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Facebook: Search for Central Pa. Corvair Club and request to join group.
Any questions, please contact Joe Darinsig at 717-668-4414.



Club Membership

Final Deadline: February 28, 2024

Submitted by Dave Steigauf

Annual dues are \$16.00 per year or \$30.00 for two years. This membership runs from January 1 thru December 31 of each calendar year. Membership final deadline is February 28, 2024, so it's still not late to renew. If members have not renewed by February 28th, membership will be dropped.

This year, we are asking (not requiring) for members that wish to have their newsletters mailed to donate an additional \$5.00 to help with the cost of mailing and printing supplies (paper, ink, postage).

We don't take your membership in this club for granted and are deeply grateful for the support of every member. A special "Thank You" for all you do throughout the year in supporting our club and now go get that checkbook and renew today! Don't wait!

Instructions for Renewal:

- Fill out CPCC Membership Application (found on Page 10).
- Enclose your check for renewal or new membership with the CPCC Application form.

Mail to:

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A reminder that while membership in CORSA is not a requirement for new membership or renewal in CPCC, we do strongly encourage supporting the national organization. They work to support our local efforts through an event liability insurance policy along with many other benefits. Check out their website to see valuable benefits of being a member of CORSA. If you have any questions about your membership, please feel free to call Dave at (717) 898-7927 or email him at davescorsa@gmail.com.

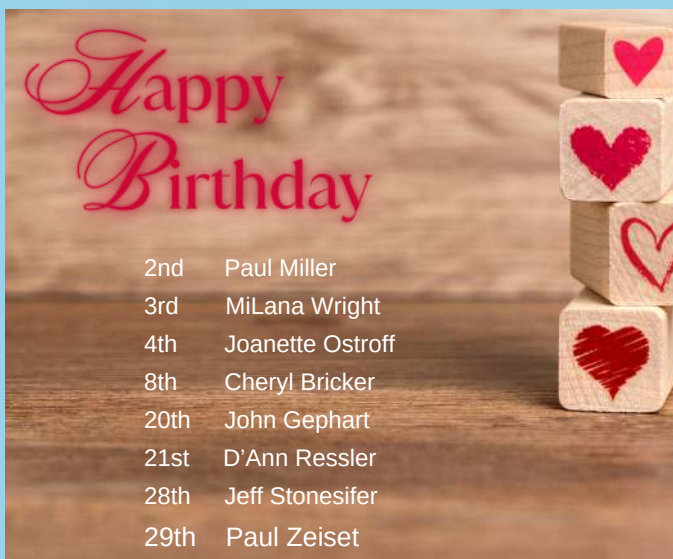


The following members club membership has expired as of January 1, 2024.

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CORSA NEWS

A1 Auto Transport Services

In exchange for a annual payment to the CORSA treasury, we have posted an ad for A1 Auto Transport on the CORSA website home page. Go to <https://www.a1autotransport.com/> and you will be directed to their website. A-1 also provided an informative five-page article about shipping Corvairs using carrier services like theirs. Go to: <https://www.corvair.org/phocadownload/ecommerce/Shipping%20Your%20Classic%20Car%20Safely%20and%20Securely.pdf> to print out your copy.

Board Adopts Code of Conduct for Directors

Purpose: To provide rules for engaging with members and the public in social media, etc.

Link to the Code of Conduct: LOGIN REQUIRED!
<https://tinyurl.com/u2nz64j4>

If you don't log-in with your username and password, the path to the Code of Conduct will not appear!

CORSA Convention 22-25 July 2024

Start preparing and add Dayton, Ohio, the Birthplace of Aviation, to your list of destinations and attend the CORSA 2024 International Corvair Convention. The Dayton Corvair Club, the Corvair Club of Cincinnati, and the Columbus Mid-Ohio Vair Force have worked together to host this event and they are eagerly awaiting to welcome you. Hotel reservations can be made now!

Registration will open in late February.

Hotel information;

Marriott at the University of Dayton,
1414 South Patterson Boulevard,
Dayton, Ohio 45409 / 1 937-223-1000

Room rate is \$142 per night. Mention The Corvair Society of America 2024 for special room rate.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1686839568185&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Remember - CORSA conventions are limited to CORSA members. If you're not a member, [join now!](#)



Please send your stories, ideas, recipes, photos, and comments directly to Carol at lcl@pa.net. Preferred format for electronic submission of documents is MS Word and format of pictures should be JPEG. Deadline for submitting information is the 20th of the month for the next month's publication.

