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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: It's March, St. Patrick's Day, so why not some green Corvairs... and a green Chevrolet Impala.!

THE EDITOR's DESK

By Dave McChesney



If you use a little imagination, you might see a late model Corvair coupe crossing this rustic bridge.

Thanks to everyone who showed up for our planning meeting last month. We got a start at getting things lined up for the coming year. Ideally, we'll gather again in a few months to plan farther ahead. Coming up this month, we'll have a general get-together, this time at Poole's Public House, and in April we'll start with planned events. Our first event will be a tech-n-tune focusing on our members preparing to go to the National Convention.

Lastly, I appreciate any and all material you submit for inclusion in the REAR ENGINE REVIEW.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dave McChesney'.

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 e-mail 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

We'll have a general meeting/get together on Sunday March 23. From 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Poole's Public House 12310 N Ruby Rd. in North Spokane (Near the corner of Division & Hastings, just east of Mead High School.)

PLANNING MEETING

Several members of the Inland Northwest Corvair Club met at 1:00 pm. on Sunday February 23rd at Frankie Doodle's in downtown Spokane. In attendance were Mark Connolley, Dave Fender, Pat Johns, Craig Nicol, Dave Raezer, John Vujovich, and Dave McChesney.

Dave Mc mentioned he is trying to send information that only goes to club members in a more open fashion. "TO," rather than "BCC." That might make it easier to reply and discuss things via e-mail. He will continue to "BCC" anything that goes outside of the club and suggested that if anyone forwards something outside of the club, to send it BCC and to remove any member contact information.

Dave also asked if we wanted to continue listing Birthdays and Anniversaries in the REAR ENGINE REVIEW. We agreed to continue for the time being to stay with the current practice of not mentioning specific dates of these events.

We are looking at the idea of having at least one club event each month, whether it is a tech-n-tune, participating in a local car show or event, a drive or excursion somewhere, or assisting members with maintenance and repair. If we don't have a specific event scheduled for a particular month, we should have a general get-together, perhaps at a place like Frankie Doodles, or if someone wanted to host at their home. It was suggested that we try to do that on the 4th Sunday of each month.

It was suggested that we should plan ahead for several months and then have another planning meeting to take us through the remainder of the year and into the next. We should have plans for January, February, and March in place before they are upon us.

Over the course of our time at Frankie Doodles, we did get a tentative schedule set up for a good portion of the year. Those items are included in the Event Schedule elsewhere in this issue of the REAR ENGINE REVIEW:

Between brain-storming, chowing down

on some excellent eats, we also had a couple members up date their dues. Nearly everyone is now current. Thanks!

51ST ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONORUN

This year's Econo-Run will take place in Goldendale, WA, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the 6th, 7th, and 8th of June.

Host Hotel:

Quality Inn & Suites Goldendale,
808 East Simcoe Drive,
Goldendale, WA 98620

Rate is \$140 per night using the "Northwest Econorun" reference. Call the hotel directly at 1 -509 -773 – 5881.

For more information, contact R. B. Dorran, randkdorran@gmail.com or at 1 – 541 – 720 – 0670. Join the "Pacific Northwest Corvair Econorun" Facebook page for the latest developments.

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BREAKING NEWS FROM CORSA

San Luis Obispo, California is the new location of the 2025 CORSA International Convention. Due to the unexpected cancellation of our contract by the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria, the convention host team has secured the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo for the same dates, May 20-23rd, 2025.

San Luis Obispo is a historic town with unique shopping and many wineries in the area. Driving events will enjoy beautiful scenery along the coast and through the hills.

Our new hotel offers wonderful amenities for our convention: Two room suites, free made to order breakfast, and an evening reception along with an indoor pool. It is centrally located with many restaurants and shops in the area. Additionally, more airlines

and flights are available to this city. Hotel room prices are \$139 for a king and \$149 for a double suite. Prices do not include taxes and fees.

Note: Reservations previously made at the Radisson in Santa Maria will be canceled. The reservation link and information for the Embassy Suites hotel will be provided by email to members and on the CORSA Website shortly.

More details about the schedule and events will be in the next Communique and posted to the website in January. Registration for the convention will open in February. We are pleased to still be able to host the 2025 CORSA Convention, with all the events, in this beautiful area of the central coast of California. So, get those Corvairs ready for San Luis Obispo and make your travel plans. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Questions? Contact the club office: (630) 403-5010

March Birthdays

None Submitted

March Anniversaries

None Submitted

April Birthdays

Tom Schager
Mike Barnes

April Anniversaries

None Submitted

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. (The last time I checked, the new INCCC calendar wasn't yet online, so possibly this schedule is not up to date.)

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

A SOMEWHAT TENTATIVE 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

Many of these are merely suggestions. "For Sure" events are boxed and bolded. If date, time and place of a possible event is known, it is listed without any emphasis. The date of the 4th Sunday of each month is listed, even if we do not have an event for that day.

March 2025

Sunday March 23, at 1 – 3 pm.

**General gathering, Poole's Public House.
North Spokane**

April 2025

**TBA Tech-n-tune at Craig's, focusing on our
three members who will be attending the**

CORSA International Convention in May

(20th the 4th Sunday)

May 2025

Tuesday – Friday, May 20 - May 23
San Luis Obispo, CA
2025 International CORSA Convention
Good luck Cody, John, and Craig!

(May 25th, the 4th Sunday) General Gathering
for those not at the Convention? Time and
place to be determined???

