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### Through the Gears, by Mike Klaus



Mike's in Palm Springs, enjoying his new vacation home.

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.



## CNW Spring Tune Up

There was a good turn out for the tune up. ;-) It looks like a good time was had by all.



At the Sunset Chevy CNW Tune up. Jethro Peoples with Ceola's red convertible.



Rampsides and vans at the Tuneup. The Gray van is Paul Hintz' that was sold to a CNW member, and is now his daily driver.



Pat Olson supervising a tune up.



Yvonne Martin and Dean Smith celebrating their birthdays at the Sunset Chevy CNW Tune up.



Lauren Burton and her red convertible.

## Fred Croydon Goes to the Hardware Sales Show

It was held in Bellingham on March 24th.

I was the only one there with a Corvair. 109 other cars. As usual, lots of folks asking questions, commenting about not many Corvairs around anymore, telling stories about their experiences with Corvairs, etc.

Even had one guy tell me he had the first 1962 Corvair with 4 carbs in Seattle, and that he used to beat 283's and 327's at the drags regularly. I asked him about 4 carbs for a 62, and he went into a long story about buying an adapter that allowed two carbs feed into one port. And the story got better and better as I asked questions. Gale and Gretchen showed up to check out the car. cheerio....... fred









This issue of Vairous Times has a few mystery wheels in it. Can you guess which wheels belong to which car and club member?





Here is the poster for the event in Anacortes that some are taking their cars too. Should be lots of fun.

On **Saturday**, **May 4th**, at the Arts Depot in Anacortes, The Anacortes Arts Commission, in conjunction with Sassy Frass Antiques, 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.

Treasurer's Report March, 2013

Beginning Balance on 2/1/13 \$2315.38

**Expenses** 

.00

Income

Dues 60.00

Ending Balance on 2/28/13 \$2375.38

by Fred Croydon

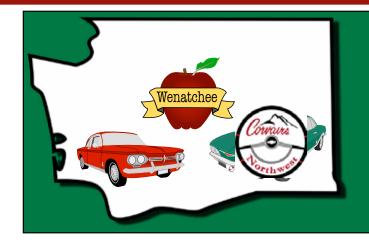
Ron Zentner reports that 7 cars and their people have signed up for this. Fred and Gale would come but will be in Michigan, watching a neice graduate from U. of M.



Whose wheell is this?

## Membership News

Last month, James & Estelle Friant re-joined and so did Bob and Marcee Aahl, of Anacortes. Welcome back all.



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

Wenatchee, Washington

If you haven't signed up for the EconoRun yet, it's time to Hop on It. The organizers need to know how many to plan for.

It will be late May in Eastern Washington, so the weather has every chance to be very warm and pleasant.

This is such a beautiful area, with so much to explore, that some of us will arrive a day early, so we will have time to see the sites.

#### Schedule:

Friday night: Free evening BBQ at a park.

Saturday: the EconoRun

Saturday night: The awards banquet at the Wenatchee Convention Center

Sunday morning: 9am. a Show n Shine also at the Convention Center.

Contact Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel for your reservations. Their rate for this event is \$119, double occupancy, per night. Call: 509-662-1234 or 800-716-6199. This discount is good starting Thursday night and runs through Monday night. (Someone who has already made reservations says the regular weeknight rate is even less. You may want to ask for it.)

Further information and registration forms, contact **Joe Phillips joep@skynetbb.com** 

Terry Beneze from Chelan was in the Wenatchee area and came across this interesting restaurant. Here are some photos he took. It looks like an interesting place with lots of room, and a large parking lot.





## **Upcoming Events**

Ron Zentner is collecting he names of people interested in the four next events:

#### Tulip Rallye, April 20:

Fred Croydon and Gale Marple,

Dave and Nancy Thompson

## Anacortes Depot Corvair Show, May 4:

Pat Olson

Fred Heffley

Mike Klaus

Dan Davis

**Debbie Grainger** 

Lauren Burton

Paul & Joy Ray

#### Foothills Show-n-shine, May 11:

Are you coming? Time to let Ron Zentner know.

#### PNW Corvair Econorun, May 17-19:

Same here: Sign up and be counted, Please.

### Jim Acker's Website

Jim Acker has created a website for his V8 Corvair. He asked Fred Croydon which software he used, Fred recommended Weebly. It seems to be the easiest to build and modify yourself. He got it set up and started in a few days. Here it is:

http://www.jimsv8vair.net/index.html

#### Corvairs For Sale

#### '61 Greenbriar 8 door van

Most all of the mechanical work has been done: rebulit engine, new clutch, rebuilt steering box, new throttle and clutch cable, wheel cylinders and brakes, wheel bearings. The interior has not been touched, but is not in bad shape. There is some rust. Asking \$2800or obo. Not sure how much this is worth, but thought I would start here. Thank You,

Russ Allen 253-951-5139

#### '62 Corvair Monza for sale.

The owner works for Boeing with me, Pat Olson. The brakes are frozen up from setting. Asking \$4,000 for it. Has 4 spd, floor boards redone/ welded. New carpet, new front seat covers. Runs great. Car has been sitting for a few years. Could use a new paint job. Thanks Pat Olson patscorvair@frontier.com>



Guess whose.

