

# Corvair-Sations



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone:

August is finally here and this summer's weather has been great. I hope you've been able to get the Corvair's out and put some miles on them while it's still hot and dry. I've put a few miles on ours but mostly just putting around the city – that's why I love that powerglide so much. I'm still working on the convertible and hope to have it done by the end of this month so that I can finalize the sale. It seems that I do more work on my Corvairs once I have them sold but I never claimed to be very normal.

As discussed at the last meeting, the Lawson's have again generously offered to host this year's Corvair College at their hangar at the Pierson Airfield in Vancouver on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. So put the date on your calendar and don't miss it! As always we need three to four volunteers to present some Corvair related topics for our entertainment so come with some ideas at this next meeting. We will only have this next meeting to discuss any details for this event because the September meeting will be at PIR.

Here are a few other events for this month that will have Corvairs attending from other clubs. Aug 24th- Albany, Oregon NW Art and Air Festival (Art of Cars) car show Timber Linn Park, Albany, Oregon 9 a.m. -Register before August 9th for \$15, or it's \$20 day of show. Aug 25th Silverton, Oregon Car Show at The Oregon Garden, 879 W. Main Street, Silverton, OR 97381, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Adm. Fee - \$11, Reg.Fee - \$25, 503-874-8100, website address is [info@oregongarden.org](mailto:info@oregongarden.org); [www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org). Now for the really good news . . . At the last meeting we nominated three people to serve on the board for a three-year term expiring 2016. Elected were Regan Metcalf, Gary Baldwin, and Barb Sizemore. After the meeting the board met and elected the following members to these positions: President - Stacy Milnes (2015); Vice President - Regan Metcalf (2016); Secretary - Barb Sizemore (2016); Treasurer - Gary Baldwin (2016); Membership - Steve Brown (2015); Newsletter-Ritha Metcalf (short-term and we will actively engage a request/search for a newsletter replacement); Meeting Topics- Dale Andring (2014); Refreshments - Regan Metcalf, and Tours - Bill Strickland (2014).

So, as you can see, this letter is now officially from the Vice-President and will be my last letter. The good news is you won't have to listen to me or look at my crazy face during the meetings any more (just Ritha). And I believe Stacey will be a great president with some new and fresh ideas for our club. Let's give him the support and help he needs to settle into this new position. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as President and hope that what little I did do during my term was able to make a difference for the betterment of our club. I look forward to the change that Stacey and all the newly elected board members will bring and truly enjoy being a part of this great Corvair club.

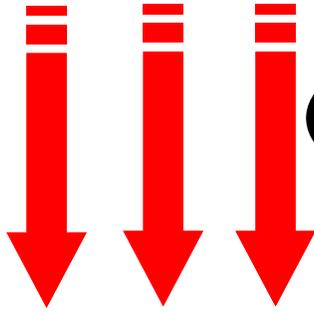
I hope to see all of you at the next meeting so keep your head lights on and God Bless! Regan

**Next Meeting: August 7th**

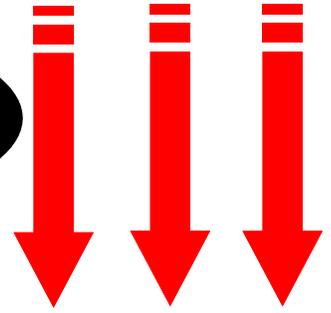
**Refreshments—The Martineks**

**Board mtg at 6:30 p.m. Regular mtg at 7:30 p.m.**

**Oregon Stamp Society Building, 4828 NE 33rd, Portland**



# THE CLASSIFIEDS



Lots of Corvair parts and Corvair tools. Call with needs. Rex Johnson, Cell: (503) 871-8099

1961 four door 700 manual—project—for sale \$500. Call Doug Bell at 503-260-8920.

Two Greenbrier parts cars. Well picked over, but come and get anything you want for FREE. Contact Bill Jobs at 971-235-3804.

1963 Corvair Convert: The car looks okay but may need engine work—asking around \$2,000. Contact Tony Cha at 6332 S.E. 82nd Portland, 503-774-0950. The car is sitting inside Tony's business, Honest-1 Auto Care.

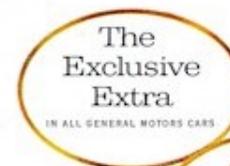
PARTS WANTED: Parts for 1961 Lakewood (nice condition) including, front interior toe (cable) cover (all early years I think) front emblem (1961) front hood bright trim (all early years I think) left and right "700" emblems (1961) left and right "Lakewood" script emblems (1961) rear door "Corvair" emblem (1961) rear grill (1960) (4) front door handles (all early years I think) — Thanks! Stacey Milnes 503-516-7225

*Silent partner*

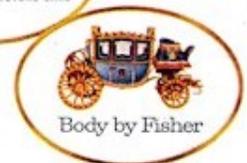
## BUILT-IN QUALITY OF BODY BY FISHER

Ride in a Corvair by Chevrolet and you ride in quiet, spacious comfort. The Exclusive Extra of Corvair's Unistrut Body by Fisher welds roof, floor, sides, frame and fenders into one sturdy steel unit to set new compact car standards of quiet and safety.

There's nothing like a new car and, when you get your next one, be sure you get **all** the built-in quality extras of Body by Fisher: Magic-Mirror Finish • Sound Barrier Build • Safety Plate Glass All Around Vault-Solid Doors • Contour-Molded Carpets and Mats.



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Corvair 700 4-Door Sedan

## A CORVAIR & A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by: Doug Bell

On June 8th I had the pleasure of assisting the three adult children of Jim and Betty Chappelle in the celebration of their parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

So what is the Corvaire connection you ask? So happens that Jim and Betty went on their honeymoon in their first family car, a 1962 Corvaire Coupe. Their children thought they would create a little bit of nostalgia fifty years later by having them ride once more in a Corvaire from their wedding party.

Jim and Betty traversed the country several times in that little car while Jim was serving in the Air Force until the children started to arrive. Jim served for 24 years in the Air Force retiring as a Lt. Colonel AWACS Test Director and then held a similar position with Boeing. Betty besides having to care of the three children also taught elementary school in many of the locations where they were stationed including Bangkok, West Germany and eventually Kent Washington.

One story about the Corvaire that was shared was on a trip to Mississippi early in their marriage. The car was packed with of course their luggage, wedding gifts, but also a small freezer and they were towing a small U-haul trailer. Somewhere, I think they said it was the Tetons in Wyoming, they blew out a spark plug. Being that the threads were stripped they had to continue on 5 cylinders until they came to a steep pass. They soon found out that they did not have enough power to make it up the pass so they pulled off to the side of the road and started to unload. Of course they had to unhitch the trailer and some of the contents, and much to her chagrin the new bride also had to be unloaded on the side of the road. Several trips were made up and down the mountain picking up belongings and then depositing them on the top until eventually they were able to continue on their way. Just one bump in the road, of a marriage that has stood the test of time.

I have included 4 photos. The first is of Jim and his new 1962, 2 tone, Corvaire. The second photo is Jim and his 1978 AWACS crew. The third photo is of the young Chappelle family in 1972. Those are three young children who hosted their parent's 50th wedding anniversary. The last photo is of the send off for Jim and Betty with me as their chauffeur in a Corvaire similar to the one they drove on their honeymoon. Those are bubbles in the foreground that some of their grandchildren and relatives shared in the send-off. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening for everyone.



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