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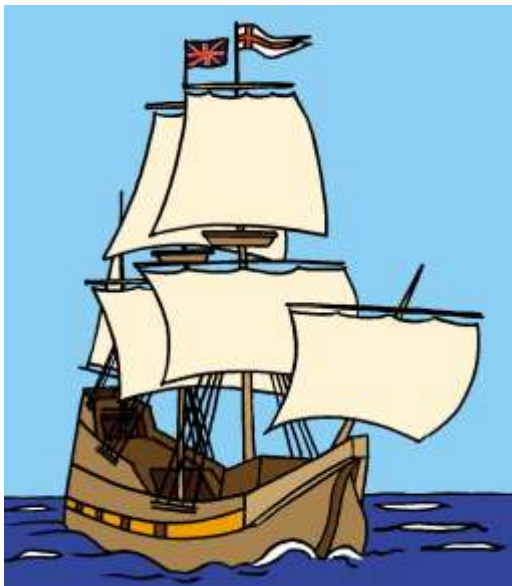


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# REAR ENGINE REVIEW

*(Inland Northwest Car Club Council  
2018 Newsletter of the Year)*

NOVEMBER 2019



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

The **Rear Engine Review** is a monthly publication of the **INLAND NORTHWEST CORVAIR CLUB**, chapter 990 of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSA). Letters, articles, experiences, technical information, humor, and recipes are welcome. Please submit your material to:

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Visit us at:

<http://www.corvairclub.com>

**All material must be submitted by the twenty-fifth of the current month for inclusion in next month's issue.**

The INLAND NORTHWEST CORVAIR CLUB welcomes past, present, and future CORVAIR owners, as well as those who are simply curious about these unique vehicles. We welcome CORVAIRS of every degree of restoration or modification, including other vehicles utilizing CORVAIR components. **CORVAIR ownership is not required!** Club events, dates, times, and locations are published as soon as practical in the **Rear Engine Review**, or on the **club web-site**.

**Dues:**

CORSA Members	\$13.00/yr.
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We also welcome commercial advertisements from those supportive of this club, Corvairs, and the automotive hobby. Corvair and other automotive products and services will be given the highest priority, followed by those of a more varied and general nature.

## THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dave McChesney



*The real thing, again! This is where I sit as I begin work on another issue of the REAR ENGINE REVIEW.*

As usual, despite repeated calls, I've had no input for the next issue of our newsletter. There has been no feedback on suggestions I offered for a planning meeting in November, nor for a Christmas/Holiday party in December.

Traditionally, as some might remember, we held elections during or at our annual Christmas/Holiday party, and we might want to go that route, too.

Lastly, I remind you that I'm always open to input for the REAR ENGINE REVIEW. We can always use personal Corvair stories, maintenance hints and tips, pictures, recipes, or information of a general nature. And if you go to and participate in a car show or other automotive hobby related event, help me get the news in the REAR ENGINE REVIEW. Snap a pic or two and send them along with brief note. I'll get it in the next REAR ENGINE REVIEW

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

If you have pictures or other information about Corvair or automotive events from the past, feel free to forward. I'll do my best to include them, regardless of how long ago the activity occurred.

## CLUB BUSINESS CARDS

Contact INLAND NORTHWEST CORVAIR CLUB Web-master Dave Fender for business cards with current club logo on them. They have a place where you can add your contact information. Return address labels might be small enough to fit in the area provided.



*The front of the card looks like this.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Submitted by Dave McChesney

Last month we gained \$23.80 in dues from a member who graciously paid ahead a year and included back dues for a portion of

the past year. We also gained 10¢ in dividends at the end of October. We now have \$328.05 in checking, \$1119.53 in Savings, for a Grand Total of \$1447.58.

**We show five members owing dues. Another becomes due in November, and another will be due in December. Membership is \$15.00 per year. CORSA members pay \$13.00. We also show one vendor owing the \$20.00 ad fee.**

**Please send check or money order to:  
Inland Northwest Corvair Club  
P. O. Box 9689  
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or bring payment to a club event.**

**The Post Office Box gets checked weekly and any received funds are deposited that day or early the next week.**

**If you no longer want to be in the Inland Northwest Corvair Club, let us know.**

## PALOUSE DAYS FOLLOW UP

In last month's report on Palouse Days we included a picture of an old bus parked downtown. There was a sign in the window asking folks who might get a picture of it with the owners. Your editor did contact the owner who was nice enough to provide some information about it.



*This sign was in the right hand front window of the bus. Photographed it to more easily remember the e-mail address.*

Manufactured in 1948 in Loudonville, OH as a 29 passenger transit bus

Purchased by Greyhound and used on Route 66 from 1948-1953

Purchased by Orange County Transit and ran from Laguna Beach to Balboa Park, 1953-1957

Purchased by Gene Autry and was his tour bus, 1957-1961 (Yes! It really was his bus!)



