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THE CONNECTING ROD

The Newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc



Treat your Corvair to a Georgia road like this!

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The President's Corner

March is here, and it looks like our brief winter cold snap was it. It hit 80 degrees today in Columbus and looks like spring is coming. Daylight Savings Time, pine pollen season, and yard work is upon us! Maybe we will get no new cold surprises.

Our March meeting at the Cobb Diner went well, with approximately 15 members in attendance. Below you will find Tom Constantine's notes recapping the meeting. The only things not covered in the notes are the meeting agendas for March, April, and May.

Please note that the March meeting will be held in Douglasville at Jeff Champion's Clock shop. <http://www.champsclock.com/> Our meetings are normally held the third Saturday of the month, but note that this one has been moved up to March 9th, the second Saturday of the month. The address is fully detailed in the announcement later in this newsletter. We would advise you to show up before noon, as that is when the clocks are all synchronized to chime at the same time.

Food will be provided at the event.

In April, we will not have a formal meeting, as we have Springfest in Helen that weekend where we will have several new events in addition to the return of Autocross. We would love to see all of you who are able to come to Springfest. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible.

REMINDER: If you are looking for any particular parts from vendors at Springfest, please go to the Springfest website and use the new feature that it includes to contact them asking them to bring that part. Many vendors have much larger inventories than they bring with them and just "guess" what people want. You can now make special requests to bring what you are looking for! Go to the bottom of the first page at <https://corvairspringfest.com/> and click on "Request A Part Form" at the very bottom of the page, or simply click the following link <https://form.jotform.com/240198693496169> to request particular parts.

In May, we will meet at Partner's Pizza in Fayetteville for their car show. We have not done this in a few years, so let's keep 'em shining after Springfest. The exact time will be announced after we receive details from the show.

In March, a new member, Greg Haddad of Sandy Springs joined us. He has a '65 PG with A/C. We hope to see him at some of our functions. Please welcome him if you meet him.

I hope to see you guys at the clock shop in March.
Over and out!

Frank



February Member Meeting Minutes

By Tom Constantine, CAI Secretary

February Meeting of Corvair Atlanta at South Cobb Diner (Saturday, 17-Feb-2024)

At approximately 2:25 p.m. Mike Gassmann opened the meeting with an update of Springfest 2024:

- New features added to Springfest Website by Jack Greene
- Hotels are filling up soon (due in part to weddings being held Springfest weekend)
- The Helendorf will be the host hotel and provide hospitality room
- The Gift Raffle will include Boxes for specific items
- Meals & Food:
 - * Friday will be traditional Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
 - * Saturday will be B-B-Q Banquet meal prepared by Clay
- Schedule:
 - * Friday:
 - Auto-Cross Event will be run by V.C.E. and the road will be closed between the two parking lots.
 - The Rally will begin at ~ 2:00 p.m.
 - * Saturday:
 - Car Show ... All 4-Doors will be grouped together and there will be a separate vote for "Best in Show" and ballot colors are to match.
 - Funkhana
 - * See Schedule for times of Other Events, such as ... Fan Belt Toss, Corn Hole, etc.
- Early Registrations look good this year.
- Clark's Corvair Parts will sponsor Springfest this year with gift cards (Several Clark's employees are retiring this year, but next year (2025) they will send employees to Springfest to take parts orders).
- In addition to Clark's, A.C.C. (Auto Custom Carpets) will be a sponsor for door prizes.

Upcoming Events besides Springfest:

- Director's Zoom meeting February 20th to review the Club's By-Laws.
- Our March meeting will be at Jeff's Clock Shop on Saturday, March 9th.
- No April meeting due to Springfest.
- Our May meeting will be at Partner's Pizza (Fayetteville) for the Car Show.

The meeting was adjourned at ~ 3:25 p.m.

Attendees:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| - Frank Metasavage | - Phil Kelley |
| - Robert Birkinbine | - Jerry Lamb |
| - Mike Birkinbine | - Sharon Burkingstock |
| - Nolan Grant | - Keith Burkingstock |
| - Jeff Champion | - Howard Rothstein |
| - Mike Gassmann | - Tom Morris |
| - Tom Constantine | |



Sharon Birkingstock
Keith Birkingstock
Charry Chaapel
Tom Constantine
Nan Cook
Cheryl Endfinger
Norman Hines
Mark Ligler
Howard Rothstein



Nan & Dan Cook

Springfest is April 19th & 20th



***You haven't registered
yet???***

Please do it today!

