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# ***THE CONNECTING ROD***

**The Newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc**



***Drive your Corvair, despite the cool air!!***

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# *The President's Corner*

I hope 2024 is going well for everyone! January's meeting was the first January event we have had in many years. We usually skip that month, as a Springfest organization meeting usually takes place instead. But, this year we started planning early, having the organization meeting in November 2023 instead.

I had a great ride to January's meeting at Partners Pizza with one of our newest members, George Baker of LaGrange. George bought a 64 Spyder about a year ago, but you know how they tend to multiply once you get one... he now has 2 in addition to the other 5 or 6 cars in his corral. The meeting was well attended with 15 or 16 members attending on the coldest day so far in 2024. Please read the secretary's notes following my report for a summary of the meeting minutes and attendees.



The extra time for Springfest planning is already paying off in the form of new and more features and events.

- ♦ One new feature on the Springfest website is the ability to put in a "wishlist" to the vendors who will be selling parts. If there is something you are looking for, go to that site and use the feature to alert vendors who may otherwise skip that part in favor of others of their selection. This should increase the possibility of finding what you're looking for.
- ♦ Autocross will be back this year. We were able to find insurance that was affordable enough to reinstate this event, so sharpen your tunes, auto-crossers!
- ♦ Funkhana, the event we used to replace autocross has been a popular event, so it will remain.
- ♦ A new fanbelt toss event will be free for everybody.

Visit [www.corvairspringfest.com](http://www.corvairspringfest.com) for a full schedule of events.

Make sure you register for Springfest early. Hotels will sell out early this year due to a few weddings in town, so don't forget to get your hotel room early.

We were happy to welcome our newest members, Janet and David Dillingham, who joined Corvair Atlanta in January. I understand they are currently looking for a Corvair. I hope to get more specifics on what they are looking for before our next publication.

The February 17th meeting location will be announced by e-mail.

I've run out of steam for this newsletter. We have had some nice days recently. Get out those Corvairs and drive them. Attend some local car events!

Until next month, Over and out.

*Frank*

# *January Member Meeting Minutes*

*By Tom Constantine, CAI Secretary*

The January CAI Member Meeting was held on January 20th at Partners II Pizza in Peachtree City.

Shortly after 1:15 pm, Vice-President Mike Gassmann opened the meeting with the following information:

- First, he welcomed new members: George Baker and David Dillingham.
- Nolan Grant, club Treasurer was out of town, so Mike Gassmann presented the status of the funds in the Club's 2 checking accounts. The two checking accounts are temporary, because the Club is transitioning from Bank of America to Bank OZK.
- Auto-Cross is back for Springfest 2024, but only for Corvair powered vehicles.
- Check the schedule of events at the website: <https://corvairspringfest.com/>
- Mike reminded everyone to register early and noted that Jack Green has done an excellent job with the Springfest website this year. (See the note below)

Tom Constantine (Secretary) mentioned that a review of the Club's governing documents (By-Laws) is planned for early this year and that our status as a Tax Exempt Organization needs to be confirmed. He also noted that CAI member Tom Rabb may be looking to sell his (3) Corvairs later this year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

List of Attendees:

- George Baker (New Member)
- David Dillingham (New Member)
- Frank Metasavage (President)
- Mike Gassmann (Vice President)
- Dee Dee Gassman
- Phil Kelley
- Sharon Birkingstock
- Keith Birkingstock
- Steve Ratcliffe (Newsletter Editor & Club Webmaster)
- Thomas Endfinger
- Michael Birkinbine
- Robert Birkinbine
- Mike Rickey
- Howard Rothstein
- Tom Constantine (Secretary)



George Baker  
Linda Champion  
Steven Dewberry  
Dee Dee Gassmann



Cindy & Mike Callahan  
Valarie & Jack Green



## 2024 Dues

Family Membership is \$25 a calendar year.  
Single Membership is \$20 a calendar year.  
Student Membership is \$15 a calendar year.

