



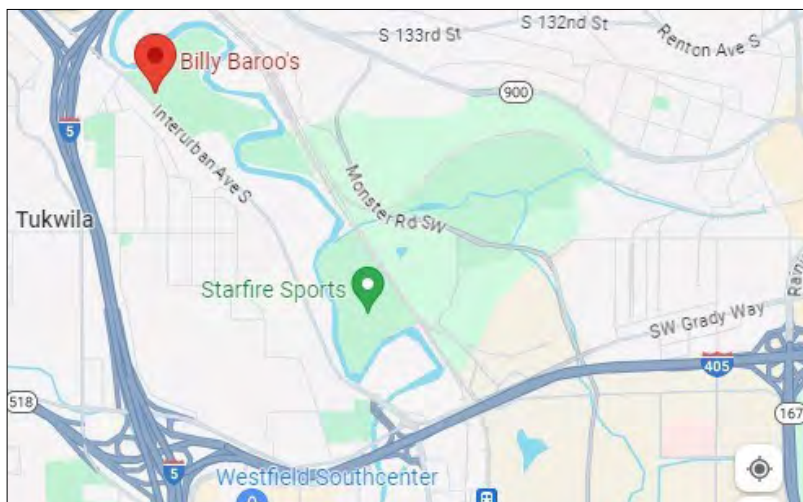
# *Happy New Year!*

*CNW Monthly Meetings In 2024  
Will Have A New Location and Time*



At Foster Golf Links, Third Sunday Of The Month 2:00PM  
13500 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, WA 98168

January 21, 2024 at 2:00PM. Will be the first at this new location. Billy Baroo's provided the turkey and ham for the CNW Christmas party, delicious!



# ***Roland Martin***

## ***February 17, 1936-December 1, 2023***

Roland John "Rollie" Martin was born in Cooperstown, ND on February 17, 1936. He was born during a blizzard when the record-breaking temperature in North Dakota plummeted to minus 47 degrees. He was the eldest son of Gerald and Ada (Leininger) Martin. Roland attended grade school in Vancouver, WA while his father worked in the shipyards during World War II, and in various schools in North Dakota when his dad worked at various locations as an insurance salesman. He attended high school in Phoenix briefly, before the family moved to Fargo, ND where he graduated from Fargo High School. He attended North Dakota State University in Fargo while helping his dad by driving a taxi for City Cab Co. that his parents owned and operated.



Rollie made an appointment with a Boeing representative in Fargo and was accepted to begin work in Seattle, WA on April 1, 1957. He started in the shipping department as an inspector and, during his spare time, attended Boeing-sponsored classes in electronics. After completing the course with high honors, he transferred to the Electronics Lab where he worked as an electronics technician, computing and calibrating electronic test equipment for most of his 36 plus years before retiring in 1995.

The year after he began his career at Boeing, he married Yvonne Perhus at the Norman Lutheran Church near Kindred, ND on September 6, 1958. They made West Seattle their permanent home where their two sons, Greg and Steve were born and raised.

Even during his high school years, Rollie had been maintaining his parents' car and his own, and sometimes many of his friends' cars. He always maintained our vehicles throughout his life.

In his retirement, we enjoyed many years as Corvair club members participating in Corvairs Northwest events locally as well as in Oregon, California and Canada. Rollie devoted much time promoting club activities. One of his greatest joys was helping members solve their Corvair mechanical problems.

Rollie loved music and taught himself to play the guitar well enough to win a talent contest in high school sponsored by the local radio station, WDAY. His award was a 15 minute time slot every morning to play his guitar and sing over the radio for a week. He had always been an avid reader and retirement gave him more time to pursue his hobbies of reading and music. His love of books and music is evident in his vast collection of each.

Preceding Roland in death were his parents, brother Daniel, sister Barbara Stuhlman, and niece Marguerite (Peggy) Minteer. Surviving him are his wife, Yvonne, sons Gregory and Steven (Kelleye), brother Thomas (Ruth) and nephews and nieces. He will be remembered as a faithful husband, loving father, caring brother and friend to many.

