

# The Four Wheel Independent

## Corvair Day

### A Great Success!



Our Mascot for the day



"Ruger"



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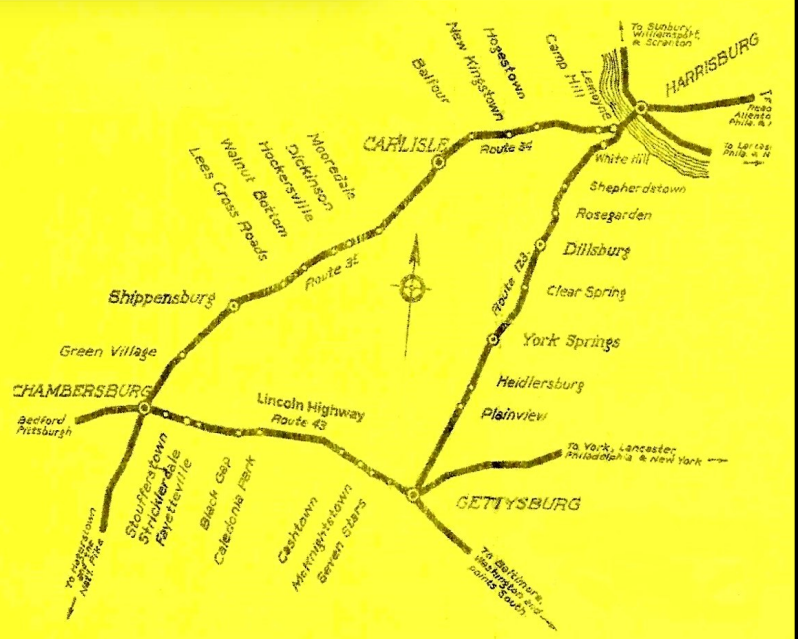
<http://www.centralpacorvairclub.org/>

**Join Us!**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the**  
**Good Roads Triangle Tour Jubilee**  
**12 noon**

Hosted by the PA Chapter Lincoln Highway Association  
Contact Jeff Stonesifer at  
[LHA.pa.jeff@gmail.com](mailto:LHA.pa.jeff@gmail.com) or call 717-654-2463  
with any questions.

Everyone will be meeting at the front parking lot at the traffic light at Caledonia Park. There will be space roped off for old cars. This will be low key event and no food provided. Bring a picnic lunch if you like.



# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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## *Treasurer's Report* *September 2021*



*Submitted by  
Dave Steigauf*

Here is a quick breakdown of Corvair Day.

Money received:

\$585.00 Registration  
\$96.00 50/50  
\$106.00 Bake Sale  
\$176.00 Silent Auction  
\$20.00 Donation from A & L Corvair

After deducting all expenses we turned a profit of \$277.33. We always try to break even or possibly make a small profit, so this years event was a success. I would like to thank everyone who showed up and especially all those who volunteered to help out with the show. We also gained three new members who are named on Page 9 of this newsletter.

NEW

MEETING  
TIME  
CHANGE

CPCC Club Meetings

are held the 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday of each month  
At Hoss's Restaurant West York, PA.

Dinner: 5:30pm Meeting: 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2021



Jeff Ostroff	10 <sup>th</sup>
Francis Lovett	15 <sup>th</sup>
David Fullerton	18 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Cameron	30 <sup>th</sup>
Joyce Berkheimer	31 <sup>st</sup>
Katherine Canapp	31 <sup>st</sup>



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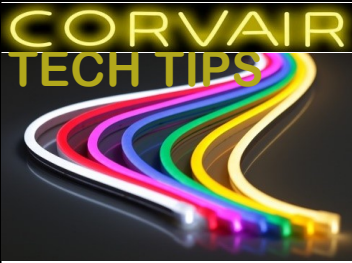
Email: [findit@theranch.today](mailto:findit@theranch.today)

Website: <https://corvairranch.com/>

NewsLetter  
DEADLINE

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





## The Preventive Maintenance Series

### Wintertime Corvaire Heater Orders

Taken from Prairie Capital Corvaire Association The Flat Six December 2019

Author: Mike Dawson

*Special "Thank You" to Mike for his articles.*

I still remember picking up my brand new 1965 Corsa coupe in February of '65 and turning on the heater while on my way home from Van Chevrolet. There was a distinct smell to the heater, not unpleasant and different from my aging '61 Monza with its smelly heater that I had traded in. The new Corsa heater had a combination of hot paint smell and hot metal which I grew to love each fall when the heater was turned on the first time. I still get that today from our cars and my wife says the same; it is a familiar smell that leaves us satisfied that all is well maintenance wise. If an engine issue would cause a change in the heater we would know it instantly. When Sandy was driving my Corsa to work at Hick's Brothers Chevrolet around 1970 with 100K miles on the car I noticed a burned oil smell in her hair when she came home one night: push rod tube seals.

