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From the Prez

Hey all!

Thanks to those that came out to the fair. We had quite a few people walk through to view the cars and some great questions from people. A nice cross sample of cars were present giving people a lot to look at. The meeting went well and I'll be looking forward to seeing you all at our next events. Keep safe and keep on vairing.

See you all soon! Brian



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.

September 8 PCCA General Meeting - SOS Automobile Show downtown Springfield, IL
Meeting at 1:00 (Pre) registration is only \$10; \$5 for display only.
The Group will meet at the Springfield **South 6th Street Walmart** leaving at **8:00 am Sharp**
The group will stop at the State employee parking lot V on Edwards street, just east of the State Museum, to pick up anyone that may have stayed at the host hotel or just because.
This allows the group to be parked in a group for the show.

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 should start at 1:00 pm, Regular meeting 2-4:30 pm
Discussion on future PCCA meeting locations is on the agenda. Time of the meeting too?

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 1:00pm to ??

For more Corvair Events Check the calendar on the CORSA Web site: www.corvair.org



PCCA Corvairs at the Illinois State Fair

It doesn't always rain on PCCA meeting days! The day was quite nice, albeit a tad warm. The location next to the Illinois Lottery Exhibit was nice and shady and a slight breeze made it comfortable.

The bad news was the area available to park and exhibit our Corvairs was reduced by half because the Lottery extended their area further to the rear – for the shade I suspect. Plus, a fair vendor was permitted to set up a tent (camping tent) between the street and where we were parked.

The good news is that this did not deter fair attendees from visiting the Corvair exhibit – all day PCCA had the general public looking, gawking, and asking questions. PCCA members were on hand to answer the many questions. I recollect only one person wanting to unload Corvair items but I was not everywhere.

Paul Beck had his great looking mid engine V8 on hand - V2 as he has deemed it. V2 because he installed a (more) modern engine to replace the old 350. The new engine is easier to maintain, had the same foot print (overall length) as the old engine and not surprisingly has more HP. Vroom Vroom.

Jim and Beulah Collier arrived in his maroon coupe. I answered a few questions about his engine compartment, specially about the water jug in the rear used for water injection. At least one fair patron remembered using water injection to boost hp, although I think Jim installed it more for its cooling capabilities. Increased HP is a more interesting story line, at least for us moterheads.

Tim drove his driver Fitch Sprint wannabe which seemed to hide in the show all day. There were just a lot more interesting Corvairs to see; such as Allen Monts Spyder convertible. Being a Spyder, the turbo charged engine gets everyone's attention. And convertibles in general are fan favorites.

Jim and Bernie Allen drove the 61 lakewood. This is a model of Corvair that most fair goers do not remember being made. This includes those who remember Corvairs were made by Chevrolet.

Brian and Sue Sellyer drove their nice green 65 Corsa convertible. Again, a Corsa and a convertible drew the attention of many fair attendees. Mike Hall led the parade into the fairgrounds diving his 65 Monza convertible. Thanks Mike for getting all the logistics needed for the fair exhibit.

Someone I haven't seen in quite some time showed up in a very nice 66 500 coupe. Paul Drake with wife Linda. The interior of the 500 is something especially with the front bench seat. Tim's first Corvair was a 500 sedan with a bench seat but it was not nearly as nice as this 500 coupe –



in blue. Paul was intending to have the 500 entered in Concours for the Springfield CORSA convention but had a belt issue leading to overheating that kept the car from making the show field that day. I am glad I got to see it at the fair. Hopefully, Paul and Linda will have it at other PCCA events so those not at the fair exhibit are able to see it. Something about the clean lines of a 500 sets it apart.

Showing up later in the day was Mark Allen and friends. Mark exhibited 3 nice Corvairs. The first one spotted was a red 65 coupe with a mid engine 4.3 V6; Another vroom vroom. The second Corvair was a 65 red convertible that was just awesome. And last but definitely not least was a 65 Evening Orchid convertible. Evening Orchid is such a unique color, a one year option for the Corvair.

The next big show for PCCA is the SOS Automobile Show. The entry form is available on the SOS web site. The cost is more than reasonable at \$10 per judged entry and \$5 for non judged. I've been to Friday night cruise-ins that cost more than that. Awards are varied from the old silver platters and there should be several food vendors (food trucks) near the show field. In addition, guided tours of the Capital building and the newly renovated Governor's Mansion are available. I think the Governor's Mansion tours are 1-4 pm daily. The Mansion is about 4 blocks away from the show field at 4th and Governors.



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 mentioned, 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

MINUTES OF MEETING - PRAIRIE CAPITAL CORVAIR ASSOCIATION Monday Aug 13, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Brian Nicholson at 1:00 opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July PCCA minutes were printed in the newsletter. No amendments were made.

The treasurer's report was given by Glen Rittenhouse. Glen reported that PCCA had no transactions to report for July. The checking account balance was \$3,833.49, savings account (required for the checking account) \$5. Cash on hand was \$169. The ending balance, all accounts, was \$4,007.49. Membership Chair Chris Hall was absent. The three monthly reports were moved to be approved and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business. Brian Nicholson briefly discussed the Decatur thanking our hosts Mark and Linda Allen. Glen Rittenhouse reminded Brian and Mike Hall that the CPF funds from the grand opening are still segregated but would like to close the books on that event soon if possible.