*We're doing it differently this year!!*

- ♦ To renew by Credit Card: Go to our website: [Corvair Atlanta.com](https://CorvairAtlanta.com)  
Select the "tab": **Join us/Renew**  
Follow the instructions - **It's easy!!**
- ♦ To renew using PayPal. Log-in to your PayPal account, select "**Pay and Get Paid**", enter this email: [CorvairAtlanta2020@gmail.com](mailto:CorvairAtlanta2020@gmail.com).  
Then enter "**Renewal**" in the Memo block.
- ♦ To renew by check, make it out to **Corvair Atlanta**, enter the words "**Membership Renewal**" in the Memo block, and mail to the following address:  
Corvair Atlanta  
c/o Nolan Grant  
102 Cedar Drive, Pendergrass, GA 30567

# Calendar

**Feb 13th - Mardigras** - *Yes, it is early this year!*

**Feb 14th - Ash Wednesday**

**Feb 14th - Valentines Day**



**Feb 17th - CAI Monthly Member Meeting**

**Feb 29th - CAI Membership Renewal Drive Ends!**

**Mar 8th - International Womens' Day**

**Mar 10th Daylight Savings Time**

**Mar 16th - CAI Monthly Member Meeting**

**Mar 17th - St Patrick's Day**

## ***Corvair Springfest New Benefit!!!***

Now you can **tell vendors coming to Springfest, in Helen, what parts you are looking for**, so that they can bring them to Springfest!



**Look for the "scrolling" thread at [corvairspringfest.com](http://corvairspringfest.com) to view and access the form.**

***If you are a paid-up, registered vendor for Springfest***, you can participate in this alert system. Contact Jack Green <[jackegreen@outlook.com](mailto:jackegreen@outlook.com)> and he will add your email to the alert system. Once you are added to the system, you will begin receiving the alert form with the shoppers name, email, phone number, and part description(s).



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



**Springfest 2024 will be  
19-20 APRIL**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**Springfest 2024**

**Helen, GA. April 19-20**



**1964 - The Last of the Earlys**

- CORVAIR ATLANTA
- EAST OF GEORGIA CORVAIRS
- UPSTATE CORVAIR CLUB
- CORSA S.C.
- VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS
- Queen City Corvair Club

Details & information: <https://corvairspringfest.com/>



# *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!***

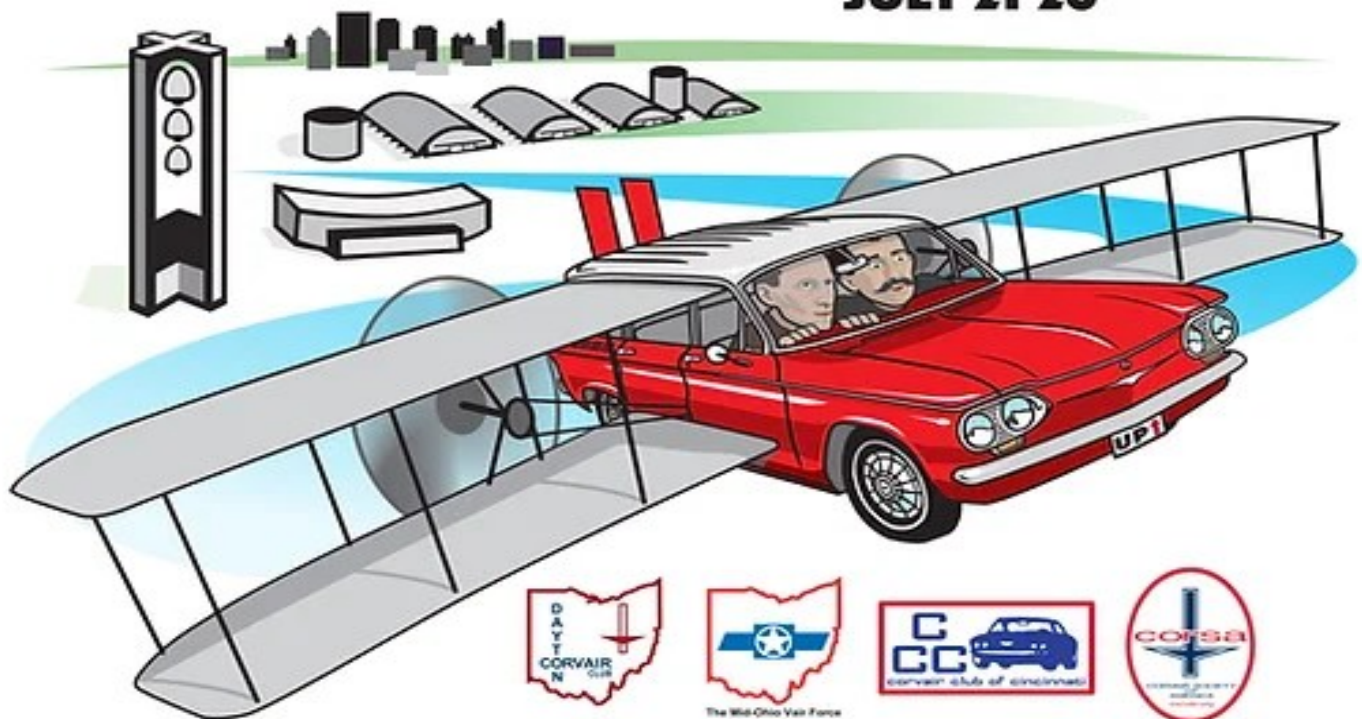
***Panera Bread, 1195 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075 8AM - 11AM***