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

Fun with your Vair! (cont.)

Calendar

Mar 1st - Women's History Month Begins

Mar 10th - Daylight Saving Time Begins - "Spring Forward!!"

Mar 9th - CAI Monthly Member Meeting - <http://www.champsclock.com/>
Champ's Clock Shop, 3834 King Dr, Douglasville, GA 30135 Be there before 11:30 for the time change of the clocks at Noon. Jeff will be providing hot dogs, chips and drinks. **Drive a Corvair and be entered into our \$25.00 gas card drawing!**

Mar 17th - St Patrick's Day

Mar 20th - Spring Equinox (Start of Spring)

Mar 29th - National Vietnam Veteran's Day



Mar 31st - Easter Sunday

Apr 19 + 20th - Springfest!! Have you registered yet??

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 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> 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**

Register **NOW!**

A promotional poster for Springfest 2024. The central image is a silver Corvair car, viewed from the front, with a license plate that reads "Corvair". Above the car, the text "Springfest 2024" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font with a black outline. Below this, "Helen, GA. April 19-20" is written in a white, outlined font. To the right of the car, there is a vertical column of six circular logos for various Corvair clubs: "CORVAIR ATLANTA", "HEART OF GEORGIA CORVAIRS", "UPSTATE CORVAIR CLUB", "CORVIA S.C.", "VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS", and "Queen City Corvair Club". At the bottom of the poster, the text "1964 - The Last of the Earlys" is written in a green, outlined font.

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!

CALLING ALL CAR ENTHUSIASTS!

CHEROKEE GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL 2ND ANNUAL

FLAGS & FENDERS *Car Show*

**MARCH
16, 2024
10 AM -
2 PM**



Rain or Shine

TIMELESS *Appeal*

**\$20 CAR
ENTRY**

AWARDS

Best Truck Best American Car
Best Foreign Car Best Jeep
People's Choice

CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL

930 Marietta Hwy, Canton, GA
Registration 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM



Wild Eyed
Southern BBQ
50/50 Raffle
Concessions &
Shottenkirk Jeep
Tickets

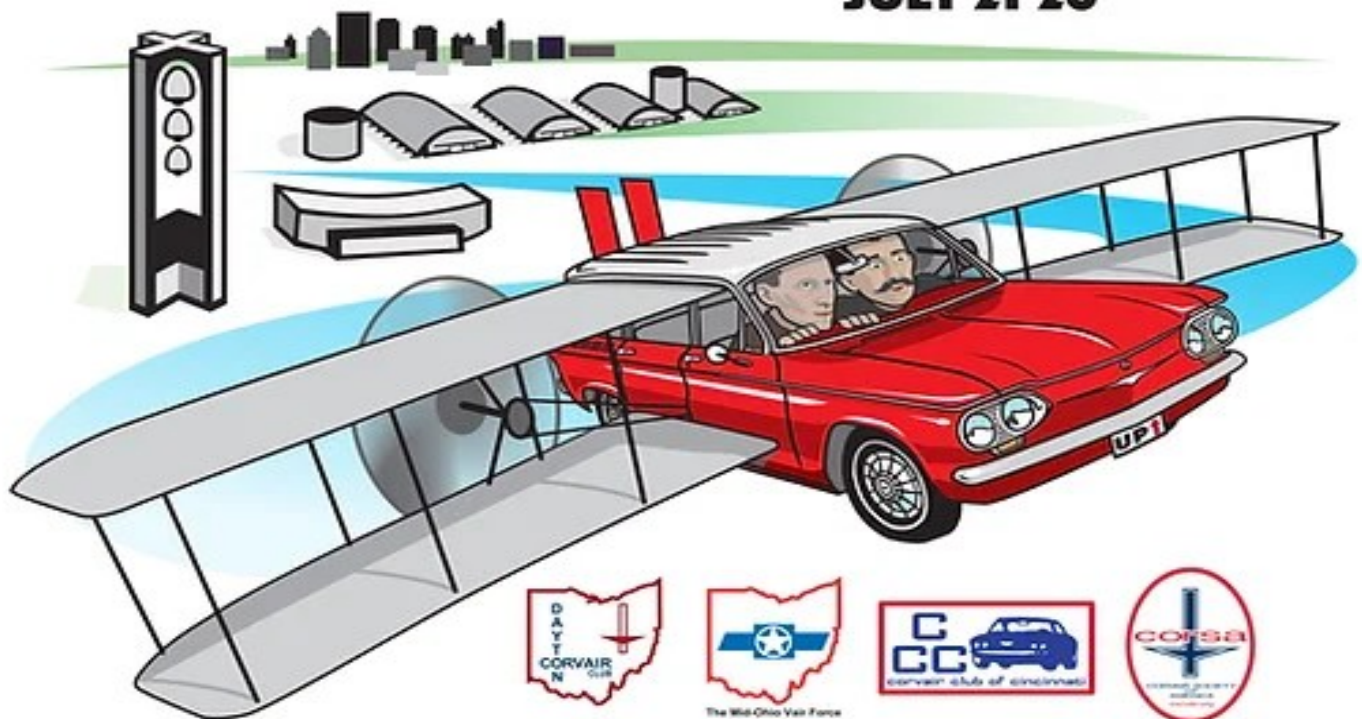
MORE INFO:

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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**

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.



Champ's Clock Shop

[CONTACT / STORE LOCATION / SHOP HOURS](#)

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Champ's 57th Anniversary

Chimes of a Thousand Clocks

A Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward Annual Event

NEXT EVENT Saturday March 9, 2024

9 AM - 5 PM Noon is the Highlight

JOIN THIS EVENT ON **facebook**

Imagine the sustained sound of 1000 synchronized clocks chiming the Noon Hour together at once! This event originated in 2007 to Celebrate our 40th anniversary in the clock business using the onset of Daylight Savings Time and to share our collection / selection of fine clocks with you .

It begins with the gentle ticking of majestic Grandfather Clocks, wagging tails and eyes of classic Kit-Cat clocks and suddenly the first Cuckoo calls from a distance. The rich gongs, bells, and chimes begin to swell with an added blend of musical animated and nostalgic tones of time telling history, slowly filling the room.

If you still are having a hard time with your imagination, treat yourself to reality at our annual Chimes of 1000 clocks event. It's a euphoric symphony of nostalgia for your Ears. Your eyes will thank you too. Swinging pendulums, cuckooing birds and animated treats in every direction.

Champ's is the only place in the world that you can hear a thousand clocks chiming at once. Our staff will spend the better part of a week winding and synchronizing the time on our clocks for one great day filled with chimes that is truly a one of a kind experience.

This event is always a media circus of camera flashes, video making and the joining of clock lovers.

You will have ringing in you ears when Sharon Rings the 34" 800 pound McShane Church bell.

Bring your friends, family, your cameras and maybe Ear Plugs.

Don't worry about lunch, It's on us!
w/ Complementary Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies and Coke products while they last.

Auto / Bike Clubs welcome. Let us know your coming and we'll leave space for you to Set up early and show your pride and joy.

For those that can not make it on Saturday, You will experience Hundreds of clocks chiming all through the shop towards the end of the week prior to the event.

Watch our Original Youtube video below. over 200,000 views



HOW YOUR LOCAL CLUB CAN SUPPORT THE CORVAIR PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Who Are We? This article explains the purpose of the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF), its National Corvair Museum (NCM), and how the Corvair Society of America (CORSAs) Club Chapters can help financially a worthy organization. Although CPF is an affiliate of CORSA, each group is fully independent of the other in terms of all financial obligations, memberships, and general operations. Specifically, the CPF is 100% funded purely from its own tax-deductible memberships and donations. Moreover, membership in CORSA does not provide membership in the CPF – and vice versa. While enthusiasts are welcome and encouraged to join both, it is also worth noting that CORSA membership is not required for CPF membership.

Our Mission! The mission of the CPF foundation is to preserve and promote the history of the Corvair through documentation, public education, and acquiring significant artifacts.

What Do We Do? The CPF operates and maintains the National Corvair Museum located at 10041 Palm Rd. (Old Route 66), in Glenarm, Illinois. The museum displays significant historical vehicles with various examples of cars and trucks, along with engines, literature, design sketches, prototypes and experimental and artifacts. CPF also welcomes the opportunity to display cars and historical items on loan by fellow Corvair enthusiasts. The National Corvair Museum has been recognized and endorsed by General Motors as the official museum of North America to tell the national story of this air-cooled wonder.

