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The Monthly Newsletter of

Mid Maryland Corvair Club

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From Our President

Well spring has finally sprung. Time to get our Corvairs out of winter storage and enjoy driving them with these cooler than summer temperatures. Our air cooled engines will appreciate it. Nine of our club members elected to attend our second virtual club zoom meeting on 03/10/21 at 7 pm. We had great discussions on convertible tops, early and late serial number plate attachment and car restoration techniques, discussed by Bill Hubbell, to his early Monza convertible previously owned by John Glenn. Then, on 03/18/21 at 9 pm, CORSA sponsored their first zoom meeting with Larry Claypool as the host. His tech topic for the evening included problems and remedies for the early and late automatic transmissions. A question/answer portion was also welcomed by Larry. I would estimate 50-60 CORSA members participated. The decision was made to continue our monthly virtual zoom meetings at this time. Our next club zoom meeting will be 04/14/21, Wednesday evening at 7 pm. I just received my Clark's January catalog supplement. Looks like more good reproduction parts will be here soon. We are very lucky to have a great vendor like Clarks, with volumes of parts and superb customer service to extend our Corvair hobby years into the future. Hope everyone has a beautiful and safe Easter. Happy Vairing!

Tom - Club President



Tidbits from Ron



The Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, Tennessee is well known for its quirky collection of cars from around the world, so it's no surprise it has nine amphibious vehicles in its collection. However, the "oddity prize" here may go to the 1961 Chevrolet Corphibian. Never heard of it? Pontiac engineers Richard E. Hulten and Roger D. Holm created an outside company and fabricated the floating prototype out of a Corvair Loadside pickup. The regular Corvair air-cooled rear-mounted engine drove the twin propellers. Although the car is tagged as a Chevy, the company wasn't interested in it. Perhaps that's because on land the truck was driven from the typical front cab while the driver, in an Olympian gymnastic move, climbed out and around onto the bed to access the marine controls and steer it as a boat on water.

From the March 2021 Issue of Hemmings Motor News.

Mecum's online catalog for the March 19, 2021 Glendale sale includes a rare 1966 Yenko Stinger from the Napa Valley Collection. It's one of just 100 examples prepared by performance dealer extraordinaire Don Yenko, who ordered each in Ermine White with a specific list of options through the COPO system, including a four-speed manual transmissions, Positraction axles, and special suspension and steering equipment. The post-factory upgrades went well beyond in typical Yenko fashion, and their release on the market through several other dealerships made quite a stir. This example, serial number YS-050, boasts two-owner history, complete documentation, a Stage II 190-hp six-cylinder engine, and a comprehensive restoration. Offered without a reserve, it's estimated to sell between \$70,000-\$90,000. The last Yenko Stinger offered at Mecum, serial number YS-074, brought \$220,000 (including a buyer's premium) at the 2019 Kissimmee sale. Sold March 19 2021 for \$82,500.

Upcoming Car Events - Call before you go- COVID concerns still may cause cancellations

April 3 1st Jimmy Cone Cruise-in, Ridge Rd & Main St., Mt. Airy, 5-8 p.m. 10 Golden Gears Cruise-in behind MOD Pizza, Westview Promenade, Frederick, music, prizes. 5-8 p.m. 11 Cheweys Cruise-in, Municipal Parking Lot 8, Park St., Mt. Airy, donuts & coffee, 2nd, and 4th Sundays until Oct. 8-11 a.m. 17 Jimmy Cone Ridge Rd & Main St, Mt. Airy, 1st & 3rd Saturdays Thru Oct, 5-8 17 Damascus Cars & Coffee Cruise-in, Safeway Shopping Center @ Dunkin Donuts every Saturday thru Oct. 9-11 a.m. 21-25 Spring Carlisle, \$12, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. 25 Adventure Park Car Show, 11113 Baldwin Dr, Monrovia, 8-11 25 Cheweys (see 4/11 entry) May 1 American Car Dreams Show, \$15, Walkersville Fire Hall, 79 W Frederick St., 10-3, registration 10-12, 50 top choice, co-host Golden Gears, rain date May 15 14-15 Carlisle Import and Performance, \$10, Fri noon – 6 p.m., Sat 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. June 4-6 Carlisle Ford Nationals, \$15, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. 25-26 Carlisle GM Nationals, \$10, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. July 9-11 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals, \$15, 7a.m. – 6 p.m. August 6-8 Carlisle Truck Nationals, \$15, 7 a.m. – dusk 7 Dynamic Automotive Car Show – Urbana 21 FSK Antique Car Club Rose Hill Manor Benefit Show (rain date 22nd) Corvair Class is in the planning stage - will advise 26-28 Corvettes at Carlisle, \$20, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. September 25 Collector Car Show, Swap Meet & Car Corral, Manchester Carnival Grounds, 3285 York Street, Manchester, 7-3, \$15, 443-744-6338 29-October 3 Fall Carlisle, \$12, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Ron



