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NCC Revamps Website *Several New Links Added*



In the second of a series of steps that have been taken to broaden the North Cascades Corvairs (NCC) car club presence in the collector car world, Jeff has revised the NCC website links page to include a link to the Snap-on Tool Collector site. A picture of the Snap-on home page is shown above. The first step occurred last month when we agreed to allow a link to the NCC website to be placed on the Snap-on tool collector website. See my monthly column on page 2 for more details on what we have been up to.

Meeting Agenda 2/11/2010

- New Officer Installation
- Last meeting's minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Membership
- Old Business
- New Business
- Upcoming Events
- Items wanted/for sale

Through the Gears

Farewell Message

As most of you should now by now, Fred Croydon will be taking over as President of the North Cascades Corvairs car club in February, so this will be my last column. Once again, I ask all NCC members to join with me in wishing Fred and the other new officers all the best as our club moves on.

But some things never seem to change. A review of my column from last February reveals a deep disagreement in the Corvair community on how best to ensure the future of CORSA. Unfortunately, it seems to me that over the last year the disagreement has become more bitter and in some cases, personal. I have shared my thoughts about CORSA with some of you on this, and frankly those feelings played a large part in my decision to step down as NCC president.

Last week I received a disturbing message from Galen Laird about the Corvair Gathering. It is increasingly looking like Hinton Chevrolet will no longer support the show. A final decision on the show's fate will be made on February 4th, but Galen has cautioned me that it does not look promising.

Shifting gears to some more positive news, Jeff has once again updated and improved the usability of the NCC website. He has added several new links and by categorizing them made the links page more user friendly. An Automobilia category has been added to include non-Corvair sites like the Snap-On tool site pictured on the cover. The short story on how that came about is that the owner of the site contacted us because of the interesting story he read about NCC on *our website*. It is my belief that if the Corvair hobby wants to remain viable in the long term, we need a more visible presence in the collector car world. Sadly, (see paragraph 2 above) I feel that is not taking place.

Continuing the good news on Page 5 we have an interesting story from Terry Beneze about an unexpected Corvair acquisition. You never know where a classic Corvair will turn up!

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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.

NCC Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2010

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

Attendees

John Barnes, Terry Beneze, Bill & MaryAnn Chellis, Andy Clark, Fred Croydon, Gordy Croydon, Graham and Nancy Dell, Fred and Tawney Heffley, Paul and Ruth Hintz, Beverly Kaufman, Greg King, Wally McKinley, Dale Palmer, and Ron Zentner.

NCC Treasurers report, included separately.

Old business

Nominations were again opened for election of officers. Fred Croydon accepted the nomination for President. Ruth Hintz agreed to run for Treasurer, Ron Zentner for Secretary, and, Andy Clark for Vice-President. Nominees were unanimously elected.

Last months Holiday meeting hosted by Fred and Gale was a great success. Our \$200 contribution to the Stanwood Food Bank was supplemented by generous donations of food items by our members. The gift exchange was carried-over and completed during today's meeting.

New Business

New members Graham and Nancy Dell were welcomed to their first NCC meeting.

Bill passed around information on a popular Kart Track Facility available for rent to groups such as ours. This could make-for a good future outing for the club.

Bill announced that the 2010 North Cascades Corvairs Sweetheart Cruise will depart from the Stanwood Park-and-Ride, and end at the Islander Restaurant, at Terry's Corner on Camano Is. Details to follow, via email.

A raffle completed the meetings activities.

Continued in next column...

NCC Meeting Minutes cont'd

Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be Feb. 11 at the Eagle Crest Restaurant; 6:00 for dinner, with business at 7:00.

2010 NCC Sweetheart Cruise. Departs 1:30 PM February 21, from Stanwood Park-and-Ride.

Items for Sale-or Purchase

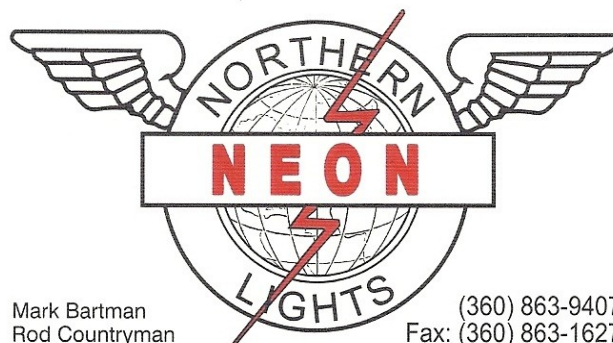
None at this time.

Ron Zentner, Secretary



Breaking News!!

NCC Selects New Officers!
Complete results in next
month's newsletter.



