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## V-P Ramblings

Submitted by  
John Johnson



With the last three outings things seem to be returning to somewhat normal.

### ***CPC is back!!!***

What a great picnic we had this year! Once again JOHN and Joyce graciously opened their house, patio, and pool to the Club. We had 20 people there yesterday with everyone enjoying each other's company. Let us not forget the food and desserts. The variety always amazes me.

It was good to see Rich Heisler there, along with his son, daughter, and grandchildren, who made good use of the pool. The girls had fun all afternoon, sometimes even in the rain. We wish Rich the best as he continues to heal after breaking his foot.

The weather cooperated. It was a little warm and humid until the rain showers. It then cooled and was even more pleasant. JOHN was prepared

with his canopies so the showers didn't "dampen" the festivities at all. He then held a Club meeting. We discussed Corvair Day trophies, some possible activities, and re-starting the monthly meetings. Nothing was decided except the monthly meetings.

We contacted Hoss's in West York to again meet there the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July and August. First the restaurant now closes at 8PM, so I told them to move our reservation to 5:30 PM instead of the usual 6PM. This should give us time to eat, have our meeting and be finished by 8PM or earlier. Everyone should plan to arrive around 5:30PM to eat and the meeting begins at 6:30PM. We also had to give a \$25 deposit to reserve the room. This will be kept until the end of the season then returned. The reason for this is because the restaurant brings on extra help those nights. If we would drop

below ten people for dinner, we would automatically forfeit the \$25 and have to deposit another \$25 for future meetings.

Read the Secretary's Minutes for any particulars. *By the way*, please read the entire Newsletter. The Secretary's Minutes spell out the specifics of all discussions. Carol also puts, in detail, reminders of upcoming events. For the past 15 months, the Newsletter has been the lifeline of the Club. At the next meeting we will make decisions for Corvair Day, two upcoming cruises, and also entertain ideas for future activities.

Please come with an appetite and your ideas. Until July 13<sup>th</sup>, have a continued safe summer. Let us all hope that Covid will only be a bad memory.

***See you July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM for dinner and the meeting will begin at 6:30PM.***

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## Website

<http://www.centralpacorvairclub.org>



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In Facebook, search for **Central Pa. Corvair Club** and request to join group. Any questions, please contact Joe Darinsig at 717-668-4414.

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We would like to welcome our newest members, **Danny and Holly Kirk**. They live in Shermans Dale, PA. Danny is planning to attend the Pocono event along with others from the club. Hopefully, with his car which is currently being gone over at the Corvair Ranch. His 1963 Monza 900 Convertible was his fathers for 28 years and he just bought it from him. *We all look forward to meeting them.*

## The Corvair Society of America (CORSA)

"Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair automobile"



Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (CPCC) strongly encourages all members to become members of the **Corvair Society of America (CORSA)**. Anyone with a fondness of the Corvair automobile will benefit from CORSA membership. In addition, we will all benefit by maintaining a strong national presence to lobby our interests and organize our collective purposes.

PLEASE do not overlook the potential value of a CORSA membership. Try it out. Your first year will cost only \$45. If you share our enthusiasm for these superbly engineered and styled cars, why not join our Society today? Domestic dues are only \$45 for 1 year/\$90 for 26 months (two months free!) We are sure you will find it a worthy and rewarding investment!

Visit:

<https://www.corvair.org/index.php/membership/join-register-or-renew>  
to register online.

Corvair Society of America, P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, MN 55356(630) 403-5010  
Hours: 9AM - 5PM Email: [messages@corvair.org](mailto:messages@corvair.org)

## Do You Know Classic Cars?



Submitted by  
Dave Steigauf

If you think you know classic cars, here are some fun tests:  
<http://www.americantorque.com/game/car-show-50s/>

If that was fun, try this game...

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/tailfins/>

This one's a little harder:

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/dash-id-54-64/>

Good at those? How about this one:

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/automotive-history/>

Here's a fun one:

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/car-show-50s/>

Want to try some older cars?

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/car-show-40s/>

How about some even older cars?

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/1930s-cars/>

## Get Ready for CORVAIR Season with new attire!

We have new designs and products: T-Shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, beanies and hats. All available to be ordered for the start to your car shows and driving tours.

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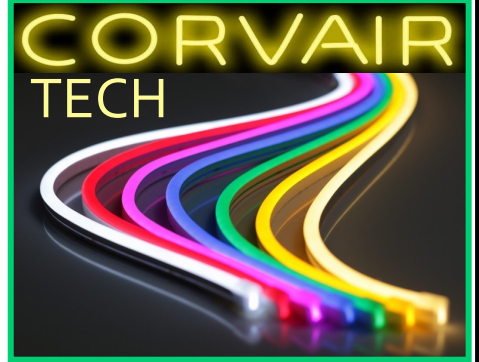
## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

