



Vairious Times



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CORSA Chapter 982

October 2009

50 Years Ago...

They're Here!



Meeting Agenda 10/8/2009

The October meeting has been canceled, so no agenda.

Welcome New Members

Gordon & Barbara
Croydon
Camano Island, WA

Eric & Colleen Taylor
Surrey, BC

Through the Gears

The Corvair's 50th Anniversary month has finally arrived! In order to publish our newsletter in a timely fashion to mark this occasion, this is an abbreviated version of my regular monthly column. For those disappointed by this, I promise a return to my usual column next month.

Shown on the cover this month is a picture taken on new model announcement day in 1960. The 3 Star Chevy Show Dealer is Sunset Motors located in The Dalles, Oregon. NCC thanks Dave Newell and the Corvair Preservation Foundation for the photo.

By the time you receive this, all preparations will be in place for the Corvair 50th Anniversary Gala. All we can hope for is mother nature to cooperate and your attendance!

As agreed to earlier, we will cancel our regular monthly meeting because of the number of events taken place in early October. Please bring any business items you may have to our wine tour lunch at Islander's Restaurant on October 11th.

Hope you all can make it out to Hinton Chevrolet on October 2nd !

Bill

North Cascades Corvairs Officers

President

Bill Chellis

Vice-President

Dan Morsk

Secretary

Ron Zentner

Treasurer

Beverly Kaufman

Membership

Lauren Burton

Web Master

Jeff Lee

Happy Halloween



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 67th 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 September 10, 2009

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

Attendees

John Barnes, Bill & Mary Ann Chellis, Andy Clark, Fred Croydon & Gale Marple, Gordy & Barbara Croydon, Paul Hintz, Beverly Kaufman, Greg King, Vic Kukrall, Ray Langley, Wally McKinley, Larri Oien, and Ron Zentner

No minutes to approve, because there was no business meeting in August.

NCC Treasurer's report included separately.

Old business

President Bill Chellis announced that the club membership has continued to increase. We now include 34 families in our North Cascades Corvair Club.

Bill reviewed preparations for the 50th Corvair Anniversary Gala event, next month at Hinton's. He showed-off the banners, made up from original Corvair advertisements, which are ready for display. Galen at Hinton's is planning to serve refreshments in the theme of baseball, hot dogs, and apple pie, which he has chosen for the event. We are providing the pie. Publicity and announcements for the event are in work. A drawing was held to determine the order of appearance for the all-day showroom Corvair display at Hinton's. (1- Ron Zentner, 2-Ray Langley, 3-Gordy Croydon, 4-Bill Chellis, 5-Wally McKinley, 6-Andy Clark, 7-Fred Croydon, 8-Greg King, 9-Paul Hintz)

Bill displayed the trophy we received from the Jerry Smith Chevrolet Show—for Club Participation Award.

New Business

It was noted that NCC is now listed in the Northwest Car Clubs Event Calendar. Some copies of the calendar are still available, contact Bill.

Nominations will be open next month for the election of officers for 2010.

A winery tour is being planned for October 11. It will be similar to the Skagit Valley tour, last year. This will include lunch, followed by a several hour cruise.

Continued in next column...

New Business (cont'd)

All October business may be conducted as part of the tour, and the meeting presently scheduled for October 8 may be cancelled. Details forthcoming.

Upcoming Events

October 2, Corvair 50th Anniversary Gala, Hinton Chevrolet, 8:30 AM to 6:00PM.

October Meeting— Oct 8, 6:00 PM Eagle Crest Restaurant. may be cancelled — see-above

October 11, Skagit Valley Winery tour, details TBD.

Items for Sale-or Purchase

Ron displayed his daytime running lights for Corvairs. Contact Ron if interested in purchasing a set.

Minutes taken and provided by club secretary, Ron Zentner.

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July 31, 2009

Checking Account

Balance Forward \$688.45

Income

Dues	\$ 60.00
Merchandise	\$ 40.00
BECU Interest	\$ 0.17
Total Income	\$100.17

Expenses

None	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00

Ending Balance \$788.62

Savings Account

Ending Balance \$ 5.01

August 31, 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.

