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NCC Celebrates Chevrolet Racing



Participating in this year's Pacific Northwest Histories (PNWH) Vintage races at Pacific Raceways were several NCC members. Shown clockwise from the top; Kent Sullivan, Debbie Grainger, Bill Chellis, Kent with Greg King trailing, Debbie, Debbie again with Daniel Morsk in the background. Pictured in the center is Kent following the Fiat club. More on this fabulous event, including an article by Debbie begins on page 5.

Meeting Agenda 8/16/2009

Once again, the business portion of the meeting has been cancelled so we can just enjoy the day. See the events page for any upcoming shows.

However, if someone has a pressing item, bring it to the president's attention and we can discuss it.

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Through the Gears

I hope everyone's summer is going well.

Despite planning on taking some time off, the editorial staff has decided to publish an August newsletter because of the large amount of Corvair material to share. This month's edition features an article contributed by Debbie Grainger on her experience at the Pacific Northwest Historics Vintage races. In addition, there are several pages of pictures from that day.

On July 19th, the club participated in the Jerry Smith Chevrolet Open Class Car Show in Anacortes. Andy Clark took two awards at the show, (including best engine) and NCC won the club participation award. Good things happen when our Corvairs show up!

In addition, to take advantage of Ron Thompson's visit to the NW, NCC held its annual picnic that same day. This year's location for the get together was Fred and Gale's home in LaConner. Pictures from the Jerry Smith car show can be found on pages 13-14. Pictures from the picnic can found on pages 18-20.

Speaking of picnics, the location for our August outing has been settled. We will be gathering at the home of Daniel, Lori and Trent Morsk on Sunday August 16th. This will be a traditional potluck affair with the club providing the main course. So please plan on bringing a favorite side dish. The start time is 1:00 PM. Call Dan at 360-654-0572 or myself if you have any questions about what to bring.

Appearing for the first time this month is a report called Corsa Corner on page 16. The CORSA Board says it is going to provide this column each month to supplement the Directors Turn at the wheel in the *Communiqué*. They have asked the newsletter editors to include the CORSA Corner in the newsletter. Feel free to let me (or the Corsa Director) know if you find this report informative.

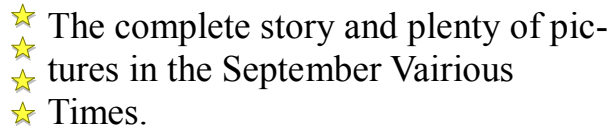
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North Cascades Corvairs (NCC) is chartered Chapter 982 of the Corvair Society of America, (CORSA). NCC serves the North Puget Sound region of Washington and areas of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Club membership is open to anyone who shares our interest in the Corvair automobile, ownership of a Corvair is not required. Annual club dues are \$20. We welcome all to join us at our regular monthly meeting held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at The Eagle Crest restaurant. The restaurant is located at 21102 67th Ave NE in Arlington.

Go to our website <http://northcascadescorvairs.org>, click the meeting button for directions and a map. Or you can call 360-387-0425 for more information.

NCC publishes this newsletter monthly and it is sent to all active members. NCC members may post classified ads at no cost. Please contact us for commercial ad rates.

Bill



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NCC Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2009

Checking Account

Balance Forward **\$747.80**

Income

BECU Interest \$ 0.14

Total Income **\$ 0.14**

Expenses

Potluck/Meeting

Food \$ 59.49

Total Expenses **\$ 59.49**

Ending Balance **\$688.45**

Savings Account

Ending Balance **\$ 5.01**

July 31, 2009

Beverly Kaufman, Treasurer

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CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Corvair Society of America, (CORSA) is an international organization that is made up of over 4,800 members and 125 chapters, one of which is North Cascades Corvairs. CORSA members are dedicated to the preservation, restoration and to furthering the appreciation of the Corvair automobile. CORSA supports all sanctioned Corvair Clubs with several benefits, including event insurance, members only classified ads and the monthly magazine, *Corsa Communique*. North Cascades Corvairs strongly encourages all members to join CORSA. YOUR membership in CORSA helps them provide those services. Annual dues are only \$45.00. For more information, including a membership form, contact CORSA at the following website: www.corvair.org CORSA email is: corvair@corvair.org.

