



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

"Any day in August is better than a day in January" - Keith Vic

These first seventeen days in July have been hotter than any others in more than forty years of global observations, climate scientists said. A good time to have air conditioning in our Corvairs.

We made the decision in our July meeting to have our pizza benefit event for the employees of the Fitzgerald's dealership at our August meeting as a "thank you" to them for allowing our club the use of their facility for our meetings over the last forty plus years. Be sure to let Carletta know if you can bring plates, sodas, silverware, salad or deserts.

I hope most of you are becoming familiar with our club membership and mailing list in dropbox.com. All you need is a password to enter and you can sign out then under your initials. Let me or Dianna know if any information needs changed or updated. Also keep in mind if you are on Facebook, our club also has a Facebook page.

A reminder to all our members for the upcoming car show sponsored by the First Hose Company of Boonsboro on Saturday 08/05/23 from 8 am to 3 pm. I know many of you like to attend this show and I hope to be there early as well.

The Hagerty website had a great story about a classic Corvette engine being saved by a new fire extinguisher called the Element. Once used, there is no corrosion and very little residue. And, it is "tube" type and smaller in size than the standard one. I have already purchased one and am very satisfied with this

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Special Points of Interest

- **Upcoming Chapter meeting on August 10th**
- **2026 CORSA Convention is coming to Gettysburg PA!**

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product. Here are the websites of the Corvette story and the Element website.

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/how-i-saved-my-neighbors-vintage-corvette-from-death-by-fire/>

<https://elementfire.com/>

Hope to see all of you at our next 08/10/23 meeting with a good appetite for pizza!

Happy Vairing!

Tom Rahochik Club President

This Month's Birthdays and Anniversaries

We have two birthdays this month and one anniversary!

Happy Birthday to: **Dick Kaetzel on 8/10, and Terry Glendenning on 8/22**

Happy Anniversary to the:

Schleigh's on 8/31

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



Corvairs for Sale



For Sale 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 900 Convertible
ASKING \$8,500.00
VEHICLE LOCATION Lockport, NY VIN 40967W124719 EXTERIOR COLOR White
INTERIOR COLOR Red ENGINE 110hp Air Cooled Flat 6
TRANSMISSION Automatic
MILEAGE 81000 SELLER TYPE Private The car has new valve tube O rings, pan gasket, oil cooler O rings, plugs and a rebuilt starter. The original interior is in amazingly nice condition. The convertible top is totally shot and it does have rust in the floor. This is a very fair price for a car with great potential or drive as is. Listed on Hemmings.com



For Sale 1963 Spyder Convertible VEHICLE LOCATION New Milford, Connecticut
VIN 30967L1110686 ODOMETER 86,044 ENGINE 145-cu.in. turbocharged air-cooled flat-six TRANSMISSION 4 Speed Manual EXTERIOR COLOR Ember Red INTERIOR Black vinyl SELLER Dealer AUCTION TYPE Reserve Incorrect 64 front trim installed- Seller says it's a good driver, not a #1 show car. Restored by previous owner over 10 years ago.

Travelling? Check Out Local Car Museums and Car Shows!

As one travels around the country, antique car museums, car shows and cruise-ins can be found. In Reno NV, you will find The National Automobile Museum. Most of the vehicles displayed are from the collection of William F. Harrah.

William F. Harrah collected approximately 1,450 automobiles, and it was the world's largest collection of historic automobiles, that was open to the public. When Harrah died in 1978, Holiday Inn acquired his hotel-casino company and the automobile collection. Holiday Inn donated 175 of Harrah's automobiles to the group and sold the rest of the collection through three auctions in the mid-1980s. Private owners donated another 60 vehicles.



1969 CHEVROLET CORVAIR

In the history of the automobile industry, many worthy models suffered undeserved and premature "deaths." Popular when first produced in 1960 (316,000-unit peak production year in 1961), Corvair production ended before the decade was over. Sales of only 6,000 cars in 1969 was anything but profitable, but this dismal showing really surprised no one.

