

Prairie Capital Corvair Association

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The Flat Six

June 2017

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From the President

When I got a report about the Parking Lot meeting, Bernie and I were sad that we missed it. Lucky it was a nice day.

It is a shorter time before the June meeting due to May being a week later than normal.

I hope I am over this darn cold well before we go to the Tremont Turkey Festival in June. Remember it is on Sunday, June 11th.

We will join their car show with our Corvairs. From what people have told me that will be there, it will be a good gathering of Corvairs.

Remember all PCCA members bringing a Corvair, will get the entry paid. Also, all members will get a turkey sandwich, and strawberry shortcake.

The food, and entry fees will be paid with convention profits.

See you there, Jim Allen



Chris Hall drove this nice Greenbrier to the meeting.



The Parking lot meeting conducted by Allen Monts. Photo by Shelby Berta

Calendar of Events - 2017

Meeting Location –unless otherwise noted, PCCA meets at the Rochester Community Building located off Il Route 29 in Rochester Illinois. The community building is on the east end of Rochester at #1 Community Drive. PCCA Home Page may be found at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter627>

June 11 Sunday PCCA Car Display and Chapter Meeting, Tremont Illinois 10-3:30pm

Please Note: June meeting will be at the Car show in Tremont. June 11 (Sunday) in conjunction with the Turkey festival in Tremont Illinois. Tremont is on IL16 just off I-55 heading toward Pekin. The PCCA caravan has passed thru the festival many years in the past. The fest has a car show from 11:30-3:30 on Sunday. Sign in is from 9 to 11:30. Nearby will be a Craft Show, plenty of festival food, a carnival and other entertainment. <http://www.turkeyfestival.com> PCCA will pay for car registration and a strawberry short cake for desert. Car registration includes a turkey sandwich. This should be fun.

June 24 **Pawnee Prairie Days** All Day Saturday Annual Car Show at the Parking lot of Pawnee Assembly of God Church - Contact Scott Day or Mike Hall for more information; Tractor Show and Kids Tractor Pull on NE corner of Village Square on Douglas St. Also Saturday is the 4th Annual Backyard BBQ Cookoff. It's a village wide festival.

June 27-July 1 CORSA International Convention. Hosted by: Heart of America Corvair Owners Assn. Location: Independence, MO. Just east of Kansas City on I-70 (US36 is a nice route).

July 8 Being Moved To July 15 Decatur

July 15 PCCA Car Display and Chapter Meeting, Decatur 2-4:30pm

Note: this is 1 week later than normal to place some time after the convention.

location: Speed Lube, 925 E Eldorado, Decatur- Mark Allen's place of Business.

This is down the road from the Decatur Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum, Corvair Museum

July 15 **PCCA Board Meeting**, if held, prior to the Regular meeting by about 1 hour. 1-2 pm

August 4 Maple City Street Machines, Monmouth Il. All day cruise-in.

August 14 MONDAY PCCA Car Display and Chapter Meeting, Illinois State Fairgrounds. It is

Senior Day – seniors (60+) get in at a discounted rate. Expect to meet prior to the caravanning to the fair - a requirement to enter as a group. Steak and Shake on Dirksen parkway has been the location in past years. Meeting expected to be around 2:00 pm

September 9 Secretary of State Auto Show (It is back !!!) Downtown Springfield.

PCCA Chapter Meeting will be near the cars around 2 pm.

Sept. 15.16 All Corvair Show hosted by Circle City Corvairs, Indianapolis. The annual “Hoosier Show” is back for year 2, transformed into a Corvair Only show. CCC makes this event a great show to attend. Ray Skillman Museum, Greenwood, IN Host hotel is the La Quinta Inn 5120 Victory Dr (south side of Indy off I-465) (317) 783-7751. <http://www.circlecitycorvairs.org/?q=node/740>

October 7 Fall tour to Pontiac Illinois to tour its many sites. A museum tour is definitely part of the tour, plus meeting, touring with other area CORSA chapters including Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts, Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts, Circle City (Indianapolis) and Show-Me Corvair Club. It should be a great tour. More details elsewhere in the newsletter.