Pacific Northwest Historics Vintage Races

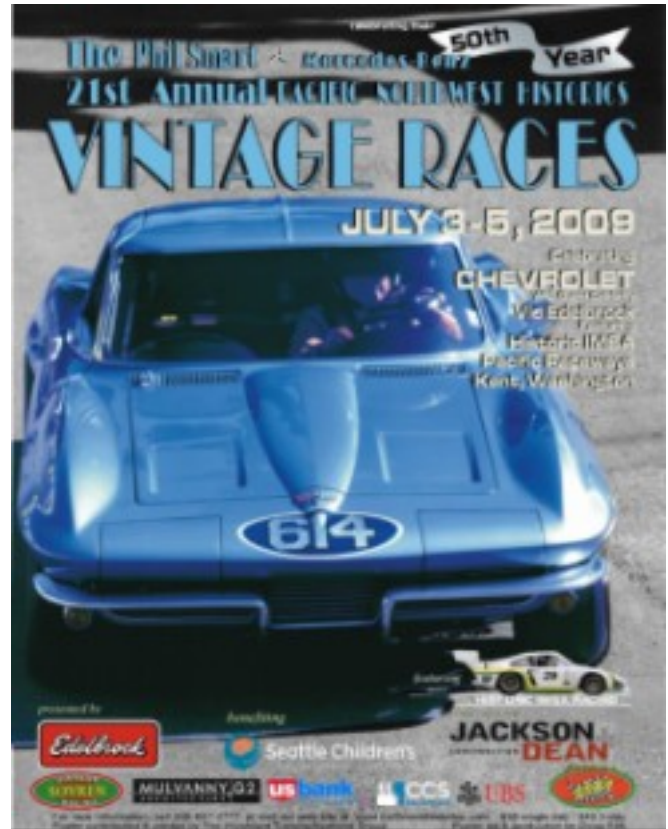
Article by Debbie Grainger

On July 3-5, 2009, SOVREN hosted the 21st Annual Pacific Northwest Historics (PNWH) vintage car races on the Pacific Raceways road course in Kent, Washington. The vintage race cars participating were fabulous old, original road racing cars competing for 20 minute races within various classes. This year's event honoured the 100th anniversary of GM and the 97th anniversary of Chevrolet (the featured marque for the weekend). Vic Edelbrock Jr. was on hand signing autographs, and he and his daughter raced their cars on the track. All net proceeds from this event benefit Seattle Children's Hospital.

On the Saturday, July 4th, I joined four other members of North Cascades Corvairs car club, Bill Chellis, Daniel Morsk, Greg King, and Kent Sullivan in the PNWH Car Corral. Also attending were Greg's friend Rich Denver, Kent's friend Rich Felzer and Kent's boys, Kyle and Sean. NCC member Ray Langley joined us later. On display were approximately 250 vintage and collector cars belonging to members of all types of car clubs. My partner John Sayer and I left Port Coquitlam, BC at 4

AM for the 4 hour trip to the raceway in my 1966 Canadian-built Monza named "Magnolia" by her previous owner. She's a stock 2-door hardtop 110 hp 2-speed Powerglide painted plum mist metallic, with collector's plates. Magnolia and I were the only Canadians and the only 'girls' who entered from our club. Bill arrived from Camano Island somewhat stymied with a problem he'd been experiencing with his '66 Corsa and the guys set to trying to figure out what the problem was. Turned out to be a missing contact in the car's rotor, leaving us all wondering how Bill had even made it to the raceway at all! Daniel was kind enough to loan his truck to John and Bill at lunch time and they headed off to find a nearby Schuck's Auto Parts store for the necessary rotor part. Time, however, was of the essence...

