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The Flat Six

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From the President

One more CORSA convention is behind us. It was a good one. But hey, they are all good. We see friends we only see once a year, and always meet other CORSA members we had not met before. It was a good time.

Our August meeting in Decatur went very well. Our hosts, Mark and Linda Allen took good care of us. They supplied the Pizza, and it was really good. They want us back next year for one of our meetings. We will have time to talk about it.

The State Fair meeting will be here before you know it. It is on Monday, August 14th. Let Mike Hall know if you will bring a Corvair. He gets the passes to get the cars in.

Bernie, and I will be there in our Lakewood. We need to put on a nice display of our cars. It is senior citizens day. That means most of the attendees will remember our Corvairs.

See the information in this newsletter about where we will meet before leaving for the fairgrounds.

See you there, Jim Allen



Bill Berta, Mike Hall, Larry Jahn and Jim Allen at the Conventions. Photo by Shelby Berta



The PCCA Crew at the July meeting at the Koi pond

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>

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

This is Monday, Senior Citizens Day (60 & over) at the fairgrounds - Seniors get into the grounds **Free**. Those wanting to be part of the Corvair Exhibit **MUST** meet Mike Hall at Steak and Shake on North Dirksen Parkway, Take the Sangamon Street exit off I-55, turn right onto Dirksen parkway, the restaurant is on the left. **We will leave the restaurant at 8:30am**. Please be there before that time, or let us know you are running later. If you want breakfast there, **please arrive earlier to allow ample time to eat**. PCCA meeting will be at 1:00 pm near the Corvair Exhibit, next to the Ethnic Village and one end of the “Sky Glide” the aerial tram. Please let Mike Hall know if you plan to exhibit a Corvair. MRHVair@aol.com Meet prior to the caravanning to the fair - a requirement to enter as a group. Steak and Shake on Dirksen parkway is again the location, the same north Steak and Shake as past years. Meeting expected to be around 2:00 pm.

August 26 Loco-Motion Cruise-In/Show. Chatham Railroad Museum, 100 N State St. Chatham IL
This is 1 block east of the square, 3 blocks east of Historic Rte 66. registration opens at 11:00am \$10 donation to enter your vehicle. Trophies, goody bags, door prize drawings. Museum open (free) during the show. It’s small but well worth the visit.

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>

Sept 29-Oct 1 Great Plains Round-up Oklahoma City, Embassy Suites host hotel, River Cruise, Corvair show hosted by the Central Oklahoma Corvair club. Event is always a good time.

October 7 Fall tour to Ponitac 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.

July 23-28 The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club will host the 2018 CORSA International
2018 Corvair Convention in Pittsburgh, PA! Held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Greentree just west of downtown Pittsburgh.

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.

2017 CORSA Convention

Photos by Shelby Berta, Mike Kost and Tim Mahler

Wow, another great convention – this time hosted by Heart of America Corvair Owners Association – HACO. Great Hosts. I am writing my notes way too late, over 3 weeks after the convention. That is my excuse for missing mentioning items – people in attendance and who won what. It’s a feeble excuse. Frankly, I probably forgot or missed the names and/or Corvairs before I left the convention. But I like the long elapse time better. I did take notes, but even I have trouble reading my handwriting some days. I write to remember, not to read again.

OK, Independence Missouri, just east of Kansas City is a wonderful town. The host hotels had a bike trail, mostly crushed rock with concrete places, that followed the Little Blue river for 14 miles. It was just west, by 20 feet, of the Concours field. A wonderful walk if you had time and could handle the warmer temps. Way north, I found 6 or more Indigo Buntings and a few Yellow Finches – deep blue and bright yellow, both (very) small birds that really catch my eye.

Bill Pierson and wife, Thelma, and others I am sure, visited the WW I museum and found it to be grand. This was the only tour I heard about. Bill was freshly returned from the museum when I talked to him, so I was able to hear about it. We read so much about WWII that we forget about the trench war that was WW I but that is the war where tanks and planes first came onto the scene.

