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## **April Meeting**

Welcome to the latest edition of the HACOA newsletter. We have plenty of updates to share with you, so let's get started!

#### **Meeting Recap**

The meeting was called to order by our President, Scott Allison. We received some positive updates from our members, with Connie Whitman doing well physically after completing her surgery and follow-up treatments. Kevin Koch also shared that he has begun a newly available treatment. We were happy to have Dorothy Morris back home with future tests pending, and Barb Wagner healing with her arm in a sling. Dick Berger, who was also in attendance, gave us some great news, saying, "I was in the hospital but I'm not now, so that's OK."

We had a new member join us - Tim Kienzle from Bonner Springs, who has a nicely restored dark blue metallic '65 Corsa Turbo Convertible with a black top. He found our group on the internet, thanks to Travis Bolton!

#### **Committee Reports**

We had updates from several committees. Helen Moore's minutes from the prior meeting were approved as read. Cindy Anders gave the Treasurer's report - we're doin okay! Ken Ragan from the Tool Crib committee let us know that he can't get around very well but to give him a call if we need tools. Although she was not able to be there in person, the Social Chair report came from Paula Roberts.

#### Bybee Bash Recap

We had a fantastic turnout for the Bybee Bash, with 24 people attending. There was lots of food, and everyone had a really good time.

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# **HACOA Calendar at a glance**

Date	Event
Tuesday, May 9	Annual charity auction, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Saturday, May 20	Working tech session, Mike and Sandy Dawson's, Belton, MO
Tuesday, June 13	Annual meeting in the park, Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Lenexa, KS

# **President's Tapping**

#### President's Tapping, May 2023

The Bybee Bash was an evening full of fun and surprises. The pool table, pinball table, juke box, and great company kept the group entertained all evening. The weather was great and the food was a blessed treat. Thank you all that were able to make it and bring goodies for us to enjoy. Although Kat and Chas King had departed by the time the "tournaments" began, Kat was the true pinball wizard as I heard that she scored over 1 million earlier in the evening. There were 24 members at the event, we thank Fred and Sharon Bybee for again opening their home to us.

Paula and Larry Roberts asked me to share some fantastic news at the meeting on their behalf. After months of searching they have found a facility that has room for both Donna (skilled nursing staff) and Donnie (assisted living arrangement) meeting their respective needs. It's great that they will be in the same building and will be able to continue to be with each other every day. Contact Donna, Larry or I if you are interested in visiting Donna and Donnie and we will provide their new location if you were not at the meeting or need a reminder.

The upcoming events at the time of my writing are; the Spring Tour with the NWMSR (Northwest Missouri Street Rods) April 24, the Working tech session May 20 at the Dawson home, the 2023 Dust Off on June 3, and the King of Kings Car Show on June 4.

We are pending the registration form for the 2023 GPCRU while the registration for the 2023 CORSA National Convention is now available. Please check out the CORSA website and your Communique for details. The CORSA Meetup was full of information regarding the 2023 Convention as well as items you should consider reviewing prior to taking your car on the trip.

From the Dayton Corvair Chronicle; the 2024 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held in Dayton, OH. The proposed date and location is July 21 thru 26 at Marriott at the University of Dayton. Details will be provided as they become available.

The first Belton car show of the year was a bit windy and cool but that didn't keep the Corvair representation away. Mike & Sandy Dawson, Matt Olsen, and I enjoyed the lighter than normal event and were all able to line up in front of 816Vintage, Matt's enterprise on Main Street.

I learned that there was a mistake in my prior notes regarding our Christmas party, we actually have the private room at Trezo Mare from 5pm (not 6pm as previously noted) to 10pm so for those that are able to gather early feel free to begin arriving after 5pm. Dinner remains scheduled for around 7pm following the general meeting at 6:30pm. When you arrive the limited menu that will be provided will include the following selections; Caesar or Crisp Greens salad, then Chicken Piccata, Wood Fired Tilapia, Vegetable Pasta, or Sausage Pasta for your entrée, and finally Trezo Chocolate Bar or Tiramisu for dessert. Appetizers will be Tomato & Mozzarella Crostinis and Chicken & Artichoke Dip served buffet style. You may RSVP to Cindy Anders with your payment at any time.