After lunch, club cars registered in the car corral were scheduled for "parade laps" around the race track, with owners having signed waivers of course. A drivers' meeting was held to explain how we'd leave the corral and enter the track safely. We were told there was to be no "sand bagging" which should have been the first clue to what was coming. Bill and John had just returned from Schuck's and were scrambling to get the rotor part replaced in time for Bill to join the rest of us. Track volunteers called for our Corvairs to line up behind two other clubs, including Ferraris, to be the first group out on the track - sadly without Bill. (Unfortunately, the rules stated that if you didn't enter the track with your club, you wouldn't be allowed to go out at all.) Kent in his '66 white 500 Coupe led our club out of the corral. Greg followed in his '65 Corsa, then me, then Daniel in his '65 Corsa Coupe (yes, the same one he races in autocross).



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PNWH Vintage Races (cont'd)

I thought “parade laps” just meant a little tootle around the track a couple of times for the benefit of the spectators in the stands. I thought the pace car was just for show. Little did I know, as soon as the pace car led us onto the track and left us, all the cars ahead of me took off at top speed single-file around the road course! I had no choice but to keep up – it was either that or tick off Daniel behind me or worse yet cause a pile-up! I had a North Cascades club member, Ray Langley, as a passenger. He’d come to the races as a spectator. I didn’t know if Ray was hollering because he was scared stiff or because he was having fun – hopefully the latter. I think we ran 3 laps (each is 2.25 miles long and this is not an oval course). Don’t ask me what speed I was doing because I was *waaay* too busy concentrating on Greg ahead of me and focusing on slowing down enough to make the turns! It was an absolutely exhilarating blast, especially on the straight stretches!! Better yet, was the fact that unbeknownst to those of us already out on the track, Bill got his car running and was permitted to come out after all!

Back at the corral, all I could say was “Well, that was fun!” Greg, Daniel and Ray seemed amazed that I’d kept up and surprised at how fast my car went with a stock 110 hp motor. I can assure you there’s no chance of me taking up road racing as a new hobby but it sure was fun to get out on this beautiful track and pretend! Still, it’s a pity we didn’t have any “earlies”, convertibles and other Corvair models on display.

For those folks in the club who didn’t go, you missed a fabulous time but photos can be viewed at:

http://northcascadescorvairs.org/photos/2009/pnwh_p1.html.

Daniel’s 12:31 minute video (with me ahead of him) can be viewed at:

<http://tinyurl.com/n6rmof>

Be sure to crank up the sound to truly appreciate that engine of his!

To check out the track, click on <http://pacificraceways.com/>, then on the left side click on *Road Racing*, then *Road Course Info*.

Debbie Grainger

P.S. Good thing my girl’s very forgiving because the next day she was subjected to the long drive home and a 50-minute idling wait at the Canadian border.

The club thanks Kent Sullivan, Greg King and John Sayer for sharing their photos (pages 7-8).



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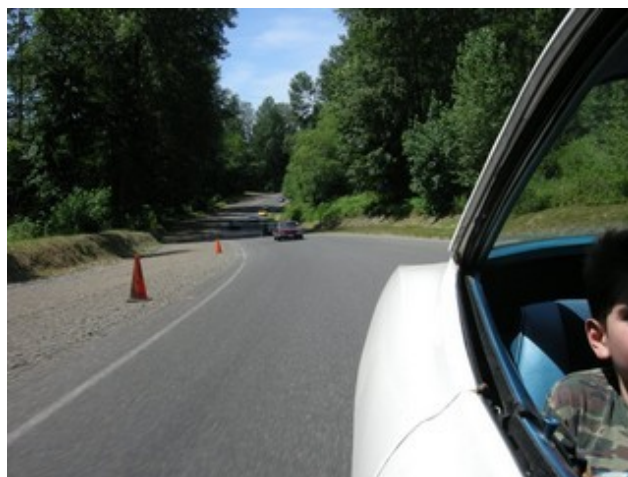
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PNWH Vintage Races



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS CAR CORRALS

Each year at the Pacific Northwest Historics, SOVREN and the SOVREN Guild have invited local car clubs to participate by displaying their cars in our car corral. All of the cars on display are interesting and prized by their owners who are more than happy to talk about their special car. During the lunch break the owners will have the opportunity to parade their cars around the track with the dual purpose of giving spectators a chance to see the cars in motion and also giving the car owners a chance to experience Pacific Raceways. Don't miss viewing these beautiful automobiles in the corral area! Clubs participating this year are:

