



Group Corvair Comments

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True Survivor!

Marlene & Paul Passini's '62 Monza Wagon w/35,000 Miles – Delaware Survivor Class Winner

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August

16– **Group Corvair Meeting.** Yes, yet another Zoom meeting. Check your email for the link.

September

5 – Fairfax City Annual Labor Day car show. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. VA. Antiques, classics, foreign, customs, street rods, muscle cars, trucks and more. www.labordaycarshow.org

10 – All GM Show 2022, hosted by the Maryland Camaro Club. Walkersville Volunteer Fire Department Fair Grounds, 79 W. Frederick St., Walkersville, MD. Registration starts at 8:30, all cars must be on the field by 10:30. Information: www.mdcamaroclub.com/all-gm-show

- 10 – Oxford Community Center Road Rally. Proceeds benefit the Oxford Community Center. Entry fee \$125, includes continental breakfast and lunch for driver and navigator. Assemble @ 8 a.m., flag out at 9 a.m. 78 miles of scenic roads. www.oxfordcc.org and click on “Road Rally” for information; 60 cars max.
- 17 – Corvair Day, hosted by the Central PA Corvair Club. 9 – 3 (rain or shine), Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, 100 Baltimore Rd. York Springs, PA. Contact Joe Darinsig JoeDarinsig@yahoo.com or phone: 717-668-4414.
- 17 – 46th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., registration starts at 8 a.m. Pre-registration \$20, day of show \$25. Registration: Jim & Sally Batchelder, 703-339-2064, info: Gene Gilkey, 703-830-5313.
- 20 – **Group Corvair Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. It’s going to be another virtual meeting; however, Bob Hall will host it this month.

October

- 1 or 8 – Tentative “in person” Group Corvair meet at Andrew Dan’s home in Silver Spring, MD. Details to come.
- 15 – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is HIGHLY recommended; go to <https://rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show> for information and to register. This is one of the best shows in the Washington D.C. area. Group Corvair is a sponsor, and we have a premier spot for Corvairs reserved on the field.
- 18 – **Group Corvair Meeting.**

November

- 15 – **Group Corvair Meeting.**

December

- 20 – **Group Corvair Meeting.**

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From the Oval Garage

Bob Hall

I treated our Greenbrier to a new set of Kumho Kinergy ST 195/75R14 tires, including a spare, in July. The old spare was manufactured prior to date codes so it was definitely past its prime and the four road tires were twelve years old, so the cost was really an investment in safety. I had planned to give Mike Coale the four old road tires as rollers for one of his FCs, but the tire shop mistakenly recycled the old spare and one of the others, so Mike only got three. While I was at his shop in Millersville, MD I saw the solid 1967 Monza coupe he saved from being parted out at the Corvair Ranch. As purchased, the car's engine was supposedly damaged from a fire and/or being overheated, but Mike and his crew did all the typical major tune up and repair work and discovered a sweet running 110. Congrats Mike.



Out in the field at the Corvair Ranch



In Mike's shop; running great!

Rob Neighbour and Andrew Dan have offered to host another Group Corvair get together at Andrew's home in October. Our June cookout was a success—thanks again Don Hibbard—so we'll sponsor another this fall with the goal of having even more Corvair people in attendance. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

This is the first photo I took (with my trusty Instamatic camera) of my then new 1968 Monza 110 4 speed with F41 suspension, fast steering, AM/FM radio and rear speaker in March 1968 after its 400+ mile break-in drive on secondary roads from Bremerhaven. Now rusting away at the Corvair Ranch among its brothers, it was my first new car and the one that made me a Corvair lover. I'll award an AC PF4 oil filter and 5 quarts of Mobil One High Mileage 10W-30 oil to the first person who locates it and provides a photo of themselves standing next to it in the Ranch's back lot.



See you at our August Zoom meeting.

Minutes of the July Virtual Meeting

Marolyn Simpson

On July 26, six members of Group Corvair participated in the monthly Zoom meeting. (It was delayed a week from the regular date due to conflicts.) Bob Hall called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Jim Simpson gave the treasurer's report. There were no expenses during the last month. Thanks to an ad in the last newsletter, we sold a copy of *Corvair Basics* from the club's inventory with the proceeds going into the club account. Bob H. made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they appeared in the newsletter; Bob Walker seconded the motion.

Since there was no old business to discuss, we moved on to new business. Jim S. and Jerry Yates are planning to drive their cars to the Delaware show in Wilmington on August 13. Bob H. and Carol are also planning to attend the show. Everyone will meet and convoy to the event.

