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November Meeting

A busy night with talk about the upcoming year. That was our November meeting. Being at the end of the year, that's the norm, especially with new officers being elected and a Roundup to plan.

New member Dwight Hamby was introduced by member chair Don Wagner. Dwight has an interesting story regarding his Corvair, in that the car had no key or title. On second thought, that actually sounds fairly normal for many Corvairs! It was also good to see Cindy Anders at the meeting, as she is recovering from her leg injury. Treasurer Mike Dawson reported on our funds, noting that we've taken in some membership dues and that we've secured V's Restaurant for our Christmas party on December 3.

Kat King addressed the solar car that her grandson is working on while attending the University of Kansas, and it sounds like he is having fun learning. She also mentioned that there were no parade events going on since the season is winding down, so if anyone takes their Corvair to a parade, we want to hear about it!

Social chair Scott Allison was doing well at one of his many talents, and that is being social! He attended and reported on the Luna Tuna at Terry Kalp's on October 16 and the Hoelting Airport chili feed the following weekend.

The remainder of our meeting was spent discussing upcoming events, the first being the Christmas party. Final costs and highlights, including banquet cost and the white elephant gift exchange, were nailed down. Looking ahead to late next year, our plans for the Great Plains Corvair Roundup are taking shape and many people have stepped up to assist. If you are able, please consider helping out with this event!

A recap from our nominating committee rounded out the evening, with Kevin Koch doing a nice job of presenting new officers. A big thanks to all members who have served or will serve in an official role! Since the Christmas party is next month, see you in January!

HACOA Calendar at a glance

Date	Event
Tuesday, January 11	Monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Tuesday, February 8	Monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
????	Other events as the cold weather sets in?

Presidential Ramblings

Last Call

Here it is, my last president's column. I'm writing this after the Christmas Party, so technically I'm not the president anymore, but it didn't seem fair to make the next guy do it.

Congratulations to the new 2022 HACOA Board:

- President - Scott Allison
- Vice President - Taylor West
- Treasurer - Mike Dawson
- Secretary - Helen Moore
- Board - Paul Sergeant
- Board - Gary Jones
- Board - Michael Kliethermes
- Ex Officio - Travis Bolton

As you can see there are some familiar names there but also a newcomer to the board which is great.

If you were unable to attend the HACOA Christmas Party at V's Italian Restaurant on Friday, December 4th you missed a wonderful time. The food was good and there was plenty of room. And no one kicked us out, even though the main dining room upstairs had closed before the last stragglers of our group wandered out. Thanks Taylor for a great event!

In closing to both this column and to my term as president - I want to say thank you to everyone who hung in there, and best of luck to next year's board. I'm sure 2022 will be a great year!

See you all in 2022!

-Travis

The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

Speedometer Winter Service

With winter very close, those who drive their Corvair in cold weather may experience either of two issues associated with old age as follows: A screeching noise combined with the speedometer needle pegging itself to the right (until it breaks off) and/or a clicking noise accompanied by a gentle flipping of the needle. To service your speedometer for either or both of those conditions you need to unscrew the connection from the back side of the speedometer, move the cable/casing down enough to access both the end of the speedometer head and the cable sticking out of the casing. Some models take some wiggle work but I have done this to all models at one time or another.

1. All Corvair speedometer heads are constructed with a bronze bushing in a sleeve. The combination of ancient galled grease in the bushing and cold temperatures will cause the bushing to make a screeching noise as it vibrates and excites the needle. The new WD40 flex straw works great for one quick squirt into the back of the head. Use your fingers to turn the end of the head a couple of times and add one additional quick squirt without putting the straw in the hole. Usually good for an entire year as a preventative measure also.

