



**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

"Happy February 15th- The glorious day when all of the Valentine's Day candy is on sale." —Unknown

I hope everyone enjoyed our holiday dinner at the Keystone Restaurant. The food, like always, was very good. Great progress is being made on our 2025 Gettysburg CORSA convention event. I have visited the hotel complex several times now and we are in the review and adjust portion of the hotel contract.

I have accepted the position of Convention Chairman and our club member, Rick Sanford has accepted the position of Deputy Chairman. And, so far, we have six additional core group members that have signed on to assist with the day by day planning and organizing of our convention. If you know of others that may have an interest to join our core group, please let me know. At the holiday dinner, there was not enough time to participate in several Corvair game events, so be sure to attend our February meeting and have a chance to win a great prize! We will also work on updating/correcting our membership roster and further discuss the electronic payment system for member's dues.

On Saturday, 02/18/23, NVCC will be having their meeting at Fred Marx's (Club President) house in Potomac, MD. Their club members will be replacing a transmission in a 1965 Corsa. The meeting starts at 9 AM in Fred's garage (he has a full height lift - yes I'm jealous) I plan on attending so if anyone would like to ride down with me let me know. I just heard the weatherman say January was the third warmest we ever had and with no snowfall the roads are still great for those Corvair rides. And let's not forget our significant others on Valentine's Day. They are the ones who harmonized with us to who we are today.

Happy Vairing!

Tom Rahochik, Club President

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Special points of interest

- Lots of shows, but July is quiet for now
- **Upcoming Chapter meeting on February 9th**
- Valentine's Day Brownie recipe inside!
- **2025 CORSA Convention is coming to Gettysburg PA!**

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

- **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

This Month's Birthdays:

We have two birthdays this month! Happy Birthday to:

Jeannette Ostroff 02/04

Debbie Maynard 02/13





Tech Sessions Are A Good Club Building Activity

They can also help out fellow club members with their cars...

—Rick Sanford



Financial Report

The bank balance was \$1,760.94. I paid Dianna Moy for materials used to print cards for the club: \$27.06. This makes the current balance \$1,733.88.

—Bob Millard

Clark's Corvair Parts Celebrates 50 Years

Clark's Corvair Parts in Shelburne Falls, MA is celebrating 50 years in business!

Clark's will have an advertisement in next month's newsletter, so keep an eye out for it!

Tidbits from Ron Moss

MotorBiscuit (Online Blog) - Not Corvair related but an interesting read

Have You Noticed Fewer Bugs on Your Windshield?

Henry Cesari - October 16, 2022

Do you feel like you see fewer bugs splattered on your windshield after a road trip than you did in summers past? Scientists say the phenomenon of fewer bugs on your car isn't a figment of your imagination: it may signal a coming insect armageddon dubbed the bugpocalypse.

According to the Independent, some drivers noticed fewer bugs splattering on their car windshields and car grilles by the early 2000s. These people chatted with other drivers, in person or even on early social media sites. But these early conversations about the decline of bug splatters were purely anecdotal. Certain folks who had been driving for years seemed to recall seeing more bugs on windshields after a long drive when they were young than on windshields today.

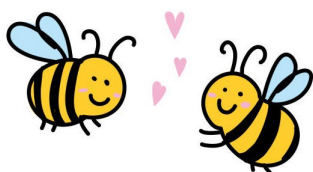
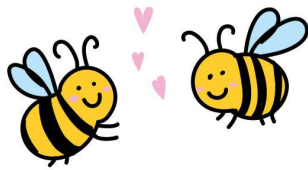
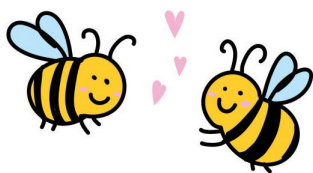
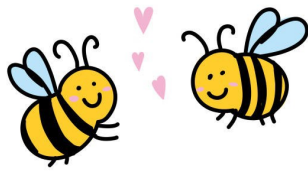
Some people wondered if the aerodynamic shape of modern cars was creating a slipstream to guide flying insects around cars, instead of into their windshields. But this was empty hypothesizing until scientists got involved. One early study of the number of bugs splatting onto car windshields was the work of the Kent Wildlife Trust over in England. The scientists took data from a driving study in 2004 that included the number of bugs stuck to license plates. The 2004 researchers found 0.2 insects slammed into license plates during every mile of driving. When 2019 researchers replicated the study across 650 different road trips, they found a disturbing shift: just 0.1 insects struck license plates during every mile driven. A group of scientists in Puerto Rico have actually been measuring bugs splattering on windshields there since the 1970s, to measure the biomass in the nearby rainforest. They estimate that the number of insects has plummeted between 10 and 60 times since they began the study. What would a bugpocalypse mean for you?

