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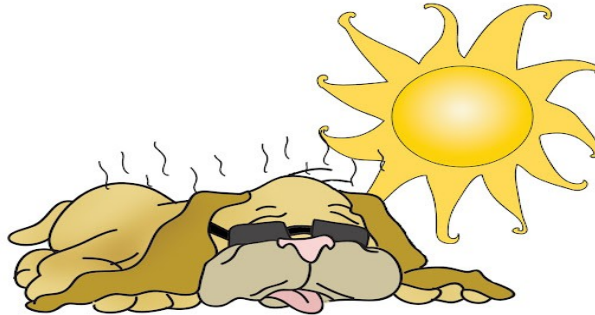
Mid Maryland Corvair Club

Corsa Chapter 217

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August 2021



From the President

"August is a gentle reminder for not doing a single thing from your new year resolution for seven months and not doing it for the next five. - Crestless Wave
I hope everyone is taking precautions with our extended summer heat wave.

We had a great 'in person' club meeting on 07/14/21 Wednesday evening in the front parking lot at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall with about 14 members attending. Speaking of Wednesday evenings, we had a majority vote to now change our monthly club meeting day to Thursday from this point forward to allow our excellent secretary, Carletta, the ability to attend our meetings, whereas, she now works Wednesday evenings with her new job. And, the majority of our members wanted to have another "outside" meeting in August. So, our August meeting will be 08/12/21, Thursday evening, from "6-8 PM" at Utica Park, 10200-B Old Frederick Rd., Frederick, MD, which is off Rt. 15, north of Frederick. We moved the meeting time up to 6 PM due to the shorter day light time period. We will meet at Shelter #1 in the center of the park (stay on main road in park, when road goes into long downward right curve, shelter is on left). If this shelter is being used, we will move to Shelter #2, and so on since there are 6 covered shelters at this park). There is a map on the park website if you wish to review the park's amenities. Donnie presented to the club, a large CORSA metal emblem that was digitally cut by a photo of the emblem. The detail is as accurate as the original emblem itself. Donnie handed out business cards telling us the business is fairly new, offers excellent pricing and is local. Speaking with Ron, we have made the decision to hold our club picnic on Sunday 09/26/21, 2 PM at our same location of Middletown Memorial Park, 300 S. Church St, Middletown, MD. We have the picnic shelter reserved. At our August meeting, we will then discuss member elections and sign up for items to bring to the picnic. It was also good to see new member Tom Hornick and his son David, drive into our meeting from Ellicott City with their beautiful 1966 red Corsa convertible to attend our meeting. Great to have you both onboard! Happy Vairing!

Tom - Club President



Here are our weather alerts for our next two upcoming events:

08/12/21 Club meeting at Utica Park. Rain date will be the following Thursday evening 08/19/21 6-8 PM

09/26/21 Club picnic at Middletown Memorial Park. This will be a rain or shine event since payment was made to reserve the picnic shelter.

Financial Report From Bob Millard

There are some pending dues payments. Before these get credited, the balance is the same as last month: \$1,427.18

A reminder to our club members that our \$15.00 annual club member fee is now due.

For those that paid in July, thank you very much!

Tom



Check This Out – Ron Moss

There is a very positive article by Craig Fitzgerald about the two Corvair show cars, the Monza GT and the Monza SS, that appeared in the July 5, 2021 Hagerty Magazine blog. There are lots of pictures of these stunningly beautiful cars - check it out at the following link- https://www.hagerty.com/media/car-profiles/twins-corvair-monza-gt-and-monza-ss-concept-cars/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Saturday_RoadTrip_Make_Model_Version&hashed_email=0fa40cb1e5d2bbe8df10fa4730d77b9abb7615b532a799ed214e4fb3aa6a05a9

Today's Corvair Story from Ron Moss

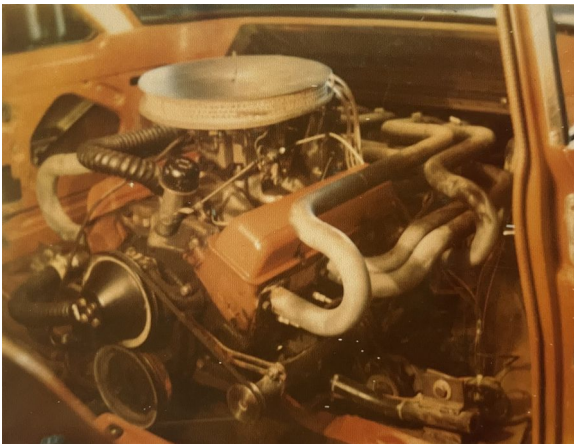
Hi there Corvair fans, here's today's Corvair story from our friends at Hemmings. When Richard Lintenello departed the magazine, I was afraid that articles about Corvairs would go away. But not to worry, it seems that Daniel Strohl and others are keeping those articles on our favorite air cooled Chevys coming. See this blog that appeared today on Hemmings.com, There were 17 comments on the page already so check them out and if you have an earlier example - go to the webpage and chime in!