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Newsletters can be found on our website:
<http://www.centralpacorvairclub.org/>



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2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	TIME	EVENT
NOTE: If you would like an event added to our calendar, know of upcoming events and car shows, etc., please email information to Carol Trimper at lcl@pa.net.			
FEBRUARY	13	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
MARCH	12	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
APRIL	9	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
MAY	14	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
JUNE	TBD	TBD	CPCC Annual Picnic and Christmas in June Party. Club meeting will be held at party. Due to weather conditions in January, the After Christmas Party was canceled. Therefore, we will be exchanging holiday gifts at the Annual Picnic this year. Make plans to join us for a day of great food, friendship, and presents! Additional info in future newsletters.
JULY	9	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
AUGUST	13	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
SEPTEMBER	10	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
OCTOBER	8	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.
NOVEMBER	12	5:30pm (Dinner) 6:30PM (Meeting)	CPCC Club Meeting at West York Hoss's in York, PA.



2024 EVENT IDEAS

Do you have an idea of an event we can do as a group?

Come to the February 13th meeting and share your ideas for an event in 2024. As last year, a core group will review and determine ideas for the club. The group will consist of Officers, Board Members, and a few club members. If you are unable to attend this important meeting, please send your ideas to President, JOHN Berkheimer, at email jhbmail@comcast.net.



CLUB MEETING

No meeting was held during the month of January, therefore, there are no minutes for this month.

President's Message (Submitted by JOHN Berkheimerr)

We have not had a very good start for 2024 with the cancellation of our "After Christmas Holiday Party", not once but twice. I hope everyone received the email or a phone call before making the trip. Dave, John and I made phone calls to various members we knew would be attending. I hope we didn't miss anyone.

Last newsletter Carol ran my first message as President from January 2009. One of my, to do list, was to meet all members of our club. I got to know quite a few but not everyone. If you attend an event, I know you will know me, since my picture is in every newsletter, we will have to have a Corvair conversation.

Please plan on attending our February 13th meeting, our planning meeting. Also watch your emails for cancellation due to weather. We will probably take ideas like last year and have a meeting to narrow the list down. We may also take into consideration ideas we didn't do last year or ones we cancelled. This past year we had some very nice events and a successful Corvair Day.

Since we didn't get to our Holiday Party, anyone who purchased gifts for the gift exchange, we have decided to do it at the picnic in June. We will also print this in our calendar of events under the picnic.

The CORSA Convention is scheduled for 22-25 July in Dayton, Ohio. If you are planning to attend, let us know. I know quite a few of our members are planning to attend and drive their Corvairs. We should get our hotel reservations made early so we can maybe be close together. It will be on my agenda February 13th meeting.

Let it snow and hurry Spring, I want to get my Corvair out.

Happy Corvairing,
JOHN Berkheimer

Collector's for Corvairs still strong, even though some have hit the road

Author: Jeff Peek, dated 28 March 2016, taken from Haggerty website: <https://www.hagerty.com/media/archived/corvair-love/>

Pete Koehler loves Corvairs – 1960 models, specifically. In fact, his passion for them is so intense that his recent decision to pare down his collection may have been a bit of a surprise to some.

Not to worry, Koehler insists. The sky isn't falling. He simply can't get around like he used to. "It's just a lack of mobility," said the long-time member of the Detroit Area Corvair Club. "It isn't life threatening, just fun threatening."

Koehler's solution was to let some of the cars go. He listed 11 Corvairs on Craigslist last month, and then not-so-secretly hoped they didn't sell. Four of them did, and a couple may be on the verge.

