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The Newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc



Jerry Seinfeld's Corvair Lakewood!

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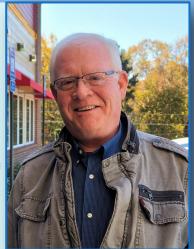
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The President's Corner

July 4, 1776 is the date we declared our independence from England, and the date that the world's greatest nation was born! Remember that and spend the holiday safely with family and friends.

The June Corvair Atlanta meeting was held at Wallace's Barbecue in Austell with about 10 members attending. Following in this newsletter you will find Tom Constantine's well-prepared minutes of this meeting. Obviously, the place is a favorite among local car guys, as there was a beautiful '67 Corvette and an early 30's resto-rod Cadillac driven by a young lady, when we arrived. I am glad I had a great lunch, because dessert there would have been expensive!



After the meeting, several of us went to Streetside Classics to see what they had on the menu. https://www.streetsideclassics.com/locations/ atlanta?

Tom covered most of what I normally review of upcoming events in the June meeting minutes. He touched briefly on the fact that the formal CAI July meeting on the 20th of July will not be held due to a conflict with CORSA convention dates. Instead, for those interested Heart of Georgia has invited us to join them July 13 at 12 noon at Lane Orchards, 50 Lane Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030. www.lanesouthernorchards.com Follow this link for the lunch menu at their restaurant: https://lanesouthernorchards.com/pages/peachtree-cafe-bakery

We are considering an informal get-together in September in Senoia, as they have their annual car show the same day as our meeting. It would be impossible to enter the show as a club, as many of their allotted spaces are already sold out, but we could meet in Senoia and have lunch together. Any comments? https://www.enjoysenoia.com/events/19th-annual-senoia-car-show-2024

In good news, I understand Tom Constantine has the engine back in his car and may be approaching roadworthiness with it. Looking forward to seeing that, Tom! For the rest of you, send me a one-liner regarding how your car is doing or updates on you and it. My contact info is below.

I always invite suggestions and comments regarding club activity and news regarding your cars. Please contact me at 706-302-6543 or metasavage@gmail.com if you have any or if you just want to talk Corvairs.

Sincerely,

Frank

June Meeting Minutes By Tom Constantine, CAI Secretary

Location: Saturday, 15 June 2024 at Wallace Barbecue Restaurant in Austell, GA.

Frank opened the meeting at about 1:55 p.m. with an overview of the upcoming Corvair Events:

- A list of Corvair Atlanta members who are attending the CORSA Convention in Dayton, Ohio was given.
- No formal CAI meeting in July due to the Convention. However, the Heart of Georgia will hold a
 meeting at the Lane Southern Orchards in Fort Valley, GA on the second Saturday of July.
- The Chattanooga Club will hold their annual August Corvair Show in Ringgold, GA again this year. Dates for this show are August 17-20, 2024.
- The "Vairs-In-The-Valley" Corvair Show in Maggie Valley, NC will be held on September 13 14 this year.
- Dates for the Georgia National Fair (in Perry, GA) are October 3 13, 2024. "Vairs at the Fair" will still include a Corvair Exhibit, but there will be no opening parade this year. Registration is required for this event and those wishing to have their Corvairs exhibited are asked to arrive at the West Gate at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20 per person and \$20 per person for food (which includes 2 home cooked meals at the "Hanger"). The Quality Inn is the host Hotel.
- Holding the November CAI Meeting in the North Metro-Atlanta Area was suggested.

Other topics discussed:

Heart of Georgia Corvairs is considering a "Corvair Caravan" to Tybee Island, GA. For more information, please contact Keith & Sharon Burkingstock.

Attendees:

Frank Metasavage George Baker Phil Kelley Steve Ratcliffe Chevy

Coming Events

Calendar

July 4th -



July 20th - No CAI Monthly Meeting

July 22-25 - 2024 CORSA International Convention – Dayton, OH

Sept 13-14 - Vairs in the Valley - Maggie Valley, NC Vairsinthevalley.com

Oct 4-5 - Vairs at the Fair – Perry, GA

Oct 17-20 - Choo Choo Corvair Fall Classic - Ringold, GA choochoocorvairs.com

The 1960 Chevrolet Corvair 700 Was A Technological Tour De Force

By David LaChance

An Interesting Read on

Hemmings.com:

(Click Here)



Fun with your Vair!