Due to the nature of an air cooled engine operating at a higher temperature, the fact that the exhaust pipe exit is just outside the engine compartment and with all inside heated air coming from the engine compartment (Corvaire heaters have no recirculation feature), the opportunity for one of the five different odors listed below to show up is significant. Maintenance of critical areas is obviously the key to a great heater. Keep in mind that on initial startup in a garage or with a car parked next to you there is the opportunity for exhaust gas to curl up and be sucked in the engine air intake. That effect can also come from a neighboring car's exhaust at a traffic light.

If you are experiencing something other than mild hot paint and hot metal in your heater during normal driving, the following may be useful. These are each a unique smell that longtime Corvaire folks should be quick to recognize.

**Raw Gasoline Smell.** An initial brief startup smell is possible but if it persists during driving and at a stop this is a warning. Check immediately for things like carburetor inlet nut leaks, fuel pump leaks, and rubber fuel line hose at the starter and heater hose, Engine compartment sparks are produced by starter brushes, point system distributors, generator brushes, leaking plug wires, and static electricity at the balancer. Any of which

can ignite gasoline fumes from a hot engine. A leaking gas tank filler neck hose will also get into the interior, but only for a short time after fill-up. Also remember that since Corvaire carburetors are vented to atmosphere, the fuel will evaporate into your garage from a hot engine after it has been turned off.

**Burned Oil Smell.** This is usually the smell caused by leaking push rod tube seals that are just above the exhaust manifold, although a leaking front main seal on automatics can end up on the exhaust system and into the engine compartment if you have less than perfect perimeter seals and grommets. A haze on the inside of your windshield is an early indication of tube seal leaks (unless you over Armorall your padded dash).

**Leaking Crankcase Vapors.** This is a pretty annoying smell, a step worse than burned oil. The vapor (ring blow-by and hot oil) can get into the heater very easily because the entire vent system is in the heater air intake, both under and above the top shroud. Plugged vents, leaking o-rings, broken grommets, brittle hoses or loose attachments are the culprits.

**Exhaust Gas.** Not only nasty smelling with the chokes on, it is dangerous because of CO even if the smell seems to go away warmed up. If you suspect a leak, check the six exhaust packing with a hose to your ear (engine running, belt off). Also check the two manifold to pipe packings and the exhaust 7 system parts and connections. A stethoscope with the metal tip removed works great for pinpointing a small leak. Even a leak outside the engine

compartment can get back in to the heater if you do not have perfect perimeter seals as noted above. If you have a Greenbrier, there is a distinct possibility that exhaust gas can enter the rear through leaking door seals; most

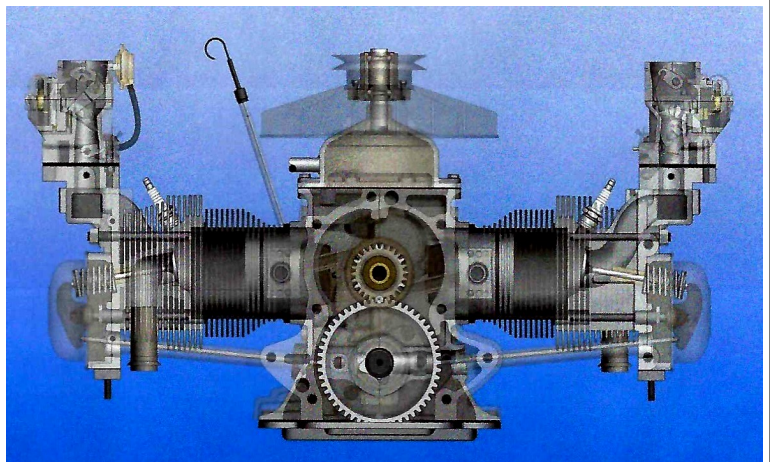
noticeably when decelerating.

