

# Heart of America Corvair Owners Association

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## April Meeting

April 9th brought us together for our monthly meeting. President Kat King got the ball rolling and called it to order at 7:02 PM.

Starting off, we noted that Tool Crib chair Ken Ragan has limited mobility, and Sheila Carlino was unable to attend due to not feeling well. However, it was wonderful to see Fred Bybee from Lenexa, KS, a long-standing member of our club, among others.

We had several members and visitors who joined us, including:

- Wayne Yost from Kansas City, MO
- John Martin from Pleasant Hill, MO
- Tim Kienzle from Bonner Springs, KS
- Derrol and Joyce Hutton from Battlefield, MO, with their impressive 1964 Monza Convertible.

Following that, the minutes from our previous meeting on March 12 were reviewed and acknowledged. Treasurer Cindy Anders then provided our financial standing to include dues received, along with payments for our 60th anniversary stickers and contributions to the Corvair Preservation Foundation in honor of Kevin Koch.

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### **HACOA Calendar at a glance**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday, May 14	HACOA Annual charity auction, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
Saturday, June 1	Tech session, Dawson residence, Belton, MO
Tuesday, June 11	HACOA Meeting in the Park, Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Lenexa, KS
Saturday, June 15	MCCA Juna Tuna, Kalp Kompound, Valley Center, KS

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### **President's Corner**

As you will see in the pages of this Vaircor, there have been parades, parades, and rumors of parades. HACOA has been a big part of it. I want to give appreciation to all those who had challenged their clutches, and brakes, and fuel pumps, tired knees, and even their jobs, to go the *SLOW* distance for us. I give all my thanks.

Now we look forward to a gathering of NUTS at our May auction. NUTS and bolts and wheel covers, and more "valuable" car parts. NUTS and chocolate and peanut butter in homemade cookies and candies. NUTS that come out of their chairs to bid on many many things they don't want just for the fun of it. You always find something you want or need. You will bless the charities we've chosen.

See you there. Bring your checkbooks.

**Kat King**

## The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

### Product Review, Garage Floor Coating by *Garage Kings Kansas City*

In April the *Garage Kings Kansas City* floor conversion crew completed a new surface for my working garage which is part of my house and where I attend to almost daily automotive projects. The floor had an existing covering of epoxy that was showing wear, some scarring from heavy object contact, and overall cosmetic deterioration.

I chose *Garage Kings Kansas City* for several reasons: The owner, Craig James, put on a short program at a HACO meeting covering the services they provide, Gary & Helen Moore highly recommended Garage Kings after their (Helen's) garage floor was coated, and Ray Sego assured me that Craig (Ray's grandson) and I would get along great – we did!

I chose the Deluxe four coat system with a 21 year warranty which can be completed in one day due to the properties of the newer coatings. That is a mid-range price but increased some due to removing the old coating before conditioning the underlying concrete. I chose the brightest color option (15 available) that gave me a lighter floor than original concrete. This allows me to see grease and oil spills as well as escaping car parts, much easier. My project extended into a second day due to afternoon high winds, neighbor's tree seeds and even a blast of rain. The crew put up a tent and effectively used plastic sheeting to protect the work area. All work was wrapped up on the second day.

The industrial grade vacuums did a very good job of constant debris removal. If you have cabinets & shelves that would stay in place, keep in mind they could get slightly dusty from the prep work so tarps or sheets would be a good idea.

Owner Craig is a very effective communicator with written estimates, constant updates, on site checking, and follow up written warranty and care instructions. The three man crew of Dennis, Caleb and Ryan were friendly and very job quality conscious. Any time I overheard a conversation it was about achieving the best possible outcome. I felt like I was purchasing a quality tool!



High quality equipment: generator, vacuums and heavy duty grinding machine.



This is the grinder that they changed cutters on for the old surface and then the concrete.



Finished product quietly curing.

The care instructions provide for foot traffic after 24 hours cure time and then vehicle traffic at the end of 72 hours following the last coating. I gave it a little longer due to a local cold front that moved in. As of this writing the garage is back in service and I am delighted with the finished product. I highly recommend Craig James & **Garage Kings Kansas City**

***Garagekings.com***

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## **Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show**

**Saturday, June 1, 2024 12:00 – Until Finished**

**16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO**

Take this opportunity to enjoy some great socializing, get to know other members, and most important, take care of any repair or maintenance item you have been contemplating doing prior to the International Convention or the Roundup in September. Come and be comfortable knowing that parts, tools and advice will be available to make sure you can drive home whatever project you take on. There will be a sign up sheet for assistance.

A sample of items that can easily be addressed during the afternoon are: greasing fan bearings, packing wheel bearings (front and rear), carburetor balancing, distributor rebuilding, brake jobs, oil changes, etc. Brake replacement requires turning drums; I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time. Also available is gas and Mig welding, sandblasting, and glass beading.

The following will be furnished: grill food, service, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share; grilling begins at 4:00.

