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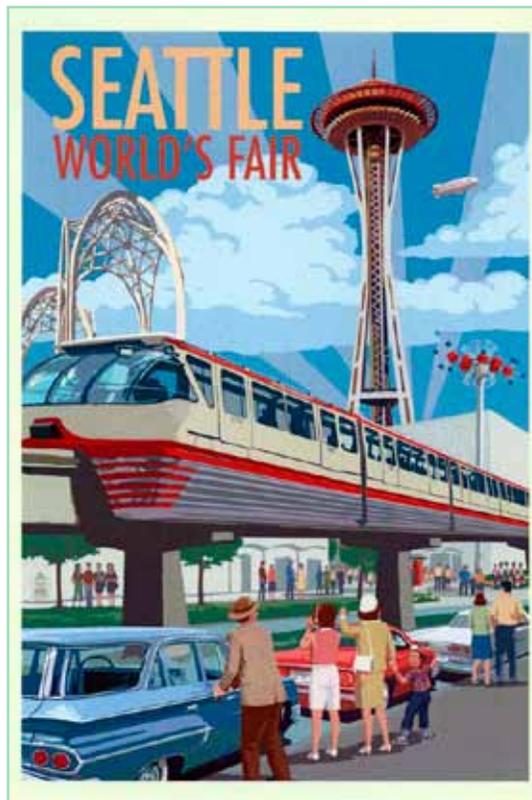
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Through the Gears



2012 was the 50th anniversary of the Space Needle, so all kinds of memorabilia was created about the "Century 21" 1962 Worlds Fair in Seattle. This fine artwork titled "Space Needle Opening Day Scene" is especially attractive because of the automobiles pictured.

Easy to recognize the 1960 Chevy wagon, and the white car is a 1958 Ford. In April, 1962 those would have been rather "old" cars. But how about that red car in the middle?? Definitely a Corvair, but a late-model, which was not in production until late 1964. Do you think this creative artist thought that

someone had access to a late model design concept car and drove it to the World's Fair??

Obviously, we need to allow artistic license. We should be thankful the artist thought of our beautiful car... but don't you also wish they had moved those three people out of the way!!!! **by Mike Klaus, president.**

This newsletter has 1962 Corvair colors, at least as close as I can come on a computer screen. Can you remember their names? (Answers on page 4.)

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.

New N C C Website



Be sure to stop by our new website. We've moved it to Weebly, where we can make changes faster, and we can have different people adding content. Thanks to Fred Croydon for getting it started. Our new Webmaster is Dave Thompson. Be sure to direct your questions and suggestions to him.

www.northcascadescorvairs.org

It is well organized and easy to use. The grey column of boxes on the left has little pop-out menus with lots of choices of things to see.



Treasurer's Report February, 2013

Beginning Balance on 1/30/13	\$2088.23
Expenses	.00
Income	
Dues	187.15
Ending Balance on 2/1/13	\$2275.38

by Fred Croydon

Car Show in May

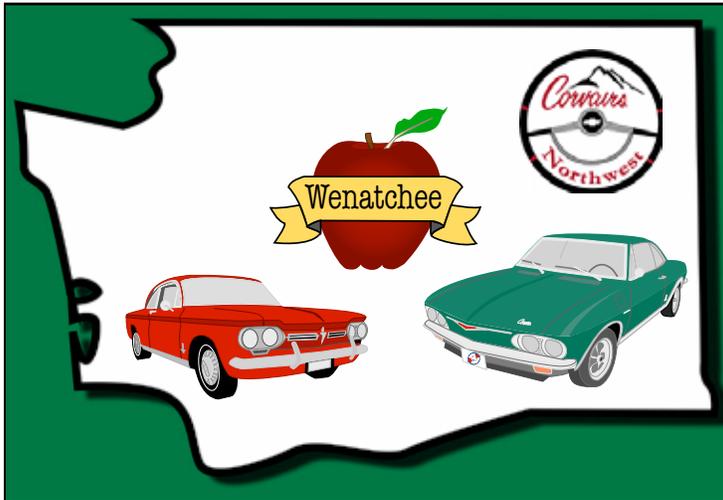
There is a fun event coming up on **Saturday, May 4th**, at the **Arts Depot in Anacortes**. The Anacortes Arts Commission, in conjunction with Sassy Frass Antiques, a local store, is putting on an art show called "Dazed and Confused". It will feature Retro pieces from the 60s and 70s. There will be photos, paintings, art in other media, and possibly music. It will go from 10 am till 3pm. You don't have to stay at your car if you don't want to.

