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We will be back at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall for our Regular Club Meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The show/cruise-in season is winding down and that starts us thinking about getting our Corvairs ready for the winter. But fall also provides us with many cool days that are ideal for taking drives through the beautiful countryside that is all around us. And we can hope that it soon stops raining incessantly.

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

After club leadership closely monitored the threat of Hurricane Florence, it was decided to proceed with our Club Picnic on Sunday September 16. There were 43 members and guests on hand along with many Corvairs in the parking lot at the Middletown Recreational Park. A wide variety of goodies supplemented the Watson's fried chicken and grilled hot dogs and we can safely say that no one went away hungry. As you might expect, most of the conversations revolved around our Corvairs and all of the details of our experiences with them. President Tom conducted a brief meeting where it was agreed to have our Holiday Dinner at the Keystone Diner near Waynesboro again this year. Date and time in the month of December will be determined later. He also gave short reports on the Pittsburgh Convention and our Donation to FSK at the Rose Hill Show.



TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Bob Millard reports a balance of \$1,408.08 after receiving \$30.00 in dues at the picnic and paying for the fried chicken. Club dues are now payable. Our dues are \$15.00 per year for individual or family membership. If you have not yet sent yours in, Treasurer Bob will gladly accept your check at the address found below.

OLD BUSINESS

We have accepted an invitation to participate in the 86th Annual Brunswick Veterans Day Parade again this year. The parade will be held on the Official Holiday date November 11, 2018. Opening ceremonies begin at 1:00 p.m. with the parade to start at 2:00. We have won cash prizes for our participation in the past and look forward to making a favorable impression again this year. It looks like several members are going to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Dick Kaetzel reminded everyone of the winery tour to be held on September 26 in Orrtanna, PA. (See report below)

WINERY TOUR

It seems that several of our members attended a **Cruise In** at the Greenvillage Family Drive In Restaurant in Chambersburg recently and were awarded a complimentary tour of the Adams County Winery in Orrtanna, PA for ten people. This Cruise In raises money for various worthy local causes. On Wednesday Sept. 26, nine members and guests were hosted by Josh from the winery who took us on a tour of the facilities and showed us how the grapes are processed into wine. After the tour we were taken to a banquet room where we tasted 3 red and 3 white wine selections. Of course we were offered the opportunity to purchase more of the product - which all of us did! Taking the tour were Dick Kaetzel, Bob and Virginia Kaetzel, Dale Aldridge, Rick Newman, Jeff Ostroff who drove his Corvair, Julia and Terry Glendenning, and yours truly.



2018 CAR SHOW/EVENT CALENDAR:

October 3-7 - Fall Carlisle

October 10-13 AACA 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.hersheyaca.org

October 20 – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, Glenview Mansion (Rockville Civic Center), 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville. The field opens at 8 am, come early, all cars must be on the field by 11, ends at 3:30 p.m. **Group Corvair is a sponsoring club and they have a reserved section but you must preregister to get in the Corvair section.** Web site: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show>

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

I have the 2 front floor panels, NOS condition. \$ 50.00 each Del Trout 240 446 8227 If anyone is interested. For the late model Corvair, also some wheel covers.

1965 Corvair 500 Sedan w/110 and PG, 36,315 miles Upgraded interior - \$4,000.00. Ted Turner 301-373-4280 hwoodturners@aol.com (No, not that Ted Turner)



- October 8 Vicki Kaetzel
- October 10 Jeff Ostroff
- October 22 Cyndi McNamara
- October 25 Bruce Culp
- October 26 Judy Sherman
- October 30 Caroline Powell

Happy Anniversary



- October 18 Judy and Bill Sherman
- October 24 Carletta & Bob Moats

CORVAIR TRIVIA Last month's question: In 1966 three Ford GT40's finished 1-2-3 at the 24 hours of LeMans. What Corvair part was used on these awesome racing machines? **ANSWER:** Due to the configuration of the rear exhaust vents on the early GT40's, available space for the mandatory taillights was limited. Nothing in Ford's current parts bin was small enough to fit, so they used '66 Corvair Taillight assemblies. (Without the center chrome ring)



This Month's Corvair Trivia Question???? What design feature is found on all **Corvairs** and current day **Tesla** vehicles ?

CORVAIRS IN THE MEDIA

In today's mail was my new Hemmings Motor News. Each edition has results from recent auctions with summaries of interesting vehicles that have crossed the block. In this issue there was coverage of Barrett Jackson's Northeast Auction at Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. Lo and behold, there was a restored red 1965 Corvair Corsa Turbo w/4 speed Convertible that sold with no reserve for \$23,100.00!!! It was described as a #3+ that had some chips, touchups and overspray - a really nice driver quality car. As my father in law would have said, (he was an avid card player) "*the price of poker is going up.*" Lest we get too excited, on the next page, a 1965 Fiat 500F sold for \$19,800.00???!!!!

We knew that Richard Lentinello, Managing Editor of Hemmings Publications, was going to attend the Pittsburgh Convention since he is a Corvair fan. He has four pages of coverage - mostly photos of Corvairs in the November issue of Hemmings Classic Cars.

JOIN CORSA AND GET A FREE CORVAIR BASICS

As an incentive to join CORSA, through the end of 2018, all new memberships (\$45.00) will receive a free copy of Corvair Basics, a \$25.00 value. This paperback book contains 40 chapters on what makes Corvairs tick and how to maintain them. It is an essential for new or prospective Corvair owners and mighty handy for the rest of us.

And while we are on the topic of CORSA, our club was recognized for our contribution (\$100.00) to the Corvair Preservation Fund in the September issue of the CORSA Communique.

MID MARYLAND CORVAIR CLUB APPAREL

Enclosed with this issue is the selection of items with our new logo and what I will call our Heritage Edition T Shirts. You can choose embroidered Tees, Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hats and Windbreakers and also the silkscreen printed T shirt with our old design. We will need to order a minimum of 12 Heritage Edition design T's. Pricing on embroidered items is shown on the order form and it depends on the total number of all such items in we order. Please reply to me with your indication of interest in purchasing the number and type of article(s). I will get back with the final pricing once we have a count.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be held at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall, 114 Baughman's Lane, Frederick, MD on Wednesday October 10 at 7:00 pm. The topic for the meeting will be our club's early history with photos of early activities. We are fortunate to have one of the founding members, Web Utz, as an active member and he has often shared memories of the beginning. President Tom's Father, Andrew, was also in the group of six original members. Others were Paul Wilhide, Charles Crum, Bernie Becker, and Del Trout. Del is also still on the roster. Club meetings have been held at the dealership since the beginning in 1981 thanks to the influence of Mehrl Wise. He was the General Manager for Klare Sunderland of Sunderland Chevrolet who moved Key Chevrolet-Cadillac from downtown Frederick to the current location on Baughman's Lane. Mehrl was a real fan of Corvairs and was the top Corvair salesman for Sunderland in Pennsylvania. For many years our club held a Corvair Show and Flea Market at the dealership and Merhl would make sure that the showroom and lot were cleared for the display of the show cars. We are indeed fortunate to have this long term relationship with the Chevrolet dealer.

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