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Please contact the editor at daveeva@comcast.net if you discover any errors in this newsletter that need to be corrected.

On the cover: Some of the Corvairs present at our Tech-N-Tune at Cody's shop on October 5th.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dave McChesney



If you use your imagination, the car on the bridge is a late model Corvair Coupe.

It looks like I'll be getting the REAR ENGINE REVIEW out to everyone on time or ahead of time, two months in a row! Last month I was so early that I received input for it, after having sent it out. No problem, however, as that gave me material for this month's issue.

I know I've harped on it time and time again, but it seems we do better as a club when we have activities and events on a regular basis. Doing so keeps us in touch with each other. When we are in touch, we tend to plan and do more. It's a win-win, all the way around. That being said, I hope we schedule a planning meeting for the next year early in the year, perhaps in January. That would give us an early start on next year's events.

I'd also like to see us more involved with the local car club scene. The Inland Northwest Car Club Council coordinates and puts on a number of events we could be a part of. Some, of course are strictly car club related, but many have a broader reach into the community... scholarship drives and the like. And on a social event note, the annual Show No Shine, usually in late February, should be the highlight of the year. It would be great to see enough Inland Northwest Corvair Club members attend so we could have our own table or tables.

I'm still hoping to get to the point where each month we can list members' birthdays and anniversaries, and I appreciate the few who have provided dates for those occasions.

Lastly I should remind you that the list of folks behind in dues is growing, and soon we'll have to remove those who haven't paid in a long time from the roster. Our dues are minimal, but we do have expenses. The largest is for our Post Office Box and if it keeps going up, we may need to take some sort of action. I've thought of combining Post Office Boxes with Spokane Authors, which faces the same increases in box rent. As long as I check both, it should not be a problem. If anyone has any ideas, I think we'd all be glad to hear them.



CLUB BUSINESS CARDS

This shows the front and back of the actual card. If you would like some, let me know and I can bring some to a club event or send you some via mail.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasurer's Report is sent monthly to Inland Northwest Club members only, via email and USPS. For those members well behind in payment of dues, we do not press for back dues, but only for payment of current dues. You can pay at any club event, or you can mail a check or money order to the club's Post Office Box. (The list of folks behind in their dues is growing. We might get to the point of cancelling memberships if we don't hear from you and receive payment for current dues.)



Xmas Dinner Get Together

Sunday December 15th 3:00 pm.
Poole's Public House
12310 N Ruby Rd. in North Spokane
(Near the corner of Division & Hastings, just east of Mead High School.)

The menu has quite a few choices and the food is excellent. They have a spot off the main part of the restaurant to seat a large group. My golf team has their after-season banquet there every year. Come hungry because everything on the menu is great! Did I mention all their burgers are half pounders?

This is where we were last year, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. This year we'll have a gift exchange. Bring a seasonal gift of approximately \$20.00 to participate. No car parts please! We'll have a humorous game to distribute the gifts, and we think everyone will enjoy it! Hope to see you all there. Roger Becker 714-309-7974 rogerscorvairs@gmail.com

TECH -n- TUNE

We had a great turn out for our Tech -N-Tune at Cody's new Shop in Coeur d' Alene. Nearly everyone there arrived via Corvair, and amongst other things, Cody demonstrated some windshield wiper maintenance tips.

Those present included our host, Cody Hurley, Craig Nicol, Dave Raezer, Patrick Johns, Roger Becker, Derek Harmsen, John Vujovich, and Dave McChesney. Also there were Corvair enthusiasts Dan Altice from Naples, Idaho, and Brad Patzer of Post Falls, Idaho.



One of Cody's projects

Besides the technical information passed along and exchanged, we also got a chance to catch up in general.



Roger Becker's Lakeside is coming along nicely.

NELSON, BC ROAD TRIP

By Roger Becker

Inland Northwest Corvair Club members Bob Sherman and Roger Becker traveled to Nelson, British Columbia to attend an annual Car Show there on September 6-8.

The drive up on Friday morning was full of scenic roadways as Bob knew all the lesser highways needed to get there. I was surprised that for the distance we traveled, approximately 175 miles, I could count on one hand the stop signs and lights we encountered. However, there were unlimited scenic views around every curve of the road. What beautiful country up there.



Bob's Corvair on display.

Saturday, we got in line to park our cars along the main street, ending up on a side street just a few spots from the main gathering (Nice & shady.) There were 480 area. vehicles registered for the show, so there were a lot to look at. Gosh! There were a lot of really nice cars there. We were the only Corvairs in this show and there was a lot of attention given to our cars by the locals, as a lot of them had never ever seen a Rampside. We could have stayed by our cars fielding questions and complements all day, but we wanted to do our own looking around. There also were two poker walks that directed you up and down Main Street, so you got to look at a lot of the cars anyway.

