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Through the Gears with Mike Klaus

The days are getting shorter, but the car shows are getting longer! We are in full swing of summer car events. Just last weekend I ran into two other North Cascades Corvair members at the Maple Falls car show (see a short story and pictures later in this newsletter). In just a few days (Saturday, Sept 7) I plan to be in Langley, BC where our own Eric Taylor has presided over the organization of the spectacular Langley Cruise-In. The next day (Sunday, Sept 8) is the all-inclusive Studebaker show in Ferndale that always draws a great crowd.

Car shows are not all that is going on...Fred and Tawney Hefley have organized a wine tasting tour through Whatcom County on September 14th. The tour passes right near my neighborhood, so I am doing my best to rearrange a business trip so I can join the group that day. If you haven't already signed up, I hope you too can arrange your schedule to attend. It looks like a great group...and besides, Debbie will need help carrying all those bottles of wine she buys!

I want to also thank our hosts for our August event, Graham and Nancy Dell. They were gracious to open their home to us again for a delightful crab picnic. The food was great! A potential new member arrived with his late model four door. Pictures are in this newsletter. I want to again send a big THANK YOU to Graham and Nancy!

Coming up in late October is a very important meeting for the club. At the October 26th meeting, we will nominate and hear from our nominees for club officers. If you are interested in joining the leaders of the club, make contact with any of the current officers. At the meeting we will hear what the nominees want to do to provide the best direction for the club.

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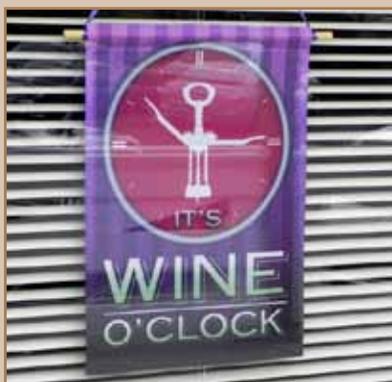
The North Cascades Corvairs, (NCC) car club is chartered Chapter 982 of the Corvair Society of America, (CORSA). NCC serves the North Puget Sound region of Washington State and areas of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Club membership is open to anyone who shares our interest in the Corvair automobile, ownership of a Corvair is not required. Annual dues are \$20, or \$23 for non-CORSA members. We welcome all to join us at our regular monthly meeting. Please contact Fred Croydon at 360-466-2266 or fredngale@wavecable.com for the latest meeting date, time and location information.

Thru The Gears, cont'd

As most of you recall, last year I ran on a platform of providing a safety net for the club to continue as an independent CORSA club. The platform also included the need for individuals to step forward to organize an event, since I knew I would not have the time to dedicate as our previous President, Fred Croydon, had contributed. This past year I have been out of state even more than I expected, and it has been hard to rally individuals. We have made great progress on getting our website more interesting and up-to-date. Our newsletter is still one of the best chapter newsletters. Our members want to get together and share time with one another.

What the club needs is leaders who can coach the members to create activities to put on the calendar. The wine tasting tour is a great example where a member has organized (selected a date, thought about the venue, provided some details to the officers) the event, then let the structure of website, newsletter and coaching from officers create a day that looks like a lot of fun for us and our cars. Please come to the October meeting with positive energy and help to make the club even stronger.

—Mike



Upcoming Events

September 14 — Fall Wine Cruise.

Fred and Tawny Hefley have been working on an adventurous route for us to explore. We will start at 10:45 at the Bob's Burgers in Birch Bay Square. We will stop by Dakota Creek Winery, Bellewood Acres, Vartanyan Winery, Dynasty Cellars and Masquerade Winery. Wow, what a schedule!

We will have a NCC Club meeting at noon at the Bellewood Acres stop. Lunch, or pie and coffee will be available. They have a Farm Bistro there with full meals and lots of treats offered. Read more about it :

<http://www.bellewoodfarms.com/farm-market-and-bistro-at-bellewood-acres.htm>

For those coming from the South, an alternate start will be available at Bob's Burgers in Burlington at 9:45, with a caravan traveling to meet those at Birch Bay. Fred Croydon will be in Burlington to lead that.

