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The September meeting
will be at the
Wonderful Buffett
17121 NE 28th
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Through the Gears

I am under the weather with a bug that has sapped my energy, and has my head in a stuffy buzz. Corvair stuff has been the last thing on my mind. However, these things must go on, and Gale is picking up the pieces from the incoherent comments that I spout every now and then.

Our next general membership meeting will be on the second Thursday evening in September. No surprise there, but we will hold it at the **Wonderful Buffett, a Chinese American buffet restaurant located at NE 28th Drive, Marysville.**

Most important is that we will have nominations for 2013 officers. We have one volunteer for VP, and that is Ron Zentner. I understand that Graham Dell will stay on as Treasurer. All other positions are open. We will stick with this item on that night until we have folks for all positions.

Also, we will finalize information on the Wine Tasting Tour of Whidbey Island that is being planned by Nancy and Dave Thompson, and scheduled for September 22. Put that date on your calendar, and join us in some fun on the island.

We will provide information that we received on suggestions for the Christmas dinner for the club, and finalize the date, location, and type of event. Hope to see you then.
—Fred Croydon

Directions: From I-5, go west on Route 531, also known as 172nd St. Take the first left onto 28th Dr. It is a shopping center parking lot. See the resaurant on your left.

Link to a map for the Wonderful Buffett: http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&utm_campaign=en&utm_medium=ha&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-dd&utm_term=google%20directions

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, time and location information.

September Wine Cruise

Dave and Nancy Thompson have planned a great wine tour for us. It will be held on Saturday, the 22nd and take place on Whidbey Island. We will start in Coupeville, where there are two wine shops. Then we'll head south and stop by Greenbank Farm for lunch. After that, off to Langley and the wineries there.

As per usual, the people who live north and east of Whidbey can meet at the Farmhouse on Hwy 20 and the LaConner-Whitney Road. For those who live south of Whidbey, the best bet is to all agree on which ferry to take, and meet up in Clinton for the drive to Coupeville.

If you have any comments or requests please let Nancy know. 360- 360-672-1556 or thompsondnk2@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report September, 2012

Balance Forward 7/31/12	2176.98
Expenses	
La Conner Chamber	25.00
Ending Balance 8/31/12	2151.98

by Graham Dell

Paul Hintz is Recovering

A couple of weeks ago, Paul Hintz went into Skagit Valley Hospital for a blood clot in his leg. They got that handled, but as occasionally happens, he had a stroke while there. He has mostly lost the use of his right side, but is alert and ready for company.

He is now at Josephine Rehab Center in Stanwood, just a few minutes drive for Ruth. The address is 9901 272nd Place, Stanwood, WA 98292 For a map to Josephine please click on the following link: <http://www.josephinenet.com/contact-us/>

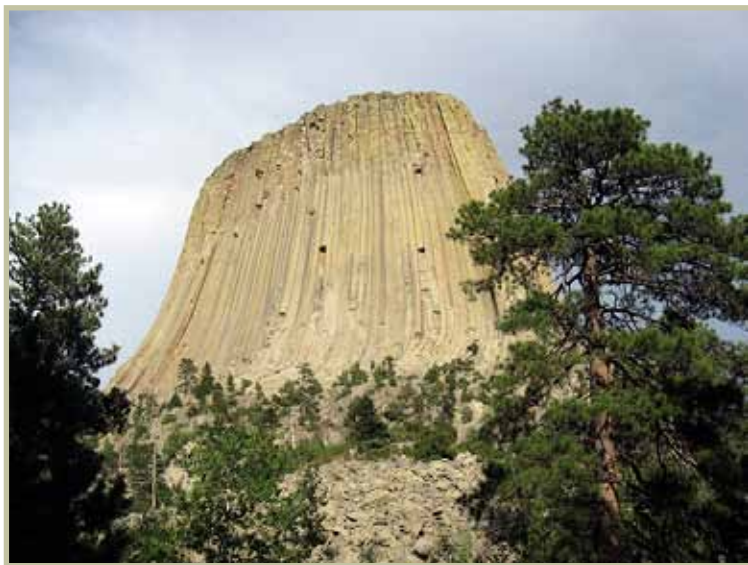
Ed. note: Last month, we sent out an email of Mike Klause's adventures at CORSA. This month, Bill Chellis submitted his story. Enjoy.

Corvairs at the CORSA Convention in Massachusetts. Photo taken by Bill Chellis



2012 CORSA Convention Road Trip

As some of you may know, Mary Ann and I planned to drive our Corsa back East to attend the CORSA convention in Sturbridge, MA. Our plan to use the Corsa came apart the week before the convention, but with help from a travel agent, we rented a car and went anyway. Given the 100+ degree heat we encountered along the way, having a modern car with air conditioning turned out to be a wise choice. Along the way, we stopped at the Custer battlefield in Montana, Devils Tower in Wyoming,



Mount Rushmore, Needles Highway, the Badlands of South Dakota and the Rock and Roll Museum in Cleveland.



