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Holidays are Brighter for NCC Members



Displaying the exuberance that finding the perfect bottle of wine can cause, NCC members Larri Oien and Vic Kukrall are shown in the Glacier Peak Winery tasting room on the recent NCC Skagit Valley Winery Tour. Also visible in the photo are, (from F to R) Debbie Grainger, Mary Ann Chellis, Lauren Burton, and Fred Heffley. More pictures from that event can be found on pages 6-7.

Meeting Agenda 12/12/2009

- NCC Christmas Part at Fred & Gale's House.
- Eat, Drink, and have a good time!
- And be merry, too!



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Through the Gears

For those who may remember, my December 2008 column closed with the following words:

But as I write this, all I can hope for is to be here next year stating that 2009 was a very good year for the North Cascades Corvairs car club.

From this knothole, it looks to me that the North Cascades Corvairs (NCC) car club has enjoyed another very good year during 2009. Overcoming all the uncertainties facing many of our sponsors, we were able to successfully hold two car shows this year. Membership in NCC now totals 35 Corvair enthusiasts. Fred Croydon continues to find new items to add to our line of NCC merchandise. Thanks to our webmaster Jeff Lee, our website remains attractive and up to date with the latest NCC, regional, and national Corvair activities.

In addition, the club had several firsts this year. We had a booth at the Mount Vernon Swap Meet and Pacific Northwest Historic races. NCC was awarded the club participation award at the Jerry Smith Chevrolet car show last July. Three NCC members swept the LM closed class at CNW's Orphan Show last summer. And of course the once in a lifetime recently completed 50th Corvair Anniversary Gala.

The NCC Sweetheart cruise proved to be very popular again. We even got a full color rear cover picture in the *Corsa Communique*. NCC was one of three Corvair clubs named in a club news article on Corvair 50th anniversary events in *Hemmings Classic Car*. The club sponsored Skagit Valley Winery tour was enjoyed by the members who took part. Other members have chosen to become more active in auto crossing events.

Once again, a big NCC thank you goes out to our increasing number of sponsors for supporting us throughout the year. Please consider them first when in need of the specialized services they can provide. Appearing this month for the first time is an ad for Karl Sturdy's distributor testing and repair service. Thanks to Karl my Corsa no longer pings and I can finally run the full vacuum advance without the need to run premium fuel.

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North Cascades Corvairs (NCC) is chartered Chapter 982 of the Corvair Society of America, (CORSAs). 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.

NCC Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2009

The meeting, held at the Eagle Crest Restaurant was called to order by President Bill Chellis at 7:00.

Attendees

Jim Acker, John Barnes, Bill & MaryAnn Chellis, Andy Clark, Fred Croydon, Gordy Croydon, Paul Hintz, Beverly Kaufman, Greg King, Vic Kukrall, Dan & Trent Morsk, Wally McKinley, Gale Pfueller, and Ron Zentner

Minutes were approved, as published in the newsletter.

NCC Treasurers report, included separately.

Old business

Nominations were opened for officer elections, next month.

President Bill Chellis announced that the club "family" membership has increased to 35 (61 when family members are included).

New Business

CORSA financial problems were discussed for the purpose of determining our club's response to several National Club Issues. Jim Acker commented on the unlikely-hood of CORSA being able to maintain membership due to age of the current members and the fact that few new car collectors are old enough to have grown-up with the Corvair. They are considering many ways of increasing membership and reducing operating costs. Bill Chellis noted that one approach, to assess chapters (in the form of a \$50 annual filing fee) for lack of 100% CORSA membership, has occurred. We discussed whether the club treasury should cover this cost, or if non-CORSA members should be assessed the approximately \$5 more in dues required. Bill's recommendation, to just pay the fee was accepted.

Bill presented information of the "Fitch Sprint" restoration project currently underway by the Corvair Preservation Foundation. They are looking for parts and/or funds to purchase parts. There were several comments, but no NCC support will be offered at this time. Any support will be by individual members.

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NCC Meeting Minutes cont'd

New Business (cont'd)

Bill announced that we had been offered an opportunity to purchase an advertisement in Cruzin' Magazine. Since the lowest plan exceeds our total budget, the decision was made to decline the offer.

Several members expressed interest in group participation in day-use of a local racetrack for "Testing Suspensions", etc. Jim Acker and Dan Morsk offered to look into this as a possibility for next year.

Holiday Meeting

Fred and Gale have generously offered to host next months club meeting, to be a Holiday Potluck Affair. It will be on Saturday December 12.

A motion to contribute \$200 to a local food bank was seconded and approved. After some discussion we chose to support the Stanwood (school district area) food bank. Members will also be bringing food donations to the Holiday Meeting for delivery to the food bank.

