Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club

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Why Is The Chevrolet Corvair Such An Overlooked Classic?

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Author

The topic of affordable classics seems to be a popular discussion here at *Petrolicious*. With the current automotive bubble—<u>which could be on the verge of rupturing</u>—it seems the demand for desirable classics is at an all-time high across the board. From Italian supercars, to German sports cars, to American muscle cars, everyone seemingly wants a slice of the pie—which isn't helping affordability for the average enthusiast.

Here's the thing: there are still plenty of great looking and reasonably-priced classics out there. Take this 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Sport Coupe, for example. No, it's not a muscle car...

or a sports car. It's not something you want to take to the drag strip or track in stock trim, but it does have style—in spades.

The second generation Corvair debuted in 1965, and the design was unlike anything on the road. It also popularized a styling cue that was later adopted by everyone <u>from Land Rover to</u>

Lamborghini: a sculpted "character" line in its fenders, doors, and



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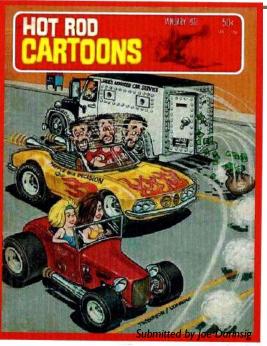
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Hot Rod Cartoons January 1972 There was a iron on picture of the Corvair in this issue. It was on the centerfold pages !!





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AACA Halloween Display

Jim and Linda Enfield took their van to the AACA Museum for the Halloween display and it ended up in the main lobby! *How AWESOME IS THAT*!



Secretary Minutes for October 2018

Submitted by Earl Holmes



Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by our President, JOHN Berkheimer at the Hoss's Restaurant in York.

- The Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting that included the finalization of Corvair Day activity, the discussion regarding the possible cancellation of the October over night cruise and the introduction of a possible new member, Randy March.
- JOHN Berkheimer gave a break out of cost and money that was made at Corvair Day. It appears that the club will break even this year. He explained the what he has done as the temporary treasurer, and asked for volunteers to take over as the Club's Treasurer.

New Business

O The overnight cruise to Penn Collage has been cancelled, and a request for a possible replacement activity for this month. There were several suggestions, but no decision was made at this meeting.

Announcements

- \diamond $\,$ John Johnson was the winner of the 50/50 drawing this month. Congratulations John.
- A motion was made by Dave Steiguaf to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Keith Kahwajy. The meeting was adjourned.
- \diamond The next meeting is scheduled to be held November 13th at the Hoss's Restaurant in York.

Attendees

John and Sandy Johnson Duane and Jacquie Aldrich Tom and Becky Zinn Steve Sabaka Jim and Linda Enfield Rich and Cindy Heisler John Berkheimer Dave Steigauf Ron and Betty Hash Dave and Sally Fullerton Bruce Culp Keith Kahwajy

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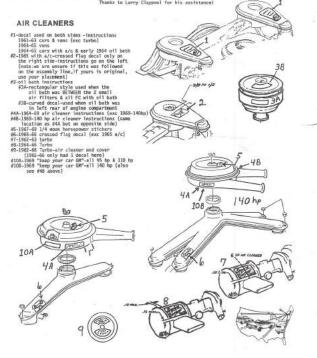
The primary source of oil leaks on Corvairs is from the O-rings used on the pushrod tubes. The original equipment O-rings were entirely inadequate to deal with the heat of the air cooled engine. In a short time, they would become hard and lose their sealing capability. Viton O-rings completely eliminate this problem and are inexpensive and readily available. The many separate components of the air cooled engine do offer the potential for more oil leaks but a correctly sealed engine won't leak any more than any other car. This is a myth!

