

## ***An overview of the 2014 CORSA Convention***

As you know I am the President of the Corvanatics Chapter of CORSA and that we are hosting the 2014 CORSA Convention, July 21-25, 2014 in Tacoma, WA. On November 14, 2013, I flew out to Tacoma for a preview meeting with many who are involved in preparing for the show.

### ***About the Host Hotel:***

We stayed in the host hotel, [the Murano](#), and visited many restaurants, attractions and toured the LeMay Car Museum. The hotel is one of the best I have ever seen for a convention. It is truly a four-star hotel, but not overly expensive due to the special \$109 room rate for those who will attend next year. The entire hotel is a display case for glass art objects, even in the rooms! Each floor has a special display of glass artists' work and there are 25 floors. The hotel has blocked 200 rooms, so there will be plenty of space. We shouldn't run out of reservations by January as has happened for the past few years, but I hope that they do! There are many restaurants and museums within walking distance and a free light rail that covers most of downtown [Tacoma](#) and out to near the LeMay Car Museum.

### ***About the LeMay, America's Car Museum:***

[The LeMay](#) is a non-profit organization with a very modern building that opened in 2012. It has four floors and is comfortably walkable. The mission of the museum is to teach, not just to display, so even those visitors that aren't car nuts can enjoy their time there. If you want to learn how to race four different Formula-One racetracks, they have professional simulators that will allow you to try your hand (extra charge). The museum has its own three and one half acre show field (Haub Field) which is right outside. The grass field is specially drained and reinforced so that cars moving onto and around it do not damage the surface. Convention attendees registration fee will include admission for all five days of the show, so there's no excuse not to go and explore.

### ***Events at the LeMay:***

The Concours will be on the show field on Tuesday; The Econo-Run and Rally will start there on Wednesday; The People's Choice Car Display will also be on the show field on Friday. The Convention Banquet will be inside the Museum on the main floor Friday evening. During the entire month of July 2014 there will be a Corvair display right up front on the main floor. The museum has a snack bar type restaurant and there are benches throughout all the display areas.

***Autocross:***

On Thursday the autocross will be at the [Bremerton MotorSports Park](#), a former airfield about 25 miles north of the hotel on Thursday. The course layout should allow for fast runs with lots of great challenges. If you will have a Corvair with you, come on out to race. If you only have a rental, come out and watch; it's free to be a spectator. Food and [Porta-Potties](#) will be available.

***Other activities:***

There will be a welcome party Monday evening at the hotel that will include Valve Cover Races. All of the meetings will take place in the hotel meeting rooms. There will be vendors during the week both inside the hotel and outside in the parking lot. Tours and other activities are also being planned. Specifics of these activities will be published later.

So, plan to come out if you can, it will be one of the most rewarding CORSA Conventions that you will ever attend.

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