*For Palouse Days, the bus was parked on Beach St., just south of Main Street.*

Purchased by a traveling typewriter salesman in 1961 and professionally converted into a class A motor coach.

Buick strait 8 engine upgraded to a Ford 391 industrial V8 with a Spicer 5 speed transmission in the mid 1970's

Purchased by a TWA flight engineer in the early 1980s

The Ford 391 was rebuilt and an Eaton 2 speed differential installed in 1984

A door was added to the mechanical room and toilet facilities using parts from an airplane bathroom were installed. The kitchen was upgraded with a new counter top and appliances, including a microwave.

Purchased by the previous owner in 1999 who left it parked behind his house until...

Purchased in 2016 by Marc and Chris Van Harn who have been...



Constantly upgrading and building new systems on the bus ever since, including...

1997 Cummins 6BT industrial diesel engine

Allison MD3060 automatic 6 speed transmission

New rear end, brakes and air system, custom air ride front end and suspension, along with a complete new electrical system

And a lot more to come



*Years ago the bus would have been in front of the Post Office, where your editor hastened every day after school to pick up newspapers for his Spokane Chronicle paper route!*

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## CRUISE NIGHTS

Here's the updated list, direct from the 2019 Inland Northwest Car Club Council's Calendar of Events.

If you go, contact fellow INCC members and invite them along. Please send pictures and/or written descriptions for our newsletter.

## Monday

Paul Bunyan

8625 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID

## Tuesday

Cinderella Customs (June 4 - Aug 27)

Yokes, Post Falls, ID

Zip's Drive Inn

12218 N. Market St., Mead, WA

## Wednesday

Paul Bunyan

13735 Hwy 53, Rathdrum, ID

Paul Bunyan

30340 Hwy 200, Ponderay, ID

Steer Inn

7920 N Division St., Spokane, WA

## Thursday

Prime Tyme Bar & Grill

Hwy 2 & Westwood, Chattaroy, WA

Ron's Drive Inn

12502 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

## Friday

Monitor Hot Rod Cafe

2960 Easy St., Wenatchee, WA

Zip's Drive Inn

1005 S. Main St., Deer Park, WA

## Saturday

Car & Coffee Cruise In

(Apr 6 - Oct 12, 7:30 – 10:30 AM)

Players & Spectators/Aces Casino,

Spokane Valley, WA

## 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

The following are suggestions only, based on past scheduling and club, club member participation. If anyone has idea or suggestions for club activities, please let club officers and your newsletter editor know so we can get the word out to all members.

## NOVEMBER

A good time to have a general meeting, elect new officers and plan events for 2020? At "press" time we haven't had any word on this, so....

## DECEMBER

Christmas/Holiday party? As above, no word on this. Keep your fingers crossed.

(We should schedule an event each month of the year. If we do not have anything for a month, should have a set time and place to get together as a club.)

### WANTED!

Chester is looking for a 66 Corsva convertible with a turbo-charged engine, a 4 speed transmission, and in #2 or #3 condition. It needs to be clean, straight, solid, and running!

Contact him at:

(832) 291-8009

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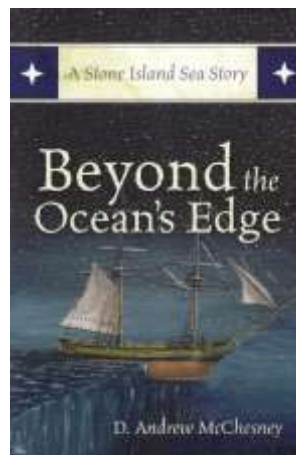
[chester.keeton@icloud.com](mailto:chester.keeton@icloud.com)

### OF INTEREST

In the October 2019 CORSA COMMUNIQUE, Jerry Brown, CORSA Vice-President and Eastern Division Director ends his *Director's Turn at the Wheel* article with this note:

*"President Mike Hall and the Prairie Capital Corvair Club have restored a 1965 Corvair coupe with a 140 engine and Powerglide transmission which is being raffled off with the drawing to be done May 15, 2020. Tickets are only \$10.00 each and you can use your credit card to buy tickets by going to the CORSA web-site, [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) I thank you for all the support you can give. We love our Corvairs!"*

So get your tickets and maybe someone in the Inland Northwest Corvair Club will have a new Corvair for next summer!



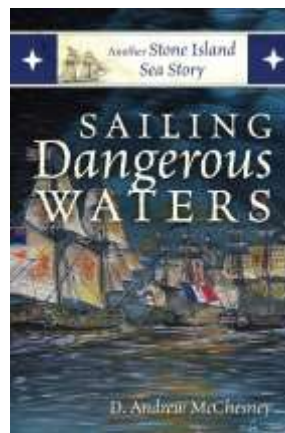
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