A friend of Fred and Gale's, Karla Locke, has invited the Corvairs to come and be a part of this. We will have the area in front of the Arts Depot, (the old train station), and we are working on getting the City's permission to put the cars right on the big, wide, brick sidewalk in front of the historic building.

Anacortes on a pretty May Saturday is a fun place to be. There are many interesting shops, galleries, and restaurants to wander through. You can go to the cupola at the top of the Majestic Hotel. This will give you an amazing view of the whole town. They will even happily allow you to take your food and beverage up there.

There are already Seven cars signed up! If others of you are thinking about it, please let Ron Zentner know. It's going to be great.

EconoRun for May 2013



2013 Pacific Northwest 40th Annual Corvair Econorun May 17, 18, 19

Wenatchee, Washington

Corvairs Northwest presents "The 40th Annual Pacific Northwest Corvair EconoRun", to be held this year in beautiful Wenatchee WA, the "Apple Capital of the World". CNW will host this event on May 17-19, 2013, at the peak of the apple blossom season. The **Coast Wenatchee Hotel** will serve as "host" hotel with the adjacent Wenatchee Convention Center providing our banquet dinner. The hotel is offering reduced rates for those participating in this year's event. Just mention you're with the Corvair group when phoning in your reservation.

Guests arriving on Friday will enjoy a free evening BBQ in one of Wenatchee's fine parks. The Econo-Run mileage competition will take place on Saturday morning with a scenic drive meandering through the Wenatchee valley. You will be surrounded by spectacular views of apple orchards and vineyards as you cruise along side the Columbia River towards

your destination in Wenatchee. Mileage awards will be presented at a special awards banquet in the **Wenatchee Convention Center** on Saturday evening.

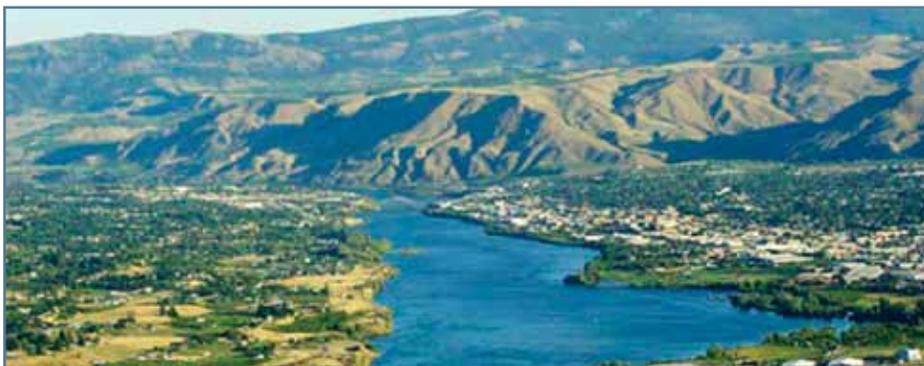
Sunday morning, from 9 a.m. to noon, there will be a Corvair Car Show in the Convention Center parking lot to display our unique and beautiful Classics to the community. Awards in several categories for favorite Corvairs will be presented at the conclusion of the show. With an average 300 days of sunshine a year, Wenatchee in May promises to be an outstanding and memorable EconoRun event.

