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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF MID MARYLAND CORVAIR CLUB CORSA CHAPTER 217

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President Tom got permission from the dealership for us to have our annual June open air meeting with our Corvairs on display in front of the showroom. They have reserved 20 parking spaces for our cars. Weather permitting, we will conduct the meeting in the parking lot so bring along your chairs.

NOTES FROM THE MAY MEETING

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

We discussed a donation to the Corvair Preservation Foundation in recognition of the Opening of the Corvair Museum and Don Putman motioned that we donate \$100.00 with Frank Schleigh seconding. Treasurer Bob will forward a check.

The membership was asked if they would like to schedule a picnic again this year and there was a resounding approval from those present. Last year we had our picnic in September at the Middletown Memorial Park and the consensus was to have it there again in mid- September. Your secretary has secured the park for Sunday, September 16. The 8th, 9th, and 15th had already been taken. We will set a time later.

OLD BUSINESS

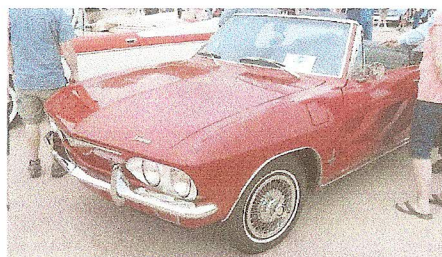
Dick Kaetzel reports that the Rohrersville Show will include two Corvair Classes and the Fire Company will provide the trophies. We will assist with show field set up on the night before the event scheduled for Saturday, August 4.

The Spring Driving Tour has been cancelled due to the severe damage done by flooding on many of the roads Dick Kaetzel had planned for our route. Look for this to be a Fall Driving Tour.

The results of our online poll and vote on the favorite logo design are in and the winner can be seen at the top of this page. There was actually a tie and vote off with design #1 winning and #4 a close second. We can still use both designs with the oval on the newsletter and shirts, etc. with the rectangular favorite going onto the banner.



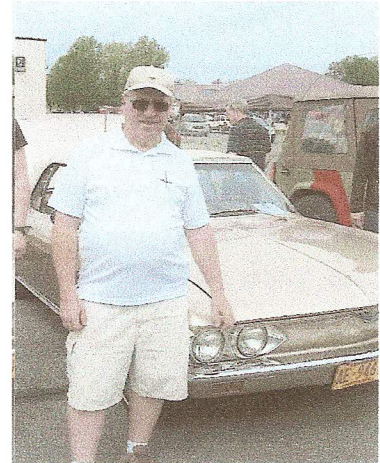
Most of Rick Sanford, Linda & Greg Cole's Corvair and 57 Dodge, Diana & Dale Graves at Wings&Wheels at Frederick Airport



OTHER TOPICS

Don at Wings&Wheels

Don Putman, who was a Frederick City Policeman for many years brought us up to date on the use of Historic Tags issued by the State of Maryland. He brought in copies of the Section of Maryland Law defining the proper use of these tags and a copy is also included with this newsletter. There have been several instances where law enforcement officers have ticketed or warned drivers with Historic plates even when they were actually in compliance. Don says that officers may have differing interpretations of the how these tags can be used and that is where there can be problems. Some feel that you can only drive to a show or parade on these tags. The suggestion is to carry this Section of the Maryland Law in your vehicle. It does allow for occasional use but not to drive to school, to work, or for business purposes. The real culprits in this matter are the people who put Historic plates on a 20 plus year old clunkers used for daily driving. They have made this a problem for us collector vehicle owners and I personally get angry when I see one of those characters.



We have talked on many occasions about Clark's Corvair Parts good customer service and I experienced it first hand. In August 2016, I bought a replacement fuel pump from them. It wasn't installed until March 2017 that it was installed. On a RARE nice day this January, I took the wagon out for a short drive but didn't get far. I smelled raw gas shortly after leaving and discovered fuel spurting out of the vent hole on top of the pump. I called Clark's and they immediately said they would send me a new pump for free and asked me to send the defective one back so they could analyze it. I paid the postage for the return and thought that was reasonable - I included a letter thanking Clark's for being there to supply the parts to keep our Corvairs running and also sent pictures of our car. About 2 weeks later I got a post card from Clark's informing me that they were giving me a credit on my account in the amount of the postage I paid. Then a little later, I got a personal note from Cal Clark apologizing for the bad pump saying the manufacturer is still experience a 5% failure rate. He also said that our wagon looked fantastic and he was going to restore his 61 Lakewood when he finishes his 8/10 Cord. Now that is Customer Service. Ron's and Faye's Wagon at Wings&Wheels with its new fuel pump.