## Lynden Razz N Shine

Event Dates: July 20, 2013 - July 20, 2013

Location: Lynden, Washington

Held in beautiful, historic downtown Lynden, Washington during the popular **Raspberry Festival** weekend. Park your car for the show and take-part in the numerous activities throughout town, including basketball tournaments, local berry farm tours, winery tours, street vendor markets and more.

Times: Registration opens at 8:00am

Vehicle registration booth located at the corner of 10th and Front St.

**Show starts at 10:00AM** (drawings and prize awards will commence at 3:00pm at the registration booth).

THIS IS A NO FEE EVENT; IT IS FREE TO ENTER YOUR COLLECTOR VEHICLE IN THE SHOW!

Open to all Classic Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles. Pre-registration is not required and spaces are available on a first come first serve basis so come early for the best spots on Front St.

Contact Blake Starkenburg - 360-303-7610 For more information.

## Answers to Wheel Mysteries

Page 3: The Dell's yellow bumblebee.

Page 4: Ron Zentner's 65 Corsa

Page 6: Greg King's Monza

### Cool New Look & Awesome Sound

#### by Fred Croydon

I have always been dissatisfied with the

appearance of the left bank exhaust system on my 140. Although the mufflers were approximately the size and shape of the original, the previous owner had a very poor job on the installation.

The tube sizes did not match properly, and the modified hangers did not support the muffler in the right position. It was very low, and occasionally would hit speed bumps.

A couple of months ago I started doing re-

search on mufflers that would be appropriate, and found several that had potential. At the recent tuneup at Sunset Chevy, the Corvair was up on the rack and it became clear that major work would have to be considered. The temporary fix to lift the muffler up did not work, as it had fallen during the drive home.



Old Exhaust while on the lift at Sunset Chevy

I stopped by four muffler shops in the area to get estimates on what it would take to fix the problem. Two of the outfits said to come back on another day, and they would look at it. Two others said they could not do what I wanted. The fifth shop, Walker Anacortes Car Care Center, was a breath of fresh air. The owner, Scott, turned me over to his Exhaust Wizard, Terry. Terry put the Corvair up on a rack, and discussed the options. He pointed out the shortcomings of the previous job.

The bottom line was that it could be done, but maybe it would be best to change the whole system, and install new mufflers. This led to a discussion on the options. I wanted to have the mufflers tucked up higher than the pan of the motor, and I did not want mufflers that would make the car sound like a rice burner. I also did not want it too loud.

Terry identified muffler options, one of which was Flowmaster. Reflecting on the research I had done, Flowmaster was one of the better rated mufflers. When I asked about the sound, he started up an El Camino to show the sound on a V8. Sounded good........ So the deal was done.

Terry started pulling the old system off, and I then realized that the makeshift installation was worse than I figured. Putting a 1 3/4 inch tube into a 2 inch tube with only a small tack weld was not appropriate. I watched the Wizard put in the new system, and he is really an old school guy. Lots of time spend on resizing tubing for the correct fit, and bending for alignment.

The end result can easily be shown with the before and after pictures. During the restoration of the entire car, my vision was to maintain the looks of the late model Corvair coupe, but give it the appearance of a 1960's vintage street rod. I think I have done that, and now the new exhaust system continues that look.

The sound of the new system is another step

in that direction. It is a little louder than I expected, but not excessive. The low rumble is beyond my expectations for that little flat six. It sounds like a whole new car.

We can always tell when a Corvair is arriving at a function because the sound is unique. Well, this is different. You may have to wait until you see (hear) us at the next event to get the full meaning of this exhaust system.

If you can believe the marketing hype, I can expect improved performance, based on dyno tests, as well as improved gas mileage based on driving tests.

Flowmaster 40 series with 2.5 inch inlet and outlet offset at opposite corners.



Looking for the most aggressive sound in the Flowmaster muffler line? Then take a look at these 40 series Flowmaster mufflers. Designed for use on street and strip vehicles, they take the sound waves produced in the exhaust, and cancel them against angled baffles built into the muffler case. This improves both horse-power and fuel economy. Best of all, these Flowmaster mufflers allow you to hear that cool Flowmaster tone inside of the vehicle, as well as outside of it. So, if you want more power and less noise, then you've gotta get these Flowmaster mufflers.

I wish I could recommend Walker Anacortes Car Care Center for some of your needs, but they closed the doors, and moved on shortly after doing my job.



The old system as it was propped up



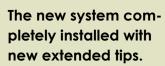
The Wizard resizing the tube on a hydraulic-mandrel to make proper fits on diameters. The end result is a proper adapter.



The end result is a proper adapter changing from the 1 3/4 inch of the "U" tube to the 2 1/2 inch inlet of the muffler.



The new Flowmaster propped up for welding.





The End