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## Through the Gears with Mike Klaus

This is my last newsletter article as President of NCC. I want to thank the many people who make this club move along and provide the wonderful events and news that keeps all of us together.

The club is very lucky to have a newsletter editor as wonderful as Gale! Many car clubs are getting rid of newsletters and moving to only email alerts and on-line chats. I know, first hand, how difficult it is to put together a newsletter. However, as we have experienced here in NCC, it is the one most valuable communication tools that the majority like for absorbing news. Gale has offered to continue as editor, and I want all of us to make her job easier than last year – by offering a short story or news and pictures for her to print.

Dave Thompson has also done a tremendous job to get our website updated and keep it current. This is a time consuming job, but so valuable to keep the NCC “on the www”. It provides exposure for the club, and is another resource for members to see what is new.

Fred Croydon continues to provide the very valuable “behind the scenes” work to keep the club “official”, organized and legal. As Secretary and Treasurer, Fred has provided the rest of us with the luxury of

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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.

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not even knowing all the details of keeping the club "running". Besides his official duties, we continue to benefit from Fred's gracious gift of organizing many events.

Ron Zentner has served as Vice President, and in my many absences has been able to help Fred to organize meetings and make decisions.

And I also want to thank the several others who have stepped forward to organize events this past year. Debbie Grainger, Fred and Tawney Heffley, Danny Davis, Dave and Nancy Thompson, and Eric Taylor are ones who immediately come to mind as event organizers!

I was happy to have each of them step in when we needed some help to keep this club on its feet. As most of you know, I have been distracted by some out-of-state activity - both personal and business - during a part of 2013. It takes a large team to keep the club running...this year end is a good time to reflect on what a good team we have.

Have a healthy and happy holiday season.

—Mike



## Upcoming Events

Our **December** meeting will be on:

Sunday the 15th, at the

Shelter Bay Clubhouse in La Conner.

We start at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at about 5:00. This will be a potluck dinner with the Club providing the Turkey/Dressing/Mashed Potato as it did last year.

Please contact Ron Zentner so we have a count of those who will attend. We also need to know the side dish you plan to bring. So far, we have 18 people attending. Please join us for a good time!




## 2014 Slate is Elected

President	Danny Davis
Vice President:	Ron Zentner
Secretary	Fred Croydon
Treasurer	Fred Croydon
Web Master:	Dave Thompson*
Newsletter Editor:	Gale Marple*

\* Not elected, but appointed.

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$2329.58
Revenue Dues	23.00
Ending Balance 1	\$2352.58
as of: 1/30/2013	—Fred



## 2014 NCC "Road Map"

by incoming President, Danny Davis

2014 begins an exciting year for **North Cascades Corvairs** - Plenty of great times are being planned already. We've got the **"Corvair EXPO 2014" International Corsa Convention** right here in Western Washington! It will take place on July 21-25, 2014.

Naturally this will be the focal point for the year, especially since I am working as the local liaison with **Corvanatics** to help make this a spectacular success.

I invite all NCC members to consider what they can do to make this a truly memorable convention for our fellow Corvair enthusiasts worldwide.

There will be plenty to do when Tacoma is swarming with Corvair owners. Hotel Murano is accepting reservations now. All of July, a celebration of Corvairs is on schedule for "America's Car Museum" the spectacular LeMay.

Like you, I am looking at ways to make our club of widely dispersed members work as a group so that each of us feel that we are part of our success. The primary method should be getting together at fun social occasions, of course. We've had great success with conducting club business and organizing meetings at some of our events. Let's do this at every organized event, I say!

The infrastructure for communication is now well established with our e-mail group, website/calendar,



and newsletter being the primary tools to keep everyone up on what is planned. Please make sure you are linked with NCC online, if at all possible.

Also, consider that we need **you** to plan an event, or help in producing one, for this to work out. We cannot expect only a few of our members to do all the work. This is a community effort club! While we may enjoy going to an event that others have produced, it means that each of us is required to get involved in our own way, too. What fun stuff do you want to do this year?

—Danny Davis

### NCC Club Dues are Due!!!

*Please pay your yearly dues at the December party/meeting! Or you can mail them to NCC Treasurer, c/o Fred Croydon, 439 Modoc Way, La Conner, WA 98257v*

*Pay \$20 if you are a member of the national organization, CORSA.*

*Pay \$23 if you are not.*

*Simple as that.*

The registration form is on the last page of this newsletter.



Here's another interesting article I found in Hagerty

## After 50 years of Corvair ownership, love is still alive and well

Jeff Peek November 12, 2013

It was nearly 50 years ago that David Abell first laid eyes on her, back when he "had a full head of hair and didn't need a nap in the middle of the day." For Abell, it was love at first sight. And despite a bumpy start to their romance, the two are still making beautiful memories on the road to forever. Heck, even David's wife, Sharon, likes her.



Sometimes the right car just steals your heart.

"She's had some work done, but she still looks as good today as she did back then," Abell said of his 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza. "Same goes for Sharon – and neither restoration was cheap."

For the record, Sharon approved that quote. Considering how much trouble David had with the Corvair during his first month of ownership, he quickly discovered that a good sense of humor was a plus.

In 1963, Abell was a teenager living in Louisville, Ky., when he discovered the irresistible car that Ralph Nader would eventually label "unsafe at any speed." Abell was looking to replace his '57 Chevy Bel Air with something newer and sportier.



