



VAIRifiable News

It's Beginning to Look A lot

like it's time for the CVCC Christmas Party!



The annual CVCC Christmas party will once again be held at the Pickel Barrel Restaurant on the east side of Richmond. If you take the 173 Exit off of I-64 and go south, it will be on your right in about a 1/2 mile. You can find the address in the Calendar. We'll be there at 2pm.

The restaurant has hosted us several times in the past and has never let us down. They feature good southern comfort foods so come hungry and forget the diet for one day. If weather and distance allow, drive a Corvair!




Calendar

DEC 7: CVCC Christmas Banquet, 2pm, Pickel Barrel Restaurant, 12912 Plaza Dr, Richmond, VA 23233 (Located off Ashland Rd, I-64, exit 173 south)

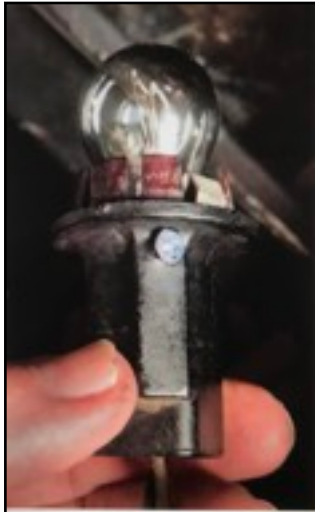
JAN 14: CVCC Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Shoney's at VA Commons

JAN 25: Polar Bear Run




TAILLIGHT SOCKET REPAIR

MARK WELTE



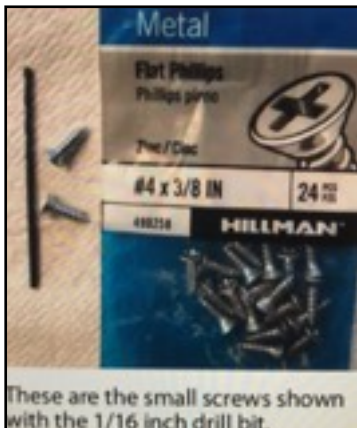
The finished product. Note the proper location for the screw.

Recently this article appeared in the Flat Six Journal from the Mid Continent Corvair Association.

Recently, during one of our road trips, a fellow member let me know I had an intermittent taillight. Once I got home and had time to investigate I determined the steel shell that holds the bulb in-place had backed out of the plastic body of the tail- light socket. The barbed tangs that hold the steel shell in-place are just a press fit in the plastic shell. The constant pressure from the spring-steel electrical contacts in the base of the socket had, over time, causes the steel shell to work its way up and away from the contacts, causing the intermittent connection. I tried re-seating the steel shell in the plastic body but there was no longer a friction fit to hold it in-place. This is a common problem.

My solution was to use a #4 x 3/8" sheet metal screw through the side of the plastic body to hold the steel shell in place. I used a 1/16" drill to create a small pilot hole and placed the screw in the long

raised section along the bottom side of the socket (as installed). This gives the screw a little more bite and also hides the screw from view.

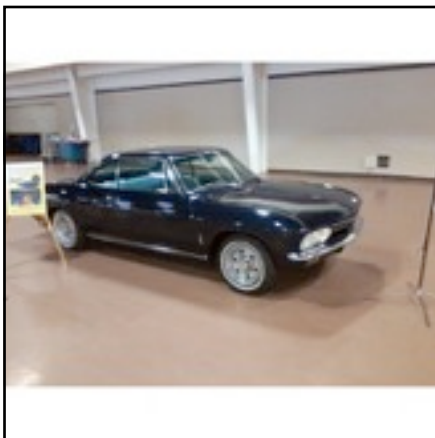


These are the small screws shown with the 1/16 inch drill bit

Important Tips

- File the tip of the screw flat where it contacts the steel shell so that the screw remains square when tightened; otherwise, it will want to walk sideways.
- Install the bulb before tightening the screw; otherwise the bulb may be difficult to install. (Remember also to loosen the screw before replacing the bulb in the future,)
- Do not overtighten the screw. You only need enough tension to hold the steel shell in place.

CORVAIR RAFFLE



The Corvair Preservation Foundation is holding a raffle and the lucky winner will receive a freshly-restored 1965 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe! The drawing for this car will be held May 15, 2020 in the Great State of Minnesota, USA. MN Lic. #GA19-000002. You need not be present for the drawing. The proceeds from the raffle will support the new Corvair Museum

Go to the CORSA website www.corvair.org for more information on how to get your tickets.

MAKING THE CORSA CONVENTION MORE APPEALING TO YOUNGER MEMBERS

During the CORSA Board's October 1 teleconference, Central Division Director Justin Duplantis said his peers have little interest in attending CORSA conventions because they are under the impression that the focus is on concours cars. Most of the people in his age group do not have enough time and income to build or buy a concours-winning Corvair. They are busy raising families and paying the bills. They treasure their Corvairs but they are not in a position to spend large amounts of money to restore them. And often, they don't want to. They like them just the way they are, patina and all.

Western Division Directors Greg Vargas and Vince Petrie concurred with Justin's concern. Greg said his CORSA chapter - South Coast CORSA - hosts a Corvair show billed as "Ageless to Anarchy". Publicity for Ageless to Anarchy is geared toward any and all types of Corvairs - even those that need to be "towed-in".

Others on the Boards' call noted that CORSA conventions have several events aside from the Concours and that a member need not have a flawless original Corvair to have fun at a CORSA convention. They can enter their Corvairs - concours or not - in the autocross, rally, economy run, and car display and do well. This is a point that needs to be made by CORSA and the host chapters in their convention publicity.