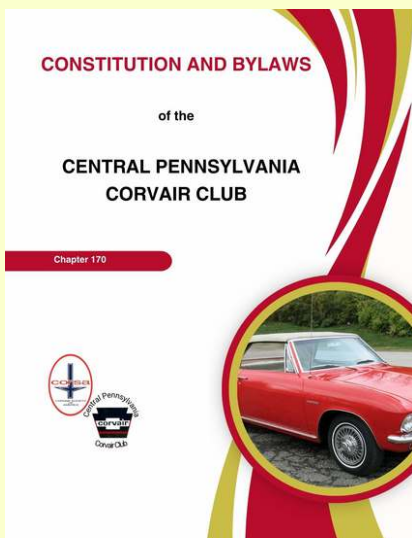
"I thought I'd try to sell a few, and I put decent prices on them," said Koehler, 63. "I figured, if they sell, they sell. If they don't, they don't. I would have been happy if none of them sold ... and I would have been pretty sad if they all had."

During a 38-year career at General Motors – half as a field rep and the other half as an engineer – Koehler gained a deep appreciation for GM automobiles. But he said he caught the Corvair bug long before that.

"I bought my first Corvair in '68 when I was a teenager. I thought, 'Wow, a 4-door sedan with bucket seats for only 10 bucks? What a deal.' It didn't have an engine, but what did I know?" Koehler said with a laugh. "I tried to get it fixed up, and I was appalled by how much money they wanted to charge me, so I started working on it myself. That's where it all started. Eventually it just went crazy."

Koehler, who retired from GM in 2008, was nicknamed "Caveman" by a friend because of his love for the '60s, and that is evident in his collection. Among the cars that he didn't offer for sale are a 1964 Greenbrier Sportwagon and five Corvair convertibles – a 1962, a '65, two '66s and a '69, the last that Chevrolet built. The '69 is on display at the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Ill.

Collector's continued on next page



Now Available

CPCC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(Submitted by Carol Trimper)

The CPCC Constitution and Bylaws have been updated and available to members. If you would like a copy,

please contact me at email address lcl@pa.net.

Copies will only be available via email. If you would like a hard copy and do not have an email address, please contact me at (717) 451-4290. Leave me a message and I will return your call.

COMING SOON CPCC 2024 CLUB ROSTER

(Submitted by Carol Trimper)

The 2024 Club Roster is in the final stages before going to print. If you have had any recent updates (address, phone, car information, email address, etc. please send to me at email: lcl@pa.net. Cutoff date for additions/ deletions will be February 29, 2024. The books will be given out at the March Club meeting. If you would like your copy emailed to you, please send me a message.



Collector's *continued from previous page*

One of the 1960 models that didn't sell is a Jade Green and White 500 sedan with manual 3-speed transmission. It is the oldest surviving Canadian-built Corvair, and Koehler is hoping to work out a long-term loan agreement to display it at the Canadian Automotive Museum in Oshawa, Ontario.

Another with an uncertain future is a 1960 "Holden" replica that pays homage to early prototypes that were painted flat black and given Australian Holden badges to throw off the competition. Several suitors have expressed an interest in the car. Among the Corvairs finding new homes was a 1960 custom job nicknamed "Stubby" that was shortened by 18 inches and converted to a 2-door. It was featured at last summer's Michigan Concours d'Lecons, a tongue-in-cheek alternative to the Concours d'Elegance of America.

"Before I started letting some them go, I had 20 Corvairs," Koehler said, then stopped to consider Stubby. "Well, maybe it's more like 19 1/2. Either way, that's far too many for one human being.

"My brother and I used to go to the Carlisle (Pa.) show every year, and we'd see guys selling the same cars year after year after year. They'd promised their wives they would try to sell, but they always put a number on the car that no one would pay so they could bring it back home."

Koehler didn't pull those shenanigans with his wife, Patty. He promised – and actually parted with some. Of course, this isn't the first time that he's sold a Corvair or two or three or four ...

"It's tough to prove, but I've owned over a thousand Corvairs in my lifetime," Koehler said. "I own them, work on them, sell them and buy more. It's become a little joke around here. We call them 'Corvairs Formerly Owned By Pete' – and there are a lot of them."

Koehler thinks he may have turned over a new leaf, however.

"Do I miss the cars that I've sold? Sure," he said. "Will I build the collection up again? Geez, I hope not."

