



## Prairie Capital Corvair Association

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# The Flat Six

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## From the Prez

Hey all!

This column finds most of you at the convention in Pittsburgh. I hope it finds all of you safe and well in your travels there and back home again. This last months meeting in Decatur IL at the Allen's business went well. It was great to see some different faces at the meeting and the poor weather even got us some indoor parking in the shop thanks to Mark Allen to keep us dry.

Thank you to everyone who will be bringing your cars to the Illinois state fairgrounds in August. I look forward to spending the day with the cars and talking vairs with all the fair experts, and the more pressing question to so many people now "what kind of car is that?"

See you all soon!

Brian



Waiting to get started.

# Calendar of Events - 2018

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 13 PCCA General Meeting State Fair Corvair Exhibit - Senior Day at the fair grounds.  
Last year, The Corvairs were invited to participate in the Daily Fair Parade. Such Fun.**

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 19 The Chatham Railroad Museum Association will hold its annual Loco-motion Cruise-In/Car show Sunday Aug 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location is at the Railroad Museum, (which will be open) 100 N. State St. in Chatham. All entries are welcome and the cost is \$10 to enter your vehicle. Participants will vote on their favorites, with trophies to the top vote getters. Proceeds are to cover expenses for the museum.

August 25-28 DACC - Detroit Homecoming - Plymouth MI

September 8 PCCA General Meeting - SOS Automobile Show downtown Springfield, IL meeting at 1:00pm The Group may determine a meeting place (south 6<sup>th</sup> Street Walmart has been used) Last year we met at the Walmart leaving at 8:00am with a stop at the State employee parking lot V on edwards street before heading into the show. This allows the group to be parked in a group.

September 15 3rd Annual Circle City "Hoosier Corvair Classic" Show 2018  
Host Hotel—La Quinta Inn 5120 Victory Drive  
Welcome get together Fri 5pm til ??  
People’s Choice Corvair Show 10:00AM - 3:00PM - 11 classes  
Dinner (at hotel) 6:00PM  
\$30.00 per Vehicle & Driver Pre-registration before 9/8/18  
Registration Day of Show: \$35.00 per Vehicle & Driver \$20.00 for each additional person

Oct. 6-7 Newport Hillclimb – this is near Danville Illinois.

Oct 6-7 Proposed 4 way Fall Cruise-in. Volo and Wheaton IL stops. Low cost, lots of fun expected.

October 13 PCCA General Meeting and Board Meeting Rochester Community Building  
Board meeting usually starts at 1:00 pm, Regular meeting 2-4:30 pm

November 10 PCCA General Meeting PCCA returns to the Community Building 2-4:30pm

December 8 PCCA General Meeting - Lincoln Illinois at the Bonanza restruarant.  
Annual Christmas Dinner, informal meeting, lots of fun

For more Corvair Events Check the calendar on the CORSA Web site: [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

# PCCA Meeting at Speed Lube in Decatur

Do we always meet on rainy days? Should we meet more often, so it rains more regularly? Central Illinois needed the rain, portions near Springfield west toward Quincy have made it to the US drought report again as abnormally dry. Decatur apparently was close to the same level of dryness.

It rained, quite hard at times with some hail to boot. I went for a long walk - semi run - not checking the weather report. I wasn't expecting rain until Sunday. I got drenched. I left early for Decatur and had to drive through several rain storms, some heavy. With 1965 wipers, even on high, visibility was getting poor. I was quite happy to have LED taillights that I knew people behind me could see. It rained steadily before the meeting with some sunshine later in the day. The drive home was dry but it did rain again later that evening.

Jim Collier and Beulah also drove a Corvair to the meeting - their 65 maroon coupe. Long distance goes to Brian and Sue Sellyer who drove down from Bartonvill in their 65 green convertible. Mark parked the convertible inside, out of the rain. The two coupes, Tim's and Jim's parked outside with the Ultravan.

Mark and Linda had 4 Corvairs in the buildings (I think I am counting correctly). The lemon yellow convertible, late model, was in the same building as the meeting and Brians convertible. In the next building over was the red with black stripes coupe, another late model. The red coupe was parked next to a nice white Corvette convertible - 70s? Gads, I don't know my vettes. In the adjoining room was the 65 Evening Orchid convertible. What a nice Corvair.

In the workshop – where alignments and other work is done on regular Speed Lube customer's vehicles was a in primer mid engine V8 Corvair convertible, late model of course. A work in progress but the basics were there and looking good.