June 2025

Friday --Sunday, June 6 – June 8, 2025
51st Annual Pacific Northwest EconoRun
Goldendale, WA

Friday – Saturday, June 13 – June 14, 2025
Car d 'Lane Car Show (Cruise, Friday night)
Coeur d 'Alene, ID

Flag Day Parade in Freeman??

Club BBQ?

(22th, the 4th Sunday)

July 2025

(27th, the 4th Sunday)

Roger Becker has offered to host a BBQ and
mini econo-run in late July or early August. No
specific date has yet been set.

August 2025

See above regarding BBQ and mini econo run
hosted by Roger Becker.

Follow on Planning Meeting?

(24th the 4th Sunday)

September 2025

Palouse Days Car Show
Haul Ass to Harrison Car Show
21st the 4th Sunday

October 2025

19th the 4th Sunday

November 2025

(23rd the 4th Sunday)

December 2025

TBA...Club Christmas Dinner

(28th the 4th Sunday0



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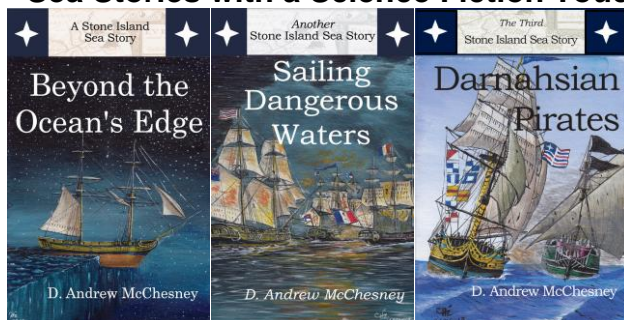
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One Hundred and Ten Days in the Indian Ocean Or How I Spent My Summer Vacation By D. Andrew McChesney

See all the sad faces on the five thousand men of the USS *Constellation*. They are going to the Indian Ocean. They think it is not going to be any fun there. They are wrong. There is no place like the Indian Ocean to while away the summer.

This is the Indian Ocean. It looks like any ocean, lots and lots of water. See the Indian Ocean in May and June. It looks like a piece of blue glass, so smooth and calm. See it when it is so hot that the color has faded to a dull burning gray. The five thousand men never saw it because the sun was so bright they couldn't open their eyes.

This is the Indian Ocean in late June and July. It is not calm and placid now. This is the Monsoon. The people on *Constellation* can't see it now either, because the hangar bay doors are shut to keep the water out. If they go on deck there is so much wind they can't open their eyes, and the Air Boss yells all sorts of nice things about idiots, morons, and potential suicides.

See this shining example of an American Sailor. He is the DCPO for his Squadron. His main job is to make coffee for the people in the Squadron's Administration and Personnel Office. See all the people sitting in the office showing signs of caffeine withdrawal. See them smile because the Duty Coffee Pot Operator came in, got the last cup from the pot and is now making a fresh one. They had waited for three hours for the *turkey* to get the last cup so none of them would have to make the next pot. See them at work as they wait for the coffee to finish perking. One is typing the Squadron Plan of The Day. Another is looking up information for a person who wants to ship over. Another guy is wording a strong message to the official places Stateside who don't know the Indian Ocean exists, let alone anyone from the United States being there.

See this individual. See the khaki-colored uniform with anchors on the collar. He is a Chief. He is the Squadron's Command Chief. He is sitting in the Admin Office because he doesn't have one of his own. He is studying for his future. See how intent he is as he reads. If he were ashore people would say he was perverting himself with pornography, but he is not. He is only trying to remember what girls look like. There is no harm in keeping one's memory up to date.

See the Tom Turkey. He is also known as an F-14A. See him sitting on the hangar deck. He has been sitting there for three months because he is sick, and the turkey doctors can't get the right medicine for him. He is not alone. There are a lot of other sick turkeys sitting in the hangar bay with him. They are all sick because they ate something they shouldn't have.

See the Crews' Mess. So, what if it isn't that dirty. They just call it a mess. Let's see what is for dinner. What, no rice? Something is definitely wrong. See the meat they are serving. Count the men aboard ship. One seems to be missing. Oh well, they haven't served any Mystery Meat for a long time. See the tuna and macaroni salad. You can see that every day. The supply department got a number wrong and ordered enough tuna and macaroni salad to feed all of Toledo, Ohio for a month and a half.

See the ship list way to starboard. See the entire crew crowd to starboard for a glimpse of land. They are looking at Diego Garcia. They can only look because five thousand men would sink the tiny island. Even so, most of the men are happy. They have either just become or have helped others become Trusty Shellbacks. In mysterious and solemn rites a few days earlier, the entire ship was cleansed of the presence of slimy polliwogs.

Look at the small group of men on the ship's forecastle. They are plotting murder. They are going to get rid of the idiot that writes all this asinine stuff. Really, they are merely suffering from Channel Fever. They are only two days away from getting home and cannot sleep. They want to get home so they can get

through the turn-around cycle and back out to the Indian Ocean where they belong and really feel at home.

On second thought, maybe they are planning to take care of that guy!

I wrote the above while serving in the U. S. Navy. I was the Damage Control Petty Officer (DCPO) for VA-146, Blue Diamonds, aboard USS *Constellation* (CV-64) in the early 1980s. I wrote the original on a typewriter in the squadron's Admin office. I include it here to make use of what would be a page and a half of white space in printed versions of this newsletter.



An A-7E Corsair II of VA-146 Blue Diamonds. This is from a few years prior to my time with the Squadron. From the buddy store on the left wing, it appears this aircraft was serving as a tanker.

(Corvairs and Corsairs were similar in that they almost always had leaks, and if there were none, it meant that oil or hydraulic fluid was dangerously low.)