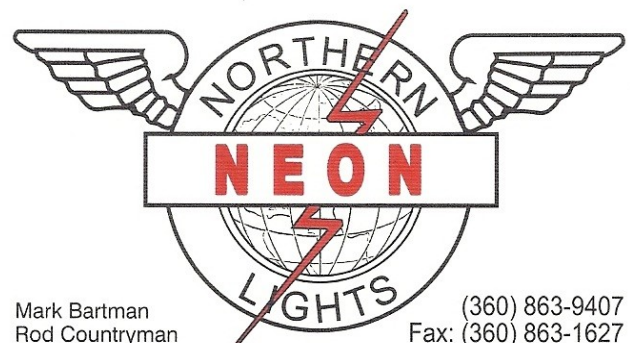
Upcoming Events

December Meeting Dec. 12 at Fred and Gale's

Items for Sale-or Purchase

None at this time.

Ron Zentner, Secretary



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NCC Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2009

Checking Account

Balance Forward **\$797.79**

Income

Dues	\$ 60.00
Advertisements	\$ 50.00
Raffle	\$ 31.00
Merchandise	\$ 34.00
Donations	\$ 0.50
BECU Interest	\$ 0.19

Total Income **\$175.69**

Expenses

50th Anniv. Gala Food	\$100.00
NW Car Calendars	\$ 8.00
Stanwood Food Bank	\$200.00
CORSA Dues	\$ 50.00
Merchandise	\$ 6.50

Total Expenses **\$364.50**

Ending Balance **\$608.98**

Savings Account

Ending Balance **\$ 5.01**

November 30, 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.

Celebrating The 50th Anniversary



Of The Chevrolet Corvair

Through the Gears (cont'd)

Lastly, I want to thank all the NCC members, particularly the people who support the club by participating in NCC sponsored events and attending the monthly meetings. It would be impossible to continue on as a club without them. And speaking of the club, please consider club merchandise in your gift giving plans this year. NCC has several reasonably priced, attractive high quality items to choose from. Contact Fred Croydon for ordering information.

Having survived and grown this year I am more optimistic about the classic car hobby than I was at this time last year. Nevertheless, CORSA and NCC have some challenges in the upcoming year. Hopefully the club can work through those issues so at this time next year we can say:

2010 was a very good year for the North Cascades Corvairs car club.

So on that note I would like to extend the following greeting to all the members and friends of the North Cascades Corvairs car club:

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Bill

Seasons Greetings

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Vairs in the Vineyards

Photos by Fred Croydon



Vairs in the Vineyards

Photos by Fred Croydon



The Next Generation!



Former NCC member and current proud granddad Ron Thompson sent me this photo of his grandson Noah Edward Laessig recently. Ron believes that you are never too young to appreciate the Corvaire. And check out the classy head gear on the handsome lad.

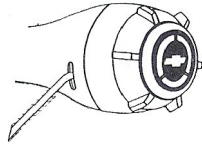
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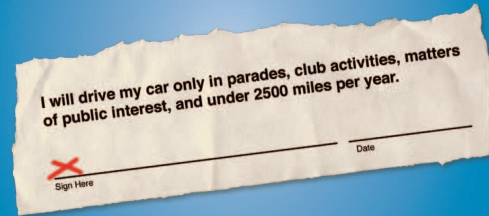
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Corvair Special Exhibit October 2— December 31, 2009



October 2nd of this year marks the 50th anniversary of the unveiling of America's First massed produced rear engine, air cooled automobile—the Corvair. In recognizing this special automotive history the National Corvette Museum will host a 6,000 sq. ft. exhibit solely featuring the Corvair. The Corvair was produced from 1960 through 1969.

Besides the first year four-door sedan and two-door coupe, the Chevrolet Corvair fleet included a station wagon (Lakewood), pick-up truck (Rampside and Loadside), panel van (Corvan), passenger van (Greenbrier), Spyder, Corsa and other specialty versions like the Fitch Sprint and the Yenko Stinger. Visitors to the museum will not only see over 80 Corvettes on display, but also some of the finest Corvairs in the country including the following: 1960 Sedan; 1964 Spyder Convertible; 1961 Lakewood; 1969 Monza Convertible; 1966 Corsa Coupe; 1966 Yenko Stinger; 1965 Fitch Sprint; 1963 Rampside; 1964 Coupe; 1966 Sedan; 1965 Greenbrier and 1964 4-Door Sedan.

The exhibit offers the chance to take an informative stroll down memory lane and learn about the rise and demise of the Corvair, and their similarities with the Corvette. The display will be on exhibit from October 2 through December 31, 2009 and is included with regular Museum admission.

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year



Upcoming Events

December 2009

12 NCC Christmas Party

Fred & Gale's House
Social—5 PM, Dinner—6 PM



25 Christmas Day (USA & Canada)

26 Boxing Day (Canada)

January 2010

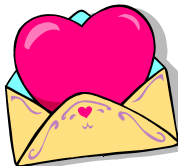
1 New Years Day

14 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM



February 2010

11 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM



14 Valentines Day

TBD Sweetheart Cruise

March 2010

11 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

June 2010

5 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering

10 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

21-25 CORSA International Convention
Cedar Rapids, IA