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2010 Car Show Season Off to a Sunny Start



Enjoying a rare sunny Saturday morning are NCC members (clockwise from the top left), Andy Clark, Graham Dell (seated), Lauren Burton and Greg King and Andy Clark. The smiling trio in the center photo are Daniel Morsk, Greg King and Ron Zentner. More pictures from the Foothills Toyota car show can be found on pages 6 and 7.

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Meeting Agenda 6/10/2010

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

Through the Gears

Our May 8 meeting at the Foothills Car Show went very well. There were thirteen Corvairs for the show, all lined up in the front row, thanks to coordination by Andy Clark and the cooperation of the show management. More members that could not have their cars ready, showed up for the meeting in the conference room. A very successful event, and I hope a harbinger of the rest of the season.

Debbie & John and Fred & Tawney have been working on the June 6 cruise to, and around, Birch Bay. They have a very scenic route planned that will take about an hour, and includes a couple of stops to view the sights. Lunch at a local restaurant will conclude the cruise. We are looking for another good turn out, as there were many hands raised at the meeting showing interest in this event.

Also in June, on Sunday the 27th, we are scheduled to attend the Twin City Idlers Show & Shine as a club. Arrangements have been made to have all the club Corvairs park in one area.

A couple more events were discussed and agreed upon at the meeting. First, a September 18 wine tour into British Columbia. Details still have to be worked out. Second, our annual Skagit Valley wine tour will be held on October 2nd, and be part of a world wide Corvair Heritage Day. More details will be dispensed as they are worked out.

The Razz & Shine, in conjunction with the Raspberry Festival in Lynden, is also on our schedule for Saturday July 17. Another event where the show will reserve space for all the Corvairs to be together if we notify them how many will show 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 or at one of the events NCC takes part in. For contacts, please see the list of officers shown in the column above. They can provide the latest information on NCC meeting or event dates, times and locations.

Please visit our website: http://northcascadescorvairs.org for much more information about our club, Corvairs and the Corvair Society of America, (CORSA). Club events, dates, times, and locations are published as soon as practical in *Vairious Times*.

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. All newsletter submissions are due by the 15th of the month prior to the next issue.

NCC Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2010

President Fred Croydon called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM. This meeting was held in the conference room of the Foothills Toyota Dealership, Burlington WA, as most of the NCC members present were displaying their Corvairs at the dealership's annual Classic Cars and Motorcycles Show.

Attendees

Lauren Burton, Andy and Vicki Clark, Fred Croydon and Gale Marple, Gordy Croydon, Debbie Grainger and John Sayer, Fred and Tawney Heffley, Paul and Ruth Hintz, Greg King, Vic Kukrall, Dan and Trent Morsk, and Ron Zentner.

NCC Treasurers report, included separately.

President Croydon announced that two of last years members have not paid their dues, or contacted us. For now, they will be kept on the books

Old business

Events—The Lynden Razz and Shine Cruise-In on July 17 remains our main summer get together for this year. The two Fred's are planning a site visit next month to check on details. If possible, we want to negotiate for a good spot where all our cars can be displayed together. Fred Heffley has been coordinating this event and will contact the show organizers in June.

Lots of interest was expressed for a June 6 outing to Birch Bay. Debbie recommended that we consider lunch at CJ's Beach House, and she passed around a menu. Details will be emailed. Check with Andy or with Fred Heffley if you have further questions.

Stanwood Idlers show June 27 is on our calendar. Andy reported we are likely to be able to park at the PUD lot as we did last year.

A day cruise to Sammish Island was discussed. The idea was tabled for now, to be reconsidered later in the summer.

Fred reminded us that he and Gale will be hosting a potluck get-together at their place in Shelter Bay in conjunction with the LaConner Classic Show, August 17.