All those planning to do this function should let Ron Zentner know by sending a note to his e-mail rczentner@frontier.com



The September Crab Fest

As some of you know we had a wonderful Crab Fest at the Dells again this year. The weather was cooperative, and lots of people showed up. The Dells were amazing hosts, as usual.

Some of us met at the Farmhouse on Hwy 20 to caravan out to Whidbey Island. We were Pat and Glenda Olson, Gordy and Barb Croydon, Mike Klaus, Ruth Hintz and Fred and Gale. Whoever was behind the Olson car took some pictures. It is always fun to see ourselves on the road.



When we got there, Danny Davis and his new Red Greenbrier, er Redbrier?, were already there. Everyone enjoyed checking out the new rig.



Also attending were Lauren Burton, Yvonne and Roland, and a potential new member Tom Wozab. Tom drove an aqua 4 door late model, a real cutie.

Later, another couple who are friends with the Dells, arrived in a very old, but in great shape blue car of some kind. It looked similar to a chord, but I don't think it was. Even had a rumble seat.



A short business meeting was held before we ate. The main topic was whether we should move ahead with a collaboration with the Skagit Valley College Automotive Dept. After some questions and discussion, a majority of the folks present said they would like to participate and voted to go ahead with it.

The Dells provided loads of scrumptious crab and a beautiful cake decorated with Graham's Yenko. **We send a very big Thank You to the Dells** for their very gracious hospitality. This event was the 3rd annual Crab Fest, and at least the 4th major club event that they have hosted. We always have a wonderful time when we visit them. —Gale



More Pics from the Crab Fest

The first four pics were taken by Danny. Nice shooting.



People arriving and the car line up.



Beautiful end of day at Deception Pass.



Mike conducting the meeting.



We eat!



Going Nowhere on the Way Home



This is Danny Davis' tech article for us.

When the splined joint between the axle and the U-Joint yoke fails, you are stopped by the side of the road, for certain.

I experienced this on the way home from the Crab Fest. There were no symptoms or strange sound beforehand, and the Greenbrier was driving great. I even climbed the steep ramp up to the top of the side deck of the ferry on the way to Whidbey from Mukilteo.

On the way home I took the long way up thru Deception Pass, and thru the back-roads of Fidalgo between Hwy 20 and La Conner. Across the Rainbow Bridge, into and through La Conner. Then I was pulling away from the last stop sign, when I shifted to third gear. I suddenly heard a nasty grinding sound instead of moving forward!! I rolled off to the right and stopped off the street at the abandoned gas station just as you leave town. Engine was still running, so I tried again and was met with that horrible sound and no progress, so I shut 'er down.

Fortunately I had two important tools with me: A cellphone and a long-distance tow policy!!! Phone was down to it's last breath, but I was just able to get the call for help complete before it died. Half hour later a fabulous high-tech roll-back flatbed appeared and got me loaded up. Nearly 70 miles back to Seattle, and I'm home and happy.

The Pfueller's Not So Excellent Adventures

On that fateful day of the Crab Fest, the Puelers set out to join us. Gretchen was looking forward to the crab, and Gale was anxious to show off his new rig. Well, as sometimes happens in the world of Corvairs, the plans changed.

