



# VAIRifiable News

## Polar Bear Run 2020



The 21st Polar Bear Run began in Petersburg at a Taco Bell. Even though it had been raining overnight, it moved out by the time of the run. About 50 cars showed up, but only Andrew Watkins drove a Corvair...all the way from his home in Maryland. Other CVCC members including Dianne Ramsey, Rucker Posey and Nancy Smith, and Phyllis & Wade Lanning participated in other vehicles.

From the Taco Bell we took Rt 301 south to the Emporia area where we took a break at Simmons Travel Center. From

there we traveled to Weldon, NC. There we visited an old cotton mill by the Roanoke River called the Riverside Mill. This is a huge antique mall with arts, crafts, furniture as well as a large variety of antiques. After shopping the group went to Ralph's BBQ for lunch. Photos from the run can be viewed at

[http://carclubcouncil.com/Polar\\_Bear\\_Run\\_21/](http://carclubcouncil.com/Polar_Bear_Run_21/).

*Rt: Andrew Watkins had the only Corvair at the Polar Bear Run.*

### Calendar

**Mar 10:** CVCC Monthly Meeting, 7pm. Shoney's at Virginia Center Commons, 10093 Brook Rd, Glen Allen, VA

**Mar 14:** CVCC Swap Meet, Classic Car Center, Fredericksburg, VA 9:30am-1pm.

**Mar 16:** Valley Vairs dinner at Pink Cadillac Diner, 4347 S Lee Hwy, Natural Bridge, VA 6:30

**Apr 18:** Driving tour with Tidewater Corvair Club and Virginia Fiero Club to Yorktown, 10am. Meet at Dairy Queen, 3275 New Market Rd, Richmond, VA

**May 29-30:** Virginia Vair Fair. Roanoke, VA. Hampton Inn 540-366-6300. Ask for Virginia Corvair Club rate.



## CVCC SWAP MEET

Winter tends to be a time with less activities and less Corvairst driving. That also means that we don't get together quite as often. Well, never fear, CVCC is here to the rescue. We have planned a Corvairst related event with a little something for all Corvairst lovers.

We will hold a Swap Meet at the Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg, VA on Saturday, March 14 from 9:30am to 1pm. The address is 3591 Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Everyone is encouraged to bring items that they have to sell, give away or trade. They don't even have to be Corvairst related if you think someone might want them.

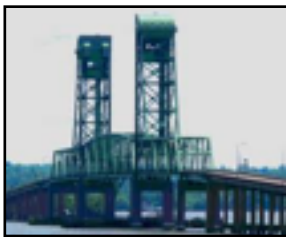
There will be pizza for sale by the slice and drinks as well for lunch.

Not interested in picking up Corvairst parts? The Classic Car Center is slam packed with interesting vehicles for you to peruse.

Of course, there will be the usual lively banter and exaggerated stories to hear as well!



## YORKTOWN DRIVING TOUR



CVCC will team up with the Tidewater Corvairst Club, the Mid-Atlantic Fiero Club and the Virginia Fiero Club on a driving tour that will take us from the eastern side of Richmond, all the way to Yorktown.

We will all meet at the Dairy Queen that is just east off exit



22A on I-295 in time for a 10 am departure on April 18. There is also a gas station to fill up and a mini-mart for various snacks along with restrooms. From there we will travel east to cross the James River on the Benjamin Harrison Bridge. We will then proceed down Rt 10 to Surry, VA where we will take the Scotland-Jamestown Ferry to cross back over the James River into Jamestown. From there we will take the Colonial Parkway and we should be at the Jamestown Visitor's Center between 11:45 and noon for any who would like to meet us there.

We will continue our trek along the Colonial Parkway to historic Yorktown where we will all have lunch at the Yorktown

Pub or one of the other fine restaurants on Water St.

After lunch, you are free to explore Yorktown or begin your trip back home.

This will be a great opportunity to meet up with old friends from both CVCC and TCC and to make some new ones from the Fiero crowd. The Fiero is the last GM manufactured rear/mid engine car until this years new Corvette.



VIRGINIA VAIR FAIR



David and Katie Clemens have been hard at work to host us in their hometown of Roanoke, Va for this years Vair Fair.

Known as the Star City for the large lighted star overlooking the city from high atop one of the surrounding mountains, Roanoke has lots to offer!



**Top:** The Famous Roanoke Star  
**Above:** Our host hotel, the Hampton Inn, Roanoke

Black Dog Salvage is the home of the DIY Networks “Salvage Dogs” and specializes in architectural salvage.

The Virginia Museum of Transportation is the Commonwealth's Official Transportation Museum located in Roanoke, Virginia with rail, auto and air exhibits.