There was a discussion of the Corvair Day show scheduled for Saturday, September 17 in York Springs, PA that will be hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. Several club members expressed an interest in attending.

Bob H. brought up the idea of reaching out to some of the European Corvair clubs and partnering with them. Since our club members in general have more experience in repair and maintenance of the cars than they do, we could be a contact to assist with problems they encounter. We could possibly set up a Zoom meeting with them. Bob volunteered to contact the Netherlands club. He also has contacts with the Finland, Switzerland, and Germany clubs. We can discuss this further at another meeting.

Looking into future events, Rob Neighbour has volunteered Andrew Dan's backyard for an in-person meeting--possibly Saturday, October 1 or 8. Also Mike Coale would like to have the club members see his car collection in Millersville. Bob H. agreed to work on the arrangements.

Several tech topics were discussed. Jim has been researching Corvair radio antenna bezels; he recently acquired a copy of the Chevrolet Radio Parts Catalog that covers 1949 – 1969. With some work, you can identify some rather obscure radio associated parts including the antenna mounting castings. Bob H. mentioned that he has some unused gas tank sealer that has never been opened. That led to a discussion on gas tanks and sealing them.

Now that Bob Walker has his car running and drives it occasionally, he is planning to get some body work done on it. This brought up a discussion on several body shops and the quality of their work.

Jim mentioned that he had talked to Ron Fedorzcak recently. Ron had just come back from the national convention in Georgia where he said he had taken about 800 pictures. (Ron has subsequently volunteered to write up a report on the convention for our newsletter.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Tech Tips

Jim Simpson

Brake Hose Washers: If you recall from last month, I commented on copper brake hose washers. These fit between the brake hose and the wheel cylinders. I did go to NAPA after calling to make sure they had them in stock and picked up a small supply of their NAPA UP3878 washers. As I expected, they're an excellent fit on the brake cylinders. Recommended!



Original GM copper washer; note offset



NAPA copper washer; note fit on brake cylinder



NAPA copper washer with hose adapter

The Delaware Show

Six members and two Corvairs from Group Corvair attended this year's First State Corvair Club's Corvair show in Wilmington, Delaware. I don't know who arranged the weather, but it was by far the best weather we've had this summer! Cool, dry, and a perfectly clear, blue sky.

Jerry & Diana Yate, Bob & Carol Hall, and Jim & Marolyn Simpson gathered at the Park & Ride just off Rt-50 at the Davidsonville exit along with the Yate's Yenko clone and the Simpson's Corsa along with the Yate's Kia. Diana & Carol chose to ride in airconditioned comfort while the rest of us drove the Corvairs – Bob Hall taking the wheel of Jerry's Yenko to renew his acquaintance with a performance Corvair. We all headed out across the Bay Bridge and up US-301 just about to the door of the show location – Limestone Presbyterian Church. There was a residual traffic backup from an earlier accident on US-50 getting to the bridge, but after that it was clear sailing.

As usual, the Delaware club put on a fine show with great hospitality – free food and drink plus a plethora of door prizes for everyone who participated. Twenty-five Corvairs plus a very nice red '73 VW Beetle were on display. About the only vehicle not represented was a Greenbrier.

It's hard to pick the best car, but the Passini's '62 Monza Wagon did stand out. It's a true survivor with only 35,000 original miles on it. Not quite a barn find; the original owner bought it new for his wife, but she didn't

like it (!) so it was just parked in the garage for many years. While it was driven occasionally by their children, it remained largely unused until Alan Bristow acquired it and then sold it on a few months later to the Passinis.

Group Corvair did well in the show with Jerry's Yenko and Jim's Corsa taking second and first in class, respectively. We'd like to thank the First State Corvair Club for their outstanding hospitality, and we hope to attend again.



Out and About

This is under the category of “**the wild and wonderful world of modified Corvairs**,” a ’67 “Torvair”. Take a look at this link:

<https://www.hemmings.com/users/49609/ride/5505.html>

Originally a ’67 500 coupe, now refitted with a 425 cu. in. ’67 Tornado drive train. Other than losing the trunk space up front, it seems to all fit.

In other news, **Bob Lewis** sent this link:

<https://www.motorious.com/articles/news/remember-tony-dow-got-back-corvair/>

For those of us of a certain age, we remember the TV show “Leave it to Beaver” with a certain degree of fondness and nostalgia. Tony Dow played the part of Wally



Cleaver, the big brother to the “Beaver,” who he could always count on. Mr. Dow passed away not long ago. As part of the remembrances that have circulated, the story of his first car – a 1962 Corvair – and it being reunited with him late in life is particularly appropriate to us.

