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November 2011

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5th, Vehicular Hodge Podge, Southern Auto Sales, 2909 Oaklawn Blvd, Hopewell. 12 – 4. No judging. Bring your old car to enjoy the home made food and tire kicking.

Saturday, November 12, Gordonsville Veteran's Day Parade, 2 pm, Gordonsville, VA. Anyone in driving distance is encouraged to bring their Corvair and join in honoring present and past veterans. Contact Garland Ray if you plan to come at 540-832-7602 or Vairdad@aol.com.

Saturday, November 19: CVCC Monthly Meeting at the Classic Car Center, 3591 Lee Hill Drive, Fredericksburg, 22408. See details in this newsletter.

Sunday, December 11: CVCC Christmas Banquet, Timbers Restaurant at Ladysmith, 2 pm. See details in this newsletter.

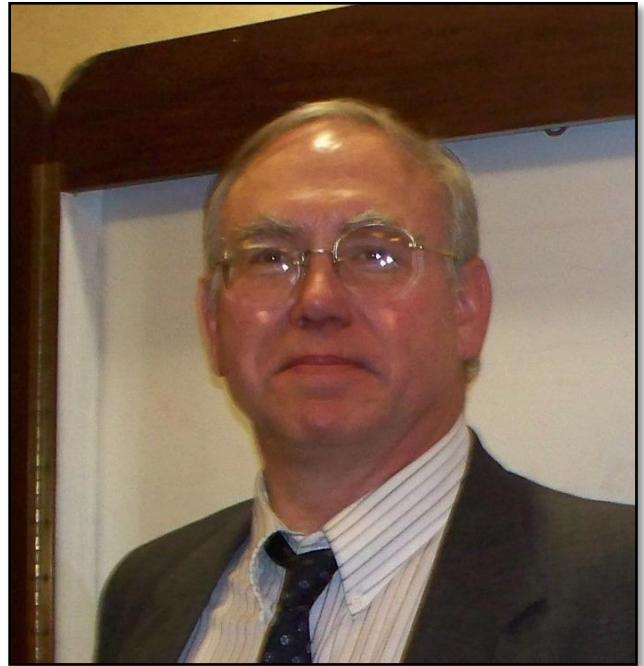
Saturday, January 28: 13th Annual Polar Bear Run. Presented by Fred Fann. Details in future newsletters, but save this date on your calendar.

From the President

What a change in the weather! That's what I wrote at the beginning of October. Today I write after visiting Ashley in Arlington, in the SNOW! And it's still October...

November is full of Saturday events for Corvairs. We are not having our usual Tuesday meeting. We are meeting in Fredericksburg at the Classic Car Center on Saturday the 19th. There are two Corvair vehicles for sale there at the moment. One is another El Camino type modified station wagon. The other is a Rampside. Of course there are many other cars there to look at, both for sale and stored on the premises. Details and directions elsewhere in the newsletter.

The first Saturday, the 5th, is the Hodge-Podge in Hopewell. A fun small show. Mixed makes, with Studebakers, Packards and Corvairs in attendance.



The second Saturday is the Veterans Day parade in Gordonsville. A nice short parade. People with clutches do not have to worry about getting their left leg tired as has happened in those long parade routes in Richmond.

I've got the exhaust manifolds off of the 66 A/C car. Getting ready to drill out the broken studs and install stainless studs. New gaskets and it should be ready for these November events.

Keep em running on 6 (unless you have a v-8!)

Frank

November Birthdays!!



- 3- Ralph Ramsey
- 8- Dave Weaver
- 10- Joseph Cook
- 10- Bobbi Clemens

- 10- Grace Davis
- 10- Dale Dickerson
- 26- Rebecca McCray

November Club Meeting – *NOTE LOCATION!!* _____ *by Ray Davis*

The CVCC November meeting will be held at the **Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg** (Phone 540-370-4474 or toll free 888-370-4474) on **Saturday, November 19, 11:00 AM**. The Center is located just off Routes 17 & 2 at 3591 Lee Hill Drive, 22408. Directions are available on their website at <http://www.classiccarcenter.net/>, which are as follows.

