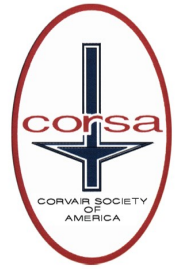




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CORSA Chapter 982

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## Former NCC Member Now Residing in Wisconsin



Pictured above is Ron Thompson standing next to his sweet '62 Monza at the World of Wheels show in Duluth MN . For those not aware, Ron is a charter member of the Corvair club that preceded NCC. Check out the classy head gear. More on Ron and the World of Wheels show can be found on page 5.

## Meeting Agenda 6/11/2009

- Last meeting's minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Membership
- Old Business
- New Business
- Summer Meetings
- Upcoming Events
- Econo Run
- TCI Show
- Pacific Raceway Historics
- Open Class Car Show
- Jerry Smith Chevrolet – Anacortes
- Items wanted/for sale

## Through the Gears

It is with the greatest sense of relief that I can finally declare that all the pre-event preparations for The 2009 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering are now in place. At this time I want to thank Fred and Tawney Heffley for their outstanding efforts in lining up sponsors and obtaining raffle and goody bag items for the gathering. In addition, thanks go out to Jeff Lee for his fine work in the creation of the dash plaques that will be handed out to all the participants at the gathering. Now all we need for a magnificent event is some fine Northwest spring weather on June 6<sup>th</sup> and *your* Corvair to be there at Hinton Chevrolet.

Moving on to our cover story, some of you may recognize the individual appearing on our cover this month. He is Ron Thompson, a charter member of the club that preceded NCC. I first met Ron at the Detroit Convention back in 2007. Last year John Barnes and Ron drove down to Ventura in John's Corvair. More on Ron and several photos from the World of Wheels show he is pictured at can be found in our Cover Story on page 5.

Coming right after the cover story are two pages of pictures taken at the Mount Vernon Swap Meet. Overall, my feeling is that NCC's participation in this event accomplished much of what we set out to do. We had lots of visitors drop by our booth and we got to hear many Corvair stories. Debbie Grainger and John Sayer came down from BC and they joined NCC on the spot. In addition, it marked the first appearance of our club's new banner stand that Fred Croydon created. So please turn to page 10 for some scenes from a swap meet.

Speaking of booths, six NCC members will be displaying their Corvairs at the Pacific Northwest Historics (PNWH) Car Corral on July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the featured marque at this year's PNWH event is Chevrolet, this was the year for us to attend. It should be some good exposure for our club and Corvairs with a broad group of auto enthusiasts. In addition, we'll get to take a parade lap around the track! While the car corral participants are all set, spectators can still buy tickets at the gate.

Recently, I received a message from Stephanie Lowet of TMG Strategies, an organization working with the General Motors communications team. She was seeking people concerned about GM's future who belong to "grassroots organizations" and my name came up.

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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 67<sup>th</sup> 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 May 14, 2009

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

### Attendees

John Barnes, Lauren Burton, Bill & MaryAnn Chellis, Fred and Tawney Heffley, Paul Hintz, Beverly Kaufman, Greg King, Vic Kukrall, Wally McKinley, Dan Morsk, Dale Palmer, and Ron Zentner.

NCC Treasurers report included separately.

### Old business

- President Bill Chellis introduced the topic of our club's participation in the NW Histories Vintage Race at SIR on the July 4 weekend. He recommended our club participate by reserving a Car Corral space on Saturday July 4. This date was most readily available, with bookings pretty well filled for Friday and Sunday. He agreed to make arrangements for the club and requested that participants advance their \$25 per-person fee ASAP, as all the funds need to be submitted together.
- Lauren Burton reported on her membership committee activities. She has prepared a new membership list, which is available in person or on-line from her. New members are Jethro Peoples III and Ceola Peoples, Debbie Grainger and John Sayer. Also Bill reported that we had contacts with 8 potential new members at the Mount Vernon Swap Meet. He provided them with membership information and stressed that Corvair ownership is not a requirement.
- Bill Chellis and Fred Heffley reported on status of preparations for this years Hinton Corvair gathering. Bill started a list of attendees from the club, encouraging all to make and announce their plans early. Fred and Tawney brought a display of some of the items to be raffled-off at the event. An impressive show. A few of the items were raffled at the meeting, with good success.
- Today (of the meeting) was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of Corvair production in 1969.
- Bill mentioned that he invited two of the current Western Division Directors to the meeting.