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Fred Croydon at:
fredngale@wavecable.com

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



North Cascades Corvairs Business Cards

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Fred Croydon

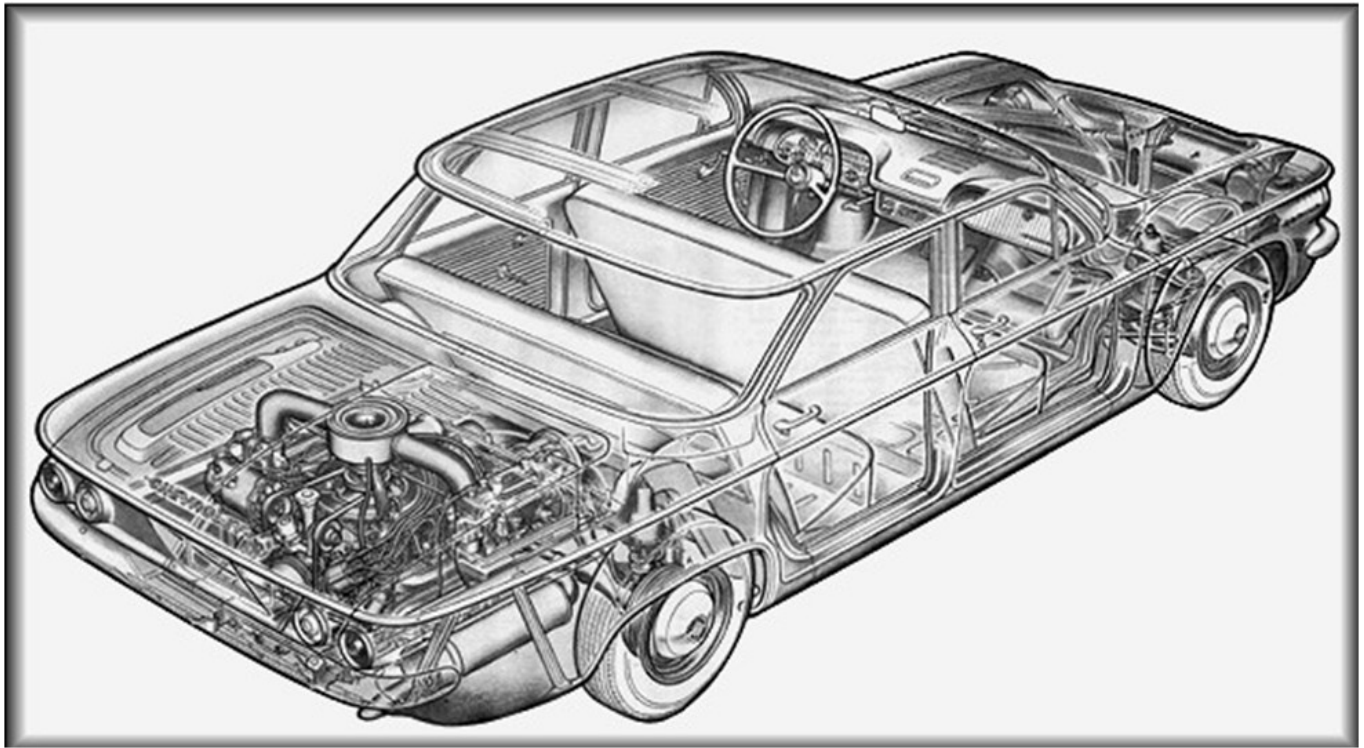
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CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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 \$45.00. For more information, including a membership form, contact CORSA at the following website: www.corvair.org CORSA email is: corvair@corvair.org.

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[1960 Chevrolet Corvair Commercial \(6:30 Minutes\)](#)