October 14 PCCA Car Display and Chapter Meeting, Rochester Community Building 2-4:30pm

PCCA Board Meeting, Rochester Community Building 1-2 pm

November 11 PCCA Car Display and Chapter Meeting, Rochester Community Building 2-4:30pm

December 9 PCCA Annual Christmas Dinner - Toni's Café Auburn, IL rte 104 and I-55.

For more Corvair Events Check the calendar on the CORSA Web site: www.corvair.org Upcoming events are now on the home page, left side. Click on Events to see other future events.

PCCA May Meeting

Photos by Shelby Berta (the good ones) and Tim Mahler (the rest)

Hmm. It's been a rainy Spring. My flowers are blooming including the roses - which smell fantastic. The grass is growing but not as fast as you would expect – not enough sunshine, I think....

.....And the community building roof leaks...Oops.

Sue Biggs was the first to report that the Community Building's meeting room was closed and not available because of the leak. The library, restrooms and police station were all open just hte meeting room was closed. Sue was attempting to drop off plants for the Orphan Plant exchange when she made the discovery. Too late to call off everyone who was in transit – which was just about everyone Even the editor, half hour away was getting into his Corvair when Shelby Berta contacted him about the situation. Tim attempted to contact Sue, voice mail. Tried Jim Allen, voice mail (turned out Tim called Jim Collier not Jim Allen). Regardless, we would have to decide what to do in the parking lot.

Sue offered the Biggs house if a better idea wasn't available. Mike Hall's place might work too.

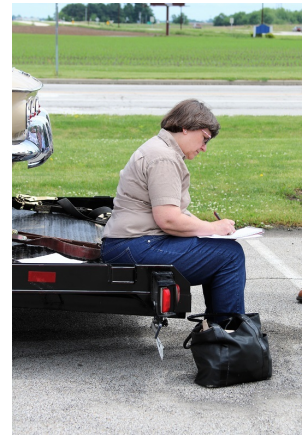
As it was, Garry Biggs was under the weather, hence the Sue Biggs early visit to the library. And Jim Allen was also ill – Allen Monts had the leadership hat already and the treasurer's hat too.

The rain had stopped, the sun was peaking out occasionally, and it was a nice day. A tad cool, but pleasant. So we all agreed the parking lot was an excellent place for the meeting. Not the first time for an outdoor meeting. We could actually hear too.

There were 4 Corvairs in the parking lot – Jim Collier was able to get his Maroon 65 coupe on the road for the pleasant drive to Rochester. New to me was the Greenbrier that Chris Hall drove to the meeting. I may have seen it before, but I just did not recognize it. Nice van.

Editor Tim drove his 66 red coupe – with an impromptu tech session before the meeting. The coupe's wipers were not working. Check the fuse. It's OK. Ok, maybe the motor needs a gentle tap with a hammer? Nope. I just needed to reconnect the switch to the motor. Fixed. Gotta love the simple fixes.

After the meeting, Mike Hall gave another quick tech session on the woody Spyder of Art Jameson. I have



Rhona Hall takes notes
Photo by Shelby



Three of the four Corvairs at the meeting. Photo by Shelby



Allen Monts leads the meeting from the podium.
Another fine photo by Shelby Berta.



Jim Collier and Bud Laubach discuss features on Jim's coupe.....or maybe sports or ?

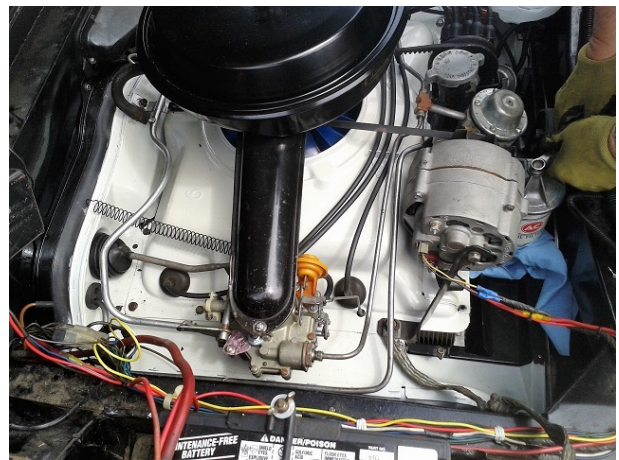
not seen the Spyder in quite some time. Mike and others had spent some time getting the Spyder back to road condition. However, Mike needed a bolt for the oil pressure sending unit – one that fits atop the oil filter using the oil filter bolt. Mike need one bored thru to allow the pressure sensor to be mounted and sense the oil pressure. Jim Allen came to the rescue (apparently with Allen Monts as the delivery person).