### UPCOMING EVENTS

| JULY   |  | Note: ** New Time Update |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| 3      | <b>Cars, Coffee and Bikes at the Battlefield Harley Davidson Dealership</b> on Rt.30 & Cavalry Field Rd., 8-11am. Free.  |                          |
| 3      | <b>Motor Menders Show at Brookside Park</b> , 9am-3pm, Dover PA. Registration \$15.00.   |                          |
| 4      | <b>Jacobus Blast Car Show</b> , 12-4pm, Jacobus PA. Registration \$5.00.   |                          |
| 10     | <b>Cruise In Car show at the EMMR</b> , \$10 donation. Jeff Golden, 717-873-5091. Drag Racers Reunion Weekend.   |                          |
| 11     | <b>Road Angels Car Show, Middle Bucks Institute of Technology</b> , 2740 York Road, Jamison, PA 18929. Time: 9am-3:30pm. Price: \$20 day of show for cars. \$5 for walk-ins. Street rods, rat rods, customs, muscle cars, trucks and antiques welcome. Vehicles must be 1989 or earlier. Door prizes, 50/50, music, etc. Coffee & donuts for early birds until 8am. Contact Al Tursi at altursi@gmail.com Website: www.roadangelsdoylestown.com.   |                          |
| 13 **  | <b>CPCC Regular Monthly Meeting</b> at Hoss's Restaurant in West York, PA. Dinner at 5:30PM with meeting beginning at 6:30PM.  |                          |
| 16     | <b>Hanover Street Rod Club Cruise Nights at Markets of Hanover</b> . 3-7pm \$1 donation.   |                          |
| 23     | <b>Motor Menders Rod &amp; Custom 2021 Cruise Nights at the Markets at Shrewsbury</b> , 4-8pm All vehicles Welcome. Hundreds of custom vehicles are on display. Dash Plaques to the first 125 registered cars and 3 trophies are awarded during the car show. Cars on trailers will not be permitted in the show area. Come on down and take a step back in time, enjoy "oldies" music, and step inside The Markets for a quick bite to eat as well. There is a small fee to cover the cost of security for the event itself. \$1 donation.  |                          |
| 23     | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show</b> , St. Philip Neri Church, 1325 Klinerd Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073. Time: 4-9pm. Prices: \$15.00 Pre-Register (must be received by June 30, 2021) \$20.00 after deadline. Registration on the day of the Car Show begins at 3pm. Cars selected for awards must be on site by 7pm. Awards will be presented at 8 PM. Must be present to win. Great food, music, awards, door prizes, and more. Online registration available and flyer available at spnparish.org Contacts: Shirley Misiak, Office Manager, St. Philip Neri Church, Phone: 215-679-9275 (9am-3pm) or Peter 215-679-6942 or Bill 215-896-5949 with any questions.   |                          |
| 24     | <b>Crabbs Tropical Treat Drive-In</b> , Rt.94 Hanover, PA. 4-8pm, \$1 donation.  |                          |
| 31     | <b>Warren LeVeque Memorial High Performance Driving Day</b> . Location: Pocono Raceway, 1234 Long Pond Drive, Long Pond, PA 18334. Time: 7am-5pm. Price: \$299 per driver if paid on or before July 17; \$350 per driver after July 17. Hosted by the Northeast Corvair Council a.k.a. NECC Motorsports. Our high-performance driving event consists of tech inspection, group driving sessions and open-track driving sessions throughout the day. Timed laps begin midafternoon. No transponders necessary; we'll be using a computerized stop watch timing system with two timers on each car. Complete information and online registration here: www.neccmotorsports.com.  |                          |
| 31     | <b>Warren LeVeque Memorial Corvair Show</b> . Location: Pocono Raceway, 1234 Long Pond Drive, Long Pond, PA 18334. Time: 9am-3 pm. Rain or shine. Price: \$0. That's Zero! On Saturday July 31, the Northeast Corvair Council a.k.a. NECC Motorsport will be having a Corvair Car Show in conjunction with our usual performance driving event at Pocono Raceway. The show field will be in the Pocono North Course paddock right in front of the North Course garages. The show includes lunch-time parade laps around the North Course. People's Choice judging. Please register for NECC's All-Corvair Show at Pocono Raceway! Do it here - <a href="http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/pocono_corvair_show.php">http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/pocono_corvair_show.php</a> . On-site registration will be available but please, Please, PLEASE, pre-register in advance. We really need to know the approximate number of Corvairs that will be on display. Don't worry if, for some reason, you need to cancel your plan to be in the show. The entry price is \$Zero, so there's nothing to lose. Complete details on our website <a href="http://www.neccmotor sports.com">www.neccmotor sports.com</a> or contact Brian O'Neill, <a href="mailto:bmoneill@juno.com">bmoneill@juno.com</a> ; (973) 729 5586, <a href="mailto:bmoneill@juno.com">bmoneill@juno.com</a> Show. <a href="https://www.wghsea.org/">https://www.wghsea.org/</a> . |                          |
| 31     | <b>Third Annual Cruisin' for Cats Car Show</b> at Columbia Animal Shelter, 265 South 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, Columbia, PA, , 10am-2pm, Food, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle. Event is free to attend, vehicle registration as follows: Pre-Registration \$15.00   Registration at door \$20.00. All proceeds benefit the Columbia Animal Shelter. Rain date: Sunday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> .   |                          |
| AUGUST |  |                          |
| 1      | <b>Maaco Collision &amp; Painting</b> , 9am-3pm, 735 Carlisle Street, Hanover, PA.   |                          |
| 6-8    | <b>Corvairs at Das Awkscht Fescht</b> , 50 Popular Street, Macungie, PA, Lehigh Valley Corvair Club. See additional information on Pg. 10.   |                          |
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## The Preventive Maintenance Series *by Mike Dawson*



### Diagnosing Brakes That Pull to One Side

There are many reasons that brakes can pull to one side or the other. Use the following list as a guide to diagnosing the problem, but keep in mind that thinking that a certain item cannot be the issue since it is supposed to be new, may be misleading. It is always best to pretend you have never seen the car before and are starting fresh in addressing a problem.

