



Glass Odyssey Corvette Club Newsletter

January 2011



The GOCC Christmas Party
Was held at the Holly Community Center
On December 18th
With friends, gift exchange, good food and
SNOW!

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From the President...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The GOCC Christmas Party was great fun, good food, presents and of course seeing our fellow members. The Holly Community Center was a great place for the party, but there was snow most of the way to Holly so the parking lot looked more like an SUV Club than a Corvette Club. At least there were 3 Corvettes in the parking lot. The gift exchange was fun as usual with Dave Ellingson getting the final exchange because he drew number one. Several presents were swapped two or three times before being claimed.

Although plans for the Sunday Toys for Tots caravan to Grey Chevrolet did not pan out, our warm-hearted Glass Odyssey Corvette Club members did not let that deter them. In the true spirit of Christmas, they quickly shifted to a Plan B and found another drop off box for the toys at the Silverdale Bowling Alley. So Sunday morning, there was a sighting of Santa's Helpers arriving in Corvettes to deliver their precious cargo. THANK YOU to all participants and also to those who couldn't join us Sunday and brought their toys to the Saturday Xmas Party. It is the thought that counts and many children were able to receive gifts thanks to your generosity.

Just want to send another reminder that nominations for Club Executive positions are opening at the next January meeting.

Kay and I hope your holidays are filled with many special moments with family and friends and that 2011 brings peace, good health, and contentment to us all.

Bill

**Happy New Year
2011**

December Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2010

Donations: Terry Ellingson & Elaine Morgan – Swivel Wrench, Ken & Susan Lykken – Santa Candles, Darlene Dyer- Sponge, Wash Mitt & Wax Applicator, Cassandra and Chuck Cooley – Titanium Wheel Polish, Bill & Patti Stoner – Mini Maglite, Harry & Patti Calhoun – 2 Poinsettias

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

1st on Order: Approval of the meeting minutes from November and also approval of the new By-Laws.

2nd on Order: Larry & Ida Ficca found their membership # in the newsletter to win \$25.00.

3rd on Order: The upcoming Christmas Party will be held at the Holly Community Center in Holly on December 18 at 3:00pm. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift worth around \$20.00, something you yourself would like to get. No gag gifts please.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Bill Shipley

We need nominations for the Executive Board terms which begin in April, 2011 through March, 2012. Many people were nominated, many turned it down. If you know of anyone who is not at the meeting and would like to be nominated, please let Bill or Chuck know.

Harry Calhoun has volunteered to take over Newsletter Editor from Deedee Ellingson. Thank you so much Harry for doing this and many thanks to Deedee for doing it all of these past years.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Chuck Cooley

We have a few guests this evening, Kristen and Mike Kane (daughter and son of Byron & Sally Kane) and Steve Randle. Welcome!

Please look at the sign-up sheets on the side table for all of the upcoming events.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cathy Shaffer

There is \$2676.04 in the GOCC fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT: Bill Stoner

December 15 – Executive Board Meeting (has been cancelled this month)

December 18 – GOCC Christmas Party at Holly Community Center starting at 3:00pm

December 19 – meet at Silverdale Bowling Alley at 10 am to drive to Grey Chevrolet and drop off a toy for Toys for Tots, lunch at Hales Ale at the Kitsap Mall afterwards.

Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

January 14 – Game Night being hosted by Mike & Margie Shurts is starting at 6:00.

January 29 – Highway Cleanup

Our Banquet will be in March – More to come on this. Starting in April we will once again have progressive dinners every quarter. Also, game night will start in January, come spring and summer they will turn into Jacket Night and cruises **Volunteers to lead these Mystery Cruises are needed.**

June 4 – Vettes for Vets

Please see our Website for other upcoming events for the year.

Also for anyone interested, there is a Ski bus to Stevens Pass every Wednesday through the winter months. See Chuck Cooley or Darlene Dyer for all of the information.

SNACKS:

Thanks to all who brought goodies for the table tonight, sign-up sheets for upcoming months are on the back table.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: N/A.

PILL DRAWING:

The pill drawing was worth \$301.50. Unfortunately Dick & Norma Pagel were not in attendance to win. This money will roll over to January's drawing.

