

Vair Fair 2019



Once again, the venue of Leesburg Best Western was the site of the Vair Fair. The drive up Friday afternoon turned rainy north of Fredericksburg, and stayed rainy all the way to Leesburg. Things dried out about 5 p.m., and then the winds came. CVCC members **John Porterfield, Rucker Posey, Frank Duval, Andrew Watkins,** and I were on site well before dark.

I counted 20 Vairs including two Rampsides. The

breakdown: one 1969 coupe; 11 late model cars; 6 early models with 2 being wagons; plus the aforementioned Rampsides. The beautiful blue and white Rampside had hand controls! Very cool. I was also impressed by the paint job of a pewter with black stripes on a late coupe.

My Rampside did fine going and coming home. I got about 19 mpg and a lot of smiles per gallon.

--Mike DeJong--

### Calendar

**May 14:** CVCC Monthly meeting at River City Diner, Richmond, VA 7pm

**May 18:** CVCC Picnic (Rex Buel's House) 3121 Hermitage Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980

**July 23-27:** CORSA International Convention, St. Charles, IL





# Scenes from the Vair Fair













## CVCC Award Winners at This Year's Vair Fair











#### LUCKY LUGNUTS FULL SERVICE GARAGE BY MIKE DEJONG

This Diorama started life as a G-scale freight station. I had to widen the freight doors to allow the Corvairs to fit inside. In the office space a mechanic and a comely assistant are building a drive train. In the back of the shop a body tech is replacing the fender of a Fitch Sprint. There is a blue coupe on the lift. And a full on drag vair in the right corner of the shop. Twin super chargers on a monster V8. I built a structural steel frame and roof truss inside the building. Lighting is provided by strip LED. And there are 3 animated lighted signs two in the building and a large rooftop sign. These are computer controlled electro luminescent paint.











#### SPRINGFEST 2019

Springfest is an annual Corvair Show hosted every year by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, Queen City Corvair Club (Charlotte, NC) and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (Alabama). It's held in Northeast Georgia in the little Bavarian-theme town of Helen, thus is more often called the "Helen Show". Phyllis & I decided to go this year, but unfortunately is was April 26 & 27, the same days as the Virginia Vair Fair. Also from our club, Russell Davis, David Robertson, and David, Katie and Zac Clemens attended Springfest. The last count I heard there were almost 200 registrations with over 300 total people in attendance. Among the attendees was Richard Lentinello, editor of Hemmings Classic Car magazine who had recently bought a '63 Monza convertible and decided at the last minute to come to the show.



Russell Davis vending at Helen

#### Myself

and Russell were there as vendors. Although I didn't sell much, Russell had a steady stream of customers at his Corvair tool exhibit the whole weekend. Richard Lentinello came by Russell's exhibit and spent some time talking about his tools.



Russell with Richard and Laurie Lentinello

The main activity on Friday was the autocross in which **David Clemens** won (of course) his class even though he was competing in the Competition Class, a tougher class than his car was set up

for. Not only did he win, but he had the fastest time of the day! On Friday evening the welcome dinner was held followed by valve cover races. However,

#### WADE LANNING

before the dinner a parking lot repair was made on **John Downer's** '62 Monza wagon to replace a rear wheel bearing. John is from Ohio and his wheel bearing started making noise about 65 miles from Helen, so he had it brought the rest of the way on a roll back truck. At the show he bought a rebuilt bearing and axle assembly from **Ray Hatchell** but due to his age he was not able to get under his car to



John Downer's Repair Clinic!

work on it. The work was done by **Joe Gleaton** of the Heart of Georgia Corvair Club, David Robertson and Russell Davis. Joe and David started working on it, but apparently the threads in the yoke end of the axle were bad so it had to be swapped out for another axle. Joe was the master of ceremonies for the dinner and had to leave the job before it was finished where upon Russell pitched in to help finish the repair. At one point there were 20 people watching the repair session.

Saturday morning was the People's Choice and Car Display. I would guess about 100 Corvairs were entered in these events as the parking lots were full, plus there was a 3-cylinder Corvair engine (left bank of cylinders) running on a test stand. Saturday afternoon was the rally followed by the Awards Banquet, the last activity of the show. Other than a little rain Friday morning, the weather was great the whole weekend and, as in the past, it was a well-run show. More pictures can be viewed at https:// tinyurl.com/y5njjhwu.

#### AS SEEN IN THE CORSA COMMUNIQUE

Central Virginia Corvair Club 110 Woodland Road Stafford, VA 22556

March 4, 2019

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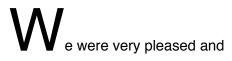
The members of the Central Virginia Corvair Club have decided to make a yearly donation of \$600 to the Corvair Preservation Foundation for the next four years to assist with the operation of the Corvair Museum. Enclosed is our first annual donation.