Outside was Corvair number 5 – the ultrvan with what I think is a traditional Ultravan smile on the front. The eye lashes over the headlights may be a bit unique to this Ultravan. Since I was early, I had ample time to walk around the ultravan. A nice vehicle, but those Ultravan driving seats still make me nervous. I understand they are not bolted down to allow them to be turned around and repurposed when camping, er, RVing. Overall, a very nice vehicle indeed.

PCCA, and I, thnak Mark and Linda Allen for having us again this year. The rain lowered the turnout as possibly the nearness of the CORSA convention but it was still a good day.

The flowers were paired on either side of the garage door in





tiered pots. I took the photo mostly for my sister who loves mass floral arrays.



## Call to All Corvairs, Call to All Corvairs

.....Your presence is requested

### The next big exhibit is at the Illinois State Fair on Senior Day, which is a Monday.

The fair is beginning to grow again, and the seniors really remember the Corvair. The youngsters will be there too - - as it is also Scouts day. Participation in this exhibit suffered two years ago after heavy rains. PCCA needs to get it back to "full strength" to keep this fun day goinf into the future. Last year, Mike Hall invited everyone to participate in the daily Fair parade. I nice tour of the fair (short tour) that leaves you near an exit gate for that drive home. The parade is mid afternoon, PCCA meets at the Dirksen Parkway Steak and Shake at 8am for breakfast before heading to the fairgrounds before the crowds. Driving through a fair street full of people is tricky at times.



Editor : It's Car show season – send me your photos and a sentence or two (more if you want) . Other PCCA members would like to see your car in different settings as much as I would.

[PrairieCapital@corvair.org](mailto:PrairieCapital@corvair.org) Gets it to the editor or text me.

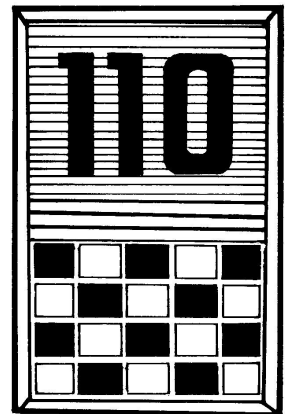
# PCCA Meeting Location – IDEAS Requested

PCCA members – We need your ideas on where PCCA should continue to meet in 2019 and beyond. Members are scattered throughout Central Illinois so the possibilities are almost endless. The editor really likes the Rochester location but understands that the ever changing rules, which seem to get tougher to meet, may mean it is time to find a more central location.

Treasurer Glen Rittenhouse has done some analysis of where PCCA members reside, based on PCCA renewals. The two biggest concentrations are around Springfield and Peoria. Lincoln Illinois is in between and near the interstate but that is just one thought. And where in Lincoln could we meet? Decatur has also been mentined, specifically near or at the Corvair museum.

Need a location that would permit PCCA to bring refreshments, and wouldn't disrupt other business activity at that location or distract us. Cost may be a factor too.

Please get your ideas – verbally, email, USPS mail, note at a meeting, or some other method I am overlooking – to an officer or board member – by the OCTOBER Board Meeting. Please. Sooner may be better than later as it may take time to arrangement with the establishment and meeting dates sometimes fill up quickly (part of the problem we have encountered with the ever increasingly popular Community building meeting location). Thanks



## CORSA Convention News ??



Not much could be found on the CORSA website or social media. Hopefully a PCCA member will bring back photos and information about PCCA members by the Fair Day Meeting.

I did find some photos of the Concours and The Rally as it passed the Former Yenke Chevrolet building, Canonsburg, PA. The dealership was a Photo Op for the rallyist.



Circle City "Hoosier Corvair Classic" Show- Ray Skillman Classic Cars Dealership- Greenwood, IN  
CAR SHOW & AWARD BANQUET

# 3rd Annual Circle City "Hoosier Corvair Classic" Show 2018

Presented by  
Circle City Corvairs Club

**Friday September 14, 2018**

Hospitality Room 5:00PM till ???

Food/Door Prizes/50-50/Tech Talk/Ladies Bingo/Movie

Host Hotel—La Quinta Inn 5120 Victory Drive  
(317) 783-7751 for reservations

Room Rate is \$84.00 per night— Ask for Corvair Group rate  
(Special \$84.00 room rate cut off is September 10th, 2018)

**Saturday September 15, 2018**

**People's Choice Corvair Show 10:00AM - 3:00PM**

Door Prizes/ Tech Talk / Lunch / 50-50  
11 Classes / Best of Show / Hard Luck / Long Distance  
Special Events for the Ladies!!!