Corvair 50th



Anniversary Gala

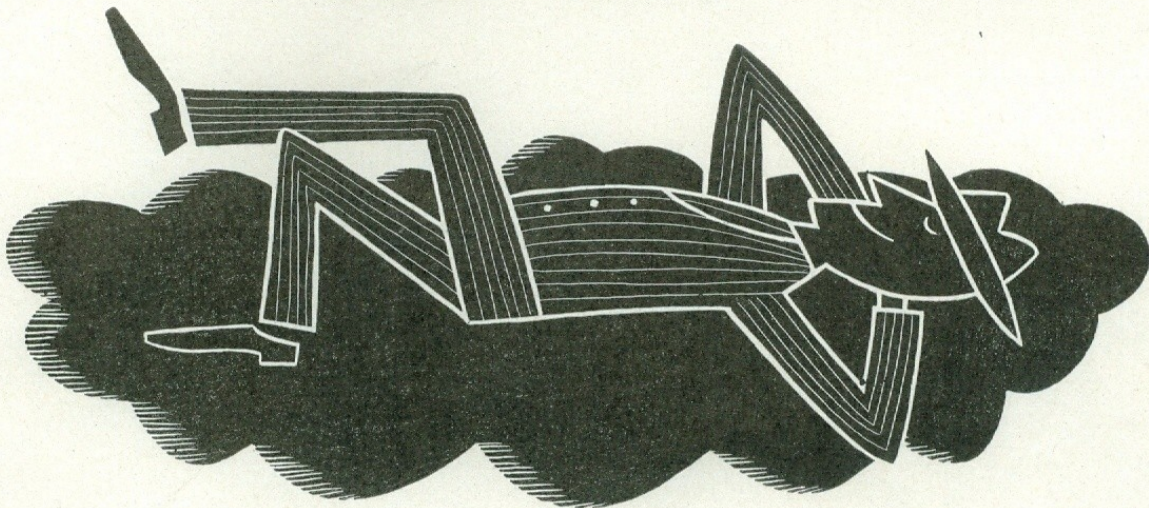
October 2, 2009
Hinton Chevrolet
8139 Guide Meridian
Lynden, WA 98264
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

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 pre-register 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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Corvair Special Exhibit October 2— December 31, 2009



October 2nd of this year marks the 50th anniversary of the unveiling of America's First massed produced rear engine, air cooled automobile—the Corvair. In recognizing this special automotive history the National Corvette Museum will host a 6,000 sq. ft. exhibit solely featuring the Corvair. The Corvair was produced from 1960 through 1969.

Besides the first year four-door sedan and two-door coupe, the Chevrolet Corvair fleet included a station wagon (Lakewood), pick-up truck (Rampside and Loadside), panel van (Corvan), passenger van (Greenbrier), Spyder, Corsa and other specialty versions like the Fitch Sprint and the Yenko Stinger. Visitors to the museum will not only see over 80 Corvettes on display, but also some of the finest Corvairs in the country including the following: 1960 Sedan; 1964 Spyder Convertible; 1961 Lakewood; 1969 Monza Convertible; 1966 Corsa Coupe; 1966 Yenko Stinger; 1965 Fitch Sprint; 1963 Rampside; 1964 Coupe; 1966 Sedan; 1965 Greenbrier and 1964 4-Door Sedan.

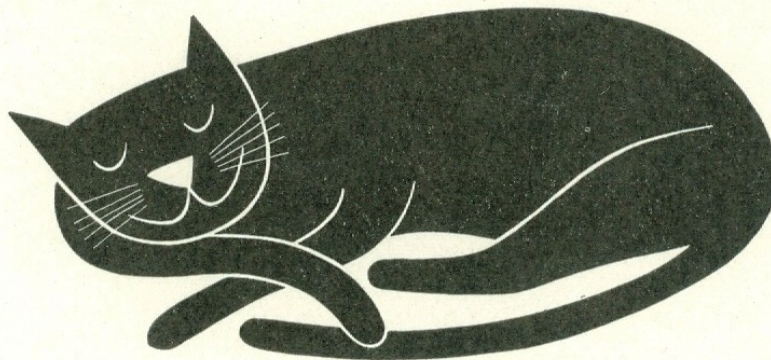
The exhibit offers the chance to take an informative stroll down memory lane and learn about the rise and demise of the Corvair, and their similarities with the Corvette. The display will be on exhibit from October 2 through December 31, 2009 and is included with regular Museum admission.