New Business: Brian quickly went thru upcoming events – ChooChoo Museum show in Chatham, Detroit Homecoming, the SOS Auto Show and PCCA meeting September 8 with the Walmart meeting location to leave at 8am so we may park as a group.

October 13 is the next PCCA board meeting with the general meeting following. At this meeting, Brian and the board want to discuss where PCCA should meet 2019 and beyond. The Rochester Community building has been great but an alternative may fit PCCA's geographical diversity better. Suggestions are encouraged - needed.

October 6-7, Lyle Rigdon has worked on a Fall Tour to the Volo Museum and Cantigny (a historic house) in Wheaton. Lyle needs a head count for the tours and hotel – Please let him know as soon as possible if you might attend 1 day, both days and if you might stay at the proposed hotel.

Mike Hall was thanked for coordinating the Corvair Exhibit at the State Fair. The Lottery took up more room this year squeezing us a bit. Mike mentioned the All make and model exhibit later in the week was really going to be tight.

Again, a request for chairs, volunteers was made to plan a possible CPF Corvair Museum show and activities again next year (and possibly annually thereafter). Need to get organized if we want to do this.

Meeting was adjourned. Paul Beck won the 50/50 drawing.

Minutes submitted by the Secretary Tim Mahler

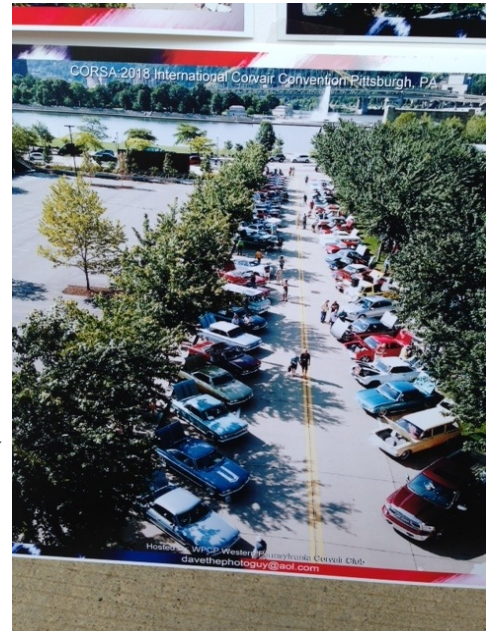


CORSA Convention News

THE PITTSBURGH PARTY

Pittsburgh and its immediate area is quite scenic, with a compact downtown (the big buildings), two rivers merging to form another river, high bluffs on the southern flank, and curving hilly roads to get around in. Oh yes, and bridges. More bridges over the three rivers than one might imagine without being there. The 2018 CORSA Convention was the first trip to the area for Neta and me, so we were quite impressed by it all, except for the difficulty in finding our way around.

The DoubleTree Hotel is located somewhere in the hills south of the Monongahela River. Our in-dash GPS unit knows where it is, but it was still tricky getting there. Anyway, the DoubleTree is quite a nice hotel with all the amenities needed for a convention such as ours. There was large parking lot located uphill from the main part of the hotel, with most of the CORSA members who brought their Corvairs to Pittsburgh being able to park there. This uphill lot also accommodated the outside parts vendors and a large inflated dome where the inside vendors were housed. The registration and hospitality rooms were conveniently located near the hotel's main lobby.



The first person we ran into that we knew was Thelma McKenzie whom we chatted with. Before parting she slyly asked if my job this year was counting cars. Well, yes, I suppose, so here it is: On the day of Concourse most Corvairs were somewhat stationary. I counted 131 vehicles in that lot. There were more of our type of vehicles; however the parking lots at the hotel were so spread out that I opted to just stay with the count at the "uphill lot". There were a lot of CORSA registrations, and later, a large banquet, so I cannot venture a guess as to how many Corvairs were in the Pittsburgh area that week.

PCCA had a good showing, with members arriving on different days. Jim and Bernie Allen, Neta and Dick Moon, Paul Beck, Mark and Linda Allen, Mike and Rhona Hall, Glen Rittenhouse, Larry and Gloria Jahn (with some family members).

The convention offered a dinner cruise on Tuesday evening that lasted almost two hours, beginning on the Monongahela River, circling around the point where the Allegheny River joins, and then down the resulting Ohio River a ways. The vessel's sound system was good and informative. The serve-yourself meal was excellent. I believe everyone on board enjoyed the cruise. Along the way, Heinz Field (Steelers) and PNC Park (Pirates) were pointed out. Thursday evening the offered activity was to PNC Field to watch the New York Mets clobber the Pirates 12-6. But since neither of the teams were Cubs or Cardinals, most of us just enjoyed seeing the field and buying \$7.50 hot dogs.



