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The Victoria Corvette Club represents Corvette owners and enthusiasts in the capital city of British Columbia. Victoria, located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, is known as the Garden City and is a major international tourist destination. We hold our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Station House Pub, 737 Goldstream Ave. We meet at 6:00 PM for dinner, and hold our meetings after we have dined. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Our members own an interesting variety of Corvettes, and we are active year 'round with Corvette-related activities: social events, show and shine, rallies, slaloms, tours, parades and more.

We are a non-profit society, and sponsor our Club charity, the Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children.

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Sebring 2010...The start of another racing season.

President's Message

Spring is upon us, and the upcoming season looks promising. Let's all have fun and contribute our ideas and wishes for the better of all club members. Lets get those cars tuned up and have some fun!

Cam

A few VCC types ventured out on a damp spring day to attend the car show and cruise put on by McMorrans Beach House Restaurant on the beach in Saanich. The restaurant began as a 6' X 12' ice cream parlour shortly after the First World War, and has been in the McMorrans family ever since. In 1921 a larger building was erected, and the place has been expanded several times since then. Unfortunately McMorrans has now closed, leaving a major gap in the list of "neat" places to eat in the Victoria area. The show and cruise marked the last big event to be held there.



Corvettes at McMorrans



Other (older) iron at McMorrans



Winter is over. I'll take off my snow tires next week.

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12 HOURS OF SEBRING

Some things are best forgotten, and the American LeMans Series opening race of the 2010 season, the 12 Hours of Sebring, is, for Corvette Racing anyway, one of those things.

Things started off reasonably well, with the two Corvettes running as high as second and third in class. Then at just short of two hours into the race, the #3 Corvette pitted to repair a power steering hose, finally rejoining the race eight laps down.

The Collision occurred at 3 hours and 9 minutes. Jan Magnussen in the #3 car was released from the pits just as Emmanuel Collard in the #4 Corvette, pitting one lap early because of a low fuel warning, was about to enter the stall ahead. The ensuing thump (which may be viewed on the Corvette Racing website and on YouTube) caused a long delay for repairs to the #4 car. #3 went out, but returned to the pits after one slow lap to replace a punctured tire.

In the eighth hour the #4 Corvette hit an unattached wheel and tire. As darkness descended it was found that this collision had damaged the car's wiring and the headlights would not work. Back to the pits again.

Finally the twelve hours passed. The #3 Corvette finished eighth in class, and the #4 ninth. The GT class was won by a Ferrari F430, with two BMW's second and third.

Next up is the Tequila Patron American LeMans Series race at Long Beach, California on Saturday, April 17th.

One interesting addition to the competition this year is the inclusion of the LeMans Prototype Challenge class. This class was launched last year by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, the organizers of the LeMans 24 hour race. Its purpose is to introduce a lower priced sports car prototype in order to increase participation in races, and to give up and coming drivers experience in high performance endurance racing.

The cars are built by a company called Oreca in France, and are powered by 6.2 litre Corvette LS3 engines producing around 430 HP. At Sebring the highest placed LMPC car finished in 10th place overall, immediately behind the first four finishers in the GT class.



The Corvette powered LeMans Prototype Challenge Oreca FLM09

Coming Events:

- April 18 Club Brunch. Watch for an e-mail with all the details
April 26 VCC tour of Viking Air.
May 16 VCC Spring Cruise. Details to follow.
May 21-23 Cruz Into Summer. Kelowna Corvette Club. Info: Neile Griffith, neileandpaul@shaw.ca
or www.kelownacorvetteclub.com
May 22 VCC Driver Training at Western Speedway.
May 30 Tour of Forbes Car Collection in Sooke. Details to follow.
Jun 13 Vancouver Concours. Riverside Corvette Club. Info: Graham Dodsworth 250 514-0494
or www.riversidecorvetteclub.com
Jun 19-20 Calgary Fourplay Slalom. Corvettes Unlimited.
Info: www.members.shaw.ca/corvettesunlimited/
Jun 27 VCC Pie Run
Jul 2-4 Regina Drive for Five Slalom. Regina Corvette Club. Info: mjcreelman@sasktel.net
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Jul 18 Glass on the Grass at Queen Alexandra Foundation

Restaurant Review

Par M. et Mme. de Gourmand

The St James Grill, in the Carleton Best Western Hotel on Johnson Street.

This downtown Victoria restaurant has recently been opened by Victoria Corvette Club members Sean and Andrea Mossey.

Upon arrival, Madame de Gourmand and I were courteously greeted by owner Andrea Mossey and escorted to our table. We were given menus, and our drink orders taken. Coffee in this instance.

We were favourably impressed with the tasteful décor, and took particular note of the crisp white tablecloths.

Fresh-brewed coffee soon appeared, and our food orders were taken.

Madame de Gourmand ordered a chef's salad, and I a Monte Cristo sandwich accompanied by a bowl of cream of mushroom soup. Madame's salad proved large and well-endowed with all those items which go to make a meal of a salad. (One gets so tired of those salads which consist mainly of elderly lettuce leaves.) Madame gave her chef's salad high marks for content, appeal and taste.

My cream of mushroom soup proved to be very tasty, and just sufficiently spiced to stimulate the palate in readiness for the sandwich. The Monte Cristo was excellent; and I am sure that no finer Monte Cristo would even be served at the Chateau d'If.

