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# ***THE CONNECTING ROD***

The Newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc



***Wishing You a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!!***

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# The President's Corner

Merry Christmas folks! Winter's coming and it's time to do those little chores to our cars that we put off because it was too hot out to do them. Crank up the garage heater and get to it! Remember to stay safe when doing it. (Note to self... Turn off propane heater before breaking gas lines loose for Carburetor repair. Do NOT prove the Big Bang Theory!) Have you checked your shop fire extinguisher lately?

In this month's publication, you will find Tom Constantine's excellent recap of the November meeting. The meeting was held in a northern location to make it easier for members in that area to attend. We have been intentionally moving them around to make it more convenient for members in certain areas to attend. As always, if you have an idea of a good place or even want to host a meeting yourself, contact us and let us know.

You will find many other interesting tidbits. I love the Corvair Christmas picture Steve put at the top of this month's newsletter. I also enjoy the auction results he always posts. I would like to add that the green '69 convertible that went for such a good price did so partially because it was the last Corvair convertible ever produced!

I communicated with Raymond Paul who had surgery again in November. At last word, he was recovering well and all seemed positive. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I personally, am looking forward to the Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas party will double as the Corvair Atlanta monthly meeting and annual election. It is on a Sunday, as it usually is, and will be at the Old Ivy Clubhouse in Atlanta where it has been the last few years. This has always been a great location, and Hugh Banks will again be catering it. Bring a gift, gag or real, valued at no more than about \$20 and be prepared for some fun with an exchange game. We will surprise you with exactly how the game is played after you get there. Full details of the party location and time are below in the newsletter. I hope you plan to come. For those of you who have never attended one, remember there is no charge and you don't have to bring anything, just yourself and any family members you want.

**If you DO plan to come to the Christmas party, please contact me,** and let me know how many are coming so the caterer can prepare accordingly.

We will hold Corvair Atlanta's annual officer and board elections at the meeting, so if you want to volunteer for any position please be sure to convey that to us before the elections. At this point, all positions are running unopposed. Step up if you want to try something on! Please let us know before December 12<sup>th</sup> if you want to run for anything, so we can send the updated nominations out to all members. If you won't be at the party and want to vote, send your vote in to an officer. This is not like a political election where the offices are highly sought after. Your proxy vote won't hurt anyone's feelings.

Zoom meeting... We will schedule a zoom get-together before the Christmas party. Come join us for some camaraderie or if you have any technical questions, or if you just want to get to know fellow club members a little better. You will receive an email announcing it and how to join it.

New member challenge.... We are always looking for interesting newsletter content. If you are a new member (Less than 2 years) and haven't done so, it would be interesting and let us all get to know each other a little better. Simply write a short paragraph or two about yourself and your interest in Corvairs. What do you have? How long have you had it (or them)? You can even tell us about an interesting/unusual experience you've had with Corvairs. Why did you join us?

And I would like to extend this to the new members and all members if you don't know this. Many members join to help work through problems with their cars. If you need help with a technical problem, we can always find someone to help talk you through that problem. Don't feel shy about calling or emailing anyone. If we don't know the answer, we usually know someone who does.

Until the Christmas party, Over and Out!  
Frank





## **It's Holiday Party Time!!**

*Let's Celebrate with CAI friends!*

**When:** Sunday December 17th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm.

**Where:** *Olde Ivy Clubhouse, 4735 Ivy Ridge Dr SE, Atlanta GA 30339*

The Clubhouse is located just off of South Atlanta Road, at **Exit # 16 on I-285**. There are two vehicle entrance gates: One off Log Cabin Road and the other off Beach Haven Trail Road. The Log Cabin Gate is nearest to the Clubhouse, but some GPS / Internet directions may take you to Beach Haven Trail.

**NOTE:** *The Clubhouse agreement is for **Guests to park outside the gates.***

The **Gate Code** should be **#1217**. The alternate is **#6620** (5 characters) for those who may be delivering items to the Clubhouse for the Dinner.

**Here's the plan:** We'll do a silent auction/gift exchange/White Elephant/Chinese Auction, or whatever you call it for those who choose to participate. Bring a wrapped gift (Not to exceed \$20) for the exchange. We plan to eat at 2pm, but you can arrive as early as 10:15am. Tom will be there.