Could this have been the first Chevrolet Corvair powered by a small-block V-8?

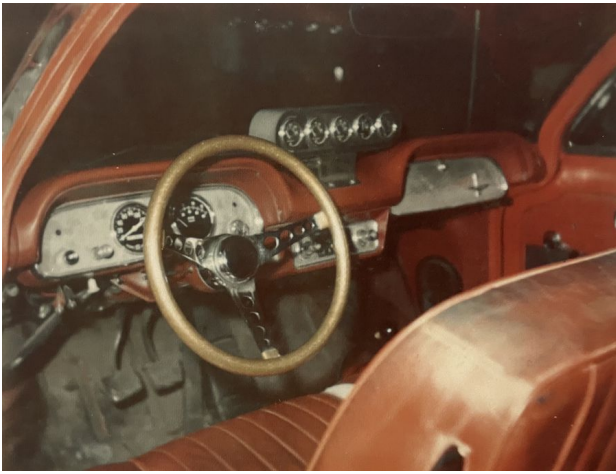
By Daniel Strohl on Jul 21st, 2021 at 9:00 am



Eighty-year-old Lee Egleston can say for sure that the 1963 Chevrolet Corvair that he once owned was the most dangerous car he ever drove. Not because of the swing-axle rear suspension that Ralph Nader found fault with (or, at least, not just because of the swing-axle rear suspension). Rather, what made it the most dangerous car he ever drove was the 327-cu.in. small-block Chevrolet V-8 that he put right where the rear seats should have been. "It was just another one of my hare-brained ideas," he said. The idea came about, according to Egleston, in 1968, after he removed the perfectly good 327 from a 1965 Chevrolet that had other mechanical issues and looked around for something to do with the small-block. He already owned the Corvair, but he wanted more power from it than the stock air-cooled six-cylinder could provide, but how to mate one to the other?



Fortunately, he had access to all the tools he needed to fabricate mounts and adapters in his family's metal fabrication shop. But if he were to simply mount the 327 to the Corvair's transaxle, he'd have an extremely tail-heavy vehicle. Plus, he'd either have to rebuild the 327 as a reverse-rotation engine or flip the diff because the Corvair engine rotates opposite pretty much every other internal combustion engine out there. Instead, he decided to mount the 327 in a mid-engine configuration by removing the Corvair transaxle's front cover cap and replacing the main transmission shaft with the input shaft from a standard transmission. With the help of a 1/2-inch-thick adapter plate, he then bolted a stock Chevrolet bellhousing to the front of the transaxle and the 327 to the bellhousing. "The transmission in the Corvair never moved," he said. "That way, I could keep the shift linkage and everything else all the same."



To cool the 327, he fit a Cobra radiator under the decklid. Headers, gauges from the 1965 Chevrolet, custom front engine mounts were all it took to get the Corvair running again. He didn't even bother installing a separator between the engine and cabin. "You needed the windows open to drive it," he said. "That Indy-style exhaust generated so much heat it was mind-boggling. That, and the noise." One also needed a set of brown pants to drive the Corvair. "Because the car had those swing axles in back, as soon as the torque hit the rear wheels, it would rock the car to the left and change the caster on the rear wheel," Egleston said. "You'd have to turn the steering wheel hard to the left to keep it under control."



