

# Central Pennsylvania *Corvair* Club

MAY 2018

## The Four Wheel Independent

### CORVAIR RANCH OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

9AM - 4PM (rain or shine)

More than 50 Corvairs usually show up for this event!



Events planned (as of now):

Free Lunch

Raffle Ticket for prizes

Corvair Trivia Questions for prizes

Demonstration of "One New Tech - the Thermistor Replacement"

*by inventor Peter Faulkner*

Demonstration of "Gas Heaters"

*by Jeb Anderson and Maeve Anderson (daughter)*

Contact Corvair Ranch if you are interested in giving a demo or lecture.

Is anyone interested in showing off their Corvair sound system and play music only from the 50's and 60's? If interested, please contact

Corvair Ranch to discuss additional details.

This is a fun event for all. Anyone interested in buying parts please place your orders *ahead of time*.

Jeff and others would also like to enjoy the Open House as well.

**NOTE: C.P.C.C. Monthly meeting will be held at this event.**



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Conventioneers,

The host hotel, the DoubleTree Hotel in Greentree, PA has 460 rooms. They are not blocking any for us. Instead they are releasing rooms as needed with no limit. If we take up the whole hotel so be it. As of today there are 167 rooms reserved. With that said, sometimes they are slow to release more rooms for our convention. This is at the corporate level, not the people in Greentree. We have run into this unfortunately before, but gets cleared up rather quickly. Usually a day or two. Hilton corporate says they will not take reservations if you call the front desk, the computer will show that there is no convention at all. That is why if you don't reserve online at [www.corvairpittsburgh.com](http://www.corvairpittsburgh.com), or call there reservation line, 1-800-222-TREE (8733) and use code CCA, there may be a issue. If any other requests or problems exists please e-mail, call, or fill out the contact information on the website and I will surely get back to you.

Thank you,  
Jim Weppelman  
412-577-6447 cell/text



## **Baker's Needed for Corvair Day**

*Submitted by Carol Trimper*

**Ladies and Gentlemen**  
**Donuts, Muffins, Cookies, Cakes, Brownies, Pies, etc..**  
**Your talents and donations are needed!**



I am looking for volunteers who would like to donate bake sale items to our 2018 Corvair Day in September. We are expanding the list due to requests from last year.

This year, we would like to offer donuts, muffins, cookies, pies, cakes, chips, candy, and brownies. Additional items are welcomed!

Please email me at [lcl@pa.net](mailto:lcl@pa.net) with what you plan to donate so we don't have too much of one item(s) and not enough of others.