***Please contact Tom Constantine or Frank Metasavage if you plan to attend, NLT December 11th, so the caterer can order the food.*** We're happy to announce that Hugh Banks will again cater the meal.

**Tom:** (678) 294-8149 [mobile] or (770) 431-8575 [home] and leave a message.

**Frank:** (706) 302-6543 or [Metasavage@gmail.com](mailto:Metasavage@gmail.com)



# CAI Monthly Member Meeting Minutes

Nov 18th 2023

Saturday's meeting at the Tavern, Sandy Springs was quite good, with 13 members in attendance. We ate from about 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. then the meeting began. Tom Constantine, VP, led the meeting. Tom mentioned the Springfest Planning Meeting held 2 weeks earlier, by referencing Jack Greene's opinion that the lack of an Auto-Cross at Corvair shows is responsible for lower than normal attendance at car shows like Springfest. Then Michael Rickey told us that the Atlanta Motor Sports Park, Dawsonville, GA has a great facility for holding Auto-Cross events and they could even provide insurance for the event, or we could get our own. Michael estimated that Dawsonville was about a 45 minute drive from Helen. But, for a really great Auto-Cross venue, participants may be willing to make the drive.

Next were details regarding the Christmas Party, but I forgot to mention that everyone needs to RSVP. During the discussion about elections being held during the Christmas Party and the "open" positions, Nolan mentioned a problem transferring the CAI bank account to Steve for the Treasurer's position. We do not have a Tax I.D. Number. More about this later.

October Events were briefly mentioned, noting the excellent article in the November "Connecting Rod" about the Maggie Valley Corvair Show.

Nolan brought a "Get Well" card for Raymond Paul and passed it around for everyone to sign. Lifetime CAI memberships were very briefly discussed for surviving spouses.

Dues for 2024 were noted as being due (some members took this opportunity to pay Nolan).

It was agreed that having another Zoom meeting before the Christmas Dinner was a good idea.

During the meeting Steve & Nolan explained the arrangement with Lands End for ordering shirts with the Corvair Atlanta logo on them (Steve was wearing one of the Lands Ends shirts). At the end of the meeting Nolan handed out the CAI shirts he had brought.

\*\*\* Three members drove their Corvairs: Dan Terry (67 Corsa coupe), Michael Rickey (65 Corsa convertible) and Michael Birkinbine (67 Monza coupe - bonus winner!).

Meeting Attendees:

Anthony Bondich (New Member)  
Keith and Sharon Burkingstock  
Nolan Grant  
Phil Kelley  
Matt Moore  
Steve Ratcliffe

Dan Terry  
Beth Zeller  
Robert Birkinbine  
Mikey Birkinbine  
Michael Rickey  
Tom Constantine



# Celebrations



Cindy Callahan

Wanda Cook

Nancy Farentholdt

Zach Fitch

Amy Martin

Jeannette Rudolph

Jim Sanders



Mary & Gary Arnold



**Remember to sign up for the  
Holiday Party!!**

**Simply contact Frank Metasavage  
to sign up.**

**[metasavage@gmail.com](mailto:metasavage@gmail.com) or (706) 302-6543**

# Coming Events

***Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day***



***\*\*Dec 17 - CAI Holiday Party - 1PM - 4PM*** Olde Ivy Clubhouse,  
4735 Ivy Ridge Dr SE, Atlanta GA 30339

***Dec 25 - Christmas Day***



***Dec 30 - Annual Polar Bear Run*** - This charity drive is open to all makes and models of classic cars. Check the [CorvairAtlanta.com](http://CorvairAtlanta.com) Calendar for details.



***Dec 31 - New Years Eve***

***Jan 1 - New Years Day***





# *Fun with your Vair!*



SHOW OFF **YOUR** RIDE THIS WEEKEND



## *Sunday Classic Car Worship*



***1st Sunday of each month! No awards, no “Monkey Business”, just folks who love classic cars you don’t see very often, if ever!***  
***Panera Bread, 1195 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075 8AM - 11AM***



## ***Fun with your Vair! (Cont.)***



### **Time & Location**

**Dec 30, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Dudley's Sports Bar parking lot,**

**1525 E Park Pl Blvd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087**

### **About the event**

**Tour multiple covered bridges as we wind our way to our final destination: Athens, GA**

**Proceeds from this event will be donated to ALS United Georgia.**

# *Ideas Worth Sharing - - WD-40!*

*Adapted from a Facebook Article*



Before you read to the end, does anybody know what is the main ingredient of WD-40? **No Cheating.....**

I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do .... probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open. Another neighbour came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I was impressed!