**Do the quick easy stuff first:** Loose wheel bearings can let the toe in change when you use the brakes; miss-matched tires or tire pressure can also affect braking. Use a temperature gun to check side to side and front to rear. Drive the car enough to get the brakes equally hot and check at the same spot on each drum. You can lie on the ground and hit a similar spot on drums or backing plates. The hot side is doing more work, but it could be because it is dragging or because the other side is not working. In lieu of a temperature gun you can make stops on gravel or a dirty or sandy street while you or an assistant check which wheel(s) tend to lock up. A rear brake problem can make the car pull and appear to be in the front, so diagnose this area carefully. Once you know if it is front or rear and read through the following items you should be able to remedy the problem.

**Initial Inspection:** After you have determined if the problem is front or rear, pull both drums and do visual inspections of the shoes, looking for unequal wear patterns, fluids, different colors, unequal dust build up, broken springs etc. If nothing immediately shows up, move on to the following.

**Sticking Wheel Cylinder Pistons:** Early models through mid '64 had aluminum pistons. These were prone to corrosion and would lock up when stored for long periods. The late models use a much improved sintered iron piston but if a lot of moisture gets in the system they too will stick. Look for a gap where the top of the shoes meet the anchor pin, a piston may have pushed through corrosion going out but the springs cannot pull it back. With the shoes off you should be able to move the wheel cylinder pushrods in and out against the wheel cylinder spring with hand pressure. With new wheel cylinders available for \$25 each I would highly recommend replacing them in pairs if you find a leaking or sticking wheel cylinder.

**Aging Flexible Brake Hoses:** The interior of the hose is only 1/8" and it will either close completely or act like a one way valve if the crimped steel fittings rust and expand. Replace them in pairs and pay attention to where the new hoses move to when you turn the front wheels to the lock or raise the rear of the car off of the ground.

**Broken, Relaxed or Miss-matched Brake Springs:** Unless you are experienced in Corvaire brakes it is hard to identify if they are mismatched, but look from side to side for anything different in return springs and check the hold down nail lengths. Broken springs will be noticeable, but you will need to remove the return springs to check for relaxed coils that may leave a gap where the shoe meets the anchor pin. In the rear a gap at the top may indicate a frozen parking brake cable.

**Fluid on the Shoes:** Brake fluid or grease on drums & shoes can make them either slip or lock up depending on how much brake dust is available. Even fingerprints of fluid or grease can cause a problem so after a brake job be sure you have cleaned fingerprints off of shoes and drums. Over-packed wheel bearings with cheap grease or bad seals in the front or rear can let oil get out into the drums and on to the shoes. Use quality wheel bearing grease and new seals in the front and if you pack late rear wheel bearings with the fitting method you should pull the drums and check after a highway test drive. Early model rears also need good seals and quality grease (do not pack the area between the bearings completely full). Recheck after a test drive at highway speed.

**Miss-matched Shoes:** Corvaire brake shoes have a front and rear shoe for each wheel that are not the same. The front shoe (primary) for late models is shorter and usually thinner than the rear shoe which does more braking. Quality shoes have different material in the primary and secondary shoes. The shoes must be installed in the correct order or the friction area for the rear shoe will be inadequate and pulling can occur. If both sets of shoes are installed wrong on both sides then pulling may not occur but braking will be reduced. Early model shoes were also designed with a secondary and primary shoe but re-built shoes and the new Chinese shoes may all be the same size and material. Not the best situation but installed correctly they should work OK.

**Miss-matched Drums (inside diameter):** Shoes and drums do not perfectly match in their diameters when new and require a break-in period during which the area of the shoe being used starts off at about 50% (or less) in the center of the shoe, and expands as break-in continues until the diameters are equal. If one drum has either worn or been turned significantly more than the other, the break-in period is unequal and pulling can occur the entire time.

**Hot Spots or Rust in Drums:** In our humidity it is not uncommon for drums to rust and require some cleaning or just drive time for self cleanup to occur. Heat spots will glaze and if enough surface area is affected, it can cause grabbing or pulling. Heat spots cannot be removed by turning and would need to be ground down first and then turned or they will be bumps in the drum surface.

**Adjustment:** As noted above, the contact area widens as shoes are broken in but the self adjusting feature may be unable to compensate as it only adjusts a tiny amount each time you back up and stop. Be sure your adjustment with new brakes is the same on each side or pulling can occur, and be prepared to do a second adjustment if the pedal is low after a break-in period. Manual adjusting brakes obviously require attention when the pedal is low and the adjustment must be the same from side to side.

