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August Meeting

Our monthly meeting took place on August 10th, with president Scott Allison calling the meeting to order at 7 PM. The first order of business was member medical updates, of which there were several.

First and foremost, we'd like to express our heartfelt condolences to Helen Moore, as her cousin recently passed away. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time, Helen. Additionally, Gary Moore has been on the mend from carpal tunnel surgery and getting better by the day.

The Morris family has been a bit under the weather, with Cindy Anders battling a head cold, and Cindy's dad, Chuck Morris, undergoing knee surgery on July 25th; here's to a speedy recovery for both of them! On a different note, Don and Irma Jean Barta have embarked on a new journey, moving to Oceanside, California, to be closer to family. Along with this change, they've sold their '64 gold Monza convertible to Eric Jaynes, who is a new member.

Paula and Larry Roberts have gone to Colorado to be with her sister, Yvonne, who is on hospice. Our thoughts are with their family at this time. Michael Kliethermes is currently resting his back after straining it, as he's gearing up for an Alaska cruise once he's fully recovered. Finally, Kevin Koch shared that he is "doing remarkably well." It's great to hear, Kevin!

Membership chair Don Wagner introduced our new member, Eric Jaynes, who recently purchased Don Barta's '64 gold Monza convertible. We look forward to getting to know you better, Eric!

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HACOIA Calendar at a glance

Date	Event
Tuesday, September 12	Monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Saturday, September 16	Working Tech Session, Dawson residence, Belton, MO
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Great Plains Corvair Roundup, Guthrie, OK

President's Tapping

President's Tapping, September 2023

August certainly ended on a warm note. The weekend of the 19th I was still personally able to attend a car show in Grandview with Adam Fisher and spend the 20th with Terry Kalp as we toured both the KC Automotive Museum and the Underground. HACOIA had 6 cars, including the Monza Jr., in the Kansas City automotive Museum the month of August. The display is very nice and our editors may select from the many photos Terry and I have taken to include in the newsletter. During our visit I donned the Scooby Doo costume for some pictures with the Mystery Machine and the Museum staff.

It is fantastic that we have so many members that will go the extra mile to have their cars seen which in turn furthers our marque recognition and standing in the community. My personal thanks to everyone that participated in the August 2022 and August 2023 Corvair events at the KC Automotive Museum; Mike & Sandy Dawson, Cliff & Sheila Carlino, Helen & Gary Moore, John & Teresa Miller, Corly & Dominique, Gary & Marty Jones, Kim & Wes Mellies, Linda Mellies, and Travis Bolton. Thank you also to Roscoe Yoder for including HACOIA in the display rotation for the past 2 years and allowing us the opportunity to have the Corvairs displayed in the grand facility that is the KC Automotive Museum.

The Timeline of Transportation car show in Independence on August 13th was again canceled due to rain. Since this has occurred both times the event has been scheduled this year it would appear that when the Johnson County Historical Society schedules a show that we will in fact receive widespread rain in the area.

Earlier in the month, on the 6th of August, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Kyle & Paul Lewis during the Pegah's car show at their Lenexa location.

The GPCRUI is at the end of the month, September 29th and October 1st and Mike & Sandy Dawson have set aside the 16th to assist anyone in preparing their Corvair for the trip to Guthrie Oklahoma. Be sure to RSVP to Mike Dawson if you plan to attend and let him know of what work you are thinking of performing so that he can be prepared with parts you may need on hand.

I hope that everyone has their hotel secured and sent their registration form into the COCA club for the 2023 Great Plains Corvair Roundup. If you have not yet registered there is still time to participate in the event.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of being formed. Please let any board member know if you are interested in being on the committee and then any committee member with your interest in holding a position. The President, Secretary, and all 3 board members must be replaced due to term limits or individuals leaving the area. The Vice President and Treasure have the opportunity to run again for their current position, or any other position, should they choose to do so. Every position every year is open for elections if more than one person elects to run for the same position.

As mentioned at the August meeting, your board of directors will decide in October if we have the minimum number of

persons signed up for the Christmas Party. We are more than halfway there but need others to RSVP and provide your payment to Cindy Anders to ensure the event can occur. We would hate to have to cancel the event this year but legally the club has a limited amount that they can put towards the event so we need members to make a decision by the October meeting.

Be safe and take care of each other and yourself.

Vairy Best, Scott

August Meeting, continued from page 1



The minutes from the July meeting were approved as read by Helen Moore and Cindy Anders provided the treasurer's report. Thank you, Helen and Cindy, for keeping our records accurate and helping the newsletter editor!

In the trophy department, Paul Sergeant has been elected as CORSA President by the CORSA Board of Directors, a significant achievement for him and our club. Congratulations! Additionally, Dick Berger and Charlie Clark have 100% attendance at the SCCA Solo Nationals for 49 consecutive years, receiving a write-up in SPORTSCAR's July/August 2023 edition. This September marks

their 50th year in attendance, an incredible milestone.

Don Wagner, our Membership Chair, will ensure any new updates to the roster are promptly shared via email. Travis Bolton reported that our website is now running smoothly and efficiently. On the parade front, we'll be missing the Homecoming parade on September 29 as we'll all be at the Round Up. Thank you, Kat, for keeping us informed.

Ken Ragan is "keepin' on" in the Tool Crib department. If you need tools, be sure to contact him after lunch. Additionally, Ken's daughter shared a picture of him on Facebook, and we're happy to hear he's doing well.

Paula Roberts, our Social Chair, provided an update on recent events:

- Moore's Insulation Social on July 15 was a great success, with fantastic hosts in Gary, Helen, and Nessa.
- "The Great Car Show," also known as "The Great Car WASH," took place on July 16 at Liberty Memorial. Cliff Carlino received a VIP ticket for his '53 Jaguar.
- Our KC Automotive Museum display is attracting attention, with pictures available on Facebook and in the newsletter next month.
- The Timeline of Transportation II car show on August 13 had paid registrations from the June rainout honored.