1. From I-95, take Rt.3 East towards Fredericksburg, Va.
2. Turn right (South) on Rt. 17 & 2.
3. At the 3rd stoplight, turn right onto Lee Hill Drive (Rt. 756).
4. The Classic Car Center is at the end of the road at the top of the hill.

(Editor's Note: Those in the Richmond area wishing to drive together are meeting at 9 AM at Brunetti's Restaurant in the Atlee Square Shopping Center on Rt 301. Take I-295 Exit 41 north on Rt 301 (Chamberlayne Ave). Turn right on Atlee Road into the shopping center. From there we plan to take a leisurely drive up Rt 301 & Rt 17 to the Classic Car Center.)

The CCC is a very interesting business in an impressive facility. Many cars are stored there in both long term and temporary storage. Cars in temporary storage are available to the owners to take for a spin or have work completed. Restoration and maintenance is available. We will have a tour of the facilities followed by lunch in their 50s style diner. The club will provide paper products, sandwiches and drinks. Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

The Center currently has two Corvairs for sale. One is a '61 El Cormeno for \$12,900 and a '62 Rampside for the same price. Information on these cars is available on their web site. They recently sold a '64 Convertible, listed at \$8,900. A '61 Rampside, listed at \$22,500 was shipped to Australia. Many more autos are listed on their website for sale.

Shops of all kinds are abundant in nearby historic downtown Fredericksburg. So, come to the meeting and then take a stroll downtown. Spend a few bucks to help our economy.

Please let Ray Davis know at 540-752-7725 or Scout1977@hotmail.com if you are attending by November 14.

Come and enjoy the day.

Christmas Banquet _____ *by Ray Davis*

The Annual Christmas Banquet will be held at **The Timbers Restaurant on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 PM** (phone 804 448-5357). The Timbers is located at 8026 Prosperity Way, Ruther Glen, 22546 between US Route 1 and I 95 at Exit 110, Ladysmith. We can order from their extensive menu. For a look at the menu, check out their website <http://www.timbersdining.com/>. Rather than exchanging gifts we are asking each person to bring nonperishable food for the local food pantry.

Just on the other side of I-95 is the Virginia Bazaar, an indoor flea market, www.vabazaar.com. The 30 plus shops invite browsing for that perfect antique, collectible or can't do without item

Please let Ray Davis know at 540-752-7725 or Scout1977@hotmail.com if you are attending by December 5. Let's celebrate the season!

October Meeting Minutes

by Ray Davis

President Frank DuVal called the meeting to order with the following members present: Van White, Wade Lanning, David Robertson and Ray Davis. The attendance was sparse!

Frank reviewed the Goat's Milk Tour and the plans for 2012 Vair Fair, "Vairs With A View." David volunteered to be the VF Vendors Chair. David commented that maybe we were charging too much for the VF events. It was pointed out that we shall be saving \$30 per night per room. If a person participates in all the events, they shall only be paying \$55. It was noted that we were only trying to charge what the events would cost. Wade shall put together the costs for previous VFs and a budget shall be established so that we do not charge too much and do not lose any money.

It was noted that four members have not paid dues as yet.

Frank indicated we need to change our By-Laws so that we can comply with the new CORSA By-Laws and policy to pass the fee (possibly \$3.50) to our members that CORSA shall charge for CVCC members that are not CORSA members. We may also have a reduced CVCC membership fee for members receiving their newsletter via e-mail.

Ray shall get prices for the club shirts and take orders soon. The Christmas Party shall be on Sunday, December 11 at 2 PM at the Timbers Restaurant in Ruther Glen (Ladysmith). The November meeting shall be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 19 at the Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg. The Richmond Cadillac Club and the Northern Virginia Corvair Club shall be invited to attend. A cold cut lunch shall be provided. Club members are asked to bring sides and dessert.

Respectfully submitted, Ray H. Davis, Secretary

Corvairs in Print

by Wade Lanning

The December 2011 issue of Hemmings Classic Car is a special Commemorative Edition for the Chevrolet Centennial. This is a great issue if you like Chevys and it includes numerous mention and pictures of Corvairs. One article titled "Keepers of the Flame" features thumbnail pictures and owners comments. There are five Corvairs shown in this section, two of which are from Virginia. One belongs to Doug Mackintosh of South Boston. His '62 Monza coupe is shown. The other is a '66 Monza convertible belonging to Jim Elliott of Yorktown. Another monthly regular article is "Reminiscing". In this issue a previous Corvair owner talks about his beloved '65 Monza coupe.