Sunday Classic Car Worship

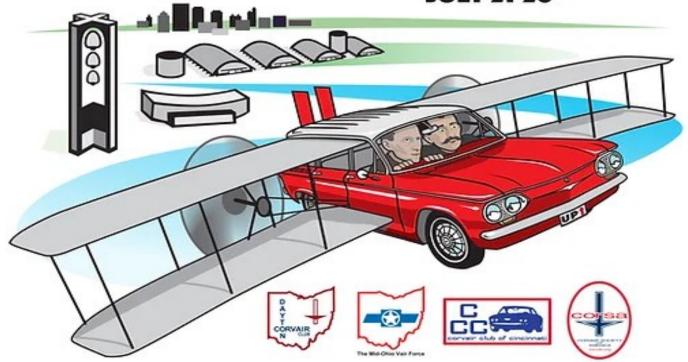


1st Sunday of each month! No awards, no "Monkey Business", just folks who love classic cars you don't see very often, if ever!

Panera Bread, 1195 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075 8AM - 11AM



CORVAIR CONVENTION
JULY 21-26



MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON 1414 S PATTERSON BLVD - DAYTON, OH 45409

MORE INFORMATION ON WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM

<u>Remember</u> 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.



Aug 17, 2024, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM 4355 Georgetown Square, Dunwoody, GA 30338 We are invited to the upcoming *Classic Car Show and Cookout at Dunwoody Pines Retirement Community*, located in Dunwoody, GA.

Let's showcase classic Corvairs at this event. The celebration is dedicated to honoring the senior men in the retirement community, many of whom have a deep appreciation for classic cars. Some of the residents were once owners of classic cars, and they have fond memories of the joy and excitement that these cars brought into their lives.

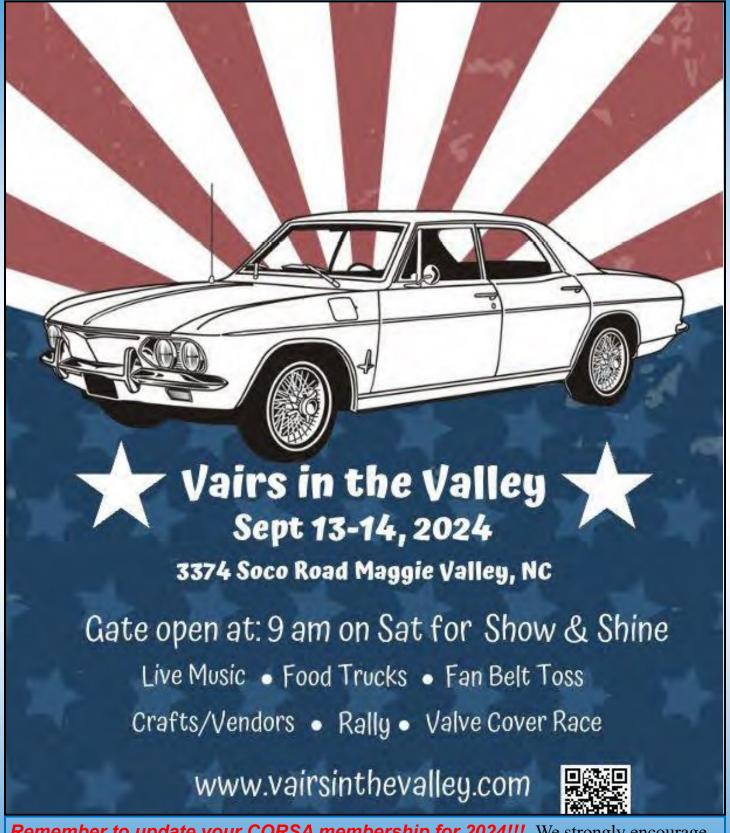
These senior men have lived remarkable lives, serving in various branches of the armed forces, contributing to their communities in meaningful ways, achieving success in business, and cherishing their roles as fathers and grandfathers. As they age, we are committed to reigniting and breathing new life into their cherished memories, and your presence at his event would give them something truly special to talk about.