Ray Skillman Classic Car Dealership

1280 US 31 S, Greenwood, Indiana 46143

[www.rayskillmanclassiccars.com](http://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 9/8/18

Registration Day of Show: \$35.00 per Vehicle & Driver

\$20.00 for each additional person

(12 years and under no charge)



Here is an update/reminder for the newsletter. Let me know if there are questions. I would like for each club to survey their members at the next meeting to let me know about how many to expect. **I need a number in order to set up a block of rooms** at one of the local hotels. Thanks, Lyle

pictures from Volo Musuem

## 4 way cruise-in for Fall '18

Lyle A. Rigdon, Coordinator

Date: October 6 and 7. (Yes two days - attendees may attend either date or both). I will make arrangements for a hotel somewhere near by one of the two sites for people who wish to drive in and spend the night. I will also try to find additional activities near both sites for those who finish early and just want to roam a bit. We will be attending two different sites on back to back days.



October 6th\*\* we will meet at noon in the parking lot of the Volo Car Museum in Volo, Illinois. Meeting later in the morning will give folks some additional time to drive in for the day. We will spend day one touring the museum and the grounds. There is a charge for the museum (reduced for us, details later). There are very nice antique stores across the parking lot for those who want to wander a bit. There will be reserved parking for anyone driving a Corvair. The museum also has a neat, working, 50's style dinner inside. For those wanting to eat next their cars, no grilling is permitted on the property.



October 7th. The second day the group will move to Cantigny in Wheaton, Illinois and will meet in their parking lot at 11:00am. This is the family estate of the McCormicks (owners of the Chicago Tribune among other assets). There are tours of the home, walking tours of the property (acres of well groomed landscaping and gardens that you have to see to believe) and tours of the "Big Red One" military museum also located on the property. There is a parking fee (\$5) and we will have a reserved space for those driving Corvairs. We will also have a pavilion nearby for those who wish to grill something. However, there is a large cafeteria on the property as well. Even though the cafeteria serves beer and wine, both locations have strict "no alcohol" on the grounds rules.



Like last time, this is a no-pressure end of summer event. No judging, no dash plaques, just a relaxing trip that will allow people from the different clubs to get together and chat about their cars. We will meet in the parking lot of both locations to kick things off for the day. I will have a sign in sheet so that we can track who is in attendance.

I have a tentative blessing from both PCCA and CCE officials for the dates and the location. I did move the date by a week to avoid the Morris car show (a very large show in our area).



Many, many thanks,

Lyle



Editor: Looking for something of interest for the newsletter, I ventured to the Corvanatics Web Site. I got absorbed in all the cool information on the site, not just FCs but also sales brochures and fingertip facts for all Corvairs - and other Chevrolets. I suspect someone could spend a few days glancing at the material. With the CORSA Concours held this past week (July 24), the tip on engine cleaning – a deep cleaning - seemed appropriate. Dave Palmer wrote the tip back in 2001. I have done similar cleaning on some of my Corvair Engines. Not exactly an easy task – it can be tedious not difficult.

## Keep Your Engine Clean -- or Do you Like the Smell of Burning Oil? Dave Palmer

### Step One- Eliminate Oil Leaks

Viton O-Rings, New Seals-Gaskets. Corvairs do not leak much or at all if well-maintained. But even a few small weeps of oil will build up to a gunky mess in the engine compartment if not cleaned up.

Here is how I do it.

Warm up the engine - not hot, but warm it up. With the engine OFF, cover up the distributor, carbureters, generator with plastic bags. For heavy gunky build-up, spray the engine down with a heavy-duty degreaser available at your auto parts store. It shouldn't have been let go this long anyway!

Scrub with a paint brush, hose things down with water and blow dry with compressed air. Everyone can use a small air compressor in their garage. A good wash down solution is spray cans of brake cleaner. This stuff also works good on the bottom of the engine - oil pan, clutch housing, transmission, etc.

Flush, wipe and spray away as much grease and oil as possible. Some cheap paints used on the shrouds may also dissolve away with brake cleaner, so test a surface first.

CAUTION: Unless you want to send smoke signals to the Tribe living beyond the next mountain, make sure the engine compartment is dry and ventilated after cleaning, before you hook up electrical components or start the engine. Not all cleaning solutions are flammable, but the propellant in the cans can be and it will settle in the engine compartment waiting to be ignited. Play it safe.

Also, it is a good idea to do this clean-up while parked over an old piece of carpet that can be rolled up and thrown away. Of course, modern art oil smudges on the driveway may be fashionable in some quarters.

The additional advantage of a clean engine is locating a new leak. I have had several chapter members ask me where a possible leak may be coming from, but we can speculate all over the place on a dirty engine. Whereas a clean engine will show you the exact spot.





**Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA) Membership Form**

**March 1, 2018 thru February 28, 2019**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

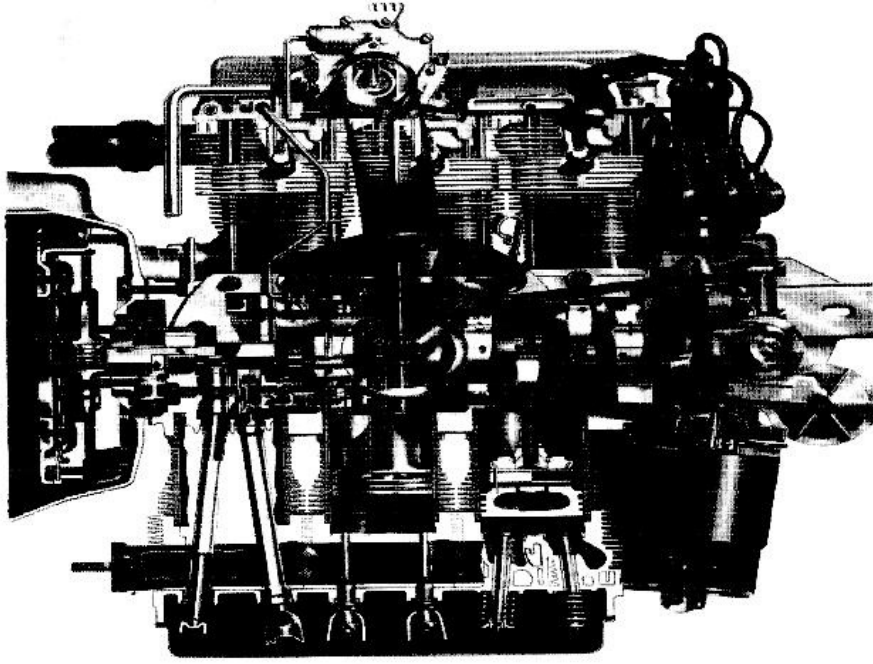
PCCA strongly encourages membership in CORSA. Do you want/need information about CORSA? Y / N  
Return the completed form and dues to:Glen Rittenhouse, PCCA Treasurer 1804 Columbus Dr, Pekin IL 61554  
OR to PCCA Treasurer P.O. Box 954 Springfield, IL 62705

**MINUTES OF MEETING - PRAIRIE CAPITAL CORVAIR ASSOCIATION Sunday July 14, 2018**

Meeting called to order by President Brian Nicholson at 1:14 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
The June PCCA minutes were printed in the newsletter. No amendments were made.  
The treasurer’s report was given by Jim Allen for Glen Rittenhouse. The beginning balance was \$3,833.49 with \$40 in expenses for meeting room fees for October and November. 50/50 income was \$15 plus an additional \$10 donation from Dick Moon who won the drawing. The ending balance, all accounts, was \$4,007.49.  
Membership Chair Chris Hall was absent. Secretary Tim Mahler noted roughly 8 members did not renew mainly because they had moved out of the area – Florida and Chicago.  
The three monthly reports were moved to be approved by Brian Sellyer and seconded by Bernie Allen. Motion carried.  
Old Business. Brian Nicholson briefly went over the last meeting event in Tremont Turkey Festival – Car show and other activities. Brian and Sue Sellyer’s convertible won the Corvair class of which 5 PCCA Corvairs were shown. The Pawnee Prairie days had Mike Halls recent acquisition win best of show. Both days, the entire weekend, was beset with rain otherwise these were great events.  
New Business: The Next meeting is the State Fair Exhibit. PCCA needs a good showing of Corvairs in the exhibit to continue having this event. Roughly 11 Corvairs were identified at the meeting as probably being in attendance. Meet at the North side Steak and Shake on Dirksen Parkway near the Walmart, Menards, Lowes by 8:30 am. We need to caravan to the fairgrounds together to get parked. Last year we were invited to participate in the daily fair ground parade. Three Corvairs did this last year.  
Big item is a request by CPF if PCCA is willing to host a Corvair Museum show and activities again next year (and possibly annually thereafter). Feedback from attendees included a shorter car show and an afternoon event – road tour or something of that nature. Need to get organized if we want to do this.  
Other new item to be discussed at the October Board meeting is PCCA meeting location for 2019 and beyond. The community building has been great but new rules have made it less appealing to some. Plus looking at PCCA demographics – Where PCCA members live – makes the thought of meeting in Lincoln or somewhere else appealing. Suggestions, comments are being requested.  
2018 Christmas get together is at the Bonaza in Lincoln Illinois.  
Meeting was adjoined. Mark and Linda Allen provide the meeting location – and Lunch – several varieties of pizza and salad plus water or soda. And also door prizes – trinkets cutesy of Speed Lube. Thanks Mark, Linda.

Minutes submitted by the Secretary Tim Mahler

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