**Parking Brake Cables:** This becomes an issue due to age and degraded boots that do not keep water out of the casings. A cable on one side can start freezing up inside the casing and start dragging one set of shoes. The drum on that side may be hard to get off and the shoes will not be up against the anchor pin.

**Bad Suspension Components:** This could be a bad bushing that shifts under braking or a tie rod end that lets the toe change significantly. Badly worn ball joints can shift under braking. Fifty (plus) year old suspension parts need to be checked carefully and greased properly.

**Front or Rear Wheel Alignment:** Toe-in is adjustable on the front and rear of all Corvaire and can have an effect on braking as well as drifting as you drive. Unequal camber or castor can make the car drift and then pull

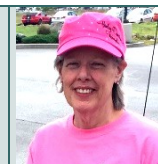
### PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

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## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

### Secretary's Report for June 19, 2021

Submitted by  
Carol Trimper



The meeting was called to order by our President, JOHN Berkheimer at the CPCC Annual Potluck Picnic. See photos on Page 9.

#### Old Business:

- Dave Steigauf, gave a brief synopsis of Treasurer's Report. He informed us that six members had renewed membership since January 1, 2021. He will reimburse JOHN Berkheimer for purchase of Dick Peris award.
- Dave Steigauf made a motion for the club to send the Corvair Preservation (Corvair Museum) a check in the amount of \$100 to help support the museum. JOHN Berkheimer seconded the motion.
- Corvair Day:
  - JOHN Berkheimer will work options for award designs.
  - Bake Sale is being advertised in newsletter. Only two people will be needed to cover the table during the event. Please contact Carol Trimper if you are interested in helping out at the table.
  - Volunteers are URGENTLY needed for the day. Please contact Dave Steigauf or JOHN Berkheimer to sign up to help. Any time you can spare (1-2 hours or all day) to help would be greatly appreciated. We need people to relieve other members throughout the day. Help is also needed at registration, bake sale table, 50/50 tickets, prize table, parking, and many other areas.
  - Lou Trimper suggested that we print out membership forms and put them in the cars on Corvair Day.
  - Discussions were held on type of awards, how many awards, pricing, and judging at the event. Lou Trimper brought up that someone approached him last year and indicated that maybe club members should be exempt from receiving awards. Person felt that the awards should go to participants at the event and not club members. It was also discussed to possibly have one award to a club member. Further discussions on all the above will be continued at July meeting.
- Poconos Trip on July 31<sup>st</sup>:

Dave Steigauf indicated that he knows of five members driving up to the event. Participants of the event will be: JOHN Berkheimer, Lou Trimper, Danny Kirk, Bruce Culp, and Dave Steigauf. They will need to leave early as it is approximately a 2½ hour drive from Wrightsville area. Others from the Hanover and surrounding areas will need to leave earlier. NOTE: Preregister at [neccmotorsports.com](http://neccmotorsports.com), click on registration then Corvair show and fill in the requested information.

  - Lou offered that if anyone would like to go, but did not want to drive are welcomed to ride along with him.
  - Participants are highly encouraged to go online and pre-register otherwise you may have a long wait that morning.

#### New Business:

- ◆ JOHN Berkheimer shared that he received an email from Chris that he has a red Corsa Convertible for sale. It is out on E-Bay if anyone is interested in checking it out.
- ◆ July and August club meetings will be held at Hoss's Steak House in (West York) 2175 White St., York PA. The club will meet at 6pm for dinner. At 7pm the meeting will begin and we try to limit the meeting to one hour or less. Meetings are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Dates are: July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>. John and Sandy Johnson will call Hoss's to set up meetings.
- ◆ Discussion was held on an August event. Sandy Johnson will call Barry's Car Barn in Intercourse, PA to see dates available for us to visit the museum. Club members plan to meet at the Mountville Rutter's which is right off Route 30 on day of event. Finalization will be held at July meeting.

#### Attendees:

Lou & Carol Trimper, JOHN & Joyce Berkheimer, John & Sandy Johnson, Ron & Betty Hash, Tom & Becky Zinn, Jeff Stonesifer, MiLana Wright Dave Steigauf, Francis Lovett, Bruce Culp, Linda Enfield, and Rich Heisler and Family.