The Corvair had not been selling well since 1965 when industry critic, Ralph Nader, raised concerns about Corvair safety in his famous book *Unsafe at Any Speed*. Though some of Nader's charges about the early Corvairs had merit, Corvairs were innovative, appealing, spirited and highly-styled economy cars, but all this was not enough to assure success against a tainted reputation. This Chevrolet Corvair was produced on May 14, 1969, the last day of Corvair production.

This car was made on the last day of production

SPECS

Model:	Corvair 500
Body Style:	Sport Coupe
Built By:	Chevrolet Motor Division General Motors Division Detroit, MI
Engine:	Air-Cooled 6-Cylinder
Bore/Stroke:	3 7/16" / 2 15/16"
Cu. In. / HP:	163.6 / 95
New Price:	\$2,899
Donated By:	Harrah's Hotels & Casinos

Adopted By:
Classic Chevy Club

The museum currently has over 200 cars that are separated into galleries. Gallery 1 showcases cars built during the 1890s & 1900s, Gallery 2 features cars from the 1910s to 1930s, Gallery 3 the 1930s through to the 1950s, and Gallery 4 displays cars from 1950 onward, including race cars. A Corvair produced on the last day of production is on display there.

In Hales Corners, WI, the Holz Chevrolet dealership holds its annual car show on July 4th. Over 400 cars of all makes and models (2008 and earlier) fill the lot. At 8AM, residents are already lined up along the street leading to the dealership to watch the cars enter the lot. The waiting line has, at times, stretched for almost a mile.



2023 Car Shows and Events

August

- **5—Pleasant Valley Car Show**, Roh-rersville, MD
- **4-6—Carlisle Truck Nationals**, Car-lisle 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
- **23-24—EAA Fall 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.



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

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October

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

**PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY
EVENTS THAT ARE COMING
SOON THAT YOU THINK EVERY-
ONE SHOULD KNOW OF!**

Replicar Visionary Glenn Pray's Cord 8/10 Was Ahead Of Its Time

-by Pat Foster, Hemmings Daily News, July 14th 2023

I never met Glenn Pray, but wish I had. He was a remarkable person. Pray, an Oklahoma school teacher, was one of the pioneers of the replicar craze that flourished in the 1980s. Pray was so far ahead of the curve that he began working on his first replica car in 1963. Before that, he'd already made a name for himself by buying the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Company. At the time he bought it, the assets were mainly a large collection of new, original spare parts for the cars; it also gave him ownership of the brand names.

Pray was a diehard Cord enthusiast, which is what got him interested in the ACD company in the first place. He felt he could make money selling spare parts to fellow enthusiasts, many of whom he knew personally. Once he bought the firm, he decided to introduce an all-new Cord automobile, which he said would be a Rolls-Royce sort of car. He was acquainted with Gordon Buehrig, designer of the original Cord 810, who soon talked him out of trying to match Rolls-Royce—that was too high a goal for a guy who had no money and no experience as an automobile manufacturer. Instead, Pray decided build a smaller version of the stylish Cord 810 that they called the Cord 8/10— get it? Work soon began in an old pickle factory in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Pray insisted that the new Cord be a front-driver like the original. The problem was that front-wheel drive was still a rarity in America. No American car had featured front-drive since the Cord, so where could he source the transaxles? A few import cars had FWD, but Buehrig suggested that Pray consider existing domestic components. The Chevy Corvair had a sturdy rear-drive transaxle hooked up to a decent-performing pancake six-cylinder engine. So, Pray took that drivetrain out of a new Corvair, turned it around and plopped it into his Cord—voila! A new front-drive Cord was born. Adding a factory turbocharger made the Cord perform like it should. (After all, the original Cord had been considered a performance car, sort of a BMW 3.0 CS of its day). Pray's company talked of a 120-mph top speed, which may have been stretching things a bit, but 0-60 mph acceleration was good, and the car could burn rubber for half a block or more.