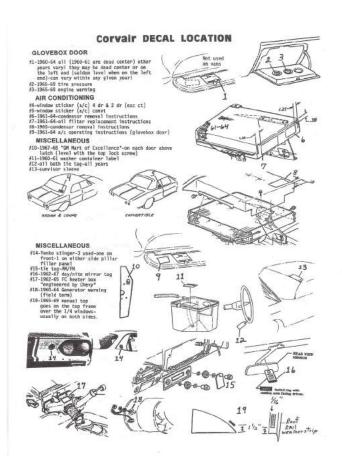
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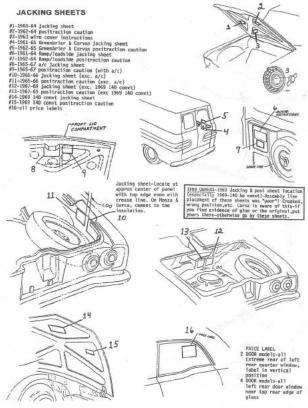
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A Known Fact...

All Corvairs were powered by a 6cylinder, air cooled engine mounted in the rear of the car. All shared the same basic design: a horizontally opposed "boxer" engine with individual, finned, cast iron cylinders that are sandwiched between an aluminum crankcase and an aluminum cylinder head. The engine displacement ranged from 140 cu. in. to 164 cu. in. Most engines used two carburetors, one on each bank of cylinders. From 1965 thru 1969, a high performance engine was offered with four carburetors (one primary and one secondary on each bank). In 1962, a turbocharger option was introduced and remained in production through the 1966 model year. Taken from the internet.

Corvair **Cooks** Corner



Cheesecake Layered Red Velvet Cake

Submitted by Betty Hash

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 4 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large Nellie's Free Range Eggs, lightly beaten

CAKE:

- I-I/2 cups sugar
- I-1/2 cups canola oil
- I cup buttermilk
- 2 large Nellie's Free Range Eggs
- I bottle (I ounce) red food coloring
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- I teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-1/2 cups cake flour
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- I-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- I teaspoon salt

FROSTING:3 packages (8 ounces each)

- cream cheese, softened
- I-I/2 cups butter, softened
- I tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 to 3-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 325°. Line bottom of a 9-in. springform pan with parchment paper; grease paper.
- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in sour cream, flour and vanilla. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until blended. Pour into prepared pan. Place on a baking sheet.
- Bake until center is set, 40-50 minutes. Cool on a wire rack 10 minutes. Loosen sides from pan with a knife. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate until ready to assemble, covering when completely cooled.
- For cake, increase oven setting to 350°. Line bottoms of two greased 9-in. round baking pans with parchment paper; grease paper.
- In a large bowl, beat sugar, oil, buttermilk, eggs, food coloring, vinegar and vanilla until well blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into sugar mixture.
- Transfer to prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.
- For frosting, in a large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla until smooth. Gradually beat in enough confectioners' sugar to reach desired consistency. Place one cake layer on a serving plate. Spread with I cup frosting. Carefully place cheesecake over frosting.
- Spread cheesecake with another I cup frosting. Top with remaining cake layer. Frost top and sides of cake with remaining frosting. Refrigerate overnight before serving.

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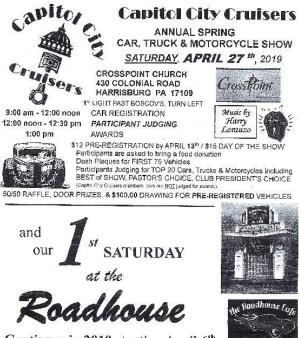
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American Dream: The Corvair's Rise and Fall

Corvair production may have been limited to the 1960s, but during that decade Chevy released a dizzying number of variants. The Corvair made its debut for 1960, and buyers could choose from a coupe or a sedan in two trim levels: 500 (plain) or 700 (a little less plain). Later in the year, the sportier 900 Monza coupe joined the lineup—call that one a sign of things to come.

While the Corvair is now typically viewed as a performance car, at the time it was GM's answer to the recent influx of imports from the likes of Volkswagen and NSU. The Corvair's lineup quickly grew, and in 1961 it gained the Lakewood station wagon as well as the forwardcontrol utility vehicles: the Rampside pickup, a panel van, and a Greenbrier passenger van.