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

2018 CAR SHOW/EVENT CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 9 – Vintage Vehicles in the Valley, Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show, Middletown, MD 9-3 Registration \$15. Contact Jim Hoover by email ejhoove@msn.com People's Choice Trophies location- on Green Street
- 9 – Westview Promenade Cruise-in (2nd Sat each month), 5-8 p.m. behind Jos. A. Bank store
Golden Gears Car Club
- 9 – 43rd Annual Antique Car & Truck Show, Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, York Springs, Pa
- 9 – Mount Airy Bible Church 4th Annual Car Show, 16700 Old Frederick Rd, Mt. Airy 8-11
\$15.00 Registration fee includes lunch - info mabcmd.org/carshow or call 410-489-4321
- 9 – Golden Gears Cruise In, Westview Promenade (behind Jos. A. Bank) 5223 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick
5-8pm Jay 240-372-1753 Mike 301-606-8524 www.goldengears.org
- 16 – Jefferson Fire Co. Show, 9-3, \$15
- 16 – AACA Museum CARnival, Hershey, PA Registration \$20.00 8-2 Antiques and Classics, Street Rods, Trucks and Buses, Motorcycles and Sports Cars, Family Activities 717-566-7100 www.AACAMuseum.org
- 17 – Father's Day Show, Sully Plantation Chantilly, VA
- 22-24 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals. Carlisle Fairgrounds, Fri. & Sat. 7am-8pm, Sun. 8am- noon.
- 24 – 29th Annual Liberty Street Rods Show at Winfield Fire Co. Carnival Grounds
- 30 – Car Show for Veterans, Lewistown Vo. Fire Co., Cash awards, music, 50/50, door prizes, food. Hosted by Golden Gears. More info: Jay 240-372-1753

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. It looks like a convoy – we will be making arrangements to travel together at this meeting

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 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

The June issue of Hemmings Motor News has an article about Automotive themed museums in Connecticut. A large photo of a very nice looking red '63 Monza Coupe on display heads the article. It is found at the American Museum of Tort Law in Winstead, CT which was founded by every Corvair owner's favorite attorney - Ralph Nader. The article on the museum quotes Jay Leno who points out that the Corvair was declared no more dangerous than any other car of the period by the National Highway Transportation Safety Board. Got my July HMN issue just before this newsletter went to press. See Richard Lentinello's Editorial which is attached and look for him at the Pittsburgh Convention. It turns out that he is in the final stages of writing TWO books on Corvairs.



June 5 Stephen Wood
June 12 - Faye Moss



June 3 - Rick & Brenda Sanford
June 20 - Jeff & Jeannette Ostroff

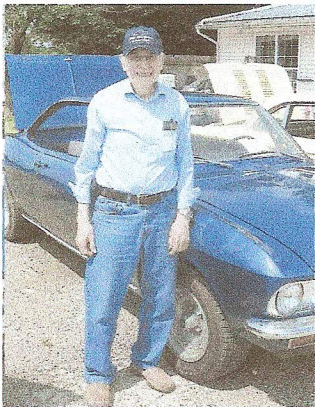
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MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 13 at 7:00 in the front parking lot at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall, 114 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, Maryland (weather permitting). Bring your Corvair and a chair to our "mini car show"

Dick Kaetzel, Rick Newman, Joe Bradley, Ray Bruning
Dale and Jeff at the Corvair Ranch Open House

Jeff Ostroff



Dale Aldridge



CORVAIR TRIVIA

Last 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?



Next to the Corvaire, the 1961-1963 Pontiac Tempest had the most unconventional drive train of period American automobiles. Under the leadership of John Z. DeLorean, Pontiac engineers developed a slant 4 cylinder engine which was one half of a 389 V8, connected via a flexible cable drive shaft to a rear mounted transaxle shared with the Corvaire. You can see the similarity in the "greenhouse" of the '62 Tempest Coupe pictured to the early Corvaire Coupe.

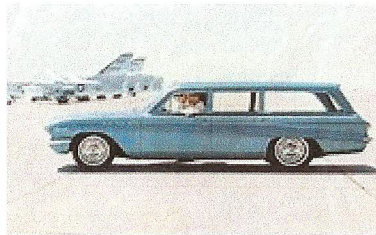
Corvaire



Pontiac Tempest

Circle the Wagons

All four compacts used the same body shell for their station wagons



Buick Special



Olds F85



June Trivia Question - Name 3 major features found on 1960 Corvairs not seen on any other year

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Subject: Historic Tags.

