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## *Looking Back at the Sweetheart Cruise*



## Meeting Agenda

3/12/2009

### Special Agenda

- The business portion of the meeting has been cancelled to allow the entire hour for Bill Smallwood's presentation on Collector car insurance.
- In addition, he will be speaking about the future of the collector car hobby, with a focus on orphan/discontinued cars.

## Through the Gears

If you have gotten to this point in this newsletter, you should have noticed some significant differences along the way. Jeff and I have been considering making some changes to the newsletter format, but it wasn't until looking over the Sweetheart Cruise pictures that all the elements came together for us. Now for the first time the North Cascades Corvairs newsletter has a name, *Vairious Times*. But we remain undecided as to whether we should make it permanent. Please give the changes that have been made some thought and let us know what you think.

I can't speak for everyone, but I am still reveling over the way this year's Sweetheart Cruise turned out. From the weather that day to the overflow crowd of Corvair enthusiasts at Bob's Burgers and Brew, things could not have gone better. Hopefully we can build on the successful completion of the Sweetheart Cruise as we turn our efforts towards planning the Hinton Show. Pictures and more on the cruise can be found on pages 5-8. In addition, many more photos have been posted by Jeff on our website.

Recently, there has been a lot of chatter on the various Corvair internet sites about a complex proposal that would make membership in CORSA at the national level mandatory before someone can join a local chapter. In addition, the proposal also calls for CORSA to collect the local dues at the same time the national dues are paid. I talked with Beverly about this and we both agreed that at this time NCC would elect to "Opt Out" of that provision if it were to be implemented. I'll have more information on the proposal for next month's meeting.

At this time, I want to welcome our latest sponsor, Funderburke Auto Body, which is owned and operated by Mike Funderburke in Stanwood. For those who don't know, Mike painted Andy Clark's 1966 Yenke clone, which took a Gold award in the concours competition at last year's CORSA convention in Ventura, CA. In addition, Mike has performed some miraculous repairs to the paint on my Corsa. Please remember to consider Mike in the future if your plans require collision repair, paint or classic car restoration services. See Mike's ad on page 5 for more information.

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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 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 February 12, 2009

The meeting, held at the Eagle Crest Restaurant was called to order by President Bill Chellis at 6:55 PM.

#### Attendees

John Barnes, Bill and Mary Ann Chellis, Andy Clark, Paul and Ruth Hintz, Beverly Kaufman, Greg King, George Kain and Jody Fitzhugh, Wally McKinley, Daniel and Trent Morsk, Dale Palmer, and Ron Zentner.

January minutes were approved.

#### Old business

- Bill announced that our club is now listed in the Cruzin' Magazine. In addition, the listing for our Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering event appears in the magazine.
- The Hinton Chevrolet Corvair Gathering is scheduled for June 6.

#### New Business

- CORSA is selling raffle tickets for a 1964 Monza Coupe, which will be raffled at the 2009 Convention. We have 30 tickets available for sale at our meetings for \$5 each. Given the current state of CORSA's financial health, Bill would like to sell all the allotted tickets.
- CORSA dues will be increasing from \$38 to \$45 this August.

#### Upcoming Events

- Sweetheart Cruise, February 15.
- Hinton Show, June 6.
- Northwest Econo-Run, June 12-14.
- NCC Meeting March 12. Guest speaker Bill Smallwood of Hagerty Insurance. He will be discussing Collector Car Insurance and the future of the Collector Car Hobby.

#### Items for Sale

- Greg King has some good late model parts for sale or trade. These include an excellent set of bumpers with guards.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM.



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January 31, 2009

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**Balance Forward     \$505.61**

#### Income

Dues	\$ 40.00
Advertisement	\$ 25.00
BECU Interest	\$ 0.13
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 65.13</b>

#### Expenses

Christmas Party (food)	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>

**Ending Balance     \$530.74**

### Savings Account

**Ending Balance     \$ 5.01**

February 28, 2009

*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, 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](mailto:fredngale@wavecable.com)

An [order form](#) is available at  
our club web site.