## 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 12** **Motor Menders 2018 Cruise Nights at The Bobcat Creamery**, 117 S. Main St., Manchester, PA 4-8 pm. All vehicles welcome. Dash Plaques, 3 trophies, 50/50 drawing, Oldies Music. Visit [motormendersrodandcustom.com](http://motormendersrodandcustom.com). Rain date is the following Saturday.
- May 17-20** **Cruisin' Car Show** Ocean City, MD. Visit <https://specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city> for additional information.
- May 18-19** **Corvair Museum Opening in Decatur IL** Museum Grand Opening with swap meet, car show, food, and fun. Come join us for this action-packed weekend of Corvair history and fellowship. More information coming soon!
- May 18-20** **Virginia Vair Fair - Winchester, VA Central VA Corvair Club** come to Shenandoah Valley and Old Town Winchester for historic sites and attractions. Valve cover races, Corvair games, people's choice, rally, door prizes, model car show, and much more. Host hotel Hampton Inn Winchester North (540-678-4000). \$96 special rate, mention Corvair Vair Fair before April 20<sup>th</sup>. Visit sites. [Google.com/site/centralvirginia-corvair-club/home](http://Google.com/site/centralvirginia-corvair-club/home). Jeff Roadcap, 540-908-0010, [roadcajd@jmu.edu](mailto:roadcajd@jmu.edu).
- May 19** **Gold Star Mothers Car Show at Sunset Lane Park**. 2442 Sunset Ln., York, PA 17408. Reg. 10am, Show 11-3pm.
- May 19** **Lancaster County Chariots of Fire Car Show** Lighthouse Assembly, Route 23 and Earland Drive, New Holland, Lancaster County, 10 - 3pm. Registration \$15 plus two nonperishable items for the Food Bank. Info: [www.chariots-of-fire.org](http://www.chariots-of-fire.org). Call 610-322-1622.
- May 20** **Open House at Corvair Ranch** See additional information on cover page.
- May 25** **Markets of Shrewsbury Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights**, Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm.
- May 26** **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show at the Church of the Open Door**, 4075 E. Market St., York, PA 17402. Reg 8-10:30am, Show 10:30-3pm, \$20 Reg.
- June 1-3** **Street Rod Nationals East York Expo Center** Fri. 8-5pm, Sat. 8-5pm, Sun. 8-12pm. You must be a member of the NSRA to enter Car Show. Check <http://www.nsra-usa.com>.
- June 2** **Orphan Car Tour** (see additional information on Page 5).
- June 9** **Motor Menders 2018 Cruise Nights at The Bobcat Creamery**, 117 S. Main St., Manchester, Pa. 4-8pm. All vehicles welcome. Dash Plaques, 3 trophies, 50/50 drawing, Oldies Music. Visit [motormendersrodandcustom.com](http://motormendersrodandcustom.com). Rain date is the following Saturday.
- June 9** **Cornerstone Bible Church Spring Fling at Show & Blood Drive** 3500 Cardinal Lane, Dover, PA Reg. \$.5, 4-8pm.
- June 16** **Newville Fountain Festival Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show**, Big Spring Ave., Newville. 9 - 3 pm. Registration fee, \$10. Rain or shine. Plaques for first 60 cars registered. Trophies in top 20 cars/trucks, top two motorcycles, best of show and mayor, fire chief's and police chief's choice awards. Many food and craft vendors. Info: Ken Lloyd, 717-776-5846, [klloyd44@embarqmail.com](mailto:klloyd44@embarqmail.com).
- June 16** **Thunder on the River Car Show**, 100-500 Locust St., Columbia, Lancaster County, 10 - 3 pm. All makes and models. \$10 preregistration; \$15 same day; free for spectators. Info: 717-684-5249.
- June 22** **Markets of Shrewsbury Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights**, Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm.
- June 22-24** **Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals**. Carlisle Fairgrounds, Fri. & Sat. 7am-8pm, Sun. 8am- noon. Classic Auto Mall Rt.10 at the PA Turnpike, Exit 10. Large indoor Museum, Car Sales, etc. [www.ClassicAutoMall.com](http://www.ClassicAutoMall.com). Classic Auto Mall Cruise In Show every Wednesday Night 4-8pm Year Round. 610-207-6100.
- July 1** **Motor Menders Rod & Custom Club 25th. Annual Firecracker Rod Run**, Brookside Park, Dover, PA 9-3pm. Pre-Registration \$10, day of show \$15. <http://www.motormendersrodandcustom.com>.
- July 14** **Motor Menders 2018 Cruise Nights at The Bobcat Creamery**, 117 S. Main St., Manchester, PA 4-8pm. All vehicles welcome. Dash Plaques, 3 trophies, 50/50 drawing, Oldies Music. Visit [motormendersrodandcustom.com](http://motormendersrodandcustom.com). Rain date is the following Saturday.
- July 20-21** **York US30 Drag Strip Heritage Days at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing**, Dillsburg, PA Fri. 1-7pm, Sat. 9-5pm. Big Cruise In Show on Sat. 10-3pm. [York Nostalgia - York Reunion & Nostalgia Nationals](http://YorkNostalgia-YorkReunion&NostalgiaNationals).
- July 23-28** **CORSA International Convention** in Pittsburgh PA. Host hotel: DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburg, PA. 1-800-222-8733, Group Code, CCA, [corvair.org/2018hotelreg.html](http://corvair.org/2018hotelreg.html). Information at [corvairpittsburgh.com](http://corvairpittsburgh.com).