## Corvair Cooks Corner

### Patriotic Berry Trifle

Taken from Food Network internet site. Recipe by Sunny Anderson



#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup plus 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 pre-made angel food cake, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 pound cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups heavy cream, at room temperature
- 2 pints blueberries
- 2 pints strawberries, hulled and sliced

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Heat 1/4 cup sugar, the lemon juice and 1/4 cup water in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring, until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in the almond extract.
- ◆ Brush both sides of each slice of cake with the syrup. Cut the slices into 1-inch cubes.
- ◆ Beat the remaining 2/3 cup sugar and the cream cheese with a mixer on medium speed until smooth and light. Add the cream and beat on medium-high speed until smooth and the consistency of whipped cream.
- ◆ Arrange half of the cake cubes in the bottom of a 13-cup trifle dish. Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries. Dollop half of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread. Top with a layer of strawberries. Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberries, then sprinkle with more blueberries and top with the remaining cream mixture. Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries, arranging them in a decorative pattern. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

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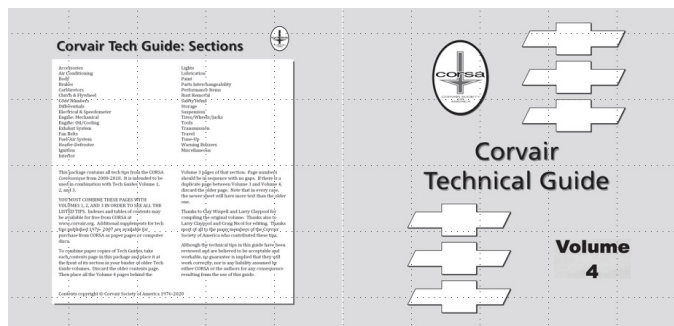
## CORSA NEWS

### Corvairst Museum—Virtual Tour

The Corvairst Museum, which moved to Glenarm, IL in November 2019, can now be seen via a virtual tour on CORSA's the youtube channel. The tour was filmed on May 27, 2021 during the mini-convention in Springfield, IL. Check it out for yourself at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6wAgQO9-g0>.



### Tech Guide Volume 4 - Released & Available for Purchase



**Corvairst Technical Guide Volume 4** features 221 tech topic articles published in the CORSA Communique magazine from 2008 through 2018. Topics range from Accessories to Tools and just about everything in between. Volume 4 expands upon the content of Volumes 1 through 3 and is published in the form of an 8.5 x 11 inch manual drilled for a three ring binder.

**Volumes 1 through 4 Combined.** CORSA is also offering all four Corvairst Technical Guides, all combined, in eBook form, on a single USB flash drive. We think this will appeal to new Corvairst enthusiasts who've never seen the Tech Guides before. You can purchase now all four Corvairst Technical Guides combined on a single USB Flash Drive. Over 900 pages long, it contains copies of all tech topic articles published in the CORSA Communique magazine from 1996 through 2018. Conveniently formatted as a searchable eBook, it's easy to navigate, just like a hardcopy. It features multi-level zoom capability and a full table of contents for all four books combined. 'Sorry, we can't offer this version in hardcopy form. At over 900 pages in length, it would be much to expensive to ship!

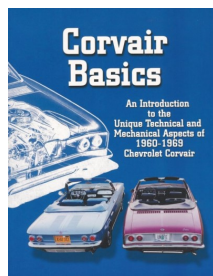


Interested? Go to [www.corvairst.org](http://www.corvairst.org), click on "Merchandise" and then click on "Other Merchandise". You'll see them listed on the top of the web page.

### Free Corvairst Basics Book for New Members

It's BACK! CORSA is once again providing a great incentive for new members to join our club. If you have never been a member of CORSA before, this is for you.

Between now and December 31, 2021, each new CORSA member will receive a free copy of Corvairst Basics - a 190 page technical manual for anyone new to Corvairst or thinking about Corvairst ownership. This



book is a compendium of articles written by acknowledged experts and covering all aspects of Corvairst repair, maintenance and restoration. This is an especially useful resource for anybody who is new to the Corvairst hobby. Please allow four weeks for shipping after you join CORSA. Not a member of CORSA? Please consider joining. We imagine that most of our existing members already have a copy of Corvairst Basics, but for those of you who don't, copies are available for purchase: For those of you who wish to purchase Corvairst Basics, visit [Corvairst.org](http://Corvairst.org) website for ordering instructions.

### Membership Price Break

We suspect there are a large number of Corvairst folks out there who'd join the Corvairst Society of America (CORSA) if the price was right. A number of Corvairst Facebook pages have thousands of followers. Why not get them on board with CORSA? So, this month, CORSA's Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion to do just that. It will become available at [www.corvairst.org](http://www.corvairst.org) on or about July 1. It's a temporary offer that will go away at the end of the year. Yes, existing "Virtual Members" of CORSA are also eligible to take advantage of this offer.

### You Shop at Amazon. Amazon Gives to CPF



by Rod Murray, Western Pennsylvania Corvairst Club

I want to pass along some important information for anyone who uses Amazon for their online shopping. Did you know that Amazon offers a charitable program that donates money from every sale back to designated 501c3 charity groups? It's true, it's easy to use, and it's no cost to you! It's called Amazon Smile, and it works just like Amazon, but uses a different access link and only requires users to designate their select charity. The link is <https://smile.amazon.com/> if you want to take a look and/or pre-load your designated charity...may I suggest Corvairst's own 501c3 non-profit arm, the CORVAIRST PRESERVATION FOUNDATION. To be fair, Amazon Smile's donation of .5% for every sale may seem small, but every penny adds up, and the greater the level of participation, the greater the value to the CPF! So far, this opportunity to help raise a few much-needed dollars for the CPF has been only lightly-promoted but I don't expect that to last. I encourage chapter officers, webmasters, and newsletter editors to actively promote Amazon Smile within your respective groups. And be sure to share with your family and friends. Again, every penny adds up, and this is an opportunity to do some good for the Corvairst Preservation Foundation.

