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Little flat 6 and 4 speed going thru the gears

Great get-together a Bob's Burgers - I counted 22 members there, and 5 Corvairs! Thanks for supporting NCC. I heard that a Garage Day is proposed to get Ray's clutch activation problem resolved and get the covers back on the tunnel. Members helping each other out is always good to hear about. I just may call for a Garaged Day, sometime soon, but not at my garage!

I've got to get my 1965 Sport Sedan moved out of it's resting place in Oak Harbor and onto a trailer. The left front hub/brake assembly was removed some time ago and the spindle has been exposed to moisture. I'm hoping it will just involve knocking down the rust enough to get the wheel bearing races on so the hub can take a wheel.

I'd like to have some help on that day, but I still need to plan with the prior owner about scheduling this. I've hauled a couple of van loads of goodies away already. I was up there after the meeting last Saturday.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Sunset Chevrolet for Corvairs NorthWest's Tune-Up day. It will be a short drive north for me! Hope to have the new owner of my 1964 Convertible come for awhile and introduce him to the Corvair Clubs.

See you all down the road!

Dan Davis

The North Cascades Corvairs, (NCC) car club is chartered Chapter 982 of the Corvair Society of America, (CORSA). NCC serves the North Puget Sound region of Washington State 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 dues are \$20, or \$23 for non-CORSA members. We welcome all to join us at our regular monthly meeting. Please contact Fred Croydon at 360-466-2266 or fredngale@wavecable.com for the latest meeting date,

February 27th Meeting at Bob's Tulalip

There was a great turnout at the meeting, as noted by Dan. 22 folks.

Gordy and Barb Croydon, Ray Chappelle & wife, Greg King, Ron Zentner, Jim Brussard, Lauren Burton, Dan Davis, Andy and Vicki Clark, Bill and Mary Ann Chellis, Gale & Gretchen Pfueller, Pat and Glenda Olson, Eric Lutz and son, John Barnes, Ruth Hintz, and Fred Croydon.

A decision was made that the next meeting on March 19 should be held at Bob's again because of the separate room, and a great menu. Also suggested that the tables be set up in a "U" shape instead of a line.

There was a discussion about having a Garage Session sometime this summer. Greg King volunteered his shop. No decision on the topic, but it seems to center around a common maintenance issue to be determined. Looking for a weekend in June.

In general terms covered some of the events on our tentative schedule. Promoting the Hinton Reunion, with Bill Chellis the lead.

Also looking for increased participation in the July 2, Pacific Northwest Historicals Car Corral.

Remember the Annual CNW Tune Up day at Sunset Chevy in Sumner, on March 13. Great day to get your car up on one of the lifts and see what is going on underneath. Potluck event.

Treasurer's Report

<i>Beginning Balance, Feb 1, 2015</i>	2324.32
<i>Income</i>	148.00
<i>Dues</i>	
<i>Expense</i>	35.00
<i>Cruise</i>	
<i>Ending Balance, Mar 1, 2015</i>	2437.32

Fred Croydon

***My grandpa started walking
Five miles a day when he was
60.***

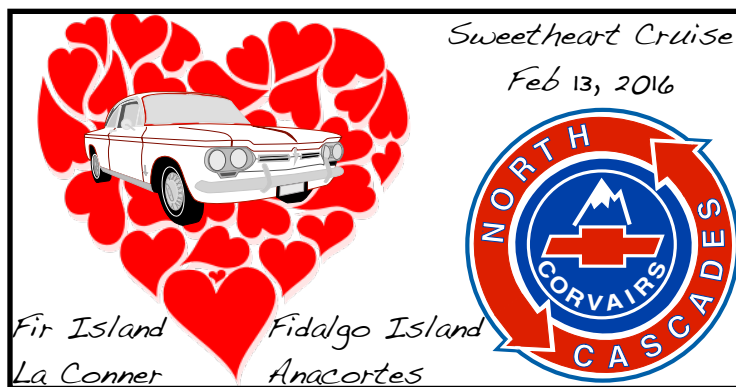
***Now he's 97 years old And we
don't know where he is.***

***I have to walk early in
the morning,
Before my brain
figures out what I'm
doing...***

***I know I got a lot of
exercise***

***The last few
years,.....***

***Just getting over the
hill***



Sweetheart Cruise 2016 was one for the books. This is the first one I can remember that was run without sunshine, and had a bitter cold wind. Although heavy rain was scheduled for all of Western Washington, it did not show up until mid afternoon. Originally the plan was to continue from La Conner into Anacortes, but that portion was called off due to the approaching rain.

So the cruise was a dry one. Fortunately Corvairs have good cabin heaters, so the cold was not a problem.

The route was designed to cover roads not likely travelled by most folks, and would have interesting sightings of wildlife, and view some of the historic cites of Fir Island. This worked out well.



