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# Vair Views



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**Street View at Wheelin Walla Walla  
On September 8th, 2012**

## *Vair Views for September 2012*

The monthly meeting of **The Columbia Basin Corvair Club** will be on **Monday, September 17th** starting at **6:00 PM** at **Fuddruckers** in Hermiston, Oregon. We will have dinner there followed by a game of miniature golf. You might check your computer for any coupons valid for Fuddruckers. Frank Baker signed up for refreshments but is now off the hook for them.

**Drive your Corvair!**

### **President's Letter:**

I'm sure this month has been as busy for Kris and I as it has been for lots of you. We attended another nephew's wedding along with many other activities, including attending Wheelin' Walla Walla. I'm anxious to find out how the Walla Walla Frontier Days Parade went for those who were able to attend.

This month's meeting on 09/17 will be our annual dinner and golf night at Fuddrucker's in Hermiston. We'll start at 6pm with dinner followed by a fun round of mini golf. Winner will get bragging rights for another year.

We will use the meeting to settle on a club activity for October. We know that SOVREN has their annual Maryhill Hill Climb on October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is one option, where we would still have our regular meeting on Monday 10/15. Or we could decide on a club outing that would replace our monthly meeting on Sunday 10/14. I'm open either way, but would enjoy a nice easy cruise with club members.

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the Vair Views for Ron. Please consider taking this once a month task on for the club. Ron has volunteered and completed this for many years and it is time he handed over the reins.

See you all at Fuddrucker's on Monday 09/17 at 6 pm.

Shine on,

**R.B. Dorran, President** – Columbia Basin Corvairs

### **Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2012**

Meeting called to order by President R.B. Dorran at 7:33 PM. There were 14 members and 1 guest, Ron's Daughter. As of August, 2012 treasurer's report had a balance of \$2,244.62. The minutes from the Vair Views were accepted because there were none.

#### Old Business:

- Tour at the Winery was great. Landscaping was beautiful and the steaks weren't too bad either.
- Benton Franklin Fair Parade, 4 cars participated. It was a very slow and hot parade.
- Ernie McBride has 2 Corvairs for sale plus a Camper Van. He says they were running when he parked them.
- Johnny was racing last weekend but no one had any other information.
- September meeting will be at Fuddrucker's at 6 on September 17
- Wrap up Meeting was held for Cool Desert Nights....only negative comment was the weather.

#### New Business:

- Tuesday at the Benton Franklin County Fair is Classic Car Day. If you drive a Classic Car you can get in free.
- Sept 1 is the Walla Walla Parade.
- Sept 8 is Wheelin' Walla Walla
- October Meeting will be on Sunday October 14, place to be determined.
- Ron is looking for someone to take over the Vair Views. We need to set-up a weekend to go to Ernie's to look at his stuff. If anyone has any ideas, get them to RB.
- Brian held a tech session on a tool that he had built to attach to his shop vac to gather the oil when emptying out his

differential.

Rumor has it that maybe the Tacoma club has stepped up to host the 2014 National Convention.

Fan Belt Toss in Southern California is raffling off a 1963 Monza Spyder. Tickets are \$25 apiece and only 500 are being sold.

Meeting was called at 8:12 PM. Refreshments were furnished by Kris & RB

Submitted by Kris Dorran

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**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 contact Charlie as he would like to remove these vehicles.

## Tech Notes of Interest from Virtual Vairs

How do I fix the temp gauge. I hear thermisters are very expensive and break off when trying to remove. What temp gauge sensor is recommended??

Thanks all!!!!!!  
Dave Foster

Response:

This is for 65-66 dashes. EM Spyder dashes will be the same except for Wire color / placements

System Check with COLD engine:

1. With key "ON", is gauge"  
Always over 600 f = good 12vdc to gauge / no ground  
Rises to over 600f = shorted lead to Thermister / shorted TM.  
Needle moved but under 200f = gauge funtioning / open circuit to thermister / TM bad

Thermister / wiring checks:

2. wire plug behind dash / Black with light green stripe should read 4,000-6,000 ohms to GROUND  
High Temp lead from TM should read 4-6k ohms  
Thermister should read 4-6k ohms

Gauge Checks

With Dash Harness unplugged:

1. Black / Lt Green wire to dash [ 2nd pin in from row across from open hole] to Black / Purple wire in plug [ 2nd pin over from empty hole] should read 50 ohms [ gauge good ]

With dash harness pugged in / key ON and TM disconnected:

You should see 10 VDC clear.  
back to TM.

Matt Nall



**This is a view of the four club cars as they started out on the Kennewick Fair Parade. This was well over an hour after the start of the parade which indicates how long the parade was. Brian, the Jekel's, Ron, and the Suckow's have the cars shown.**

## *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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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