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From Sea to Shining Sea... Corvairs Gather in Lynden



East Coast, West Coast, Corvairs from across the nation converged in Lynden for the 2009 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering. Shown above are the 1963 Spyder of NCC's newest member, Mike Klaus and Sue Thomas' 1964 four door with factory air. More on the gathering, including the story of how a Corvair from Maine made it to the show and several pages of pictures begins on page 11.

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Meeting Agenda 7/19/2009

NCC Picnic (Fred and Gale's House) Eat... Drink... **BS** about Corvairs! **** $\frac{1}{2}$ ☆ ☆ ☆ North Cascades $\stackrel{\bigstar}{} \stackrel{\checkmark}{} \stackrel{\leftarrow}{}$ ☆ **Corvairs Officers** $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$ President $\overset{}{\leftrightarrow} \overset{}{\leftrightarrow} \overset{}{\to} \overset{}{\to}$ **Bill Chellis** Vice-President $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$ $\overset{}{\checkmark}$ Dan Morsk ☆ Secretary \checkmark Ron Zentner ☆ ☆ ☆ Treasurer Beverly Kaufman ☆ ☆ ☆ $\overset{}{\sim}$ **Membership** $\overset{\frown}{\Delta}$ Lauren Burton ☆ ☆ ☆ Web Master ☆ ☆ Jeff Lee ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Through the Gears

With all apologies to Mark Twain, it appears that reports of a lack of interest in Corvairs have been greatly exaggerated. The phenomenal turnout of Corvairs at the 2009 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering certainly has buried that rumor! More on this fantastic event and plenty of pictures can be found on pages 11 to 14.

One week after the Hinton event, several NCC club members traveled east several hundred miles for the annual Northwest EconoRun. This year's event was hosted by the Inland Northwest Corvair Club and was held in Coeur d'Alene, ID. More on the show and several photos from the event can be found in Lauren Burton's article beginning on page 5.

The last Sunday in June means it is time for a car show closer to home, the Twin City Idlers show in Stanwood. Andy Clark has worked out an arrangement with the Idlers to be parked in the PUD parking lot. We came close to be the largest non-host group in attendance with 10 Corvairs present. Two pages of pictures from the show start on page 16.

As this issue goes to print, five NCC members are preparing for the Pacific Northwest Historics (PNWH) Car Corral on July 4th. The car corral is held in conjunction with the vintage auto races at Pacific Raceways in Kent. I felt that since this year is the Corvair's 50th anniversary and the featured marque at this years PNWH event is Chevrolet, this was the year for us to attend. While the car corral participants are all set, spectators can still buy tickets at the gate. A full report on this event will appear in a future newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter, at this time the editorial staff is undecided on publishing an August newsletter. It is nice to allow the editorial staff to take a break from the monthly deadlines and catch up with aging honey-do items. However, look for a condensed version with just some pictures from the Historics event and Anacortes show to show up in your inbox.

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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 <u>http://northcascadescorvairs.org</u>, 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.

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NCC Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2009

Meeting held at the Eagle Crest Restaurant in Arlington. Very good turnout, sixteen members were present. President Bill Chellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

May's meeting minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as written in the Newsletter. Bill motioned and Fred seconded.

Lauren reported on our newest members, Keith and Joy Klemm, Mike Klaus and Eric Guenter.

Old business

- The group talked about the great turnout at the Hinton Show. Bill mentioned that plans were being developed for a Corvair 50th anniversary celebration in October at Hinton's.
- Bill mentioned that the Econorun was this coming weekend.
- Bill reported that there was consideration by CORSA to make the \$50 Chapter Filing Fee a suggested "donation".

New Business

- Thank you notes for Hinton show sponsors was discussed.
- Summer time meetings After a brief discussion it was decided that the July meeting will be held at Fred and Gale's home in LaConner immediately after the Jerry Smith Car show on July 19th. The August place and date remains TBD.

