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The Monthly Newsletter of
Mid Maryland Corvair Club

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From The President

"Get comfortable with being uncomfortable. Happy August." - Anonymous

August high seasonal temperature in Maryland averages 86 degrees so be sure to drink plenty of fluids. Jeff Ostroff & I enjoyed the Corsa convention in Peachtree, GA.

The welcome reception dinner Tuesday evening was held at the Falcon Field Museum in the presence of some WW2 aircraft, as well as, a Corvair powered stainless skinned airplane. Please reach out and give congrats to our member

Bill Hubbell, who not only scored in the upper nineties in concours with his 1964 Glenn Corvair convertible, but also scored high, and received a second award in the factory stock classification. He is only one of several concours factory stock winners throughout Corsa history to win this award. The Friday night banquet dinner was hosted by Sam Memmelo of Shade Tree Mechanic TV show. He told some great Corvair stories when he was young. Saturday was the people's choice car display located at a nearby county park. A replica Corvair turbo powered Cord, owned locally, also was on display. Many photos of the Corvair convention can be seen on the Corvair Center Forum website.

I still have not had a response from Fitzgerald's about our August 11th meeting in the parking lot, but I hope to be successful in speaking with them 3-4 days before our meeting. If this fails or if we have rain that evening, we will still have our meeting inside the dealership. We will then discuss pizza for the dealership employees at a future fall meeting. Hope to see you at the Rohrsersville Car Show on 08/06/22 and the Rose Hill Manor show on 08/20/22. Time to give your Corvair a good summer wash & clean for many upcoming car events.

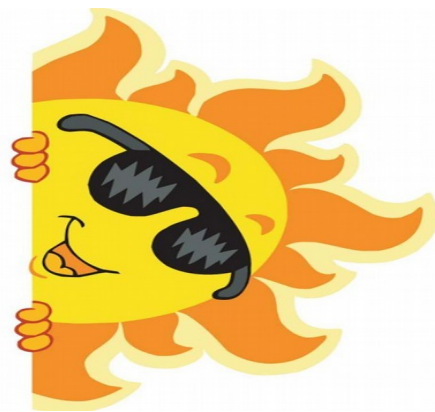
Happy Vairing!

Tom - Club President



Financial Report

I have received \$140 for dues so far.
This makes the bank balance \$1,620.94.



Dues Are Due

I have not yet obtained the list of non-paying club members from our treasurer so again, this is a second reminder to mail your dues payment to Bob. Due to his working schedule, he is unable to be available for many of our meetings, so please take advantage of mailing your dues to him before the 09/30/22 cut off date.

Thanks.

Tom - Club President

Tidbits from Ron Moss

21 classic car myths busted Chris Chilton - July 29,2022 Classic & Sports Car
#6.

The Corvair delivered handling from hell



Chevy's rear-engined fighter was badly bruised by criticisms of its iffy handling in safety-crusader Ralph Nader's book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, though it wasn't the only car to come under attack. But while Chevrolet's cost cutting meant the early Corvair was missing the front anti-roll bar engineers intended it to have, it was arguably no less hairy to drive than many other cars of its era fitted with swing-axle rear suspension. And by the time Nader's book had been published, Chevy had already introduced the much-improved, second-generation Corvair pictured

(Ron's note: this is a European magazine and the only other references to American cars were that Land Rover was the 1st Luxury SUV - it was actually the Herrington-Marmon 4WD conversions on American Woodie Station Wagons of the 1930's and 40's. Also the reduced horsepower ratings of American Cars in the 1970's - it was the change from gross HP to net HP in 1972.)

Autocar

Famously disastrous cars that were in fact pretty successful

David Finlay - July 27, 2022

Chevrolet Corvair



The first-generation Corvair famously had a rear-mounted engine and swing-axle rear suspension. This was a difficult combination for drivers who weren't already used to it, namely those who hadn't previously owned a Volkswagen Beetle – a key target for this new compact model.

In his best-selling book *Unsafe At Any Speed*, Ralph Nader (born 1934) strongly criticized the layout. This avalanche of bad publicity might have been expected to kill the Corvair's chances in the marketplace, but it wasn't as simple as that.

In fact, Chevrolet sold more than 1.8 million Corvairs during the 1960s. Its 'interesting' handling didn't appear to have put people off buying it. Furthermore, Nader's book was published in late 1965, when a revised Corvair with more conventional suspension had already been available for more than year.

Sales fell in 1966 and did not recover, but this wasn't necessarily because of Nader. Other factors include reduced marketing by GM, the fact that the Corvair was looking increasingly old-fashioned (what?? - 2nd Gen Corvairs still look fresh in 2022!!!-Ron) and the soaring popularity of the more modern Ford Mustang.

Another European Article which included these American cars, Chevy Citation, Ford Pinto, AMC Gremlin, and Chrysler PT Cruiser

2022 CRUISE-INS

Aug 6 Jimmy Cone, 1312 S. Main Street, Mt. Airy – 13 Golden Gears at Home Store, 1811 Monocacy Blvd., 5 – 8, all vehicles welcome

Sept 10 Golden Gears at Home Store, 1811 Monocacy Blvd., 5 – 8, all vehicles welcome

25 Heart of MD CCC Breakfast Cruise In, 9 – 2, Frederick Elks, 289 Willowdale Dr.

Oct 6-9 Ocean City Endless Summer Cruisin Plus Hot Rod & Custom Car Show at Convention Center Oct 6-8. Info: EndlessSummerCruisin.com

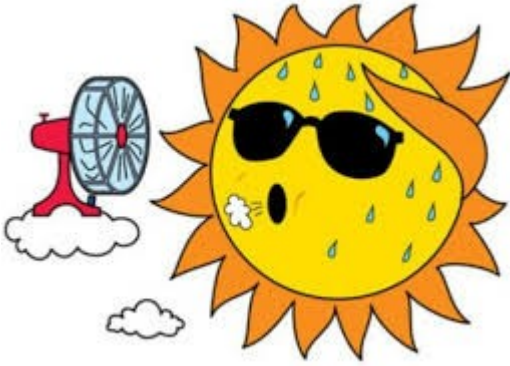
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MARK YOU CALENDAR

Classic Car Group for Children, INC

Attention all Kruziers:

Every Saturday from 5-8pm at the Valley Mall, Maryland. So shine them up and get them ready.



BOONSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

CAR SHOW

AUGUST 6, 2022, 8:30AM – 3PM

3417 ROHRERSVILLE RD, ROHRERSVILLE, MD 21779

(301) 432-8120

CENTRAL PA CORVAIR CLUB

CORVAIR DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 9AM TO 3PM

EASTERN MUSEUM OF MOTOR RACING

100 BALTIMORE RD., YORK SPRING, PA 17472



Happy Birthday To

Dick Kaetzel 08/10

Terry Glendenning 08/22

Happy Anniversary To

Robb & Lucinda Jones 08/02

Frank & Ruby Schleigh 08/31



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