Numerous PCCA members were vending wares at this year’s convention. This was something we simply didn’t have time to do when we were the hosts last year. Glen Rittenhouse and Bud Laubach were inside while John Cavaghna and Tim were outside in the heat.

Other than the warmth (heat), the weather did cooperatate. It did rain for most of the econo-run – at least that part where Tim was helping – getting everyone started. I was soaked. I wandered inside to the indoor vending area mid morning - just because I hadn’t had time to look until then. Wandered over to the CORSA merchandise table and brought a DRY shirt. Mike and Rhona Hall helped at the CORSA/CPF table all week.

It did rain – thunderstormed, lightning, thunder, heavy rain early Friday morning. But it had stopped around 6am in plenty of time for the autocross which was scheduled to start at 9. This delayed my morning run a bit (lighting is “stay indoors” signal) but that was the only casualty – well, outdoor vending was slowed – more Thursday than Friday.

Concours was held Wednesday – I noted Three PCCA vehicles in the field – Mike and Rhona Hall’s 62 Monza Station Wagon, gold in color. Jim and Bernie Allen’s 66 500 coupe, white and Bud and Kay Laubach’s 65 Corsa Coupe, blue. Two Silvers and One Gold award was earned by these participants. Jim Allen won the gold and the Mitchell award – the highest score in Concours. This is Jim’s second



Photo includes both PCCA and Show-me Members. Great group, eh?



Jim Allen’s Cool White



Chris and Mike Hall judging Engines



Joan Cavanagh in the vending room



The rain fell mainly on the econo-run - start

Mitchell award and both are well earned. Congratulations Jim....and Bernie. Also congratulations to Bud and Mike for their awards. Concours requires a lot of attention to details, the cleaning can be intense.

Mike and Chris Hall were both judges working as a team judging late model engine compartments. Jim Allen judged early models engine compartments (I believe). The assignments were made in a manner that the judge does not judge his/her own vehicle. Tim judges early model interiors this year. This saved his knees from doing undercarriages but his back wasn't used to the bending it had to do. Bill Pierson may have been judging too, but I don't recollect. Bud Laubach was slated to help judge too, but suffered some medical issues (heat) so a substitute was assigned. Bud was feeling much better by the end of the week.

Dave Wilson signed up for the econo-run but the rain removed that from his list of todos. Talking to Dottie in the hospitality room later, I learned that their Blue convertible likes the rain - a little too much. It lets the rain come inside to the passenger compartment even if the top and windows are up.

I did not note anyone participating in the Rally. So on to the Autocross which was held Friday – after the rain. In Specialty class 1 I noted Mark Allen (our Decatur meeting host) and Paul Beck both running. Specialty 1 is Corvair bodied non Corvair powered, typically V8, cars. Mark was running a 65 Monza, red and black in color. Paul's muscle Corvair is orange. Neither trophied but I bet they had fun.

Although not PCCA members, the pair are SMCC members, son Phillip Kost managed to outgun father Mike Kost in the Autocross – both in Improved Stock 3, slightly modified late model Corvair on street tires (tread wear rating above 140 or 160 -not sticky tires). I note this, because Mike Kost is a very good autocross driver, typically taking first. Like NASCAR, the next generation is here. I wasn't at the autocross, so Mike MAY have hit a cone or two, but still Phillip is listed at the top.

Speaking of next generation drivers, Michael Leveque won the Don Yenke Award for fastest Corvair (all classes) at the autocross. Father Warren has won this award numerous times. I did not note Warren driving this year – I know his car was left at home because of trailer issues.

OK what did I miss – oh the banquet, which I presume was great. And the Car display. I missed both events because with the rain, and all vending required to top by noon Friday, I opted to head home early. Looking at the results, available on the CORSA website, www.corviar.org, I noted that Paul Beck earned one of the TOP THREE awards for Engineering, Specialty and Ultravans. Way to go Paul. His orange V8 powered Corvair is quite nice, and rides nice too.

I did get to see the Model Concours, which was set up in part of the indoor vending area. The dioramas, once again, impressed me the most. The imagination of the entrants and their skill is amazing. I did not note any PCCA members in the list of winners nor do I believe PCCA members had an entry but I could be wrong on the latter.

