



**Mid Maryland Corvair Club
Corsa Chapter 217**

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Drippy Leaks & Flyin' Fanbelts

The monthly newsletter of the Mid Maryland Corvair Club, Corsa Chapter 217

From The President

***"Best thing about March?
You never know when a free lawn chair will blow by"
-Unknown***

Congratulations to winners Bill Hubbell and Bob & Cindy McNamara in our pregame club meeting. I brought up the possibility of having a tech session at a member's garage that has a lift where we could possibly do a tune up, tire rotation, inspection or other items. Bill Hubbell & Dianna Moy volunteered their garages for a future meeting this spring/summer.

For those active members that forgot to pay their dues by the 09/30 year date, we made the decision to send out a 30 day friendly email reminder & if needed, then a personal reminder by phone from the club president (me) to check on that member's status and well-being. The decision was also made to offer our club member's the electronic payment system of choice (Square, Venmo, PayPal) with Dianna's assistance and their awareness of surcharge acceptance.

We will have future discussions on how to attract younger members through social media. For now, I suggested possibly having a 3 Corvair club car show in our area, raising money for a local charity and offering games (ex. fan belt toss) to our show's visitors. We all agreed our newly formatted newsletter by Dianna is top notch. Dianna has also setup our club computer drop box which we will review in detail at our next meeting.

Regarding the CORSA convention status, our 12 page hotel contract is currently being reviewed by our CORSA board of directors. Prior to it's authorization, CORSA specifies we have a minimum number (unknown by me) of committed volunteer members to assist working the various convention events.

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Special Points of Interest

- **Upcoming Chapter meeting on March 9th**
- **2025 CORSA Convention is coming to Gettysburg PA!**

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From the President

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I have solicited CPCC, Group Corvair and NVCC for their member numbers and will be contacting each of you for your possible assistance in "our" convention event. Julia, thanks for being our first member to volunteer.

Finally, we discussed updating our club website; how often material should be added and which members should have access for updates and changes. I also authorized Bob, our treasurer, to pay CORSA our \$35 annual

dues commitment, and we will also discuss a monetary donation to Heritage Frederick, for the account of our prior deceased club member, Bernie Becker.

Hope to see everyone at our next 03/09/23 7 PM club meeting. Happy Vairing!

Tom Rahochik Club President

This Month's Birthdays:

We have two birthdays this month! Happy Birthday to:

Bill Sherman 3/6

Frank Schleigh 3/30



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know!

Corvairs for Sale



69 Fitch Sprint, modified 140/4 speed. Original 1966 body wrecked many years ago and all Fitch equipment transferred to a 69 Monza body. Registered in Connecticut as a 69 Chevrolet Fitch. Ground up restoration. Seller says it's not a trailer queen. Car is in Connecticut.

Asking \$25,000.00

See Hemmings.com Classified



1966 Monza Daily Driver, 140/3speed manual, Corsa Dash w/VDO gauges, Sport Bucket seats, 15x7 Chrome Torq Thrust style wheels w/radials. Seller states that paint needs help, wrinkles in door skins, and chrome could be re-done. Mechanically very good. Car is in Oklahoma City, OK. Many original parts go along with sale. Asking \$12,500. Private Seller.

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Roadway History

Probably everyone is familiar with U.S. Route 30 as it winds through Pennsylvania and then wanders west all the way to California. Those that know of Cashtown PA will probably recognize the old Cashtown Garage. The garage is a historic, over 110-year old building that started out as a blacksmith shop and quickly changed into a garage and filling station (www.CashtownGarage.com).

Our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Dianna Moy and her other half, Dale Graves acquired the building mid-December of last year. The building still has an operational garage that performs light auto repair, provides PA State inspections, and also offers detailing services! Top Notch Auto Repair and Detailing has been a tenant in the building for over 6 years since moving there from Fairfield PA. See Top Notch's website at www.topnotchcashtown.com.

The Cashtown Garage is across from the Cashtown Community Center as well as the Cashtown Fire Department. Dianna and Dale are looking to perhaps host events there over the summer such as a "Cars-N-Cream" (have an ice cream vendor sell ice cream on a warm summer evening, so that we can walk around enjoying the classic cars while licking an ice cream cone.... Yum!)



Cashtown Garage circa 1940



Above:

A picture of the Cashtown Garage circa 1940.

