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### THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF MID MARYLAND CORVAIR CLUB COSA CHAPTER 217



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**NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING:** President Tom Rahochik called the meeting to order at 7 pm with 19 members present on PIZZA NIGHT. Everyone seemed to enjoy the feast even though we didn't think about bringing plates! That was no problem for Donnie Putman who provided a McGyver solution by cutting up the pizza boxes with his pocket knife.



Picture 1 Donnie "McGyver" Putman carves plates from pizza boxes while President Tom issues the call to the table and Jeff Ostroff is viewing the selections. Picture 2 That's the back of Mike Corragio with Debbie Maynard, Diana Graves, Dale Graves, Bruce Culp and Russ Martin in the background. Picture 3 L-R Ray Bragunier, Bob Martin, Frank Schleigh and Dale Aldridge. Others in attendance were Bob McNamara, Dick Kaetzel, Bob and Carletta Moats, Dave Maynard and Ron Moss. We also ordered additional pizzas to share with the evening staff at Fitzgeralds Auto Mall to show our appreciation for their continued support in providing a meeting place for us.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bob Millard reports that the current balance remains at \$1,491.58. Bob wants to remind everyone that annual Club dues will be coming up soon. Our dues are \$15.00 per year and are payable beginning July 1.

**NEW BUSINESS** None

#### OLD BUSINESS

Dick Kaetzel reports that the Rohrsersville Show will include two Corvair Classes and the Fire Company will provide the trophies. We will assist with show field set up on the night before the event scheduled for Saturday, August 4.

A Spring Driving Tour is in the planning stage with Dick Kaetzel taking care of arrangements. Our route will focus on Southern Washington County/Jefferson County WV with a stop in Halltown and Williamsport to tour auto collections. Tentative date is June 16. We also discussed a covered bridge tour in the upper county area for a fall event with a meal stop at the Mountaingate.

I have 4 Logo/Banner design concepts accompanying this newsletter and am looking for the membership to vote on which one to use for our new logo. I would like to do an online poll for the voting. Please reply to this email with a vote for your favorite. There will be some final touch ups to the samples but you get the basic idea. A big thank you to Ellen Frazier of the FSK club for her time and talent in working with us on this project. I have also visited Grime Graphics and John Grimes says he can offer both silk screen designs similar to our old shirts and embroidered logos on a large variety of shirts, hats, and jackets. When we settle on a design, I can order the banner.



## OTHER TOPICS

Note from Caroline and DeWitt Powell. Dear club members, thank you for donating to "Gods Incredible Kids Project". The clothing - etc. is going to four churches - one in Clarksburg Mountain West Virginia and three in Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. Some of these folks are living in storage sheds, their cars, or wherever they can. Thank you for your donations Caroline and DeWitt Powell

A current Membership Roster is included with this Newsletter, please review your information and let me know if there are updates, additions or corrections. If you want us to recognize your birthdays and anniversaries but don't want to give the year, that information is optional. This copy includes the information that was cut off on last

Bob Moats brought in an addition to his tin toy collection - a fully operational Corvair Garbage Truck. It has a dumping mechanism powered by a friction motor. It had a pretty good rendering of a forward control cab.

I received a very nice catalog on GTO and Tempest from Original Parts Group. This was a surprise because I don't have one of those cars. I called to see if there was a mix-up in my order for a Corvair catalog and was told that I am still on the list and that the Corvair catalog is to be shipped at the end of April. The catalog I got has some really good pieces to offer. Hopefully we will have a copy by the 9th.

President Tom is working on getting permission from the dealership for us to have our annual June open air meeting with our Corvairs on display in front of the showroom. Mark your calendars for June 13 and plan on bringing out those Corvairs. Weather permitting, we will conduct the meeting in the parking lot so bring along your chairs.

We went around the room to learn about everyone's Corvair happenings since the last meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50

**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-informationkits.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. Reprinted from the CPCC newsletter by Carol Trimper **Bold lettering by this newsletter editor. This will not include specific data regarding an individual vehicle. I had obtained the written kit mentioned several years ago for my 1962 wagon.**

### 2018 CAR SHOW/EVENT CALENDAR:

Here are Corvair Only shows and events that are not listed on the Car Show Calendar attached to this newsletter/

**May 18-20 Virginia Vair Fair**, Winchester, VA Each year in the spring, the three Corvair clubs in Virginia hold a weekend event called the "Vair Fair". A number of activities are held over the weekend including a Corvair show, rally and parts sales. 2018 Vair Fair will be held May 18-20 in Winchester, VA. The link to the hotel (Hampton Inn) is below and if you reserve a room before April 20, you will get the cheaper rate of \$96/night. After April 20, the price goes up to over a \$100/night. for more details visit [-sites.google.com/site/centralvirginiacorvairclub/home](https://sites.google.com/site/centralvirginiacorvairclub/home) or call Jeff Roadcap 540-908-0010. Event registration \$20/\$25 Car Show \$15/18 Rally \$10/12

**May 18-19 Corvair Museum Grand Opening** with swap meet, car show, food and fun. Decatur, Illinois. Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies scheduled for noon on Saturday

**May 20 Corvair Ranch Open House** Car Show and Free Lunch 9am to 4 pm rain or shine. Raffle Tickets for prizes, Corvair Trivia Questions for Prizes, Demonstration of "One New Tech- the Thermistor Replacement" by our member Pete Faulkner, Demonstration of Gas Heaters by Jeb and Maeve Anderson. Anyone interested in buying parts are requested to pre order so Jeff and his crew can enjoy the day.