At about 3 PM they announced the trophy winners. Sad to say, Corvairs didn't win any of them.



Roger's Rampside on the ferry, with Bob's Corvair in front.

Sunday morning, we headed back home going a different route that added an extra 80 miles to the journey. It's called the Scenic

Circle route. At one part of it, you drove onto a (free) Ferry to have a 35-minute ride across Kootenay Bay. Picking up the road on the other side, you do a winding 30 miles along the edge of the bay, stopping at a glass house built by an embalmer using formaldehyde bottles (?), and a broom factory that made them out of natural materials with fancy handles.

We arrived back home safely after a round trip of approx... 400 miles.

We are probably going back again next year. Eh?

November Birthdays

None Submitted

November Anniversaries

None Submitted

INCC members, let us know your Birthday and Anniversary dates and those of your most immediate family. We'll help you celebrate by listing your special days here. Who knows, a fellow club member might send you a card!

CRUISE NIGHTS

If you plan to go, contact fellow INCC members and invite them along. Please send pictures and/or write-ups for our newsletter.

Monday

Paul Bunyan

8625 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID

Tuesday

Zip's Drive Inn

12218 N. Market St., Mead, WA

Wednesday

Paul Bunyan

13735 Hwy 53, Rathdrum, ID

Kalispel Casino

420 Qlispe River Way, Cusick, WA

Indian Trail Shopping Center

8800 N. Indian Trail, Spokane, WA

Thursday

Ron's Drive Inn

12502 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Friday

Zip's Drive Inn

1005 S. Main St., Deer Park, WA

Saturday

Lone Wolf Harley-Davidson

19011 E. Cataldo, Ave, Spokane Valley, WA May – Sept 2nd and last Saturday, 2 – 4 pm

2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

More detailed information will be available as we get closer to each specific event. Club events are "boxed." At this point in time, nothing here is set in concrete. Note, much of what is on this schedule is suggested and not set in stone.

November 2024

Nothing Scheduled...Perhaps an advanced planning meeting for early 2025?

December 2024

Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm Club Christmas Dinner Poole's Public House, 12310 N. Ruby Rd. (We'll have a White Elephant gift exchange)

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Right near the top of the Welcome or landing page. If you would like a copy emailed to you, contact them at: authors@spokaneauthors.org or the Rear Engine Review Editor at: daveeya@comcast.net



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Primarily because I have what would be an entire blank page, and because we just adjusted our clocks from Daylight to Standard time, I thought I'd offer some thoughts on the practice.

First of all, we do not save or increase the amount of daylight for a given day. That is determined by the time of year and our latitude, or how far north and south we are on the earth's surface. Really, what we do is fool ourselves into getting up and starting our day an hour earlier so darkness falls an hour later than it normally would.

The farther North (or South) we go, the less need there is for such trickery. Summertime in the Fairbanks, Alaska area meant that sunset morphed into sunrise over the course of a couple of hours. The sun only dips below the horizon for a little while, and the colors of sunset become the sunrise. There is no actual night or total darkness.

Of course, the opposite occurs in winter and there is no actual daytime. The sun might peak above the horizon but that is all.

The above is based on childhood memories from decades ago. One other childhood memory is from after we moved down to the "Lower Forty-Eight" and lived in the Tacoma area and I first became aware of Daylight Saving Time. Dad worked on McCord AFB and when we went to Daylight Saving Time each spring, he of course went to work an hour earlier. But the place he worked at also adjusted the named time of the start of work, from eight until seven, so they actually worked two hours earlier than during the winter.

Today we largely see the advantage of it as giving us more daylight at the end of the day, largely for recreational purposes. And there are those who argue that the change in time twice a year can have detrimental effects on peoples' health and well-being. Washington has suggested staying on Daylight Saving Time year-round, which I would not be opposed to. One argument against is that children would have to go to school in the dark. But I again refer you to Alaska. By the time we

were into winter, kids went to school in the dark and came home from school in the dark. It might be daylight or semi daylight during recess and during lunch break, but that was it.

My thoughts these days is that we should stay on one set of hours or the other. If we want to adjust or change when we do something, change the time, not the entire clock. If we don't want kids to go to school in the dark, then start school an hour later. If we want more daylight in the evenings, start work an hour earlier. Perhaps the changeover dates we use should simply be an advisory saying it's now time to go to winter (or summer) hours.



Since this is the November (Thanksgiving) issue, perhaps a picture of Turkeys roaming the streets a couple of months ago would be appropriate.

(I've often heard of them wandering about on Spokane's South Hill, but this last September was the first time I'd seen them in the Northwest part of town, and we've been at our current location for over twenty-five years.)