The Taubman Museum of Art is part of the lively metro mountain mix of arts, culture and

outdoor fun in the heart of downtown Roanoke, Virginia. The Museum offers 11 galleries as part of the Fralin Center for American Art.

Heck, there’s even the Roanoke Pinball Museum where you can plan pinball to your hearts content!

This year’s dates are May 29-30. Room reservations can be made by calling 540-366-6300. Ask for the Virginia Corvair Club to get the \$109/night rate. The room cutoff date is April 29th so don’t wait until the last minute.

This year’s Vair Fair is going to be one you don’t want to miss!

Vair Fair Application can be found later on in the newsletter!

VAIR FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

MAY 29

12 pm – 6 pm Registration

12 pm – 6 pm Hospitality

1 pm – 6 pm Vending

6 pm – 7 pm Pizza  
Welcome  
Party

7 pm – 8 pm Corvair  
Games

8 pm – til Valve Cover  
Races

SATURDAY

May 30

6 am-10 am Hotel Breakfast

8 am-12 pm Registration

8 am-12 pm Hospitality

8 am-4 pm Vending

8 am-9 am Setup for People’s Choice

9 am-12 pm Model Car Concours

9 am-12 pm People’s Choice

11 am-12:30 pm Lunch on your own

12:30 Rally Participants Meeting

1 pm-3 pm Rally

3 pm-5 pm Tour of VA Museum of  
Transportation (Optional)

6 pm-7 pm Awards Presentation

# 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL VIRGINIA VAIR FAIR

May 29-30, 2020



Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport/ Valley View Mall  
 5033 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012  
 540-366-6300



## REGISTRATION FORM (Please print)

Name:		CORSA ID #:	
Address:		CORSA Chapter:	
City, State, Zip			
Email:		Phone:	
# Name Tags Needed: _____	Names preferred on Tags:		

	Pre-Reg.	On-Site	Qty.	Amount
Family Registration (includes name tags, dash plaque, People's Choice ballot, free Friday pizza party and (1) door prize ticket)	\$25.00	\$30.00		
Friday Evening Pizza Party	Free	Free		\$0.00
Valve Cover Race (per race car) (Friday night)	\$10.00	\$12.00		
People's Choice Car Display (Saturday morning)	\$15.00	\$18.00		
Model Car Concours (Saturday morning) Stock, Modified, Diorama, Promotional/Collectibles and Scratch Built Categories	\$5.00	\$7.00		
Rally (per car) (Saturday afternoon)	\$10.00	\$12.00		
Corvair Games (Friday Evening)	\$10.00	\$12.00		
T-Shirts: Indicate size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) here: _____	\$15.00	NA		
Swap Meet/Vendor Space Per two outdoor parking spaces	\$15.00	\$20.00		
<b>TOTAL REMITTANCE – MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "CENTRAL VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB"</b>	NA	NA	NA	

Please indicate expected classification(s) and number of entries for People's Choice Display below:

Class	Qty	Class	Qty	Class	Qty	Class	Qty
Early Closed		Early Station Wagon		Late Closed		Modified/Specialty	
Early Open		Beater		Late Open		Forward Control	

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration forms must be postmarked before **May 19**. All registrations postmarked after this date will be considered as on-site registrations and on-site costs will apply.

For event registration, send page one of the registration & check or money order made payable to **CENTRAL VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB**, c/o Katie & David Clemens, 2736 Calloway St, Roanoke, VA 24012, Phone: 540 204 0917 or email: [Yenko66@Cox.net](mailto:Yenko66@Cox.net). Cutoff date for Pre-registration is May 15, 2020.

Registration is required for participation in any VAIR FAIR ACTIVITY. NAME TAGS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

Mark Ellis Memorial Award for Excellence will be presented to the person earning the most points in the People's Choice, Rally, Valve Cover and Corvair Games.

**Room reservations** may be made by calling the Hampton Inn & Suites, Roanoke Airport/ Valley View Mall, 5033 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012 Phone: 540-366-6300. Ask for the Virginia Corvair Club to get the \$109/night. Room rate cut-off is April 29, 2020. Don't Wait, Hotel will fill up!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5- Ashley DuVal

11- David Robertson

16- John Loth

20 - Patricia Wright

21- Mark McCray

23- Ray Davis

31- Mark Ellis\*\*

### Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2020.

**Attendees:** Mike DeJong, David Robertson, Bruce Bettis, Marty and Jean Berens, Wade Lanning, John Porterfield, Frank DuVal, Russell & Marsha Davis and Andrew Watkins.

**Polar Bear Run Report.** Club members that participated included Andrew Watkins, Dianne Ramsey, Rucker Posey, Nancy Smith, and Phyllis & Wade Lanning. Andrew was the only one in a Corvair. The run went to an antique mall in Weldon, NC.