Now all Pray needed was money for the expensive body tooling, along with engineering funds so he could develop his idea into an actual working car. In stepped the U.S. Rubber Company, which was looking for a way to promote a new ABS plastic it had developed. Amazingly, the company agreed to fund construction of a series of development cars, as well as pay for the body tooling, all to advertise its new Expanded Royalite ABS plastic.

Heaven only knows how much cash U.S. Rubber sank into the project, but it must have been a prodigious amount, certainly much more than Pray would have been able to get on his own. The new Cord garnered an amazing amount of publicity for the product, and U.S. Rubber seemed very pleased.

The Cord project itself, though, came a cropper. In all, just 97 cars were built—including six prototypes—before the company went bankrupt. A successor firm built another 13 Cord 8/10s before the redesigned SAMCO Cord debuted; less said about the styling changes done on that car the better.

Down but certainly not out, Glenn Pray managed to continue as an automaker committed to reproducing old car designs. Because his second-favorite car was the famed boattail Auburn Speedster, he went on to create a beautiful new Auburn 866 Speedster with the same exquisite styling, driving the initial prototype to an ACD Club event in late 1967. Powered by a Ford V-8/ automatic drivetrain with rear-wheel drive, the Auburn "866" was designed for easier assembly than the Cord, with frames purchased and engines acquired from Ford and its dealers; body parts were produced by an outside firm. Pray had learned some hard lessons from his first automaking venture and he applied this knowledge when he began his second act.

The Auburn Speedster was successful and Pray later designed and built a gorgeous Auburn Dual-Cowl Phaeton, which he patented. His accomplishments are still revered today. Like I said, a remarkable man.

The Fall 2023 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!

Saturday and Sunday * SEPTEMBER 23rd AND 24th, 2023

*Sponsored by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association
(the Gettysburg Barnstormers) at: GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (W05)
Route 30 West, 1130 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg PA 17325*

FEATURING

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, and Juice!

***Cash: \$10 Adult/ \$4 Youth (12 & under), *Credit: \$10.50 Adult, \$4.50 Youth**

*Prices may be subject to change due to fluctuating food costs.

A portion of the proceeds benefit Aviation Programs for Youth

Join us for Planes of all types, Antique and Classic Cars, and even flying model planes!

Also, come see “Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine”!



Above pictures from our last breakfast! On right, Floyd's Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was designed by Floyd Armstrong (1944-2014)

Check us out on the Web at: WWW.1041.EAACHAPTER.ORG, or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952



Our 50th Anniversary 2023

Thanks to the support of thousands 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 this 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 Department. 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.

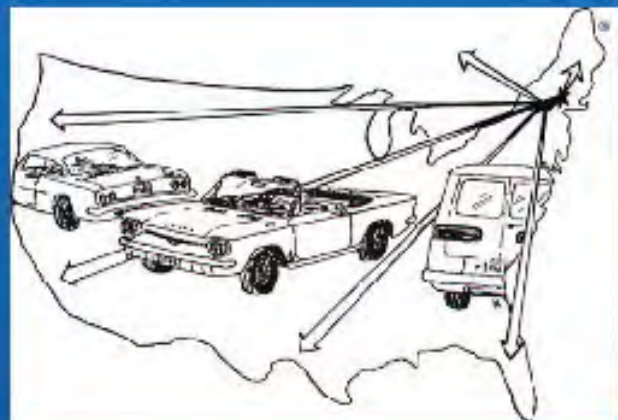
2023 SUPPLEMENT: On our website or as a hard copy-many new repros & updates.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin: We will be there Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates are June 19- June 24, 2023 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

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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You can find us on Facebook as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3510395809190494>

Coming soon: Instagram and Twitter! Keep an eye out here!



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING IS JULY 13TH AT 7PM, FITZGERALD AUTO COMPLEX IN FREDERICK

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