Raffle Winners

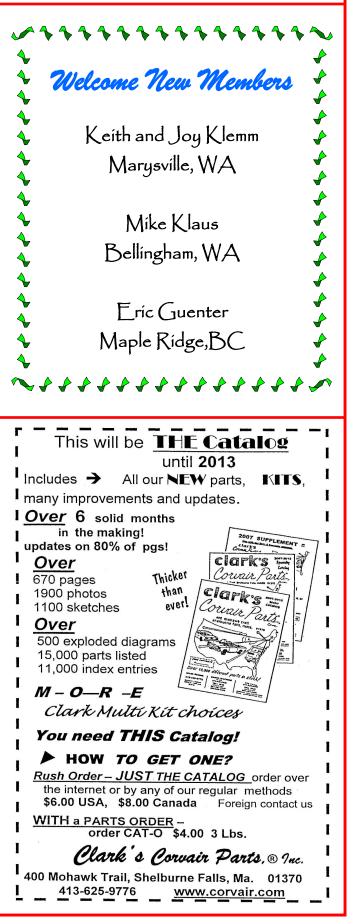
- Vic Kukrall Eagle Crest Gift Certificate
- Terry Beneze Hamann's Gallery Art Work
- Keith Klemm Clark's Oil Filter

Items for Sale-or Purchase

Lauren finally located some wire wheel covers she wanted.

Terry Beneze had a set.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.



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NCC Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2009 <u>Checking Account</u> Balance Forward	\$650.63
Income	
Dues	\$ 40.00
Merchandise	\$110.00
Raffle Tickets	\$132.00
BECU Interest	\$ 0.17
Total Income	\$282.17
Expenses	
Misc. Expenses	
(President)	<u>\$185.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$185.00
Ending Balance	\$747.80
<i>Savings Account</i> Ending Balance June 30, 2009	\$ 5.01

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, totes, pillow covers and ceramic tiles can be special ordered. Shipping can be arranged at a slight additional cost.

You can order by contacting Fred Croydon at: fredngale@wavecable.com

An <u>order form</u> is available at our club web site.





Beverly Kaufman, Treasurer

North Cascades Corvairs Business Cards

The example here shows the front of my card, and if you would like to have some of your own, call or write me, and let me know what you would like on yours. The card stock I use, printable on both sides, allows a picture of your car on the back. I can produce them for about ten cents each. So, for a dollar you can have a sheet of ten cards. Just get me a picture of your car in the pose of your choice.



Fred Croydon

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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 \$38.00. For more information, including a membership form, contact CORSA at the following website: www.corvair.org CORSA email is: corvair.

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2009 Northwest Econo Run

Text and Photos By Lauren Burton

The 2009 Econo Run in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho was a fun experience. I was able to attend the show by the generosity of Dan Morsk and his son Trent. We met up at a Bellevue park and ride for the long trek over I -90 to the event. All went well chatting and playing cards, until Moses Lake, where we were hammered with heavy rain and pea sized hail for 20 minutes.

We arrived at the host hotel, took Dan's Corvair off the trailer and we hit the cruise downtown. Upon arrival we chatting with other Corvair owners, watching cars drive by and looking at the awesome display of automobiles, then jumped in the car for the cruise.

What a shock as we turned on to Sherman, the main street sidewalks, bars and restaurants were PACKED with spectators. Some of the locations were 4 rows deep with people of all ages. This event must have tripled the number of citizen normally in town for a Friday night.



Saturday started way too early, but quickly 34.5 Corvairs lined a City block, as the sun baked all the attendees looking for shade and a cool drink. The day concluded with a BBQ hosted at Craig Nichol's lovely home, where several door prizes and the awards were given away. Kent Sullivan was given the lovely Corvair Revolving Revolting Trophy, for having several Corvairs and not driving one to the event! Ending the evening was the announcement of the Econo Run location for next year; the Portland club will be hosting.

Sunday, several Corvair owners took the journey to the Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center located in Sandpoint, Idaho. I did not take this journey. Dan and Trent traveled to Silverwood Amusement Park, while I hitched a ride home with Ray Chappell. We traveled with Sean and Pam Jones meeting up for lunch with Dean and Estele Smith in Ellensburg. Pam stated "I am hearing a metal to metal SCHREEECH." There was a triage session in the parking lot, thinking the noise was being created by a brake pad recently replaced, Sean and Pam choose to drive home.. We all stayed in touch and drove pretty close, until mile post 53 on I-90, Ray and I came upon a white Corvair pulled over to the side of the road, just short of the Hyak Lake exit, soon after Dean and Estele arrived. Sean was on the phone with AAA, arranging for a tow. Darn, they were so close to home. It took the tow truck 2 hours to finally come and get Sean and Pam.

- Econo Run —> \$300+
- Corvair repairs —> Never ending
- Corvairs driving in packs —> Priceless

Editor's Note: More pictures from the Econo Run can be found at the following link:

http://northcascadescorvairs.org/photos/2009/econorun_p1.html

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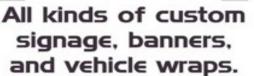




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Corvair 50th Anniversary Coins Dave Newell

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 strik-

ing 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!