Right:

A picture of the garage today taken from almost the same location and angle as the 1940 one. Photo courtesy of Dianna Moy.

www.CashtownGarage.com



Cashtown Garage - 2022

2023 Car Shows and Events

March

- **12th** - Chesapeake Bay AACA vehicle swap meet, 7am to 3pm (Rain or Shine), Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD—FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
- **24-25th** — SMR Parts & Swap Meet, 8-4 Friday, 8am to 2pm Saturday, \$5 (under 10 free), Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD

April

- **19-23** - Spring Carlisle, Carlisle PA fairgrounds

May

- **12-13**—Carlisle Import & Performance, Carlisle PA fairgrounds
- **18-20**—AACA Gettysburg Eastern Spring Nationals (same place as our 2025 CORSA Convention)

June

- **3-4**—EAA Spring 2023 Fly-in/Drive-in “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”, AYCE Breakfast, 8AM-Noon, Gettysburg Regional Airport, Route 30 West, 1130 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg PA 17325. Call Dianna Moy so that sufficient space is reserved.
- **18-24**—CORSA International Convention, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

- **23-24**—Carlisle GM Nationals, Carlisle PA fairgrounds

August

- **5**—Pleasant Valley Car Show, Rohrsersville, MD
- **4-6**—Carlisle Truck Nationals, Carlisle PA fairgrounds
- **19**—Rose Hill Manor Benefit Show, Rose Hill Manor Park & Museum, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick MD
- **24-26**—Carlisle Corvettes, Carlisle PA fairgrounds

September

- **9**—Vintage Vehicles in the Valley, Middletown MD
- **16**—Clark’s 50th Anniversary Show hosted by Bay State Corvair Club, Shelburne Falls, MA
- **September 27-Oct 1**—Fall Carlisle, Carlisle PA fairgrounds

October

- **3-6**—AACA Hershey Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA
- **14**—Rockville Show, Rockville Civic Center/Mansion, Rockville MD

If needed, more details will be added as we near the dates for the events

Bernard “Bernie” Becker, MMCC Charter Member, passes away at the age of 91

On February 11, 2023, Bernard Dixon Becker of Monrovia, MD was surrounded by family and friends as Heaven gained a good man. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty years, Helen Virginia Becker, and his siblings, Frank Marion Becker, Mary (Richard) Dwyer, and Marie (Ralph) Marlett. He is survived by his four children, Edward Dixon Becker, Kenneth Louis Becker, George William Becker, and Catherine Virginia Edsall (nee Becker), as well as nineteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was a loving husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and a friend to all whom he met.

Bernard (Bernie) was born to Francis Marion Becker Sr. and Catherine Virginia Becker (nee Beattie) in Alexandria, VA, on July 14, 1932. He attended George Washington High School. Helen and Bernie Becker were married on Sept 14, 1957, at St. Anthony's Church in Falls Church, VA.

Bernie served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956 as an Electronics Engineer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Randolph, an experience he often described as one of the best times of his life. After working a stint as an electrician for his older brother at Becker Electric Co of Alexandria, VA, Bernie used his Navy experience to land a job at IBM. He had a long and bright career at IBM, first traveling across the USA to various customer sites as a lead hardware engineer, then moving into the software arena to become one of the foremost experts in JES2. Bernie retired from IBM in 1992 after 32 years.

Bernie met Helen through his best friend and Helen's brother, Barney Shifflett. As teenagers, Bernie and Barney were known for staying up all night and playing "Hillbilly music" at Barney's house. Bernie and his brothers-in-law would frequently 'catch a train' to Winchester to see Patsy Cline and Roy Clark, as well as others on the Country Music Circuit. Bernie and Barney maintained their friendship and passion for music throughout their whole life, teaching their kids how to play guitar and pulling out the guitars every Thanksgiving for a memorable performance.

After marrying in 1957, Bernie and Helen settled in the suburbs of Alexandria near Rose Hill, purchasing their first house. Four children (Eddie, Kenny, George, and Cathy) later, the family moved just a few blocks to a new house where the children attended the local schools, Helen worked in the home, and Bernie built his career at IBM. A transfer to Gaithersburg in 1978 led the family to move to Monrovia, Maryland, where Bernie and Helen held court with family and friends until their final days. Bernie was always welcoming to friends, neighbors, and family. Together his and Helen's house was always filled with a crowd -- a tradition handed down from their parents.

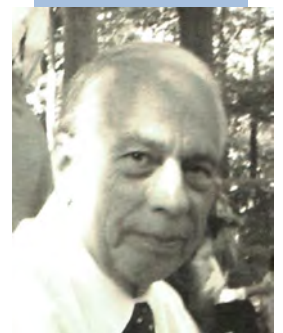
Bernie's love of antique cars was legendary. At one point, he commandeered the family rec room to rebuild, from the ground up, a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe, a 1964 and a 1969 Corvair, and multiple Cadillacs. Later, in his retired years, he collected and modeled antique trains, entertaining the grandkids for hours.