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 CLUB MIATA NW
 CORVETTE MARQUE CLUB OF SEATTLE
 EVERGREEN LOTUS CLUB
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 NW ALFA ROMEO CLUB
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 NW DATSUN ENTHUSIASTS
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 PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA, PNW REGION
 PUGET SOUND MIATA CLUB
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 SEATTLE AREA MINI OWNERS ASSOCIATION
 SLK NORTHWEST
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SOVREN and the SOVREN GUILD would like to extend special thanks to Windward Communications Group and CCS Printing for their continuing support of Children's Hospital and their generous contributions to our event poster and program.

Corvair 50th Anniversary Coins

Dave Newell

The Corvair Preservation Foundation is proud to announce a commemorative coin honoring the most important date in Corvair history, October 2, 1959. That date will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Corvair's Introduction. It will be fifty years since the first day the revolutionary Corvair was offered for sale.

It was our purpose to create an elegant tribute to the October 2 anniversary. We chose to create a commemorative coin because Chevrolet also minted one to mark the Corvair's introduction in 1959. It's fitting that the CPF would issue a new coin fifty years later. And just as Chevy's coin did, the Corvair 50th Coin features the most famous Corvair logo of all time.

Design by Harry Borgman

The word "Corvair" with a light-hearted star placed over the letter "i" was actually the only promotional logo that Chevrolet ever created for the Corvair. It was designed in 1959 by Harry Borgman of Chevy's advertising agency, Campbell-Ewald, as part of the Corvair's introductory advertising campaign. Harry designed many of the first Corvair ads and continued to do illustrations for Chevrolet and Corvair advertising throughout the 1960s. During his sixty year career as an artist, Harry Borgman has become accomplished in many different media including all forms of illustration, sculpture, photography, and digital art. His exhibitions have ranged from surrealism to comic book cover art. You can see some of his work at www.harryborgman.com.

The CPF was privileged when Harry consented to design the Corvair 50th Anniversary Coin. His original Corvair logo graces the front side, superimposed over striking 50 year numerals. These make a timeless homage to all years and models of Corvair cars and trucks whose fifty year story began on October 2. A fresh new concept of the CPF logo graces the reverse side, highlighted by the second version of Harry's starry Corvair graphic. This rendition of the Corvair logo was used through most of the Corvair's production years in advertising and merchandising materials, even in TV commercials.

50th Coin Features

The Corvair 50th Coin measures more than an inch and a half in diameter and is a full ten gauge, the heaviest coin we could buy. It will be made from burnished, simulated gold with a black wash to bring out the fine details and then lacquered. The edge of the coin will be reeded, which is an engraver's term for the ridges that you see and feel on U.S. quarters.

Every Corvair 50th Coin will come with its own presentation jewelry box, a premium steel box covered and lined in black velour. In addition, each coin will include a protective crystal clear plastic capsule which opens easily if you wish to examine the coin closely. Also included is an Authenticity Certificate signed by the artist.

October 2nd Ypsilanti Postmark

Your Corvair 50th Coin will be mailed to you from the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection, home of our Corvair Museum, on Friday October 2, 2009, exactly 50 years from the Corvair's introduction day which was also on a Friday. The special shipping box will bear a custom-designed U.S. Postal Service Corvair October 2 postmark and a custom postage stamp featuring Harry Borgman's logo and a picture of a 1960 Corvair. Completing the package will be a unique mailing label set off with an image of the Willow Run Assembly Plant and Corvair 50th graphics.



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Corvair 50th Anniversary Coins (cont'd)

Autographed Certificate

Every Corvair 50th Coin will be shipped with a numbered Authenticity Certificate signed by the artist, Harry Borgman. Harry will be an honored guest of the CPF at the CORSA International Convention in Jacksonville, Florida on July 13-17. He will be part of a special CPF historic presentation on Wednesday evening. Harry will be happy to autograph your certificate at the convention, whether you order your Corvair 50th coin now or in Jacksonville. You can take your certificate with you or have it shipped with your coin.