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

# CORVAIRBORNE!

**2024 INTERNATIONAL  
CORVAIR CONVENTION  
JULY 21-26**



**MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
1414 S PATTERSON BLVD - DAYTON, OH 45409**

**MORE INFORMATION ON  
[WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM](http://WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM)**

**Remember to update your CORSA membership for 2024!!!** We strongly encourage all to support the national organization, which works to support our local events through a liability insurance policy, advertising of events in the national publications, and inclusion of members in online tech sessions and Zoom meetings.



*Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall  
Keep Her Rolling Along!*



**Attending the January 6th, 2024  
Sunday Classic Car Worship**



**Glenn and Julie Stephens are  
wonderful roll models for us  
Corvair lovers!**

Glenn drives his '64 Monza Coupe  
all over Georgia and takes some  
amazing photos, documenting the  
beautiful and interesting places he  
finds on his travels.





*For a Worthy Cause!*



## Be A National Corvair Museum Supporter

If you haven't heard yet, the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) has started a Capital Campaign to raise funds to build our own **National Corvair Museum** building. We have been in multiple leased locations since we opened our doors as a museum in 1994 and for one reason or another none of these have proven to be a long-term solution to the growing international interest in the Corvair.

The Capital Campaign is a multi-year campaign to raise \$2,000,000. These funds will be raised from individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations, and other entities. The end of the campaign will be celebrated at the International Convention in Gettysburg, PA in the summer of 2026.

A Meet-Up session was recently held to discuss the campaign, watch it [here](#).

You can also find out about our Capital Campaign on our website [here](#).

If you are currently considering beginning-of-the-year giving, the National Corvair Museum would greatly appreciate being the nonprofit organization you choose. If you plan in multi-year increments we would love to talk to you about how to do that through the CPF for the Capital Campaign of the **National Corvair Museum**. We have developed a giving structure that can meet changing giving situations and you can learn more about it by contacting **Carl Jones** at (253) 988-2275 or at [developmentdirector@nationalcorvairmuseum.org](mailto:developmentdirector@nationalcorvairmuseum.org).

Gifts of cash, pledges, securities, vehicles (even non-Corvairs), buildings, land, or part of an estate plan are accepted. Naming opportunities are available for individuals and corporations to consider as well.







**Have a question about a noise in your Corvair?**

**Wonder how hard it would be to make a repair?**

The Corvair Center is a forum and community for enthusiasts of the Chevrolet Corvair. It is a place where members can discuss various topics related to the Corvair, such as events, maintenance, and technical questions.

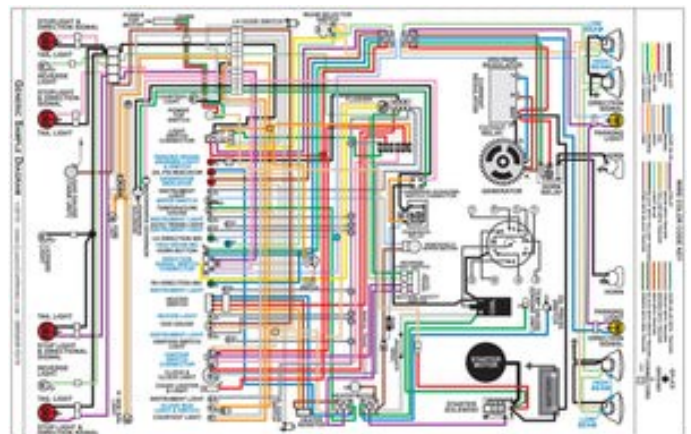
The forum is presented by the Corvair Society of America, also known as CORSA, which is the official organization for Corvair enthusiasts. The website serves as a platform for Corvair owners and fans to share knowledge and connect with each other.