The meeting was adjourned 8:10 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Margie Shurts
GOCC Secretary**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GOCC MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 6TH

PLACE: CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE STATION #41

BREMERTON, WA 98311

TIME: 7 PM

PRE-MEETING DINNER IS AT HALE'S ALEHOUSE, SILVERDALE, 5 PM

GAME NIGHT – 14TH

PLACE: MIKE & MARGIE SHURTS

11939 AVELLANA CIRCLE NW, SILVERDALE

TIME: 6 PM

Sign up at the next general meeting or call Mike & Margie at 360-695-5970. For a map check the Web page.

GOCC MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETING – 19TH

PLACE: 6020 OSPREY CIRCLE, BREMERTON

TIME: 7 PM

Any member is welcome!

HIGHWAY CLEANUP – 29TH

PLACE: GREY CHEVROLET, PORT ORCHARD

TIME: 9 AM

Sign up at the next meeting or contact Doug Carpenter at 206-842-1084.

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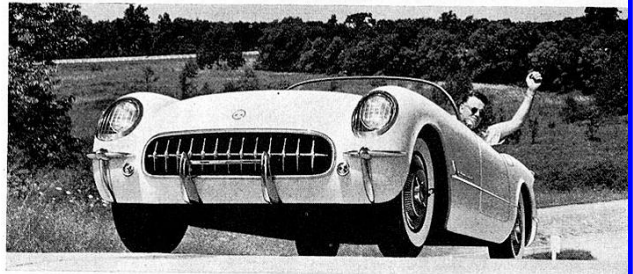
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Who participated in the
Toys for Tots
Run.**

January

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------|---|--|------------------------------------|---|--------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 GOCC Monthly Meeting 7 PM | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Game Night 6 PM | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 GOCC Monthly Executive Board 7 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Highway Cleanup 9 AM | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |



Happy Birthday to...

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Michael Oshel – 1 st | Gene Carmody – 3 rd |
| Doug Carpenter – 7 th | Jim Hansel – 8 th |
| Pamela Battin – 12 th | Roger Minter – 12 th |
| Holly Woomer – 12 th | Marty Woomer – 16 th |
| Robert Battin – 17 th | Monica Morton – 19 th |
| Norma Pagel – 19 th | Larry Ficca – 29 th |

GLASS ODYSSEY CORVETTE CLUB

The Glass Odyssey Corvette Club (GOCC) is a non profit organization, incorporated under the #1144 statutes of the state of Washington in March of 1972.

The GOCC meets at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. Members, guests and fellow Corvette enthusiasts are welcome. For more information call:

2010-2011 Officers & Directors

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GOCC SPONSORED:

MARCH 19th - Annual GOCC Banquet

April - Events Planning

June 4th / Sept. 17th - Vettes for Vets

June 25/26-Relay for Life of Central Kitsap

June 30 - Annual National Corvette Day

PARADES

May 14th - Sequim Irrigation Festival

May 21st - Armed Forces Day Parade

May 21st - Viking Day Fest

July 4th - Kingston 4th of July

July 23rd - Whaling Days

“They are shivering, pathetically shivering!!!!!!”

December 1, 2010

Arrived in Florida and stopped at the Welcome Center for a “free” 1 oz. plastic cup of reconstituted frozen orange juice and some maps and literature to ‘bone’ up on the sights to see in Florida..... and to my good friend and Combat Veteran Brother “Bones”, I use the word ‘bone’ once every now and then in my literary diatribes describing sojourns here and yonder and no relation or pun intended.... However, as a disclaimer, you will find a cacophony of words in this sojourn, at least for today.

Ya all, as they say in the south, have seen the National Wx forecast, haven’t you? This proves the Nobel Peace Prize committee is composed of idiots, doesn’t it? Global Warming my a- -, it is colder than a well diggers behind down here in “sunny Florida, no it is colder than that.... I have been practicing talking to Bonney and telling her how warm it is going to be in Florida and we will be lying out in the sun and drinking cold ones to keep cool while we napped in the sun. Wow! Did I ever exaggerate and ended up telling a whopper! (Liody, this kind of whopper is not a burger.)