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## 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS *(continued from page 3)*

- July 27** **Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights at the Markets at Shrewsbury**, Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm.
- July 28** **Hanover Dutch Festival**, German-themed festival featuring 300 food and hand-made craft vendors, German entertainment, Antique Car Show, and Kids Carnival. 8 - 4 pm Held at Downtown Hanover Center Square, visit: [www.hanoverchamber.com](http://www.hanoverchamber.com).
- August 11** **Fayetteville Fire & Rescue Company 2nd Annual Car, Truck, Motorcycle & Fire Truck Show** at 101 West Main Street, Fayetteville PA, 9 - 4pm, Call Terry at 717-491-9429 or email [terry.putt@comcast.net](mailto:terry.putt@comcast.net) for additional information.
- August 11** **Motor Menders 2018 Cruise Nights at The Bobcat Creamery**, 117 S. Main St., Manchester, PA 4-8pm. All vehicles welcome. Dash Plaques, 3 trophies, 50/50 drawing, Oldies Music. Visit [motormendersrodandcustom.com](http://motormendersrodandcustom.com). Rain date is the following Saturday.
- August 11** **C.P.C.C. Annual Potluck Picnic** at JOHN and Joyce Berkheimer's home. Arrive between 1 - 1:30pm and we will eat at 2pm. Please call (717) 632-5617 or email ([jhbmail1@comcast.net](mailto:jhbmail1@comcast.net)) to let them know what you plan to bring. Club meeting will take place at the picnic. Bring your swimsuit and jump into the beautiful pool.
- August 17-19** **Super Chevy Show at Maryland Int'l Raceway**, Budds Creek, Md. <http://www.superchevy.com/show>.
- August 18** **Susquehanna Valley GTO 10<sup>th</sup> Annual All Pontiac**, Amos Herr Park, 1670 Nissley Road, Landisville, Lancaster County. \$10 preregistration, \$15 day of show. 8 - 3pm. Info: [svgtoshow@svgto.com](mailto:svgtoshow@svgto.com).
- August 18** **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Ole Days Festival & Car Show** Gwenlyn Drive, Littlestown PA 8 - 2:30 pm.
- August 24** **Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights at the Markets At Shrewsbury**, Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm.
- September 8** **Motor Menders 2018 Cruise Nights at The Bobcat Creamery**, 117 S. Main St., Manchester, PA 4-8pm. All vehicles welcome. Dash Plaques, 3 trophies, 50/50 drawing, Oldies Music. Visit [motormendersrodandcustom.com](http://motormendersrodandcustom.com). Rain date is the following Saturday.
- September 22** **CPCC Corvair Day in Hershey**. (Rain date September 23<sup>rd</sup>) Held at AACA museum.
- September 28** **Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights at the Markets At Shrewsbury**, Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm.
- October 10-13** **Antique Automobile Club of America Eastern Regional Fall Meet** at Hershey Park and the Giant Center in Dauphin County, 550 W. Hershey Park Drive, Hershey. More than 9,000 flea market spaces, 1,000 corral spaces and approximately 1,500 show cars. Car corral and flea market open each day at 7am. Info: [www.hersheyaaca.org](http://www.hersheyaaca.org).
- October 13** **Motor Menders 2018 Cruise Nights at The Bobcat Creamery**, 117 S. Main St., Manchester, PA 4-8pm. All vehicles welcome. Dash Plaques, 3 trophies, 50/50 drawing, Oldies Music. Rain date is the following Saturday. Visit [motormendersrodandcustom.com](http://motormendersrodandcustom.com).
- October 26** **Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights at the Markets At Shrewsbury** Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm.
- November 3** **Motor Members Rod & Custom 2018 Cruise Nights at the Markets At Shrewsbury**, Susquehanna Trail. 4-8pm. Toys for the Keddies, \$10 or a new \$10 toy, benefits local Charity.



My friend, Linda, in a 1960 Corvair four-door. Owner?  
When? Where? Why?  
*Submitted by Joe Darinsig*



**NO** Regular CPCC Meetings

During months of August and September.

May meeting will be held at the Corvair Ranch  
Open House on May 20<sup>th</sup>.



