

# **Drippy Leaks & Flyin' Fanbelts**

**May 2024**



The monthly newsletter of the Mid Maryland Corvair Club,  
Corsa Chapter 217— [www.Corvair.org/chapters/chapter217](http://www.Corvair.org/chapters/chapter217)

***Inside Member Spotlight:  
Dick Kaetzel***

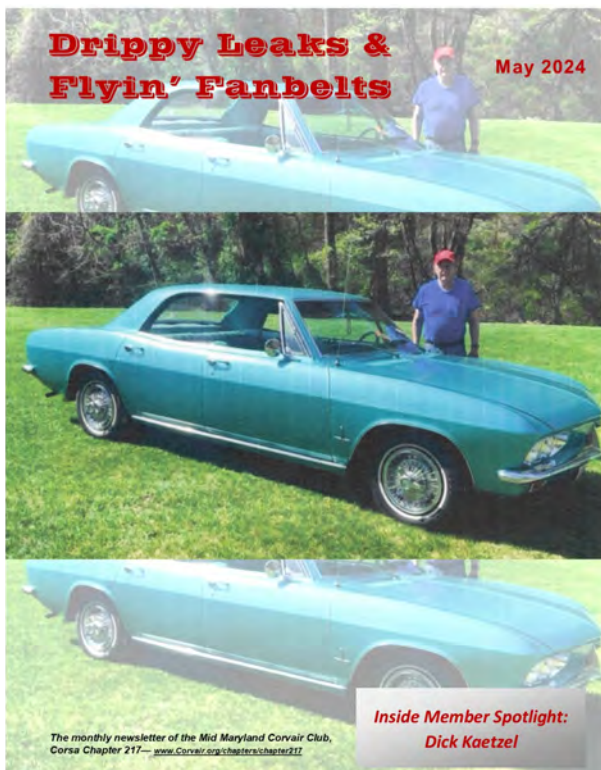


## On The Cover:

Photo of Dick Kaetzel standing beside his 1966 Monza 4-door with 110 HP.

Dick'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"!



## Mid-Maryland Corvair Club (MMCC)

...is a Chapter of The Corvair Society of America (CORSA) and is a group of enthusiasts who enjoy and appreciate all aspects of Chevrolet's Corvair automobile.

We are an informal group that welcomes anyone who shares this interest whether you own a Corvair or not. Club activities include participation in parades, a shared Car Show in August, driving tours, a family picnic, and our Annual Christmas Dinner.

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

May - "Plant dreams and pull weeds."  
- Anonymous

In our April meeting, I brought in a bucket seat extender and we discussed the benefits and shortfalls with the installation. Several of our club members never knew these existed or have ever seen them.

Yes, they add about three inches of rearward travel and allow those tall drivers additional leg straightening but for those short drivers, the extender also moves the front seat adjustment back that three inch travel amount.

We also watched two videos on fuel pump disassembly with revisions to avoid fuel draining into the engine when a pump malfunction occurs.

Another reminder for all CORSA members to vote for our eastern directors. Your vote can be completed by physical or computer ballot and the voting period ends 05/31/24. Of additional importance is CORSA's proposed bylaws update which, in length, can be found in May's issue or in the CORSA website. In order for the bylaws to become effective, they must now be approved by a two-thirds majority of CORSA's voting members. Voting here can also be completed online or by completing the hard copy ballot on the inside cover of the May issue. This voting period ends 07/01/24.

**ATTENTION:** There will be no May club meeting due to personal commitment obligations by a moderate number of our club members on the Thursday day/evening of our club meeting. For this reason, we will continue with our pizza night club meeting in June. Every club member should receive a sign up food/drink/utensil etc solicitation email from Carletta for items needed at the meeting. And our July meeting will be held in Fitzgerald's parking lot (or inside due to rain/weather conditions).

As the publicity manager for Jeff at the Corvair Ranch, I hope to see all of you at the Corvair Ranch Open House event on Sunday, May 19, 2024, rain or shine. We normally have forty to fifty Corvairs in attendance with a larger number of attendees. Good food, great prizes and priceless social time are the days' schedule.

Happy Vairing and hope to see you there in your Corvair!

*Tom Rahochik* 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 dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net. Please note that this newsletter is emailed to all other CORSA Chapters worldwide.*

*Opinions expressed in "Drippy Leaks and Flyin' Fanbelts" are those of the article authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of CORSA Chapter 217 Directors or membership.*

You can find us on Facebook as well!