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## NCC Meeting Minutes cont'd

### New Business

- Dan Morsk was asked for a report on his Auto-cross activities. As you would expect, it is frustrating and difficult, requires lots of travel to the races, and is hard to enjoy unless your entry is competitive, or has the potential to be. His opinion is that the Corvair can be developed into an extremely competitive racer in its class, but it needs to be pushed to its extreme limit.

### Items for Sale-or Purchase

Lauren is still looking for a spoke hubcap, without the noisemaker, for her early convertible.

### Upcoming Events

- Next local events are the Monroe Swap Meet, The Anacortes Car Show, and The Bellingham "Boulevard Park Show."
- June Meeting---June 11, 6:00 PM Eagle Crest Restaurant.

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## NCC Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2009

### Checking Account

**Balance Forward**      **\$693.50**

#### Income

Raffle Tickets      \$ 57.00

BECU Interest      \$ 0.13

**Total Income**      **\$ 57.13**

#### Expenses

CORSA Raffle Tickets      **\$ 100.00**

**Total Expenses**      **\$ 100.00**

**Ending Balance**      **\$650.63**

### Savings Account

**Ending Balance**      **\$ 5.01**

May 31, 2009

*Beverly Kaufman, Treasurer*

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## 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.



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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](http://www.corvair.org) CORSA email is: [corvair@corvair.org](mailto:corvair@corvair.org).

## Cover Story

Ron Thompson's name first came to my attention shortly after taking on the role of club president. A group of members was going over some old club rosters as part of a recruitment drive. When we got to Ron's name, someone mentioned that he had left the state and moved back to Wisconsin.

Fast forward to the 2007 CORSA Convention in Detroit. I walk into a Virtual Vairs meeting that has already started and take a seat. The moderator asks me to introduce myself; name, club affiliation, e-mail name. When the meeting ends and as I turn to leave, the guy sitting right behind me introduces himself as Ron Thompson. After some conversation, Ron tells me that he is here at the convention with John Barnes. It is hard to believe now, but up until that time, I had never met John either. But that is a story for another time.

A picture of Ron and John at the convention is shown to the right of these paragraphs.



## Through the Gears (cont'd)

Compressing a long story, TMG Strategies appears to be legitimate and I have started receiving weekly digests of GM related news items. Let me know if you are interested in this type of material and I will pass it along.

Before I forget, the answer to last month's mystery photo can be found on page 9.

Lastly, Galen and I are looking forward to a great turnout of Corvairs at Hinton Chevrolet on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you and your Corvair there.

Only five days later we will be meeting at the Eagle Crest on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there also.

Bill

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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](http://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!

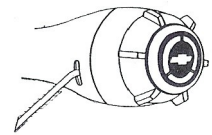


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## NCC Mystery Picture Answer

The answer to last month's Mystery Picture Location is:

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No one guessed correctly. A couple of people thought it was taken in Everett or Lynnwood.

NCC thanks Jim Grippin (one of my co-workers) for submitting the photo. He took it recently as he biked through the area. Here is a link to a Google street view map.

<http://tinyurl.com/pk67wa>



## Mt. Vernon Swap Meet





## Mt. Vernon Swap Meet



## INLAND NORTHWEST CORVAIR CLUB'S

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Planned events: Friday night catered party on the cruise loop & optional cruise privileges, Saturday car show. Saturday night BBQ Party, Sunday road trip and visit to Bird Museum of invention, Sunday lunch.

Registration for the Econorun is a simple three-step process: Register with our club, the car show, and the host hotel. Here are the steps and thanks for joining in on the fun and helping to make this a great event!

For additional event information, please contact Craig Nicol at (208)765-2360 or online at ([nicolcs@aol.com](mailto:nicolcs@aol.com)).

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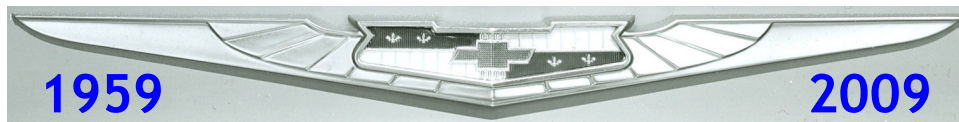
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## Corvair Golden Anniversary Dates



### 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

### June 2009

6 Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering

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

12-14 NW Econorun Inland Northwest Corvair Club  
Coeur D' Alene, ID



14 *Flag Day*

21 *Happy Father's Day*

28 Twin City Idlers Show  
Stanwood, WA

### JULY 2009

3-5 Pacific Northwest Historics  
Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA

4 *Independence Day*

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



13-17 CORSA International Convention  
Jacksonville, FL

19 Open Class Car Show  
Jerry Smith Chevrolet  
Anacortes, WA

### August 2009

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

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