The entire article and pictures exceeded the limit for my previous email so here is the rest of the story Ron

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Egleston got to enjoy the Corvair for about six months before a divorce forced him to sell it off. He kept in touch with the subsequent owner, who shipped off to the Army after getting in trouble with the law and left the Corvair behind parked at his grandmother's house. The grandmother, according to Egleston, got tired of it sitting around and had the junkman haul it away. Egleston didn't see the Corvair go through the crusher, but he assumed as much. "It was a fun car to build," he said. "And it was a fun and interesting and scary car to drive. It had way more power than what a person needed. Maybe if I'd have started with a later independent rear suspension Corvair, it would have been a better car to drive, but the '63 is what I had." Other mid-engine small-block Corvairs have popped up since then, but Egleston believes his was the first. Is he right



First Hose Company of Boonsboro Car Show

3417 Rohrersville Rd (Rt. 67)

Rohrersville, MD

Fire Station 8

Saturday, August 7th, 9 am to 3pm

Trophies for all classes and dash plates for first 50 cars

\$10 Registration Fee



WE ARE HAVING OUR 31ST FSCC ALL CORVAIR CAR SHOW

Saturday, August 14, 2021

9:00a – 3:00p

Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road,, Wilmington, DE 19808

We have been working hard to get this show off the ground and we have gotten the OK from Limestone Presbyterian Church to have the show in their parking lot. Yay!

We will not be using the inside of the Church except for the restrooms. The Church has yet to open and services continue to be virtual.

There will be a small hospitality outside with some goodies and water to drink. We will, again, offer some subs for lunch.

Attached is the registration form for the show. I will have plenty of registration forms at the show, as well. This year it might take a little longer at registration, but there is no rush. By the time the music and door prizes start everyone will be registered, have their door prize tickets and will be having fun.

I hope that you will be able to join us on August 14, 2021. Please pass on to other Corvaair enthusiasts that we are having a 2021 show.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email/phone/text. email - pziegler@udel.edu

Fondly, Patsy



Anyone out east in Ellicott City, they've started a 1st & 3rd Sunday in the historic area of Old Ellicott City.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/312432660457659/permalink/353232323044359/>

Cheers.

Tom & David Hornik

1965 Corsa



We just received word that the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show has been approved by the Rockville City Council. Registration is now open at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show-tickets-163316294433>

For information about the event or to get a mail-in registration form, go to the Rockville City events site: <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events>

Remember, Group Corvair is a sponsoring club and we have our own dedicated section for Corvairs. Corvairs get a lot of attention from the spectators, so this is a great way to show off the cars (and vans and trucks) and gain membership.

(There's an organizing meeting in August; we'll pass on any news regarding Covid-19 restrictions or other developments.)

Jim Simpson Group Corvair



I want to invite all interested Corvair owners to join me at the 36th Annual Vehicle Show at Rose Hill Manor, 1611 N. Market St. Frederick, MD on Saturday, August 21, 2021 sponsored by the FSK Antique Car Club. Again this year, there will be a separate Corvair Class with First and Second Place Trophies awarded. This year's trophies are unique and I am sure you don't have one that looks like these. I am pleased to sponsor this class so I would like to see a whole bunch of Corvairs roll onto the show field. Registration runs from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Participant voting runs from 10:30 to 12:30 with Award Ceremony around 2pm. Dash plaques for the first 150 registrants. Top 25 trophies awarded by voting. 2 Best of Show Awards for Pre 1967 and post 1966 (winners selected by FSKACC panel).

If you register before August 14, the fee is \$10.00. Registration fee at the gate on show date is \$15.00. I will have registration forms on hand for the Rohrersville Show on August 7, and the Club meeting on August 12. Please see me to sign up and I will get your registration to the club. I have also attached a copy of the form if you can't attend either of these dates.

Rain date for this show is Sunday August 22. All proceeds benefit Frederick County Hospice, Frederick County Alzheimers Association and the Rose Hill Children's Museum and Historic Park. This show is only one part of Rose Hill Days - also on the grounds that day will be a World War II re-enactors compound, an Antique Tractor Show and tours of Rose Hill Manor, the home of Maryland's First Governor.

Other Planned Activities, Flea Market, food truck, ice cream truck, snowballs, music, raffles.

Hope to see you there! Ron Moss Mid Maryland Corvair Club



CORVAIR DAY is just around the corner. Listed below are some areas on where you can help the club:

Register Now: I have attached a copy of our CPCC Corvair Day Registration Form. If you would like to pre-register, please fill out attached form and mail to Dave Steigauf. Pre-registering will help Dave with having our registrations complete and give him more time for ones that show up on Corvair Day. This way, it will make things run a little more smoothly for all of us. Mail registrations to below address. Any questions can be directed to Dave at below phone number or email address.

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Terry Glendenning 08/22



Robb & Lucinda Jones 08/02
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