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



**Judy Crum on 5/3**  
**Gary Young on 5/15**

**Coming up in June—**  
**Faye Moss on 6/12**



**Dave and Betty Moore on 5/25**  
**Denny and Judy Crum on 5/26**

**Coming in June:**  
**Rick and Brenda Sanford on 6/3**  
**Jeff and Jeanette Ostroff on 6/20**

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### May

#### **19- Corvair Ranch Open House**

1079 Bon-Ox Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325

### June

#### **1-2- Spring 2024 EAA Wings, Wheels, & Pancakes,**

Gettysburg Regional Airport

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

West Green Street, Middletown, registration 9 – 11

#### **22- Fly-In Festival, MMCC INVITED TO SHOW CARS, FEATURED AT SHOW IS A CORVAIR ENGINE MODIFIED FOR USE IN AN AIRCRAFT.**

Westminster, MD Regional Airport

### July

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

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

### August

#### **3- Pleasant Valley Car Show,**

Rohrersville, MD

#### **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- Rose Hill Manor Benefit Show,**

Rose Hill Manor & Park Museum, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21702 (Rain date 08/18/24), pay what you wish, \$15 suggested.

### September

#### **15- MVA Alzheimer's Show,**

Frederick MVA, rain date 9/29, (Watch for details)

#### **21- CPCC Corvair Day,**

EMMR (Eastern Museum of Motor Racing)

#### **28-29- Fall 2024 EAA Wings, Wheels, & Pancakes,**

Gettysburg Regional Airport

### October

#### **18- AACA Eastern Fall Nationals,**

**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 corrections) of the spotlighted member.*

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My First Corvair  
A new 1963 Monza  
Purchased Dec. 1962  
From Model Garage  
Middletown, Md.  
Cost: \$2,150.00



## Member Spotlight: Dick Kaetzel

By Dick Kaetzel

I was born at hospital in Brunswick, MD on August 10, 1944 (also my mother's birthday!)



After graduation from Boonsboro High School in 1962, I went to work at Beachley Furniture Co. as an upholsterer. In December of that year, I got my first new car- a 1963 Corvair Monza 80 HP 4 speed.

In 1965, I went into the Air Force. I was in Texas for basic training and tech school for jet aircraft maintenance. After Texas I was stationed in Hawaii for 3 years.

After the Air Force, I came home and went to work for the railroads: The B&O, The Chessie System, CSX and finally Amtrak. After the railroad I went to work for the Methodist Church Camp, first as maintenance director then as the camp manager. I retired in 2009 after 23 years.



Over the years I have had over 50 Corvairs- all years from 1960-1969. I had a 1969 convertible with 4 speed and a 140 HP from the factory. The car was in a barn in Hancock, MD, and had been put there in 1992 when Mr. Donnelly passed away. I worked on the car and put it back on the road. I have had models of all years- 4-door and 2-door sedans, convertibles, as well as a 1962 Rampside and a 1962 station wagon. One that I have never had is a Greenbrier.

I have traveled to Jacksonville, FL, Bay City, Michigan, Hartford, Connecticut, West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania to purchase Corvairs. I like the ones that have been off the road for years. I go over them and get them back on the road. I have saved a lot of Corvairs over the years!



At this time, I have a 1961 station wagon, 1963 Monza Convertible with 140 HP and a 1966 Monza 4-door with 110 HP on the road. The Corvair is the only car I like to work on. I am starting to slow down and only working on my own Corvairs.

I married my wife Vicki in 1976. We have a daughter (Sherri), two sons (Ted and Bryan) and 6 wonderful grandchildren. Over the years I helped manage and coach little league baseball teams. I was also the manager and player on a men's slow pitch softball team.

## Letter from the Editor: EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The time is getting closer, everyone!

2026 is right around the corner, and as we get older time seems to move an awful lot quicker. We really need to start getting the events organized for the 2026 Corsa Convention here in Gettysburg, and we really need your help.

The enthusiasm and success of the Convention lies within the four presenting groups- Mid-Maryland Corvair Club, Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club, Group Corvair, and Northern Virginia Corvair Club.

Please let Tom Rahochik, Rick Sanford, Titus Stewart, or myself if you can help in any of the events that are planned. Currently, the events and areas we need volunteers are:

- Registration
- Concours
- Auto Cross
- Economy Run Event
- Road Rally
- Car Display Event
- Model Car Event
- Tour Events
- Hospitality Room
- Ice Cream/Bingo or Movie Night Events