The Corvair is feature in an article titled "The Significant Twelve" noteworthy Chevrolets and is also listed in an article titled "Super Sporting Chevrolets" which talks about the Spyder and Corsa models. Yet another article, "Bowtie Disappointments", discusses the '60-'64 model swing axle suspension and how the Corvair was limited in power during the power-mad late sixties. Editor-in-Chief Richard Lentinello said in his column that if he won the Powerball he would buy a Corvair over a Porsche or a Ferrari.

This is yet another HCC issue worthy of your literature collection.

Radley Chevrolet/Cadillac Display _____ **by Ray Davis**

Four Corvairs (all earlies) attended the Customer Appreciation Day at Radley Chevrolet in Fredericksburg! Frank DuVal, David Robertson, Garland Ray and Ray Davis were also there. Nelson Riggle, his grandson and former club member Steven Long made an appearance. When we were there two years ago, Steven purchased a new Chevrolet. This year, his wife, Rhonda, kept the check book at home. Many folks liked the convertibles but the young boys seemed to go for the Rampside. One had to crawl up and down the ramp every time he and his Dad passed by. The folks at Radley were great. They gave us front row parking and plied us with hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and cookies.

The Battlefield Corvette Club was assisting with moving cars and other chores. They invited CVCC to their Poker Run on the next Saturday. The proceeds benefit the Wounded Warriors EOD. I think that's Explosive Ordnance Demolition. I found their flyer very interesting. It indicates "All General Motors Performance Cars." It goes on to list them, "Corvette, Camaro, Tran-AM, Firebird, GTO, Corvair, CTSV." I knew I have a cute convertible, but performance! Yeah, I know it's in the handling and should be considered in the "performance class! Wonder if my insurance will go up now! One of the Corvette guys ribbed me a bit on my departure in the Rampside. Told me he did not want me getting a ticket, that I should hold it under 140! Did he not see my 80 MPH speedometer!!

It was a great day and a good way to get out and drive a Chevrolet make that Corvair Chevrolet, body by Fisher!



CORSA Convention 2012 _____ **by Bob Marlow**

The official blog of the 2012 International Convention of the Corvair Society of America is at the following link: <http://corsa2012.blogspot.com/>. The convention is taking place in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, July 25-28, 2012, and is presented by the member clubs of the Northeast Corvair Council. Once on the blog, scroll down to see the latest posts, and check the Blog Archive (at the lower portion of the right-hand column) to look up specific posts.

Richard Lentinello at Sturbridge. There's a lot of buzz in the Corvair community right now because the December, 2011, issue of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine is a special issue commemorating the Chevrolet centennial, and the Corvair comes in for many positive mentions.

Among these are the words of Editor-in-Chief Richard Lentinello, who writes, "If I won Powerball tomorrow, the first car I would go out and buy would be a Corvair. Not a Ferrari. Not a Porsche. A Corvair."

Richard Lentinello's affinity for the Corvair is well-known to long-time readers of Hemmings publications -- and that's why earlier this year the organizers of the 2012 convention invited him to be our guest speaker at the convention banquet on July 28. That's right, Richard Lentinello will be our guest at the convention and he will share some of his insights into the car hobby in general and Corvairs in particular.

When making your convention plans, be sure to include banquet tickets, as this will be a can't-miss evening.

While Richard Lentinello will be our guest speaker, he won't be the only special guest on hand at the convention. Watch this blog for news and information about more guest visitors.

Goat's Milk Tour Revisited _____ ***by Ray Davis***

Present for the Goat's Milk Tour were Wade & Phyllis Lanning, Cherie and Jeff Roadcap, Dave Robertson, Alan and Deedra White, Frank DuVal, Rex Buel, Ray Davis and Mark Francis. Also attending were Pete and Larita Lesan from Iowa. Larita is Ken Bunnell's sister and Cherie's mother. They were a welcome addition to our small group of hardy participants.