Where have all the bugs gone?

According to some scientists, they are simply dying out. This bugpocalypse could have a drastic impact on civilization as we know it. No one is sure exactly why, though experts suspect it's a combination of factors. These factors include climate change, the overuse of pesticides, reduced habitat, invasive species, and new diseases that tag along with them. The hard data suggests that insect populations—and the diversity of insect species—may have plummeted 40% over the past 30 years.

Why should you care?

Insects are critical for pollinating the plants that produce the food we eat. At least one-third of crops around the world would not survive without their insect pollinators. So if insects go away, so do most of the foods we love—and perhaps our ability to grow enough food for the human race.



More from Ron Moss

At our Holiday Dinner at Keystone Restaurant, Bill Hubble reported that he has begun showing the John Glenn Corvair in the AACA Judged Shows. He received his First Junior at the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey last October. Additionally, he has been invited to discuss the car and its restoration at the AACA National Convention and Annual Awards Banquet in Williamsburg, VA in early February. Folks, this is BIG. We'll be anxious to hear how Bill fares with the presentation.

Speaking of the AACA, their Eastern Spring Nationals will be held in Gettysburg May 18-20 at the Wyndham as listed above. This is the same location as our proposed 2025 CORSA Convention so we will be able to see first hand how the facility handles a large automotive show event. Bill Hubble will probably have the John Glenn Corvair there also to continue his journey through the AACA Judging. Another Corvair is sold for big bucks at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours at Gooding and Company's Auction. Here's Hemmings Motor News report on the sale.

"How do you put a price on a concept?"

1960 Chevrolet Corvair Coupe Speciale

Condition - original

Reserve - undisclosed

Selling Price \$315,000.00



Back in 1960, GM VP of Design Bill Mitchell sent this Corvair to Pinin Farina (in Italy) to commission a styling exercise. What emerged was a striking reimagining of the compact that was subsequently displayed at the Paris and Turin Motor Shows. Look Familiar? It was on the March 1961 cover of Road & Track.

After that, the Corvair was sent to Tom Tjaarda for its redevelopment into a 2+2. Again it hit the show circuit and was on the cover of Road&Track again in February 1963, before it was updated yet again by Tjaarda.

After its last appearance in '63, it was held in the coachbuilder's archives until 1996 when the Chevy was sold into private hands. It's been on display at five noteworthy concours since, including Pebble in '96 and the Quail, A Motorsport Gathering in 2010. How do you put a price on a concept?

Packard plant demise

Here is sad news about the demise of the Packard plant in Detroit. Check out the link below. Remember that Packard built some of the most prestigious automobiles in the world. Also, their precision engine manufacturing capabilities built (under license) the awesome Rolls Royce Merlin engines used to power the P51 Mustang fighter planes-arguably the best of all WWII fighters.

<https://www.yahoo.com/autos/packard-auto-plant-largest-abandoned-203000564.html>

Ooey-Gooley Brownies for Two!

Sometimes after dinner and after the kids go to bed, my husband and I want something sweet...but I don't want to make a huge batch of brownies that will tempt our waistlines throughout the week. Here's the perfect treat...awesome gooey brownies for two!

Prep Time: 10 mins ., Cook Time: 25 mins., Total Time: 35 mins

Ingredients:

1 (1 ounce) square unsweetened chocolate
3 tablespoons butter
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ cup all-purpose flour

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two (2) serving-size oven-proof custard dishes.
2. Place chocolate and butter in a small microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high 1 minute. Stir until chocolate melts completely. Add sugar. Stir in beaten egg and vanilla extract. Mix thoroughly. Add flour; mix well. Divide brownie batter between two (2) prepared custard dishes.
3. Bake in preheated oven until center of brownies has risen and surface appears glossy, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.

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

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