## CELEBRATE MAY BIRTHDAYS



Susan Hooper	5 <sup>th</sup>
Earl Holmes	17 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Hash	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Andrea Thompson	27 <sup>th</sup>
Rich Heisler	28 <sup>th</sup>



**Wanted:** 1966 Corsa black interior door panels. Joe Darinsig, 717-668-4414 or [joedarinsig@yahoo.com](mailto:joedarinsig@yahoo.com).

**For Sale:** Anyone interested in any Corvair model kits, Racing Champions, Hot Wheels, etc. let me know. I am taking all my extra kits & toys, post cards, brochures and parts to Pittsburgh Convention to dispose of. Joe Darinsig, 717-668-4414 or [joedarinsig@yahoo.com](mailto:joedarinsig@yahoo.com).

**For Sale in Jefferson, Ga.** 1963 or 64 engine, 3 transmissions and 1 rear end and other parts. Wants \$750. for all. Price may not be firm. Contact if interested. Just off of I-85 near Braselton. Contact Donald Land [landbd@bellsouth.net](mailto:landbd@bellsouth.net)

## Corvair Tech Tip— Vehicle Information Kit



*Submitted by Joe Darinsig*

The "Restoration kits" are no longer available from GM and have been replaced by an online "Vehicle Information Kit" available at GM Heritage Center website: Go to: <https://www.gmheritagecenter.com/gm-heritage-archive/vehicle-information-kits.html> select the vehicle and year. Click on the year and agree to the terms. The kit will be downloaded to your computer in a PDF format. The restoration packets are an important and popular free service provided by Chevrolet for those customers seeking general information about their vehicle and for restoration purposes. Information included in the packets (for most models and years) is: Vehicle highlights, color codes, wheel/tire specs, complete engine specs, transmission, suspension, and other vehicle systems, standard equipment lists, options, trim packages, brake information, vehicle features, exterior/interior dimensions, and engine options.

## The Treasurer's Report for April 2018



*Submitted by  
Sandy Holmes*

Beginning Balance		3270.70
Deposit on 3/26/18		16.00
Total		3286.70
Expenses:		
AACA Museum	Check # 1238	50.00
Total in Bank		3236.70
Cash on hand from 50/50 & dues:		40.00



**Morning Motorheads!**  
 Bring the car or truck you love and have coffee with us at our showroom.  
 No registration fee, no trophies, just cool rides and hot coffee!

Second Saturday of the month  
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Some of our members joined the Morning Motorheads on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



JOHN Berkheimer displays his 1974 Corvette  
 Lou Trimmer shows his 1966 Corvair CORSA



Dale Geiman's 1964 Spyder

## 28<sup>th</sup> Orphan Car Tour June 2, 2018

Maryland's Baltimore and Harford counties will be the setting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Orphan Car Tour on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Passing through areas such as Hunt Valley, My Lady's Manor and Worthington Valley, the tour's route will meander through villages and past horse farms, estates, and pastures. Drivers will receive printed directions so they can take the tour at their own speed, pausing at the various planned stops along the way. A late-afternoon dinner at Friendly Farms Restaurant in Upperco will cap the day's itinerary. A flyer with full details is available at the Orphan Tour's website, [www.orphancartour.org](http://www.orphancartour.org) <<http://www.orphancartour.org>> (press the "HOT" button). The website also lists updates to the tour schedule (if applicable) a full description of the tour, and its history. Further information is available from Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770, or [tourdiretor@orphancartour.org](mailto:tourdiretor@orphancartour.org).

The Orphan Car Tour is open to all orphan" (discontinued-make) vehicles at least 25 years old, and is maintained to encourage the driving enjoyment of all antique "orphans" It is sponsored by six local chapters of national "orphan" car clubs: Mid-Atlantic Packards (a region of The Packard Club), the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the H-E-T Club, the Potomac Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Potomac Ramblers (an affiliate of the AMO and AMCRC), the DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland, and the Keystone Region Chapter Inc. of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

## EM Emerges *Submitted by Joe Darinsig (Taken from Flat Six Journal Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter)*

William Smith traded his Yellow EM coupe for a VW Bug and he had purchased a '68 500 coupe from Terry Kalp, but he still yearned for an EM Corvair. On a visit to the Kalp Shop he found a complete '61 700 four-door under a pile of parts in the lean-to. Soon a deal was made.

