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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: *Cody and Tayla recently attended* **The Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet** *in Palm Springs, CA. Look inside this issue for details of a momentous and perhaps harrowing trip.*

THE EDITOR's DESK

By Dave McChesney



I still have Corvairs, but they are a little smaller. This is a 1/12 diecast scale model of a Late Model Convertible.

For once in some time, I might have the REAR ENGINE REVIEW out in reasonable time. I need to thank Cody for spurring me on to do so. It was upon receiving his write up about the trip to participate in the Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet, along with the pictures he sent that got me going on it. His and Taylar's story is in this issue, along with a few of his pics.

Once again I suggest that we should establish a scheduled regular monthly meeting. We should have something that we can all attend on a regular basis, even if it's just to hangout for a while. If we should have an event or something, then we can bypass the meeting. We have to many months where we have no meeting and no events, and we fade into oblivion. I believe we need to have something to look forward to each month. Who knows, it might help me be a little more regular with our newsletter.

Any ideas for a Christmas/Holiday get together?????



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 payment of 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 planning meeting, the list of those overdue has shrunk noticeably.

And as a reminder, we don't charge back dues. If you haven't paid for a while, any payment will extend your membership forward from the date of receipt.

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

November Birthdays
Craig Nicol

November Anniversaries
None listed or submitted

December Birthdays
John Vujovich
Cody Hurley
Barry Myers

December Anniversaries
None listed or submitted

The TGWFBT & SM Adventure

By Cody Hurley

My wife and I decided to attend the fan belt toss in Palm Springs. After much discussion, we elected to take my '66 convertible. The car has been 100% mechanically serviced under my ownership, and it's time to really start enjoying it!

On day one, the car ran great, but I noticed every fill up was down two or three mpg. On the second day the car became sluggish and mpg continued to suffer. In midafternoon we pulled into a rest area in the absolute middle of nowhere and the car stalled and failed to restart. I ended up changing the coil, points, and condenser in attempt to make it run. I finally advanced the timing about twenty degrees and the car started but had no power.

I was able to get to the highway where we started toward the nearest town. Full throttle got us to about forty mph, but it continued losing power. The car died again right as we got into town and was able to coast into the Napa store in Tonopah, NV. There, we checked point gap, ran through everything I could think of including carburetors. Advancing the ignition timing another twenty degrees got the car to run enough to pull us through town to the nearest hotel at five mph where the car died for the final time.

At this point I was certain I was suffering cam gear failure, but I shared all symptoms with all online Corvair groups I am part of in an attempt to find something I may have missed, and that I could try. Matt Wetzel of *Matt's Offroad Recovery* called me around 1:00 am., offering to send a guy with a trailer to rescue us and get us to the Fan Belt Toss. After waking up and trying a few more small things, we accepted defeat and his offer.

By the time his guy got our car to Hurricane UT, we got into Matt's loaner car and headed south, arriving at the Toss Saturday at 4am. By this point I was well past exhausted but made the best of the day. We enjoyed Palm Springs and headed for Matt's on Monday morning.

Upon arrival we all got to work. Oil pan removal showed a lot of aluminum shavings in the front of the pan. We then dropped the engine to verify cam gear failure. I opted for 100% engine teardown which also revealed my 140 heads had been compression relieved to where Matt estimated my compression ratio was well below 8:1.

We discussed our options and elected to install a new failsafe cam gear and a set of freshly rebuilt Tom Knoblach heads from Matt's parts collection. Upon reassembly the engine ran far better than ever!

After a brief test drive, Matt and the crew sent us on our way home. The entire week still feels like a dream, between being 100% stranded in the middle of nowhere to being rescued by a Corvair celebrity, to then being fortunate enough to rebuild my engine alongside Matt in his you-tube-famous shop.



Under repair!



After removing the oil pan (above) and a look at the cam gear (above right)



CRUISE NIGHTS

This has been updated to match the 2026 INCCC Calendar of Events. (see it at: www.incarclubcouncil.com/calendar-of-events/ Also included is a list of "Cars and Coffee" type events. 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

Ponderosa Bar & Grill
11205 E. Dishman Mica Rd., 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 (By Riverside City Cruisers)
12502 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Friday
Dick's Hamburgers / Frankie Doodles
10 E. Third Avenue Spokane, WA

CRUISE-INS

Cars & Coffee @ Killer Burger
Prairie Shopping Center
3rd Saturday each month 1:00 pm -4:00 pm
Hayden, ID

