



Prairie Capital Corvair Association

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The Flat Six

October 2017

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From the President

Another month has passed. The year is going by way to fast. We enjoyed the SOS show. I am happy it is back. I hope for a long time. There was a good group of PCCA Corvairs entered. The weather was perfect.

Bernie, and I just got back from the Indy show. It was great. Perfect weather, and 45 Corvairs from about 10 CORSA chapters. I think there were 5 states represented. Larry, and Gloria Jahn, and Rona, and Mike Hall were present.

Remember, the October meeting is the 3rd Saturday rather than our normal 2nd Saturday. Because of the change, Bernie, and I will not be there. We are flying to AZ. We are going to the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs CA. We will take Cool White to the show.

Tim Reminded me that Nominations for PCCA officers are due in October. The elections will take place at the November meeting. If you are willing to serve, please let Tim know.

The president position will need to be filled. I have decided to step down after this year. I feel like it is the right thing to do.

While talking to Circle City Corvair members last weekend, I was told that some of them have made reservations for the October 7th Pontiac IL Corvair cruise in. They will be well represented. We had a good show of hands at the last meeting of PCCA members that will be there. It will be a chance to see cars we may not have seen before. Also meet new Corvair owners. Bernie, and I will be there.

We will see everyone at the November meeting.

Jim Allen



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>

- 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 21** **NOTE: Date changed – moved to the third Saturday of the month**
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.**
 Gift exchange, Toys for Tots, Great fellowship. Starts at 1:00 pm
- 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.

2018 - These dates are place holders – second Saturday of the Month subject to change based on membership feedback and board approval.

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| January 13 | PCCA Board Meeting. | PCCA General Meeting. Also PCCA’s 40 th anniversary!! |
| February 10 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| March 10 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| April 14 | PCCA General Meeting | Board Meeting |
| May 12 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| June 09 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| July 14 | PCCA General Meeting | Board Meeting |
| August 13 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| September 8 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| October 13 | PCCA General Meeting | Board Meeting |
| November 10 | PCCA General Meeting | |
| December 8 | PCCA General Meeting | |
- Annual Christmas Dinner, informal meeting, lots of fun



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.

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.



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>

Secretary of State Auto Show

Amazing things keep happening in Illinois beginning with the State passing a budget. That permitted the Secretary of State Auto Show organizers and sponsors to feel OK in once again holding the Annual SOS Auto show in streets and parking area surrounding the Illinois State Capital. This was the 67th annual SOS show. It has changed over the years, but it is still a great show.

The Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation were a major promoter of the event this year. They even brought out of their museum one of their vintage police cars. Macon Industries manufactured the event's awards which included, for all winners, a place award made from wood that replicated an vehicle plate and an actual special event plate with the letters "USA". All participants received a smaller event plate that was left blank. Maybe a permanent marker could be used to create a "CORVAIR" plate. Hmmm. Thanks to all the other sponsors and contributors, volunteers and judges. It was a very nice show.

For PCCA, 7 Corvairs were in attendance out of 185 total vehicles. The 185 number is an unofficial that I heard while looking at other participant vehicles. It represented the numbers for parking spaces handed out. So it is close. I did not count the judges cars, or other first responder vehicles located elsewhere that did not have assigned parking space numbers, but I surmise that it would be the number of vehicles to well over 200.

Mike Hall, chief judge, drove his 65 re convertible to the event and was parked with the other volunteer, display only, vehicles on Capital avenue that ends at the Capital buildings "front steps" on the East side of the capital complex.

Only 4 Corvairs gathered before the show at the Sixth street Walmart. There was Jim and Bernie Allen in the 61 Lakewood station wagon, Dick Moon in his 63 four door sedan and Jim and Beulah Collier in the 65 maroon coupe. Tim arrived in his 64 Monza convertible to lead the way to the show.

Along the way, we detoured slightly to the parking lot next to the State Museum. Allen Monts was waiting for us there in his 64 red Spyder convertible. Together, we drove the final two blocks to the show.

Running a tad late, but not by much, Brian Sellyer caught up with the rest of us as we entered the show. He missed being part of the 7 Corvair long caravan by a car or two. Event organizers tried to keep us all together, but the logistics were proving to be difficult and made the parking space numbers totally useless for the intended purpose - which was to make locating class vehicles easy for the judges.

It worked out AOK. The Corvairs were split on either side of the "main entrance" to the capital on the North side in the circle drive. Half in the shade in the morning, the other half in the shade in the afternoon. How convenient was that? We held the monthly meeting in the shade under the trees on the capital



lawn around 2:00. With the high for the day in the mid 80s, the shade was welcomed.

New this year, was a food truck at the corner of 2nd and Monroe. This was very convenient to all participants in the show as it was in the middle of the show. Better, the food was quite good and not expensive. Most of the downtown eateries were also open for those who wanted venture further. I also noted a walking event to the 7 or so arts and crafts stores that was being led by one of the artisans. PCCA only had 2 lady members present, and the editor (Tim) has been to the shops on numerous occasions so I do not think anyone participated.