The next step was to bring the sedan out into the sunlight and clean the years of dirt and leaves off. William picked a warm day in December and after installing a rear axle and a couple of wheels that held air was ready to move the Corvair that had been idle for a couple of decades. With help from Terry Kalp, Greg Renfro and a come-a-long, the sedan began to move.

A few gallons of water and some scrubbing resulted in a much cleaner and better looking Corvair. A step closer to hitting the road.

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Before cleaning.



After cleaning decades of leaves and other debris from under the top engine shroud.



Not much evidence of mouse damage was found while cleaning. Perhaps this shed skin from a rather large snake might provide one explanation.



Greg Renfro records the before condition of the barn find sedan that had not seen sunlight this Century.



## The President's Message

Submitted by  
JOHN Berkheimer



Unlike last month's newsletter I hope there are no snow pictures on the front page. I just attended Spring Carlisle, it was rainy, cold, windy and the calendar said April 19<sup>th</sup>! I am not understanding this.

Keep in mind the open house at the Corvair Ranch is only held every other year and it is this year. It is being held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, there was an article about it in last month's newsletter. Let's have a good turn out of CPCC members. There will be a short meeting at 1pm

since we are not having a regular monthly meeting. Jeff usually gets things started around 2pm. I was at Jeff's to get a few things for my car so everything is ready for the cruising season. Everything for the open house seems well underway. Our club took care of obtaining a certificate of insurance from CORSA to satisfy the township since Jeff uses their land to accommodate non Corvair parking.

I was at Norm's house on April 14<sup>th</sup> to take a few pictures of Norm's car and get

additional information on the car. Information and pictures will be in this newsletter. If interested please contact me and I will give you the information to contact Norm's daughter.

Anyone planning to attend the Orphan Car Tour on June 2<sup>nd</sup> don't forget to sign up. Information for the website was in last newsletter. I'm sure if you have never been on this tour John Johnson would be glad to fill you in.

*Happy Corvairing*



Visit: <http://corvairpittsburgh.com/>  
for additional information.

### REMINDER:



**CLUB MEETINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO 2<sup>ND</sup>  
TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH!**

**\*\*\*May meeting will be held at  
Corvair Ranch Open House on May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**JOIN US AT HOSS'S ON  
Tuesday, June 12, 2018  
Dinner 6 pm  
Meeting begins at 7 pm**

## Corvair Ranch

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## Secretary Minutes from April 2018 Meeting

Submitted by  
Earl Holmes



The meeting was called to order by our president, John Berkheimer, at the Hoss's Restaurant in York. Secretary Minutes were read from the last meeting that included the April 28<sup>th</sup> date for Calvin High Car Collection Tour. There was also a discussion on moving the clubs meetings from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday of each month. An announcement that Norm Masenheimer's corvair is for sale. Our Treasurer, Sandy Holmes, gave a report on the club's finances.

### New Business

- It was announced that everything is in place for the April event. Several members are planning on attending this event.
- July is still open for the club to have an event. If you have any ideas for an event. Please let an officer know or bring it up at a meeting
- Curt Bonser announced that he is selling his 69 two-door Corvair. His car has 73,000 miles, is an automatic with air conditioning.

### Announcements

- No 50/50 drawing this month.
- A motion was made by Dave Steiguaf and seconded by Tom Zinn, and the meeting was adjourned.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Corvair Ranch Open House in Gettysburg.

### Attendees

Paul and Yvonne Brown  
Ron and Betty Hash  
Rich and Cindy Heisler  
John Berkheimer  
Dave Steigauf  
Joe Darinsig

John and Sandy Johnson  
Duane and Jacquie Aldrich  
Dave and Sally Fullerton  
Bruce Culp  
Lou Trimper  
Tom Zinn

Jim and Linda Enfield  
Earl and Sandy Holmes  
Curt and Jane Boner  
Steve Sabaka  
John Warren



# 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY

at the

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**AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> SEPT. 1<sup>st</sup> & OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rain Date will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

DOOR PRIZES FREE REGISTRATION

Call Charlie Roberts at 717-805-1650  
or Rod Murray at 717-579-5440

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### EM Emerges *continued from page 6*



Still wet after a soap and water bath, Williams sedan shows a much improved appearance. Surprisingly the paint was still in pretty good shape except for a couple of spots.