Big news came for 1962: turbo power for the Monza Spyder. At the time, the only other turbocharged car offered was the Oldsmobile F85 Jetfire—and it beat the Corvair to market by just a few weeks.

The Corvair family got a big redesign for 1965: sleeker bodies, redesigned suspension and a trimmed-down lineup that shed the vans, trucks and pickups. The Yenko Stinger and Fitch Sprint showed these cars' true potential, but the writing was on the wall: The Corvair's days were numbered, and GM started to limit development and advertising dollars. Sales dropped from nearly a quarter of a million in 1965 to a little more than 27,000 in 1967. Just 6000 Corvairs were sold for 1969, the model's last year of production.

Did Ralph Nader's "Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-In Dangers of the American Automobile" really kill the Corvair? While the 1965 book definitely didn't paint a flattering picture of the early Corvair's rear swing axle, the car also faced increased competition—from other brands as well as in its own showroom.

If the release of the Dodge Dart and Ford Falcon weren't enough, Chevy itself provided a tempting alternative to the Corvair. For about the same price, consumers could pick up the more conventional Chevy II Nova. In 1967, for example, the Corvair Monza cost more than the V8-powered Nova. And thanks to the day's low gas prices, Chevy's big sellers of the time were their mid- and full-sized cars, like the Malibu and Impala.

The Corvair's history prompts some intriguing speculation. What if Nader's book never damned the brand? What if the 1973 gas crisis arrived a decade earlier? Perhaps the Corvair nameplate would still be with us today. Who knows, the Corvair could have been the one that fended off the sophisticated, efficient European and Asian cars that have populated the automotive landscape for the past 40 years. We can always dream, right?







FROM TOP: The first-generation Corvair was available in sedan, coupe (shown) or convertible form. Alternate body styles included the Greenbriar van and the Rampside pickup (shown). LEFT AND BELOW: The second-generation car was swoopy on the outside and had a more advanced suspension. Corvairs fared well in road racing, and many are still on the vintage racing circuit.



The Preventive Maintenance Series

by Mike Dawson

This month we look at storage problems. A lot of Corvair owners store cars, either indoors or outdoors. Having done this myself for many years, allow me to share my observations and solutions to typical problems that arise.

Never store cars on gravel or dirt areas. The midwest humidity rises daily and is not blown out by the airflow from driving. Brake lines, suspension parts, tunnel pans and floors just go away. Car covers cause terminal mildew for the same reasons, they should be used indoors only for dust, insect and bird droppings, etc.
Gasoline: Keep the tank full; there will be less surface area of the gas to evaporate or tank surface area to condense moisture. You may want to use a non-vented cap for storage (You must change to a vented cap when driving). Use a can of Heet (isopropyl alcohol only) to help eliminate moisture. The new gas additives do strange things as they age: you may have to replace accelerator pumps every time the car sits for over six months. Fuel stabilizers are available for long term storage.

NOTE: This is from 2013, Mike's latest issue This has been revised:

Fuel: After reviewing several good sources it appears that it is best to avoid ethanol if you store your car all winter and to leave the tank almost empty so you will have fresh seasonal gas soon after startup in the spring. Gas is blended differently for winter and summer so keep that in mind. Also, all the old car sources I checked strongly suggest you add Sta-bil to the tank and drive for a few minutes to circulate it. That is mentioned in my new snow blower owners' guide, which also states that fuel with ethanol will start to deteriorate after only 30 days. Fuel Antifreeze: Using HEET to absorb small amounts of water in your tank and carburetor bowls is a good idea as long as you use the correct type. The yellow bottle is worthless and only adds volume to your gas. It contains methyl alcohol so water will settle out of it into little beads when it sits (try it!). The red bottle contains isopropyl alcohol that absorbs water and keeps it in solution. If you look at a bottle of rubbing alcohol it contains 30% water and never settles out of solution.

i Ignition points: I find that even new points can oxidize and become insulated if the conditions are right. You should plan on replacing the points if the car is stored over six months. The ones that go bad will quit after only a few miles of seemingly perfect operation; in the middle of a parade for instance.

i Tires: Use higher pressure for storing, and depending on the quality of the tire, be prepared to balance them every other year if the car sits for long periods.

i Battery: I suggest you remove the battery and buy a cheap trickle charger. That keeps battery boxes clean and the battery much happier.