They are providing complimentary food and drinks for you to enjoy during the event.

Your presence at this Classic Car Show and Cookout would mean the world to the residents, and they will be grateful for your willingness to sacrifice your time to make this event truly special.

By <u>RSVP</u> only — by Saturday <u>August</u> <u>1</u>st, 2024.

Please Contact <u>Steve Ratcliffe</u> NLT <u>Aug 1st</u>, if you plan to attend this cookout and car show. Corvairatlweb@gmail.com



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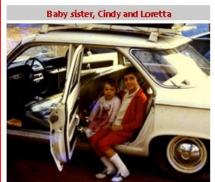


Growing Up With CorvairsBy Billy Cannon

When I was six years old my Daddy bought a brand new 1960 Caveman 4 door right off the lot and I've been into them ever since (literally)!

'Bob' Cannon joined the US Army right after I was born and before long my three sisters came along and filled up that little Corvair with no problem. Mother in the front passenger seat, Bonnie in between Daddy and her, Loretta and me in the back seat, and little baby Cindy, comfortably in the rear 'package tray'! Yep...you know the picture.





Army life was pulling up stakes and moving every 1-3 years depending on where Daddy was stationed. We and the Corvair went with him to all but two of those destinations, Japan and Canada. The rest of the lower 48 were fair game and if we didn't live in a state, we passed through it...sometimes more than twice.

I don't recall my dad ever pulling over to replace a fan belt or add a quart of oil. Mainly because he was a self-taught CORVAIR MECHANIC and knew that preventive maintenance is your friend when you are a Corvair owner.

Shortly after the Cuban Crisis was

over, my father came home to our government quarters at McDill Air Force Base and promptly explained that our new duty station will be Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Paris France! The family flew commercial from NYC to Orly Airport but

the Corvair had to ride over on a cargo ship. For three months we were without the little car and had



Me, Bonnie, Loretta & Cindy



Middle sister, Bonnie. These 3 pictures were taken just

to take public transportation wherever we went. Then the glorious day came, and Daddy said "come on son, you and I are going to Bremerhaven to pick up the Corvair. He installed the yellow lens headlights, inspected the customs inspector's checklist, filled the gas tank, and we were back on the road again.

The 'Caveman' fit right in with all the other European cars and tooled right along the

many cobblestone streets of France. We spent five years in the land of frogs until in 1966, at a very famous press conference, President Charles de Gaulle announced (kicked us out) that he was pulling out of NATO's military structure and ordered SHAPE out of France! Needless to say, the Cannon family was jumping for joy...The romance of Paris is no big deal if you live there.



It snows in Paris but it is a dirty snow

SHAPE was moved to Casteau, north of the Belgian city of Mons. Because of the lack of government quarters, we were housed in a gorgeous 2 story house in the countryside outside of Mons. My best friend at that time lived across the street. I learned more of the French language in the two years we lived in Belgium than the five we were in France. Belgians are much more courteous and kinder than the French (Frogs).

The Corvair took us all over the neighboring European countries and we loved every trip. She handled the shores of Normandy to the mountains of Germany and everything in between. Did I mention that I don't recall my Dad ever pulling over to replace a fan belt or add a quart of oil?

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Ft. Knox Kentucky was Dad's next duty assignment and by this time my sisters and I needed a little more room to stretch out so while waiting for the Corvair, Dad bought a VW bus (Hippie Van). It was okay but not as much fun as the Corvair which I had been learning to drive.

Dad went to Viet Nam and the VW was traded in for a Chevy Sportsvan that still had Greenbrier interior parts left over after the 1965 FC 95s were phased out. Unfortunately, the 1960 Corvair was sold to my uncle, but I was able to drive it one last time to his house in Sylacauga. I lost track of the faithful ol' girl after Daddy returned from Viet Nam and was stationed at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, GA.