**Leaking Head Gaskets.** This is the worst smell of the bunch to me. This gas has much more unburned hydrocarbons which make your eyes burn and clothes smell terrible. It will be worse at startup and diminish as you drive; although it will still be dangerous because of the CO you cannot smell. Early models came with copper head gaskets that would burn through and emit a spit, spit, spit sound as it tried to asphyxiate you. A loose head on any model will do the same thing except it will make a squeak, squeak, squeak noise as you accelerate. The noise is the combustion gas escaping and making the gasket act like a reed valve.

There are other possibilities; mouse nests (and cooked mice) give off a distinctive urine smell, leaks in lower shrouds let in splashed puddles containing mystery stuff that hits the manifolds, overcharging batteries, and loose belts all can get in your heater.

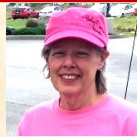
With all of the above issues a very real possibility as Corvaire aged, I wonder how the bean counters managed to convince management to drop the gas heater. I still have a letter I received from GM in the early '70's warning of exhaust leaks in my heater. Mr. Nader should have devoted a couple of pages to this – but then he was not really interested in issues that were not headline producers with his name on it.

And finally; how many times over the years have you seen air fresheners hanging from Corvaire mirrors or heater outlets?



# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

## Editor's Commentary



Submitted by  
Carol Trimper

Normally, our President, JOHN Berkheimer, writes this article, but he is on vacation. We had another successful Annual Corvair Day event at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR) on September 18, 2021 which is now in our 42<sup>nd</sup> year! The beautiful weather, delicious foods, great company, and making new friends made the day perfect. It was remarkable to see all the different Corvairs from Virginia, Maryland, Western PA, Lehigh Valley, and all of the surrounding areas that came out to support our event. We had 9 "Show Class", 11 "Driver Class", 1 "Best of Show", and 1 "Longest Distance" winners. You can see all winners and additional photos from the event on pages 6-10 of this newsletter.

Many participants took advantage and toured the EMMR Museum. There were very many interesting cars, facts, and memorabilia to enjoy. You could spend all day in the museum and still not see it all.

We even had a special treat as past members, Curt and Jane Bonser, showed up to see everyone. They sold their Corvair a while back and no one had seen them for quite some time. To our surprise, it was not long after they arrived, the couple who bought their car drove in with their old Corvair! I think Curt and Jane were really happy to see it.

EMMR and their volunteers are always great hosts for our event and went above and beyond by opening up at 5:30am for us. They had a nice variety of food choices throughout the day and everything was really good.

CPCC members donated lots of wonderful baked items for the Annual Bake Sale. No one could go away hungry as there was something for everyone from all kinds of cookies, brownies, chips, muffins, fudge, Rice Krispy treats, and trail mix. Everything was delicious. The money raised at the bake sale will be donated to the Salvation Armies of Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster. Millions of families close to where we live are reeling from the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. We hope our donation will combat problems, such as poverty and homelessness, that have grown worse in the wake of COVID-19. We also will be making a donation to the Sgt. Mac Foundation (National Wreath Project). The Wreath Project has provided and placed over 35,000 Christmas Wreaths on the gravesites of our Veterans at Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg, PA and Quantico National Cemetery. This project was originated by John and Susan McColley of Gettysburg, PA after their son, Sergeant Eric McColley, United States Marine Corps, was killed along with 7 other Marines and two Airmen in a fatal helicopter crash off the coast of Djibouti, Africa on 17 February 2006. In 2021 they have committed to placing 12,000 wreaths on Veterans Graves.