Yvonne Martin



# Remembering Roland, A Friend To Corvairs Northwest



On Monday, December 18th family and friends of Roland gathered to bid him farewell. Yvonne graciously invited members of Corvair Northwest to attend both the graveside service and luncheon afterwards at Roland's favorite restaurant, Wally's Chowder House in Des Moines. The following CNW members were in attendance: Carl Jones, Dan Gabbart, Dan Davis, Jerry Yoder, Kyle Sullivan, Kent Sullivan, Jim Brossard, Ron Backman, Elizabeth Kiteley, Troy Hull, Dick Hull and David Bailey. There were several spouses and significant others as well, my apologies for not getting all the names. Bernie Pringle and his wife came from Canada, they are longtime friends to Rollie and Yvonne whom they met at a CORSA convention years ago.

**Kent Sullivan:** Roland was always teaching, he was not a mechanic for hire and didn't want to take money. He wanted you to learn how to work on your Corvair, one step at a time. His intent was the long-term goal of a community that could take care of its cars since there are so few mechanics who have Corvair expertise.

**Elizabeth Kiteley:** Roland helped restore my 65 Corvair after an engine fire in 2012, just a few months after I purchased it. I really wanted to help him and he thought I should learn about the process and mechanics of the car. I ended up doing all the grunt/dirty work. I sanded, "solvented" and screwed so many parts. I'd continually ask Roland when the car would be done and he'd reply, "When it's finished". I felt like the Pope asking Michelangelo when the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel would be finished. I guess there is no rushing an artist.

**David Bailey:** I was a new club member, barely a year, when Roland phoned one evening. He asked if I would consider being "on the ballot" for CNW club president. After some consideration I called him back and said "sure", thinking who would vote for someone they didn't know. When the ballot arrived mine was the only name on it! Good one Rollie! I served as president for several years and made many good friends. Whenever I greeted Roland at a club event I'd say "how ya, doing Roland?". The response was always "not bad for an old guy."

**Bernie Pringle:** My wife and I were waiting in line at the bar on the first evening of a CORSA convention, the line was long. When we were just about to the bar I realized I had left my wallet back in the hotel room and told my wife. Well, the guy in front of us in line turned around and said, "I'm buying." That guy was Roland Martin and that was the beginning of a long lasting friendship.

**Carl Jones:** I called upon Roland's knowledge many times regarding my Ultra Van, once I was near the Grand Canyon and heard a lot of rattling in the engine bay. I immediately pulled the UV over and called Roland. I held up the phone for him to hear the noise, he said I should pull the valve cover. I did and found a broken rocker arm. Roland said, "no problem, just pull the broken rocker off, pull the pushrods on that cylinder and then connect with a Corvair owner and they will have an extra". He referred me to Corvair owner nearby where I was able to get two U.S. made rockers. The rest of the trip was uneventful and have driven at least 15,000 miles on that rocker without incident. Thanks Roland!!

# Corvairs Northwest Calendar

## Board of Directors Meeting

1st Sunday of each month  
Conference Call 7:00PM

## Members Meeting

3rd Sunday of each month  
Billy Baroo's at Foster Links  
13500 Interurban Ave.  
Tukwila, WA 98168  
2:00PM

## Spring Tune-Up Day

TBD

## PNW Econorun

May 31, 2024  
Langley, B.C.  
Western Canada Corsa Host

## Orphan and Discontinued Car Show

June 9, 2024  
Griot's Garage  
3333 S. 38th Street,  
Tacoma 10 AM-2 PM

## 2024 CORSA Convention

July 22-25, 2024  
Dayton, OH

## Air-Cooled Autumn

TBD

## Christmas Party December 2024

Griot's Garage

# CNW Leadership

## President/Membership

Lauren Burton  
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VACANT

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## **CNW 2024 Dues Are Now Due**

\$25- Electronic Newsletter  
\$35- Paper Newsletter  
Mail checks to:  
CNW C/O Lauren Burton  
18526 Burn Rd.  
Arlington, WA 98223  
Or pay at the CNW website.



The Vair-iety editor is seeking your Corvair related articles and photos for the CNW newsletter.