Another function of CPF is sponsoring and awarding scholarships to deserving, qualified high school students associated with active CORSA members. This scholarship program is named in honor of Frank Winchell, who was the former Engineering Staff Vice President of General Motors and Director of Engineering for Chevrolet Research and Development Group. Considered a true Corvair hero. He played a leading role in the successful defense of the Corvair during the trials against Chevrolet and GM. He is also credited with the development of the Corvair transaxle and was involved in the creation of several Corvair concept/project cars.



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A Worthy Cause!

How can local Corvair clubs help CPF? While CPF and NCM is operated by volunteers, it still takes donations to keep both running. We encourage clubs to create ideas to promote ways of giving to the CPF. For example, a club might have donation canisters with CPF literature available at local events. We know of at least one club who plans to restore a Corvair up and raffle it off with the donation of the funds raised given to CPF. Some clubs donate funds each year to the Frank Winchell Scholarship Fund, while others donate monthly to help cover the operating costs for the National Corvair Museum. No matter how small or large, every dollar counts and is most appreciated.



How can I become a CPF Member? Another way to support our organization is to become a member. When you join CPF, your annual dues not only support the ongoing operations of the National Corvair Museum, but also ALL our various initiatives. This includes Corvair recovery and restoration, CPF touring exhibits, funding for the Frank Winchell Scholarship program, and much more. Membership dues are only \$45/year.

CPF Members enjoy an official Membership Card, complimentary window cling, and free year-round admission to the CPF's National Corvair Museum. Your dues and donations are tax-deductible, and you'll also have the satisfaction of knowing your contributions help keep the history and preservation of the Chevy Corvair alive for future generations.

We Need Space! We recently kicked off a national capital campaign to raise funds for a permanent museum home. We have outgrown the space we currently lease and are looking into either building a new facility or purchasing an existing building, thus providing the Corvair with a permanent home to tell its story.

Are There Donation Alternatives? Donations to the CPF are not limited to revenue only. CPF welcomes donated items such as cars, parts, literature, and memorabilia, all of which are tax deductible. Contributions through estate planning are also possible and encouraged.

If you or your club are interested in donating, or need assistance with estate planning, please **contact CPF President Mike Hall at (217) 494-7105** or email at mrhvair@aol.com. Please consider supporting the continued growth and development of the CPF and National Corvair Museum with your financial commitment. For more information about our organization, museum, or ways to donate, please go to www.nationalcorvairmuseum.org.

Donations and correspondence can be sent directly (and payable to):

**Corvair Preservation Foundation
P. O. Box 68
Long Lake, MN 55356**

Many, Many Thanks! We thank all those who have generously contributed in the past, and we look forward to your continued support in the future. Working hand-in-hand, together we will ensure that the legacy of the Chevrolet Corvair endures.



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.

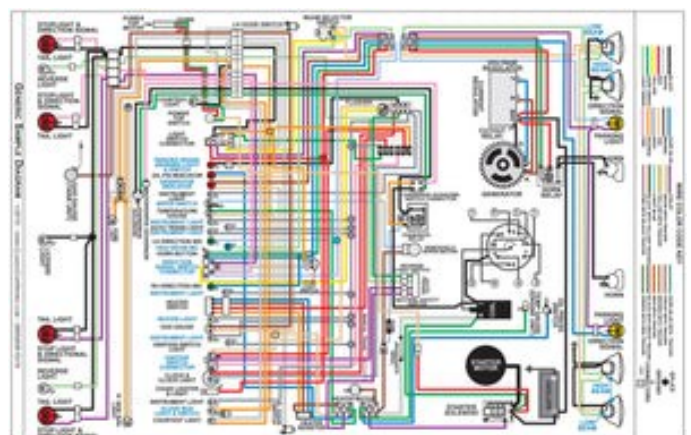
The forum is presented by the Corvair Society of America, also known as CORSA, which is the official organization for Corvair enthusiasts. The website serves as a platform for Corvair owners and fans to share knowledge and connect with each other.

