



## **DRIPPY LEAKS & FLYIN" FANBELTS**

The Monthly Newsletter of

**Mid Maryland Corvair Club**

Corsa Chapter 217

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From the President



The Little Things include our Corvairs

As I am writing this on the early morning of Thanksgiving, I must remind myself of the many things we are grateful for. We are most grateful for our family, friends, health and wellbeing. And second in line would be our thanks for a job/income, food on our tables and a roof over our heads. But what about those little things? Some, like our Corvairs, are also physical, such as pets and animals, modern medicine, a home cooked meal, a cup of coffee, chocolate, fresh bed sheets, any time naps and comfortable old clothes. However, we cannot discount in any way, the "other" little things for which we also give thanks. Laughter, having a passion, learning from our mistakes, to dream, hear our favorite song (on the Corvair radio, of course), finding something you thought you had lost, not having to set the alarm, the ability to help others, meeting up with old friends and finally having bad days that make you appreciate the good ones. I hope everyone can take the time to reflect on the things in life we are thankful and most grateful for. Seasons greetings to all and happy Vairing!



Tom Rahochik  
Club President



### Financial Report

The bank account balance is \$1,322.18. There has not been any activity since the last report.

Note: The check I sent to the American Cancer Society in memory of Laura Wilhide was returned as an undeliverable address. I sent it the address shown in the obituary. So I went to their website to find an address. The website showed that I could only contribute by credit card or paypal. I do not have a problem using my own credit card and then re-imbursing myself from club funds, but I want everyone to know what is going on before I do that. I will make the contribution after the newsletter goes out.

Bob Millard



#### Q & A with Dick Kaetzel

Q: Tell us about yourself

A: **I was born at the hospital in Brunswick, Maryland on Aug. 10, 1944,my mothers birthday. What a gift!**

**After graduating high school in 1962,I went to work at Beachley Furniture in upholstery.**

**In 1965 I went into the Air Force. Off to Texas for basic training and tech school for jet aircraft maintenance. From Texas I was sent to Hawaii for 3 years.**

**After the Air Force I came home and went to work for the railroad; The B&O; The Chessie System; CSX and finally Amtrak.**

**After the railroad I went to work at a Methodist church camp; first as maintenance director and as manager. I retired in 2009 after 25 years.**

Q : Who, what, when got you interested in Corvairs?

A: **My first new car was a 1962 monza; 80hp;4 speed. They've always held my interest.**

Q : How many Corvairs have you owned, and how many do you currently own?

A: **I have owned around 50 corvairs over the years. About 25 I had on the road. In the past 2 years I have had 8 corvairs.( very understanding wife).**

Q: Are you now, or have you been, a member of other Corvair clubs?

A: **Mid-Md. is the only club I have been a member of.**

Q: Have you attended any CORSA conventions?

A: **Yes, I've attended conventions in Knoxville, Tenn. & in Pittsburgh, Pa..**

Q: What is your special field of Corvair interest?

A: **Late models; the 140"s hold my interest the most.**

Q: Have you held any offices in Corvair clubs?

A: **Yes, I've held the office of vice-president and also president of our club at one time.**

Q: Tell us about your current Corvair projects

A: **I am currently working on a 1966 monza convertible. Going over everything and getting it road ready**

Q: Tell us about your other Corvair

A: **I have a 1965 corsa coupe 140 I restored 10 years ago and have put 21,000 miles on I also have a 1966 monza 4door; 110-PG that was Dale Aldridges and a 1963 spyder coupe that needs restored.**

And anything else you would like to add.

**I married my wife Vicki in 1976. We have a daughter ( Sherri ) and 2 sons ( Ted & Bryan). 6 wonderful grandchildren ( Ally; Ashley; Alyssa; Addison; Weston and Camille)and last but not least, our 6 grand dogs.**

**Over the years I helped manage & coach little league teams. I was also the manager and a player on a men's slow pitch softball team.**

**I enjoy spending time working on my corvairs and helping my friends with theirs when needed. Also enjoy spending time visiting Jeff and the Corvair Ranch.**

Thank you, Dick!



Hello all,

CORSA is looking for membership information from us. Since this has been an unusual year and the club has not been too active, I am asking everyone that wants to be considered a member to reply to [bobmil217@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmil217@hotmail.com) and let me know. I will compile that info and then forward to CORSA.

Also, the suggestion has been made that we conduct our meetings virtually online. Comments?



Thanks,  
Bob Millard

Here's an announcement from CORSA that I received. I'm guessing that any member who has signed up the the CORSA website probably received it as well but you may want to distribute it to our membership.

