

Drippy Leaks & Flyin' Fanbelts

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Corsa Chapter 217— www.Corvair.org/chapters/chapter217

***Inside This Month
The 2023 Louis Chevrolet
Award Winner from MMCC***

On The Cover:

Photo taken by Raymond Cunningham (posted on Flickr) of the Louis Chevrolet Memorial located in Indianapolis Indiana. The AACA awards a trophy to an outstanding Junior Chevrolet shown at an AACA National Meet during the year. The award is made possible by the Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation.

One of our members, William (Bill) Hubbell, won this award last year. His story is inside on page 7.

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STARTING THIS MONTH: I will feature one of MMCC's members and their car(s) on the cover as well as inside the newsletter. Please email me pictures of your car(s), a little background about yourself and whatever information you can give me about your Corvairs so that you can be featured in an upcoming issue of "Drippy Leaks and Flyin' Fanbelts"!

Do you have a Corvair related photo that you would like to share and perhaps be on the cover of an upcoming newsletter? If so, please Email your picture and a summary of the picture to Dianna Moy at dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net. Please note that this newsletter is emailed to all other CORSA Chapters worldwide.

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Any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact the Newsletter editor via email at:

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From The President

"Happy Valentines Day to those who are taken, almost taken, taken for granted, waiting to be taken, assumed to be taken and those who aren't taken seriously "

- Unknown

Our holiday luncheon at Friendly Farm on Sunday, 01/14/24 was a huge success with twenty-three club members attending. I am now in agreement with club member Dick Kaetzel that the crab cakes were excellent.

Mark Holmlund, guest from NVCC was able to guess the close total production number of Corvairs (which is approximately 1.8 million) and won a Corvair puzzle now sold by Clark's Corvair Parts. I also displayed a sample 2026 Gettysburg convention t-shirt that was produced by club member, Dianna Moy.

Then, to be released on 02/01/24, will be an email addressed to all four sponsored clubs of the Gettysburg convention to solicit event directors for our convention. The event directors must be assigned prior to the assignment of event volunteers.

If we do not have directors assigned to all events by 04/01/24, we will then solicit clubs region-wide to hopefully fill the remaining event director posi-

tions. We will probably solicit for event volunteers by early summer 2024.

I am hoping many of you consider attending the 2024 CORSA convention in Dayton, OH. One of the most memorable events will be the "Dinner Under The Wings" evening event at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The host hotel should still have some rooms available with a room rate of \$142/night. And again, this will only be a four day convention from 07/22/24 to 07/25/24.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday 02/08/24, 7 PM at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall, 114 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Be sure to admire that special one on Valentine's Day. As George Burns once said, "Love is a lot like a backache, it doesn't show up on x-rays, but you know it's there."

Happy Vairing!

Tom Rahochik Club President

You can find us on Facebook as well!

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



**Jeanette Ostroff on 2/4, and
Denny Crum on 2/9,**

**Coming up in March—
Frank Schleigh
Bill Sherman**



**Congratulations,
Gary and Vicki Young!**

**No anniversaries in March, but coming up in April—
Web and Doris Utz—NUMBER 70!!**

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February

8- Monthly meeting, Fitzgerald's Auto Mall @ 7PM

March

9 Chesapeake Region AACA Swap Meet

Howard County Fairgrounds, Rt 70 and Rt 32

14- Monthly meeting, Fitzgerald's Auto Mall @ 7PM

22-23 South Mountain Region AACA --

54th Annual Parts and Swap Meet, 8-4 Friday, 8-2 Saturday, \$5 admission, Carroll Agriculture Center, 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD., For space rental or details call Jack at 301-674-5431

June

1-2- Fly-In/Drive-In Spring 2024 Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1041, Gettysburg Airport from 8AM to Noon rain or shine. \$10 for adults, \$4 for youth. Credit cards accepted, \$0.50 extra per person.