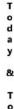
i Fuel Leaks: Always check carb fuel inlet nuts after long storage, and check the fittings at the fuel pump. Check fuel pump cover screws before and after the engine has warmed up. Filler neck hoses can shrink, check them after a fill up. Last and very important, check the bottom of your tank unless you have installed a new one recently. Pilot lights will attract gas vapor from even small leaks in tank bottoms.

i Powerglide transmission converters all leak down and overfill the pan. If your shifter cable or its seal leak, you will find a large puddle.

1 Pack wheel bearings, fan, and idler bearings if you do not know their history. Storage causes the oil to evaporate from bearing surfaces, and ancient grease will not re-oil properly when you start driving again.

i Oil: Always store a car with clean oil, and shut down the engine only after a complete warm up. This helps eliminate acids formed from crankcase dilution or cylinder wall wash down from choke operation. You could put a squirt or two of oil in each spark plug hole and rotate the engine a couple of times if you are putting it away for a long time. A fresh grease job is also helpful to get dirt and water out of ball joints and tie rod ends. If you have other good ideas, please share. It's your baby, so give it the love it deserves!





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The Names of the Months and Where They Come From

Donna H. Barthle

The calendar we use today has its roots in the Julian calendar developed for Julius Caesar in 45 BC (709 AUC). Prior to that time, the Roman calendar contained only 304 days divided into 10 months – the winter months weren't counted. The New Year began on March 1. During Julius Caesar's reign as consul of the Roman Empire, he realized that the old calendar had become too inaccurate to be useful. Therefore, two months were added (to account for the winter months) and the year was recalculated to consist of 365 days. At the same time, the beginning of the year was officially changed to January 1. Almost 30 years later, Emperor Augustus Caesar further refined the calendar and added the 'Leap Year'. The resulting Julian calendar was used in most of Europe until Pope Gregory XIII introduced further changes in 1582 and produced the Gregorian calendar we use today.

The names of the months have actually changed very little since the Julian calendar was adapted. Some names honor Roman

gods or festivals but many were simply names for the month's numeric placement in the year. For example, 'Octo' with the suffix

'ber' translates to eighth and was originally the eight month in the ancient Roman calendar before January and February were added. 'Novem' means nine and 'Decem' means ten.

The names of two of the numbered months were changed. 'Quintilis mensis' meaning fifth month was changed to 'Julius', in honor of Julius Caesar after his death, and 'Sextilis mensis' meaning 'sixth month' was later changed to 'Augustus' to honor Augustus Caesar when he completed the reform of the Julian calendar.

Following is a brief review of the names of all 12 months. The names have been translated, shortened, or slurred by use over time, but remain essentially the same as those used in ancient Rome.



January or Januarius comes from the Latin roots 'Janus' (a Roman god) and 'Arius' meaning 'pertaining to'. Janus, the Roman god of gates and doorways, (and by extension of transitions and new beginnings), is depicted with two faces, one looking back into the past and one looking forward into the future.

February or Februarius has its Latin roots in the words, 'Februa' meaning atonement or purification and 'arius' meaning 'pertaining to'. Februa was a Roman festival of purification held on February 15 each year.

March or Martius was the first month of the year in ancient Rome. The name has its Latin roots in the name of 'Mars' or 'Martius' meaning 'of Mars'. Mars was the god of war, but also protector of agriculture.

April or Aprilis was originally the second month of the year. The history of the name is uncertain, however it is traditionally thought to spring from the Latin verb 'aperire' which translated means 'to open'. This is thought to allude to the season when buds begin to open each year.