The call from Corsa was to Chapters to get this message out there. Many follow-up emails have ensued with lots of great ideas about how to make our hobby more approachable and feasible for those with 'average' cars.

So, our call to you is to let prospective members (and current members) know that the conventions are not for 'perfect' cars, but for anyone who has a love of Corvairs and wants to hang out with other air breather geeks.

We would also like feedback on how we can make our PPCC events more 'user friendly' to those with vehicles they feel don't quite 'measure up'. It is our desire and purpose to make our hobby approachable to all, and we would love to hear from you ways you think we can move toward achieving this goal. One idea that has been making the rounds is to add a 'daily driver' (or something similar) category to judging, for those cars that are just loved! These are the types of ideas we're looking for.

Please send a note with your ideas to any board member for consideration. No idea is too small or too big.

Thanks to you all!

CORSA BOD

FOR SALE: Pair of green 1962 bucket seats with good seat tracks. Springs appear good. Includes chrome side trim. The bottom cushions are spilt, so good for recovering. Call for CVCC member price for seats. Driver quality grille bars for '61, '64 and '65. \$10 each. I have lots of other Corvair parts I want to move also, so call if you need something. Wade Lanning, cell/text 804-586-1023 or email wblanning@comcast.net

THE CORVAIR MUSEUM IS MOVING

The Corvaire Museum, currently in Decatur, Illinois since its inception two years ago, is relocating. Our museum in Decatur will close on November 20 giving us time to move the collection to the new site on Route 66, south of Springfield, Illinois. We will reopen the Corvaire Museum on December 1 at our new site at 10041 Palm Road - a.k.a. Route 66 - in Glenarm, Illinois.

In addition to being much less expensive for us to operate, our new modern facility is expected to draw many more visitors because of its close proximity to popular tourist destinations in the Springfield area. Attractions include the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Lincoln's Tomb and War Memorial State Historic and more – all just minutes away.

The Springfield area is served by Allegiant, American and United Airlines with multiple daily flights connecting to Chicago, Dallas / Fort Worth, and Punta Gorda Airport.

The museum's new location also has the benefit of being easily accessible from Interstate 55 - the main corridor between Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans.

Thanks to all who have visited. As we said when we started the Corvaire Museum, it will be ever changing!

Mike Hall, President

Corvaire Preservation Foundation



OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Mike DeJong, David Robertson, Marty Berens, Wade Lanning, Frank DuVal, Andrew Watkins, Bill Clemens, Alan White, Steve Wright, Wade Lanning and guest Scott German.

Next Meeting Location: For the November meeting, it was decided to meet again at Shoney's at Virginia Center Commons. The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12.

Christmas Banquet: The Christmas Banquet will be at the Pickel Barrel Restaurant on Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm. We have reserved a banquet room for our group.

Past Event: Mike DeJong reported on the Munster Car Show that was held on September 28. He said that many people stop to share their Corvaire stories from when they owned a Corvaire.

Newsletter Change: Alan White said he plans to send the newsletter out around the middle of the month. This would provide more time for people to make plans to attend following month events.

New Corvaire Owner: Bill Clemens reported there is a new Corvaire owner in the Ettrick area (Near Petersburg). He will get in touch with them and invite them to the meeting.

NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Chris Carter, Frank DuVal, Mike DeJong, Andrew Watkins, Bruce Bettis, Marty Berens, Wade Lanning & Mark Collette.

- Meeting attendance probably effected by bad weather; snow, ice and cold.
 - Mike DeJong showed about 15 minutes of video about Corvairs by the Original Parts Group.
 - Upcoming activities
 - * Christmas Banquet, Saturday, December 7, Pickel Barrell Restaurant
 - * Next Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 14, Shoney's at Virginia Center Commons
 - * Polar Bear Run, Saturday, January 25
 - Vair Fair: Not aware of any plans by other clubs or our club.
 - Corvair to be for sale: Doug Edwards is getting the Corvair that belonged to his late father, Red Edwards, ready to sale. Its a 1963 Monza convertible, 4-speed, dark blue with light blue interior. The car has been stored in a garage for 20 years. Doug has refurbished the brakes and is now working on the carburetors to get it running well. The club will be informed when its for sale.
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November Birthdays

3- Ralph Ramsey **
8- Dave Weaver **
10- Grace Davis
16- Patti Snyder
26- Rebecca McCray
** indicates deceased members.

December Birthdays

2- Debbie DuVal
7- Collins Barnes
13- Paige Morgan
13- Khloe Davis
15- Smitty Smith
18- Barbara Herwald
19- Garrett Davis
21- Gerry Novarro
23- Denise Barnes
27- Jordan White
28- Wade Lanning



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CENTRAL VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB

Formed in 1979

Membership Application

Name: _____ Birth Month/day: _____
Birthdays for the month are noted in our newsletter for that month.

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work or cell (optional) _____

Email Address: _____

Profession: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Month/day: _____

Children's Names: _____ Birth Month/day: _____
(living @ home)

_____ Birth Month/day: _____

Corvair(s) you own: _____

Corvair skills: _____

Other hobbies: _____

Dues enclosed: **Central Virginia Corvair Club... (\$12/year if you receive newsletter via email, \$17/year if you receive newsletter via mail, add \$3 if 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 ***full month*** 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**

Mail to: **Central Virginia Corvair Club**
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Stafford, VA 22556

PLEASE PRINT OUT AND GIVE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO MAY JOIN!