Dick Moon, PCCA's Corvair counter, was unable to attend the convention this year, and the official counts were not on the CORSA website that I found. Those counts always undercount the actual number of Corvairs in



Kay Laubach, Bernie Allen and Thelma Pierson



John Cavanagh – cooling off inside



Arial view of the WWI museum



Mike Hall with Chris and Jim in front of his wagon



the parking lot because not all are entered in any event.

PCCA members that I saw, or at least heard were present at the convention include myself, Mike and Billie Kelley, Bill and Shelby Berta, Mike and Rhona Hall, Chris Hall, Bill and Thelma Pierson, Glen Rittenhouse, Jim and Bernie Allen, Bud and Kay Laubach, Larry and Gloria Jahn, Lyle and Lonnie Rigdon, Joan and John Cavaghna, Dave Wilson and Dottie, Mark Allen and Paul Beck.



Bud Laubachs coupe in Concours

Participant Results

Concours

Jim Allen	66 500 Coupe white	99.11	Gold - Bill Mitchell Best of Show award
Mike Hall	62 Monza Stationwagon	94.09	Silver award
Bud Laubach	65 Corsa Coupe, blue	95.40	Silver award

Auto-Cross - Specialty 1 class

Mark Allen	65 Monza coupe, red/black	best time 64.807	second
Paul Beck	65 Monza coupe, orange	best time 81.413	third

Car Display

Paul Beck	65 Monza coupe, orange	best time 81.413	Top Three, Engineering class
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Some random photos from the convention as captured by tim



July PCCA meeting – Corvair Display and Picnic hosted by Mark Allen

Photos by Shelby Berta with one from Chris Hall.

I missed the Decatur show, so this story, based on pictures from Shelby Berta and Chris Hall will be even shakier than my usual ranting. (Tim speak for full of stuff Tim makes up, GRIN)

Mark Allen was our host on a wonderful day in Central Illinois. The location was one of Mark's places of business, Speed Lube at 925 E El Dorado in Decatur Illinois. Mark takes the PCCA newsletter at this address so his customers can read thru it – and maybe one or two will become Corvair Enthusiasts too. The shop is just down the road from the Decatur Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum which is currently displaying several CPF Corvairs.



In the pictures, I note 4 late convertible, 1 early convertible, 2 late coupes, a rampside and a station wagon. Taking chances – I am thinking I see Jim and Bernie Allen's 61 Lakewood wagon, Mike and Rhona Halls late convertible (red), I am thinking the Rampside is the Halls as well – probably driven by son Chris. The (dark) green convertible should be Brian and Sue Sellyer. The early convertible is Larry Jahn's 63 Spyder.

The front row – that has to be Mark Allen's red and black coupe. The convention competition number is still in the passenger side window. The red convertible had me stumped but zooming in on Shelby's photo to see the plate, I surmise this is Linda Allen's Corvair. The orange Coup is Paul Beck's wonderful V8 powered Corvair. Sneaking in behind all the others is Jim Collier's modernized late coupe. The Yellow convertible is John Funks.



Inside the shop, the Allens have an impressive display of Koi and Turtles (tortoises? There is a difference as tortoises are land based only). Shelby took some wonderful pictures. The Koi are readily seen, the turtles (tortoises) are not. Shelby described where there are in the foliage but I could not detect them zooming in with my computer. I know they are there, just where I don't know. I guess I just had to be there.



Pawnee Days Car Show

To my knowledge, Only Mike Hall was able to attend the show this year. Mike showed his Rampside, pictured here. Shelby Berta took the photos.

- Thanks for the photos Shelby.



Cars And Parts for Sale

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

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

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

FAQ's: 5-Club Corvair Cruise-In

Who: Prairie Capital Corvair Association, Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiast, Circle City Corvair's, Show-Me Corvair Club, Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts

What: Pontiac Corvair Cruise In

Where : Downtown Pontiac, Illinois

When: Saturday, Oct 7th

Overview: The plan is for this to be a very laid back end-of-the-summer get together before our Corvair's are put to sleep for the winter. No formal prizes, no show stress, not another dash plaques you don't need, just a fun day in Pontiac. During the morning, there will be time for everyone to mingle and get to know one another before we head off on the walking tours of the museums and wall murals.