Car Story from the Beach - Rick Sanford



My family started the Affair with the Corvair in 1961 in Towson, Md. My Dad bought a 1961 Corvair Lakewood Wagon 700. Two tone blue. 80 HP PG for my mother. (That later turned into a Vega Wagon. Yes we had Vega's and Monza's in the family also.) From that day forward my family has owned about 17 Corvair's. My family always has had Early Models. I for many reasons have always had 1965's. I had a Air Conditioned Monza 110 4 Speed for many years. Then a Corsa 140 4 speed (both cars we the same color combination (Autocross and Street Car). Then then this Corsa followed by the ultra low Mile 500 Coupe, that is now part of a Corvair Collection in Ohio. Today I'm down to one Corvair that everyone has seen the Red Corsa 180 Turbo. Its been to many CORSA Conventions Vair Affairs and other Corvair events up and down the east coast over the past 25 years or more.

The reason I got into Corvair's was mainly, because in the mid 60's I joined the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) (I'm still a member) I wanted to get into Autocrossing and Rally's. We were involved in SCCA events for many years. With Corvair's, Vega's and a Famous Turbo Chrysler Le Baron GTS. When we got Autocrossing out of our systems, it was ready for a new project.

Over 25 years a go this Red Corsa Coupe found us, and that renewed our love affair with Corvair's. We have since then have shown the car many times at many events and CORSA Conventions and we have been on many CORSA and AACA Tours. (Our favorite Car Event)

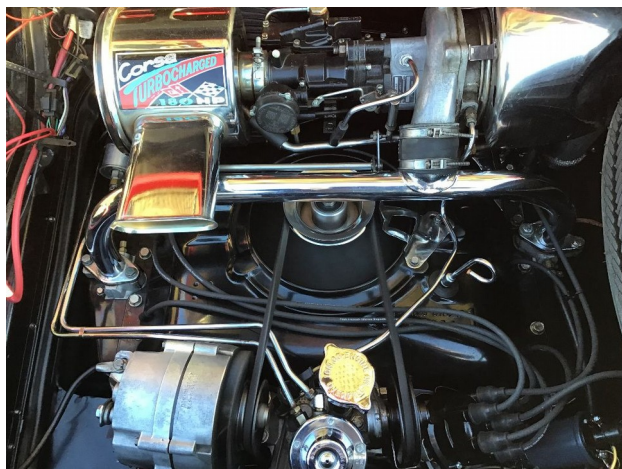
The restoration was manly made possible with major help from The Famous CORSA Member and former National CORSA President Allen Bristow, Local Racer Dave Edsinger, Philadelphia Club Member, Paul Pasini, and Don Jenkins owner of Joe's Upholstery in Frederick, Md. also Jeff and Levi at THE CORVAIR RANCH, in Gettysburg, Pa. and Clark's Corvair Parts all came together to bring this car together.

We as everyone knows we are now back in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Don Putman has been here). We lived here from '80 to 90' then Frederick Co. We are involved in Central Corvair CORSA chapter. Jerry Brown is President. Also AACA Events along with the very active local car Cruise In's (there is a Cruise In about on every Day of the week and about two or more each weekend days) Its like the Virus never happened, no masks and everyone hanging out, very cool. S.C.has done a great job of getting everyone vaccinated to the point that the State of S.C. And the Local Cities like North Myrtle Beach have dropped the mask mandate.

Basically everything is back to normal.

Not only do we belong to SCCA, I have been a CORSA Member since 1971 as well as the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) for the past 25 years. Belonging to Car Clubs and being active is very important part of having and enjoying a Collector / Antique Car. Over the years some of our closest friends we have met because our Car Club Membership and involvement. The is car would have not come together without being connected to the Friends in our car clubs. I have run across our car friends everywhere Florida, and even here last weekend I ran across a Mid Maryland club members at a big Car Show.