2. The flipping of the needle is the action of the cable in the casing due to dried out lubrication and the bends in the casing causing excess resistance. Since the cable is stranded and flexible, it winds up and releases causing the needle to try and follow the movement. Except in extreme situations needing new parts, you can reduce the issue with lubrication as follows:

Early Models & FC: At the dashboard end, use a pair of pliers to pull the cable out of the casing. It is long and likely dirty so plan accordingly. Clean the cable, and I like to lube it with light machine oil since you are probably dealing with a rusty casing and it may have dried lubricant from decades ago. Actual speedometer cable lubricant may not work in this instance. Leave the lubricant off of the top last few inches of cable. To reinstall the cable, use your fingers to get it started as far as it will go, then use a cordless drill to *slowly* (it can suddenly wind into a ball with too much speed) until you are within about three inches of the end of the casing; Stop. You must use your fingers to work the cable in the last distance until you feel it enter the cable drive at the differential which is square and fits the square end of the cable. Reattach the cable and casing to the head.

Late Models: The cable is driven by a special dust cap on the left front spindle and you may find the cable will not pull out of the casing at the dashboard end. If not, remove the wheel and carefully remove the dust cap first. At that point the cable usually will pull out from the cap and then from the dash end with some coaxing. If you find rust and water in the cap, the seal where the casing enters the spindle is bad or the casing is cracked and the wheel bearings will need service along with a new seal or possibly the entire cable assembly. If the parts are all good, clean the cable and use light machine oil except for the top few inches of the cable. The cable sometimes starts to hang up at the sharp bend in the casing due to the mounting. To help with this issue, I like to free the casing from its mount in the fender well and use a wire tie to loosely attach it back to the brake line, reducing stress in turns. Finally, use a drill at slow speed to insert the cable if necessary. The last step is to carefully insert the dust cap.

Below is pictured the speedometer drive dust cap for the left front of a late model. The current price is \$29, thus the reason to use caution, particularly during removal. Wiggle with channel lock pliers while pulling straight out.



Classifieds


The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent


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Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring groove cleaner	\$3.00	\$1.00
Dwell/tach meter	\$5.00	\$1.00
Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
Pushrod tube extractor	\$10.00	\$2.00

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welded center Borg & Beck core with a thickness
of .325" \$55 exchange with same core.Reproduced end plates for the 12 and 8
plate oil cooler. These are the two pieces
of sheet metal that help keep all the hot
air from the oil cooler moving out the
bottom instead of back in to the engine
compartment. \$10 each


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- Dick Berger **still** has several sets of wheels and tires for sale. Most are 14" diameter. Let him know if you're interested. 678-650-4246

1964 Monza convertible

White with black top and turquoise interior, 110HP with a Powerglide. Nearly new whitewall radials with 3 prong wire wheel covers along with door edge guards, outside mirrors, push button radio, and others. Car is very nice and has 29,000 original miles with the only items not original being the tires and a Clark's dual exhaust system. Looking to get \$15,000 but slightly negotiable. Contact Trueman Ervin 816-630-2382.

Classifieds, continued

Wilson Liter has several items for sale, including:

- 1966 transaxle, code AA (3.27 non-posi) and V8 bellhousing: \$400
- 140HP engine (code T0223RN). Engine turns over but has not been apart: \$600

Wilson Liter 417-667-6927. wilsonliter@hotmail.com

Free-

- Late model block with two pulled studs (can probably be easily repaired).

Has 164 ci crank (will need turned) and -891 (110/140 HP) cam.

- 4 late model 13" wheels with old tires (decent tread but show cracking) and Monza wheel covers.

Contact Chris Green (call or text) 913-369-5861 or email: hacoa1news@gmail.com.

Other Events and Tidbits

Remember→ CORSA Membership Perks:

1) CORSA now has a formal relationship with Mecum auctions! Your membership in CORSA now permits you to purchase the \$200 bidders registration for just \$100!!

2) We have many fresh new items of CORSA-wear now available on our website. www.corvair.org [<http://www.corvair.org>](http://www.corvair.org). We have a new vendor, new artwork and new items. I think you'll be excited about the selection.

3) Please remember, if you have members who are new to CORSA, they will receive a free copy of the "Corvair Basics" book with their paid membership in CORSA.

HACOA birthdays

December	
Name	Date
Sharon Bybee	2
Charles King	2
Phyllis Yost	7
Sandy Reece	18
Howard Gillogly	19
Sheila Carlino	20
Patricia Franklin	23
Melissa Holstrom	26
Elaine Richardson	28
Denise Reavey	29
Kevin Koch	31