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REAR ENGINE REVIEW

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Happy Valentine's Day!!

The **Rear Engine Review** is a monthly publication of the **INLAND NORTHWEST CORVAIR CLUB**, chapter 990 of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSА). Letters, articles, experiences, technical information, humor, and recipes are welcome. It was named the Inland Northwest Car Club Council's Newsletter of the Year for 2018 and 2022

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All material must be submitted by the 25th 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**. **(AND, FIND US ON FACEBOOK!)**

Dues:

All INCC Members	\$10.00/yr.
Corsa Membership	\$45.00/yr.

CORSA MEMBERSHIP IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

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ADVERTISEMENT RATES:

Club Member (renew after two months)	FREE
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Non-Club Member (first month)	FREE
(each additional month)	\$1.00

Commercial/Business Advertising (per month)	\$2.00
(per year)	\$20.00

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We also welcome commercial advertisements from those supporting 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.

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

THE EDITOR's DESK

By Dave McChesney



One of the Corvairs I still own... a 1/12 die cast model that I purchased several years ago. All my Corvairs are sized to sit on a display shelf.

A few days ago I stopped by the credit union where we have our account and had them change our mailing address from the Post Office Box to my street address. Later in February I'll close the Post Office Box down and we'll use the street address for all mailed correspondence. (I've already made the change on the front cover of THE REAR ENGINE REVIEW, and elsewhere. Doing so will save us nearly \$200.00 per year. With the small amount of mail we receive, it is not worth the cost of maintaining the box. (Much of the time, when I go to check club mail, the box is empty.)

If anyone has an idea for a Club Get Together and perhaps a planning meeting for later in February or March, let others (and me) know. If it is before the next issue of the REAR ENGINE REVIEW comes out, I can notify everyone by email.

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 mail a check or money order to me. Thanks to those who paid at our recent Christmas Party, the list of those who are overdue has shrunk noticeably.

CLUB BUSINESS CARDS

This is an approximation of our business card with the change in mailing address. If you want some, let me know and I can bring some to a club event, send some via USPS, or provide you the document so you can print your own.



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UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays

None listed or submitted

February Anniversaries

Dave and Eva McChesney

March Birthdays

None listed or submitted

March Anniversaries

None listed or submitted

2026 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Monday June 22 - Friday June 26, 2026

Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel

& Conference Center

95 Presidential Circle,

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Participation limited to CORSA members. Not a member? Join today! Go to CORSA Website to join.

Hotel Reservations: The Wyndham Gettysburg is our host hotel, and they are now accepting room reservations for the CORSA Convention. King and Double Queen rooms are available. The rate is \$159 per night, not including local taxes. Please make your reservations early to ensure we fill our room block. To get the convention rate, reservations must be made before May 21st. After that date, the rate may not be available.

Booking Room: To simplify the reservation experience, contact the Wyndham Gettysburg directly. Do not call any corporate toll-free number or third-party site. Phone the hotel at 717-339-0020. You will be asked to choose an Option. **Do NOT choose** Option 1 - Reservations. Instead, choose Option 3 and use the name "CORSA National Convention"

for the convention rate. A credit card will be required to hold the reservation. Note: Almost half of the rooms have already been reserved. If all of the rooms get booked, we are able to book additional rooms, but we ask everyone to please not reserve a room unless you are absolutely sure you will be attending. Another way to make hotel reservation is use this link - it has been set up specifically for our Convention::

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/gettysburgpennsylvania/wyndham-gettysburg-hotel-and-conferencecenter/overview?checkInDate=06/21/2026&checkOutDate=06/27/2026&groupCode=062126COR_001.

To extend your vacation, the hotel will offer the convention rate three days prior to and after the dates of the event, if rooms are available.

Campers are not allowed on the hotel property other than to park with trailers. Check back later on the CORSA website for a list of campsites.

You can make your hotel reservations right now. Registration for Convention events will open in February. Convention Registration: Opened in early 2026.

On site Registration and pick up will open on Sunday (June 21st) and continue throughout the week.

Vendor sales will begin Monday and continue through noon on Friday. The Hospitality room will be available starting on Monday. Events: See Event Schedule on right. Note: A detailed schedule with Chapter meeting and tech sessions information will be online at CORSA Website.

CRUISE NIGHTS

This now coincides with the 2025 INCCC Events Calendar. If you plan to go, contact fellow INCC members and invite them along. Please send pictures and/or write-ups for our newsletter. (Not sure how many, if any, of these are still running as we move into the colder months.)

Monday

Paul Bunyan

8625 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID

Ponderosa Bar & Grill

11205 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Tuesday

Ferraro's Italian Restaurant

11204 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Wednesday

Paul Bunyan

13735 Hwy 53, Rathdrum, ID

Kalispel Casino

420 Qlispe River Way, Cusick, WA

Thursday

Ron's Drive Inn

12502 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

Hopefully we'll get together soon to plan out the events for 2026. We should continue with the practice of some sort of get together in those months when we don't have a specific event lined up. Again, the 4th Sunday of the month might work.

As soon as we have events planned and scheduled, they will appear in this portion of our newsletter.

FOR SALE

One-time Inland Northwest Corvair Club member Kelly Kobes is selling his 1965 500 Sports Sedan. 95 Horsepower, Powerglide. White with red interior. Runs good, needs upholstery work and has some surface rust.

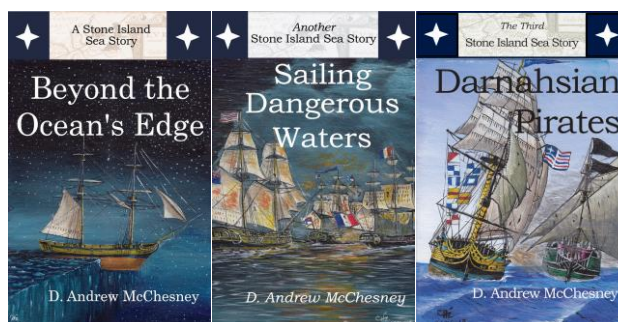
There is an ad on the Facebook marketplace for this car. Or contact the REAR ENGINE REVIEW editor if interested.

(As we approach February, it seems the ad for this car is still in the Facebook Marketplace Christmas!)

**Vintage Auto**
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(I've included this before, but need something to fill up a lot of blank space... I wrote it while deployed aboard USS Constellation to the Indian Ocean in 1980.)

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!