Although this is a Corvair event, it is also a club event. There were ten vehicles, although three were non-Corvair daily drivers.

We also had four dogs join the cruise with their Corvair families. You all know Mr. Preston, frequent companion to Dan Davis. Well, He brought along Princess, part of the Preston

family. Andy and Vicki Clark brought along their Secret, a Corgi.



Gale Marple had Star riding shotgun with her.



Fir Island is well known for wild life preservation with several locations that naturally draw in birds. We observed nests high in the trees with Eagles. There were Snow Geese, and Swans. One field right alongside the roadway was covered with Swans mucking in the mud. How do they get clean after that mess?



There were Hawks hunting, as well as just sitting on a perch or power line. Some commented on the massive trees without leaves, exposing their skeleton trunks and branches.

The first historical building on the agenda was the Fir-Conway Lutheran Church. It has been remodeled, but you can still see the resemblance to the original built in 1896. This area of the lower Skagit was first settled around 1870 by a community of Norwegians among the pioneers. As the congregation grew, it became necessary to build a larger structure in 1916, which is the current building.

Another area driven through was once called Skagit City, a town at the divergence of the North and South Forks of the Skagit River. This is the North East corner of Fir Island, and was the first white settlement in the Skagit River forks area in 1868 with the establishment of a small store. The South Fork was navigable, and huge logjams up river impeded navigation further upstream, which diverted water traffic to the trading post at Skagit City.

The log jams were destroyed by 1877, allowing ships to travel further upstream to Mount Vernon, and spelled the end for Skagit City. By 1903 only one building remained of the small town. There are no buildings of historical significance today.

The Rexville Grocery and Cafe was a short stop for the cruise, and allowed time for nature's calls, and browsing the interesting stuff for sale at this local institution. It was started in 1935, and originally located at the ferry crossing of the North Fork of the Skagit, about a half mile from the current location. The store has long been part of the Pleasant Ridge Community, and is still the site of many local gatherings. In 1999 the store was purchased by Stuart and Joyce Welch, and an onsite bakery and farmers market were added. The building retains its original charm, and has been featured in movies as well as TV programs.



Leaving Rexville via the back roads took us by the Old Rexville Grange building, which has been art of the Skagit Valley since 1927. In 1946 the building was raised to add a new ground floor, making it two stories high, and the largest grange hall in Washington.

A couple of miles up the road we turned onto Valentine Road and Pleasant Ridge. Settlers began to arrive in the Pleasant Ridge community in the 1860's, because of the elevation offered protection from floods. Until the Depression, Pleasant Ridge was a thriving community that contained churches, a school, and a cemetery. The school building, in disrepair, and the cemetery are all that remains.

The Pleasant Ridge school opened in July of 1872 at the teachers home. The present school building was built and in service by 1891.

Since its closure in 1930, the Pleasant Ridge School building has been left undisturbed in a

cleared, fenced field immediately adjacent to the home of a man who had attended school there and did not want the building to be destroyed.

More that 2,500 people are buried there, and it is still well maintained.

The Pleasant ridge Cemetery is at the top of the hill, and is the oldest cemetery in Skagit County.

The cruise continued into La Conner for lunch overlooking the Swinomish Channel at La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib.