A huge "thank you" to all the CPCC members who pitched in and helped throughout the day. A special "thank you" to Dave Steigauf and Joe Darinsig because of their exceptional planning, everything was very well organized and the day went very smoothly. Special thanks to Duane & Jacquie Aldrich who designed and produced our trophy plaques this year. They also donated and designed sets of wine, mugs, and pilsner glasses that were given out as door prizes. A BIG "Thank You" to everyone who donated items for the bake sale. Everything was delicious! *This day wouldn't have been a success without you.*

If you were unable to attend this year's event, I hope you can make it next year. You won't be disappointed!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 3 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Good Roads Triangle Tour Jubilee** See Cover page and page 2. Contact Jeff Stonesifer at 717-654-2463 or LHA.pa.Jeff@gmail.com with questions or additional information. See Cover Page.
- 12 CPCC Regular Monthly Meeting** at Hoss's Restaurant in York, PA. Eat at 5:30pm and meeting begins at 6:30pm.
- 16 Dillsburg Farmers' Fair Auto Show**, 8am-2:30pm, Deadline to pre-register (and be eligible for door prizes is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mike Willis at 717-432-3752. All cars should enter the show via Golf Course Road. Take US Rt. 15 to Golf Course Road (at Sunoco gas station) - northbound turn right, southbound turn left. Go to the stop sign and turn left onto Baltimore Street and proceed to the registration table. Traffic coming north on Rt. 194 and Rt. 74 continue straight onto Baltimore Street. Visit <https://www.dillsburgfarmersfair.org/> or on Facebook "Farmers Fair" for additional information.
- 22 Motor Menders Rod & 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. \$1donation.

### NOVEMBER

- 9 CPCC Regular Monthly Meeting** at Hoss's Restaurant in York, PA. Eat at 5:30pm and meeting begins at 6:30pm.

## 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  
Phone: (630) 403-5010  
Hours: 9AM - 5PM  
Email: [messages@corvair.org](mailto:messages@corvair.org)





## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

### Corvair **Cooks** Corner Amish Chicken Corn Soup

Submitted by Carol Trimper  
Taken from Taste of Home Cookbook "Church Suppers" 2012



#### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 cups water
- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast, cubed
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 3 chicken bouillon cubes
- 2 cans (14½ oz each) cream-style corn
- 2 cups uncooked egg noodles
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

#### DIRECTIONS

- In a Dutch oven, combine the water, chicken, onion, celery, carrots, and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for 30 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink and vegetables are tender.
- Stir in the corn, noodles, and butter; cook 10 minutes longer or until noodles are tender. Season with salt and pepper.

# Thank you so much!

## for your valuable help!

*I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our Corvair Day event on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This event wouldn't have been successful without you.*

*JOHN Berkheimer,  
CPCC President*

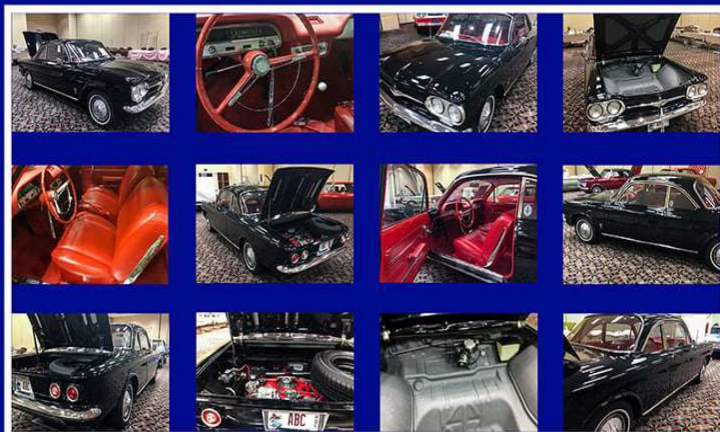
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# WIN

## 1961 Corvair Monza Coupe Concours Quality 102, 4spd, Black on Red



### \$10 tickets

### Tickets available thru June 4, 2022 Drawing date — June 5, 2022\*

The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) is holding a raffle. The lucky winner will win a beautiful Corvair! You need not be present to win. Proceeds will support the new Corvair Museum in Glenarm, IL. The Raffle Car is a 1961 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe with 102 horsepower, 4 speed. Car is basically all new. It was built over the past three years. All mechanical parts are NOS or Clark's repro. This is a concours-quality car. It scored 94+ points in May 2021. Ready to drive and show! Winner will have 30 days to take delivery of the Corvair at the Corvair Museum. For full details and to buy tickets, visit: <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/merchandise/othermerchandise/product/298-corvair-affle-tickets>.