Schedule for the day:

10:00am **Arrival downtown square.** Reserved parking on the square if you drive a Corvair. Otherwise, side street parking is available. A sign-in table will be available in the parking area. Set your GPS for: 503 W Howard St, Pontiac, IL 61764 (Courthouse Address)

10:00 to 12:30 **Sign in, check out the Corvair's and mingle!!**

Self-guided walking tour of the downtown area to include three museums, murals, the courthouse and the farmers market. See the links provided below for additional for info on each museum.

Route 66 Museums

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

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

Wall Murals (Farmer's Market nearby too, Courthouse)

1:00 **Lunch at Edinger's Filling Station – Reserved**

423 W Madison St, Pontiac, IL 61764 (815) 419-2255

2:30 **Depart at your leisure!**

Room Reservations for those who may want to arrive early or stay over:

Quality Inn - 1823 W Reynolds Street - 815-844-4444

The block is under "Corvair Club" – they should mention that

Rooms are on hold until September 7th

The rate is \$94.99 King bed or \$89.99 for 2 queen beds.

Museum Links: Website: <http://www.visitpontiac.org/>

Visitors Guide: <http://www.visitpontiac.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/240>

Museum Guide: <http://www.visitpontiac.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/239>

Mural Guide: <http://www.visitpontiac.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/238>

Map: <http://www.visitpontiac.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/493>

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.

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.

2nd Annual Circle City All Corvair Show 2017

Presented by
Circle City Corvairs Club



Hospitality Room 5:00PM till 9:00PM

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

II 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 _____

PHONE _____

VEHICLE YEAR: _____

VEHICLE ENGINE: _____

VEHICLE COLOR: _____

VEHICLE MODEL: _____

COUPE CONVERTIBLE WAGON FC

OTHER if Other explain _____

PEOPLE'S CHOICE 11 CLASSES (CHECK ONE)

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)

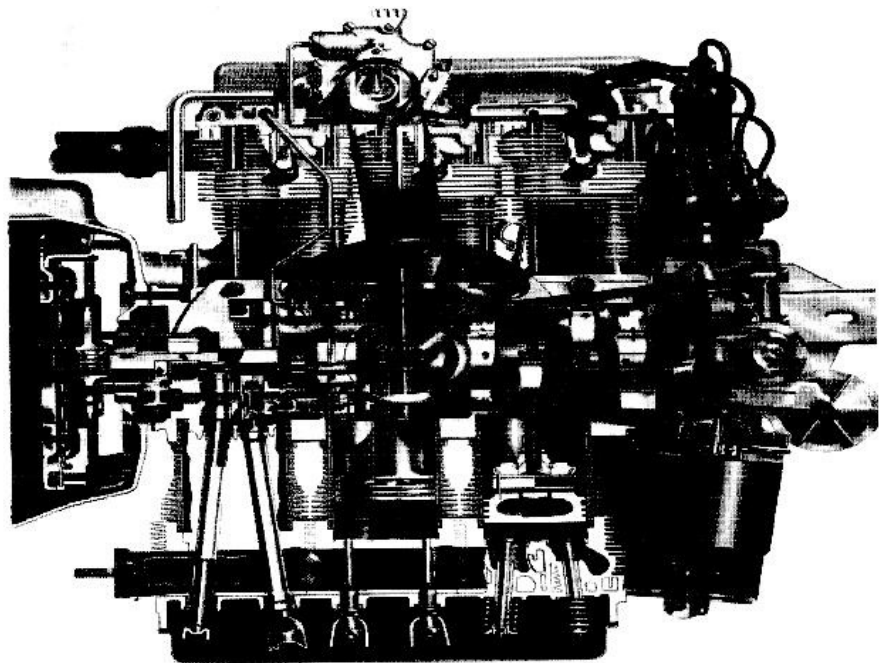
REGISTRATION DAY OF SHOW Corvair & Driver = \$35.00

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!

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