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NCC Meeting Minutes cont'd

New Business

Fred announced that October 2 will be Corvair Heritage Day, sponsored by "Vintage CORSA". This is a national Corvair event whereby individual owners and clubs are encouraged to participate by displaying their cars, and contributing financially. A \$20 contribution gets a dash plaque t-shirt and donation to CORSA. Fred suggested we schedule our annual local winery cruise on the 2nd as our Heritage Day event. This was well received.

Debbie has been planning an across-the-border winery cruise, September 18. She is planning for an allday excursion into Southern BC. There was also lots of interest in this event. Debbie will come up with a route map and schedule.

The Saturday meeting worked out well. Continue planning on regular meetings being on the second Thursday evening of the month.

With the efforts we make to display our cars together, Fred Heffley naturally suggested that we develop a display board to tell about the Corvair and about NCC. Fred Croydon noted that we always have membership information available to hand out to prospective members. Someone also noted that any NCC oriented display would have to be approved by the show organizer. However, it was noted that displays with information about a particular car are common. Fred has display boards with car information which may be the start of an "about-Corvairs" display.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be June 10 at the regular time. With a social hour from 6:00 and business meeting starting at 7:00.

Ron Zentner, Secretary



NCC Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2010

Checking Account

Balance Forward \$1046.99

Income

Nothing Reported 0.00 **Total Income** 0.00

Expenses

Nothing Reported 0.00**Total Expenses** 0.00

Ending Balance \$1046.99

May 31, 2010

Ruth Hintz, Treasurer



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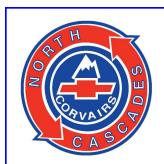
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CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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.

Through the Gears (Continued)

In the mean time, we are also schedule to attend the La Conner Classic Yacht and Car Show on August 14. Again, the show management has agreed to reserve space for all the club Corvairs to be parked in one area, as long as we notify them ahead of time on the quantity. The club meeting and potluck will be held at Fred & Gale's place in Shelter Bay directly after the show.

You may have noticed that we are working to have all the Corvairs in one place at these events. We can only do that if we notify the shows in advance, of the number of cars we expect. Early in the year Andy Clark volunteered to be the coordinator collecting, and disseminating, the information. We have used this several times now, and it is working well. Please notify Andy of the events you are planning to attend, and we will continue to have very successful gatherings.

Now on to the events that some of our members will attend, but we are not organized as a group. Bill Chellis is heading up a group going to the Econorun in Oregon on June 11, as well as the Pacific Northwest Historics on the Fourth of July weekend. And we certainly can't forget the Corvairs Northwest XXX show on the first of August.

Even for these events, Andy is at the center of communicating to all, as long as everyone lets him know they are attending an event. At our June meeting you should be prepared to notify him of your intent on both the Idlers show, and the Razz & Shine.

Sure seems like a busy summer for us.

Fred Croydon, President





Foothills Toyota Car Show













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Polishing Stainless Steel & Aluminum Trim

Text and Photos by Fred Croydon

Corvairs have lots of trim, and any restoration of these 40 and 50 year old cars should not be considered without addressing the issues of trim that is banged up or tarnished. While discussing the new paint job of my '65 Corvair with my son, who would be doing the body work and painting, it was noted that there were a few dings and scratches on the trim. His question was "Do you want me to put that trim back on, as it is, after I spend my time painting it to look better than new?"

The discussion quickly turned to how to get it done. He said we could buy new, or he could do it, but quickly said he would rather show me how, and the project would go faster. As an incentive, he said in the Portland area the better folks charge about \$100 a foot of trim. So he started the teaching. I also got on line and found much on the subject at a variety of web sites. Then I started on a couple of scrap pieces of aluminum cove trim from another '65. Then as I felt more comfortable, tried it on a rain gutter stainless strip.

The basic techniques are the same for both materials, in that the dents have to be pounded out, and the high spots knocked down. Then there is sanding the material smooth enough that you are able to buff and polish with the appropriate compounds. The major difference is that most of the aluminum is anodized, and that anodize has to be removed.

Identify Material

There is stainless steel, as in the trim around the front and back windows, and in the rain gutters. There is anodized aluminum, as in the rocker trim, wheel well trim, and the coves around the tail lights. There is un-anodized trim as in the door sills.