### NOTE: Motion: (2021-01)

To offer new and existing CORSA members a reduction in the price of dues for One Year Virtual Membership. This is to be a temporary offer. After the expiration of the offer, dues for One Year Virtual Members will revert to the previous price.

- Price: \$25 for twelve months instead of the usual \$37.
- Eligibility: All new and existing CORSA members.
- Offer Period: July 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
- Effective date for new members: Membership will begin on the date payment is received.
- Effective date for existing members. Existing memberships will be extended twelve months beginning on the day after the existing memberships would otherwise expire.

### Limitations:

One-Time Only: Individuals can take advantage of the offer one time only. Repeated applications for the offer for the purpose of extending the price reduction over a series of years will not be allowed.

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# Getting to Know Your President

Taken from CPCC February 2008 Newsletter

Hi,

I'm John Berkheimer, from Hanover, married, wife Joyce. I have been a member of CPCC since the late 1970's. I didn't attend any meetings until 2006 and I do enjoy CPCC and plan to attend more functions in 2008.

My actual first car was a 1960 Corvaire four door. My mother purchased it for me in 1966, I was 16. I drove it for two years then sold it to my older sister and purchased my second Corvaire, the 1964 Spyder Convertible in 1968 which I currently have.



I drove it until December 1970 when I enlisted in the Navy. I parked the car for three months while in basic training. While on leave before going to school and my first duty station I decided to let my younger sister drive it since she needed a car. She used it until the inspection ran out in 1974 than parked it. My wife knew my sister and this car before I met her. In December 1974 I was discharged from the Navy and purchased a new 1975 Buick and left the Corvaire sit in my mother's garage. In the 80's I decided to start tearing the car apart. The tearing apart wasn't too hard but it took many years to start putting it back together. After many years of sitting in pieces, 90's to be exact I stripped

the old paint off the car to bare metal. A high school class mate of mine who was in the auto body business agreed reluctantly to take it to his shop and work on it as fill in work. After 18 months the body and paint work was complete and it looked pretty good. I still had a lot of work to do, so it sat for a few years at which time I licensed it and got insurance. It didn't run well at all so November of 2005 I took the car to R.P. Corvairs. At first he didn't think it needed rebuilt but after investigating he decided a full engine rebuild was in order, so be it. Prior to Christmas 2005 I drove the car home from R.P. Corvairs. It ran better than I remembered it ever did. Prior to the trip to the body shop and new paint, I added new brakes, wiring and many other new parts. In 2006 I had a new top installed and in the spring of 2007 I added a new interior. I did as much work myself, with the help of my brother.

Driving this car brings back a lot of fun memories from the late 60's. I enjoyed the challenge of restoring the car I've had since 1968 but it was probably more difficult since I took it apart in the 1980's. In the process I asked a lot of questions and my friend that owned the Auto Body Shop happens to own a 1963 Corvaire Convertible, which I looked at more than once. He did tell me after it was almost finished, that when he saw it on the mattress in my mother's garage he said to himself, "This car will never make it to the road again". I don't know if I'll ever be completely finished with it but I'm still having fun.



A rotisserie rack is nice to have but John proves with his Spyder that you don't need fancy equipment to get great results. The now famous Berkheimer 2x4 and a mattress method seems different but anyone that has seen the body on John's Spyder would have a hard time arguing the point for an expensive rotisserie. The photos show just how much body work was done on this car.



# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

## CPCC ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC

JUNE 19, 2021



**JOHN  
Berkheimer**

### *Tell us about Yourself*

**Can you tell us a little about yourself, family, profession? Anything about yourself?** JOHN Berkheimer Retired, Wife Joyce.

**How, who, what, when did you get interested in Corvairs?** Purchased my first Corvair when I was 16.

**How many Corvairs have you owned and how many do you currently own?** First Corvair purchased 1966. It was a 1960 four door. Second and current Corvair purchased 1969 – 1964 Spyder Convertible.

**Are you now, or have you been, a member of other Corvair clubs?** Member of Central PA Corvair Club since late 1970's and a member of CORSA since 1988.

**Have you attended any CORSA conventions? If so, when and where?** I attended 2018 CORSA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, entered the Concourse Scoring Silver, Modified 95.31.

**What is your special field of Corvair interest?** Don't really have a special field.

**Have you held any offices in Corvair clubs?** Currently President of CPCC.

**Tell us about your current Corvair projects.** My projects this year is to level engine, currently lower on left side. I need to figure out the problem when filling the gas tank, I must fill very slowly.

**What is the longest trip you have taken in your Corvair?** I drove to Pittsburgh, PA in 2018 to the convention and also in 2018 to Greensburg, PA for the AACA Grand National. I achieved a Senior Grand National at this show. I drove out old Route 30 to both events. The AACA event I had bias ply tires. I almost forgot, in 1969 I drove to Ocean City, MD which is the furthest I have driven my Corvair.