We met at 10 AM at HoJo's in Lexington. This shall be the host facility for the 2012 Vair Fair. We were able to see what the facility has to offer. From there we caravanned up to the Blue Ridge Parkway and over the route for the VF Rally. We stopped at a couple of spots along the way to determine the best checkpoints for the rally. We stopped and checked out the visitor's center and hiked across the James River (on a bridge of course). We then headed to the Peaks of Otter. We had a great buffet lunch at the POO restaurant. Mark Francis met us at the restaurant.

While some of the group opted to check out the local merchants in Lexington after lunch, a hardy bunch hit the trail for the top of the peaks. Actually, we took the bus as far as it could go and then hiked to the top. Some of us needed a push to get to the top. I blamed it on short legs. The bus driver indicated it was 175 feet to the top. He must have measured straight up with big feet because I know it was at least a mile to the top from the bus drop. While a bit windy, it was a clear day and the views were magnificent. The walk down was much easier and we all rested a bit in the shelter before the bus arrived. The bus driver was very friendly and when asked - joked about the wreck he had the day before on the trail up and how three passengers were still missing. The hikers toured the small but interesting Nature Center at the bottom of the Peaks provided by the Forestry Service. Our esteemed president could not keep his hands off a cute little snake. I hope Debbie does not find out. We took the long way home and made a detour through Bedford and the countryside. Mark peeled off and headed to Powhatan.

Back at the hotel we met to hammer out VF details. Afterwards, some opted to have a nice warm dinner at a local establishment. A couple decided to brave the chill and sprinkles and check out the drive-in theater. Those two, Alan and Deedra, were later seen in a nice warm restaurant, seems the idea of cuddling lost its appeal along the way to the drive-in. Too bad they were driving a LM without a gas heater.

We met Sunday at 8 to enjoy breakfast provided by HoJos. The coffee was a bit weak but the waffles, sausage biscuits, cereal, eggs (anyway you want them as long as it's over well), toast, muffins sweet rolls and juice was most filling. We then had a five-some for miniature golf. We shall spare the glory (or gory) details but Alan won the trophy. You can guess who kept score! We did not have a large gallery but some curious on-lookers gawked from the doorway.

We then caravanned to Eaver's Museum near Staunton. This was a very interesting private museum inside a convenience store containing an authentic antique General Store as well as several beautiful restored cars from the

60s. Most were GM but there were a couple of off brand cars such as Ford and Dodge. The majority were 'Vettes. There were also a couple of drag/race cars.

We held a second meeting to discuss VF and then disbursed. While most headed home, a contingent which had not eaten enough at POO, stopped at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant & Bakery for a delightful lunch. A couple took home a sampling from the bakery.

While our attendance was sparse, those present had a great time. See pictures from the GMT below. The fellowship was especially great. We hope Pete and Larita as well as all CVCC members and friends join us for **"Vairs With a View"**, May 18-20, 2012. Plans are to make it a great event.



Most of the Goat's Milk Tour Group



Mark Francis' Spyder at the Peaks of Otter



Our Goat Mascot



Frank with the Nature Center Corn Snake



View from the Peaks of Otter



View of the James River at the Parkway Overlook

Corvair Stinger

The Stinger below is on the cover of a 1966 **Corvair Communiques**. Note that this is the Chevrolet publication which was issued while the Corvair was in production, not the **CORSA Communiqué** published by the Corvair Society of America after Corvair production had stopped. Special Stinger features include engine lid spoiler, quarter window panels, racing stripe and deep oil pan. It also still has the Corsa rear grille insert installed.



We've all heard about the \$529 million in loan guarantees from the Department of Energy to Fisker Automotive in Finland. We've seen the news media compare this to the solar panel maker Solyndra. There are some facts about the Fisker Karma, the company's luxury model, that you may find interesting.

It was supposed to be available for sale in 2009 but production didn't begin until 2011. Two – yes just two – have been sold in the US. The plant currently builds five a week. The Karma model, shown to the right, has two electric motors and a 2.2 Liter gasoline engine – it is a hybrid and not an all electric vehicle. The EPA has rated the Karma at 20 miles per gallon on gasoline and in gasoline and electric modes at 52 miles per gallon. You can see the EPA sticker at this link:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Fisker_Karma_EPA_label.jpg.



The Karma costs from \$95,900 to \$109,850 depending on options and trim. The EPA says it will go 32 miles in full electric mode. Yup, a whole 32 miles. In both gasoline and electric modes it has a range of 230 miles. You have to wonder who will pay 100K for a car that gets 20 MPG on gas and goes 32 miles on an electric charge.

