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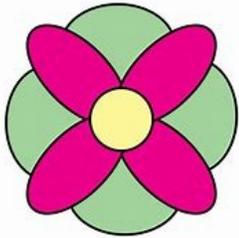
**Mid Maryland Corvair Club**

Corsa Chapter 217

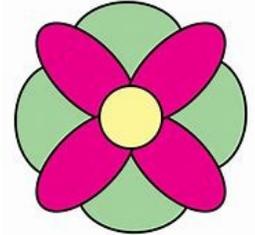
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*May 2021*



HAPPY  
**Mother's**  
DAY



From The President

"All things seem possible in May". A quote from Edwin Teale, an American naturalist. Time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Kandy and I have started our bicycling exercise with several trips to the C&O canal towpath and rail trail in Hancock, MD. We could not ask for better weather with temps in the sixties and seventies. Our club Zoom meeting attendance on 04/14/21 included seven club members. I reminded our members that Haggerty Classic Car Insurance offers a 5% premium discount if they are CORSA members. And, that includes an excellent yearly car magazine subscription to you as well. We then viewed Jay Leno's video driving his 1966 red Corvair turbo coupe. He complimented the car's handling ability, fun value as an affordable classic and kudos to us owners who keep the Corvair hobby alive. We will continue with our monthly Zoom meetings and have our first get together club meeting on 07/14/21, 7 PM at Fitzgeralds Auto Mall in the front parking lot. I will call ahead to reserve parking spaces for us. With our club's 40th anniversary this year, Ron recommended we present our club cake at our fall picnic event. We will discuss further at the July meeting. We had some discussions on oil & filters at which time the meeting concluded. The following evening then, 04/15/21 at 9 PM, CORSA had Ken Tyger, oil tech expert from Penn Grade 1, as the guest speaker on Zoom. He was the guest speaker as well, at the 2018 CORSA Pittsburgh convention. His most important suggestion was to avoid adding a zinc additive to any oil since it would change the base chemistry of the oil. Zinc is definitely needed for our flat tappet engines and there are multiple brands that include the zinc as a by product. The next monthly CORSA Zoom meeting will be a 'night at the Corvair museum'. Many of us may never have the opportunity to visit our museum in Illinois so this Zoom "tour" should be of great interest. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to join the CPCC club meeting at Tropical Treat in Hanover, PA. Great food and good social time. All good thumbs up comments from the customers who viewed our Corvairs in the parking lot. We have planned a Corvair "drive in the country & lunch" event with both clubs involved on Saturday, May 15, 2021. See further details in this newsletter. Happy Vairing!

Tom - Club President

## Upcoming Events

May 1, 2021, Saturday evening 5:00 – 8:00pm. Jeff Ostroff advised this will be the first date of the Hagerstown cruise ins at the Valley Mall parking lot. They should then continue every Saturday evening throughout the summer.

May 15, 2021 - Saturday 11 AM "ride through the county & lunch". Our club members will meet at the Middletown Park (place of our fall picnic). We will then travel county roads north to Pen Mar park in Cascade, MD where we will meet up with the CPCC club members at 1 PM. After some social and park enjoyment time, we will all drive to the Keystone Restaurant in Waynesboro, PA to have lunch and more social time with our CPCC members.

May 22, 2021 - Rain date for our 05/15/21 "ride through the county & lunch" event. I will watch the weather forecast prior to our 05/15/21 event. If it appears by Thursday prior to the 15th that rain is forecasted, I will speak with CPCC president, John Berkeimer. If we need to reschedule for this date, we will email members about the change. Also fee free to contact me by phone on Thursday prior to the 15th if you are unsure about the event date.

July 31, 2021 - Saturday 10 AM-3PM Warren LeVeque Memorial Car Show Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA More information on this event listed in the Corsa Communique. If any club member has an interest to attend this event, please contact CPCC member, Dave Steigauf, at 717-898-7927 or his email at [davescorsa@gmail.com](mailto:davescorsa@gmail.com). He and another CPCC member are planning to go and you may wish to travel with them. Warren passed away in 2020 and raced Corvairs as early as the 1960's.

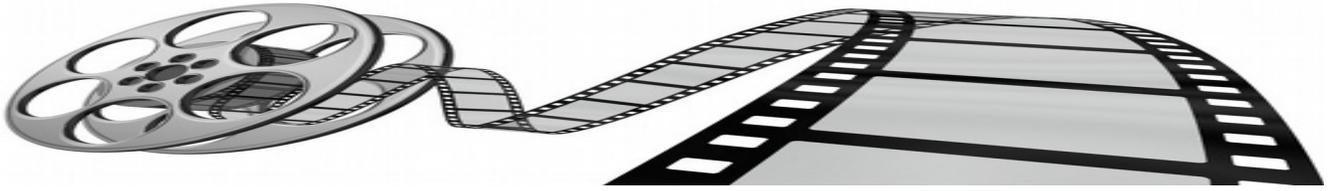


### Financial Report From Bob Millard



Bank balance is unchanged at \$1,412.18.

**I received an invitation from Boonsboro to participate in the Memorial Day parade on May 30. Please let me know by May 23 if anyone is interested.**



Hello, I'm Thom Lombardi of Mid Atlantic Picture Cars.

We are starting up a new movie in the Baltimore Washington area that is based in the year 1969. So, we are looking for a variety of cars from 1955-1969. The cars for the movie need to be original (no street rods, mags accepted but must be period) GTO's, Chevelles, Impalas, Firebirds, Mustangs and big cars like Chrysler 300's and Belvideres etc. - of high end quality. We are looking for a 1965 (or close) Corvair for a hero car that is brown or burgundy in color.

