th- Annual Banquet

December * - Christmas Party

*** date not yet determined.**