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October 11, 2009 NCC



Winery Tour Schedule

Time	Scheduled Event
11:30 AM Sharp	Islander's Restaurant
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Arrive Pasek Cellars
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Arrive Carpenter Creek Winery
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Arrive Eagle Haven Winery
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Arrive Glacier Peak Winery

Most of the winery locations are shown on the Skagit Valley Wines pamphlet

Click below:

<http://www.skagitvalleywineries.com/skagit-valley-wineries.php>

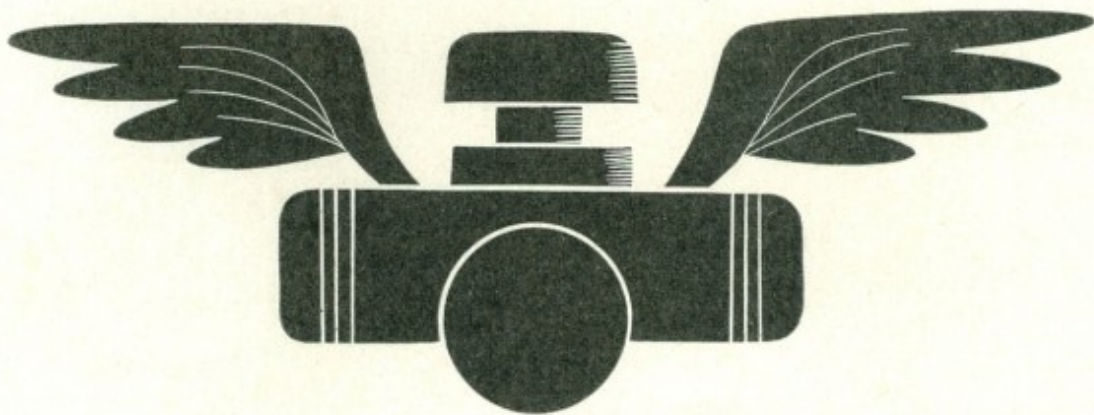
Please note, we have reservations at the restaurant for lunch and all the wineries have been contacted and are expecting us.

Click below for the Islander's website and directions:

<http://www.islandersrestaurantandbar.com/index.html>

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Hemmings Classic Car Club News Lists Corvair 50th Anniversary Events



CORVAIR 50

*The first half-century
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While the Corvair Society of America's national convention will have come and gone, many of CORSA's local chapters will be celebrating the autumn semi-centennial of the air-cooled wonder with October parties. Golden anniversaries will stretch from Cape May, New Jersey (New Jersey Assn. of Corvair Enthusiasts) to Hales Corners, Wisconsin (Milwaukee

Corvair Club), to Lynden, Washington (North Cascades Corvairs), with more stops in between, mostly on the October 2nd weekend.

These mechanically fascinating cars get better every year, yet are still affordable and, even better, are economical to own and operate, a perfect icon for the era of the reborn General Motors. Visit www.corsa.com to find an event near you.

The October issue of *Hemmings Classic Car* contains a nice little write up on the upcoming Golden Anniversary of the Corvair. It was gratifying to see that one of the club's mentioned was North Cascades Corvairs. The article appears here with the permission of *Hemmings Classic Car*.

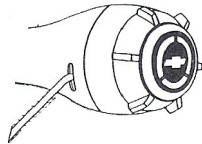


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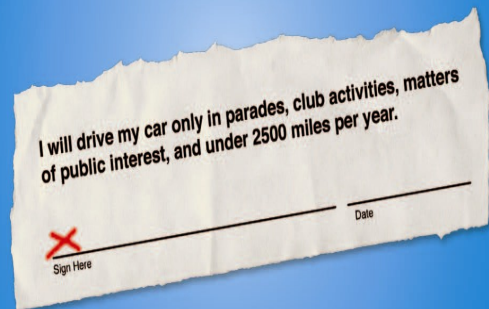
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CORSA CORNER

by [Jack Pinard](#) Western Division Director
(A special column for select chapter newsletters)

CORSA STORE debuted Sept. 19 at South Coast Corsa's car show. It is a new program by directors to bring supplies and merchandise to chapter events. A limited stock of tech guides, decals, pins, hats and books was offered to members this first time out. The full line of shirts will be added to inventory at the Oct. 4 Corsa West of LA Concours d'Elegance.

It was fun to setup my tent and pitch CORSA wares in Torrance next to my pretty blue Corsa convertible. When visits to the booth slowed down I picked by decals and visited members. The one buck decals sold out fast so will reorder.

The newly revised Tech Guide drew lots of comments. A complilation of 1 and 2, it has been re-edited and reset in clear type. The illustrations are sharp, easy to see for even my tired eyes. It is available printed with three holes, or on PDF disk.