8- Annual Vintage Vehicles in the Valley Car Show,

West Green Street, Middletown, registration 9 – 11

August

10-14- Annual Car, Truck, Motorcycle, Tractor, & Specialty Vehicle Show,

10-3, registration \$15 ends at 12 noon, Middletown Volunteer Co Carnival Grounds, 1 Fireman's Lane, Middletown. Contact Janie Nalborczyk: 301-471-9604.

17- 39th FSK Antique Car Club's Rose Hill Manor Benefit Show,

1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD, rain date Aug 18, pay what you wish, \$15 suggested.

September

15- MVA Alzheimer's Show, Frederick MVA, rain date 9/29, (Watch for details)

28-29- Fly-In/Drive-In Fall 2024 Pancake Breakfast

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October

18- AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY EVENTS THAT ARE COMING SOON THAT YOU THINK EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW OF!

Gettysburg– More Than A Civil War Battlefield

Did you know that Gettysburg has ties to World War II?

The town has a long list of World War II ties: president and D-Day commander Dwight D. Eisenhower maintained a home there. It was also the site of a secret U.S. Navy mapmaking office, an army psychological warfare training camp and a POW camp on the Civil War battlefield where German prisoners worked picking fruits and vegetables. Gettysburg has applied for American World War II Heritage City status from the National Park Service.

There's a new museum in Gettysburg that doesn't tell any of the Civil War stories that we hear all over town— it tells the stories of the involvement of this Civil War town during a much more recent war, World War II.

Frank Buck and his wife Loni invested over \$7 million dollars to construct three 12,000-square-foot buildings on 30 acres of farmland near their home about five miles north-west of Gettysburg. that contain everything from Sherman tanks and other vehicles to a collection of World War II uniforms, helmets and weapons on display.

Near the end of 2023, Frank sadly passed away leaving this amazing museum to his family. The family plans to continue operations with little impact to tourists. Check out The World War II American Experience, which is located at 845 Crooked Creek Road in Gettysburg, Pa 17325. <https://visitww2.org/>

Hours are seasonal-

Winter Hours (January through March):

January: Closed for regular hours. Group venue rental and tours by appointment.

February & March: open Friday & Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm

Summer Hours (April through December):

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday- 10am-5pm,
Sunday 12pm-4pm, and

Tuesday and Wednesday- Group venue rental and tours by appointment.



Our Louis Chevrolet Award Winner!

We're kicking off our new format with an award-winner! Almost one year ago, one of MMCC's members, William (Bill) Hubbell won the award for his restored John Glenn Corvair.



Above: MMCC member Bill Hubbell from Hagerstown Maryland, winner of the 2023 Louis Chevrolet Memorial Award.

This car is just out of this world... or, at least its original owner was: John Glenn, in 1964 the first American in orbit, and 1988, the oldest. By the time Bill purchased this Corvair Monza in 2001, it had been off the road for more than 20 years. It featured poor paint in the wrong color, had a wrong top, and was missing trim; in short, it was a complete beater. It had gone through three more owners after Glenn sold it, one of them was a NASA engineer. Another 15 years in Bill's ownership transpired before its restoration began in 2017. Bill did all of his own work other than body work and paint. The top-of-the-line Monza features the optional 165cid/110hp six-cylinder engine, automatic transmission, factory air-conditioning, remote control mirror, and fully tinted glass.



Here's how the AACA magazine described the event that was held in Williamsburg, VA-- *When the many activities, seminars, presentations and get-togethers were all said and done, it was time for the "Oscars of the Antique Automobile World" to take place.*

On Saturday evening, the owners of many fabulous (62 this year) national award-winning cars arrived en masse with the excitement and pageantry of being personally presented with their well-deserved awardsThe banquet room was spectacular, set up with the usual dual projection screens that presented the recipient's winning automobile with West Peterson giving verbal histories of each car while the car owners went up to receive their well-deserved award. As is always the case at AACA's "Oscars," there were many happy people, lots of hugs and hand-shakes and many personal congratulatory best wishes. --End of quote. Congratulations to Bill for winning one of those Oscars.



Above: The Louis Chevrolet Memorial Award presented by the AACA

Pictures from Our Holiday Party at Friendly Farms in Upperco, Maryland



Top and bottom photos: some of the different dishes ordered at the holiday party- Crab Cakes, Chicken, and those delicious doughnuts.