A self-taught historian, Bernie spent nearly ten years tracing his family's roots specifically looking for the final resting place of his grandfather, the late Henry T. Harrison, a scout for the South during the Civil War, and a good friend of General Longstreet. During his research Bernie uncovered handwritten letters which detailed Harrison's movements during the war, including passages recounting a certain meeting with General Lee, then near York, PA. Harrison advised Lee that he was being chased by General Meade, then in Maryland. Lee turned his forces around and moved south, resulting in the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863.

Bernie finally located his grandfather's unmarked grave in Covington, KY, and arranged for a full military burial and headstone by the Veterans Administration. While he was a man of few words, Bernie was eloquent and direct, yet he was always happy to talk about Civil War history, Abraham Lincoln or his time in the Navy. He was a true patriot, incredibly proud of his service and the United States. He will be sorely missed.

Interment will be private, at Quantico National Cemetery, at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to Heritage Frederick -

The Historical Society of Frederick County, 24 E Church St., Frederick, MD 21701



REISTERSTOWN REGIONAL PARK

19TH ANNUAL ALL-VEHICLE SHOW

YEARS: 1900 to PRESENT -- ALL MAKES, MODIFIEDS & ORIGINALS

401 Mitchell Dr., Reisterstown, MD 21136

Location offers a large, covered Pavilion in the event of hot sun or rain and a playground area for kids!

Sunday, July 30, 2023
10 AM to 3 PM

A portion of the proceeds to benefit Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation * www.SaveTheHobby.org

~~ TOP 35 AWARDS & 50/50 Raffle ~~

Top 35 as determined by Judges PLUS ... "Reisterstown Park Choice Award",
"Best of Decade Awards: Teens/20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s, 2010s,
2020s", "Best Motorcycle", "Best Truck", "Best Modified/Custom Awards (6)"
and "Longest Distance Driven"

Food available at Concession Stand: Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Snacks, Cold Drinks

SHOW VEHICLE ENTRANCE: From I-795 going North,
Exit 9A to MD-30 / MD-140E Westminster / Hanover.

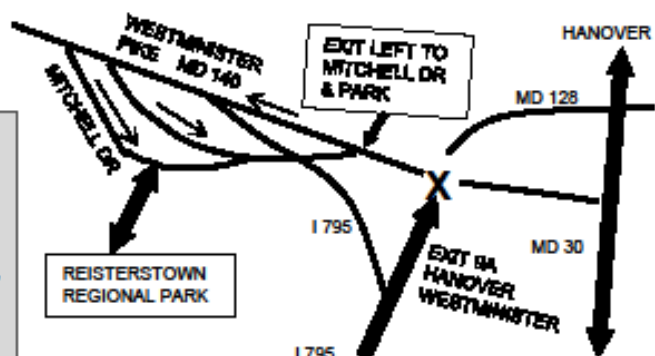
At traffic light turn left onto MD-140 towards
Westminster. Keep left and then immediately turn left
onto Mitchell Dr. Follow posted signs.

Vehicle Registration: \$15.00 at the Gate
Advance registration appreciated!

For Advance Registration:

Complete the form below and mail with check to:
Mike Natale * 643 Coventry Rd * Towson, MD 21286
Make Check Payable to: **"Free State Region, VCCA"**

Additional Information: Call Mike @ 443-465-7492
E-Mail: MRNatale@verizon.net
Visit our website www.freestaterregionvcca.org



ATTENTION "GROUPS" ... WE CAN NOT SAVE SPACES ... to park together, please arrive together!

SPONSORED BY Free State Region, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA)

Show vehicles should have a Functional Fire Extinguisher.

All Vehicles Must be on the Show Field by 12 Noon to be judged. A RAIN or SHINE event. Family-friendly!

Name: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Vehicle Make & Model: _____ Color: _____ Year: _____

Member of Club: _____ Vehicle: Modified: ☐ Original: ☐

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY - 2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH- each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page www.corvair.com

FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023

FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER- if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE- sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE**- check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES- See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

2023 SUPPLEMENT- On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin- We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

CATALOG- over 450 pages, free with an order, \$8 postpaid in USA

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION/MEMBER DATA SHEET

Member Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

*Member Birth Date: ____/____/____ *Spouse Birth Date: ____/____/____ * Anniversary Date: ____/____/____

Occupation: _____

Other Hobbies/Interests: _____

Special Talents or Abilities to share in Club Activities: _____

Corvairs Owned:

Year	Model	Body Style	Engine	Transmission	Color
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Check One _____ New Membership _____ Renewal Membership

Applicant/Member Signature _____

Date _____

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*Note: This information is optional

Join Mid-Maryland Corvair Club (MMCC)!

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING IS MARCH 9TH AT 7PM, FITZGERALD AUTO COMPLEX IN FREDERICK

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