**If you could take anyone a ride in your Corvair, who would it be and why?**

I would take anyone who hasn't had the pleasure of riding in an antique car, especially a Corvair. When I took my niece and nephew a ride and they were young, they said the seat belts reminded them of Hershey Park rides. The window cranks were also new to them.

Note: To read more about John and his Corvair, check out "Memory Lane" on Page 8.

**Thank you JOHN for sharing your story.**

Thanks to Lou Trimper (our club photographer) for taking these photos.  
Great job!



## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

### PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

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when braking. Other temporary or long term issues could be wet shoes from deep water or hard rain (light pressure driving will dry them) or air trapped in one wheel cylinder or line. Dust buildup can cause noises and pulling.

And finally, brake shoe material has changed significantly since the original Delco Moraine asbestos shoes were available. Most shoes now are very hard material (lifetime warranty) and require more pedal effort. I have used less expensive shoes and had them work fine on one brake job and the next time they took a very long time before they seated and stopped pulling first to one side and then the other. Some exhibit a strong smell like burning plastic when they are hot (I still fondly remember the smell of hot asbestos). Obviously the best approach to 50 year old brakes is to completely replace wheel cylinders, brake hoses, hardware, shoes and steel lines where necessary. If you do a complete job, do not try to seat the brakes like the old days, making several long hard stops. It is best to just drive normally, seating the shoes over a period of time. Otherwise, you may experience fading, pulling and the objectionable smell of burning plastic, which some say is Kevlar.


**Note:** This article was taken from PCCA Flat Six May 2021 Newsletter. The original article appeared in the *VairCor* newsletter. Another awesome article from Mike Dawson.

*Special thanks to Mike for letting us share his article in our newsletter.*

## One of the Country's Largest Antique & Classic Car Shows

**NOW IN IT'S 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEASON!**

**August 6-8, 2021 Corvairs at Das Awkscht Fescht**, 50 Popular Street, Macungie, PA, Lehigh Valley Corvair Club, Saturday is "car club day" and LVCC has reserved a section just for Corvairs. Nearly 40 other car clubs participate each year, so this a great way to see not only Corvairs, but many other classics as well. If you have a Corvair, please sign up and put your car on display. You do not need to be a member of a car club to participate. Pre-registration only, deadline: July 1<sup>st</sup>. Price \$15 per day which includes a dash plaque and participation award. For a registration packet contact Randy Kohler, 3010 Woodlane Ave, Orefield, PA 18069, or phone at 484-239-2067, or email at rjk-vair@aol.com. You can also visit Das Awkscht Fescht website: <https://awkscht.com> if you would like more information about all activities. You can also attend all three days of car displays, flea market, car corral, musical entertainment, and food. Visit website <https://awkscht.com/>.



**PLEASE NOTE  
THE  
MEETING  
TIME  
CHANGE**

**IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE REMINDER:**

CPCC Monthly July and August meetings at Hoss's in West York has been changed to the following:

**EAT: 5:30PM  
MEETING: 6:30PM**

Restaurant now closes at 8PM.



### Birthday's

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Holly Kirk      | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Joe Darinsig    | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Manny Motashaw  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| David Ressler   | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| JOHN Berkheimer | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Neal Lutz       | 28 <sup>th</sup> |

### Anniversary

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| David & D'Ann Ressler | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
|-----------------------|------------------|

Donations for our Bake Sale table are needed. Items should be pre-packaged (i.e. two to six items (cookies, brownies) in a sandwich bag depending on size). Please let Carol Trimper know what you are planning to bring so she can include your item on the price list.

## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

# Corvair Day Bake Sale

SATURDAY, SEPT 18  
9AM - 3PM



COOKIES - CAKES - PIES - CUPCAKES  
CHIPS - CANDY - AND MUCH MORE!

MORE INFO CONTACT: CAROL TRIMPER @ LCL@PA.NET

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SALVATION ARMY OF HARRISBURG, YORK, AND LANCASTER COUNTIES, AND THE SGT MAC FOUNDATION

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# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

## CORSA *(Continued from Page 6)*

- Free Gifts: Members signing up for the offer will not receive free gifts that would otherwise be accorded to them. Example: the existing Corvaire Basics book offer for brand-new members. This will continue to be provided to new members selecting the full membership only.
- Magazines: Full Members who apply for any level of Virtual Membership (including the Offer) will immediately stop receiving copies of the CORSA Communique magazine in the mail. (This has always been the case but we mention it here for clarity).
- No Refunds to Facilitate Transition: We will not issue refunds of dues paid by Full Members to facilitate transitions from Full to any level of Virtual Membership (including the Offer). Offer is only good during this time period. No refunds for prior purchase of membership.

**Background:**

- Financially, dues collected from Virtual Members at the usual \$37 rate subsidize the costs of preparing, printing and mailing hardcopies of the CORSA Communique magazine. Reducing the price to \$25 would require the Society to compensate by drawing on its financial reserves, all other things being equal. However, this motion is premised on the possibility that the discount will attract a sufficient number of new members such that overall dues revenue will remain relatively stable. In addition, it is hoped that those new members will remain with CORSA after the annual dues revert to \$37, thereby providing a long-term financial benefit to CORSA. As a matter of fairness, the offer is also being extended to existing CORSA members. It will, however, be marketed to attract new members. The offer time frame will cover the holidays for gift giving and enable new members to attend the convention.