If you plan to attend Inland Empire CC's Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet Oct. 23-25 in Palm Springs, you can reserve a copy of the tech guide by sending an email. The books are heavy, so I need to know in advance how many to take. The toss has always been a must for every owner so hope you can visit.

Hector Gonzales and the SCC crew did a great job for their show. The cars entered were parked in voting class groups, and all details were well thought out. About 30 very nice stock and modified Corvairs pleased owners and visitors.

Especially appreciated were those who took time to share with me their concerns about CORSA. I listened to comments about dues, website and activites. We need to enhance and expand membership, and as a rookie director your ideas are important. Please send emails so I can have a file to show other directors.

Oct. 3 is 50th Anniversary of Corvair First Day of Sale. Find a way to celebrate and promote, even if it is only to drive around your town with a handmade sign. I'll go to CWLA meet at Bob's Big Boy in Northridge.

A late addition to SoCal calendar is Ventura County Corvairs autocross at Camarillo Airport Oct. 18. It is open to all makes, but designed for Corvair daily drivers. Contact Tim Chew, service@topcatauto.com.

Western Division chapters are among the strongest and most active in CORSA, attracting young and old enthusiasts. Let's all promote membership in CORSA, and actively participate to make it as dynamic as the cars we own and drive. Go team!

Jack Pinard

CORSA Western Division Director

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GREAT WESTERN FAN BELT TOSS & SWAP MEET
October 23-25, 2009 – Palm Springs, CA
Hosted By – Inland Empire Corvair Club

For 2009, the Western Region's favorite all Corvair show and swap meet returns to Sunrise Park In Palm Springs, CA.

The theme for 2009's event is "Celebrating 50 Golden Years" commemorating the October 2, 1959 debut of the 1960 models.

There will be a completely rebuilt 110 engine raffled at this event. Tickets will be \$5.00 with a limit of 1500 tickets.

Swap Meet begins noon Friday, followed by the evening welcome party at the host hotel.

- Saturday car show
- On field raffles
- On field food service

Field announcements via Broadcast FM radio (bring your portable radio – we will be using only a small PA system with NO large loudspeakers.)

- Car Show Awards will be presented on the field on Saturday afternoon.
- Banquet Saturday night.
- The drawing for the 110 Engine Raffle will be at the banquet.
- Sunday swap continues till noon with the last raffle drawn at 11:00 AM.
- Ultra Vans and Motor Homes welcome. A per day fee applies.

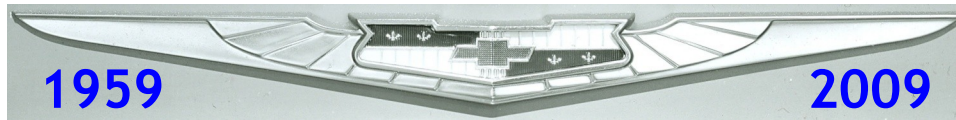
Host hotel and location of the welcome party and Saturday night banquet is the totally, luxuriously, remodeled, Holiday Inn Palm Springs – City Center (formerly The Ramada Inn), 1800 E Palm Canyon Dr, (760) 323-1711, mention "Corvair Event" for special group rate.

Contact: **Beryl Adele Corson**, beryladele1119@aol.com, (951) 780-7880.

Additional information & directions available at: www.iecorvairclub.com

Registration is available now.

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

October 2009

2 Corvair 50th Anniversary Gala
Hinton Chevrolet, Lynden, WA

2-Dec 31 Vairs and Vettes, Bowling Green, KY
Presented by the Corvair Preservation Society

~~**8** NCC Club Meeting~~
~~Eagle Crest Restaurant~~

10-11 Monroe Swap Meet

11 Vairs in the Vineyard
3rd Annual Skagit Valley Winery Tour

12 Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
Columbus Day (USA)

23-25 Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet
Palm Springs, CA Contact Inland Empire Corvair Club

31 Happy Halloween (USA)

November 2009

Vairs & Vettes Display Continues, Bowling Green, KY
Presented by the Corvair Preservation Society

12 NCC Club Meeting
Eagle Crest Restaurant

14 CNW Tuneup Day
Kent Sullivan's Shop, Kirkland, WA

December 2009

Vairs & Vettes Display Continues, Bowling Green, KY
Presented by the Corvair Preservation Society

TBD NCC Christmas Party
Date and Location TBD