

# **Drippy Leaks & Flyin' Fanbelts**

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The monthly newsletter of the Mid Maryland Corvair Club,  
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***Inside This Month:  
Rick's 1966 CORSA Coupe***

## On The Cover:

Photo of Rick Sanford in his Corvair driving his 1965 CORSA Coupe along the Gulf of Mexico in Alabama. Rick's story on his Corvairs appears on page 7, and some pictures of his car appear on page 6.

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:** This column 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"!

## A Sneak Peek of Next Month's Cover:

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Club Meetings are held at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Fitzgerald Auto Mall, located at 114 Baughman's Lane, Frederick, Maryland. Annual Dues are \$15.00 payable in July of each year and cover individual and family membership.

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## From The President

*"I've got March madness. It follows my February fits and comes right before my April agitation". - Anonymous*

Our club member, Bill Hubbell, gave a very good computer presentation of the website Stock Corvair Group for our February meeting. He is president of the website and encourages all to view and consider becoming a registered member as well. It is a chartered special interest group of CORSA with a mission to:

- 1) Encourage interest in aid in the research of stock Corvair related vehicles;
- 2) Provide an environment for members to expand their knowledge/interest of Stock Corvairs;
- 3) Provide a friendly social environment for members to appreciate and enjoy their progress in maintenance or restoration of stock Corvairs, and
- 4) Provide a means of gathering/publishing data to document the physical appearance and historical background of stock Corvairs.

It is truly a wealth of Corvair related information. The website can be reached at: <https://stock.corvair.org/wordpress/>

I then attended the CPCC's February monthly meeting to further discuss our 2026 Gettysburg convention progress to date. Our convention logo shown in our February newsletter is now confirmed and will be utilized in all future related articles and publication purposes. We discussed other places of interest not listed in the Gettysburg guide and will hope to have about 7-10 additional added in the tourist packets along with our convention logo and our abbreviat-

ed convention schedule. At the 2024 Dayton, OH convention, we hope to have our 2026 convention display table up and running with about 200 handout Gettysburg Destination bags and a functioning promotional Gettysburg video to gather everyone's interest. The CPCC club is also considering a Corvair caravan to this year's convention for those who wish to drive their cars there in a group setting. Anyone would be welcome to join them.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday evening, 7 PM, March 14, 2024 at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall, on Baughmans Lane in Frederick, MD.

If you're lucky enough to be Irish, then you are lucky enough.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

*Tom Rakochik* Club President

*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 [diana.nicole.moy@comcast.net](mailto:diana.nicole.moy@comcast.net). Please note that this newsletter is emailed to all other CORSA Chapters worldwide.*

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You can find us on Facebook as well!

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



**Bill Sherman on 3/6, and  
Frank Schleigh on 3/30!**

**Coming up in April—  
Dianna Moy  
Web Utz**



**No Anniversaries this month, but coming  
up in April- Doris and Web Utz!**

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### March

**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

### April

**13- Cruise-In at the Frederick Church of the Brethren**

Rosemont Avenue and West 2nd Street, Frederick MD. \$5 donation, 8AM-1PM

### May

**19- Corvair Ranch Open House**

1079 Bon-Ox Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325

### June

**8- Annual Vintage Vehicles in the Valley Car Show,**

West Green Street, Middletown, registration 9 – 11

### July

**28- REISTERSTOWN REGIONAL PARK SHOW, 20th Annual All-Vehicle Show**

401 Mitchell Drive, Resisterstown MD 21136 -10AM-3PM

### 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)**

### October

**18- AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA**

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

## Member Spotlight Pictures

*Below are some pictures of our featured member for the month. The stories presented are in the words (with some grammatical and other minor) of the spotlighted member.*

*Any opinions expressed in the "Member Spotlight" column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the MMCC Board of Directors or membership.*





## Member Spotlight: Rick Sanford

By Rick Sanford



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

My love of Corvairs started back in the 60's. My parents bought a 61 Lakewood which my mom drove. I was already a Corvair Fan, as the Car Magazines of the day, "Sports Car Graphic", "Sports Car" (the SCCA Magazine), "Road & Track", and Car & Driver" all were wild about the Corvair. Me and my friends were sports car enthusiasts and the Corvair was one of the first sport sedans on the market. We would go to Virginia International Raceway near Danville, Va. and Marlboro, Md. in PG County and watch the Sports Car Road Races. There were a number of Corvairs on the Track and in the Parking Lot, some set up for Autocrossing or Rallying. If you went to an Autocross back then, there were a number of Corvair competitors. The same went for the Sports Car Rallies- there were a lot of Corvairs participating.