### CPF WINDOW CLINGS

#### Now Available for the First Time!



A Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) window cling will look great in your Corvair! It shows that you care enough to support our non-profit efforts to preserve and promote the rich history of the Chevy and the operation of the CPF's Corvair Museum along historic Route 66 near Springfield, IL. Your donation also supports other ongoing CPF initiatives including the CPF Scholarship Fund, Corvair restorations, traveling display vehicles and exhibits, and much more.

Becoming a CPF Museum member is easy! Just visit [www.corvairmuseum.com](http://www.corvairmuseum.com), click "CPF Foundation and Museum" in the left column menu, then click "Museum Memberships" in the next menu box to find our membership page. All members receive a CPF membership card and our official year-stamped CPF window cling. Members also enjoy free admission to the museum throughout their membership year!

**Join our CPF family and renew your 12-month Museum Membership by November 30, 2021 and get your 2022 CPF Window Cling in time for the entire 2022 driving season.**

Help us continue our mission. Thank You for supporting CPF. Your donation is tax-deductible! All major credit cards and PayPal are accepted.

Additional clings available for ALL your vehicles for just \$5 each. Don't forget a CPF Museum Membership makes a great gift to give and/or receive! Contact Executive Secretary, Paul Bergstrom at (630) 403-5010 for details.



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# Corvair Day

September 18, 2021





**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB**

**Corvair Day - Show Class Winners**



**Dick Kaetzel**  
65 Corsa Convertible



**Tom Zinn**  
65 Corsa Convertible



**Joanne Colligan**  
64 Monza Spyder



**Ralph Feathers**  
64 Monza



**MiLana Wright**  
61 Corvan



**Joe Darinsig**  
66 Stinger



**Robert Smith**  
64 Monza



**Allan Lacki**  
66 Monza



**Harold Adkins**  
63 Monza

**Corvair Day - Driver Class Winners**



**Donald Putman**  
66 Monza Convertible



**Keith Dietz**  
64 Monza



**Greg Walthour**  
63 Greenbrier



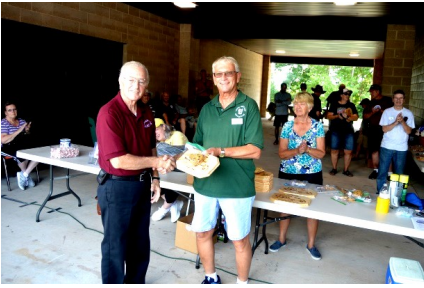
**Join our Facebook Members**

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



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

**Corvair Day** - Driver Class Winners



**George Martin**  
64 Monza



**Josh Canapp**  
63 Monza



**John Dibendetto III**  
66 Monza Convertible



**Doug Jones**  
63 Monza



**Denny Stamm**  
65 Monza



**George Foreman**  
65 Monza Convertible



**Ron Hash**  
66 Monza



**Gary Weber**  
69 500



**Long Distance Award**

**John Shaw**  
65 Monza Convertible  
(109 Miles)



**Best of Show Award**

**Bill Hubbell**  
64 Monza Convertible  
(Astronaut John Glenn's Car)



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB  
**Corvaair Day** - Silent Auction Winners



**New  
 Members  
 W·E·L·C·O·M·E**

**John DiBenedetto**  
 Denver, PA

**Vince Habel**  
 Mount Joy, PA

**Keith & Ann Dietz**  
 Hanover, PA



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## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB, INC. (C.P.C.C.) Membership Application

C.P.C.C. is a chapter of "CORSA" (Corvair Society of America). CORSA is a rapidly growing international organization now is boasting over 4000 members and 120 local chapters worldwide.

The C.P.C.C. Chapter has monthly social/family meetings at various locations within the region. Each month you will receive a newsletter announcing the meeting location. The newsletter also contains information about our club members, technical tips, other club activities, auto events, and classified ads.

- The club is for the preservation and interest of the Corvair automobile.
- We sponsor Corvair shows, rallies, mini conventions, caravans, parties, and dinners. All of our events are for the member's immediate family.

Dues are payable to: Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.)  
c/o Dave Steigauf  
599 Westfield Drive  
Landisville, PA 17538

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership is \$ 16.00 per year OR \$ 30.00 for two years.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal of membership is \$ 16.00 OR \$ 30.00 for two years.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Interested in joining CORSA.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Corvairs owned (if any):  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Month Day

Wedding Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Any applicant whom is under the age of (18) eighteen, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application.*

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print full name



# 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.



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