May or Maius mensis meaning the 'month of Maia', is thought to have been named for the Greek goddess Maia who was identified with fertility and the spring growing season for crops.

June or Junius, means 'of Juno' in Latin. It was most likely named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and the well-being of women.

July or Julius was named to honor Julius Caesar. Its original name in the Julian calendar was 'Quintilis mensis' meaning 'fifth month' in Latin, as it was the fifth month in the ancient Roman calendar.

August or Augustus was originally named 'Sextilis mensis' meaning 'sixth month'. It was renamed to honor Augustus Caesar when he completed the reform of the Julian calendar.

September or Septem meaning 'seven' with 'ber' as a suffix translates from Latin as 'seventh', and was the seventh month of the ancient Roman calendar.



October or Octo meaning 'eight' with the suffix 'ber' translates to eighth. It was originally the eighth month in the ancient Roman calendar before January and February were added.

November or Novem meaning 'nine' with the suffix 'ber' translates as ninth.

December or Decem again with the suffix 'ber' means tenth. It simply refers to the tenth and last month of the ancient Roman calendar.



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Submitted by Joe Darinsig

Treasurer's Report for September 2018	Submitted by Acting Treasurer JOHN Berkheimer		9
Treasurer's Report for September 2018			
Beginning Balance:			\$3,301.81
Deposits:			
Money found in Checkbook	\$27.00		
50/50 from September & October Meetings	\$41.00		
	Total Deposits:	\$68.00	
Expenses:			
JDRF - Memorial Dena Hooper	\$50.00		
Marine - Toys for Tots			
Sandra Holmes Memorial	\$100.00		
	Total Expenses	\$150.00	

Balance:

Overlooked Classic (continued from Cover Page)

fascia's that wraps around the entire car. So the looks were there; the muscle car phenomenon was just picking up, so perhaps that's why enthusiasts overlooked the Corvair? Negative publicity <u>thanks to</u> Unsafe At Any Speed probably didn't help, either. From a styling perspective, the second-generation Corvair is a brilliant runabout car that features a number of improvements over the early model.

This '65 Corvair Monza Coupe features coilspring independent suspension, Chevelle brakes, a Delco AM radio, red leather interior, and is noted as being only repainted once in its original black. Under the rear lid lies a factory flat-six cylinder engine mated to a Powerglide two-speed automatic transmission. The pairing is good for around 95 horsepower, so while the Corvair won't give you tunnel vision when accelerating, its rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout will provide for a unique drive through some curvaceous back roads.



This hardtop example looks great in Tuxedo Black with bright red upholstery—the Sport Coupe

special—but with only 13,000 miles on the odometer, your biggest problem will be

completing its decades-long break-in. Sheer speed was not the goal behind the Corvair—breaking



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the General Motors mold was, and it accomplished that task. That's not to say they *can't* be tuned—they've been modified to compete and win in many different disciplines.

If you're in the market for a classic car and have a moderate budget, why not give this pretty, pillar-less coupe a shot? It's got sleek Coke-bottle looks, a boxer engine out back, and you won't break the piggy bank to afford it. Remember, there are classics other than the E30 BMW M3 and air-cooled Porsche 911s—and a lot more out there for less than \$20,000. –The End

It had to happen ...



The Flying Corvair

Orange, MA Erwin Stockwell's Corvair

The test pilot for this "flying" Corvair must have had a great deal of intestinal fortitude.



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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB, INC. (C.P.C.C.)

C.P.C.C. is a chapter of "CORSA" (Corvair Society of America). CORSA is a rapidly growing international organization now is boosting over 4000 members and 120 local chapters worldwide.

The C.P.C.C. Chapter has monthly social/family meetings at various locations within the region. Each month you will receive a newsletter announcing the meeting location. The newsletter also contains information about our club members, technical tips, other club activities, auto events, and classified ads.

The club is for the preservation and interest of the Corvair automobile. We sponsor Corvair shows, rallies, mini conventions, caravans, parties, and dinners. All of our events are for the member's immediate family.

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