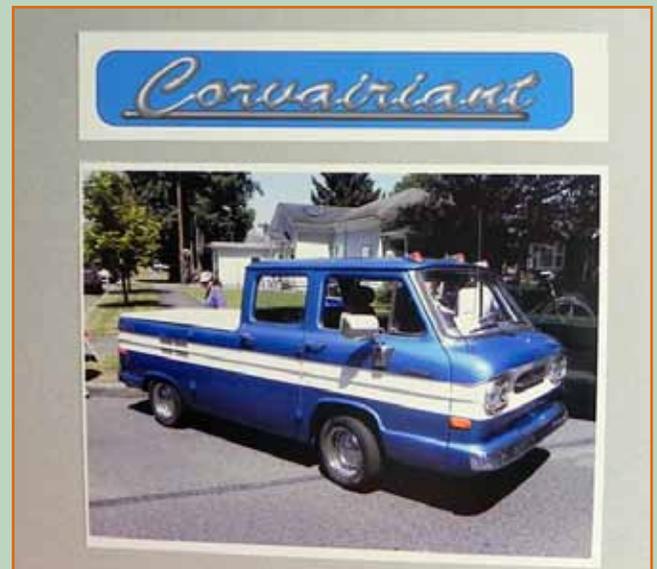
They made it to the Swinomish casino when the car started to ping; a little bit at first then really bad. Slowing down etc. did not help. Pulled into the parking lot and battery died from all the cranking. Tried to call Graham but he was being the good host and did not pick up. Tried Fred, same thing. Drat.

So we sat there for three hours, got a jump and started for home. Made it almost home before the pinging started again. we are sorry we missed all the fun. —G & G

And the winner is...

Corvairiant

This name was proposed by Barb Croydon and chosen by the Pfeullers.



Danny's Tech Tale, continued

Problem was that the yoke was not bolted!! The axle splined end is threaded for a good reason. The yoke is a tight interference fit, but **MUST** also be bolted after the two are joined. Inside the yoke a large thick flat washer, a lock washer and a bolt are to be torqued in place to prevent the joint from moving/wearing.



This is what results from a loose joint. The yoke is cast iron and the internal splines are easily chewed up by the much harder steel of the axle splines.



Above is the replacement yoke along with an example of the retaining bolt and washer. This bolt has a serrated flange head that serves as a lock. I also use Loctite on the threads, You don't want this part coming loose!! It's actually an easy repair, but one of those that would be better done before it comes apart!
 —*Danny Davis*

Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance | \$2388.38 |
| Expenses: | |
| Prize for Corvairant Name | 25.00 |
| Picnic Expense | 33.80 |
| Ending Balance 8/31/2013 | \$2329.58 |



Maple Falls 4th Annual Car Show

Summer is a great time to ride up the Baker Highway a few miles to Maple Falls. On the Saturday of Labor Day you'll have to slow down when driving through town because the highway is blocked with pedestrians and lined with beautiful automobiles! For the fourth year in a row Maple Falls' Lions Club hosts a fantastic antique and classic car, motorcycle and hot rod show.

This year I ran into Debbie Grainger and John Sayer. John drove a water-pumper, but Debbie of course brought her beautiful Canadian-made Corvair! With my early model there, we were able to show both an early and a late. Gale and Gretchen Pfueller drove up, but not in their new Corvairant (see another NL story about that!). Instead Gale and Gretchen were in a 57 Chevy Bel Air convertible.

Maple Falls Show, continued

The live band adds the right amount of festivity, without being too loud. The local cafes become a part of the event, with show cars filling their parking lots. Sponsors provide their own selection of trophy winners. There are also a good number of class trophies, and a Peoples' Choice award. The dozens and dozens of trophies are handed out in a fast-paced, cheerful award ceremony. NCC member John Sayer didn't win a trophy for his water-pumper but he won the 50-50 raffle – with enough money to fill up his tank a few times!

Mark your calendars for next year's Labor Day Saturday. It isn't very far up Baker Highway, the setting is very different for a car show, and they love our Corvairs!
—Mike



Technical Session August 17, 2013



A couple of months ago, Bill Chellis decided it was time to complete one of his long waiting projects, to finish rebuilding a new front end for his 1966 Corvair. A while back he found a used front end, disassembled it, and sent it off to be media blasted and powder coated. He then ordered the complete rebuild kit from Clarks' that provided all new bushings, and fasteners.