The car uses eco-friendly material in the interior. Wood used for trim is salvaged from fires and the bottoms of lakes. The optional leather seats use pieces of leather than have blemishes. Just what you want in a 100K luxury automobile. And the car comes standard with a solar panel in the roof – it does not come from Solyndra but maybe it should as the DOE gave both companies big loan guarantees.

You may have also heard about Tesla – an electric car company in California. Tesla got approval for \$465 million in Department of Energy low interest loans under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program, just like Fisker. What you may not have heard about is that the companies were involved in a lawsuit. Tesla sued Fisker for stealing some of its hybrid technology. looks like Fisker prevailed in the suit as Tesla paid over a million dollars in costs.

In 2009 the Fisker Karma won the North American Production Preview Vehicle of the Year by the North American Concept Vehicle of the Year Awards. Pretty good award for a car that didn't see production for another two years.

We've heard the jokes about GM becoming Government Motors due to the federal government bailout. But these vehicles are really indebted to our government. The loans to Tesla are said to be used to build a plant to actually build the vehicles.

A prudent person has to wonder why nearly a billion dollars in low cost loans were given to electric car companies. Sales of electric vehicles are lower than expected by both the industry and the government. Something named "range anxiety" has been blamed. The Karma model will go only 32 miles in full electric mode. People do not want a vehicle with limited range that costs over \$95,000. Just like Solyndra's solar panels which needed 32 years of use to recoup the initial investment but the panels need repair or replacement every 5 or 6 years. It just doesn't make economic sense. Perhaps the DC bureaucrats need a math lesson.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: *Price reduced!!* 1965 Monza convertible, restored, white/black interior, 110/powerglide, 26,000 miles (documented), power top clock, wire wheel covers, lots of extras. Runs great/looks great. Located in Roanoke VA. 2004 Vair Fair first place late model winner. Priced to sell at \$9,700. Complete history/photos upon request. Contact Jack @ 540-721-5207 or email to: thekuhns@gibsonmedia.com (5/11)

FOR SALE: Corvair body cart. Has heavy duty steel wheels with caster on one end. Will support a Corvair with the drivetrain and suspensions removed. Has anchor pins that align with holes in LM frame supports so the body won't slide off. Great for parting out Corvairs and still being able to move the body. Pictures available if interested. \$50. Wade Lanning, 804-586-1023 (cell) 804-861-5748 (home) or wblanning@comcast.net. (6/11)

FOR SALE: 1963 Corvair convertible 102 hp 3-speed, looks and runs great, Goldwood yellow, black interior, new paint, rebuilt motor with new seal and o rings all around, new clutch, pressure plate, throw out bearing and seals. New gas tank and sending unit, new tires, brakes, wheel cylinders, brake lines and hoses. Needs a top, frame is there just the cover. Will need a closed car hauler or just pick a non-rainy day and drive home. Been to car shows, Sat. nite cruise-ins and parades, gets plenty of attention. I have near perfect 1964 gold Corvair that I value at \$12,000 and I get more attention in the '63 than the '64. Asking \$4,500. Garland 540-832-7602, Gordonsville, VA. (9/11)

WANTED: Set of rear floors pans for an early (buy or trade) and maybe a set of alum 14' rims to fit an early. Russell Davis, 757-642-0665 or bluechipmach@verizon.net. (10/11)

FOR SALE: Rare NOS thermistor for Corsa or Spyder. Selling for Percy White. \$100 OBO. David Robertson 804/266-7295 corvairdave@msn.com. (11/11)

SERVICE: Russell Davis can provide your specialized Corvair tool and machine needs. Machining heads to reduce compression to allow use of regular gas (below left) and carb high performance modifications are just a couple areas of expertise. He makes special Corvair tools including bearing greasing tools, headlight bezel tool (below right), harmonic balancer puller that can be used without lowering the engine and EM axle bearing pullers. See more pictures, details and order online at <http://bluechipmachineva.com/index.html> or call Russell at 757-642-0665 to discuss your needs. **BREAKING NEWS: 15% off all products or services to CVCC & TCC members through November 2011.**