The pleasant surprise of our trip was the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY. He was one of the early aviators and the museum is an eclectic collection of early 20th century and aircraft memorabilia. So if you are ever in the Finger Lakes region of New York State, take some time to visit.

The only Corvairs we saw along the way were in Rapid City, South Dakota.

On Thursday, we headed to Bennington, VT to attend one of the Hemmings Cruise-ins held during the summer. To our disappointment, it was cancelled because of the threat of severe weather. Nevertheless, we stopped for something to eat and a quick stop at Bennington Pottery and headed to our Sturbridge accommodations.

Friday got off to an early start as we took part in the trip to Newport, RI, home to several "cottages" from America's Gilded Age. After a great lunch at the Brick Alley Pub, (Reuben sandwich and a tall glass of Newport Amber Ale), we toured The Breakers, the summer home of the steamship and railroad tycoon family, the Vanderbilts. After departing Newport, we finally got a chance to see some of the 200 plus Corvairs on display when we arrived back in Sturbridge. In addition, we met up with Mike Klaus, in what turned out to be the first instance of running into a NCC member.



We arrived at the car show early Saturday because of a gloomy forecast. Other than one Corvair from Alaska, we didn't see any cars from the Northwest.

On one trip to the hospitality room, Mary Ann spotted our military member Keith Klemm, his wife Joy and their three boys. It turns out that Keith is now stationed in Philadelphia and has acquired a sharp-looking 1964 Greenbrier for family trips.



Around noontime, I came across a blue Monza, which I recognized as belonging to Jay and Pam Green, our NCC members from Massachusetts. Our time together was brief because a thunderstorm arrived and it began to pour. Not even enough time to take a picture as they hurried out to pick up their frightened pets.

Despite the afternoon washout, we looked forward to the banquet that evening and the appearance of the guest speaker Richard Lentinello, Hemmings Classic Car editor-in-chief. Richard had made some very positive statements about Corvairs last year on the occasion of Chevrolet's 100TH anniversary. In

particular was his comment that if he won the Powerball Lottery, the first car he would go out and buy would be a Corvair. By the way, he understands that Corvairs are reasonably priced classic cars, but he has 2 daughters in private school.

Richard regaled the crowd with tales of what it is like to work in the magazine business and the surprising items (bags of pot) he found in his desk when he came on board at Hemmings. After his presentation was over, we were able to speak with him about Corvairs and living in Vermont. He graciously agreed to autograph our copy of the 100th anniversary issue.

And then the convention was over.

We drove down to Connecticut to visit our families. One more disappointment awaited as the car show in my old home was cancelled on Sunday because of the threat of rain. After a few days of relaxing in Connecticut, I departed for the 3000 mile return trip. Mary Ann flew home a few days later.

Would I do this again? Yes, it made me feel 20 years younger. But if I was going to drive a car without AVC, I think I would go in September.



Hemmings Showcases Corvairs



As most of you know, Fred has sent out a link to the Hemmings online newsletter. They had a very good article about the some of the last Corvairs built. I'm putting in these pictures because it is a beautiful, beautiful car. It has ageless styling that is still evident today. (Even Jay Leno says so! ;-)

If you haven't already read the article, here is the link to it. Be sure to scroll down to the second reader comment below it.

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2012/08/31/last-corvair-convertible-heads-to-auction/?refer=news>



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Local Car Shows with Mike Klaus

Summer car shows are in full swing and North Cascades Corvair members do their best to get a contingent of Corvairs to as many as possible. A couple of shows in Whatcom County have brought out a few of our beautiful cars... and attracted quite a bit of attention from the public. Fred Hefley, Debbie Grainger and Mike Klaus went to the Ferndale Festival of Fenders, where the entire town was involved in the Ferndale Street Festival. Besides the great collection of cars, there were crafts, games, bands, and all kinds of entertainment.



Just a week later, Mike and Debbie gathered again, joining Corvairs with Lauren Burton in beautiful Maple Falls, up Mt. Baker Highway. John Sayer also brought his water-pumper to the show. It was a gorgeous day for the scenic drive, and a splendid destination. Besides cars lining both sides of Baker Highway, cars were parked on side streets, around businesses, and almost everywhere you could put a car. About 150 cars were on display, with sweet jazz and rock-n-roll bands providing great backdrop music. Mike's '63 Spyder picked up one of the many trophies provided by sponsoring local businesses.

The End



Parking the Corvairs together created several great conversations with spectators, who always seem to have a story (myth or fact) to remember about our precious cars! Our rear-engined babies really do attract attention. It is great to get them out in front of the public, and the camaraderie of the North Cascade Corvair members is terrific.