Bill Chellis and the new front end suspension.



It was now time to put it all together, so he arranged with Greg King for time to do just that in his garage. He asked to put it on the schedule for NCC as a tech session, and on August 17 a good group of members showed up at Greg's.

Of course, Greg and Bill were there, but we also had Ron Zentner, Jim Brossard, Dan Davis, Dave Thompson, Jim Acker, Jethro and Ceola Peoples, Joe Phillips, John Barnes, and Fred Croydon.



Dan Davis leading a discussion with Joe Phillips and Jim Acker



Joe Phillips' coupe, Dan Davis' Greenbrier, Jim Acker's coupe, and Ron Zentner's coupe

Greg King Tech Session, cont'd

Rambling through the pictures shows the center of attraction being the front suspension crossmember.



Ron Zentner, Greg King, and Bill Chellis planning the next step, with Ceola and Jethro Peoples looking in.

At each stage, another piece is put on, adjusted, and discussed by the knowledgeable peers. The leader was clearly Greg, who seemed to have all the steps in order, by memory. Ron Zentner and Jim Brossard were also very familiar with all the steps, and had their hands right in there. The shop manual was handy to provide the necessary torque specifications for each fastener.



Greg King making a critical adjustment to a strap.

This was also another social event, as evidenced by the small groups discussing their cars, or the operation of a car club.

There was an impromptu suggestion by Jim Acker to get a pizza, and that was unanimously approved. In short order he returned with a couple of combinations that were loaded with everything you could ever imagine on a pizza, and a case of liquid refreshment.



Jim Brossard, Dan Davis, and Jim Acker residing over the social with refreshments.

Anyone would quickly recognize this was a Corvair function, as there were a variety of Corvairs parked around the driveway. Several late coupes, a late convertible, two Ramp sides, and a Greenbrier scattered about.

Not a large scale event, but clearly fun for those of us in attendance. Thanks to Bill Chellis and Greg King.



Bill Chellis wondering when it will be over.

La Conner Show 2013

The plan was to show the Corvair at the North Whidbey Lions Show on August 10. I had heard good things about the quality and quantity of cars, and how well organized the event has always been. The show dates are always on the same weekend as the La Conner Classic Show, and my commitment to the folks in my neighborhood has always taken precedence.

Our weather has been fabulous for weeks, with lots of sunshine and no rain for about seven weeks. Wouldn't you know it. I got up at about 5:30 on Saturday morning and it was pouring rain. I checked the weather radar and it looked like heavy rain over much of western Washington from the Cascades to the coast, and from Marysville to Bellingham. I decided the show was off, and just crawled back in bed. The next wake up was at about 7:30, and it was still raining. Time to do breakfast and figure out what I was going to do for the day.

At about 8:30, the rain turned into a drizzle, and checking the radar, I found that it was still raining on the route I would have to use to get to Oak Harbor and the registration period was going to close soon.

At 9:00 there was still a light drizzle, but I thought it would be okay to go to the La Conner Show. After all, it was only 3 miles away, and I could easily change my mind and return home if it got worse.



Gale Marple and Vic Kukrall on the right, answering questions about the Corvair.

The main lot was already 80 percent full of cars, and the drizzle turned into a mist. Everyone promised the sun would come out, of course. I only had to wipe the water off the car three times before the sun popped out for good at about 10:00. It turned into a great day for a show, and there were lots of real nice cars filling both lots of the marina.

As usual, we drew a steady stream of interested folks. This is another event where the town folks come out to check on the cars. Many stories about their experience with Corvairs, and the usual questions about what kind of a car is this, and why is the motor in the back.

That, along with a couple of walks around the lot to see the other cars, and the day was over. No regrets about missing the Whidbey Show, but will think about it again next year.

—Fred



Spectators amazed at the air cooled rear engine of the Corvair



Spectators admiring the Corvair, while Gale Marple answers question in back of car.

The End.