## 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, (CORSА) is an international organization that is made up of over 4,800 members and 125 chapters, one of which is North Cascades Corvairs. CORSА members are dedicated to the preservation, restoration and to furthering the appreciation of the Corvair automobile. CORSА 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 CORSА. YOUR membership in CORSА helps them provide those services. Annual dues are only \$38.00. For more information, including a membership form, contact CORSА at the following website: [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) CORSА email is: [corvair@corvair.org](mailto:corvair@corvair.org).

## Corvair Sweethearts Cruise Chuckanut Drive

The Northwest weather gods were smiling as Sunday, February 15, 2009 dawned. For a group of Puget Sound area Corvair owners, the morning sun that greeted them was a promising sign for the day that lies ahead of them. And for the third year in a row, the North Cascades Corvairs Sweetheart Cruise had a gorgeous late winter day for this event.

Beginning shortly after noon, Corvairs from the North Cascades Corvairs and Corvairs Northwest car clubs began to gather at the I-5 Bow Hill Rest Area. By the planned departure time, 15 Corvairs from both clubs and two modern cars had arrived for the event. Joining the drive this year were Deborah Grainger and John Sayer from British Columbia, making this cruise a true international event.

Shortly after 1:30, the Corvairs split into two groups and departed the rest area and started out on the ride. The route chosen this year was the scenic but narrow and windy Chuckanut Drive in Bow. Looking at the photos on pages 6 through 8, it is easy to see why Chuckanut Drive was recently named one of the top scenic roads in Washington by *Autoweek* magazine.

After reaching Fairhaven Park in Bellingham, the entourage made a u-turn and headed back towards Bow. Along the way the caravan stopped at a couple of scenic viewpoints for some picture taking of Samish Bay and the Olympic mountains in the distance. From the last stop, the procession made its way to Bob's Burgers and Brew on Old Highway 99 in Burlington.

Fortunately, this year's stop for lunch went far smoother than last year's chaotic episode. The only problem this year was we had so many participants that the room we had reserved turned out to be too small!

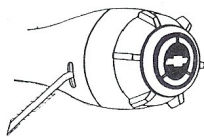
NCC wants to thank Dan Morsk, Dave Bailey and Mary Lou MacKay for sharing their photos.

*Please see the club photos web site to view all of the pictures taken for this event.*



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### Through the Gears *(continued)*

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that the business portion of our regular meeting has been cancelled to allow Bill Smallwood from Hagerty Insurance to use the time for his presentation. As you may recall, I invited him to come speak to us about the future of the collector car hobby, with a focus on discontinued/orphan cars like the Corvair. So please bring any questions you may have about our hobby or collector car insurance.

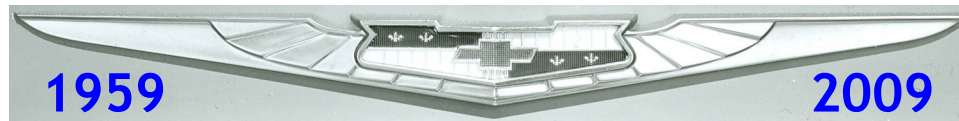
Should be a great meeting on the 12th! Hope to see you there.

Bill





## 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

### MARCH 2009

**12 NCC Club Meeting** Eagle Crest Restaurant

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

*Special Presentation by Bill Smallwood at 7:00 PM*

**22 CNW Tuneup day at Sunset Chevrolet in Sumner**

Contact Bill for more information

### APRIL 2009

**9 NCC Club Meeting** Eagle Crest Restaurant

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

**18 Mt. Vernon Swap Meet**

Skagit County Fairgrounds

**25 LaConner Tulip Rallye**

### MAY 2009

**14 NCC Club Meeting** Eagle Crest Restaurant

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

**16-17 Monroe Swap Meet**

Evergreen State Fairgrounds

### 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**

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### JULY 2009

**13-17 CORSA International Convention**

Jacksonville, FL