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Vair Views



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Corvairs Lined Up at the Barrel Springs Winery on July 21st

Vair Views for August 2012

The monthly meeting of **The Columbia Basin Corvair Club** will be on **Monday, July 16th** starting at **7:30 PM** at Keewaydin Park in Kennewick. Kris and R.B. have volunteered to bring refreshments. This is our annual meeting in this park which is accessed off of Dayton Street.

Drive your Corvair!

President's Letter:

Well the heat has really come on this summer after a slow wet start. I hope everyone is finding effective ways to keep cool. Work and weddings have kept me out of the garage over the past month, but I do look forward to getting back at it over the next few weeks.

The club's winery tour was a great success. Everyone really enjoyed the good weather, good company and the hospitality of Barrel Springs Winery who hosted our barbeque lunch. It is a very pretty and relaxing setting with rows of grapes, lavender and a great variety of interesting foliage planted by the original owners of the homestead. It offered nice photo opportunities with our favorite little rides.

A couple of locals have their Corvairs for sale. Kathleen Munns has a 1965 metallic paint hot pink Corvair and Ernie McDowell has a 1961 Greenbrier camper conversion van. We can provide more details at the next meeting from those that know more about these.

See our website www.columbiabasincorvairs.org for a list of upcoming events; the summer is full of them. *August 18th is the Benton Franklin Fair Parade. I forwarded an email from Brian with some details for everyone.

*There is racing at Tri-Cities raceway on August 18th & 19th. Johnny tells me he will be there with his Turbo Vair.

*Then September starts off with The Frontier Days Parade in

Walla Walla on the 1st. This is followed by Wheelin' Walla Walla on the 8th.

Our next club meeting will be on August 20th, 7:30pm at Keewaydin park (just a couple of blocks south of the banner bank). Kris and R.B. will be providing refreshments.

See you all there.

Shine on,

R.B. Dorrn, President – Columbia Basin Corvairs

Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2012

The meeting called to order by President R.B. Dorrn at 7:33 PM. As of July 16, 2012 treasurer's report had a balance of \$2,214.62. There are still a few jackets set-ups that can be had. The minutes from the Vair Views were accepted because there were none.

Old Business:

The July 4th Parade in Pasco went well. There were 7 cars in the parade. Everyone thought there was better crowd control than in the past, but there seemed to be more viewers and less entries.

The Hermiston Car Show was last weekend. RB had the only Corvair in the show and there were over 100 cars entered. Derek won 2nd place in the Slow Drag at Cool Desert Nights.

New Business:

Wine Tour is planned for this Saturday. Meet at the Richland Fred Meyer at 9:30 AM. The club will buy the groceries to BBQ at the winery. Kris & RB will do the shopping. The Prosser Air Show is also going on that weekend. Also there is a Barrel Tasting downtown.

Benton-Franklin County Fair Parade is Aug 18 at 10 AM. Line-up is at 8. August 21 you can get in free if you drive your

classic car to the fair.
Sept 1 is the Walla Walla Parade.
Sept 8 is Wheelin' Walla Walla.
Next meeting in the one in Keewaydin park.
Sept meeting at Fuddrucker's? This is what I have in the minutes but in previous minutes it was listed in October.
This needs to be re-visited during this month's meeting.
Maryhill hill Climb on Sunday October 7, 2012

The meeting was called at 8:12 PM. Refreshments were furnished by John Bailey.

Submitted by Kris Dorran

Wanted and For Sale - Any ads, anyone? They're free!

For Sale: '63 Sedan. This is Ginger McGinnes' car in Richland which is in excellent condition and almost completed with \$3500 into it and no evident problems. It has a completely rebuilt engine, new upholstery and an NOS windshield. No body work is needed. \$2100 with a new battery. Call Ginger at 509-943-2945.

For Sale: '65 Turbo Corsa, needs a full refurbishing but it has no rust problems or evident accident history. 110 RH engine installed with the turbo engine in a box. Make offer. Ron Hinz @ 509-967-5535.

For Sale: Various hoods and doors for late models. All rust free but some are more perfect than others, \$25 to \$50. Ron Hinz @ 509-967-5535. They would need to be picked up from West Richland, WA.

For Sale, two stored Corvairs: #1 '61 Lakewood PG, new brakes, needs windshield but has new rubber windshield seal. Ran well when parked. \$750. #2 '63 panel van 4 speed. Spare tank, straight body, spare doors. \$500. If interested, call the owner, Charlie Raeder at 509-547-5972 (Burbank, Washington) or me, Ron Hinz at 509-967-5535 (West Richland, Washington) and I'll

Technical Notes of Interest - ~~Would like to remove the~~ these vehicles.

The Corvair electrical connector blocks use what are known as "Packard" wire terminal inserts. These snap into (kind of) the plastic connector block and are held in place by a tiny metal tang. To remove the terminal it is necessary to depress this tang against the body of the terminal so that it clears a small ledge in the wire gallery of the block. I use a small flat blade jeweller's screwdriver. It would help to look at a new terminal (both male and female) and see how the tang is captured when inserted in the connector block. You should be able to get new terminals from your FLAPS in the HELP! brand or other racks of small electrical parts.

Dale Dewald

Differences in Late Door Hinges

If you need the hinges to fit and the interior handles to fit in the stock locations, you need a 67 door.
65/66 have different hinge mounting areas.
68/69 have different inside handle locations.
One could maybe redrill/modify to fit, but it would not be a drop in replacement.

Frank DuVal

Which Oil for Transmissions

As for differential oil, they recommended their GL-5. When ask about what it would do to the brass syncro blocker rings in Corvair manual transmissions, they stated the sulfur compounds were tied-up in the molecules and would not attack brass.

Hi Jim,

All very true. But I would like to add that I believe Richard Widman in his article and comments has indicated that the problem with GL-5 was not that it would attack brass BUT that GL-5 was TOO SLIPPERY. Thus it would allow additional wear on the brass blocker rings (compared to GL-4).

Regards,
Bob Helt

Columbia Basin Corvairs, Inc.

Columbia Basin Corvairs is a special interest non-profit organization formed in 1981 for the purpose of enjoying and preserving Corvair automobiles. Members share their interest and expertise in this unique marque through monthly meetings, technical sessions, and regional and national events. Social and promotional events such as parades, picnics, tours and shows are enjoyed throughout the year. An interest in Corvairs is the only requirement for membership with the annual dues being \$20 for members of CORSA and \$25 without CORSA membership. Full time students may join for \$10 per year. *Columbia Basin Corvairs* is affiliated with the *Corvair Society of America (CORSA)*. The monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM and are held at the Banner Bank, 203 West 1st Avenue, Kennewick, Washington. The club mailing address is PO Box 1022, Richland, WA 99352. Contact any officer listed below for more information.

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Lunch at the Barrel Springs Winery