There is a new campaign for the Corvair Museum of America Capital Campaign, visit https://www.corvairmuseum.org/

for more details including a video rendering of the proposed site. The club received a letter from Mike Hall which I've attached below for those that are not Facebook or follow the CORSA Chapter news. *This is the same item that Paul Sergeant read at the meeting for those that attended.* 

On behalf of the Corvair Preservation Foundation and National Corvair Museum, we want to congratulate Chris Shade on the announced plans for his Corvair Museum of America located in Hastings, Nebraska. How exciting for car enthusiasts to have more than one place to visit and celebrate all things Corvair.

As a result of this announcement and to clear up any confusion; we want folks to understand that the CPF National Corvair Museum and Mr. Shade's Corvair Museum of America are two separate organizations not affiliated with each other. To clarify, General Motors has an exclusive partnership agreement with our National Corvair Museum, and GM has declared it to be the official Corvair Museum of North America with additional endorsements from the Corvair Society of America (CORSA).

Our National Corvair Museum is located at 10041 Palm Rd. (Old Route 66), in Glenarm, Illinois, continues to serve the classic car community by preserving the history and legacy of this air-cooled wonder by acquiring and displaying items which include historically significant vehicles, many examples of production and custom cars and trucks, prototype engine displays, showcasing various sketch artwork, literature and memorabilia. In addition to researching, educating, and archiving Corvairs history and technical information, we're also proud to offer Frank Winchell scholarships to qualified worthy high school students of active CORSA members.

In the meantime, CPF will be making some exciting announcements at this year's CORSA Convention in Wisconsin pertaining to the National Corvair Museum. Stay tuned.

Mike Hall

Bill Bennett will be our Auctioneer this year for the annual Charity Auction held during our May meeting at Paul & Jacks. Go through your parts stash and bring in the rare/hard to find item that you have been saving onto and bring it in, you obviously aren't going to use it after all. Can't find any parts you are willing to turn loose of then go to your kitchen or grill and prepare something fabulous. More good news, your Board of Directors has selected the CPF (Corvair Preservation Foundation) as the recipient of this year's Charity Auction.

#### Reminder that our June Meeting will be at SAR-KO-PAR Trails.

President's personal agenda, if anyone found a rear housing seal for the pulley/harmonic balancer at the meeting please let me know. At the end of the evening a group of us began talking about the seals and I passed it around and it was likely laid on the table where I failed to retrieve it. This isn't the first time I've left things at the meeting place but this is the first time the waitress didn't call me and tell me to come get my stuff. Either someone else picked it up and was waiting for someone to claim it or it was discarded.

Be safe and take care of each other and yourself.

Vairy Best, Scott

## April Meeting, continued...

#### **Upcoming Events**

We have a busy calendar of events coming up. Here are some of the highlights:

- St. Joe Spring Tour, April 23, 2 pm Kat King
- Dawson residence Working Tech Session, May 20, 12 pm
- Dust Off, June 3, 10 am
- JUNE MEETING IN THE PARK
- King of Kings Car Show, June 4, 1 pm-4 pm
- 2023 CORSA International Convention in Wisconsin Dells, June 19 thru 24.
- The Great Car Show, July 16
- KC Automotive Museum display, in Saturday, July 29, and out Saturday, September 2.
- 2023 GPCRU in Guthrie Oklahoma, Sept 29 thru Oct 1 hosted by COCA.
- Christmas Party, December 1, 2023, Trazo Mare

#### Old Business

We discussed some old business, including the upcoming auction. Bill Bennett will be our auctioneer, and he could use helpers to select items and deliver them to high bidders. Don Corey volunteered to schedule socials for getting cars ready for the KC Automotive Museum. We also discussed the Corvair Museum of America's vision for another Corvair Museum in Hastings, Nebraska, which is not affiliated with CORSA or CPF but is a separate project.

#### **Member Project updates**

Scott Allison has been hard at work on his Corsa 140, which is well on its way to completion. Meanwhile, Mike Kliethermes had a breakthrough moment when he drove his '67 for the first time. Gary Jones has been cleaning up and has four doors off a late 4-door that he plans to scrap unless someone wants them. Complete with glass, act now if interested!

New member Tim Kienzle has been troubleshooting the front passenger door window of his vehicle, while Paul Sergeant is in the process of putting together wing windows for his Rampy. After some struggles with his own Rampy, he recently purchased a one-ton arbor press to aid in the process. Travis Bolton has been working on rust repair for several members, including Paul's 'vert, Kevin's car, and Julia's Mustang.

Dominique has been busy welding in a new rear quarter panel on his vehicle and completing front lower panel repairs. His 'vert has also been on display at the KC Automotive Museum, but he's happy to have it back in his own garage. Don Corey is working on a car for the SCCA, while Gary Moore recently had success starting up his Rampy without having to hotwire it. Unfortunately, it wouldn't start in time for the meeting.