I got the honor turning the ignition key so Mike could check for oil leaks after the installation. Wow, leaned into the car, turn the key and purr. I didn't even need to reset the carb chokes. Of course, they may have been reset prior to me. After a few minutes of idling, the pressure guage came to life. No leaks, pressure being monitored, a good tech session was now complete.

The planned orphan plant exchange did not take place. After the meeting, and mini-tech sessions, the group discussed various odds and ends over tea and cookies (very good cookies brought by the Halls, from Sam's Club). I missed who won the 50/50 drawing. Of course, it was not me.



Every one get, and stay, heathy. The weather is pleasant and the Corvair (CORSA) convention is upcoming. Plus the Circle City All Corvair Show, the SOS Show, the Pontiac tour, and so many other events. Oh, the Monmoth street machines is August 4 – Friday. LOTS of cool old iron to see there.



Top view of the engine bay. The filter is on the right, middle. Barely visible in this photo.



Mike Hall gets his hands dirty. Nah, he wore gloves, smart.



Note the Impala style tail lights – three abreast vs just two found on the lower trim levels of the full size Chevrolets

Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA) Membership Form

March 1, 2017 thru February 28, 2018

Type of Membership Individual ___ \$17
 Family ___ \$20 (2 adults at one address plus children under 18)
 ___ Apply a \$5 discount for receiving the electronic version of the newsletter and other correspondence.
 If joining after August 31, dues are: Individual \$8.50, Family \$10.00. If applicable, the discount is \$2.50.

Name _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

Street Address _____

City, ST ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ CORSA Membership ID _____

Cell Phone(s) _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

e-Mail Address(es) _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

Cars, Corvair and other _____

Other interests _____

PCCA strongly encourages membership in CORSA. Do you want/need information about CORSA? Y / N
 Return the completed form and dues to: Glen Rittenhouse, PCCA Treasurer 1804 Columbus Dr, Pekin IL 61554
 OR to PCCA Treasurer P.O. Box 954 Springfield, IL 62705



1962 Corvair 700 Series Station Wagon



1964 Corvair Convertible – period photo

Cars And Parts for Sale

FOR SALE: (FIRST appeared in February 2017 Newsletter)

1963 Corvair Monza Conv. / Power Top - all new mechanical parts and new seal kit on top / Factory A/C with replacement compressor /engine overhauled by Jim Allen /extra set of tires with rims /red body & interior / \$15,500..Rob Preston..
 309-241-8673

For Sale (non Corvair; new May 2017) : Completely rebuilt heads for a Buick 225 V-6. May fit others. Everything new, still in shrink wrap from the machine shop. The heads were from a 1965 Buick Special. Will include the carburetor, intake manifold, cam shaft, and exhaust manifolds with y-pipe with purchase of heads. Looking to get \$550 for them, which is what I have just in the machine shop work. If you are interested, make us an offer! Lyle Rigdon 217-778-2231

Auction News

Premier Auctions Gulf Coast Classic, March 17-18, 2017 as reported in OCW April 27,2017
 1962 Corvair Monza 2dr convertible, 145cid/95hp/PG condition 3 \$4,300

Again, Thanks to Heart of America Corvair Owners Association and Mike Dawson for having these great tech tips available. HACOIA is the host of the 2017 CORSA convention where Mike Dawson (Rochester carburetors), Fred Bybee (collectible Automobiles) and Larry Claypool (electric fuel pumps) are slated to give separate tech sessions. See the April CORSA Communicate for additional details.

The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

Spring Maintenance

With the 2017 classic/collector car event season well underway, the following Corvair items might be good to check.

Oil Filter Mounting Torque:

The original Corvair oil filter specifications called for 20 ft-lbs.; it is definitely not a “spin-on” or “tighten ¾ turn after contacting gasket” type of design. Whether you changed it last or somebody else did, this is a quick check item with great importance. Of additional concern is the fact that the fiber gasket will shrink over time and the original torque lost. Get out your wrench and follow up after winter storage.