When our bill arrived we were pleased to note that we had been given the 20% discount that is promised to Victoria Corvette Club members.

Madame de Gourmand and I are pleased to recommend this establishment to all those in the area who require sustenance at breakfast and lunch times.

Big Days:

Birthdays:

Bernie Talbot	Apr 14
Paul Bonsdorf	Apr 19
Graham Baker	Apr 21
Robert Cooper	Apr 21

Anniversaries:

Rick & Cheryl Specht	Apr 5
Ron & Marie Clark	Apr 6
Ron & Sylvia Sessions	Apr 8

Club Notes

We had a good turnout for our April meeting, and we welcomed back previous member Paul Miller into our ranks.

Cam will send an e-mail advising us of the location of our April brunch. He suggested that we visit different restaurants, and suggested that some of these establishments, in return for our patronage, might be willing to pony up some prizes for draws at Glass on the Grass.

Dan Hall and Jim Sandwith spoke about our upcoming Driver Training Day at Western Speedway. Dan addressed the mechanical preparedness of cars, and passed out a checklist for drivers to complete, covering those aspects of preparation that will be covered at the pre-event tech inspection. Jim then spoke about the event itself and its organization. He indicated that timing will be available for those who want it. He also suggested increasing tire pressure to improve handling and accommodate the higher cornering speeds that will be encountered.

Wolf Schmitz gave us further information on our proposed calendar production and sale. We voted to print 250 18 month calendars featuring photos of members cars, which we would sell, mainly at Glass on the Grass. Wolf will bring his camera to our April brunch, and afterwards we will go to a suitable locale where he will shoot our cars.



The unfortunate collision in the Corvette pits at Sebring

One of my spies at Revenue Canada recently submitted this item in his report. Apparently the tax code will be much simplified next year. It will go like this:

Part 1 How much did you make last year?

Part 2 How much have you got left?

Part 3 Send amount listed in part 2

Random Pics



No comment....



1963 Split Window.
¼ Mile - 7.214 Seconds at 192.16 MPH

Idlings

There doesn't seem much of interest automotively speaking just now, so we will indulge in a bit of legalistic fluff. What follow are actual courtroom exchanges taken from a book called "Disorder in the American Court," by Charles M Sevilla.

Attorney: Are you sexually active?

Witness: No, I just lie there

A. What gear were you in at the time of impact?

W. Gucci sweats and Reeboks

A. This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

W. Yes

A. And in what ways does it affect your memory?

W. I forget

A. You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

A. What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

W. He said "Where am I, Cathy?"

A. And why did that upset you?

W. My name is Susan

A. Now, doctor, isn't it true that if a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

W. Did you actually pass the bar exam?

A. The youngest son, the twenty year old, how old is he?

W. Uh...He's twenty

A. So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

W. Yes

A. And what were you doing at the time?

W. Uh... I was gettin' laid

A. Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

W. The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

A. And Mr Denton was dead at that time?

W. No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him

A. Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

W. Huh...Are you qualified to ask that question?

A. Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

W. All my autopsies are performed on dead people. Would you like to rephrase that?

A. Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?

W. No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region

A. Can you describe this individual?

W. He was about medium height and had a beard.

A. Was this a male or a female?

A. Were you present when your picture was taken?

W. Would you repeat the question?

A. What is the date of your birth?
W. July 15th
A. What year?
W. Every year

A. How old is your son, the one living with you?
W. Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which
A. How long has he lived with you?
W. Forty-five years

A. How was your first marriage terminated?
W. By death
A. And by whose death was it terminated?

A. Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?
W. No, this is how I dress when I go to work

A. She had three children, right?
W. Yes
A. How many were boys?
W. None
A. Were there any girls?

A. Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved with voodoo or the occult?
W. We both do
A. Voodoo?
W. We do
A. You do?
W. Yes, voodoo

A. All your responses must be oral. OK?
A. What school did you go to?
W. Oral

A. And where was the location of the accident?
W. Milepost 499
A. And where is milepost 499
W. Probably between milepost 498 and milepost 500

A. Sir, what is your IQ?
W. Well, I can see pretty well, I think

A. Did you blow your horn or anything?
W. After the accident?
A. Before the accident
W. Sure, I played for ten years. I even went to school for it

A. Trooper, when you stopped the defendant were your red and blue lights flashing?
W. Yes
A. Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?
W. Yes, sir
A. What did she say?
W. What disco am I at?

A. You say these stairs went down to the basement?
W. Yes
A. And these stairs, did they go up also?

A. Mr Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?
W. I went to Europe, sir
A. And you took your new wife?

A. You were shot in the fracas?
W. No, I was shot midway between the fracas and the navel

A. Doctor, before you performed the autopsy did you check for a pulse?
W. No
A. Did you check for blood pressure?
W. No
A. Did you check for breathing?
W. No
A. So, then it was possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
W. No
A. How can you be so sure, Doctor?
W. Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
A. But could the patient still have been alive nevertheless?
W. Yes, it is possible he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere

And some lawyerly questions:

Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?

How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

Did he kill you?

You were there until the time you left, is that true?

How many times have you committed suicide?

I once tried to compose the newsletter on a lawyers word processor. Couldn't manage it, though. No matter what font I selected, everything came out in fine print.

The criminal lawyers' Golden Rule:
"A man is innocent until proved broke."



I think a lawyer owns it....