CDA Cars & Coffee
4000 N. 4th Street
Saturdays 8:00 am (April - October)
Coeur d Alene, ID

Indian Trail Cruisers
8827 N Indian Trail Rd
Wednesday weekly 4:00 pm
Spokane, WA

Mountain View Cars and Coffee
33 E Magnesium Rd
1st Saturday each month 10:00 am
Spokane, WA

Rats & Rods in Rathdrum
Main St & Mill St
2nd Saturday 11:00 am
Rathdrum, ID

MS Monthly Summer Car Meet
1217 Washington Ave
3rd Thursday each month 6:00 pm
Sandpoint, ID

Spokane Riverside Cruisers
12502 E Sprague Ave
Saturday weekly 7:00 pm Spokane Valley, WA

(It's likely that many of these events are no longer being held as we move into the winter months.)

2026
EVENT SCHEDULE

Below is a list of the events that were suggested at our planning meeting in late February.

Chewelah Casino car museum & Albeni dam tour (Derek)

Tech-N-Tune at former member Jim Bixby's workplace in Hayden, ID (Jim, by telephone)

Valley Auto Nation, potential car show and maybe Express Lube service and inspection (Tom)

Mt. Spokane Lodge cruise "Linger Longer Lodge" (Derek and Roger will investigate activities there)

BBQ at Roger's, including plus some driving activity, such as an econo-run

Other random shows and activities will be posted on our Facebook page with individual notification to those not on Facebook

Once dates and times are finalized, we will notify all.

Seems like we didn't get very far with our planned events for this year. Perhaps we should have a planning meeting this fall and get things started for 2027. I still suggest we have a regular monthly meeting scheduled for those months when there is nothing else taking place.

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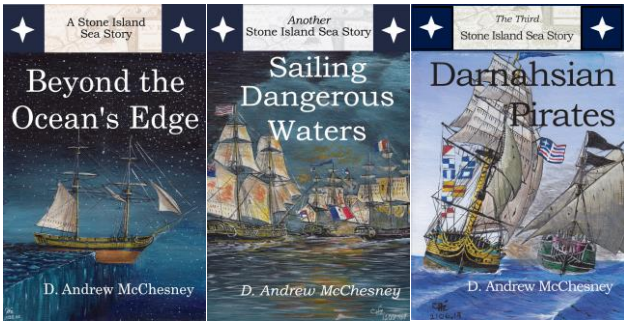
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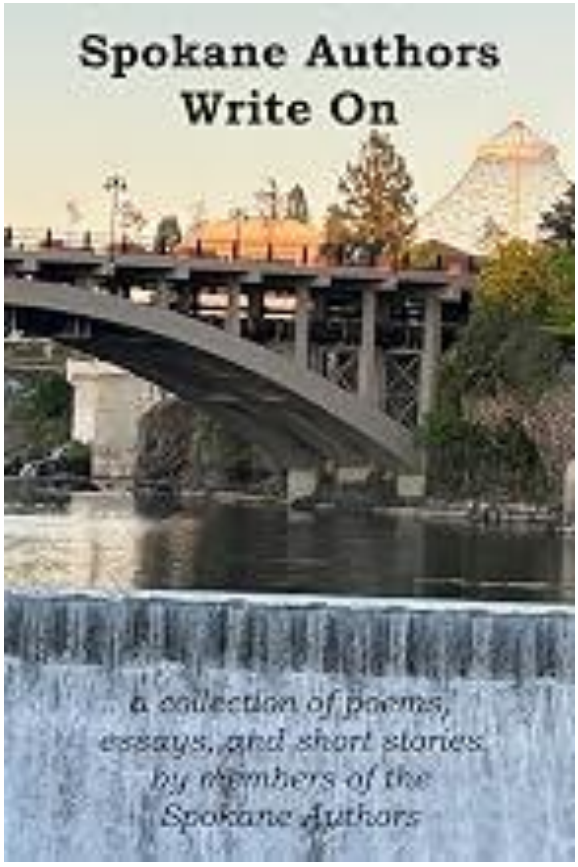
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Spokane Authors has finished their newest anthology. In the Spokane area, it is available from many of the group's members, including the REAR ENGINE REVIEW EDITOR, Dave McChesney. Many of our authors will be participating in Craft Fairs at various location in the area as the Holidays approach.

For those out of the area, it is available on Amazon as a paperback. Kindle edition to come.

Yes, I do have a couple of items in it. (To make things simple, I published it via my KDP set up, so it shows me as author, along with Spokane Authors as contributors.)

More Photos from Cody and Taylar's Trip.