Mechanical Fuel Pump Cover Screws and Mount Screw:

After decades of dealing with replacement fuel pumps I have come to the conclusion that it is not physically possible to manufacture a Corvair fuel pump that works perfectly and does not leak. The latest pumps produced have a tendency to start leaking not long after installation and almost certainly after winter storage. Check the cover screws but remember they are in aluminum and will only take so much torque. Also check the mounting screw by grabbing the pump and trying to rock it back and forth.

Electric Fuel Pump Filter:

Most electric fuel pumps have a small pre-filter to protect it. If you have an original fuel tank it would be wise to check this filter every spring before long trips. Even with a replacement tank checking the filter would probably be a good idea because of its size. It is easy to add a large see-through filter on an FC but with most car mountings space limits the filter size. And if you do have an original tank, check the bottom regularly.

Fan Belt:

The Corvair belt design adds significant flexing to the fan belt, plus the higher operating temperature of the air cooled engine (particularly at shutdown) both contribute to the need to check the tension regularly. Installing a new belt almost always requires a tension adjustment the first time you are on a trip. And long winter storage somehow seems to loosen them up.

Carburetor Inlet Nuts:

The 1” inlet nuts on the Rochester carburetors can loosen up during long storage (as well as in general service). Make sure they are tight and try to put a slight bend in the gas line that would try and tighten the nut instead of “spring loading” to loosen it.

Ignition Points:

If you have the original style points system it is a good idea to check the contact surface for corrosion over the (humid) winter months. And follow up with a little lube on the rubbing block and a check of the dwell.

Brake Fluid:

Aging hydraulic seals that are not used regularly can begin to seep or just plain leak. Master cylinders leak under the dash and behind the carpet and wheel cylinders can leak sight unseen until the reservoir is dry. Always keep the level ¼” below the lid and check everything if the level falls over the winter. And don’t forget the “stomp test” if you have original steel lines or rubber hoses.

PCCA Editor notes: I do the “Hard, Harder” test before I start down the road in my Corvair. Stopping is more important then going when that deer jumps in front of you.

And Miscellaneous Stuff:

If your car is stored where mice have access, you may have nests anywhere, but of particular concern is the top of the heads and cylinders. Also check tire pressures, add a bottle of Iso-Heat (red bottle) to the gas to catch any moisture that condensed in the tank over the winter, check all lights, clean battery cable connections and give your baby a good test run.

Bob Nicholson’s Garage find is now in England

The blue 1960 Sedan was a garage find by Bob Nicholson back in 2003 (or so) has now found a new, if temporary home in England. Bob went to a sale of an old dealership/garage in Springfield. In the upstairis storage area was the 60 sedan, covered in dust but otherwise in very good condition.

The car was sold this past winter and is currently in England on exhibit, with a green 1960 sedan the pictures are curtesy of Larry Claypool who sent them to Mike Hall.

Bob Nicholson and Brian entered the 60 in the Lexington Concours where it was placed in the unrestored factory original class. To qualify for that class in Concours is a a feat in itself. To be in factory class, restored or unrestored involves a very thorough examination of the Corvair looking for non factory items – from paint to the type of bolts used to hold the engine shrouds in place. Very few Corvairs pass this scrutiny.

The Corvair, and the Nicholson's massive cleaning efforts earned them the Preservation award at the 2003 CORSA convention in Lexington. Bob Nicholson name and the Corvair’s VIN now grace the Traveling Preservation Trophy.



2nd Annual Circle City All Corvair Show 2017

Presented by
Circle City Corvairs Club



Hospitality Room 5:00PM till ???

Food / Door Prizes / 50-50 / Tech Talk / Ladies Bingo / Movie

Friday September 15, 2017

Host Hotel—La Quinta Inn 5120 Victory Drive

(317) 783-7751 for reservations

Room Rate is \$81.00 per night— Ask for Corvair Group rate

People's Choice Corvair Show 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Door Prizes/ Tech Talk / Lunch / 50-50

11 Classes / Best of Show / Hard Luck / Long Distance

Special Events for the Ladies!!!