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- Dawson's Outdoor Tech Session is scheduled for September 16. RSVP to Mike and Sandy for more details.
 - Don't forget the 2023 GPCRU in Guthrie, Oklahoma, from September 29 to October 1, hosted by COCA. Get your registration in by September 1!
 - Missouri Western has requested 10-12 convertibles for their Homecoming on September 30.
 - Our Christmas Party is set for December 1, 2023, at Trezo Mare. Be sure to place your reservations ASAP.

The board is actively seeking volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Please consider stepping up to help. Adam Fisher and Don Wagner have already agreed to be on the nominating committee, but we need three more volunteers. Also, start thinking about which position you might want to run for in 2024. All spots are up for election, except for President, Secretary, and two Board of Directors positions due to term limits.

Additionally, don't forget to visit the KC Automotive Museum to see the display featuring five cars and a Monza Jr. The exhibit will be open until Saturday, September 2nd.

Also, there was a discussion about making an annual charitable donation as part of our Christmas party. Several suggestions were brought up, including Operation Breakthrough, KC Pet Project, City Union Mission, Build Tribe, and Veterans Community Project. It was emphasized that smaller organizations might benefit the most from our contributions.



Lastly, Roscoe Yoder reported that Kevin Koch gave a presentation on the History of the Corvair to a group of "old car guys." The presentation was well-received, and it's always great to spread knowledge about our beloved Corvairs.

That wraps up the September edition of the VairCor. Until next time, keep those Corvairs running and enjoy the drive!

THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERIES

Mike Dawson

Theft Protection

Last month's article covered how to provide access to a locked Corvair and how to operate it without a key. This month covers one way to prevent that.

Most attempted thefts occur by accessing the back of the ignition switch, cutting into the wiring harness behind the dash or using a puller to remove the lock tumblers. And, of course someone could use all of the tips from last month to drive off with your baby. There are several choices to deter theft, including steering wheel locks (The Club) and alarm systems. The following is one method of adding some protection with little cost and is a quick on/off as you leave and return to your car.

My feeling is that if a thief cannot get a car on the road in the first couple of minutes the odds are that he will make a hasty retreat. A cranking car that will not start attracts far too much attention, thus my suggestion:

Install a hidden switch under the dash, grounded on one side and connected on the other side to the negative side of the coil. You are simply grounding the coil when you close the switch. Use a wire that looks original, combining it with the regular harness, and it will look identical to a tachometer wire. If you have a tachometer in your car, wire the switch into that wire in your dash harness. It will take a technically inclined person with some time on their hands to determine what you have done. This works for points systems as well as Pertronix and will not harm the system.

Every Corvair that I have worked on in my career after they were stolen and recovered had been started and run by jumping the wires under the dash. Getting access to Corvair wiring is easy but you are still safe with a grounded coil. If you do have an attempted theft, repairing dash wiring is better than waiting in vain for your car to return in one piece.

Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show

Saturday, September 16, 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 Roundup, September 29. 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, Cindy Anders will be the guest chef. 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		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring groove 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 Corvair
starters with
solenoid \$130
exchange



Rebuilt harmonic
balancer
\$110 exchange
for a rebuildable
core



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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





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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

Classifieds, continued

1963 Corvair/Clam Digger dune buggy for sale. All Corvair running gear and suspension, including 1965 140 HP engine with centermount carburetor, dual point distributor, and electric fuel pump. Running gear includes a '64 4-speed transaxle with transverse spring and new 13 inch tires. Needs some wiring work. Asking \$3,500. Contact Dick Berger 678-650-4246.

What's Happening?

Pegah's

Scott Allison and Kyle Lewis made it out to Pegah's in Shawnee. The Corvette at least has the Corv part, so it can be in the photo!



Corvairs at the KC Auto Museum

The month of August is a feature of Corvairs (namely customs) at the KC Auto Museum in Olathe, Kansas. We had a number of HACOIA members who offered their vehicles to take part in the showcase. It's a great display and definitely shows the fun cars we have!



Photos courtesy of Scott Allison, Terry Kalp, and Helen Moore.

CORVAIRS ON PARADE!

We kind of created our own parade on the way to the car show at St. Joseph Christian School in St. Joseph, Missouri, on August 26th. All the way from South of St Joe to North of St. Joe and off Highways 36 & I-29.

Ray was leading in Sally, Myra was driving Rampside (she loves trucks), and Leonna was in Punky-Su bringing up the rear (she loves that 4 speed; "dad, where the heck is reverse?"). I am sure it was an awesome sight!

We met up with Kat, who was driving Kit. We had a great display! Along with that, the Rampside received a trophy for "People's Choice"; it was a big hit!

Hey, now that I look at it, where are all the late models hiding out??

-Ray Sego



Throwback



From Mike Dawson: Of course this was the place to shop; Richmond, Indiana, 1983. Returning home from a convention.

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1, 2023
HACOAS
CHRISTMAS
AT
TREZO MARE
WINE ROOM

4105 N. Mulberry dr.
Kansas City, MO 64116

Four course dinner – per person \$50.
Includes fresh bread and non-alcoholic
drinks
Cocktail and social hour 5:00–6:30pm
Dinner at 7:00pm
After dinner White Elephant Gift
Exchange

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. www.corvair.org [<http://www.corvair.org>](http://www.corvair.org). 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

September	
Name	Date
Jeanette Hammett	1
Cindy Anders	5
Ray Curtis	9
Dennis Gordon	13
Ken Ragan	14
Mike Kliethermes	14
Ray Sego	20
Donna Hill	30