Here's one of the postings: “*Tony Dow's (Wally Cleaver on "Leave it to Beaver") 1962 Chevrolet Corvair. Dow (at age 16) purchased this car new in 1961 with every option on it. His parents would only allow him to get an "entry level" car. In 1965 he sold the car to Alan Dadisman, a prop builder for Universal Studios. Dadisman kept the car until his death in 2016. Much to Dow's surprise (who had not kept in contact with Dadisman), Dadisman willed the car back to Tony Dow. Dow is thrilled to*

have the car back and says it handles better than the three Porsches he has owned in the past. Dow's daily driver is a Prius.”

Rob Neighbour visited the GM Heritage Center and sent us these photos as a memento:





Vair Vendor

For Sale: Group Corvair is down to just three copies of *Corvair Basics*, both the book and CD, for sale; we'll beat the Amazon, Clarks, and CORSA prices. Get the set from us for only \$15! Or we'll split them up and you can get either the book or the CD for \$10. Contact Jim Simpson, simpsonj@verizon.net or phone 240-232-2820.

For Sale: Turbo parts (early model unless stated as late model)

Stock turbocharger – doesn't turn, needs rebuild, choke tubes removed	\$125
2 Compressor housings – clean, part #3840830, 3831691	\$125ea
2 turbine housings, rusty, one has 2 broken studs	\$25ea
2 Turbo clamps	\$20ea
2 Carter YH carbs	
63-64 body # 0-1580, loose lever	\$75
65-66 body # 0-1769, stuck throttle, no choke cover or passage plug	\$65
2 Carter carb rebuild kits, Carter Zip-Kits 902-215A & 902-224 both opened	\$35
Carter carb needle valves -used, Gross Jet – used short time	\$15
AC fuel filter – used	\$15
Turbo gaskets and rebuild parts – not complete, new	\$35
“Turbo-Charged” rear deck lid emblem	\$25
AC Air Filter element A200GW, GM#6420796 – NOS	\$50
Air Filter Housing – good chrome, very good condition	\$120
PCV tube [
Fuel line [– good chrome, very good condition	\$45
Oil line [
Exhaust heat shield - good chrome, very good condition	\$50
Air cleaner support bracket – very good condition, cleaned, repainted black	\$55
Turbo support bracket – very good condition, cleaned, repainted black	\$25
Muffler support bracket – very good condition, cleaned, repainted black	\$15
Cross-over tube- good chrome, very good condition	\$35

Miscellaneous Parts:

60-61 Corvair distributor, used, complete, includes points, condenser, rotor, cap	\$75
2 Clark's fan belts C5790	\$12
Clark's Viton crankshaft seals Front bellhousing seal	\$8
Rear housing seal	\$6
1 used widened stock 13inch steel wheel, 7 in wide, 5 lug, for 65 – 69 Corvair	\$18
2 new Clark's rear brake hoses for 65 – 69 Corvair	\$20
GM AM car radio with faceplate for 65-69 Corvair, not working	\$20
Tune-up parts: New Borg Warner tune-up set A-120Vpoint set and G-120A condenser	\$7.50

'68 – '69 Corvair Interior Parts:

2 dash pads, black, clean, VG condition	\$125 ea.
2 padded radio surrounds, black, complete, includes padded ashtray	
VG Condition	\$35 ea.
2 pair padded door trim pillar trim, VG condition	\$45 pair
2 pair door arm rests, black, excellent condition	\$55 pair
2 pair sun-visors, black, VG condition, complete except vanity	
mirror missing from one visor, mounting plate still attached.	\$ 45 pair
Monza door and rear side panel sets, black, cardboard intact, good condition	
1 left side set, 2 right side sets	\$75 set
Front shoulder harness set, driver & passenger, black, complete including retractors and mounting bolts.	
Webbing in good condition but could use some additional cleaning. NOTE: Period correct for shows, but not recommended for general use due to age.	\$75

Shipping is extra. Contact Bob Walker at bobrstn@gmail.com.

For Sale: It's a bit out of the area (down in Georgia, just north of Atlanta), but if you are looking for a '63 Convertible, this project car might be interesting: '63 Convertible purchased 12 years ago and restoration was started. Unfortunately, the owner passed away before completion. "Runs and drives well, although it's 'been a while' since it was last started." New top, recent tires, patch panels included. Trying to get the \$3,500 invested back. Call Bruce Kile, 678-662-6072 (cell) for info.



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