This is your newsletter, make it your own.  
**Special THANK YOU to everyone who submitted items this month!**

Editor Contact: dsbailey3@gmail.com  
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# CNW Corvair Happenings

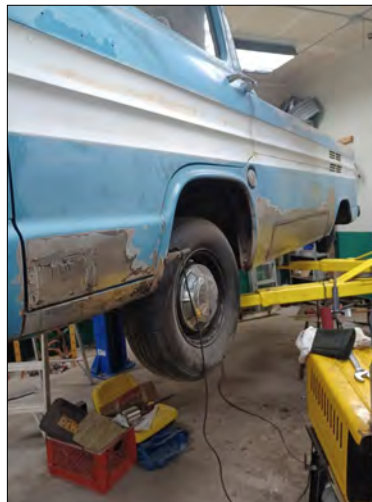


**Mitch Douthit** reports that the aftermarket carb linkage for his '65 Corsa convertible was a bit of a struggle to get installed but he finally prevailed. The engine should be back in the car by the time you read this. (Above and right) After two years of frustration Dan Atkinson finally has a functioning cluster! Many thanks to Dick Hull. (Below, right)



**New Members,  
Welcome To The Club!**

K.C & Leanne Procter  
Tylan Peters



Ron Backman has completed the interior and drive train on his Rampside, he's moving to the body work.

## ***Don Comstock, My Corvair Story, The Short Version***

My name is Don Comstock. Some of you older Corvairs Northwest members may recall the name because I have been a member with great enthusiasm for Corvairs beginning in the 1980s. I haven't had the "bug" for a decade or more and decided it was time to become reacquainted. Of course, I had disposed of all remaining Corvair parts at a swap meet and gave some away to friends. So, I'm starting from scratch with a 1964 model 900 sedan that I should not have purchased. Old memories are often better than current reality.

I found the '64 on Craig's List in the Lacey/Olympia area. It looked great in the pictures and not bad up close. The engine ran great and after reinstalling the air cleaners on what appeared to be recently rebuilt carburetors, I just backed it up and down the driveway. This was my first mistake, but the sellers seemed like regular folks just moving on to a late model car for the wife so I wasn't concerned. Had I driven it up and down the road I would have discovered the hidden undisclosed problem with the car. After arm-wrestling over the price, I began the long drive back to Bonney Lake. The steering and brakes worked well but there was a continual "clunking sound" coming from the differential area, speeding up as I speeded up. But we made it home no worse for wear. After close examination there were lots of issues with the car from brakes and bearings, to wheels that refused to come off. A new universal joint was installed because the old one had bearing out of place but the clunking problem remains unresolved.

In the last year my eyesight has deteriorated to the point that I feel unsafe driving and my wife, Sallie, isn't into driving cars that don't function properly. I need to provide the little Corvair a new home with someone who can fix it or find someone who wants to fix the differential for me. When I bought the car, it seemed to be a good idea but at almost 78 you can't go back and relive your younger self.

Don's contact: [chevyguy2@centurylink.net](mailto:chevyguy2@centurylink.net)





# CNW Board of Directors' Meeting Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:00PM

Attending: Lauren Burton, Dan Davis, Dave Andrews,  
Dave Bailey, Troy Hull and Kyle Sullivan

- Financial: Lauren still working with David Thatcher to transfer names on bank account. Treasurer position is still vacant.
- New location for monthly membership meeting takes effect on January 21, 2024. It will be held at Billy Baroos' Smokehouse and Bar at Foster Golf Links 13500 Interurban Ave. Tukwila, WA 98168 at 2:00PM.
- Membership: 2024 membership renewals have started arriving and there are two new memberships to report: KC & Leanne Proctor and Tylan Peters. Welcome to the club!
- CNW 2024 Events: Spring Tune-up Day, Orphan and Discontinued Car Show, Air-Cooled Autumn Car Show and Holiday Party. More cruises and fun stuff will be added!
- Upcoming event in 2024: NW Econorun hosted by Western Canada Corsa in Langley, B.C. on May 31, 2024.
- Website/Internet: Kyle Sullivan reports that he has freshened the homepage, updated the calendar, the Vair-iety archive and eliminated outdated material. The links for payments, membership renewal and registrations have been confirmed. Watch for more historic Vair-iety newsletters and photo galleries to be added. Thanks Kyle!
- Old Business: The CNW bylaws will need to be reviewed and updated this year as necessary, we think this was last done in 2016. Watch for more info later this year.
- The terms of three board members have expired. Volunteers are needed to fill these positions. Election to be held later in January.