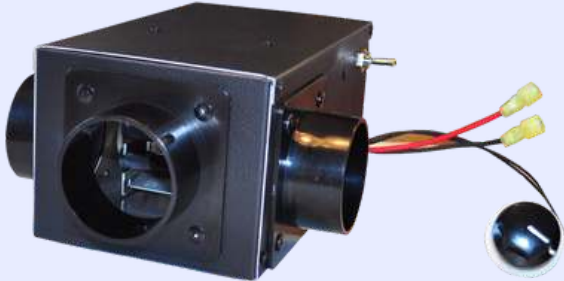
Corvair Tech Tips

Submitted by Lou Trimperr



USA Made 12 Volt Ducted Electric Heater

Taken from the internet website: <http://sportsimportsLtd.com/>



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Totally electric ducted cabin heater. No engine hoses or water needed! INSTANT HEAT, INSTANT DEFROST. NO warm up time!

Also available in [24](#), [36](#), or [48 Volts](#). Measuring only 9" x 5" x 4" means it will fit into tight spaces.

The ducted heater is available with 2,3, or 4 vent outlets and can be configured virtually any way you would like. This heater features a High and Low heat settings and adjustable fan speeds. These new heaters are based on the proven Stealth series, but with a newly designed brushless high static pressure fan. The brushless design has proven to work well with sensitive electronics found in some of today's equipment. The brushless design has proven to have very little EMI noise when tested on a scope.

These ducted heaters is your answer for an effective way to install a heat source quickly and easily. No water lines to run, fittings to install or worry about a corroded core down the road, and most importantly INSTANT HEAT. No warm up time! These ducted heaters are available from 12-48 volts and different wattage as well. These ducted heaters are simple to install and the vents only take minutes to mount. If you have a need for a defrost vent, a forward facing vent, or even a foot warmer, these ducted heaters are your answer. Measuring only 9" long and 6" tall, our ducted heater will fit in virtually any small space.

These 12 volt heaters feature RuCar elements which have been tested to have a life expectancy of 10,000 hours, are vacuum sealed, and are exclusive to these heaters.

This heater features a High and Low heat settings and adjustable fan speeds

Two year parts and labor warranty.

Comes complete with mounting bracket, hardware, crimp on electrical ends, fuse, and fuse holder. Hoses and vents sold separately.

**** THIS HEATER IS CUSTOM HAND MADE & TAKES AN EXTRA 2-4 DAYS TO SHIP ****

Electric Heater continued on page 8



NOTICE: Effective Immediately

CPCC 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
has been updated to reflect the new membership fees.
Please review on page 10 and make sure to use this form for all
new members.

Heater Includes

- Mounting hardware
- Mounting bracket
- Fuse
- Fuse holder
- Electrical connector ends
- Detailed instructions

Features

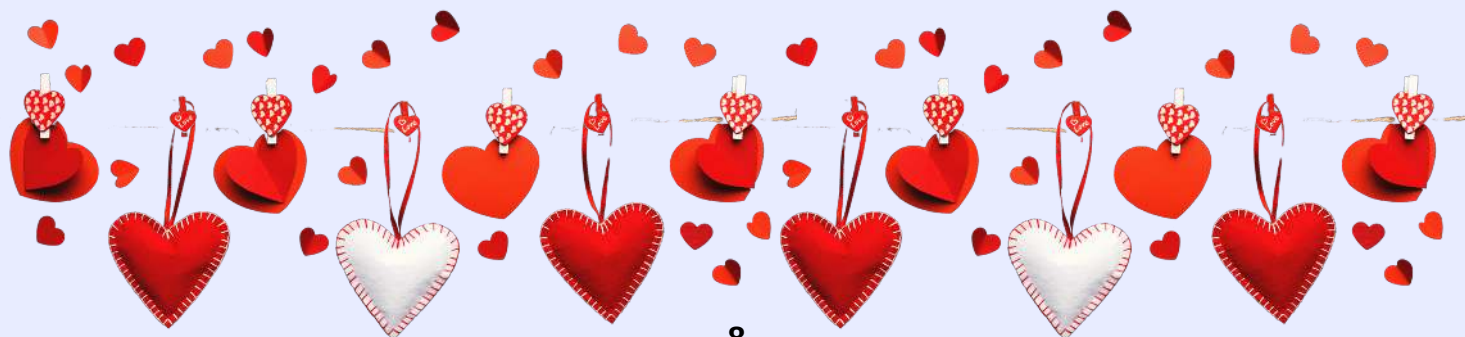
- Available with 2, 3, or 4 vent outlets
- Adjustable Fan Speed
- Heater Dimensions: 9" x 5" x 4"
- Brushless 50,000 Hour Ball Bearing Fan
- 10,000 Hour Vacuum Sealed Heating Elements.
- Case Construction: T5052 Aluminum.
- Wired Entirely with GXL Wire
- HIGH and LOW Heat Settings.
- Thermally Protected
- Made in USA
- TWO YEAR Parts AND Labor Warranty
- **Does NOT include vents or hoses**



