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NCC Regular Meeting

- Second Tuesday
- Social/Dinner at 6:30
- Meeting at 7:30
- Village Inn Restaurant, Marysville, Washington

Next Meeting:
April 10 , 2007

4/10/07 Meeting Agenda

1. Last month's minutes
2. Treasurer's report- Steve
3. Dues
4. Membership - Bev
5. Website- Lauren
6. Logo/Masthead Update
7. Charitable Giving
8. Upcoming Events
9. Soiree Prep
10. New Business
11. Items wanted/for sale

Greetings:

I am pleased to report that Jay and Pam Green have accepted our offer to join NCC as our first honorary members. Bev has added them to our roster, I have added them to our DL and updated our roster on the CORSA website.

As you may recall, the subject of last month's message was finding ways to attract younger members to the Corvair hobby. Initially, I thought coming up with ideas would be difficult. But as I kept reading Jay's note and thinking about a re-

sponse, several ideas seemed to fall into place. Listed below are six:

1. Corvairs remain affordable
2. Sharp looking cars
3. Technologically Interesting
4. Unique/Orphan/Rare
5. History/Myths
6. Parts are available

If you stop for a few moments I am sure you can come up with several more.

However, equally important is that we must get our Corvairs out on cruises

or entered in car shows so people (of any age) can see them. This means keeping them out of "Group Red". Which occasional tech sessions help prevent. Tech sessions mean photos of a group event. Group photos lead to an article for the newsletter. Its funny how all those activities seem to tie in together. But I am digressing.

Now back to ways of attracting young people to Corvairs. Last year, Andy Clark and I participated as judges in a student car show at Stanwood High School. All the judges cars, including Andy's Cord and my Corsa were on display. My understanding is that the show is an annual event. Last

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March Minutes

Our regular March meeting was held at The Village Inn, Marysville and was called to order at 7:35 PM by Pres. Bill Chellis. Ten regular members were present. Joining us was new member Andy Clark. Welcome to Andy and his wife Vicki!

Treasurer's Report: According to Steve Whitt, our treasurer, current balance is \$496.75.

Membership: Bev Kaufman reports our membership now totals 13 paid members.

Webmaster: Lauren Burton noted she is still working on a web site for the club and will

keep us posted.

Old business:

Further discussion was held on a masthead and using the "Bow-Tie" symbol. Bill presented the early

model turbo emblem that has a bow-tie image. Reaction to using it was mixed.

Events: Upcoming events were discussed; Corvairitus at Kamloops, B.C.

- EconoRun, Albany, OR May 18th-20th
- The Vettes and Vairs show at Hinton's on June 2nd.

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Various Thoughts

Minutes, Continued

- Twin City Idlers Show, Stanwood, June 24th

New Business:

Bill Chellis mentioned a Corvair owning couple from Pittsfield, MA, who was unable to find a Corvair club in their area where they could become members. This produced a motion that we make them honorary members of this club, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Also discussed was a members Car Survey which was suggested as an addendum to the membership list.

Willie Mullins suggested up a donation to a Marysville food bank.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Wally McKinley

Thoughts, Continued

year the organizer wanted as many non-student cars as he get for the car display. If it could be arranged, how many of you folks would be willing to participate this year and help increase awareness of Corvairs with some high school students?

Bill — *Note: The article shown below was reprinted with permission from Bob Nichols, newsletter editor for the South Coast Corvair Club of Southern California. It first appeared in their December 2006 newsletter, Hot Air.*

Welcome New Members

Lauren Burton

Ron and Terrie Zentner

Jim and Estelle Friant

Andy and Vicki Clark

Fun Facts – The Cost of a New Corvair TODAY.

In the spirit of the Holidays, here is some fun information. Have you ever wondered what a new Corvair would cost based on today's car prices? Of course Corvairs are not made any longer, but the Chevrolet Impala is. I have a sheet with the GM MSRP numbers for 1966. I compared the costs of a Chevrolet Impala in 1966 and 2005 . I also looked up prices of a postage stamp, milk, and gasoline and wages in both 1966 and 2005 (2006 numbers are not in yet).

Determining how much wages and prices have increased is more difficult than I had imagined. Sources vary, but the numbers here are reasonable if not exact. The consumer price index from 1966 to 2005 has increased 602%. Wages for unskilled labor have increased 628%. The Social Security Administration reports that the **average** wage has increased 748% (the average includes unskilled, skilled, and professional wages).

Comparing equivalent car costs between 1966 and 2005 is tricky. Today's cars include many options that cost extra in 1966. The 1966 Chevrolet Impala base price looks good until you add on the "necessities" that are standard equipment on the 2005 Impala.

A 2005 Impala also has additional emissions and safety equipment and lower maintenance costs than a 1966 Impala - So it appears that the 2005 Impala price is fair when compared to today's wages.

Next see the comparison between the cost increases of stamps, milk, and gasoline (notice how little milk has increased compared to and other items).

Item	1966 Impala	2005 Impala	Increase
Impala 4 door MSRP	\$2,648.00	\$22,350.00	n/a
Automatic	\$194.85	\$0.00	n/a
AM radio	\$57.40	\$0.00	n/a
Air Conditioning	\$356.00	\$0.00	n/a
Power windows	\$100.10	\$0.00	n/a
Power brakes	\$42.15	\$0.00	n/a
Power steering	\$94.80	\$0.00	n/a
Total	\$3,493.30	\$22,350.00	640%

Item	1966	2005	Increase
Gasoline - 1 gallon	\$0.32	\$2.45	766%
Milk - 1 gallon	\$0.99	\$3.29	332%
First Class Stamp	\$0.05	\$0.39	780%

Now the fun. I decided that a fair increase for 1966 Corvair prices into 2005 dollars was 640%. Note the cost of air conditioning or an automatic transmission – **WOW**. Also check the cost of a Turbo Engine (180HP).

Item	1966	2005 dollars
Corvair Monza	\$2,350.00	\$15,035.21
Automatic	\$153.15	\$979.85
Air Conditioning	\$342.30	\$2,190.02
AM radio	\$57.40	\$367.24
Total	\$2,902.85	\$18,572.32

Item	1966	2005 dollars
Corvair Corsa	\$2,519.00	\$16,116.47
4 speed*	\$89.55	\$572.94
180 HP engine	\$158.00	\$1,010.88
AM radio	\$57.40	\$367.24
Total	\$2,823.95	\$18,067.52