

## DRIPPY LEAKS & FLYIN" FANBELTS

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# Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



#### From the President

"September days are here with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." - Helen Hunt Jackson

With all the hot days of summer now behind us, our Corvairs should enjoy the cooler weather as much as we do. Fall is such a gorgeous time to take Corvair rides, for no particular reason other than to 'enjoy the ride'. We held our August meeting on Thursday evening, 08/19/21 at Utica park with a small number of members in attendance. A majority vote decided to allow all elected members to retain their title position for another year. Keep in mind there will be no September club meeting since we have our club picnic scheduled for Sunday, 09/26/21, 2 PM, rain or shine at Middletown Memorial Park. Please respond to our secretary's e-mail regarding attendance and food item you can bring. Since we will be celebrating our club's 40th anniversary, feel free to bring any old photos or articles you wish to share with us. Our menu will again include fried chicken, hot dogs, side dishes, desserts and, of course, our club anniversary cake. I hope all our club members have the opportunity to attend and enjoy some good food and good catch up social time as well.

Happy Vairing!

Tom - Club President



Labor Day 2021 will occur on Monday, September 6. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events.

**Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?** Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters.

In the late 1800s, at the height of the <u>Industrial Revolution</u> in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous <u>Haymarket Riot</u> of 1886, in which several <u>Chicago</u> policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in <u>New York City</u>, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed

legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, <a href="mailto:employees">employees</a> of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by <u>Eugene V. Debs</u>, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

**Who Created Labor Day?** In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President <u>Grover Cleveland</u> signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

**Labor Day Celebrations** Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season.



## **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!



# Mid Maryland Corvair Club Annual Picnic Celebrating 40 years

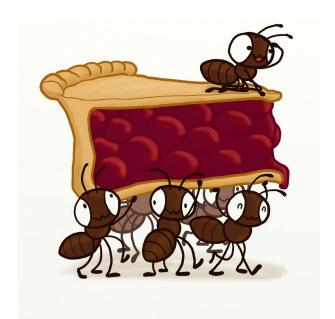
### **Middletown Memorial Park**

The Memorial Park is located behind the Harp Medical Center at the intersection of South Church Street (Rt. 17) and Franklin Street.

Sunday, September 26, 2021 2:00 pm

Rain or shine Chicken and Hot Dogs will be provided

Please email me at <a href="mailto:snope2@comcast.net">snope2@comcast.net</a> and let me know if you and yours are attending. I need a need count and what you are bringing to share





#### **Rohersville Fire House Show 8.7.2020**













Dick Kaetzel won first place Ron Moss won second place

Total of 18 Corvairs were present.

# October's Meeting will be at

Utica District Park 10200-B Old Frederick Road Frederick, MD 21701 6pm – 8pm

### Mark Your Calenders

42 annual Corvair Days
Hosted by Central Pa Corvair Club
September 18, 2021
9am – 3pm
Rain or Shine
Eastern Museum of Motor Racing
100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, Pa 17372

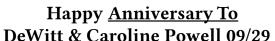




10/03/21 Lincoln Highway Jubilee Event, Sunday, 12 to 2 PM at Caledonia State Park, 40 Rocky Mountain Rd., Fayetteville, PA 17222 Jeff Stonesifer of the Corvair Ranch to give a brief presentation of the last section of the Lincoln Highway to be paved with concrete between Gettysburg & Hanover. Pack or bring a lunch. Jeff to speak at noon but the event hours are 9 AM to 3 PM.



<u>Happy Birthday To</u> Bob McNamara 09/04





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