Part Number	Volts	Watts	BTU's	Amps
SD 12-4000 (2 vent)	12	480	8016	40
SD 12-4000 (3 vent)	12	480	8016	40
SD 12-4000 (4 vent)	12	480	8016	40
SD 12-5000 (2 vent)	12	600	10,020	50
SD 12-5000 (3 vent)	12	600	10,020	50
SD 12-5000 (4 vent)	12	600	10,020	50

USA Made 12 Volt Ducted Electric Heater

usa-made-12-volt-ducted-electric-heater Retail: \$329.95 **Sale Price: \$299.89 (You save: 9%)**

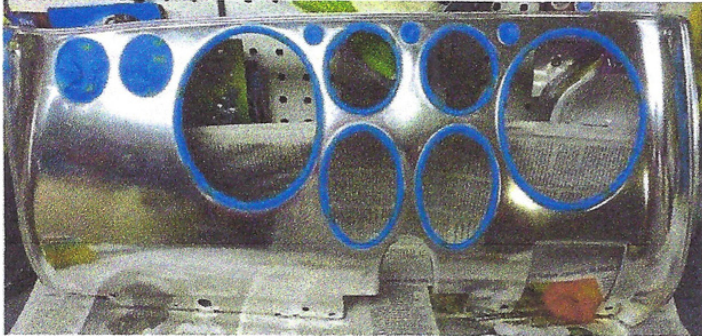


Tech Tip

Author and Origin: unknown, Submitted by Lou Trimper

Repainting a Corsa Dash. If you ever want to repaint a Corvair dash, talk to our own Jerry Yates. He's done some amazing work on his own car's dash and has the photos to prove it.

According to Jerry: Whenever I repaint a Corvair dash, glove box surround or glove box door, I start by stripping off all the old paint with a chemical paint stripper. Then I wet sand each item with 800 grit sandpaper. Finally, I make sure the surface is free of any contaminants by wiping the surfaces with a solvent (Brake Clean).



Masked and Ready for Paint



Stripped, Ready for Masking Tape

The gauge cluster has to be taped. (This takes a little time and patience, but once you get a feel for it, it goes pretty quickly.)

I use VHT "Wrinkle Plus" paint and follow the instructions

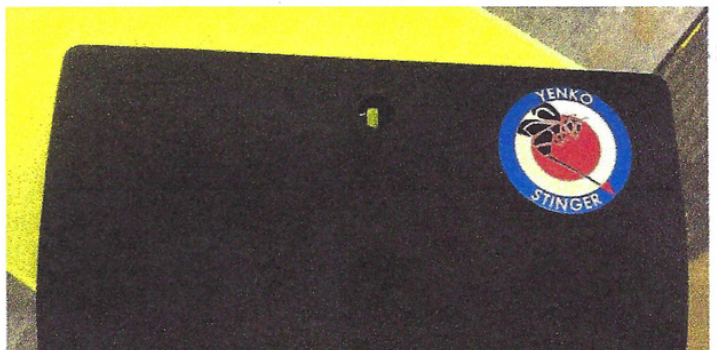
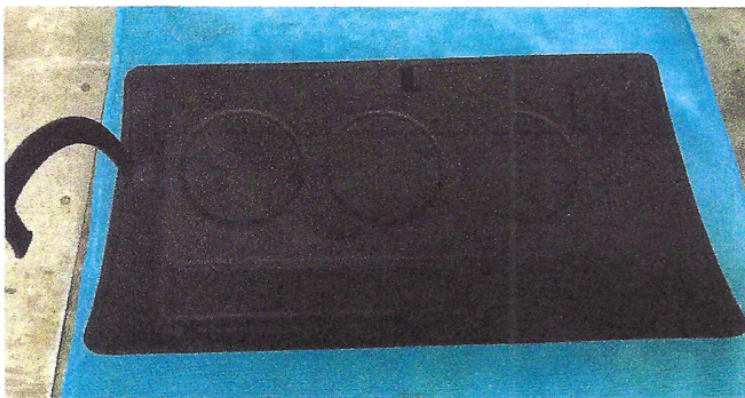
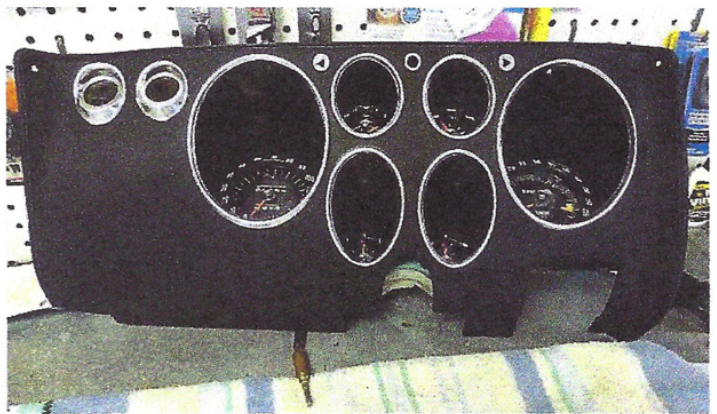


