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CORSA Chapter 982

September 2009

NCC Members Sweep LM Closed Class Awards



Shown above are the CNW Discontinued and Orphan Show Late Model Closed class winning Corvairs and their proud owners. From the left, Ron Zentner and his 1965 Corsa (1st), Andy Clark and his 1966 Monza (2nd), and Debbie Grainger and her 1966 Canadian Monza (3rd). Many more pictures from the event can be found on pages 5 through 6.

Meeting Agenda 9/10/2009

- Last meeting's minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Membership
- Old Business
- Commemorative Coin Deadline
- New Business
- Corvette Museum Exhibit
- Events Calendar Order
- Gala Show Update
- October Nominations
- Upcoming Events
- Boise Roundup
- 50th Anniversary Gala
- Vairs Vineyards Winery Tour
- Great Western Fan Belt Toss
- Items wanted/for sale

*************** **North Cascades** $\stackrel{\wedge}{\swarrow}$ **Corvairs Officers** President ☆ ☆ ☆ Bill Chellis Vice-President Dan Morsk Secretary Ron Zentner ☆ $\stackrel{\frown}{\swarrow}$ Treasurer Beverly Kaufman Membership Lauren Burton Web Master Jeff Lee

Through the Gears

At this time I want to thank Fred and Gale and Dan and Lori for their outstanding hospitality as hosts of our summer get togethers. It is always good to be outdoors, skip the business stuff and just enjoy the association of our fellow Corvair enthusiasts. The terrific turnouts at both affairs attest to most members' concurrence with that thinking.

Gracing this month's cover are Ron Zentner, Andy Clark and Debbie Grainger and their Discontinued and Orphan Show (DOCS) Late Model Closed class winning Corvairs. More pictures from the DOCS can be found on pages 5 through 6.

Despite the turmoil afflicting the American auto industry, times are good for NCC. This is evidenced by the busy month and a half ahead of us. By time you receive this newsletter, there will be less than one month to our Corvair 50th Anniversary Gala. Some new banners have been ordered and a couple of additional sponsors have signed on for the celebration. I will have more details at our meeting. In addition, we will begin the process of assigning the order of showroom appearance for members desiring to participate in that portion of the Gala. This is a gracious gesture on the part of Galen and Hinton Chevrolet, so I urge all members to take advantage of this extremely rare opportunity.

In commemoration of the Corvair 50th Anniversary, the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY will be hosting a special exhibit. This will be the first time another automobile has been featured at the museum, so this display is significant. Here is a link to the event notice: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/corvair/. In addition a copy of this announcement can be found on Page 11.

Time is running short to obtain a Corvair 50th Anniversary Coin with an October 2nd postmark from Ypsilanti Michigan. See Dave Newell's article on page 12 for more ordering 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 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 August 16, 2009

There are no minutes to report from our August outing because there was no club business conducted that day.





Through the Gears (cont'd)

Less than two weeks after the Gala, we once again will return to the North Cascades Highway for our third annual tour of Skagit Valley Wineries. Astute readers will have noticed that this year's event has been named Vairs in the Vineyards. Determining the exact itinerary of the tour is one of the items on this month's meeting agenda.

Rounding out this issue of the *Vairious Times* are a collection of photos from the various events held over the summer just past. In addition, the latest Corsa Corner article is on page 15. This month's column was written by the newest Western Division Director, Jack Pinard. He details some of the process that took place last month in the decision to keep Harry Jensen and Mike McGowan on as the management team for CORSA.

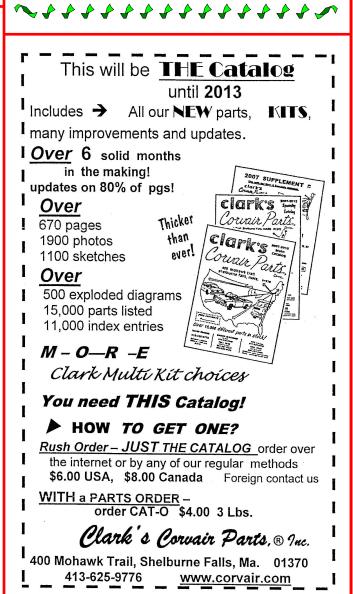
Lastly, how about the write in *Hemmings Classic Car* about the Corvair 50th! Three CORSA chapters are mentioned, including NCC! The article is reprinted on page 6 and appears here with the permission of *Hemmings Classic Car* editor, Richard Lentinello.

Looking forward to getting together again at the Eagle Crest on the 10th. I hope to see you there!

Rob and Sharon Heib
Gene and Sue Galipeau
Stanwood, WA

Gale and Gretchen Pfeuller
Bellingham, WA

Jim and Mary Acker
Seattle, WA



NCC Treasurer's Report

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	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
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.

You can order by contacting Fred Croydon at: fredngale@wavecable.com

An <u>order form</u> is available at our club web site.

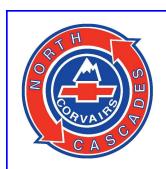






North Cascades Corvairs Business Cards

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, (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.

CNW Swap Meet













Hemmings Classic Car Club News Lists Corvair 50th Anniversary Events



CORVAIR 50

The first half-century for a car still ahead of its time

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 semicentennial 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*.

CNW Discontinued and Orphan Show













CNW Discontinued and Orphan Show













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 preregister 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 Flitch 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.

