



## **DRIPPY LEAKS & FLYIN' FANBELTS**

The Monthly Newsletter of

**Mid Maryland Corvair Club**

Corsa Chapter 217

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### **From The President**

"It's almost fall.....time to exchange the neighbor's lawn mower I kept all summer for the neighbor's snowblower, that I'll keep all winter" - Unknown

It was great to see everyone at our club picnic. I was honored to present Doris & Web Utz with our club plaque for outstanding membership from the time of our club origin in 1980. Also, now available to borrow at any time, is our Mid-Maryland club binder which documents through photos and records, the history of our Corvair club. Thank you, everyone, for attending and enjoying the food and each other's company. Moving on, unfortunately the Fitzgerald's dealership is continuing with re-modelling which will not be completed until sometime in March 2022. For this reason, I will plan our Thursday evening meetings at local restaurants until we can then again meet at the dealership. We have been guaranteed permission to return to the dealership for our meetings in the spring of 2022. Our October meeting then will meet at Il Forno Pizzeria, 1035 W. Patrick St, Frederick, MD on 10/14/21 at 7 PM. Also now planned, is our club holiday dinner which will be Sunday, 12/19/21 4 PM at Western Sizzlin Steak House, 17567 York Rd, Hagerstown, MD. I could not set reservations before 4 PM which is the reason for our later dinner time. And, make note we will not have a December club meeting since we will be meeting for the holiday dinner. Now get out with your Corvair and enjoy the fall weather and foliage.

Happy Vairing!

Tom - Club President

## 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



## Questions & Answers With David & Tom Hornik



### Q: Tell us about yourself

A: My name is Tom, and my son's name is David. Tom served in the military for 24 years before retiring in 2018 and starting a new job. David is a senior in high school, and will graduate in Spring 2022. He is applying at various universities to study architecture or possibly naval design. David works part-time at Barnes & Noble in order to build-up his savings account and pay for most of the Corvair parts.

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

A: Before David turned 16 years old, we gave him an option: find a reasonable car of his choice, and we would pay the initial purchase purchase to be our project car. David started his search by focusing on the mid-1960s. He really liked that era of U.S. auto engineering (and who doesn't?). After a few days David discovered the Corvair, and he started doing more research on it. He fell in love with the Corvair's unique history, body style, and uniqueness. He then had to convince his parents why he should be allowed to have a 55 year old car with an unjustly tarnished reputation by Ralph Nader. After much debate, in the summer of 2020 we started to look for a Corvair. Six months later (and failed purchase attempts spanning Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and D.C.), David stumbled across a facebook posting for a Corvair for sale in mid-Maryland. What were the chances?

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

A: We own one Corvair: a 1965 Corsa. We bought it in October 2000.

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

A: No. However, Since joining this club we have been very grateful for the expertise of the Mid Maryland Corvair Club members, who have taught us a lot. They have assisted us on both video calls and at meet-ups with troubleshooting some of our repairs.

**Q: Have you attended any CORSA conventions?**

A: Not yet

**Q: What is your special field of Corvair interest?**

A: Honestly, we are still learning a lot about the Corvair, but David absolutely loves the history of the car and how it affected all other cars of the period. He has identified the body style influence that the Corvair had on other Chevrolets, such as the early Camaro.

**Q: Have you held any offices in Corvair clubs?**

A: No

**Q: Tell us about your current Corvair projects**

A: We spent the past year doing a fair amount of maintenance to get our Corsa back to health. This car spent a few years stored in a pole barn. We replaced nearly all brake lines and wheel cylinders; we replaced and rebuilt the shift assembly; we conducted minor electrical rewiring; we replaced the rear motor mount; and we found a repairman to fix the original AM/FM radio. We just had the convertible top replaced in September 2021 at Ben's Auto Glass and Upholstry in northeast Baltimore.

Next up? Spark plugs and ignition wire replacement, and then possibly converting to a dual master cylinder.

**The bottom line is that David spent quite a bit of time this year learning the in's and out's of working on a classic car, as well as frustrating moments like breaking a bolt or flipping a belt while driving. The joy of getting in the car, starting it up, and cruising around town to get milkshakes is not something lost on this 17 year old.**

**Q: Tell us about your other Corvair**

A: We only have the one Corvair (for now). Tom may decide that he needs one as well!

Thank you, Tom & David!!!! We're glad you joined our group!



**If you are interested in sharing your Corvair story, please let me know. We would love to share your story!**  
**Carletta**

# Mid Maryland 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic



**Thank you to everyone  
who helped me at the picnic!**

**I've learn a valuable lesson since I broke my hand. It is ok to ask for help and more important it is ok to accept help when it is offered. We have an awesome group of people in our group. We are not only a club, we are a family! That is the reason we are celebrating 40 years!**

**Sincerely,  
Carletta**





Mid Maryland Corvair Club  
 Annual Holiday Dinner  
 Sunday, December 19, 2021  
 4:00 pm  
 Western Sizzlin  
 17567 York Road Hagerstown, MD 21740  
 Just east of the Valley Mall



**October's Club Meeting  
 will meet at  
 Il Forno Pizzeria,  
 1035 W. Patrick St  
 Frederick, MD on 10/14/21  
 at 7 PM.**

**HAVE A  
 SPOOKTACULAR  
 BIRTHDAY!**



Happy Birthday To  
 Vicki Kaetzel 10/08  
 Jeff Ostroff 10/10  
 Cinday McNamara 10/22  
 Bruce Culp 10/25  
 Judy Sherman 10/26  
 Caroline DeWitt 10/30



Happy Anniversary to  
 Judy & Bill Sherman  
 10/18  
 Bob & Carletta  
 Moats 10/24

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