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953, by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a Water Displacement Compound. **“Water Displacement #40”!**

They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt; thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the “shower door” part, try it. It’s the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It’s a miracle! Then try it on your stove-top. It’s now shinier than it’s ever been. You’ll be amazed!

## **WD-40 Uses:**

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floor that ‘just-waxed’ sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps the flies off of Cows, Horses, and other Farm Critters.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewellery chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terracotta garden pots from oxidising.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on both home and vehicles doors.
18. It removes that nasty tar and scuff marks from the kitchen flooring. It doesn’t seem to harm the finish and you won’t have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off.  
Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.

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## *Ideas Worth Sharing - - WD-40! (Cont.)*

*Adapted from a Facebook Article*

19. Remove those nasty bug guts that will eat away the finish on your car, if not removed quickly!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gearshift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chair and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes grease splatters from stove-tops.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favourite use is: It cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.
38. The favourite use in the state of New York , it protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. It is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray it on the marks and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you spray it inside a wet distributor cap, it will displace the moisture, allowing the engine to start.

***My discovery:*** Ants don't like it.....

**P.S.:** As for that basic, Main Ingredient..... Well.... It's ***FISH OIL!***

***Now This Is Definitely Worth SHARING!!***



## *The Rear View Mirror*

*By Jack Allison*

On November 14, 1970, a chartered jet carrying most of the Marshall University football team clipped a stand of trees and crashed into a hillside, just two miles from the Tri-State Airport in Kenova, West Virginia, killing everyone onboard. The team was returning from that day's game, a 17-14 loss to East Carolina University.

This crash killed 75 people: 37 players of the Marshall University "Thundering Herd" football team, 5 coaches, 2 athletic trainers, 2 doctors, the athletic director, 25 boosters, and the airplane crew of five. The "boosters" included some of Huntington, West Virginia's most prominent citizens, who had traveled to North Carolina to cheer on the "Thundering Herd". A citizen of Huntington wrote later, "The whole fabric, the whole heart of the town was aboard."

This is a photo of the Marshall University Cheerleaders during a dismal, overcast night November 14, are awaiting the return of the Marshall players who had just lost to E. Carolina State, not knowing that tragedy had struck.



The Corvair you see here was rented to the production company filming the re-enactment movie, "We are Marshall".

This particular segment was filmed in Atlanta. Corvair Atlanta member, Ted Worley, is the car's owner.

If I am not mistaken, the movie is still available for rental. Keep a tissue handy if you watch it.

***Jack Allison, Club Historian & Marshall U. Alumni.***

## ***Did You Know?***

by Gerald Lamb



On Facebook, someone posted a photo of his Corvair with a roof rack installed. A guy posted a response that the roof rack was not a standard GM option.

I posted this photo on Facebook because this is my '62 Corvair that came from the dealer new with this roof rack installed. This was a great option when you travelled with family.



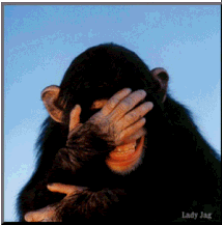
## Chuckles...

NEW ECO FRIENDLY  
FLEET OF VEHICLES  
HEADED TO DEALERS  
NEAR YOU!



A recent study found that  
the average golfer walks  
about 900 miles a year.  
Another study found  
golfers drink, on average,  
22 gallons of alcohol a  
year, which means, on  
average, golfers get about  
41 miles to the gallon.  
Kind of makes you proud  
I almost feel like a hybrid

Finally I understand why cars have these  
things...





## *Whataya Think???*



# For Sale

## 2 Corvairs For Sale + Other Corvair Stuff

### 1. 1965 Monza 4-door sedan. 110hp automatic. \$500.

- Was running when I parked it 7 years ago. Although it was running, suspect folks might want to use it as a parts car.
- Engine is good...electronic ignition, and electric full pump.
- Front trunk rusted as well as rust around the windshield.
- Body damage due to low speed backing into the yard.