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NCC Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2009

Checking Account

Balance Forward **\$644.01**

Income

Dues	\$200.00
Raffle	\$ 57.00
NW Calendars	\$ 20.00
BECU Interest	\$ 0.13

Total Income **\$277.13**

Expenses

Christmas Gift	\$100.00
Web Domain	\$ 10.00

Total Expenses **\$110.00**

Ending Balance **\$811.14**

Savings Account

Ending Balance **\$ 5.01**

January 31, 2010

BECU procedure:

Accounts merged/closed	\$811.14
	\$ 5.01
	\$816.15
BECU Fees	\$ 0.95
Closing Check	\$815.20

Beverly Kaufman, Treasurer

The North Cascades Corvairs line of quality merchandise

We have t-shirts (\$20), mugs (\$12), and hats (\$16.50) available for immediate or one day delivery. Coasters, mouse pads, tote bags, covers and ceramic tiles can be ordered. Shipping costs charged at a slight additional cost.

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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.

Terry and Claudia's Corvair

Words and photos by Terry Benezé

It was one of those coincidental finds. We were out for breakfast at a place in Chelan last summer. One of our friends had seen us the day before driving our V8 Corvair. It jogged his memory that he knew someone who had this 1964 Spyder. This man had purchased 130 acres outside of Chelan and found almost 50 cars and one airplane on the land. The 90 year old former owner had died and his family in California came and took the airplane but had no interest in the mostly 1970's era cars. This car was selected for a restoration, but the new owner got distracted with a 1968 Ford convertible and lost interest. When we went to look at the car after breakfast (immediately after!) we found an almost complete car that had been sitting since 1993...as long as our V8 car had sat!

Amazingly, the car was intact. All the Spyder and Turbo emblems were there. All the parts were there except the turbo, which I have since bought another. The engine is a correct year YR which I believe is the original. All the gauges and chrome and everything was there! So we bought it on the spot and had it hauled home.

Now we had 3 Corvairs. So we had a 30 x 30 garage built which we christened the Cor-age to hold and restore all these great cars! Of course, the 1964 has some rust but not as bad as I would have expected. I bought an entire set of new replacement floor pans for \$40! It needed tires as all four were different size rims and worn out tires. So I had 4 rims powder-coated and B.F. Goodrich radial wide whites installed so it would roll easy. The garage (Cor-age) has just been completed and hopefully the insulation and drywall (and heater!) will be installed before the end of the month so I can get going on painting the other two cars and fixing the rust and painting this one.

We removed all the emblems and chrome and spent an entire weekend polishing. It doesn't show in the photos, but we have both bumpers in great shape with spares for each end. The trunk was packed with spare parts like rubber parts contained within a tupperware with a little bit of oil to keep things moist. Brand new window fuzzys, brand new headers (for sale) and mufflers, wrapped up door panels and visors and that kind of stuff. In the passenger compartment we found boxes and boxes of old CORSA stuff and papers indicating the previous owner had been very active in a Corvair Club in Minnesota. Lots of auto cross stuff, too. Most were thrown away due to moisture damage, but I spent a whole day reading it and recording names and dates. Very interesting.

I think it will be good to resurrect this machine. We're pretty excited about the Spyder. And hopefully, it will be up and running by summer and Claudia will join me in bringing it to a run one weekend.



The Cor-age at Chelan
built to hold our 3 Corvairs

Additional images are shown on Page 6.

Terry & Claudia's Corvair

Photos by Terry Benezé



Through the Gears (cont'd)

The 2010 Sweetheart Cruise itinerary is almost set. I should have a copy by our next meeting. Briefly, we will depart from the Stanwood Park and Ride (Exit 212 NB and SB I-5) no later than 1:30 PM on Sunday February 21st and drive out to the Lake Cavanaugh area. We will gather at Islanders Restaurant on Camano Island after the cruise ends. One change this year is that if we have inclement weather that day, we will cancel the cruise and just gather at Islanders. All the details will be on the itinerary. For those who can't make the meeting, I'll have some on the day of the cruise.

Despite a couple of bumps in the road, the reins of NCC leadership are being passed on in an orderly fashion. This helps to ensure the long term viability of NCC and all members should be pleased with that. Over the last three years I have tried to create an inclusive and open atmosphere within NCC. Our membership growth and retention during a miserable economy leads me to believe that I have been moderately successful in that goal.

So now I am looking forward to having some more time to work on my cars. Take care and I'll see you around.

Bill



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Dick, Annette and Troy Hull

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Graham and Nancy Dell

Coupeville, WA

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CORSA CORNER

By [Jamie Reinhart](#) Central Division Director
(A special column for select chapter newsletters)

There has been a lot of talk lately about increasing CORSA membership and the future of CORSA, so I began to formulate a membership concept and a plan for the future, using ideas from many members. This is a quick overview of the end result. If you are interested in the complete plan, you can contact me at jtreinhart@omnitelcom.com and I will send you a copy.

Here is the first piece of the plan. As a CORSA member and Central Director I would like to be able to communicate and provide valuable services to as many people as possible. These services need to be paid for. This has been done two ways in the past, by members paying CORSA dues, and for chapters that don't have 100% CORSA membership, a chapters filing fee. The dues have been rising to offset the cost of services, but the filing fee has not. The fee is small and fixed, so it does not cover the CORSA provided services, mostly administration and insurance fees, for all of the non-CORSA members in some chapters. This has been a point of contention for many years, but I believe all members, CORSA and chapter members alike want to do their part and pay for the services they receive. There are three obvious ways to solve this problem. Raise the dues, change the filing fee to a per person fee, or mandate 100% CORSA membership from chapters. A better solution would be if we added more value to CORSA membership by adding a choice of three separately priced membership levels, and more services. Here is a short description of the membership tiers and the added services.