*The End*

*Our special thanks to Flat Six Journal  
Mid Continent Corvair Association Newsletter*





# Why Isn't the 1960-69 Chevrolet Corvair Worth More?

by [Paul Duchene](#)

Published on Hagerty.com dated March 26, 2018

Submitted by  
*Joe Darinsig*



Depending on your point of view, the Chevrolet Corvair was either one of the most creative or most foolhardy steps in the history of the U.S. auto industry. It was designed to combat the Volkswagen Beetle and adapted the air-cooled, rear-engine concept to American scale and style.

Its handling was no worse than the Beetle, but ambitious politician [Ralph Nader exploited it for his own ends](#). In 1971 the National Highway Safety Transportation Board declared the Corvair as safe as any car in the early 1960s, but it was too late to matter.

Still, with 1,839,439 sold over 10 years, including 130,362 trucks, the Corvair was hardly a failure. It's [among the least expensive ways](#) into the U.S. collector car world and the best convertibles seldom surpass \$25,000. Corvairs are relatively easy to fix, with a reliable parts supply. Survivors are common outside the Rust Belt.



So why aren't they worth more?

First a compact history: Chief engineer Ed Cole aimed the Corvair (combining Corvette and Bel Air) at the Beetle in 1956. During development, the sedan was camouflaged as a 15-foot, six-passenger Australian Holden, with a rear-mounted, 140-cubic-inch, air-cooled flat-six-cylinder engine, and GM's first fully independent suspension. Corvair production began on July 7, 1959 and it was *Motor Trend's* 1960 Car Of The Year.

Initial models were 500 and 700 4-door sedans, followed by a Monza coupe in April 1960, a four-speed option for 1961, and turbocharging in 1962. Target price was \$2,000, but heater, radio and a Powerglide transmission added up to \$2258 plus shipping—only \$341 less than a full-size Impala coupe. Claimed mileage was 26 mph highway, but a gas-powered heater reduced that, and a forced air heater was offered in 1961.



A Corvan, Greenbrier passenger van, Lakewood station wagon and Rampside pickup arrived in 1961; convertible and Spyder packages in April 1962.

Turbocharging bumped horsepower to 150 and opened up a sporty market in 1962, but the April 1964 Mustang launch rendered that short-lived. Even a 1965 Corvette-influenced redesign with

improved rear suspension couldn't halt the pony cars, and sales dwindled until the final year of 1969.

The Corvair lost its driving force in 1961 when Ed Cole was "kicked upstairs" to head the GM car and truck group. Despite Corvair-based concept cars like the Sebring Spyder, Monza GT, Astro 1, and John Fitch's Phoenix, resources were redirected to conventional models.

Larry Claypool is a lifelong Corvair aficionado and technical editor for the national club magazine for 25 years. He ran a Corvair repair shop in Frankfort, Illinois for 42 years, and points out that a several factors conspired against the Corvair's acceptance.

"It's still a niche vehicle, not a mainstream Chevy," he said. "There were lots of them, but it's unconventional, with an air-cooled rear engine and limited performance potential. Even turbocharged, the hottest stock Corvair performed like a base V-8 of the day."

Claypool noted that once Cole was gone, the Corvair was an orphan. "Most dealers might have one junior mechanic who worked on them. If he was off, they'd tell you to schedule an appointment later."

As an economy car, many were not well-maintained, he said. Spares were common through the 1980s—even at dealers—but body parts have dried up. Door, trunks and hoods can be found, but everything else is welded together, making replacement pretty expensive.