on the can.

It's important to use smooth, even strokes. I usually apply four coats, one vertical, one horizontal and one each on the diagonals allowing 5 minutes between coats.

There are various ways of getting the desired finish. I prefer using a heat gun. Patience needs to apply here as well; don't rush, let the wrinkle spread as you go.

Here are some finished pieces:



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB, INC. (C.P.C.C.)

Membership Application

C.P.C.C. is a chapter of "CORSA" (Corvair Society of America). CORSA is a rapidly growing international organization now is boosting over 4000 members and 120 local chapters worldwide.

The C.P.C.C. Chapter has monthly social/family meetings at various locations within the region. Each month you will receive a newsletter announcing the meeting location. The newsletter also contains information about our club members, technical tips, other club activities, auto events, and classified ads. Memberships run from calendar year January 1 - December 31.

- The club is for the preservation and interest of the Corvair automobile.
- We sponsor Corvair shows, rallies, mini conventions, caravans, parties, and dinners. All of our events are for the member's immediate family.

Dues are payable to: Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.)

c/o Dave Steigauf

599 Westfield Drive

Landisville, PA 17538

New Membership is \$20.00 per year OR \$38.00 for two years.

Renewal of membership is \$20.00 per year OR \$38.00 for two years.

Mailing monthly newsletter fee of \$10.00 for one year OR \$20.00 for two year.

Interested in joining CORSA.

Member Name:

First

Middle

Last

Spouse Name:

First

Middle

Last

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail:

Number of Corvairs owned (if any):

Year:

Model:

Body Style:

Color:

Year:

Model:

Body Style:

Color:

Year:

Model:

Body Style:

Color:

Member's Birthdate:

Month

Day

Spouse's Birthdate:

Month

Day

Wedding Anniversary Date:

Month

Day

Year

Recommended By:

Any applicant whom is under the age of (18) eighteen, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application.

Applicant:

Signature

Date:

Revised January 2024

ABOUT C.P.C.C.

The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair and Corvair powered vehicles. We provide knowledge about the Corvair to our members and other car enthusiasts, as well as hold monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings for the enjoyment of our members.

C.P.C.C. is Chapter #170 of the Corvair Society of America (COSA). Dues for C.P.C.C. are \$16.00 per year or two years for \$30.00, which must be sent in the form of a check or money order payable to "C.P.C.C." and mailed to C.P.C.C. Treasurer, c/o Dave Steigauf, 599 Westfield Drive, Landisville, PA 17538. Please include C.P.C.C. Membership Application form along with your check.

It is suggested that C.P.C.C. members also become members of COSA, the national organization. COSA dues are \$45.00 per year. Dues may be sent to Corvair Society of America, P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota USA 55356 or online at <http://members.corvair.org>.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Carol Trimper at 30 Wheaton Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340 or email to lcl@pa.net.

All other club inquiries should be directed to the C.P.C.C. Secretary, Earl Holmes, 1511 Hicks Drive, Dauphin, PA 17016.

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