Ron Moss



The Corvair Society of America held its Membership Meeting for Year 2020 on the evening of Tuesday, November 10 via Zoom. It lasted an hour and a half. Presenters included Mike Hall (President), Jeannette Alberte (Membership), Jerry Brown (Merchandise), Allan Lacki (Secretary) and Paul Sergeant (Treasurer). After the presentations, Mike opened the floor for questions and comments.

Topics included:

- Providing more value to members by holding monthly Zoom meetings and podcasts,
- Improving communication between Regional Directors and their respective chapters,
- Reaching out to members, especially those who have no nearby chapter,
- Adding new kinds of merchandise for sale to raise revenue,
- Adding PayPal as a means for members to pay their dues to make it easier to join and remain,
- Giving members a choice to have their membership renewed automatically,
- Giving members a choice to pay dues in monthly installments,
- Combining the CORSA Facebook page and CORSA Facebook group into one to eliminate confusion,
- Giving public access to a sample of CORSA tech articles on the website to hook-in new members,
- Establishing an online archive where chapters can store their newsletters for posterity,
- Post CORSA board meeting minutes on the website
- Opening up CORSA conventions to owners of cars other than Corvairs,
- Improving the CORSA brochure so chapters can use it for local recruitment

A number of questions were raised, too:

- How much revenue does the CPF raise through Amazon Smile? (We'll find out).
- What is the consequence when a chapter does not hold a single meeting during a given year, as required by the Chapter Plan Procedure? (No consequence this year due to COVID-19).
- When will a final decision be made on holding the 2021 Convention? (It will depend on the city's orders. We anticipate a ruling in April).

A video of the 2020 CORSA Membership Zoom Meeting is now available for viewing on YouTube.

Here's a link that will take you there:

[https://youtu.be/t776\\_CKVOZQ](https://youtu.be/t776_CKVOZQ)

It is 1 hour and 24 minutes long. The first couple of minutes of the session were not recorded, so it starts with Mike Hall talking about plans for the 2022 CORSA Convention in Peach Tree City, Georgia. But aside from that, it's complete.

Sixty-eight members were participated in the Zoom meeting. Special thanks go to CORSA Board Member Josh Deitcher, who arranged, moderated and recorded the meeting. And of course, we thank all of you who were there with us.

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### Survey Request:

One of our club members, Bill Hubbell, made the suggestion we may want to consider having virtual club meetings, through the Zoom computer application. And, he has volunteered his assistance for Zoom setup to those members who have a computer and may be unfamiliar with it's entry application to your computer. Secondly, I would like to know how many members would be interested in our annual 01/01/21 New Year get together at a doughnut shop in either Frederick, Middletown or Hagerstown. If interested in either one or both of these issues, please email me at [66vairman@comcast.net](mailto:66vairman@comcast.net) or contact me on my cell of 240-285-5449. Thanks.

Tom - Club President

### Christmas Favorite By Andy Kotkin

Not much going on with my 65 convertible Corsa. I drive it often, maybe 2-3 days a week for errands and/or to work. The kids still love to take rides even with the chill in the air athand the top down. I thought I'd let you know of my favorite dish for Christmas. Well, it's actually seven dishes, a feast if you will.

As the son of an Italian American Mother and living next door to a lot of her family(heck, I had my grandfather Spartaco Vincenzo Terzano living in the basement apartment!), I had first hand access to all the family's Italian traditions. One of them was the Feast of the Seven Fishes, held every Christmas Eve. Here's a rough idea of the plates, as the type of fish rarely mattered but there were some staples that were on the table from year to year. So here's a list of fish we would eat for the Festa!

1. Fried Smelts
2. Fried Calamari
3. Baccala (salted cod)
4. Insalata Polpo (octopus salad)
5. Baked stuffed calamari
6. Baked clams
7. Mussels fra diavolo



Some of the dishes varied from time to time, but generally we would have those types of fish, made different ways. It was/is an all day affair, with first course usually no later than 11:00am and going into the wee hours of 1-2:00am. The men would play cards and drink my Uncle Tony Sciglitano's homemade wine, while the women would clean and make the desserts like homemade cannolis and struffoli(mini dough balls drizzled with honey and sugar with sprinkles), cookies, pies and cakes.

All in all, it is one of my fondest memories growing up in North Jersey, and it was even better when we would get to go to my Mother's uncles in Brooklyn, NY. because I got to see the WHOLE Italian side of the family. My kids enjoy this tradition now as I did, my wife being Italian as well let's us really keep the traditions we both grew up with alive.

Anyway, there you go, my favorite Christmas meal, which is a whole feast! Thank you for the opportunity to share it with you, and the club.

Thank you, Andy!