**Please RSVP** to insure food and beverage supply and I will email all potential attendees of any changes.

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### ***April meeting, continued from page 1***

Committee updates came next with Don Wagner informing us that all members are paid up and no news(!) from the newsletter crew. Travis advised that two years of the VairCor have been uploaded to the website.

Per our social chair, here are some upcoming events:

- April 27: St. Joe Northside Parade and Picnic
- May 4: Corvair Museum of America BBQ at Shade's Classic Corvairs
- May 5: Corvair Museum of America Car Show
- May 14: General Meeting and Auction at Paul & Jack's Tavern
- And many more exciting events through June.

In old business, discussions included plans for next year's Dust Off and the upcoming Tech Session at Mike and Sandy Dawson's home on June 1.

Logically and chronologically speaking, new business was next. Items that were discussed include:

- The board voted to suppress the 2023 audit this year.
- We decided to donate half of the auction funds to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery Higginsville, MO, as there are 4 club members who are interred at that cemetery.

Remember, nominations for the Mellie's Cup are ongoing. Each board member gets to nominate one member, and winners must be present to accept the award. This year, that winner will be determined at the June 1 tech session; be there or be a quadrilateral with 4 right angles and 4 congruent sides (sorry, I just got done with a 4th grade geometry unit)!

The meeting concluded at 7:40pm with members visiting and swapping Corvair stories. Don't forget that the May meeting is the auction so bring your stuff, your money, and your bids!



## Classifieds

### The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent

Contact: Ken Ragan

212 Warner Rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012  
913-422-5778 E-mail: [kenrragan@gmail.net](mailto:kenrragan@gmail.net)

Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring groove cleaner	\$3.00	\$1.00
Dwell/tach meter	\$5.00	\$1.00
Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
Pushrod tube extractor	\$10.00	\$2.00

Internally regulated 63 amp Corvair alternators \$85 exchange

Rebuilt Corvair starters with solenoid \$130 exchange



Professionally rebuilt Corvair clutch disc on a welded center Borg & Beck core with a thickness of .325" \$65 exchange with same core.



Rebuilt harmonic balancer \$110 exchange for a rebuildable core



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Reproduced end plates for the 12 and 8 plate oil cooler. These are the two pieces of sheet metal that help keep all the hot air from the oil cooler moving out the bottom instead of back in to the engine compartment. \$10 each





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## Parts for Sale

Bob Shellhorn has some parts he would like to sell, including:

3 - 14" 2 bar spinner Corvair wire spoked hubcaps - \$25 each

1 - 13" 2 bar spinner Corvair wire spoked hubcap - \$25

8 - 13" stainless steel LM Corvair hubcaps, most with plastic center caps but of poor condition, \$15 each

3 - LM dash instrument panel with most gauges

chrome trim handles, lots of misc. engine components, carb. bodies, etc.

No blocks, intakes, drive train, or body sheetmetal.

Contact Bob Shellhorn at [Bshell46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bshell46@sbcglobal.net)



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### Classifieds, continued

1963 Corvair/Clam Digger dune buggy for sale. All Corvair running gear and suspension, including 1965 140 HP engine with centermount carburetor, dual point distributor, and electric fuel pump. Running gear includes a '64 4-speed transaxle with transverse spring and new 13 inch tires. Needs some wiring work. Asking \$3,500. Contact Dick Berger 678-650-4246.

### **Space for rent**

Charlie Clark has a spot available in his shop if anyone needs a place to work on their car. The rate is \$220 per month and is available now. Call Charlie 913-432-9630

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### What's Happening?

#### **SCCA April Solo event**

Several HACOIA members attended the April session of SCCA solos at the Blue River Precision Driving Center.





## The Kansas City built 1960 Sedan refurbishment.

Greetings!

Back in November I spoke to the club about a 1960 KC-built Corvair 700 sedan #475 which means it was built during the very first week of Corvair production at the Kansas City Leeds plant. I will refer to this car going forward as the "KC60". The National Corvair Museum (The CPF Museum) has acquired this car and just this week took possession of it. In fact, a big THANKS to Mike Kliethermes for making a detour on his return trip from taking his (oops, Janet's) 64 Convertible to the body shop in Ft. Dodge, IA for a fresh coat of paint.

So, now that we have the car here in KC: Remember our meeting back in November where several of us volunteered to help make this car presentable? The car arrived at my house on Friday (4/19) I have only briefly looked it over and made note of a few things. Here is a draft version of my plan to move forward on this. The car does run and drive with the exception that there is no gas tank. Our goal would be for us to finish it and take it to Springfield, IL sometime late summer/early fall to present to the Museum on behalf of HACO. It will be a cool photo-op and give us some fun publicity. Also, maybe it will motivate other clubs to embark on similar projects.

We are not talking about a concours restoration here. The car will only be sitting in a museum and maybe attend a parade or short driving tour occasionally. It just needs to be presentable including the engine compartment, interior and trunk.