**Swap Meet:** The CVCC swap meet will be held at the Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg on Saturday, March 14 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. It's been publicized on Facebook, on the CORSA website, on several Corvair forums and by direct notification to surrounding state clubs. Pizza will be available for lunch. Numerous vendors are planning to come and many people have indicated they plan to attend.

**April Tour:** The road trip with the Virginia Fiero Club and Tidewater Corvair Club is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Those from our area will meet at the Dairy Queen at the I-295 Rt 5 exit and leave at 10:00 am. The tour will travel Rt 5, then cross the James River on the Benjamin Harrison Bridge to Rt 10. It will then proceed to Scotland Warf in Surry, cross back over the James River on the ferry and go to the Yorktown Pub for lunch.

**Vair Fair:** May 29 – 30 in Roanoke. Details have been in the newsletter. People should make their motel reservations and send in their registration forms.

**Carburetor Tech Discussion:** A discussion centered around Bob Helt's book "How to Identify and Rebuild Corvair Rochester Carburetors" was held at the end of the business meeting. Examples of various carburetor bases, tops and venturi clusters were shown to illustrate some of the changes over the years.

**Next Club Meeting:** March 10, 7:00 pm at Shoney's.



### Blue Chip Tools Goes Hollywood!

CVCC member Russell Davis and his specialty company Blue Chip Tools was featured in the March issue of Hemmings Classic Car! At the top of page 14 the pictures and ad for Bezel Removal Tools is prominently displayed. We at CVCC have long known about Russell and his wonderful tools but I'm afraid the word's out now so there may be a much longer line than normal waiting to get their hands on his tools! Congratulations Russell!

**There will be a Corvair Invasion at Ralph Nader's Museum (The American Museum of Tort Law) in Winstead, Connecticut on July 20, 2020. This event is being organized by the son of Frank Winchell, an original member of the Corvair Team at Chevrolet. For more info go to**

### Valley Vairs

The Valley Vairs will meet for dinner and fellowship at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 16 at the Pink Cadillac Diner in Natural Bridge, VA. Being that this meeting is a little farther south than our usual meetups, we sure do hope to see some folks from the Roanoke, Lexington and even Covington areas joining us!

The Pink Cadillac is a 50's style diner with a family-friendly atmosphere. They boast mouthwatering burgers, steaks, deli sandwiches, salads and more but make sure that you save a little room for dessert from the ice cream parlor! You can check them out at [www.pcdinerva.com](http://www.pcdinerva.com)

If you're planning on going, let Alan White know at [centralvacorvairclub@gmail.com](mailto:centralvacorvairclub@gmail.com) so he can give them a head count!



# Blue Chip Tools

## Dash Tools For All Vintage Vehicles

1/22/20

The dash tools that I manufacture will perform a variety of operations. In general, they are manufactured for each specific vehicle, although they may work on similar vehicle. The basic tool will remove the decorative bezels and retaining nuts on the head light and windshield wiper switches.

In addition to the basic tool there are attachments that will bolt to the wiper end of each tool that will remove the ignition bezel on that particular vehicle (unless the ignition bezel is not a screw on style) as well as other bezels and retaining nuts found on the vehicle such as remote mirror, courtesy lights, A/C switches and others. In general, each attachment will have a bolt that is affixed to it that cannot be lost. Each tool will come with instructions.

### Special Offer:

If you are planning a full or partial restoration to you dash components and I don't have the tool described above in stock I will manufacture it and send it to you for free. That way I will have that tool that has been tested to offer to other customers. Just send me the old bezels and retaining nuts (they will be returned) to obtain the correct dimensions to make sure the tool works correctly the first time. I will cover the cost of the tool and shipping to you.

### Current Available Tools

#### Chevrolet

58-67 Corvette, 62-64 Nova, 64-66 Chevelle, 67-68 Camaro, 61-63 Impala

60-64 Corvair, 65-67 Corvair, 60-66 Chevy/GMC Trucks

#### Ford

73-79 Ford truck, 78-79 Ford Bronco, 69-70 Mustang,

#### Mercury

67-68 Cougar

Along with the basic tool, ignition bezel adapters are available for each tool

Prices for the basic tools range from \$20.00 to \$30.00 with most ignition bezel adapters priced at \$25.00 Contact me for prices on other adapters that may be used with the basic tool such as but not limited to remote mirror, courtesy light, A/C and other components.

I also offer standard and CNC machining capabilities for any other restoration repairs that you may require during your restoration on parts that cannot be easily purchased elsewhere.