Cliff Carlino has been working on his Jaguar. Dwight Hamby thanked Gary Jones for his help with his throwout bearing replacement, and new members Dave Fuller and Taylor West have been working on their vehicles' glove box latch and upholstery, respectively. Adam Fisher has been putting all the parts he bought from Clarks on his car.

As always, we're impressed by the dedication and progress of our members. Keep up the great work, and we'll see you at the next meeting/auction.

#### THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERIES

Mike Dawson

#### **Manual Transmission Shifter Seal Leak**

Leaks at the shifter seal can occur from the constant exposure to road grit at high speed or just from old age. The early design had a flange that made it easy to pry out of the case and along with the minimal loss of lube while changing the seal, it was not a major operation. All of the current seals available (4 different brand labels) are all the same design without the flange, which makes careful removal with an ice pick type tool, installation of a small sheet metal screw or similar removal method necessary. Care must be taken to avoid damage to the shaft or the cast iron case.

Installation of the new seal should include polishing the shaft while in 4th or 2nd gear (shaft out as far as possible) and use of one layer of Scotch tape overlapping the pin hole and the end of the shaft to aid in protecting the seal lips until completely installed. Even if you use fine sand paper or cloth to polish over the pin hole, the seal lips can drop into the hole and can be cut by a razor sharp edge at the hole chamfer. The tape eliminates the lips dropping into the hole area. And, as with any double lip seal, add grease in between the two lips before installing.

Note tape over the pin hole and end of shifter shaft:



# **Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show**

# Saturday, May 20, 2023 12:00 – Until Finished

#### 16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

Take this opportunity to enjoy some great socializing, get to know other members, and most important, take care of any repair or maintenance item you have been contemplating doing prior to the International Convention or the Roundup in September. Come and be comfortable knowing that parts, tools and advice will be available to make sure you can drive home whatever project you take on. There will be a sign up sheet for assistance.

A sample of items that can easily be addressed during the afternoon are: greasing fan bearings, packing wheel bearings (front and rear), carburetor balancing, distributor rebuilding, brake jobs, oil changes, etc. Brake replacement requires turning drums; I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time. Also available is gas and Mig welding, sandblasting, and glass beading.

The following will be furnished: grill food, service, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share; grilling begins at 4:00 and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply and I will email all potential attendees of any changes.

Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net

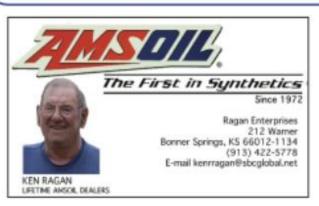
#### Classifieds

# The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent Contact: Ken Ragan

212 Warner Rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012 913-422-5778 E-mail: kenrragan@gmail.net

Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
1/2 inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
36 inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring grove 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



Internally regulated 63 amp Corvair alternators \$85 exchange



Rebuilt harmonic balancer \$110 exchange for a rebuildable

Rebuilt Corvair starters with solenoid \$105 exchange





Mike Dawson mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net 816-322-4057

Professionally rebuilt Corvair clutch disc on a 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





#### **Parts for Sale**

Bob Shellhorn has some parts he would like to sell, including:

- 3 14" 2 bar spinner Corvair wire spoked hubcaps \$25 each
- 1 13" 2 bar spinner Corvair wire spoked hubcap \$25
- 8 13" stainless steel LM Corvair hubcaps, most with plastic center caps but of poor condition, \$15 each
- 3 LM dash instrument panel with most gauges

chrome trim handles, lots of misc. engine components, carb. bodies, etc.

No blocks, intakes, drive train, or body sheetmetal.

Contact Bob Shellhorn at Bshell46@sbcglobal.net

# **Other Events and Tidbits**

# **Home Sweet Home**

After a lengthy stay at the Hotel de Kansas City Auto Museum, Dominique Allen's convertible is back home in his garage. Roscoe Yoder and company took good care of it during that time but it was good to get it back!



## **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. <a href="www.corvair.org">www.corvair.org</a>. 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

May	
Name	Date
Ed Ostervich	1
Janet Cozad	1
Marcia West	5
Sheila Rafferty	12
Neva Clark	14
Janet Kliethermes	16
Bill Bennett	17
Suzanne Berger	18
Mark Killion	19
Barbara Wagner	26
Taylor West	27
Larry Teter	30
Gary Moore	31