All materials are treated in a similar manner, except for removing the anodize. You have to knock the dents out from the back side to be even with the surface, or slightly proud. It is easier to sand down a small bump than to sand down the high surface around a small dent.

Clean trim strips to remove any contaminants that will clog sand paper or scratch the surface.

Check for dents, scratches, or bumps that need attention. You will probably have to make small tools to remove the dents. Find some hardwood about 3/4 by 1/4 inch. Cut several 5 inch long strips, or long enough to hold in your hand to hit with the hammer. Shape one end to generally match the shape of the trim in the area to be worked on. This works well for the aluminum trim. You can also use cold chisels with the end ground to match the material shape, or just grind the end of a small bolt. The latter two work better for the stainless, which is harder to move.

Pound out dents or high spots using an anvil (any smooth hard surface) to back the material. Sometimes you have to be very aggressive to move the material.

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Polishing Stainless Steel & Aluminum Trim (continued)

Sand the surface smooth with 320 grit paper, or 220 if very rough. I used a random orbit sander. Then changed to 400 and 600 grit. It seemed smooth enough at that point for buffing, but I quickly noticed defects. Back to the hammering and sanding. My biggest concern, as I started, was sanding too much, and going through the metal. You have to be fairly aggressive in some areas. Don't try to sand down very high bumps. Knock them down first.

Buffing and polishing with appropriate compounds. Buffing and polishing compounds are available at local hardware or auto supply stores. Depending on your source, the application of specific compounds with different materials are usually specified. They also identify what to use for cutting metal as compared to buffing, and polishing. The black compound usually cuts all metals, and the grays, whites or greens do some level of polishing. Use different wheels for the various compounds to avoid contamination. You may also find that SOS pads, with water, will do a great job of polishing. If used enough it will provide a mirror finish.

Tools and Materials

- Hammer
- Wood (hardwood, or straight grain fir) shaped to fit the curves of dented areas.
- Cold Chisels or bolts with ends ground to shape of curves.
- Anvil, or smooth flat surface like tempered hardboard.
- **Sander** (random orbit or?)
- Sand paper in 320, 400, and 600 grit. Large scratches may need 220, and 1000 or higher may make it smoother for buffing.
- Grinder equipped with buffing wheels, or drill press with same.
- Buffing and polishing compounds, and SOS Pads
- Oven Off oven cleaner. Drano
- Gloves, safety glasses

Procedure for Anodized Aluminum

I tried sanding the anodize with 320 grit paper, and it worked, but was very slow. The most practical method I found on the internet was using sodium hydroxide in the form of heavy duty oven cleaner (Oven Off). Spray it on for 2 to 4 minutes, and wash it off with a scotch brite pad and water. It did not work for me, even when I extended the time to 10 minutes. The common name for sodium hydroxide is lye, and it is also found in Drano. Just add a half cup to a bucket of water and proceed.

I left the anodized aluminum pieces in the solution for abut 10 minutes and rinsed it in water. Anything longer will be eating into the aluminum. Then I used 320 grit wet or dry to sand off the softened anodize.

Long pieces like the rocker trim will not fit in a bucket, so I just sanded it with 220 grit. The rest of the procedures are the dent removal, sanding, buffing and polishing used for both Aluminum and Stainless steel.

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Polishing Stainless Steel & Aluminum Trim (continued)

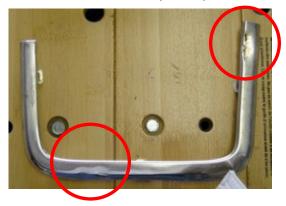
Door Sill (before)



Door Sill (after)



Cover Trim (before)



Cover Trim (after)



Finish

Any carnuba wax will do fine to finish stainless steel.

The anodized aluminum has lost the protective coating provided by the anodize, so it is recommended that you use a clear coat. I have also read that a product called Boeshield T-9 is very good, but I have no experience with it. My son says that most folks don't have the aluminum re-anodized, but go with a crystal clear coat, and it will last for years if cared for properly.