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/>

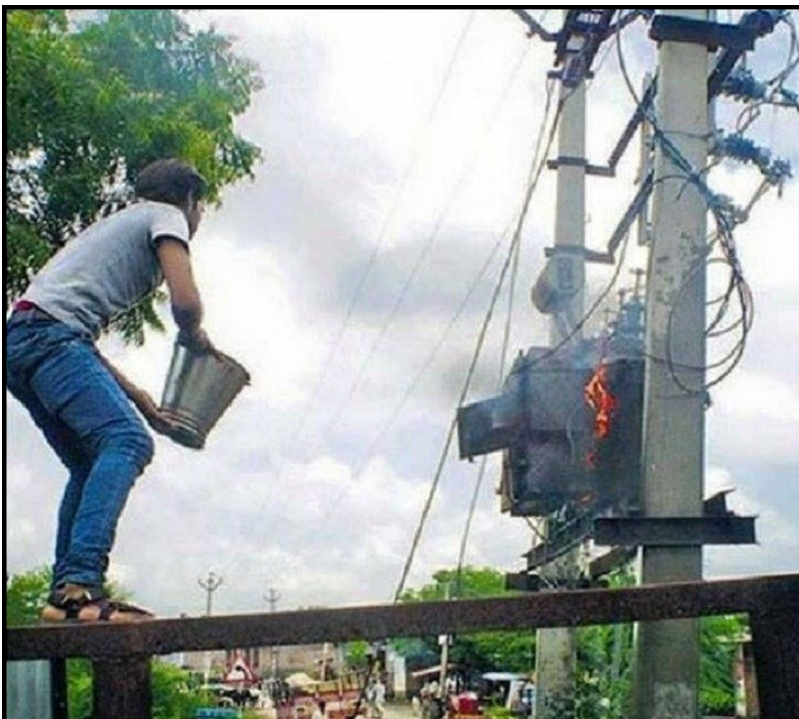
How about a video on fixing fan belt issues, troubleshooting the alternator, or rebuilding a carburetor? Don't forget about [YouTube](#).

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





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??

***Did You Know?
Sometimes Being a Sheriff Might Be Fun!!***



The 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse Becomes The Ultimate Law-Enforcer In The Digitally Transformed Concept.

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Florida Sheriff department ads C7 Corvette Z06 to Fleet - The result of a drug bust.

Did You Know?

Video: Florida Man Presents Over 440 Collector Vehicles in Private American Muscle Car Museum

By Tara Hurlin, Hemmings News - 02/15/2024



YouTube / Mr JWW

A Florida billionaire has amassed an exceptional collection of classic and collector cars in a private museum located in Melbourne, Florida. The American Muscle Car Museum houses 442 vehicles, and the owner, Mark Pieloch, insists that every one of them runs and is in immaculate condition, from the classic Porsches to Ford Supercars, and of course the American muscle cars.

A YouTuber that goes by the username “Mr JWW” recently visited the 123,000-square-foot museum for an in-depth tour, which also showcases a plethora of automotive memorabilia, a few jukeboxes, and even a group of vintage Porsche tractors manufactured from 1957 to 1963.

Pieloch originally had the goal to create a museum to solely feature muscle cars, but as the collection grew over the years, his wide range of tastes added even more variety to the display.

(CAI Editor's Note: Here's a link to one of his most significant cars.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYS2Fr4pyMI>

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
Moultrie, GA

'63 Corvair Back-up Light For Sale

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

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: glblanks@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

Auctions

1967 Turbocharged Corvair Monza Convertible 4-Speed

***No Reserve* Sold on BaT for \$13,500 on 2/12/2024.**



1961 Corvair Rampside 95 4-Speed

***Bid* on BaT to \$19,000 on 2/4/2024.**



Auctions

1966 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe 4-Speed

Sold on BaT to **\$13,900** on 2/17/2024.



1965 Corvair Corsa Turbo Convertible 4-Speed

Sold on BaT for **\$26,250** on 2/21/2024



Auctions

1965 Corvair Monza Convertible 4-Speed

Sold on BaT for \$21,250 on 1/31/2024.



1965 Corvair Monza Convertible

***Sold* on Hemmings for \$26,500.**



Auctions

1965 Corvair Corsa Turbo Coupe 4-Speed

Sold on BaT for \$26,500 on 2/28/2024.



***No Reserve (Alumni)* 1962 Corvair Monza Convertible**

***Sold* on BaT for \$6,400 2/22/2024.**



The Drivetrain

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STILL Not Registered for Springfest??
Details & information: <https://corvairspringfest.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

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/>

CORVAIR ATLANTA, INC. ADVERTISING POLICIES

- Classified advertisements should be sent to the newsletter editor via email or US Postal Service. They must be typed and ready for print. Email to: corvairatlweb@gmail.com

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.