We talked on the phone while driving south on I-95 to Joel (remember Joel and Sue we met up with in Indiana a while back?). Joel and Sue are now retired and have a fifth wheel and are heading to Ocala Florida after a short delay in Chattanooga to replace some wheel bearings. Ocala is more to the north and west of where we are staying and the weatherman is having a ball with the forecast for tonight as it is going to drop into the upper 20s in Ocala and have the first freeze of the season in Florida. We are due west of Orlando near the town of Clermont which is next to Kissimmee and on the back or front door of Disney world. In fact, after our arrival at Thousand Trails Orlando, in Lake County Florida, we drove a few miles to a fruit stand where the locals go to buy their fruit and it is on 2,500 acres of orange, grapefruit, tangerines and vegetables fields that border on Disney World. Chelsea, the girl working at the fruit stand gave us a primer on “Oranges 101” and had several samples to give us. We settled on the ruby red navels and yellow gold navels with a couple of easy peel tangerines thrown in and also bought some fresh baby red potatoes and a loaf of Cranberry Banana bread..... makes you drool doesn’t it? Chelsea said if we would like, we can pick our own fruit off the trees. We had some pork chops in a special bourbon sauce, with the last of the Charleston Farmers Market green beans and also some baby reds with a fruit salad. We really enjoy our meals in the RV and have no one to blame if the meal is not good. It sounds like a lot, but we need the extra calories to keep up with the damn arctic blast that is greeting us in Florida.

It won’t freeze here where we are, like it will in Ocala where Sue and Joel are, but it sure won’t feel warm either. I am running some small heaters as I write this and have the RV heated up to 75°F like it should be anyway here in “sunny Florida”. We have an RV site that is about 250 yards from the pier on Lake Hancock that is suppose to be a very good black bass lake. After we set up, I grabbed a spinning rod

and put a purple worm on and headed for the dock. I was greeted by alligator warning signs and decided it was too cold for any self respecting gator to be out looking for a fisherman and was more likely digging a nice warm mud bath to soak in while the cold spell was here. I also made the call that no water moccasin, rattle snake or coral snake would be out looking for fishermen in this cold and besides that, I didn’t look like a Floridian with my jacket on either..... in fact, I was the only fisherman on the lake due to the cold. The lake is magnificent and is spring fed with choreographed classic Lilly pads, crystal clear water and several white egrets shivering along the banks looking for some freezing fish or shivering frogs to eat. I worked the waters with every technique I knew and had a few jumpers splashing nearby and it seemed when I cast way out, they would jump close in and when I worked the edge of the Lilly pads, they would jump far out. After about an hour, it was getting dark, very dark and soon would be very, very, very dark, and all the noises sound different in the dark (much like airplane noise while flying at night sound different, don’t they John T.?) and there are no street lights out in this beautiful back country lake, so I walked in the center of the sandy road listening to sounds along the edge of the jungle as the night “things” were coming out. My teeth were almost chattering, not words, but due to the cold when I went back inside the RV, skunked too! (Liody, Skunked means no fish, not sprayed). A lot of fishermen have a saying that even a bad day of fishing is a very good day, but today, that is wrong, a bad day of fishing was because the temperature dropped more than 20°F since yesterday and the fish are in shock and the Wild Duck is cold.... The weatherman says, it is going to warm up (in Florida) when the arctic blast goes away! (duh!) When we first stopped at the “Welcome Center” for that free 1 oz. reconstituted frozen orange juice, we dashed from the RV to the center (because it was cold outside) and what did we see? These little black birds, bigger than a sparrow, but smaller than a crow, were just standing there, fluffing out there feathers and not even moving out of our way, the birds just continued standing on the sidewalk shivering, pathetically shivering and waiting for some dumb tourist to get them a sandwich or cookie to eat. It is really cold in Florida when you see the birds shiver.

I might write some more later, and then again, I might, along with the dog, go into hibernation until the arctic blast goes away. And oh yes, Mike and Carol in Wisconsin, I know it is cold there, but it is suppose to be cold there. It is not suppose to be cold in Florida. Hopefully when we are 90 miles away from Cuba, in Key West, it will not be so cold. But I am not betting on it. Enough of my global whining..... (shivering in Florida)

*Wild Duck and the Piper and Bonney too!
Drake and Becky Evans*



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