My exciting years in High School were spent at The Academy of Richmond County (ARC). Music has always been in my life and The Marching Musketeers was my passion and escape from the turbulent seventies.

Ralph Nader had come and gone, Chevrolet had sent the letter to Corvair owners and the first car I owned lock stock and barrel was a 1966 model 500. Complete with 3 spd, bench seat, rubber mats and a 110 that marked its spot everywhere I went. Often times my girlfriends had to help me push start the marina blue beauty 'cause I was to cheap to buy a new battery. But with the help of my CORVAIR MECHANIC father, we kept it running and acquired a '64 Spyder that I drove until my enlistment in the US Army.

One of my best friends during High School years was Larry Lynn who owned one of the new Ford V8 'Grabbers'. I believe we both were going to the drive-in that evening. He in his Grabber and I in the Spyder. At the light the challenge was on and we took the green light. He had me on the start but as the turbo on the little white '64 spooled up I drew alongside in 2nd gear and was several car lengths ahead of him through the next traffic light. I won several street races with the Spyder!

Another best friend played a very mean trumpet in our band and his name is Dennis Rich. He needed a car to drive and while I was at Ft. Jackson SC for boot camp, Daddy loaned the Spyder to Dennis. He and I failed to inform Dennis of the characteristics of the turbo charged air cooled machine. Larry challenged the Spyder once again but this time Dennis the Menace was at the wheel and at the top end the valves started 'floating' before he could get out of the throttle. Needless to say, my father was quite angry when he was called to help tow the Corvair back to the house.

Every one of us wishes we still had the Corvairs of our life but unfortunately the 1960 Caveman, the '64 Spyder, and the '66 coupe are now nothing but VERY fond memories.

Billy B. Cannon Jr.

Tech Tips - Check your harmonic balancer By Steve Goodman, Pikes Peak Corvair Club

The harmonic balancer is also known as the crankshaft pulley. In 1964 when the crankshaft stroke was increased the engineers added the harmonic balancer instead of the simple pulley on the 1960-1963 engines. The concern was the longer stroke could set up some vibrations (harmonics) in the crankshaft at certain rpm and cause cracking/breaking of the crankshaft. The balancer is two pieces, the inside which is the hub to bolt to the end of the crank and an outer ring with a rubber type sleeve between the two metal parts.

There was a vulcanizing/gluing adhesive applied to keep the two parts together. Unfortunately, after heat works at making the rubber hard and oil spillage and leaking tries to soften the rubber, there comes a time when the outer ring becomes loose. Sometimes the outer ring will wobble while running and quickly catch the eye of owner or mechanic or on-looker. Since the timing mark is on the outer ring many times the looseness of the part will show while setting the timing due to being in a different position. While running the outer ring always is pulled away from the engine (towards the rear of the car) and what is in the way of the pulley as it comes backing out??? The oil filter!!!



The oil filter 'can' is very thin metal and within only a few minutes of having the ring rubbing against the side of the filter the result will be a very quick mess and oil will cover the engine; especially if the engine is at speed on the road.**

There is NO quick roadside repair for this, the balancer must be replaced. Look how the pulley is against the oil filter in this picture.

BUT sometimes luck is on the side of the driver (and mechanic). In this case John and Kathy

Green had set a date for me to do a simple oil/filter/lube front susp and general check of their 1968 Coupe before the start of the driving/car event season this year. John was going to hang around with the car and I raised the rear and started draining the oil. I always slip a baggie around the oil filter, so no leaks/drips get on the engine or body. Hmm the baggie will not slip between the pulley and the filter, and I immediately see the reason: the outer ring of the pulley is against the oil filter. I will admit that I was intent on getting the oil filter off and simply did not bother to look at the balancer before that point. So everyone got lucky and no bad story about a Corvair broken-down alongside the road.

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If the pictures show well, look closely at the oil filter and notice the paint worn off and metal showing.

Also, there is a 'hash mark' across both pieces of the balancer and the old part shows the movement between the two pieces. The old pulley still on the engine. Notice the outer ring is pulled away and hash marks not lined up.