Car Story from the Beach Continued





29th Annual Ophan Car Tour
"A River Runs Through it"
Saturday, June 5th, 2021
Burkittsville, MD



For questions contact Jon Battle,
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Please see the email forward to you for more details



Financial Report

Bank balance is \$1,412.18.

CORSA has sent us a \$35 bill for our annual chapter fee. This covers liability insurance for chapter meetings and events, chapter ads in the Communique, and server space for our website (I pay a separate fee for domain name registration). I will pay this shortly.



**Both Web Utz and Dewitt Powell spent a few days in the hospital.
They are both home now and on the mend.
Please keep them in you thoughts and prayers.
You can send them cards of encouragement to the addresses below**

**Web Utz
1433 Long Corner Rd
Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**DeWitt Powell
11811 Patrick Rd.
Hagerstown, MD 21742**

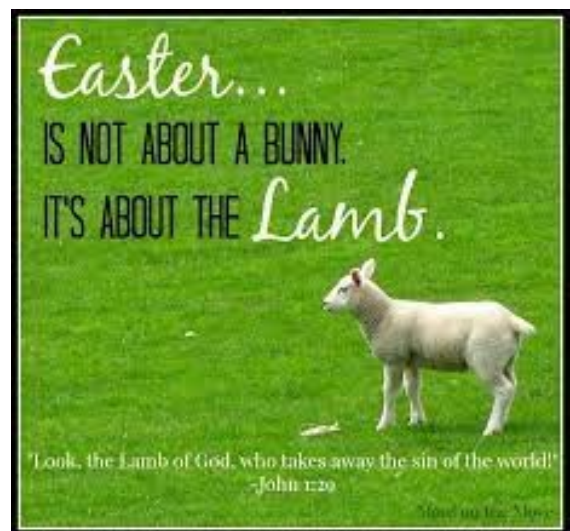
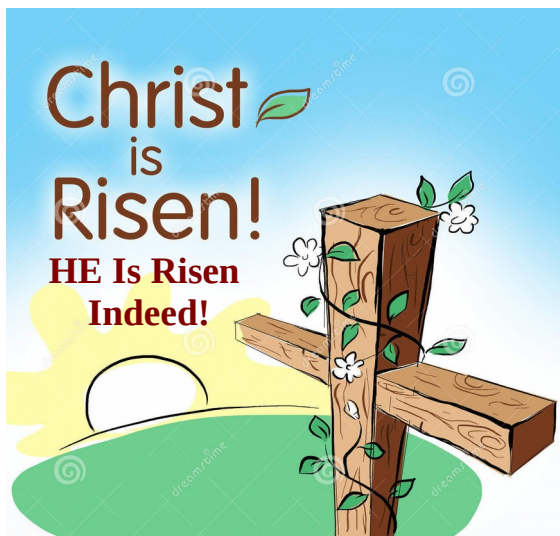
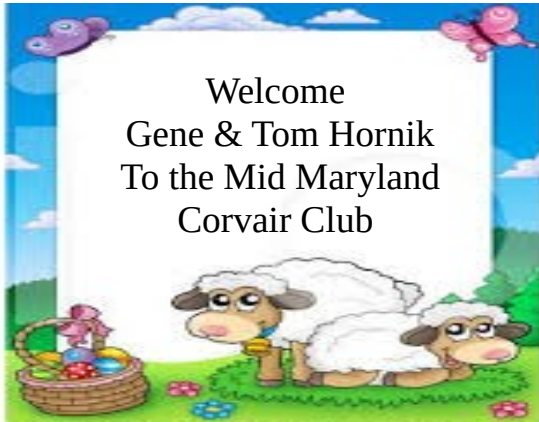
Happy Spring !

I have sold my Corvair to a friend who always liked Corvair and wanted convertible. The fact that it was yellow was a bonus. I think she'll take good care of it like she does with all her prized possessions. I'll try to keep in touch and attend as many shows as I can, so I'll probably see some of you at various events.

I bought a Corvette, the other Chevy sports car, to take it's place, so I'll still be doing some shows. Thanks to all for their friendships and good times.

Happy Motoring to all ! Stay safe !

Joe Bradley



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