Please Order Early

The CPF is accepting orders right now for a donation of only \$45 per coin plus an additional \$5 for Priority Mail shipping. You may pay with your credit card by ordering from the CORSA website, or by sending your credit card information, check, or money order for \$50 payable to the Corvair Preservation Foundation at P.O. Box 607, Lemont IL 60439. Your \$45 donation may be tax deductible, and a receipt for your taxes will be sent with each coin.

There will be only a limited number of Corvair 50th Coins made, and when these are gone no more will be produced. By ordering now you can be sure of adding this once-in-a-lifetime coin to your collection of Corvair treasures and getting a low certificate number. All proceeds will benefit the Corvair Preservation Foundation and be used for the Corvair Museum, CPF acquisitions, maintaining educational exhibits, history presentations, exhibit transportation, and to defray administrative costs.

Join the CPF celebration of the Corvair's 50th Anniversary on October 2. The Corvair 50th Coin is how to do it. Now it's our turn to make Corvair history, on October 2, 2009!

NCC Mystery Photo Answer



The mystery man standing next to Dan Morsk is Matt Nall, denizen of several Corvair online sites. No one even submitted a guess.



Corvair 50th



Anniversary Gala

October 2, 2009
Hinton Chevrolet
8139 Guide Meridian
Lynden, WA 98264
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Corvair at Hinton Motors, a Chevrolet dealer established in 1947. Rain or shine. This event is open to all Corvairs, but club members will have priority for any showroom appearance. Non-club members are requested to pre-register before September 15th. There is no fee. Open to the public. Food, door prizes, raffle and dash plaques.

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SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

CORSA CORNER

Welcome to the CORSA Corner. In a continuing effort to keep an open channel of communication between the CORSA Board and the individuals we represent, it was decided that each director would provide a companion article, to the CORSA chapters, to supplement their Directors Turn at the Wheel in the Communiqué.

In my August Directors Turn I stated that this club is made up of individuals, and that we are just like a family. We all have different opinions on the issues that affect our Corvair family, CORSA. I also know that we all realize that one of the keys to the success of this club is compromise. Let me give you a couple of examples.

On August 15th the board will vote on whether to retain our current management and publishing team or to hire a new one. I have no idea which way this will end up, but I do know that what ever the decision is, we will all have to compromise.

Another area that the board is working on is the website. Volunteers have been contacted to help update and add some dynamics to the static pages of our website. This will help promote CORSA, offer a better first experience to newcomers, and to improve site navigation.

We have also received many requests to shorten the International Convention to three or four days. The Board, myself, and others, are researching ways to do this effectively. Our goal is to schedule the convention so it is easier to attend and more affordable for our members, but again there will have to be compromises.

We are also looking into the feasibility of a two or three tiered membership based around receiving the Communiqué in print or in electronic form. These are just a few of the issues we are dealing with right now. I hope this gives you some insight into all the work that is being done by your Board. We are all working hard to make the right decisions for CORSA, but compromises will be inevitable.

I hope that all of you will be able to spend some time with your fellow CORSA chapter members this month. And if you don't belong to CORSA, just jump in and do it. I know you will really enjoy being part of such a diverse and interesting extended family. As always feel free to contact me or your Division Directors with your comments or concerns. Our contact information is listed in the Communiqué and on the website.

Thanks!