### Did You Know?

- CORSA is now accepting payment via PayPal as well as the traditional credit card method.

### CORSA Apparel

- A couple of months ago, CORSA engaged a company named "Primo Design" to design and sell CORSA apparel on our behalf. Like the tech guides, you can buy CORSA apparel through the Merchandise pages on the CORSA website. Have you purchased any of the new apparel from Primo? If so, what do you think about the quality of the products and the quality of service? We'd like some feedback. Email Allan Lacki at [redbat01@verizon.net](mailto:redbat01@verizon.net).

NewsLetter  
DEADLINE

Due no later than 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Corvaire Ranch

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| <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> <i>(continued from Page 3)</i> |  |
|---|--|
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                                      |  |
| <b>11</b>   | <b>Cars, Coffee and Bikes at the Battlefield Harley Davidson Dealership on Rt.30 &amp; Cavalry Field Rd., 8-11am. Free.</b>  |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>Hanover Street Rod Club Cruise Nights at Markets of Hanover. 3-7pm \$1 donation.</b>  |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>42<sup>nd</sup> Annual CPCC Corvaire Day at Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR), 9am-3pm, 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372, Use GPS address for Latimore Valley Fairgrounds (which is part of EMMR) 314 Latimore Valley Road, York Springs, PA 17372. Event will feature: Bake Sale, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and dash plaques. Food available to purchase: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks, and much more. Free Indoor/Outdoor Vendor set-up available.</b>  |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>Crabbs Tropical Treat Drive In, Rt.94 Hanover, PA. 4 - 8pm, \$1 donation.</b>   |
| <b>24</b>   | <b>Motor Menders Rod &amp; Custom 2021 Cruise Nights at the Markets at Shrewsbury, 4-8pm All vehicles Welcome. Hundreds of custom vehicles are on display. Dash Plaques to the first 125 registered cars and 3 trophies are awarded during the car show. Cars on trailers will not be permitted in the show area. Come on down and take a step back in time, enjoy "oldies" music, and step inside The Markets for a quick bite to eat as well. There is a small fee to cover the cost of security for the event itself. \$1 donation.</b> |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>  |  |
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**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB**



42<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Corvair Day**  
hosted by  
Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club

*This is a Corvair Only Show.  
Winners must be present to receive awards.*

**WHEN**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**  
**9AM - 3PM** *(Rain or Shine)*



**REGISTRATION**  
**9am - 12pm**  
**PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 31, 2021**  
**\$12 Pre-Registration**  
**\$15 Door**

**WHERE**  
**Eastern Museum of Motor Racing**

**100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372**  
*\*GPS Address for Latimore Valley Fairgrounds (a part of EMMR)*  
**314 Latimore Valley Road, York Springs, PA 17372** *(map on back of this flyer)*

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR**  
**VENDOR SET-UP FREE**

**FEATURING** • Bake Sale • Food: hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and much more • Silent Auction • 50/50 • Free Dash Plaques • Door Prizes •

**PROCEEDS**  
All proceeds from this event go to Salvation Army of Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster counties and Sgt. Mac Foundation.

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**Corvair Day Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Friend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attending Children: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION:**

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ BODY: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ BODY: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:**

|  | Quantity | Pre-Registration | Day Of Registration | Total    |
|--|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Registration/People's Choice (Per Car) | _____    | \$12.00          | \$15.00             | \$ _____ |

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

|                                       |       |                   |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| CORSA (New Membership)                | _____ | NA                | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club NEW | _____ | 1 Year = \$16.00  |         |          |
| RENEWAL                               | _____ | 2 Years = \$30.00 |         | \$ _____ |

**CHECK or MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:**  
Central PA Corvair Club, c/o Dave Steigauf, 599 Westfield Drive, Landisville, PA 17538

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

## ABOUT C.P.C.C.

The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair and Corvair powered vehicles. We provide knowledge about the Corvair to our members and other car enthusiasts, as well as hold monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings for the enjoyment of our members.

C.P.C.C. is Chapter #170 of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Dues for C.P.C.C. are \$16.00 per year or two years for \$30.00, which must be sent in the form of a check or money order payable to "C.P.C.C." and mailed to C.P.C.C. Treasurer, c/o Dave Steigauf, 599 Westfield Drive, Landisville, PA 17538. Please include CPCC Membership Application form along with your check.

It is suggested that C.P.C.C. members also become members of CORSA, the national organization. CORSA dues are \$45.00 per year. Dues may be sent to Corvair Society of America, P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota USA 55356 or online at <http://members.corvair.org>.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Carol Trimper at 30 Wheaton Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340.

All other club inquiries should be directed to the C.P.C.C. Secretary, Earl Holmes, 1511 Hicks Drive, Dauphin, PA 17018.



**The Four Wheel Independent**  
c/o Carol Trimper  
30 Wheaton Drive  
Littlestown, PA 17340



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