The Plan:

Action	Who
1) The refurbished gas tank is not installed so I will install that and get the fuel system working.	Paul
2) It has no battery so I will get the battery.	Paul
3) Evaluate what all needs to be done to preserve it and make it presentable for the museum.	
4) Get any needed body sheet metal repair work done.	
5) Get the body prepped and painted.	
6) Repair/replace the interior.	
7) Clean up the engine including maybe powdercoating the tins and new engine seal	
8) Address any other mechanical issues.	
9) Have a plaque made to display with the car at the museum.	

The CPF (Museum) will pay for parts/supplies required to refurbish the car. However, if you desire, you can donate parts/supplies and receive a donation receipt for reasonable costs. Labor will be donated unless we have to farm it out to a vendor. I don't have a place to keep this car at my place so I'd like for us to keep it moving between club members working on it until it's done. This is an exciting opportunity for us to do something fun and benefit the National Corvair Museum without costing the club a lot of money. Lastly, we could certainly arrange for work days where we all gather at someone's garage and knock out various projects.

Thanks everyone! I look forward to the results.

Paul Sergeant





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## Winner! Winner!

On April 27, Cindy Anders attended the 1st annual Peculiar United Methodist Church car show (sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America). It appears that the judges had good taste because her '64 convertible received first place!



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## Northside Parade

The Northside Parade was held on April 27, with a good showing of HACO A members. Thanks to Kat for getting things organized!



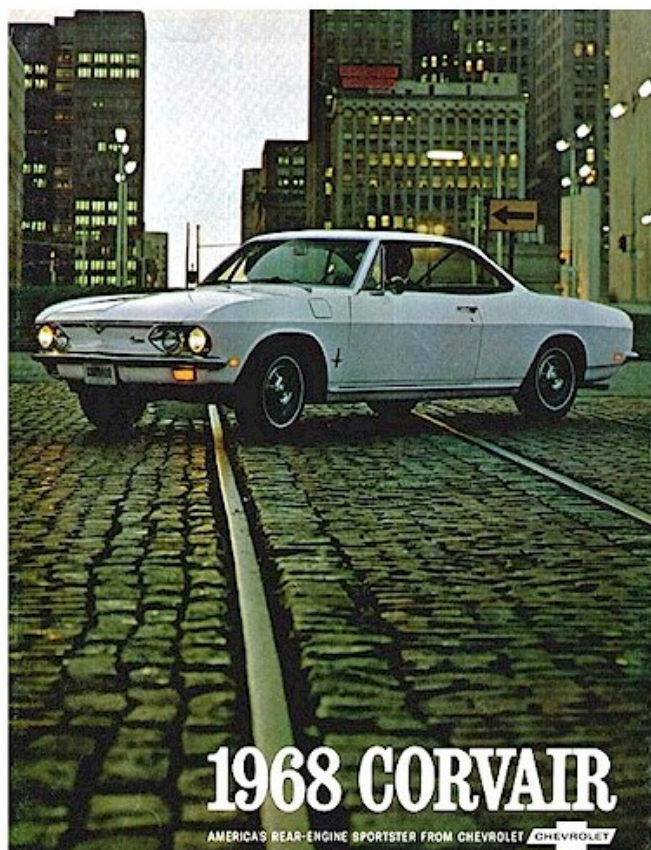


## APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE (100 years)

On May 4th, Chas and I carried the "Apple Blossom Parade's Little Princess" in our 1963 Monza convertible. Friends Ian Langner and Mike Hovey carried the Queen and Junior Queen. We lead the parade. -Kat



## Rearview Mirror



For nearly a decade Chevrolet has built rear-engine fun cars. In that time, Corvair has established itself as a firm favorite with U.S. enthusiasts. Reasons: rear-engine design with great roadability. Independent suspension at all four wheels (like the famous Corvette) for supple ride. With the engine weight in the rear, over the driving wheels, traction is superb. (Just ask owners who live in winter climates!) But with all these virtues, why the low price? Chevrolet know-how, that's why.





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316-214-6419 or [trotteroil@hotmail.com](mailto:trotteroil@hotmail.com)



## Remember → CORSA Membership Perks:

- 1) CORSA now has a formal relationship with Mecum auctions! Your membership in CORSA now permits you to purchase the \$200 bidders registration for just \$100!!
- 2) We have many fresh new items of CORSA-wear now available on our website. [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) <<http://www.corvair.org>>. We have a new vendor, new artwork and new items. I think you'll be excited about the selection.
- 3) Please remember, if you have members who are new to CORSA, they will receive a free copy of the "Corvair Basics" book with their paid membership in CORSA.

## HACOA birthdays

May	
Name	Date
Ed Ostervich	1
Janet Cozad	1
Marcia West	5
Sheila Rafferty	12
Neva Clark	14
Janet Kliethermes	16
Bill Bennett	17
Mark Killion	19
Matthew Olson	22
Barbara Wagner	26
Taylor West	27
Larry Teter	30
Gary Moore	31