*The CNW Board Of Directors wants your fresh insight, involvement and input to help make this Corvair club better than ever! Volunteers are needed to serve on the board. This involves one monthly zoom meeting that lasts about an hour, event planning and participation. We need a minimum of three new people but more would be even better. Please contact any current board member if you'd like to volunteer or need more information. This will be on the agenda at the monthly meeting on January 21st. Election to follow in late January.*

## **Pacific NW Econorun Langley, B.C. May 31-June2, 2024 Presented by Western Canada CORSA**

- May 31 Friday afternoon there will be a field meet at **Joe's Corvair Garage** in Fort Langley.
- June 1 Saturday Econo-Run through scenic areas in the lower mainland of British Columbia.
- There will be a no host get together supper at Jimmy Mac's for awards and door prizes.
- June 2 Sunday morning car show with People's Choice trophies and optional suitcase swap meet.
- Sandman Hotel Langley. 8855 202 Street Langley BC. V1M2N9. Phone 604-888- 7263.
- They have a 24-hour reservation line which is 1-800 Sandman or 1-800- 726-3626.
- The group name is Pacific Northwest Econo Run 2024, confirmation number is: 2308 p a c i f i
- For more information email Don Proctor at [don@corsa.ca](mailto:don@corsa.ca) or phone 1-250-203- 5574

# *T'was A Corvair Christmas At Griot's Garage!*



About 25 members of Corvairs NW gathered at Griot's Garage on December 10th to celebrate Christmas and another year of fab Corvair events! Potluck sides and desserts complimented the main course of turkey and ham provided by our new meeting site Billy Baroo's Smokehouse. Lauren unveiled Dave Andrews' newly built Chevy Bowtie Memorial Plaque honoring recently deceased members. The small red bowties with names will be replaced with permanent ones later. We honored Roland Martin as a long-time member of CNW. There was a game of Corvair Bingo!



# Local Corvairs Available



Jim McDonald has a 66 Sedan for sale. 110 pg. Starts and runs well drives and stops. Carbs rebuilt, new muffler, pushrod tube o rings fuel sending unit. Trans does leak. Has only run non-ethanol fuel in it. Jim is asking \$6000. Car is located near Black Diamond. Contact me for more details and if interested I will get you in touch with Jim. Jim was a member of the club back in the late 70s. Dave Andrews [dnawoodworks@gmail.com](mailto:dnawoodworks@gmail.com)



Early coupe for sale by Kevin Shambaugh. Runs but smokes a bit due to a fouled sparkplug. Includes lots of spare parts. All reasonable offers considered. Located in Everett.

Contact Kevin:  
425-350-6040  
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## the Chevrolet Story 1911 1965



### 1965 Corvair

A new stunner in style and spirit is the rear-engine Corvair. Beautifully different from every angle, Corvair's sophisticated design has an international flavor for '65. This is best shown in its silhouette that's longer, lower and enhanced by a body-length streamline and bold hardtop styling in closed models. Smoother handling, improved ride and stability are attributed to wider road stance and important suspension changes that add to Corvair's proven 4-wheel independent system. Inside, Corvair is roomier with greater value and beauty from an improved heater, smart new instrument panel and luxurious all-vinyl upholstery. Front bucket seats are



Corvair Corsa Convertible

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### 1965 Corvair

standard on Corsa and Monza.

The new top-of-the-line Corsa offers a new 4-carburetor 140-hp Turbo-Air 164 standard engine with dual exhaust. Also available is a 180-hp Turbo-Charged power plant. Standard on all models except Corsa is the economical 95-hp Turbo-Air engine. For extra sparkle, the 110-hp Turbo-Air 164 and 140-hp Turbo-Air 164 can be specified. Corvair excitement comes in three series: Corsa, Monza and Corvair 500. New Corsa models: Sport Coupe and Convertible. Monza's three: Sport Coupe, Sport Sedan and Convertible. Greatest practicality and economy are offered in Corvair 500's Sport Coupe and Sport Sedan.

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Corvair Monza Sport Sedan



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