Belong to CORSA and this wealth of knowledge forum can answer your questions. Further, perform a search and find your issue already addressed on the Forum.

<https://corvaircenter.com/forum/>

How about a video on fixing fan belt issues, troubleshooting the alternator, or rebuilding a carburetor? Don't forget about [YouTube](#).

You can also find wiring diagrams and other maintenance and repair guides on the internet.



# Corvair Purgatory

By Mike Callahan

## Happy February,

So, what's going on at Corvair Purgatory this month: Things went well this month despite the coldness (repeated from last month). Lots of time working on my 58 pickup truck. Installing the modified wiring harness and connecting up dash... Found an exhaust manifold for the driver side and found out I needed one for the passenger side also. Installed a new starter, had to order a second one because the first one did not fit. Struggling with some of the sensors now. Installed the master cylinder and got the brakes bled. Master is under the floor on the frame rail. That was an experience.

Fuel pump started leaking on the red A/C conv. So, I powered up the in-tank pump and Nothing. Now I have at least a half tank of fuel, so I installed an external pump 'til I can get most of the fuel out of the tank. Yes, this is the one I had apart last month (twice). Did get a new muffler on.

Started tracing wires on the LS car, the OBD11 module, it's not reading the data. Got the ODD11 working, now trying to wire up the Tahoe dash so I can install it. Its trial and error on a lot of the wires.

**Bought 3 more cars and lots of NOS parts.** Got one of the cars home. 66 monza convertible PG, rust free dark blue body. Engine turns freely. No brakes. Power top, am/fm radio. In a barn for the last 21years. Had lots of dust and a few criters were calling it home. All tires had zero air and all but one held air long enough to get on the trailer. It is for sale. Needs front seats, rear window. Price depends on how much I do to it before it gets sold.

**In the process of buying a 69 140 PG coupe** that is running and on the street.

## For Sale:

- **62 Rampside** lots of rust, but very restorable. **\$3000 Have an offer on it**
- **65/66 am/fm radios** from \$300 to \$450. Still have 2 left for \$450 each. Sold one.
- **14 rebuilt heads** - \$500 a pair. Sold 2 in Jan.
- **Tons of parts**, call me with your needs.
- **63 convertible** stripped and floor cut and trunk cut for v8 installation. Body is perfect. Too good to be cut up, but available for whatever you need. **\$500.00 OBO**
- **63 convertible**, rusty in spots, runs and drives, has a good top, would make a good doner for the one above to make a real nice car.
- **Rebuilt engine** - Late turbo engine -100% all new parts.
- **Rebuilt engine** - Late 140 engine 100% all new parts.
- **Late 140 engine** - Complete, good running dual exhaust to carbs.