Neta and I usually want to see some of the area near any of the CORSA conventions, so when we noticed a town named Verona (Neta's mom's name), we knew that had to be one of our destinations. Again, getting there was tricky, but we finally made it. A quaint town, not as small as I had guessed. That odyssey was well worth the effort, but again, the return drive (taking a new route, don't you know) was even trickier. However, we made it. On one day when Bernie had some time off (selling CORSA items and cleaning a car) she agreed to go with us to sightsee. The hotel offered a shuttle, for a reasonable fee, that would deliver us anywhere we desired and come get us when we wanted. So we went to an area called "Station Square" on the south side of the Monongahela where we took a cog tram up a steep hillside to a shopping area, looked around, and came back down. The three of us FlatLanders got fooled into buying tickets for the tram before being told that folks in our age group did not need them. Oh, well! Nearer to the river we ran into a street where several food trucks were set up to feed lunch to the many locals who worked in the area, along with a couple guys playing guitars for everyone. And to top it off, we then discovered a well-orchestrated fountain that was really showing off. Both Bernie and Neta avowed the fountain was the best thing we saw that day.



The banquet was on Friday evening, the last day of the convention for a lot of the attendees. Again, the food was excellent, and the banquet program did not drag on as some have. PCCA had one car, the Mark and Linda Allen '65 CORSA Convertible judged at Senior level. In my recollection, that was the single award that went to our PCCA group. I felt bad for Paul Beck, because he had a mechanical problem while on hotel property and had to replace part of his RH rear axle bearing, or something like that. But because he either did not notify Larry Claypool about it, or because he had already arrived at the convention when it happened, he was not mentioned during the "Hard Luck" portion of the banquet. I hope everyone remembers Paul's really prime bronze V-8 Corvair. I believe he fixed it, however, because the next day was AutoCross day, which he wanted to participate in.

Saturday was when all Corvairs could be on display at Heinz Field, downtown Pittsburgh. Someone else will have to summarize that... Neta and I headed for home that morning, stopping in Dayton, Ohio. On Sunday we visited the Air Force Airplane Museum, a visit I would recommend to anyone who likes to gawk at military type airplanes. Free entry and free parking. Allow a full day to see it all. 'Nuff said about that.



Well, we are back home with good memories about the convention and the Pittsburgh area. Would we go back to that area? Maybe, but "maybe" only because our traveling time is running out.

Our best to all of PCCA.

Editor notes: the Convention scores are available on the CORSA website as a PDF file. This is viewable on-line or by downloading the file. I only noted two PCCA members – Paul Beck ran the autocross but did not get a time. And Mark Allen in Concours – Did really well.

Mark Allen 1965 Corsa Convertible, Green Gold Modified 97.37 Elevated to Sr.

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

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)

4 way cruise-in for Fall '18

Lyle A. Rigdon, Coordinator

Lyle has not heard from many interested in this event this year. Speak up if you are interested – contact Lyle at ejuk8em@yahoo.com. **Lyle needs a number in order to set up a block of rooms** at one of the local hotels and who will be attending day 1 and/or day 2. Thanks, Lyle



Date: October 6 and 7. Yes two days - attendees may attend either date or both.

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.

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 _____

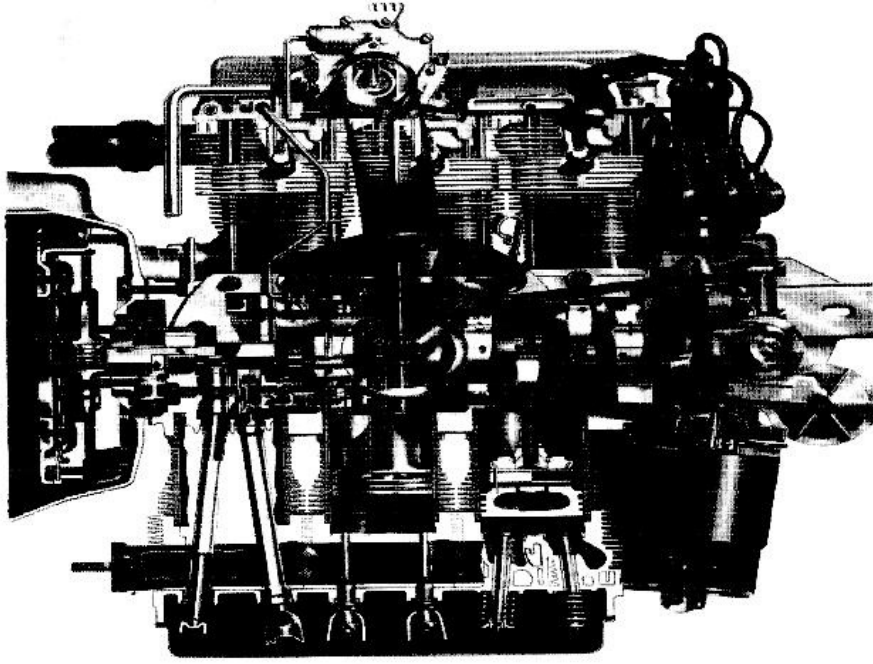
e-Mail Address(es) _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

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

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