Jamie Reinhart
CORSA Central Director

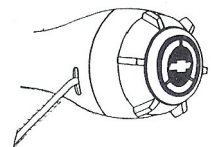
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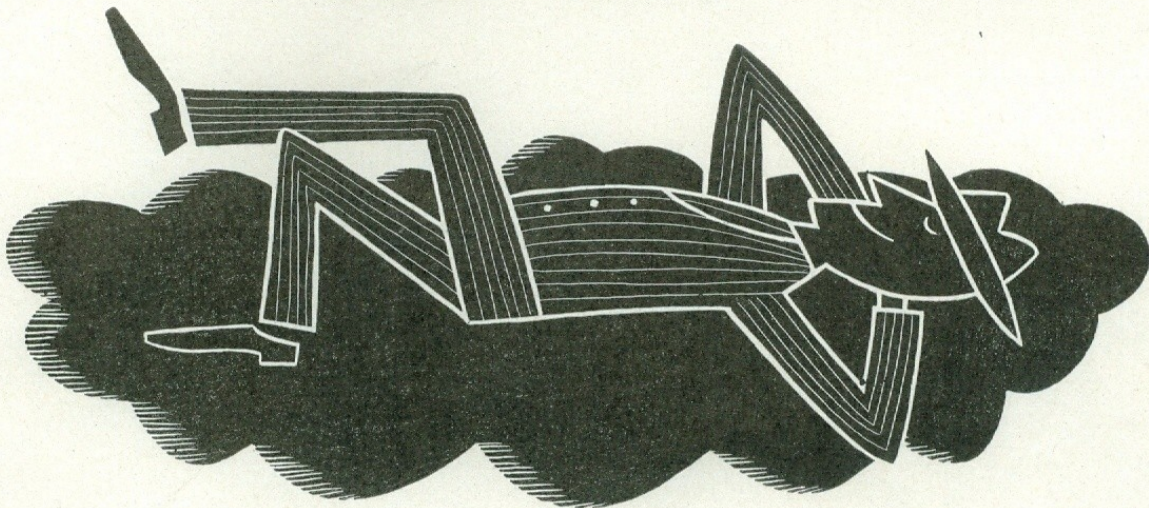


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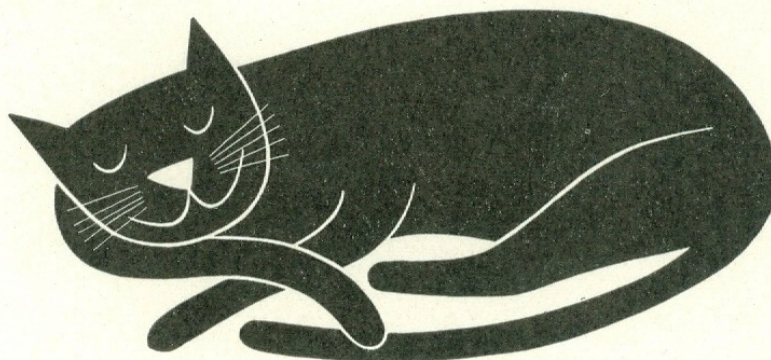


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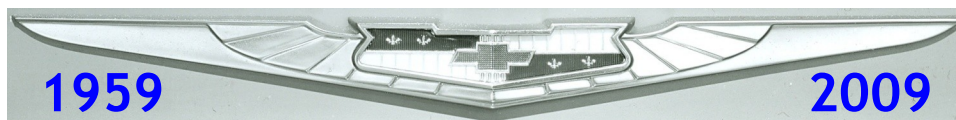
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Corvair Golden Anniversary Dates



January

23 - First Corvair Production Prototype

February

First Corvair advertising is created

April

Production begins on Corvair aluminum engine components at the Chevrolet Massena, NY foundry

May

22 – GM officially announces it will build a small car called the Corvair

June

Corvair engine production begins in Tonawanda, NY

July

1 – First Corvair Press Conference held at the Detroit Athletic Club

7 – First Production Corvair is built at Willow Run

15 – The first long-lead auto writer drives a Corvair at the GM Proving Grounds

September

10 – The Chevrolet National Sales Convention and Press Review are held

October

2 – The Corvair goes on sale

NCC thanks Dave Newell and the Corvair Preservation Foundation for providing this information and it is reprinted here with their permission.



Upcoming Events

August 2009

**1-2 CNW Swap Meet and Discontinued
and Orphan Show, Issaquah, WA**

**1-2 Swap Meet at Kent Sullivan's
Car Show at the XXX in Issaquah, WA**

**8 Camano Island Car Show
Camano Senior Center
Camano Island, WA**

**15 LaConner Classic Car Show
LaConner, WA**

**16 NCC August Outing
Morsk Residence**

September 2009

**10 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant**

October 2009

**2 Corvair 50th Anniversary Gala
Hinton Chevrolet, Lynden, WA**

**8 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant**

**11 Vairs in the Vineyard
3rd Annual Skagit Valley Winery Tour**