We are also in need of high end big luxury vehicles such as Cadillac, Lincoln, and Bonneville. Also: looking for pickup trucks and a transit/tour bus (65-69) and a smaller VW bus/camper van (hippy van).

Cars will be needed for driving scenes, and for parked and blocker vehicles.

We are filming for a 15 day session on a pilot at this time and if approved filming will return as a series with future work. We plan to pay \$250 per day per vehicle (but pay will vary on the condition of the vehicle and usage)

If interested please email to: [midatlanticpicturecars@gmail.com](mailto:midatlanticpicturecars@gmail.com) - We need the year, make, model, and color with pic if possible. (all sides and interior)

Thank you, we look forward to working with you and your cars.

Thom Lombardi  
Monica Moore



**These cars were ahead of their time** a blog by Richard Aucock of Motor Research appeared on MSN.com April 4, 2021. Corvairs are included in a slideshow of 44 vehicles including the AMC Eagle Wagon, Chrysler Airflow, Citroen Traction Avant, Citroen DS, Ford Model T, and the first gen Honda Insight Hybrid.



#### Chevrolet Corvair

Pity the poor Chevrolet Corvair. Launched in 1960, the Corvair was GM's answer to the new wave of imported cars and a cost-effective alternative to the larger US saloon cars. But the combination of a rear engine and a swing axle resulted in unpredictable cornering characteristics, leading to a series of fatal single-vehicle accidents. In his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, Ralph Nader argued that GM wasted several years refusing to acknowledge the problem, delaying vital modifications. According to the book *Fifty Cars That Changed The World*: 'Between them, Nader and the Corvair launched consumerism and changed forever the relationship between customer and manufacturer'.

According to this author the Corvair was both **ahead of its time** and one of the **50 most influential cars in the world!** (But we already knew that.)

I am pleased to announce that there will be a Corvair class with trophies for 1st and 2nd place at the FSK Antique Car Club's 36th Annual Rose Hill Manor Show on Saturday, August 21, (rain date 8/22). 8 am to 2 pm Registration fee is \$15.00. Judging will be by participants from other classes. It will not be known for certain if the show will be held at Rose Hill Manor park until May 24 when Frederick County will announce availability of their parks for activities such as this. However, with the CDC's new guidelines just updated on April 27, and Governor Hogan's lifting of most restrictions for outside activities, I think we can anticipate a favorable ruling from the County Executive. FSKACC is a sub chapter of the Sugarloaf Mountain Region, AACA and is again this year selling raffle tickets to benefit 3 very worthy organizations - Frederick County Hospice, Alzheimer's Association of Greater Maryland, and the Rose Hill Manor Children's Museum. There are four cash prizes - 1st - \$1,000.00; 2nd - \$500.00; 3rd - \$100.00; and 4th - \$50.00 to be drawn on the day of the show and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets (limited to 3,000) are \$5.00 each and available in books of 5 for \$20.00 and if you buy a book for \$20.00 you will also receive a nifty Rose Hill Manor Show t-shirt. I have tickets available to sell or you can buy them at the show. In spite of last year's show being cancelled due to the pandemic, FSK had a successful effort in sponsorships and raffle tickets sales that generated approximately \$3,300.00 in proceeds for each of the organizations.

Ron Moss

## Q & A With Web Utz

Q: Tell us about yourself

**A: Carter Member, help start Mid Maryland Corvair Club 40 plus years ago.  
I'm 91 years old.**

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

**A: Paul Wilhide**

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

**A: I've had 20 plus Corvairs. Now I have 2.**

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

**A: No**

Q: Have you attended any CORSA conventions?

**A: 2**

Q: What is your special field of Corvair interest?

**A: Ability to have road worthy Corvairs**

Q: Have you held any offices in Corvair clubs?

**A: Yes**

Q: Tell us about your current Corvair projects

**A: Just keep my 65 Corsa going**

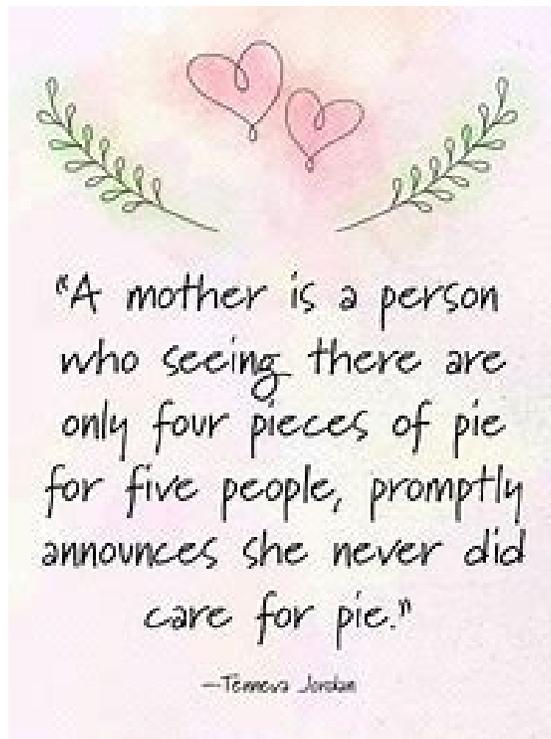
Q: Tell us about your other Corvair

**A: 67 4 door Sedan A/C Rust Bucket- good engine**

And anything else you would like to add.

Thank you, Bob and Carletta. Great job with the newsletters





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