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THE "PREZ" SAYS

February 2011

Here we are, another year waiting the upcoming driving season. I trust each of you had a really good Christmas and New Year. I know Lorie and I did.

The annual party on January 15, 2011 was nice but next years party on January 14, 2012 will be a lot different. Some noticeable changes include; no host bar, sit down dinner served by waiters, and a DJ with music for dancing. Just to mention some of the changes I have already put into place. "Make note of this date now 1/14/12". You now have a 1 year advanced notice of this event. It will be different and very much enjoyed by all. Plan to be there now. You will have 8 months advanced notice to make your reservations. I'll let you know when.

Our sponsor, Bill McCurley's Chevrolet in Pasco is planning a big car show event on July 1st and 2nd, 2011. There will be more info on March 9, 2011 at our next meeting.

Speaking of meetings, I believe I have found a new meeting place that will please everyone. I know some of you have been very turned off by our meetings at Casey's and the attendance as such reflects it. As a try out basis for 1 meeting, we (SCC) will meet Wednesday March 9th, 2011 at Bluz-At-The-Benz, corner of Market and Illinois in Spokane. 2721 N. Market St., Spokane. This new date and location is prompted by the poor and no service at Casey's. This new location has very good food, drinks, secured parking with a private meeting room upstairs, and a built in sound system. Note the new day is [Wednesday, March 9th and new location, Bluz-At-The-Bend, 6pm for dinner, meeting starts at 7pm.]

As you are aware our first spring run for the season is Sunday May 1st. This is one week later than usual because the last Sunday in April is Easter the 24th. Kelly Brown and Gene Sims are heading up the event, going South, South West to Walla Walla and the surrounding wine country. There will be more info to follow at the March 9th meeting and April meeting. Everyone plan on going for the fun event.

Thank you for re-electing me as your President; I appreciate your confidence. I will try to live up to your expectations. Until next month, "save the wave".

Chuck



Of the 34,064 Corvettes built in 2004, 12,216 were convertibles with a base price of \$51,535 and 1,180 of those convertibles had the 88 color code for Medium Spiral Gray.

Corvette Black Book

What little boy doesn't dream of owning a Corvette? Well, at the age of 60 in 2002, Gene got his dream. After weeks of searching for a "good car" and only finding "junkers", we finally found a car worth buying – a six-speed, 1990 Metallic Turquoise Roadster with only 16,000 miles. The unique color was certainly not our first choice (far from it), but the condition of the car and the price worked for us. We came to love it and spent many hours (and miles) enjoying our first Corvette. Then, in July of 2004, we decided to take a cruise. We

were in grubbies and just enjoying the sunshine when we decided on the spur of the moment to look at new Vettes – just for fun. Well, suffice it to say – before we knew it – we were owners of a six-speed, 2004 C5 – a Medium Spiral Gray Metallic Roadster. (Can you believe the color names they come up with?) In any event, it too was a unique color and was only produced in that color for two years so you rarely see it. We ultimately sold our 1990 which was a sad day because we would have loved to have kept our first Vette, but we had no space for it, plus we got a terrific price from a private buyer who saw it in our driveway. Only took us a week to sell despite C4 prices spiraling downward with the announcement of the new C6's. Then, over time, a lot of chrome was put under the hood of our new C5 (a lot!) and came to be quite a "Wow, look at what's under the hood!" with Club members and at car shows. Terry blames Pat Railey for all that chrome as when Gene saw what Pat had on his former car – that was all it took. One of our most exciting moments (other than taking delivery on our new C5) was getting the award for Best of Show at the 2006 Mt. Hood Corvettes Car Show – over a hundred cars participated. We drive our Vette "to death" and love every minute of it – not only driving the car in the sunshine, but just spending time together after 42 years of marriage. The only bad times are when guys ask Terry if Gene ever lets her drive "his" car!

Gene & Terry Syms

SPOKANE CORVETTE CLUB

Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chuck Adams.

New Business

For a complete and up-to-date listing of upcoming events, please see the website.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account: \$1371.86. Savings account: \$4224.00

Minutes Correction

At the Annual Meeting Arlyn and Pat Thurber were awarded Life Memberships in the Spokane Corvette Club in recognition of their continuing and substantial contributions to the club. This information was left out of last month's minutes.

New Business

Joe Doellefeld, the owner of Stateline Speedway, came to the meeting. He has invited the club to hold autocross and time trials at the speedway. Details will be worked out in the coming months.

The Spring Run is normally held on the last Sunday in April. This year that day is Easter. Thus, the Run was moved back one week, but that is Bloomsday. Chuck has to work that day, so Gene Syms and Kelly Brown have agreed to plan the run.

McCurley's wishes to sponsor our club once again. They are planning a car show at Columbia Park in the Tri-Cities for July 2nd. The car show will be from 9:00-2:00 with music at 5:30. Camp Chevrolet also wishes to sponsor the club again.

There will be a car show in Trail, BC on June 11th, with a barbecue. More information to follow.

Members are reminded to PAY YOUR DUES!

Bunco will be held at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council building on North Market on February 19th. It's a potluck, and bring your own drinks.

Glass on Grass is on July 30th. That's the same weekend as the Super Chevy Show in Spokane this summer. Our club may take part in the show on July 31st at Spokane Raceway Park.

The Nelson Road Kings Car Show will take place on 9/9/2011 and 9/10/2011 in Nelson. Make your reservations now at the Kokanee Glacier Inn for \$79.00 per night. Tell them you are from the SCC. Call toll-free at 1-877-825-9420.

NEW MEETING LOCATION: As Casey's wasn't even open this evening when we arrived, except for the bar, we need to find a new meeting location. Luckily, the owner of Bluz at the Bend has contacted President Chuck. We are welcome to meet there. It has food, drinks, and secured parking. In order to meet there, we have to *change the meeting day to Wednesday*. It was moved, seconded, and passed to meet at Bluz at the Bend next month, March 9th, Wednesday. Dinner at 6:00, meeting to follow at 7:00. It will be a trial run.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Crabb, Secretary



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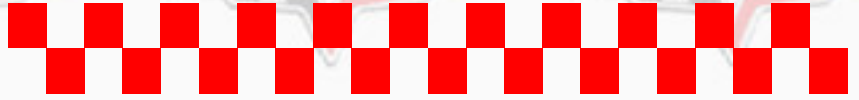
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Schedule of Club Events



Check the Club Web Site www.spokanecorvetteclub.com for a complete listing of Other Local & Regional Car Events.

UP COMING EVENTS

Feb. 19th - Bunko Party at the Wildlife Council Building, 6116 N Market. \$5 per person & potluck starting at 6 PM.

There is a change of our meeting location and date. It will be on WEDNESDAY March 9th at the Bluz at the Bend 2721 N. Market. Please change your calendars.



Sept. 9th & 10th - Nelson Car Show. Make your reservations at Kankanee Glacier Resort, 1-877-825-9420. Make them soon as you can cause they will go fast. \$79 plus tax per night.



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The last of the fifth generation (C5) had optional Commemorative packages for all models to honor the Corvette's success at LeMans with the C5R racer. All commemoratives had LeMans blue paint and special trim. Commemorative coupes and convertibles had Shale interiors and polished 5-spoke wheels. Commemorative Z06 Hardtops had black interiors, carbon fiber hoods, red and silver C5R-style striping for hood, roof and rear deck, and polished Z06 wheels. All Z06's had upgraded suspensions. Production was 16,165 coupe, 12,216 convertible, and 5,683 Z06, for a total of 34,064.

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