Thank You

Russell Davis

Blue Chip Tools

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# CORVAIR CROSSWORD BY MIKE DEJONG

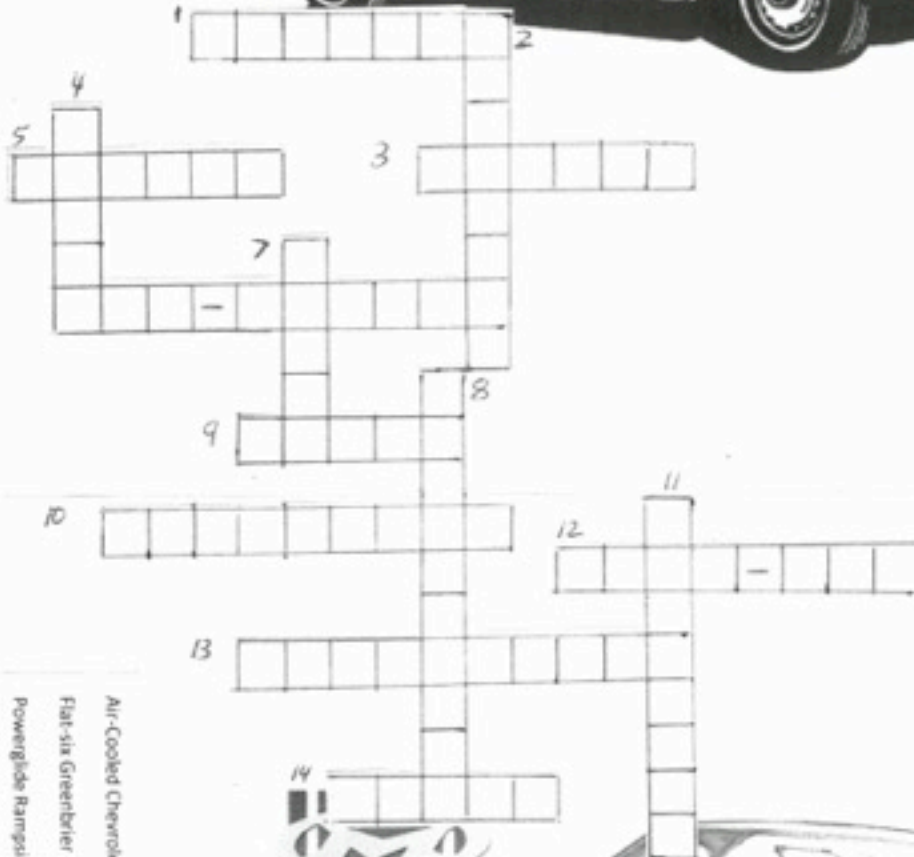


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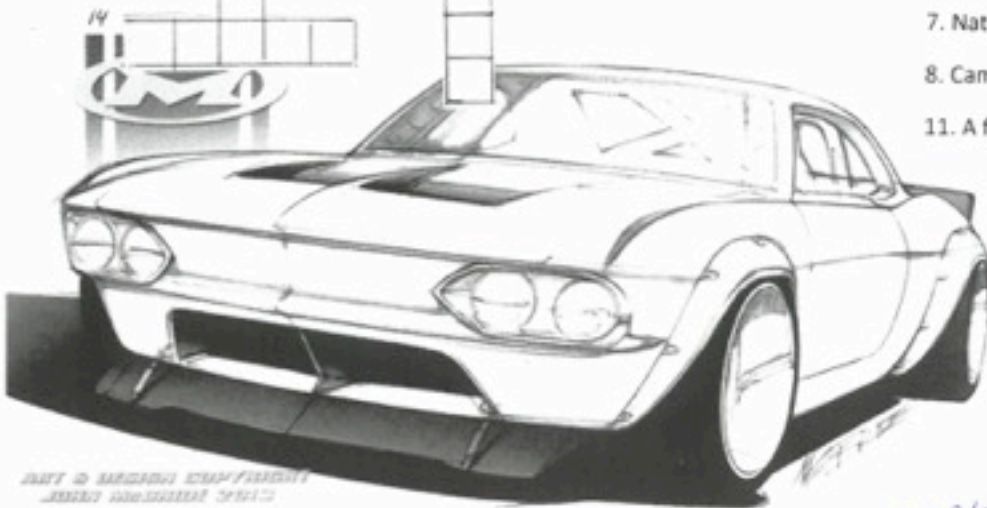
1. Corvette air-cooled
3. Beware the Widow
5. Panel van
6. Waterless engine
9. Beloved Ralph
10. French family car maker
12. boxer style Heart of the Vair
13. two speed automatic
14. A boost in the rear

## Down

2. Easy load pickup
4. Race track in Italy
7. National organization
8. Camper van
11. A family wagon



Air-Cooled Chevrolet Corsa Corvan Corvail  
 Flat-six Greenberer Lakewood Monza Nadar  
 Powerglide Rampside Spider Turbo



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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.....**\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

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Mail to: **Central Virginia Corvair Club**  
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**PLEASE PRINT OUT AND GIVE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO MAY JOIN!**



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