The Central Virginia Corvair Club hosted and operated CPF's first Corvair Museum in Richmond, Virginia from 1995 to 1999, so are pleased to be able to help keep the museum in operation. While in Richmond, we were fortunate to be able to display CPF's Super Monza and 1969 Monza 5999, as well as many other CPF exhibits. In addition, General Motors loaned to us the Super Spyder, Astro I, 1969 "Mitchell Monza", Electrovair II and Calvair. CORSA members and Corvair enthusiasts were excited to see these Corvairs up close and very supportive of the Corvair Museum.

Many donations of artifacts were made by CORSA members to the museum for display during the period the museum was in Richmond. We are pleased those exhibits, as well as many more exhibits and Corvairs, are still available for viewing at the Corvair Museum in the Decatur, Illinois location.

Regards,

Christopher Cartér Treasurer Central Virginia Corvair Club



encouraged by the support that the Central Virginia Corvair Club has committed to the Corvair Preservation Foundation. As you are well aware, any sort of historical preservation project will take a lot in the way of time and financial resources to keep it up and running and CPF is certainly no different. We would like to take a moment to thank the CVCC for their investment in the future of the CPF.

As time goes on and the foundation continues to grow, its mission will expand, necessitating new exhibits and continued research to keep people coming back for new material to experience.

The mission will also include the processing and scanning of factory records and literature, as well as the recording and cataloging of newfound information, in the way of firsthand interviews on video, voice recording and print.

All of these activities will obviously take funding to keep going, as well as the normal operational stuff that keeps the lights on and the bills paid. So, with that in mind, what can you do as an individual and as a chapter? Well, as a chapter, it would be great to follow the lead of the Central Virginia Corvair Club and earmark some money for an annual donation. Silent auctions, golf tournaments,

car washes and other activities can help raise money and can help bring awareness to your own communities about the CPF's mission statement.

As an individual, there are a lot of other things that can be done. In addition to the annual CPF Museum Supporter memberships, one can also make the donation of related automobilia and other items as either additions to the collection or for them to sell. Additionally, if you are close to the musuem, you could volunteer

to help with the cataloging of records, assisting with fundraising campaigns or even helping with the various events that take place there. Finally, there is one other thing that a real Corvair enthusiast can do, and that is to remember the Corvair Preservation Foundation in your will and donate a portion or all of your estate to the CPF for the continued operation of this most worthy cause. If you are interested in providing for the continued operation of the CPF and would like to create a Corvair legacy of your own, please contact our president for details. Thank you in advance!

May Birthdays 4- Lauren Bristow 6 - Rex Buel 10 – Drew White 22- Percy White\*\*

- 23- Jerry Turner
- 24- Bryan Ramsey
- 24- Kevin Ramsey

#### **Roanoke Valley Corvair Club**

The RVCC met in Roanoke on April 20th at Famous Anthony. In attendance were **David and Katie Clemens, Bill Sweet, Bill Wash, Tony Underwood and Freddie Southern.** 

The RVCC's monthly event for May will be the picnic at Rex Buel's home in Fishersville, VA

#### Location: River City Diner

Attendees: Wade Lanning, Mike DeJong, Marty Berens, Andrew Watkins, Chris & Julie Carter, Steve Wright, John Porterfield, David Robertson, Don & Pam Garner, Bill Clemens, Mark & Bow Collette, Frank DuVal, Dianne Ramsey, Bruce Bettis.

#### 2019 Activity Ideas & Events

- Next meeting Tuesday, May 14 at River City Diner.
- Picnic at the Buel's in Waynesboro, Saturday, May 18, 12 noon.

#### Tech Discussion

- Don Garner talked about a problem with his EM windshield that he got from Clark's didn't fit. Carraway Glass from Hopewell tried to install it at his house.
- John Porterfield talked about the possibility of a person he knows to come to a club meeting to give a presentation about collecting dealer literature.

Mike DeJong bought a cake for the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Meeting adjourned.

This year we are pleased to announce we will be offering two scholarships. One in the amount of \$1000 and one in the amount of \$500.

These scholarships will be awarded during the annual convention at the Awards Banquet in St. Charles, IL this summer.?? To secure your application, please email me and I will get the information out to you. The email address is: <u>sarahvair at cfl.rr.com</u>?? This year all applications must be received by me no later than **June 15, 2019.** 

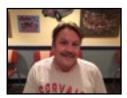
In order to be eligible you, your parents, step-parents or grandparents must be a member of the Corvair Society of America.

Please feel free to pass this information onto a graduating high school senior.

Good luck to all of you. *Sarah Bruce* Scholarship Chairman **Corvair Society of America** 















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Children's Names:(living @ home)	Birth Month/day:
	Birth Month/day:
Corvair(s) you own:	
Corvair skills:	
Other hobbies:	
Dues enclosed: Central Virginia Corvair ( newsletter via email, \$17/year if you red you are not a CORSA member)	
Corvair Society of America (CORSA)(\$45/yr**) \$ (**Recommended. Do not pro-rate. Not applicable if CORSA member already) Total enclosed	

CVCC annual dues expire each July 1. Dues are pro-rated at \$1.00 per <u>full</u> <u>month</u> you belong until the next July. For example, if you join in October, your dues are \$9.00. If you join in February, your dues are \$5.00. **Please** make checks payable to Central Virginia Corvair Club

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