Through the Gears (cont'd)

I am pleased to be able to publish this month one of a series of "teaser ads" Chevy ran prior to the Corvair's public introduction back in 1959. Once again NCC thanks Dave Newell and the Corvair Preservation Foundation for the material and permission to print. The ad appears on page 15.

Lastly, as decided at June's meeting, NCC's July meeting will be held at Fred and Gale's house. The meeting will begin immediately after leaving the Jerry Smith Chevrolet show in Anacortes on July 19th. A map and directions will be sent out next week. Hope to see you at the show you and at Fred and Gale's!





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 preregister before September 15th. There is no fee. Open to the public. Food, door prizes, raffle and dash plaques.

Contact Bill Chellis. 360-387-0425 chelvis@camano.net

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2009 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering

I don't know about you folks, but I am still elated over the results of this year's Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering. Despite a gloomy economy, thirty four Corvairs from Washington, British Columbia and even Maine came together in Lynden on an early June Saturday morning. I'd say this is a remarkable achievement for a small Corvair car club in the Northwest and all NCC members who participated that day should be proud of this. Still, one question remains. Just how did that Corvair from Maine get to the show?

Not sure now how my first impression of this story became so garbled, so I will let the Corvair's owner Mike Klaus tell it:

I was born in Sedro Woolley, and although I moved away when I was very young, I always returned for summers. After many years in New England, it was time to begin a new phase of life closer to relatives. I choose Bellingham because I wanted the rural life, but also wanted the culture and fun of a University town.



My Corvair (a 63 Spyder convertible, that I have owned for fifteen years) was transported out here in the moving van with the furniture. It arrived safely, but with a broken rear wheel brake cylinder... so a quick brake job was done just in time to get me and the Corvair to Hinton's Chevrolet on my FIRST weekend in Washington. It has been great meeting the nice folks in North Cascades Corvair Club!

For more on Mike's time in Maine long time CORSA members can check out the July 1998 issue of the Communique for an article on the Corvairs of Maine. Turn to page 12 and you will find the feature on Mike and his Spyder.

Once more, I want to thank Fred and Tawney Heffley for their outstanding job in obtaining sponsors for the Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering. In addition, I want thank them and my wife Mary Ann for their tireless operation at the registration table on the day of the show.

The Club wishes to thank Fred Croydon and Mike Klaus for providing the pictures from this event.

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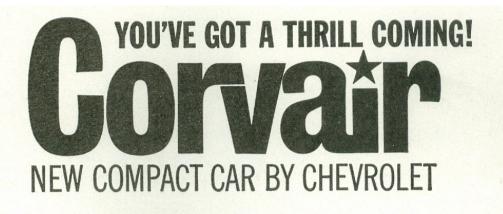
Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering June 6, 2009 Sponsors

The North Cascades Corvairs car club wants to thank the following donors for their support of the 2009 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering:

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For more information contact

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NCC Mystery Photo of the Month



Most NCC members will recognize the man on the right as Dan Morsk. But this month's mystery is: can you identify the man on the left standing next to Dan? In fairness to everyone, I reserve the right to exclude responses from anyone who attended the recent EconoRun. The answer will be posted in the next newsletter.



Shown above is Fred Heffley's gorgeous 1964 Spyder convertible and the two trophies he took at the Sumas Car Show on June 27th.

The awards were for best stock 1960-1969 and Best of Show. Fred's Spyder also took best stock 1960-1969 at the recent car show at Foothills Toyota in Burlington.

Corvair Golden Anniversary Dates



<u>January</u> 23 - First Corvair Production Prototype

February First Corvair advertising is created

<u>April</u>

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

<u>May</u> 22 – GM officially announces it will build a small car called the Corvair

<u>June</u>

Corvair engine production begins in Tonawanda, NY

<u>July</u>

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

<u>October</u>

2 – The Corvair goes on sale

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Upcoming Events

JULY 2009

1 Canada Day 3-5 Pacific Northwest Historics Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA

4 Independence Day



13-17 CORSA International Convention Jacksonville, FL

18 Raspberry Festival Cruise-In Lynden, WA



19 Open Class Car Show Jerry Smith Chevrolet Anacortes, WA

19 NCC Club Meeting Fred & Gales House after Open Class Car Show

<u>August 2009</u>

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

> **NCC Club Meeting** *Date and Location TBD*

September 2009

10 NCC Club Meeting Eagle Crest Restaurant