Caroling at the last Christmas Party

Of course, a brand new car sounded great, but considering his budget was limited – he earned \$1.25 an hour at a printing company – the field narrowed quickly. Then Abell spotted a Corvair, and he just had to have one.

To finish this article, please click on this link:

[http://www.hagerty.com/classic-car-articles-resources/Features/More-Articles/Car-Profiles/All-articles/2013/11/12/Corvair-ownership?utm\\_source=ExactTarget&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=Hagerty%20Weekly%20News%2011-20-2013](http://www.hagerty.com/classic-car-articles-resources/Features/More-Articles/Car-Profiles/All-articles/2013/11/12/Corvair-ownership?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=Hagerty%20Weekly%20News%2011-20-2013)  
 —Gale



At the grill at the Wenatchee EconoRun

## A Special Gathering at Kent Sullivan's Garage

Corvair enthusiasts came from far and wide on Saturday Nov. 16th. That was the date of the annual "Fall Tune-Up Day" on Corvairs Northwest calendar. But this year it was something more! The "Corvair EXPO" - 2014 Corsa Convention brought several key members from "back east" to the event as well.

Burt Richmond (LeMay Board Member and Corsa member), Larry Claypool (Corsa Convention director), and Harry Jensen (Corsa Executive Secretary) from Chicagoland, Mile Hall (Corsa Vice President) from Indiana, Ken Hand (Corvair EXPO co-director) from Michigan, and John Nickel (Corvair EXPO co-director) from North Carolina.



How many horses do you have in there?

They had all arrived on Thursday, and Friday was spent with meetings at the Hotel Murano and LeMay "America's Car Museum" (ACM). They were vairy pleased to see the excellent turnout of Pacific Northwest members from all over the area.

Some of the discussions involved checking out member's cars for potential candidates for display at the LeMay for "Corvair Summer" - a month long special event at America's Car Museum when we plan on educating America about "that Unique 1960s car", the Corvair - The curator of the ACM told us of plans to install 10 Corvairs on the main floor during July

2014. We were at the north end where the museum's beautiful 1948 Tucker Torpedo is currently on display, so it will be great that the Tucker will yield its place of honor for our Corvairs.

We will naturally have a couple of Corvair 95 models on display, since the Corvair EXPO is hosted by Corvanatics - The FC people. A Rampside is planned along with a Greenbrier.

Others we are using will be a 1960 of course and a Late Model Convertible and Yenko Stinger, an Early model coupe, a convertible and a station wagon. Our hopes are for several significant unique Corvairs as well. We have a gentleman who owns the 1963 Pininfarina Corvair Coupe requesting that we include his beautiful car in our plans. More possibilities are in the works, as well, and details will be forthcoming. Stay Tuned!!



—Danny

AUTO REPAIR PRICE LIST	
Ping-Ping-Ping	35.00
Plunk-Ping-Plunk	50.00
Klunk-Ping-Klunk	125.00
Thud-Klunk-Thud	200.00
Clank-Thud-Klank	325.00

## Hagerty

### Love 'em or Hate 'em:

#### Five of the most controversial cars ever

The old phrase “beauty is in the eye of the beholder” wasn’t coined in reference to cars, but it might as well have been. Some cars, like the **1963-67 Corvette Sting Ray** and **Jaguar E-Type**, are almost universally admired, while others are passionately loved by some and loathed by others. Here are five of the most polarizing:

**1965-69 Chevrolet Corvair:** The first-generation Corvair, introduced in 1959, was a pleasing and clean design. But the second-generation was **drop-dead gorgeous**.

No less an authority than David E. Davis, Jr., writing for *Car and Driver*, called it one of the most beautiful cars America had produced during the post-war era.

But many bow-tie fans — used to fins and lots of chrome or the long hood, short rear deck look of the Camaro and Chevelle — found nothing to like about the Corvair. We tend to agree with Davis here.

It’s a beautiful little car.

Here is the link to the whole article:

[http://www.hagerty.com/classic-car-articles-resources/Features/News/All-Articles/2013/11/15/Controversial-Cars?utm\\_source=ExactTarget&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=Hagerty%20Weekly%20News%2011-27-2013](http://www.hagerty.com/classic-car-articles-resources/Features/News/All-Articles/2013/11/15/Controversial-Cars?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=Hagerty%20Weekly%20News%2011-27-2013)



## How to make your car last 250,000 miles

By Charles Plueddeman of MSN Autos

According to a report from the auto-industry research firm R. L. Polk, the average age of vehicles on U.S. roads has reached a record 10.8 years. At an average of 15,000 annual miles, a typical vehicle may now have 162,000 miles on the clock. Today’s cars and trucks are simply built better than ever, thanks to improved engineering and materials.

But for those who want to get even more from their cars, how can drivers take a vehicle to the 250,000 milestone and still have wheels that are reliable and cosmetically appealing? To get answers, we interviewed service writers and auto technicians certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

There are 15 different points that they cover. Here is the first and most obvious one. I’m including it here because of the adorable little car photo that accompanies it. Please see the rest of the article for the other points. There might be one or two you haven’t thought of lately. —editor, G.M.

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/how-to-make-your-car-last-250000-miles>



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# Membership Registration

<b>Name</b>	<b>CORSA ID #</b>	
<b>Spouse/Significant Other</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Cty</b>	<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>
<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Birthday Self</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>

<b>Corvair Inventory:</b>			
Year	Model	Use (Show, Driver, In-restoration)	Condition

**Your Corvair abilities and interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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