Saturday September 16, 2017

Ray Skillman Classic Car Dealership

1280 US 31 S, Greenwood, Indiana 46143

www.rayskillmanclassiccars.com

Dinner (at hotel) 6:00PM

Dinner / Door Prizes / 50-50 / Awards Presentation

(All meals included with registrations)

\$30.00 per Vehicle & Driver Pre-registration before 9/8/17

Registration Day of Show: \$35.00 per Vehicle & Driver

\$20.00 for each additional person

(12 years and under no charge)

WRITE REGISTRATION CHECK TO CIRCLE CITY CORVAIRS CLUB

Mail your check to:
Circle City Corvairs Club
PO BOX 17325
Indianapolis IN 46217-0325

2ND ANNUAL CIRCLE CITY ALL CORVAIR SHOW

SEPTEMBER 15TH & 16TH, 2017

REGISTRATION FORM
(MULTIPLE CARS-PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM FOR EACH ENTRY)

NAME/ DRIVER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

VEHICLE YEAR: _____

VEHICLE ENGINE: _____

VEHICLE COLOR: _____

VEHICLE MODEL: _____

COUPE CONVERTIBLE WAGON FC

OTHER if other explain _____

PEOPLES CHOICE 11 CLASSES

1960 -1964 - STOCK OPEN CLOSED

1960 -1964 - MODIFIED OPEN CLOSED

1965 -1969 - STOCK OPEN CLOSED

1965 -1969 - MODIFIED OPEN CLOSED

1961 - 1965 FORWARD CONTROL - STOCK

1961 - 1965 FORWARD CONTROL - MODIFIED

SPECIALTY - CORVAIR ENGINE OR BODIED

PRE- REGISTRATION Corvair & Driver BEFORE 9/8/2017= \$30.00

(First 50 entries will receive a dash plaque)

REGISTRATION DAY OF SHOW Corvair & Driver = \$35.00

EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON (12 YEARS AND UNDER NO CHARGE) AT \$20.00EA

(Please write check to Circle City Corvairs Club) TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 THANK YOU!

CORSA International Convention in Independence MO Hosted by Heart of America Corvair Owners Assn.

Host hotel Hilton Garden Inn, 816/350-3000 or 877/782-9444, use group code CCA
or for online registration go to corvair.org/2017hotelreg.html.

General Contact Email Address for questions, comments is 2017localconventionchair@gmail.com.

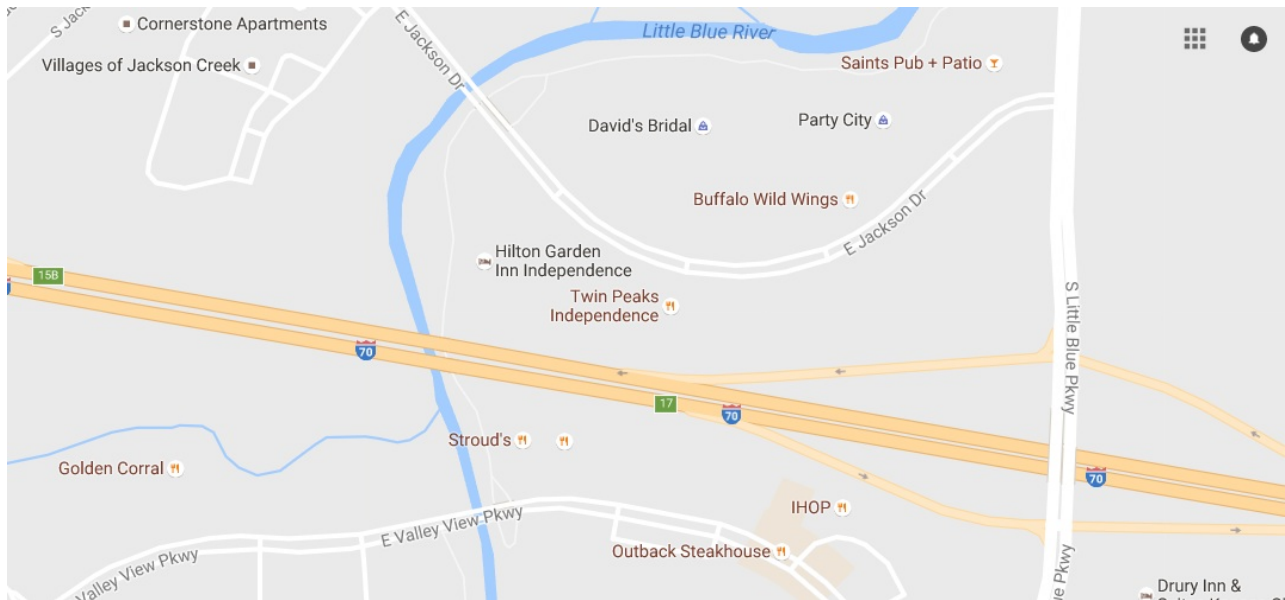
EARLY Convention Registration ends MAY 27, 2017 – save \$10-\$50 or more by registering early!