The picture of the fresh balancer shows where I used a white Sharpy to highlight the hash mark and also the timing notch on the outer edge of the pulley. Balancer failure is not the most common occurrence but occasionally look the engine over while idling and just watch things in motion as well as listen the nice smooth 'whirring' of the engine. **Unless your engine has A/C or smog, then the 90-degree filter adapter keeps the filter out of the path of the spinning ring.





In these cases, the ring finally falls off the hub and the fan belt is flipped and the gen/fan light shines brightly and the driver sez "darn my belt has come off". When the mess is discovered, towing insurance is necessary.



The Rear View Mirror!



Do you recognize these men?

They are all Corvair Atlanta members who maintained outstanding examples of Corvairs!

Last month we showed a 1983 Photo of Jack Allison, Pete Sugg, John Kirkman, and Bernie Weddle with their awards from a Cookville, TN Car Show.

Above is a photo from 1984, with Dan Terry, John Kirkman, Bernie Weddle, and Pete Sugg showing their awards at a Charleston, SC Low Country show.

Corvair Pergatory By Mike Callahan

Happy July,

NEEDS:

61 El Corvino: **Needs**: Carpet, other interior finishing (door panels, etc.) wire up the seat switches. Build a console to hold seat switches troubleshoot rough engine issues.

68 Ultra Van: Needs: Driver wiper motor stopped wiping. Find a place to install microwave ...Road time. Build tow-bar, install Brown fuel injection.

66 Corvair LS motor implant: Repair some body damage from garage accident, design and build a dash, interior work....

66 Coupe: A/C, PG, 4 wheel disc brakes. Needs: Find rear seat bottom, chrome around windshield installed.

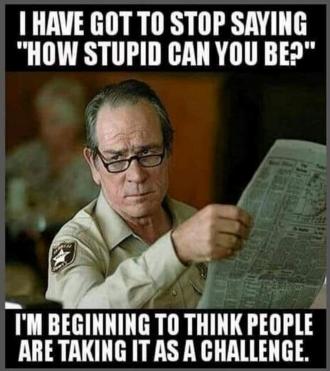
66 Red A/C Convertible: Need some run time to break in new engine, A/C hook-up.

For Sale:

- 65/66 am/fm radios: From \$300 to \$450 Still have2 left for \$450 each. Sold 2, bought one.
- 14 rebuilt heads: \$500 a pair.
- Tons of parts: Call me with your needs.
- **63 convertible:** Stripped and floor cut and trunk cut for v8 installation. Body is perfect. Too good to be cut up, but available for whatever you need. \$500.00 OBO
- **63 convertible**: Rusty in spots, runs and drives, has a good top, would make a good doner for the one above to make a real nice car.
- **Rebuilt engine:** Late turbo engine –100% all new parts.
- Rebuilt engine: Late 140 engine 100% all new parts.
- Late 68 engine: Rebuilt.
- 66 Convertible, AM/FM radio, power top PG no rust, been in storage for 24 years, needs rear window, brakes, Dark Blue with cream interior. \$6,000
- **66 Convertible,** new top, brakes, new interior, suspension parts, PG, rust coming through in usual areas, Dark Blue with white racing strip. New tires. Runs and drives good \$6000,
- 69 Coupe SOLD

Too Real?





A woman was surprised to find an old picture of herself, younger, slimmer and falling in love with her future husband. When she showed him the picture he said, " WOW, look at that..."



"That's my old Impala!"