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**Corvair Worth** *Continued from Page 9*

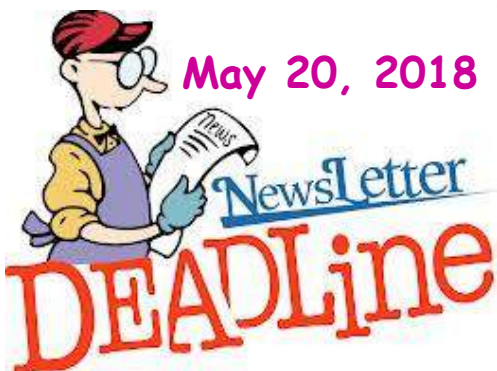
While mechanical parts are available, a Corvair owner needs to know “the guy” nearby who can work on his/her car—or be handy themselves. “There are a lot of hands-on owners, but probably only a dozen Corvair specialists in the country.” With prices low there’s little incentive to specialize. “In most places it’s easier to get a Ferrari correctly repaired,” he said.

Partly due to low values, numerous barn finds survive, and are easy to revive in rust-free zones. Running coupes and sedans can be found under \$1,500, but don’t expect any investment appreciation. Convertibles can be found for \$12,000-\$15,000, but rusty projects may be uneconomical to fix.

Claypool believes the 1965-66 Corsa coupe and convertible have the brightest future. They offered 140 hp with four carburetors (tricky to set up), while turbocharging delivered 180 hp, but the engine is happiest over 3000 rpm. Bill Mitchell’s redesign was Corvette-like, and only 27,621 hardtops and 11,495 convertibles were built.



Mecum 1965 Chevrolet Corvair



# Corvair For Sale



## 1965 Corvair Monza Convertible



77,993 original miles, body in good condition. Interior?, Runs and drives ?, Automatic, 4 Carb Car, Asking \$7000, but would consider a reasonable offer. The car is currently in Hanover, PA but will be moved by the end of May to Virginia. Call John Berkheimer at 717-632-5617 and leave a message. I am doing this just to help Norm's daughter sell the car.





## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB, INC. (C.P.C.C.)

C.P.C.C. is a chapter of "CORSA" (Corvair Society of America). CORSA is a rapidly growing international organization now is boosting over 4000 members and 120 local chapters worldwide.

The C.P.C.C. Chapter has monthly social/family meetings at various locations within the region. Each month you will receive a newsletter announcing the meeting location. The newsletter also contains information about our club members, technical tips, other club activities, auto events, and classified ads.

The club is for the preservation and interest of the Corvair automobile.

We sponsor Corvair shows, rallies, mini conventions, caravans, parties, and dinners. All of our events are for the member's immediate family.

Dues are payable to: Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.)  
c/o Sandra Holmes  
1511 Hicks Drive  
Dauphin, PA 17018

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership is \$ 16.00 per year OR \$ 30.00 for two years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal of membership is \$ 16.00 OR \$ 30.00 for two years.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Corvairs owned (if any)

Year: _____	Model: _____	Body Style: _____	Serial Number: _____
Year: _____	Model: _____	Body Style: _____	Serial Number: _____
Year: _____	Model: _____	Body Style: _____	Serial Number: _____

Member's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Month Day

Wedding Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Child's Name: _____	Birth Date: _____
Child's Name: _____	Birth Date: _____
Child's Name: _____	Birth Date: _____

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Any applicant whom is under the age of (18) eighteen, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application.*

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print full name



## Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club

The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair and Corvair powered vehicles. We provide knowledge about the Corvair to our members and other car enthusiasts, as well as hold monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings for the enjoyment of our members.

C.P.C.C. is Chapter #170 of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Dues for C.P.C.C. are \$16.00 per year or two years for \$30.00, which must be sent in the form of a check or money order payable to "C.P.C.C." and mailed to C.P.C.C. Treasurer, Sandra Holmes, 1511 Hicks Drive, Dauphin, PA 17018. It is suggested that C.P.C.C. members also become members of CORSA, the national organization. CORSA dues are \$45.00 per year. Dues may be sent to CORSA, P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60439-0607 or online at <http://members.corvair.org>.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Carol Trimper at [lcl@pa.net](mailto:lcl@pa.net). Mailing address is 30 Wheaton Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340.

All other club inquiries should be directed to the C.P.C.C. Secretary, Earl Holmes, 1511 Hicks Drive, Dauphin, PA 17018.



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