### 2. 1965 Monza Convertible. 4-speed 110hp. \$1,200

- Very little rust, been garaged for many years.
- A little body damage just behind driver's door.
- Front end and engine were removed for complete restoration.  
At this time, I will not put it back together — busy with new house...
- West Texas car originally.

*The guys from the Heart of Georgia club knew these cars.*

- I also have a new engine 110hp with new jugs and reground crank.
- I have an old engine 'block' for free.
- I just found brand new interior pieces for the convertible.
- I want to find a good home for all. I also have a Corvair towing hitch.

Glen Bankston

[glenk4kv@gmail.com](mailto:glenk4kv@gmail.com)

Moultrie, GA

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## '63 Corvair Back-up Light For Sale

Complete assembly with lens, NEW! \$30, I'll pay shipping. Call Frank @ 314-752-4150

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## 13" Spare Tire/Wheel

Left from my Corvair when I replaced with 14" wheels/tires.

I think \$25 is a fair price but best offer. Need to clear out my garage.

Larry Blanks: [gblanks@bellsouth.net](mailto:gblanks@bellsouth.net)

## *For Sale*

### *1963 Corvair Monza Convertible*

I bought this car about 7 years ago and have spent about \$1,000.

New parts: Distributor and coil, electric fuel pump and regulator, battery, master cylinder, and wheel brake cylinder.

It cranks and runs good. Top is like new. All of the glass, emblems, and chrome need no restoration. The body is in good shape with no dents or rust. As far as the paint goes - it is plenty good enough for a driver, but maybe not be slick enough for a show-winner.



The only problem - it needs a total brake job. Recently, one of the wheel cylinders started leaking, so I decided to replace it and the master cylinder. After I replaced the master cylinder and started on the wheel cylinder, I immediately broke the steel line where it connects to the brake hose. It obviously needs a complete brake job - front to back.

Thus the price of \$5700.

With a brake job, you're ready to start enjoying your convertible.

*See many more photos on the next 2 pages.*

**Contact Ted:** Email: [lasetert@bellsouth.net](mailto:lasetert@bellsouth.net)  
Kennesaw, GA



*For Sale (Cont.)*  
*1963 Corvair Monza Convertible*





*For Sale (Cont.)*  
*1963 Corvair Monza Convertible*





# Auctions

## 1965 Corvair Monza Coupe

*Sold* on BaT for **\$17,585** on 11/04/2023.



## 1963 Corvair Monza Convertible 4-Speed

*No Sale* On Hemmings, at **\$8,600** on 11/08/2023. *Asking \$15k.*





# Auctions

## 1964 Corvair Monza Sedan 4-Speed

**No Sale** on BaT for **\$6,200** on 11/7/2023.



## 1968 Corvair Monza Coupe

**Sold** on BaT for **\$10,000** on 11/11/2023.





# Auctions

***No Reserve 1964 Corvair Monza Sedan***  
**Sold on Hemmings Auction for \$4,500 on 11/15/2023.**



**1969 Corvair Monza Convertible**  
**Sold on BaT for \$42,000 on 11/20/2023.**



# The Drivetrain

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# Classified Ads

## OUR 50TH ANNIV - 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. 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 list in a sale section on our Home page [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com)

**FREE 50th MEMENTO** gifts with your first order in 2023.

**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 website (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. Slide show by Cal. Parts on sale!

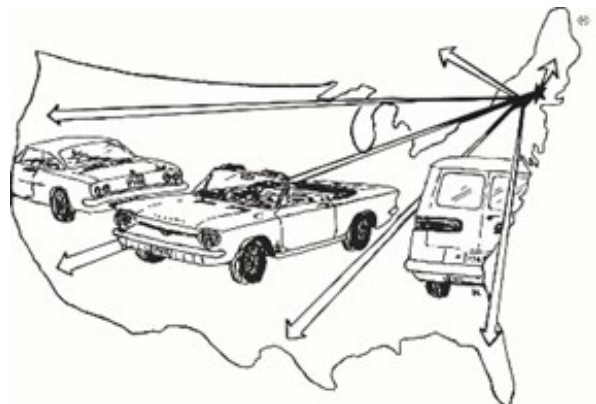
**SEPT 16, 2023 - rain or shine.**

**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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Business Card	\$5.00	\$27.00
3/4 Page	\$7.50	\$42.00
1/2 Page	\$12.00	\$60.00

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- Free classified items will typically be run in no more than two issues of The Connecting Rod.