Contact Coast Hotel Wenatchee for your reservations. Their rate for this event is \$119, double occupancy, per night. 1-800-663-1144 or 1-509-662-1700.

Further information and registration forms will be available soon. Contact **Joe Phillips** joep@skynetbb.com (a map to the hotel coming in next newsletter.)



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from Hemmings Motor News



Did you see this little gem for sale on your computer screen lately? I, Gale, have been known to delete the emails from Hemmings without looking, but whenever I take the time to scroll down, they always provide some interesting eye candy.

This is a 1964 Peel, model P50, built on The Isle of Man. It is the smallest production car ever built.

SPECIFICATIONS

Manufacturer: Peel Engineering Co.
 Origin: Peel, Isle of Man
 Production: est. 47
 Motor: Zweirad-Union 1-cyl, 2-stroke
 Displacement: 49 cc
 Power: 4.5 hp
 Length: 4 ft. 6 in.



I Want this car!

Gale Marple

1962 Corvair Colors

Honduras Maroon
 Roman Red
 Adobe Beige
 Autumn Gold
 Anniversary Gold
 Corona Cream
 Satin Silver
 Silver Blue
 Twilight Blue
 Twilight Turquoise
 Nassau Blue
 Laurel Green
 Surf Green

The Skagit Valley Tulip Rallye

Be sure to sign up for the April 20th Tulip Rallye. It is put on by the MG Club / North West Center. It starts at the Cascade Mall along side of I-5. Please see the info page and entry form on p 8. Pack a picnic lunch and join the fun. With 5 Corvairs, we can have our own trophies.

Sweetheart Cruise

The NCC Sweetheart Cruise is scheduled for **February 16**. It will start in the late morning in Burlington, and travel north on Chuckanut Drive to Bellingham, then across to Lake Samish, then back down along the lake to Old 99, and back to Burlington. (However, we are considering doing this route in reverse order. Not sure yet.) There will be a surprise stop somewhere along the line for fun, games, and socializing.

If you are interested in participation, send VP Ron Zentner, the coordinator, an e-mail at rczentner@frontier.com

Follow this link to the NCC web site for updates on the schedule, and the cruise.

<http://northcascadescorvairs.org>

Sweetheart Cruise

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Hey, even Corvairs need to vent at times

Posted on September 1, 2012 by David Greenlees

Inside of this Corvair are a couple of 1960s style engineers, from the GM Research Laboratories, hard at work testing one of the cars. Strapped onto the side of the Corvair is a hydrogen peroxide rocket used for simulating cross-winds. With it the engineers were able to vary the strength of the blasts, which could simulate a wind of up to 40 m.p.h. Equipment in the back seat recorded the effect on the car.

Photo courtesy of Benjamin Ames.



2013 Spring Tune Up at Sunset Chevrolet — March 10, 2013

This year's event will be held on **March 10**, and is available for all Corvair owners in *Corvairs Northwest*, and an invitation has been extended to *North Cascades Corvairs*. This is all made possible by the generosity of **Sunset Chevrolet** and **Jerry Yoder**. It starts at 10 am and goes till 4 pm. This is also a potluck event for lunch.





Ethanol in Gasoline, and its Effect on Collector Cars

[Editor's Note: Jim O'Clair's recent post on zinc levels in modern oils led to a discussion about the other fluids we put in our collector cars. Particularly how those fluids have changed since the cars were new. In that spirit, we asked him to take a look at the technical aspects of ethanol in modern gasoline and how ethanol affects older cars. This story is not meant to discuss the political implications of ethanol in gasoline, and we ask that anybody who comments on the story refrain from discussing politics. Thank you.]



Photo by FLariviere, courtesy Shutterstock

Like it or not, ethanol in gas is here to stay. Although it does reduce pollution in our atmosphere, it can cause problems for many collector cars, boats, and older outdoor power equipment because of some of the side effects related to its use.