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 or coin because Chevrolet also minted one to mark the sire of uction in 1979 to the CPF violet issue a new coin fifty years later. And it is a sire of the correction o

Design by Harry Rand

The continuation of the Corva in the Corva i

The CP1 was privileged in sented to design the Corvair 50th Anniversary Coin. His original Corvair logo graces the free side of Corvair Side o

verse side, nighlighted 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!

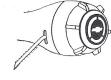
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SHOW LOCATION
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SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

CORSA CORNER

by Jack Pinard Western Division Director

If you can read this, then the first step in improving communications from the board to chapters is working. This is "new news" reporting about August 15, sent to your chapter e-mail address.

MANAGEMENT CHANGE STUDY Following a year of research and proposals and sometimes contentious interaction, CORSA board of directors made decisions in a phone conference meeting on the future process of professional management of our society. Last year, before I joined the board, questions were raised about operating costs. It was decided to obtain proposals from several companies that managed non-profit organizations like CORSA. A committee of directors drew up the guidelines and sent to seven firms. Then four were asked to submit formal bids, including the current team M&PS.

PRESENTATIONS MADE Presentations were made at the 12-hour Jacksonville board meeting July 13, but due to complexity of the issue and lack of time the vote was rescheduled. A month of e-mail controversy ensued among about half the board. Several of the directors did not participate in the corsa.bod group mail. Unanimity was not reached on key points.

PAUSE FOR LENO So there was some suspense on the outcome of the vote that Saturday morning. But first another piece of business was taken care of, the granting of honorary membership to Jay Leno. Leno has a late 180 coupe and did a total restoration of a Rampside. The video on Jay's Garage website is a terrific promotion for Corvairs and CORSA.

VOTE ON HARRY AND MIKE Back to the issue. Following a long discussion on contract changes, the M&PS team of Harry Jensen and Mike McGowan was retained in an 8 to 3 vote, including three proxies of directors not on the call. Then a motion was made for the executive committee—comprised of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer—to negotiate contract modifications. The president objected as the by-laws mention that the president conducts them.

WHO WILL NEGOTIATE? A variety or reasons for and against greater participation were made. The resulting vote was a bigger split, with five favoring a team approach and six opposed. Then a unanimous vote was made to give president Tim Mahler the right to negotiate a new contract with M&PS.

SUGGESTIONS REQUESTED Mahler requested suggestions on cost reduction changes from directors within 10 days and promised to report to board. It was then decided to meet via phone conference on September 26.

SOME GET OLD NEWS Your chapter has this important news now, within two weeks of vote. Others may not know for six weeks when they read the October Communiqué. This is because the chapter email list has errors due to failures to communicate, and the September Communiqué closed August 1.

DIRECTORS MAY UPDATE Several directors like my suggestion for annual personal visits by directors to chapters to verify data and hold "town hall" discussions. A plan is being formulated to make the visits soon after club elections. This outreach is part of the new spirit to improve communications by directors. It counters the old status quo attitude some expressed that "no one is interested".

WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS?

With your input we can promote CORSA and make participation more fun. Send comments to corvairjack@yahoo.com

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Summer Car Shows

NCC thanks Andy Clark and George Kain for sharing their photos.













Summer Car Shows













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.

32nd Annual

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet Hosted by Inland Empire Corvair Club, October 23rd - 25th, 2009

	Quantity	X	Cost	=	<u>Total</u>
Family or Individual Registration	_1_		<u>\$10.00</u>		<u>\$10.00</u>
Ultra Van or RV Space (\$20.00 per night)	_		<u>\$20.00</u>		-
Friday Night Welcome Party (Please enter number attending)			FREE		FREE
Saturday Night Banquet (\$35.00 per person)			\$35.00		
Swap Meet 20' X 20' Space (\$20.00 per space)		n arr	<u>\$20.00</u> ival		
People's Choice Car Show – 1961-1969 Models and other entries(\$5.00 Each)			\$5.00		
People's Choice Car Show – All 1960 Models Only			FREE		FREE
Model Car Contest (\$3.00 each)			\$3.00		
Creative Parts Contest (\$3.00 each)			\$3.00		
GWFBT&SM T-Shirt (\$15.00 ea) Shirts are available ONLY through Pre-registration					
SMLXLXXL Check quantity desired of each size and enter total			\$15.00		
Don't Forget Registration Fee at the top!	<u>TOTA</u>	L EN	CLOSED	<u>)</u>	
Please PRINT: Name	_ Р	h#			
Other Family Members					
Address					
City State	·		_ Zip _		
Club Affiliation					
E-Mail					

Please note: All registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The number of participants and/or entries in Any given event may be limited.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10,2009

Please make check payable to "Inland Empire Corvair Club" and send with completed form before 10/10/09 to: Beryl Adele Corson, 16953 Mockingbird Canyon Rd., Riverside, CA 92504-9694 You will receive confirmation by return mail or e-mail.

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Corvair Golden Anniversary Dates

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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

<u>June</u>

Corvair engine production begins in Tonawanda, NY

<u>July</u>

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

September 2009

10 NCC Club Meeting Eagle Crest Restaurant

11-13 NW Corvair Roundup Boise, ID Contact: Brenda Stephenson 208-459-6479

26 Jerry Chambers Chevy Show, Bellingham 360-733-7997

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

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