Dick sent me an email about member David Moore's wife, Betty. She fell last Sunday and broke her hip. She is in rehab for a few weeks at:

Homewood At Williamsport  
C/O Betty Moore  
16505 Virginia Avenue  
Williamsport, Maryland 21795

Please send her a get well card and let you know that her Mid Maryland Corvair Club Family cares.



Tidbits from Ron Moss



Here's an interesting tidbit for our club. The FSK Antique Car Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2020 and in the December 2020 Newsletter, a copy of their first Newsletter is printed. It was 3 typewritten pages and among the upcoming car events was an entry for May 16, 1981 - a Corvair Indoor Parts and Swap Meet at Key Chevrolet, Frederick sponsored by the Mid Maryland Corvair Club. Apparently our club hit the ground running in order to hold an event like this soon after its founding. Perhaps Web Utz can fill in the details. This also points out the longevity of our connection to the Key/Sunderland/Sport/Fitzgerald Chevrolet dealership for our club's entire history. I strongly believe that ours is the only Corvair club in all of CORSA that holds its membership meetings in a Chevy dealership.

This also brings up the fact that Mid Maryland Corvair Club will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2021. We should be thinking about ways to observe the occasion with some kind of special event. This would all be contingent on COVID-19 restrictions that will likely continue into the new year. But we should be talking about how to mark this milestone.

Also, i just joined and donated money to the Corvair Preservation Foundation and encourage other members to do the same. I want to also make a motion for the club to donate \$100.00 to the CPF for 2020 if we haven't already.

(Unfortunately, I was unable to attach the newsletter page. I will email it to everyone.)



Corvairs in the Media by Ron Moss



Here is another edition of Corvairs in the Media, which was a feature in earlier Newsletters. On Thanksgiving Day 2020, Microsoft News carried a blog from AutoNXT declaring 20 vehicles as automotive turkeys. Unfortunately, Corvairs are often included in these articles written by self proclaimed automotive "experts" who obviously are only rehashing the Nader/Unsafe at Any Speed mantra. But we know that in the mainstream collector car press, Corvairs are well regarded for their ground breaking design, performance and collectability. Other cars included in this list of turkeys are examples from such highly regarded manufacturers as Mercedes Benz, Ferrari, Jaguar, Volkswagen, Honda, Cadillac and Nissan. The cast of usual suspects always included in such a list along with Corvairs are Pintos, Yugos, Edsels, and Pontiac Azteks.

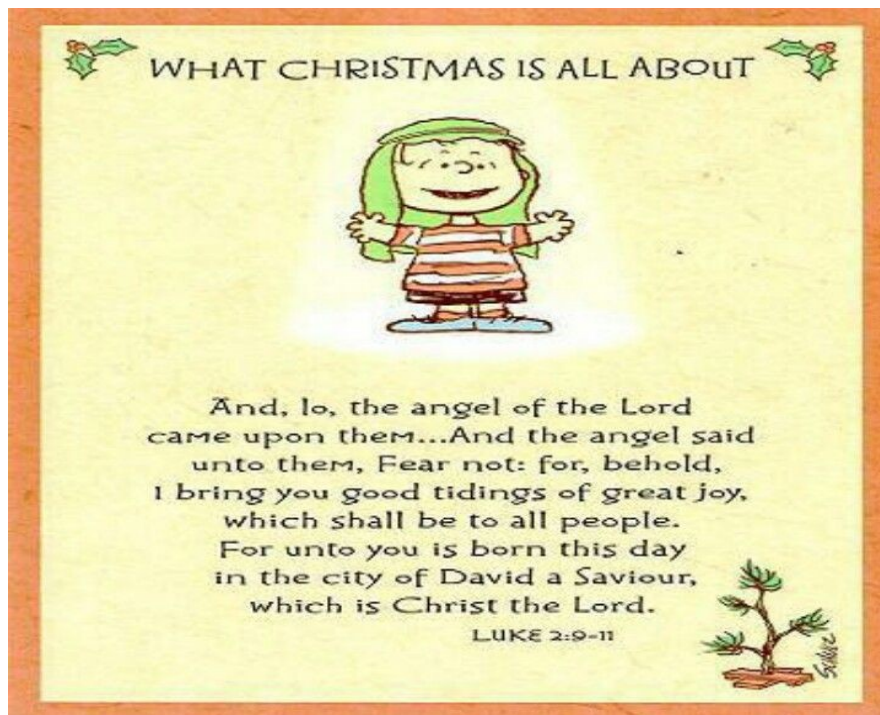
Ron



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**TO**  
**RICK SANFORD**  
**12/11**  
**RUBY SCHLEIGH**  
**12/16**



**Happy Anniversary to**  
**Julia & Terry Glendenning**  
**12/21/1993**



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