Tier 1 should be priced to make it cost effective for those who wish to participate in CORSA events, pay for their portion of CORSA insurance and administration fees, utilize the benefits of the CORSA website, and have a vote in CORSA business, but have no desire to receive a Communique. Tier 2 members will opt to receive an e-communique, instead of a printed issue, at a lesser fee than tier 3, with all the normal CORSA benefits, and Tier 3 members will receive a printed Communique and all the benefits they do presently.

This three tiered membership concept could eliminate the chapters filing fee, and help non-CORSA members become members. Chapters could add the minimal tier 1 dues onto the chapter's dues of their non-CORSA members, as a service fee. The member will automatically become a tier 1 member and receive the extra CORSA benefits. Or they could use the money slated for the chapter filing fee and some discretionary money, to sign up a few, or all their non-CORSA members.

To add greater value to all membership tiers, the CORSA website is being redesigned, and additional services are being added, namely a Corvair Wikipedia section and the Commscan Project. The Commscan project is a group of individuals dedicated to scan and create electronic PDF files of all CORSA publications from the last 40 years. It will include a word searchable index so members can find specific articles, or they may choose to use the files for just plain reading enjoyment. The Commscan project will take a considerable amount of time to complete, but will be well worth the wait. The Wiki will be available soon on the CORSA website for members to start downloading information into. Both projects will more than likely be placed behind the membership benefits area of the website, and only available to CORSA members. There will also be selected excerpts of each, on the public portion of the website, to act as a promotional tool and demonstrate the value of CORSA membership.

Because of the additional content, and the change in behavior of society to use more and more electronic communication, the CORSA website will become the most important piece for future communication and recruitment. Each piece of this plan creates a section of a large circle that will continue to link us together for many years, even if familiar services like the printed Communique or the International Convention cease to exist.

This plan includes changes, but they are needed to sustain CORSA. I have always been leery of change, but not afraid of it. Are you?

Please feel free to contact me or any CORSA Director with your comments or concerns. Our contact information is in the Communique or on the CORSA website. Thanks.

Jamie Reinhart (jtreinhart@omnitelcom.com or 563-547-5282)

CORSA Central Director

2010 North Cascades Corvairs Sweetheart Cruise



Date: February 21, 2010

Destination: Lake Cavanaugh Area

Time: We will depart the I-5 Stanwood P&R (NB and SB Exit 212) no later then 1:30 P.M.

President-elect Fred Croydon adds:
Let's kick off a great year with the first event being the Sweetheart Cruise on February 21!

Contact Bill Chellis at 360-387-0425 or chelvis@camano.net for more information

We will gather at Islander's restaurant on Camano Island after the cruise. A link to their website is:

<http://www.islandersrestaurantandbar.com/>

One more thing. This event will be held rain or shine.

Celebrating The 50th Anniversary



Of The Chevrolet Corvair

National Corvair Day Event Proposed

Rod Murray from Vintage Corsa has come up with what I consider a brilliant idea that has the promise to eliminate CORSA's annual budget deficit. A framework of his plan is listed below:

The potential revenue from this proposed annual CORSA-sponsored event can realistically generate \$10 per participant for an easy-to-organize, fun-&-easy-to-participate-in, all-inclusive event executed within local chapters across the country. Again, assuming just 2,500 of our 4,600 members participate in Year One, that's \$25K directly into CORSA's 2010 budget - WITHOUT RAISING DUES! May I suggest we make October 2nd an organized annual "NATIONAL DRIVE YOUR CORVAIR DAY".

If you find this idea promising, I suggest contacting your CORSA directors and officers and making them aware of your position on this proposal.



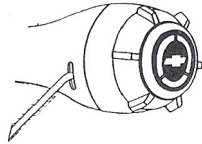
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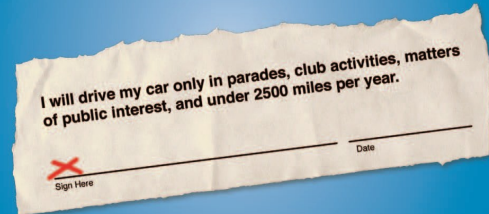
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Upcoming Events

February 2010



11 NCC Club Meeting

Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

12 Lincoln's Birthday (USA)

14 Valentines Day

15 President's Day (USA)

21 NCC Sweetheart Cruise

22 Washington's Birthday (USA)

March 2010

11 NCC Club Meeting

Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

14 Daylight Savings Time Begins

April 2010

8 NCC Club Meeting

Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

17 Mount Vernon Swap Meet

May 2010

13 NCC Club Meeting

Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

June 2010

TBD Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering

10 NCC Club Meeting

Eagle Crest Restaurant
Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

11-13 NW EconoRun

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21-25 CORSA International Convention
Cedar Rapids, IA