WHEN June 27th, 2017 12:00 PM through July 1st, 2017 4:00 PM

LOCATION 19677 E Jackson Dr Independence, MO 64057 (The East side of Kansas City)

Note: From I-70, take exit 17, left onto e Jackson Dr, left onto Little Bluea Trace Trail, hotel is on the left.

Restaurants – Golden Corral, Outback Steakhouse Ihop. Plus Buffalo Wild wings, Hereford house at the hotel, Joe’s Crab Shack and many others. All seem to be withing a short drive/walk from the convention Hotel.



Four Way Corvair Cruise-In, Pontiac Saturday, Oct. 7th, 2017

Although Plans do change. These preliminary thoughts, plans, goals should help. Lyle Rigdon has done a lot of preliminary leg work and is still refining things as I type. Any feedback should be sent to Lyle.

Four Way Corvair Cruise in. Pontiac, IL Oct 7th.

PCCA, CCE, Circle City, Iowa Clubs (Technically 5 way with St. Louis)

Arrive around 10:00am – Reserved Parking will be provided.

10:00-1:00 Meet and Greet, Show and Shine, Wander downtown Pontiac

Route 66 Museum - Military Museum : [WWII 754th Field Artillery Battalion Group on display]

Pontiac Car Museum [Additional buildings/cars open just for us]

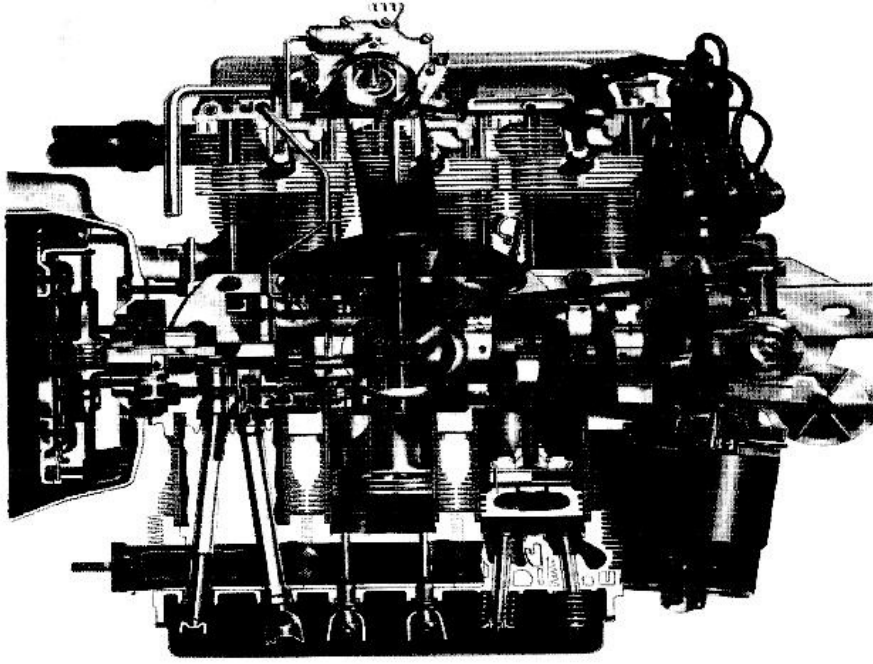
Farmers Market - Courthouse

1:00 Lunch: Edinger's Garage Themed Restaurant - Reserved

Depart at your leisure!

Possible Lunch Menu at Edinger’s Filling Station. \$10 per person with drink, tax and tip included or \$13 per person includes assorted pie selection. Choice of: Grilled Cheese and Vegetable Soup, Chicken Pot Pie, Grilled Chicken Salad, Taco Salad, Cheeseburger and Fries or a Fruit Plate.

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