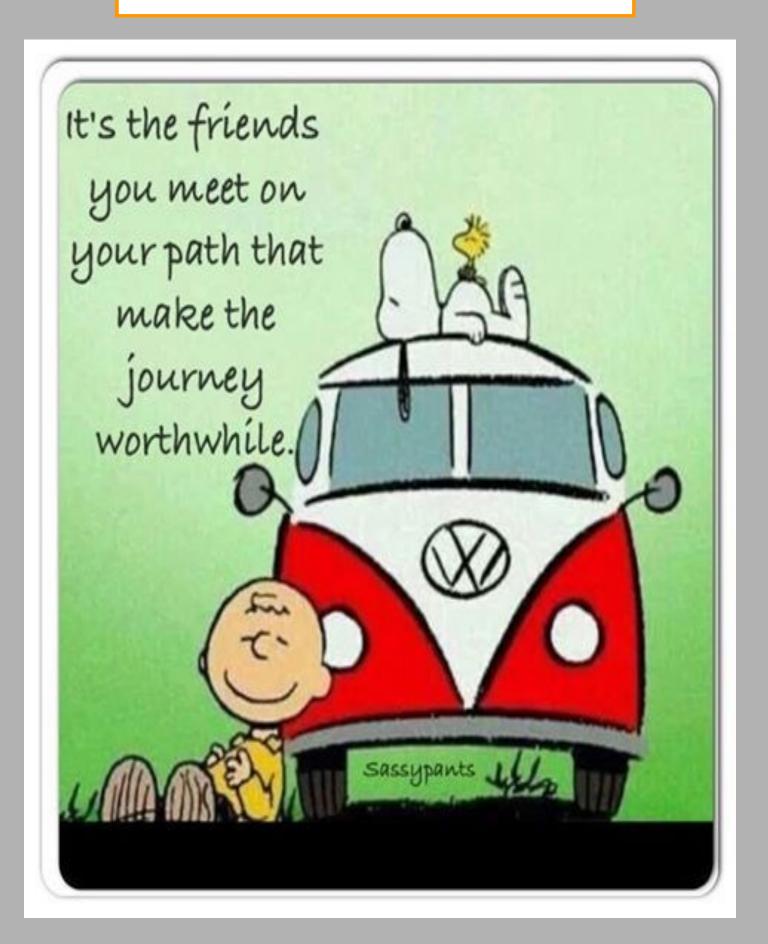
Chuckles...







Truth!



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 re-ground crank.
- I have an old engine 'block' for <u>free</u>.
- 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

'63 Corvair 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

On Hemmings: '64 Corvair 900 Convertible For Sale -Asking \$11,500 obo



Absolutely gorgeous condition and in one of the best Corvair colors, proper thin white walls, full hubcaps, am/fm radio, beautiful chrome, soft top fits as tight as a drum with no wrinkles. Convertible top window in excellent condition. The car runs out great and easy to drive, automatic transmission. Check out some of the most comfortable bucket seats in any convertible of this year.

Serious Inquiries: 779-537-0848





'65 Greenbrier For Sale - \$9,500 OBO

Runs and drives but needs carb tuned. Very little rust. Rebuilt engine, rebuilt power glide, rebuilt transaxle, new disc brake conversion up front, new drums in rear, Clarke's Corvair floor shifter, new wiring harness from front to back, modified external oil cooler with electric fan, new classic gauges for engine temp and oil pressure, painted engine tins, new wheels and white wall tires, all original glass, all new lights and bulbs, Have a 4 speed manual setup that goes with it. *Christian 770-297-1297 Peachtree City*.













1964 Greenbrier For Sale (Cont.)











1964 Corvair 900

Listed on Hemmings, "Make Offer" - asking \$11,500.



1969 Corvair Monza Convertible Automatic Gateway Classic Cars, Cumming is asking \$17,000.



1966 Corvair Monza Convertible 4-Speed

No Sale on BaT for \$8,000 on 6/4/2024.



No Reserve 1963 Corvair Monza Sedan 4-Speed Sold on BaT for \$9,800 on 6/7/2024.



1961 Corvair 95 Greenbrier Camper Van

Sold on BaT to \$17,500 on 6/10/2024.



1964 Corvair Monza Coupe **Sold** on BaT for \$6,550 on 6/15/2024



1965 Corvair Corsa Turbo Conv. 4-Speed *Sold* on BaT for \$25,000 on 6/15/2024.



1963 Corvair Monza Convertible
On BaT <u>Bid to</u>: \$5,100 on 6/22/2024



1965 Corvair Corsa Conv. 4-Speed Sold on BaT to \$14,500 on 6/22/2024.



The Drivetrain

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1/2 Page	\$12.00	\$60.00

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