The following is taken from Maryland Vehicle Law:

13-936 Historic Motor Vehicles

(a) defined; motor vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that

- 1) is at least 20 years old,
- 2) has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design, and
- 3) meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

b) "Remanufactured or reconstructed vehicle" 'Historic Motor Vehicle' does not include a vehicle that has been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle. (see street rod)

(e) Special registration requirements-

In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section, the owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made:

- (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours and occasional transportation; and
- (2) Will not be used:
 - (i) For General transportation;
 - (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways;
 - (iii) For employment;
 - (iv) For transportation to and from employment or school; or
 - (v) For commercial purposes.

13-937.1 Street Rods

(a) defined; motor vehicle that;

- 1) is 25 years old or older; or
- 2) has been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original design.

(d) Special registration requirement-

In applying for registration of a street rod under this section, the owner of the street rod shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for which the application is made;

- (1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, occasional transportation, and similar uses; and
- (2) Will not be used:
 - (i) For general daily transportation; or
 - (ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on highways.

(g) Exception from equipment requirements--Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered under this section.

(h) Exemption from inspection requirements--A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires periodic vehicle inspections or that requires the use and inspections of emission controls.



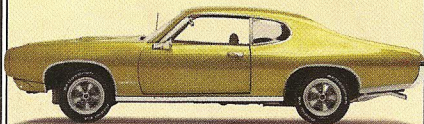
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Corvair Aspirations

For way too many years I've been wanting to own a Corvair. While many people have little regard for this attractive compact from Chevrolet, I have long believed that Corvairs are one of the automotive world's finest mechanical masterpieces ever built. The engineering principles that are the foundation for what many considered to be a car way ahead of its time, and one of

GM's most innovative creations ever, is a unique blend of outstanding mechanical ingenuity and matchless styling.

A Corvair is essentially a poor man's Porsche 911. Both cars are powered by flat-six engines that are located behind the centerline of the rear axle, yet, instead of having Porsche's seating arrangement that only really accommodates two passengers, the four- and sometimes five-passenger Corvair provides fun for the whole family.

In Corvair World, there are two different owner groups: those who prefer the 1960-'64 first-generation cars, and fans of the second-generation 1965-'69 models. The early cars offer a distinctive, more vintage character, while the later cars feel a bit more modern, and, according to their owners, handle better. Of course, there are many Corvair fans who like both generations, of which I'm one.

Evidently, owning a Corvair is so addictive that few enthusiasts own just a single example. In fact, some people are so passionate about Corvairs that they own several; it's not uncommon for some folks to own a half dozen or more.

What makes one want to own more than one Corvair comes down to the many different models that were made. Besides sedans, hardtops, club coupes, and convertibles, there's the cool-looking Vista-roof sedans and Lakewood wagons, Corsa and Monza models, Spyders, and two-carb, four-carb, or turbocharged engines. There's also the Greenbrier Sport Wagon van, Corvan panel truck, and Rampside pickup. And for those who prefer a more performance-oriented car, there's the Yenko Stinger and Fitch Sprint. No wonder it's impossible to own just one Corvair!

If I was a lot younger I would have a barn full of Corvairs. My goal would be to own one



of every model ever built, and to restore them to 100-percent factory-correct perfection. I would also own some that would be modified, because

a Corvair fitted with Torq Thrust mags and lowered suspension looks oh-so alluringly right. But for now, I will be satisfied with a 1965-'66 four-carb, four-speed coupe, or even a later model, which had more upgrades.

In the meantime, to satisfy my Corvair obsession, as I mentioned a few years ago, I am writing two books on Corvairs, with volume one scheduled to be published in May of 2019. The first book will focus on original and authentically restored cars, with the follow-up book being about Corvairs that have been modified. Thus far, I have found several one-owner cars, along with some spectacular Corvairs that are low-mileage originals still wearing their factory-applied paint. Well-restored and concours-quality cars will be included too, along with Yenko Stingers and Fitch Sprints. Yet, my search continues for more interesting examples.

If you want to witness firsthand the hardcore enthusiasm that Corvair fanatics have for their beloved air-cooled Bowtie-badged machines, I suggest you attend the upcoming national Corvair convention. It will be held July 23-28 at the Double Tree hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The all-Corvair concours is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, with an autocross at The Mall at Robinson on Friday, July 27, followed by a People's Choice Car Display on Saturday, July 28.

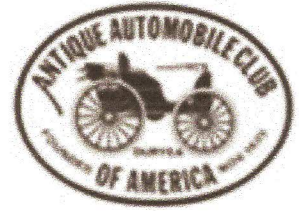
To learn more about this amazing automobile, visit or join CORSA, which is the Corvair Society of America. The club's website is www.corvair.org.

Hope to see you in Pittsburgh! 🇺🇸



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