Awards. Already mentioned, next. Oh wait. Who won what?

Well Mike Hall didn't win anything....his Corvair was display only. <tee-hee> Corvairs still have 5 classes that allow for a mix of stock and modified Corvairs. Two for early models and two for late models plus one for Forward Control Corvairs. With only 6 Corvairs to be judged, we all had a fair chance to win something for attending. We lacked a FC this year but had at least one Corvair in the other 4 classes.

The tightest contest was in the 1960-64 Corvair open class, CR-1 where Tim Mahler with his 64 Monza Convertible and Allen Monts with his 64 Spyder Convertible fought it out to a tie. Both were given a first place.



In the 1960-64 closed CR-2 class, Jim Allen eked out a win with the 61 Lakewood wagon. Dick Moon was awarded second with his 63 four door. That had to be another very tight class.

Brian Sellyer was awarded first in the CR-3 open 1965-69 class. And finally, Jim Collier was award first in the CR-4 1965-69 closed class. Both were well deserved.

Now that the SOS Auto show has re-established itself after it's one year hiatus, I hope PCCA and other Corvair clubs once again turn out in large numbers. It is a great show at a great venue. The addition of the food truck (maybe trucks if numbers justify it, Springfield has some good food truck rules) and the nice awards should help spread the word. Hope to see you then.



November PCCA ELECTIONS

PCCA NEEDS YOU'RE A HELP. Yes, it's the annual drive to find officers to serve PCCA. What has seem to have become an annual ritual, no one wants to step up to the starting line. I've noticed that at almost every running event I'm a participant. It's like church, everyone steps back away from the starting line. EXCPEPT for those few brave soles who know it doesn't really matter in smaller events.

To develop a slate, some hands need to be raised to volunteer to run for office. Jim Allen has elected to step aside as president. So that is the first biggie to fill. The other offices may or mayh not have a candidtate, I have not checked with everyone. Regardless, PCCA need board members. Three in total. Jim is willing to serve on the board.

This is your oppportunity to raise your hand to volunteer to be an officer or a PCCA board member. The job is not difficult - ah, heck, it's not a job, it's fun. We are, after all, fun local club. CLUB. Let Tim, Jim or another current officer know if you are interested. Tim's email is Flat6vair@comcast.net.

The Slate of officers and board members is scheduled to be presented at the October Meeting with any final nominations from the floor. The ballots will be counted at the November meeting with the new officers starting in January. Basic duties are outlined below.

President conducts the meeting and writes a monthly column for the newsletter

Vice-president conducts the meeting when the prez is absent and also helps determine what activities/programs PCCA will have each month at the meeting. Many of these programs are decided by the whole group, which makes this task a lot easier than it sounds.

Secretary - Takes minutes at the meetings, keeps minutes, and other reports in a book

Treasurer - writes the checks – and deposits the checks. Keeping ledger accurate is hardest part.

Board Members meet quarterly to discuss club business, make strategic decisions. Meetings are normally held before the chapter meeting - or via email/phone on occasion.

Faith Community Worship Center Cruise Inn

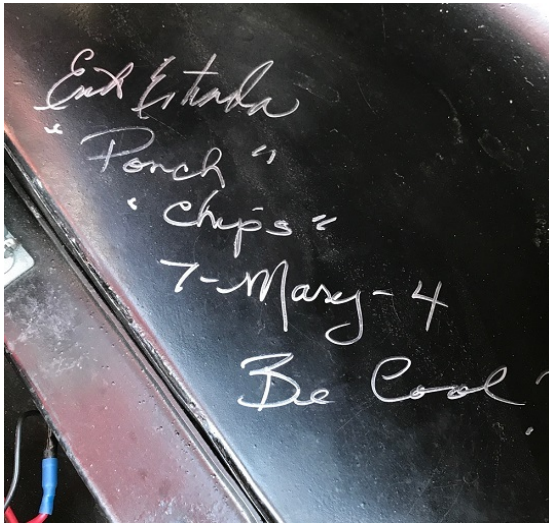
Here's a photo Shelby Berta took at the Faith Community Worship Center Cruise Inn, Taylorville, IL on 9-2-17. The plane was approaching the Taylorville Municipal Airport and ShelbyI managed to get the photo of 2 of our Corvairs with the plane overhead. How cool is that? Thank you Shelby for the photo and the note.



Pekin Marigold Festival



Rob and Lori Preston had the honor of driving Erik Estrada - Officer Poncharello in the TV Series "CHIPS" during the 70's and 80's in their 1963 Corvair Monza. We had so much fun with Erik. He autographed their Corvair inside the engine area!