I joined CORSA in 1971 when I was in the Navy.

My first Corvair was the 61 Wagon. I equipped it with reverb and extra speakers, radial tires, Sun Tach, and Lucas Flame Throwers in the high beam headlights, and It was a 80HP / PG. It gave way to a factory air conditioned V8 '57 Chevy. I then got a '64 442 (that I Autocrossed) , and then a '64 Le Mans. I got my second Corvair after I wrecked the Le Mans. It was a 1965 Monza Convertible 110/4 speed that was factory air conditioned and loaded with options. I also bought a 1965 CORSA Convertible (match to the AC car). I later sold the A/C Monza and kept the CORSA, which I kept for 20+ years.



Above: The Louis Chevrolet Memorial Award presented by the AACA

Both Corvair's were Autocrossed and Rally'ed a lot and then I sold the CORSA to fund our SCCA Autocrossing in a water pumper. The Corsa Convertible was driven for a couple of years by my wife all over the Carolina's.

By 1998 we had gotten out of Autocrossing and were looking for another car related hobby. The IT manager at work came in my office one day and told me his father had a 65 Corsa for sale. Long story short, I bought it. Over the years I restored every part of the car and system in the car.

The CORSA has been driven in 20 different states, and It's been on many Corvair Club and Antique Automobile Club Tours, and CORSA Convention Rally's.

## Call For Content, and Anyone for Zoom?

Greetings, fellow Corvair enthusiasts!

Unfortunately, the older we get, it seems that we don't adapt to the changes in weather as quickly as we used to. This past month has not been kind to me by going from cold to hot and then back to cold, so my apologies for the delay in this month's newsletter.

I had been hoping for an overflowing inbox with advertisements for Corvairs on sale, tech columns, and even stories and pictures about member Corvairs. Unfortunately, my inbox was rather empty. I was hoping to have at least two articles per newsletter this year. If you can give some coverage of area car shows/cars-n-coffees, maybe a short tech article, a book review, or even a little about yourselves, we can put it into the newsletter. Do you have your own business? We can highlight that in the newsletter as well.

As our membership base ages, many that used to attend the meeting no longer can. I urge our membership to consider using this newsletter to keep them feeling like part of the Corvair family. Also, many groups used Zoom during the COVID-19 scare, and while some have dropped its use, others use it to help keep the rest of the membership engaged. We could utilize it as well for those that can no longer travel to the meetings. I'd like to engage as much of our membership as possible.

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. For example, if a car show were to be held on May 30th and we wanted to announce award winners, the deadline would be midnight of May 30th and (hopefully) the newsletter would be finished and distributed late on the 31st or June 1st at the latest. This way, coverage of the event won't get delayed a month.

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

*Dianna Moy*





## Seized for Service

This story caught the eye of Ron Moss from the 2/22/2024 Hemmings Daily. While not a Corvair, it still makes some interesting reading.

Florida police seized a 2022 Chevrolet Corvette in a Panama City Beach drug bust. That was back in April of 2023. Now the speedy sports car is an important part of the Panama City Beach Police Department's vehicle fleet.

The Chevrolet Corvette was previously owned by a 25-year-old that took a few wrong turns. The Florida man was reportedly found guilty for carrying illegal narcotics and firearms after attempting to flee the scene early last year. As a result, the mid-engine sports car was impounded by the police under Florida's Contraband Forfeiture Act, which provides law enforcement the right to seize property related to criminal and non-criminal law violations.

The Chevrolet Corvette has since been retired from its life of crime.

Once the car officially became part of the Panama City Beach Police fleet, it received blue and white livery from a company called Lightning Graphics, vehicle wrap specialists located in Marianna, Florida. The lettering "Seized for Service" appears near the bottom of the Corvette's driver and passenger side doors, just below the eye-catching reflective silver "Panama City Beach Police" designation. Its overall blue and white design matches the style of Panama City Beach's other patrol cars, except the typical Ford Explorers and Dodge Chargers don't don the added image of the city's pier on the rear quarters.

*Ron's edit-The Corvette Police car will be used in the Departments "Cops and Kids Program" a community service project to educate young people on the dangers of narcotics and trafficking. It is not likely to be used to chase down Challenger Hellcat Scatpacks-not a good vehicle for performing PIT/TVI maneuvers.*



## Don't Forget to Join CORSA!!



### Membership Application

## Corvair Society of America

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

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### NEW MEMBER APPLICATION/MEMBER DATA SHEET

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Applicant/Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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