The picture on the left shows the two door sills. It also shows the improvement of the finish with just an SOS pad.

The upper one has had the dents removed, sanded with 320 grit, and rubbed out with SOS. No polish yet.

The bottom sill has not had anything done to it. No dents to remove, but has to be rubbed with SOS to get as bright as the previous sill.

13thAnnual Crphan & Discontinued Lar Show

Sunday, **August 1st**, 2010 Triple XXX Drive-In, Issaquah, WA

We invite you to attend Corvairs Northwest's 13th Annual Orphan and Discontinued Car Show. This is our special event providing an opportunity for you to bring out your Orphan or Discontinued vehicle and spend a rewarding day or an entire weekend with fellow car fans.

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The Car Show is Sunday, August 1 and begins at 8 AM. Dash plaques will be available for the first 100 vehicles and People's Choice awards will be given for 1st through 3rd in each category. Awards presented at 2PM. Door prizes will be announced throughout the day and a 50/50 raffle will be held at the end of the award ceremony, with proceeds benefitting LEO (Life Enrichment Options of Issaquah).

On July 31, Corvairs Northwest will also host a parts swapmeet (mostly Corvair parts) along with a potluck (bring a main dish or side)...more details to follow.

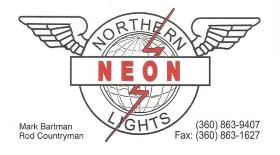
So, please come out and show off your orphan or discontinued vehicle, share stories, memories, or just spend the day viewing a diverse selection of cars not normally seen around town anymore.

For details or any questions, please e-mail the Car Show Chairperson, Sean Jones at sripsj2@comcast.net

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August 1, 2010 Registration begins at 8 AM

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Pre-registration for one vehicle still just \$15

After July 20, or at the "Gate" -- \$20 Additional vehicles only \$5 each

For more information contact

Sean or Pam Jones 425 392 7954 -- srjpsj2@comcast.net or Jim Friant - 206 243 2558 -- friantjim@aol.com

"ORPHAN" refers to a vehicles who's manufacturer is no longer in business, such as: Hudson, Studebaker, Packard, Nash, DeLorean, Kaiser, Plymouth, Olds, etc.; and "DISCONTINUED" refers to models sush as: Corvair, Nomad, Fairlane, Aries, Imperial, Model A or other discontinued models.

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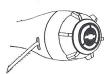
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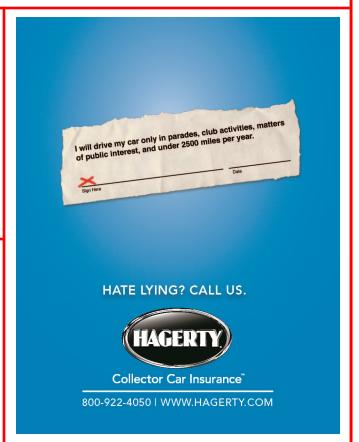






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Upcoming Events

June 2010

6 Birch Bay Cruise

10 NCC Club Meeting

Note New Location

Denny's Restaurant, Arlington Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

11-13 NW EconoRun Hosted by CORSA Oregon Sherwood, OR

14 Flag Day (USA)

20 Father's Day

21-25 CORSA International Convention Cedar Rapids, IA

27 Twin City Idlers Show Stanwood, WA

July 2010

2-4 Pacific NorthWest Historics Pacific Raceway, Kent, WA

8 NCC Club Meeting

Location TBD at June Meeting

17 Razz and Shine Cruise-In Lynden, WA

August 2010

1 CNW Discontinued and Orphan Show Issaquah, WA

14 La Conner Classic Car Show La Conner, WA

14 NCC Club Meeting

Fred and Gale's House after the La Conner Classic Car Show

20-22 Meet In the Mountains Orphan Car Show Leavenworth, WA