July 23-28, 2018 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - PITTSBURGH, PA

It looks like we have 6-8 members planning to attend so far. Check the website for full details [www.corvairstpittsburgh.com](http://www.corvairstpittsburgh.com)

**August 18 FSK AAC Rose Hill Show** – we have 3 pre-registered of the ten we need for a Corvair Class. If you plan on joining us, please fill out the registration form that was sent out earlier and get it in to your secretary. I will be attending the FSK meeting on July 9 and can turn them in at that time.

**September 22 Central PA's Corvair Day AACA Museum, Hershey PA** so save the date and details will be forthcoming. We do know that there will not be any moving events.

**CORVAIRS FOR SALE**

1964 Spyder Convertible 30 years with same owner, Very good condition, tan exterior/brown interior/tan top wire wheel covers, \$16,000.00 Jerry 717-860-3524

1965 Monza Convertible, 110, PG, new white top, new tires, new brakes, new gas tank, new ignition, parts, rebuilt carbs, red w/red Interior. Runs great thanks to Dick and Dale A. Needs body work. 60k miles \$2,000.00 obo Julia Glendenning 410-848-2715

1965 Monza Convertible 140/PG belonged to Norm Masenheimer of CPCC, being sold by his family contact Lou Trimper 717-359-0712 \$7,000.00 OBO Car is in Hanover, PA

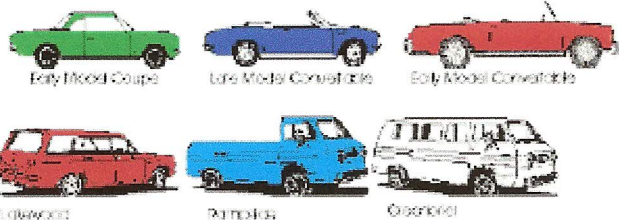
1965 Corvair Corsa Coupe, 140 hp, 4-speed. Yellow with black interior. This car belonged to a former Group Corvair member and has been parked in a dry garage for about the last 27 years, the odometer indicates 63,779 miles on the car. The engine can be turned by hand. . Asking \$2,000. Please contact the owner at ldgray1@yahoo.com for more information.

**CORVAIRS IN THE MEDIA**

*Old Cars Weekly* has a Corvair as its Car of the Week for the April 11 edition. The article features a nice 66 Convertible with a lengthy description of the car and tells the story of how the Corvair was developed. You can check out the article at [www.oldcarsweekly.com](http://www.oldcarsweekly.com). Thanks to Rick Sanford for letting me know about this piece. Also, Hemmings Classic Cars for June has an article by Artie Finegan who was a Corvair mechanic at a Chevy Dealership in their series "I was there." His article is not very kind to the Corvair and he describes common problems and how he fixed them. On the other hand, regular columnist David Conwill is very complimentary of Corvair owners in his article about orphan brands and their loyal owners.



May 11 - Lucinda Jones,  
May 25 - Dave Maynard



**NEXT MEETING:**

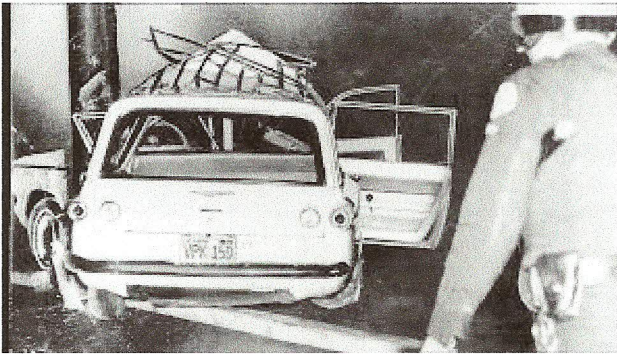
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 7:00 in the Conference Room adjacent to the Service Customer Waiting Area at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall, 114 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, Maryland



**CORVAIR TRIVIA**

This month's question – In 1961 GM introduced their "senior compacts" Buick Special, Olds F-85, and Pontiac Tempest. These cars were also unit body construction and shared some features with the Corvaire. Which of the 3 had the most shared features with the Corvaire? Bonus question: 1 body shell was used by all 4 - Corvaire-Special-F85-Tempest – which was it?

Answer for April Corvaire Trivia What popular comedian/TV personality of the 50's and early 60's was fatally injured when he crashed his 1961 Corvaire Lakewood into a utility pole? – Ernie Kovacs was a visionary comic, writer, actor and TV producer who was killed in a car accident in Los Angeles during the early morning hours of January 13, 1962. The resulting publicity in this high profile accident was one of the factors that led to scrutiny of Corvaire's and how they handled.



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**Car - Truck - Motorcycle Show**  
June 9th 2018 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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Registration Fee: \$15.00 per Vehicle  
Registration 9a.m. to 11a.m.

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Best Modified Automobile  
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Best Modified Truck  
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