**CNW TUNEUP
SUNSET CHEVROLET**

HOT DOGS & POTLUCK



**FOOTHILLS TOYOTA
SHOW & SHINE**

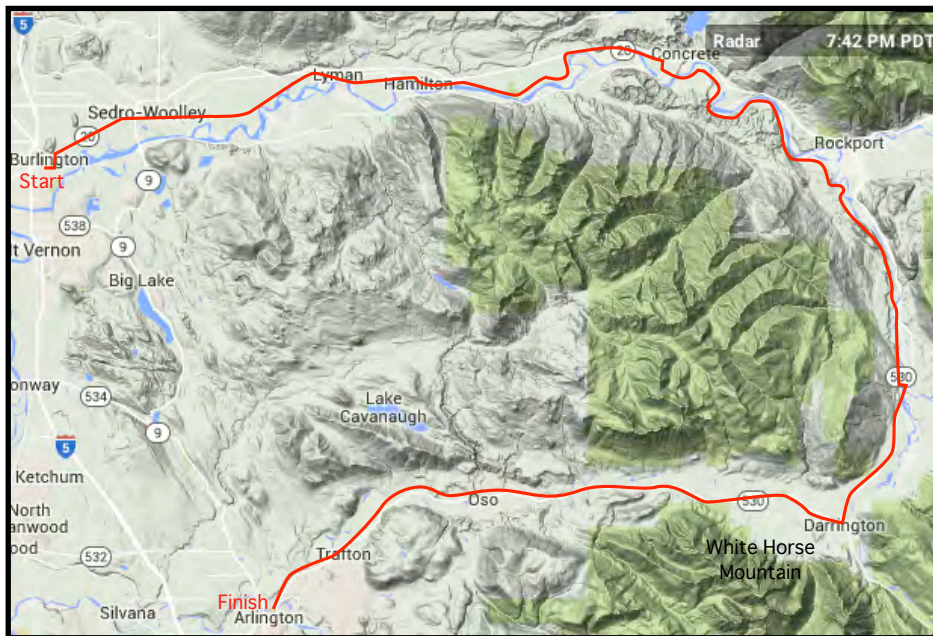
**MAY 14, 2016
BURLINGTON**



Tentative Schedule

- Mar 19 Gen Meeting Bob's Tulalip
- Mar 20 CNW Tuneup, Sunset Chev
- Apr 23 Gen Meeting Smokey Pt area
- Apr 29/30 Econorun Tigard, Oregon
- May 14 Foothills S & S, Burlington
- May 21 Hinton Reunion, Lynden
- June 5 Blast from Past, Sedro Wooley
- June 11 Concrete/Darrington Cruise
- June 19 Berry Cool S & S, Burlington
- June 26 Idlers S & S, Stanwood
- July 2/4 PNW Historics Laps
- July 16 Razz N Shine, Lynden
- July 17 Orphan & Disc. CNW
- Aug 5 Rhodes River, Oso
- Aug 6 La Conner Classic

Burlington, Concrete, Darrington, Arlington Cruise



SKAGIT VALLEY/SAUK VALLEY/ STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY CRUISE

JUNE 11, 2016

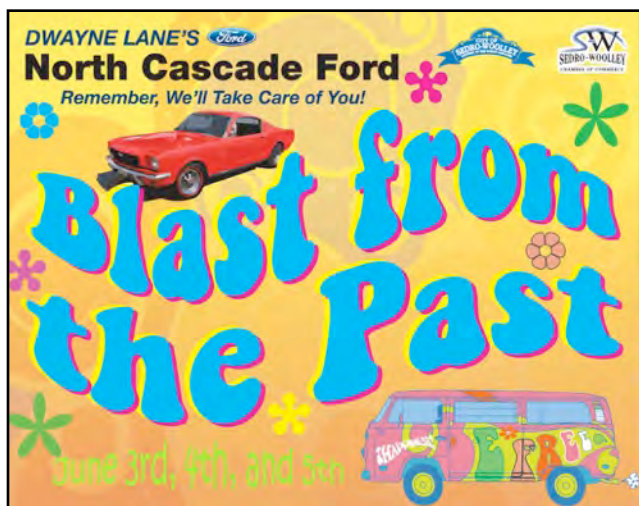
NEW AND IMPROVED
FROM 2015, WITH
DIFFERENT BACK
ROADS.



Sauk River



BERRY COOL SHOW
JUNE 19, 2016 BURLINGTON



Gordy's Turbo Running Again

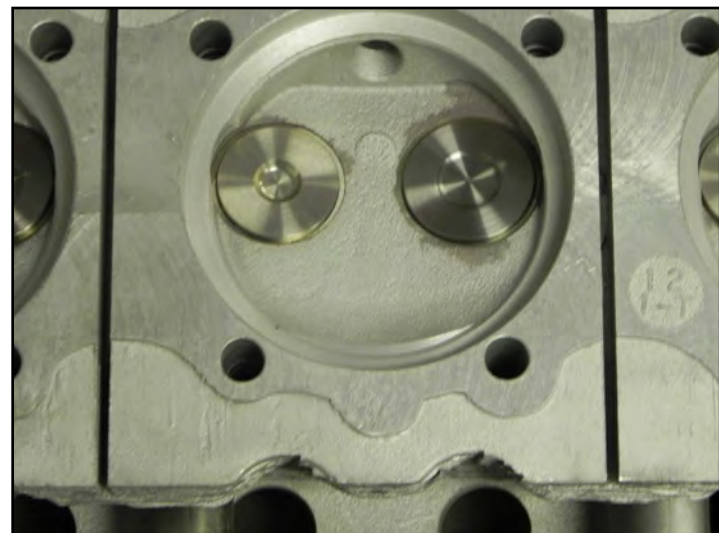
You may recall back several months ago a report that Gordy Croydon determined his Turbo was not running right, and in preliminary checks found no compression in cylinder #5. Greg King volunteered to help pull the heads, and the result was finding the exhaust valve had a hole burned in the perimeter. See picture on the right.

Skipping past all the headaches of finding a good machine shop to do the work in a timely manner, back to Greg King putting the new heads back in and getting the car running again.

Gordy had all the parts ready go, and Greg showed up to approve all was in order and start the assembly.



#5 Cylinder loaded with carbon and the burned out exhaust valve. See dark spots on right.



Ask Gordy about the details, and the ordeal of finding a good automotive machine shop. Also about finding a crack in the head, leading to purchase of freshly machined heads in Canada.

North Cascades Corvairs

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