Center picture: a couple of the delicious baked goods for sale in the lobby.





In the Corners: Our club meeting after dinner in the lobby.

In the Center: some of the meals that were ordered.



The Editor's Comments

Greetings to the second edition of the new format "Drippy Leaks & Flyin' Fanbelts" newsletter. As I mentioned last month, I hope that we can have at least two articles per newsletter this year— coverage of area car shows/ cars-n-coffees, tech talk, a book review, a little about your Corvairs, or anything else you may find interesting to your fellow Corvair enthusiasts.

With the upcoming 2026 Convention, we really want to let other clubs know who we are, and put our membership in the spotlight. We will be putting out some of these newsletters at the convention in Ohio as well as in California. Part of putting together the Convention is to get event team leaders to help plan our events. As many of you know, CORSA approved and signed the 2026 Corsa Convention contract with the Wyndham/ Courtyard Marriott. With the signing, we have a "green light" to proceed with the planning of the convention. A major part of that planning involves not only putting Convention Board directors in place, but to also assign event team leads to the events we have planned.

Our Convention Board consists of:

- Grand Chairman - Titus Stewart (govairs@aol.com)
- Chairman - Tom Rahochik (66vairman@comcast.net)
- Deputy Chairman - Rick Sanford (ricksanford2020@gmail.com) and
- Secretary/Technology Coordinator - Dianna Moy (dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net).

To complete the Board, we are looking for a Treasurer that has accounting and data entry experience. We want to give our sponsoring clubs first chance at the areas where we will be needing event team leads, so we will wait be looking for event team leaders locally through April 15, 2024 ("tax day"!!), and then if needed, solicit region-wide or nationally. We need to start getting the infrastructure of the 2026 Convention Committee built. The remaining areas that we need event team leads are:

- Concours - work side-by-side w/Ray Morales - CORSA Concours director
- Auto Cross - work side-by-side with CORSA Auto Cross director
- Economy Run Event
- Road Rally - work side-by-side with the CORSA Road Rally director
- Car Display Event
- Model Car Event
- Tour Events
- Hospitality Room
- Ice Cream/Bingo or Movie Night Events





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The convention board will provide assistance to event team leads if there would be a need. The convention board will also assist the event team lead with approval of monetary items once reviewed by the board and when/if approved, added to our CORSA budget.

Once the event team leads are in place, we will begin to solicit for volunteers. Volunteers can select the event(s) that they would like, and the times they are available for those events. Once the list of volunteers has been developed for an event, then that list will be sent to the event team leader.

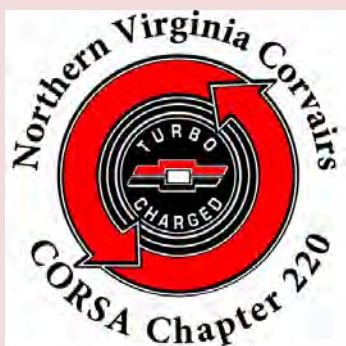
Again, we know that there are some of you that would really want to help in a particular event, but don't want "the headaches" that may go with being the team lead. So, if you would like to help us to get things started and then "pass the baton" to someone else and just be a volunteer for the event, that could be worked out as well. Note that at least three event team leaders will work with someone from CORSA.

Please contact Titus, Tom, Rick or myself if you are interested in any of the above positions. Again, the 2026 CORSA Gettysburg convention is over two years out, but to be a success, we need to start planning and organizing NOW to bring make sure this is the best CORSA East Coast convention ever!

If you'd like to submit something for the newsletter, please get it to me 5 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. If there is going to be an event within those last 5 days, the deadline will be midnight of the day of the event.

My email address is dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net and you can text me at (301) 717-7412. I look forward to an overflowing email inbox!

Dianna Moy



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Membership Application

Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who appreciate the Corvair automobile

P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota 55356 USA (603) 403-3010

Web site: www.corvair.org Email: corsecluboffice@gmail.com

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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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*Note: This information is optional