Cars And Parts for Sale

FOR SALE: (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; 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

Raleigh Classic, June 23-24, 2017, Raleigh NC as reported in the OCW September 7, 2017

1963 Corvair Monza 2dr coupe condition 2 \$6,300

Meadow Manor 5th Annual Car Show

Berta's 1964 Corvair Monza coupe which we entered in the Meadow Manor 5th annual car show at Taylorville, IL on 9-9-17. We've entered it in two shows this year. *Editor: Photo and note from Shelby. There are always more shows to attend in a given weekend than is possible. Glad the Berta's shared their Corvair with another group of car enthusiasts. Not to mention just how nice their Corvairs are.*



PCCA Member News and Notes

Jerry and Thelma McKenzies: The McKenzies traveled to a “safer” location before Hurricane Irma travelled the Florida peninsula. Thelma sent a detailed report to most PCCA members, and others, who have inquired. Recap, Jerry and Thelma are AOK, the freezer full of food stayed cold and the generator was fixed to provide power for the few items really needed. The house and yard had minimal damage. Yeah.

PCCA is again on Facebook as a group.....Actually, I think PCCA was there all along, and the editor duplicated a past group. Just the one again. Facebook, group name Prairie Capital Corvair Association. I will try to post upcoming events there as I remember. Not a very good FB user, but I try.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – PRAIRIE CAPITAL CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Ten members of the chapter were present at the meeting, which was held at the Secretary of State's Antique Auto Show. Officers In attendance were President Jim Allen and his wife, Bernie; Vice President Alan Monts; and Secretary Rhona Hall. Treasurer Glen Rittenhouse was not present as he and Rita are in Mexico. However, he provided a report. Also in attendance were Dick Moon, Brian Seiyler, and Jim and Beulah Collier. Chris and Mike Hall arrived shortly after the meeting was closed.

Jim read the treasurer's report for this month to the members present. Our beginning balance this month was \$4,830.92. Three invoices were paid--\$125 to Inkorporated Designs for the chapter's banner; \$35 to CORSA for our administrative chapter fee; and \$87.15 to Tim Mahler for the expenses related to the May-September newsletters and stamps, leaving us with a total checking account balance as of today of \$4,583.77. Our savings account balance for the account that is required by CEFCU for a checking account is \$5.00 as of today. Our cash on hand is \$82.50 + \$10.50 (50/50 proceeds from the August 14 meeting. Our total cash on hand from July 15, 2017, is \$93.00. Our total checking/savings/cash as of today is \$4,681.77. Glen's report also noted that check #1013, which was dated June 12, 2017 in the amount of \$20 remains outstanding with the bank showing a \$20 higher balance than the Club's actual ledger balance. Glen's report did not indicate to whom the check was written. Jim asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bernie made a motion that the report be accepted as read, and the motion was seconded by Tim, and the motion carried.

Jim discussed the October 7 trip to Pontiac. He stated he thought quite a few of our members were going, some in St. Louis were interested, as were some from an Iowa chapter, and some members from Chicago Corvaair Enthusiasts were interested as well.

Jim asked if anyone had heard about Lyle. Rhona related what Mike had told her regarding his condition. Jim stated that he and Bernie will be at the October meeting, which will be a week later than usual and then go to his high school class reunion in Monmouth that evening.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed Jim asked for a motion that was made by Brian Seiyler, seconded by Jim Collier, and the motion carried. The meeting was closed at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhona Hall, Secretary

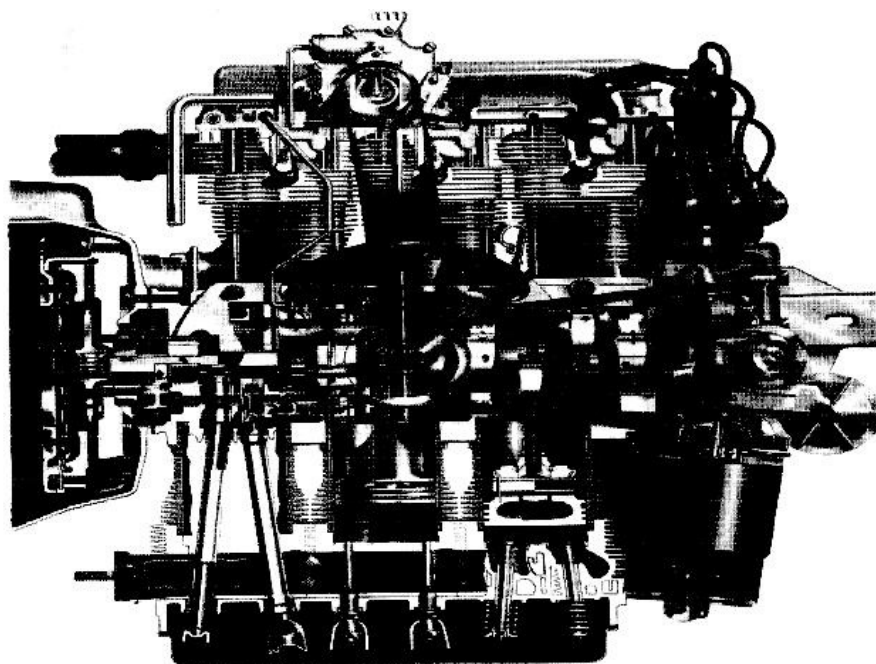


SOS show flat bed truck



Illinois State Police Foundation vintage Patrol Car, SOS show.

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