When people talk about ethanol in today's pump gas, they're referring to E10, which is a formulation that contains 90 percent gasoline and 10 percent ethanol. Car manufacturers are now building engines that can run on 51 to 83 percent ethanol, which is often called E85 or flex fuel.

Ethanol is refined from grain alcohol; most specifically, corn, here in the United States; but it can also be made from switch grass, manure, willow trees, and even sugar cane in some countries.

The use of ethanol will only increase. Federal law mandates that the U.S. use 36 billion gallons of alternative fuel per year by 2022. By comparison, the

United States used only 11 billion gallons in 2010, and the requirement in the law is that we ramp up to 15 billion gallons per year in 2015. The only way we would get there is to buy more gas – which is unlikely to happen, given the cost of a gallon these days – or increase the ethanol content in each gallon. Unless your car's owner's manual states specifically that it is an E85 or Flex Fuel vehicle (if you don't know for sure, check the eighth digit of your VIN), you cannot use E85 fuels.

Pros of ethanol-supplemented fuel:

Ethanol is clean-burning and is a higher-octane fuel than conventional gas.

Ethanol is produced from renewable sources.

Ethanol-powered vehicles produce lower carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide emissions, and lower levels of hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide emissions.

Ethanol production keeps American farmers in business and creates new farming and ethanol-processing jobs.

Because ethanol is produced domestically, it reduces U.S. dependence on foreign oil and increases the nation's energy independence.

Ethanol needs fewer fossil (coal) and petroleum (gas) fuels to produce more BTU of energy than gasoline (although it does require much more water).

[NCC editor: the Cons are coming next month.]

32nd Annual
TULIP RALLYE



Sponsored by the MG Car Club NorthWest Centre

32nd Annual Tulip Rallye

Date: Saturday, April 20th, 2013
Time: 8:00-9:00 am (Check in)
Place: Cascade Mall I-5 Exit 230

COME ONE, COME ALL! – We are back for our 32nd Annual Tulip Rallye.

This event is a gimmick rallye in place of time/distance checkpoints, so everyone will be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Please note – speed is **not** recommended!

Each car club (5-car minimum) will have a **First Place** finish. Non-club entrants can compete in the “open” class. It is recommended that you pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the way or at the end point while the scores are being tabulated. There are restaurants along the tour route, but they can be rather crowded.

Pre-registration will close on April 15th. Any entries received after April 15th will be considered day of. Please fill out the form below and send it along with \$12.00 USD or \$15.00 CDN per car to MGCCNWC at the address shown below. The cost for day-of registration will be \$15.00 (USD) or \$18.00 (CDN). Your car number and rallye information will be issued the day of the rallye. For more information call David Ellis @ (425) 277-1086 or day of 425-691-0444 (cell).

Overnight accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn Express in Burlington (360-755-7338), or at the Mariner Inn in Anacortes (360) 293-3545.

Please remember to bring along canned food items or cash for donations to a local food bank. The drop off location this year will be at the start point, Cascade Mall.

Directions: From I-5 take exit 230 and head east on Highway 20. Take a right at stop light onto South Burlington Blvd. Take a right onto Cascade Mall Drive. Go straight till you see the white tents.

See you there!

YES!! I want to participate in the 32nd Annual Tulip Rallye!

NAME _____ PHONE _____ TYPE OF CAR (S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

IF YOU BELONG TO A CAR CLUB, WHICH ONE? (please be specific) _____

Entry Fee for each car: \$12 (USD) or \$15 (CDN) advance, or \$15 (USD) or \$18 (CDN) day of event		\$ _____
Event Tee Shirt: Short Sleeve \$15.00 (USD) \$18.00 (CDN) MED ___ LG ___ XL ___ XXL ___		\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Pre-registration closes **April 15, 2013**
 Make checks payable to MGCCNWC

Mail to: Tulip Rallye, c/o David Ellis, 1521 Eagle Ridge Drive S., Renton, WA 98055
 425-277-1086 (425-691-0440--cell “day of”) or E-mail: tuliprallye@aol.com