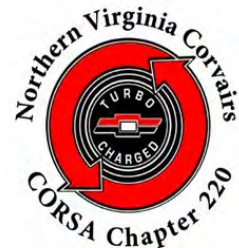
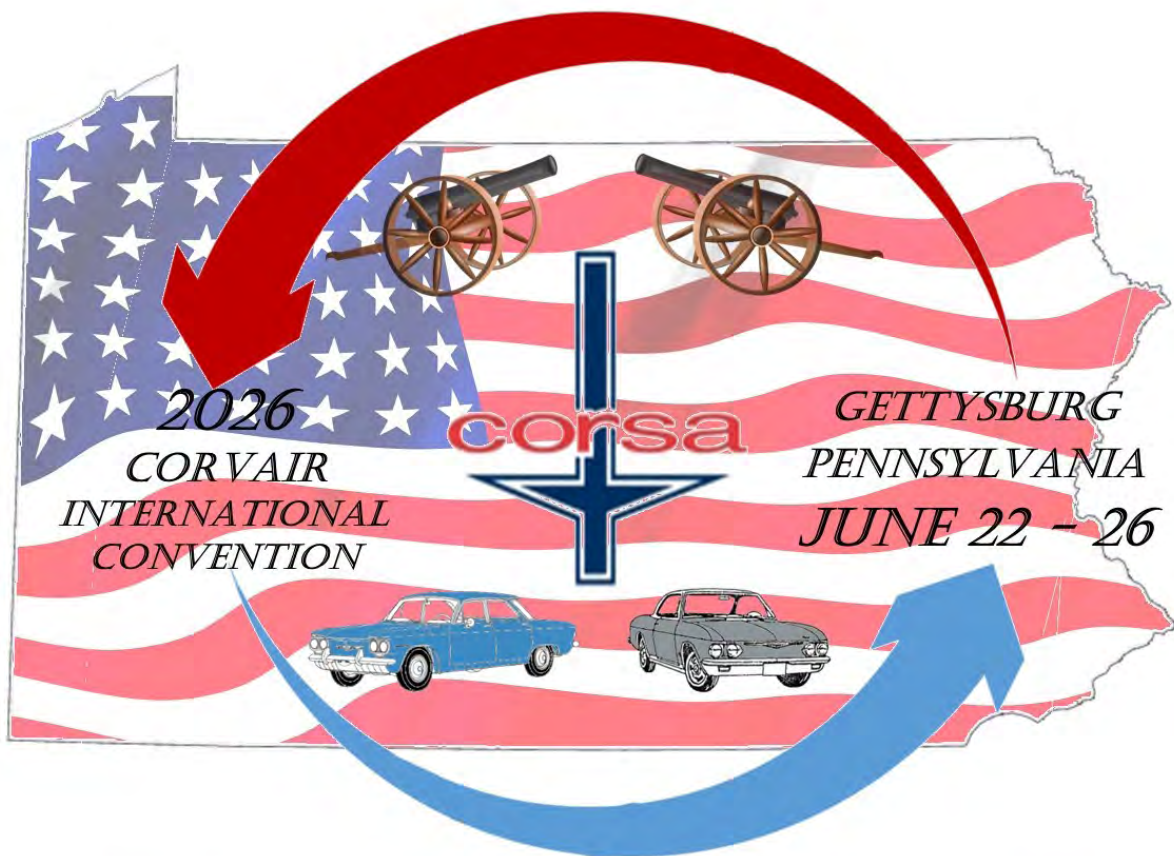
A couple of you have already reached out and many thanks to you- but we need more of you! Even if you might not be able to help at the Convention, your ideas and even past experience will be an immense help in making sure that the 2026 Convention will be a success.

As a side note, your assistance will be recognized! I know that for many events, volunteers are thanked as a group by the coordinators, but not individually. The 2026 Convention Program will recognize each volunteer for their contribution to what we envision will be the best Corsa Convention ever.

*Dianna Moy*







*Proud Presenters of the 2026 Convention*

***SEE YOU THERE IN YOUR 'VAIR!***

## Call For Content, and Anyone for Zoom?

Greetings, fellow Corvair enthusiasts!

Now that things are starting to warm up, we're starting to see more events that we can bring our cars to! Hopefully the weather will start to cooperate and be less wet.

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.

I have 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 has been really 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.

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*





# The Spring 2024 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”

**BREAKFAST \* 8 AM – Noon \* RAIN OR SHINE!**

**Saturday and Sunday \* JUNE 1st AND 2nd, 2024**

*Sponsored by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association  
(the Gettysburg Barnstormers) at: GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (W05)  
Route 30 West, 1130 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg PA 17325*

## **ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!**

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, and Juice!

**\*Cash: \$10 Adult/ \$4 Youth (12 & under), \*Credit: \$10.50 Adult, \$4.50 Youth**

\*Prices may be subject to change due to fluctuating food costs.

***A portion of the proceeds benefit Aviation Programs for Youth***

Join us for Planes of all types, Antique and Classic Cars, and even flying model planes!

Also, come see “Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine”!



Above pictures from our last breakfast! On left, Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was constructed by Floyd Armstrong (1944-2014)

Check us out on the Web at: [WWW.1041.EAACHAPTER.ORG](http://WWW.1041.EAACHAPTER.ORG), or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952



## Don't Forget to Join CORSA!!



### 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](http://www.corvair.org) Email: [corsecluboffice@gmail.com](mailto:corsecluboffice@gmail.com)

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**Chapters.** CORSA has over 100 chapters throughout the world. We encourage CORSA members to join a local chapter. Check this box if you want us to provide contact information for chapters in your area: ☐

**Roster.** CORSA publishes a member roster with contact information so that members can reach out to each other. However, we respect your privacy. Check this box if you want to be EXCLUDED from the roster. ☐

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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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Check One \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Note: This information is optional