## ***Corvair Pergatory (Cont.)***

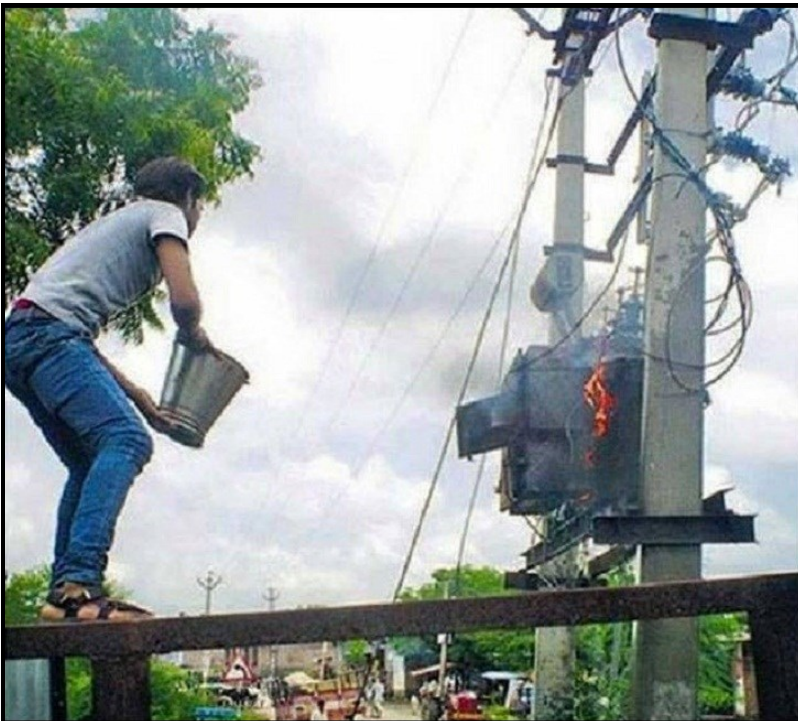
***By Mike Callahan***

### **Work in progress**

- **61 El Corvino:** Needs: door weather stripping, carpet, other interior finishing (door panels, etc.) wire up the seat switches. Build a console to hold seat switches.
- **68 Ultravan:** Needs: driver wiper motor stopped wiping. Find a place to install microwave ...Road time. Build tow-bar.
- **62 8-Door Greenbrier** with Brown EFI. Needs: weather stripping a round all 5 of the 8 doors.
- **66 Coupe:** A/C, PG, 4 wheel disc brakes. Needs: wiring to engine for gauges, wiring for electric seats, chrome around windshield installed,
- **66 Red A/C convertible:** Needs: some run time to break in new engine, a/c hooked up



*Really?*



**We just bought a book from  
Ikea!**



shared by silversurfers.com



## *Whataya Think???*



For those of you who are wondering, 'Oeuf Electrique' is French for 'Electric Egg' and you can see why it was given its name. It had three wheels, plenty of glass and it ran on batteries years after fuel had become the common way to run a car. The body is aluminum and curved Plexiglass, used to give the car its truly unique shape, while its diminutive size would make parking easy on today's crowded streets. We wouldn't be surprised if little electric, bubble cars like this one appear in the future.

<https://www.ba-bamail.com/vehicles-of-ground-air-and-water/beautiful-nostalgic-cars-of-yesteryear/>



*Anyone Interested??*

# 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

## ***'63 Convertible For Sale - \$3,250***

- It is in parts. I have major health problems and can not do any work on this.
- Over \$4,000 worth of new parts still in boxes — From tires to a top. Gas tank, brakes, complete lines, and a lot more. Most came from Clark.
- It is listed on Facebook - \$3,250. For around \$4,500 total in parts you get most of two cars.

***William Smith 770-658-4618***

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## For Sale (Cont.)



[See all results = Click Here](#)

14 Corvairs **SOLD** and 6 (Below) resulted in **"The BID Goes On"**



1963 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Club Coupe



1964 Chevrolet Corvair Greenbrier



1961 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside 4-Speed



1961 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside 95 3-Speed



1963 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 900 4-Speed



1965 Chevrolet Corvair 500 Sport Sedan



# Auctions

**1962 Corvair Monza Convertible 4-Speed (*Resell*)**

***Sold Again* on BaT for \$9,000 on 1/2/2024.**



**No Reserve: 1967 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe**

**Sold on BaT for \$8,000 on 1/10/2024**





# Auctions

**No Reserve: 1963 Corvair Rampside 95 4-Speed**

***Sold* on BaT for \$23,250 on 1/28/2024.**



**1962 Corvair Monza Lakewood 4-Speed**

***Sold* on BaT for \$10,750 on 1/28/2024**





# Auctions

**1966 Corvair Monza Convertible**  
**Sold on BaT for \$21,250 on 1/31/2024.**



**1960 Corvair 700 2-Door (Restored)**  
**on Hemmings Auction for \$,000 on 1/31/2024.**



# The Drivetrain

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***Simply click on this link to renew via credit card.***  
***Corvair Atlanta Membership 2024 (regfox.com)***



# 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

**Clark's Corvair Parts** 413-625-9776



# Classified Ads

## **AMERICAN SUPERCARS UNLIMITED**

**Doug Rogers**

1413 Little Refuge Rd

Waleska, Ga. 30183

**770-720-8472**

**For your Sand/Abrasive Blasting, Powder Coating,  
and Ceramic Header Coating**

<http://www.dougsamericansupercarsunlimited.com/>

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### ***Commercial Advertising Rates***

Ad Size	1 Issue	6 Issues
Business Card	\$5.00	\$27.00
3/4 Page	\$7.50	\$42.00
1/2 Page	\$12.00	\$60.00

- Corvair vehicles and Corvair-related items will be listed for free, at the sole discretion of Corvair Atlanta, Inc.
- Free classified items will typically be run in no more than two issues of The Connecting Rod.