

# Heart of America Corvair Owners Association

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## June Meeting in the Park

The night was balmy and several members drove their Corvair to our annual meeting in the park at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa. Not to mention, some yummy treats were available to snack on, including Barb Wagner's peanut clusters, Sheila Carlino's chocolate chip cookies, and brownies from Floyd Becker; not a bad way to start the meeting (I probably ate too many)! President Kat King called the meeting to order just after 7 PM and we were underway.



For visitors, Kat's grandson Spencer King was present at the meeting. Treasurer Cindy Anders reported on our income, expenses, and donations, including the CPF and Higginsville Cemetery.

On the old business front, we thanked Mike and Sandy Dawson for hosting another successful tech session and received a report on the King of Kings Car Show from Travis Bolton. For anyone wanting to represent the club, Mike Kliethermes still has HACO decal available for sale and will have some at the meetings. Finally, Paul Sergeant is this year's recipient of the Mellies Cup for his work and contributions to the club; congratulations!

A few items came up regarding new business, including the HACO printer being offered for sale and a discussion about video ideas for meetings. There was also some

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### HACOA Calendar at a glance

Date	Event
Tuesday, July 9	HACOA monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO
July 21-26	CORSA International Convention, Dayton, OH
Tuesday, August 13	HACOA monthly meeting, Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO

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### President's Corner

I'm M-E-L-T-I-N-G! No, I am not the Wicked Witch of the West, but I would welcome a bucket of cold water thrown on me. It's HOT, HOT, HOT.

Prepared for a steam bath at Lathrop Car Show, but instead I found a constant breeze under the shade of old oak trees. We met new Corvair owners, Dan and Kathy from Lawson, MO. 10 members represented and 7 cars made the win over the Northwest Missouri Street Rods and three other clubs for the prize of \$150. Also, Ray Sego happily accepted the First Place trophy for his beautifully, patriotic decorated Rampside.

Kandy, my 63 convertible, didn't fare well in the heat. On the way back from the show, I was standing in line at the gas pump. I heard a POW! and asked Chas to check the tires. He did and all was fine. Still the sound came from behind? I got out, lifted the engine lid and found my spare had blown out! I never heard of that? It's possible.

Meeting at the park was perfect weather-wise and delicious treats were abundant. Oh yeah, we had a great informative meeting too. Scott had a handful, with all the events he presented. He has some fun programs lined up for us later, too. My grandson Spencer, who works just blocks from the park, came to meet with us. He was surprised how much we do in the club. He had driven my 63 before and seen my 64, but never knew there were trucks and vans.

Stay cool.

Yours, Kat

## The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

### Corvair Parts and Service Referrals (July 2024)

The following list was submitted by members who have actually used the vendor/service that is listed and would recommend it to other members based on personal experience. Please let me know if you have additions or comments and we will update it regularly.

#### Engine work:

John's Automotive Machine Shop: No crankshaft service, press pistons, etc. 129 S. Mahaffie St., Olathe, KS 913 764-1780

Scott Allison: engine refreshing or general tuning. Email: [beaminscott@yahoo.com](mailto:beaminscott@yahoo.com) and phone number is 816-506-6892. Would be more interested in educating others but will take on projects as time permits.

Schultz Tractor & Machine Services, Clinton, MO, complete machine shop and engine rebuilding.  
<https://schultztractor.com/>

#### Machine Shop Work:

1. Noland's Cylinder Head Service, 1519 Charlotte St, KC, MO, (816) 471-5167
2. Stinger Motorsports, Roanoke, VA (540) 204-0917 (David Clemens)
3. Jim Mcconville, Peculiar, MO 816 379-1528 Fabrication & Machine Shop Work
4. Crankshaft Service: All Type Parts & Equipment 1041 S. Vista Ave, Independence, 816-796-0909. Also DBA Grindstaff Engines, Inc.
5. United Engine Specialists located in Wichita west of the Airport on Kellogg, 316 721-6868. Crankshaft service.
6. Precision Crankshaft, 201 SE 16th St, Lee's Summit, MO 816 525-9596

#### General Corvair Repair:

Paul Sergeant – General Corvair maintenance, repair and upgrades. Part time hours. Call/email me and let me know what you need done. I am not currently doing complete engine rebuilds. Contact: 612-940-2854 or [paulsgt59@gmail.com](mailto:paulsgt59@gmail.com).

#### General Auto Repair (non Corvair)

Steve's Auto, 55<sup>th</sup> & Raytown Road, Raytown, MO 816 353-8000 Highly recommended by a club member.

#### Blasting, Plating & Powder Coating.

DeTray Plating Works: 10405 E. 11th st., Independence, Missouri 64052  
816-252-8411 [www.detrayplating.com](http://www.detrayplating.com) e-mail [DeTrayPlating@aol.com](mailto:DeTrayPlating@aol.com)

R & J Plating: 775 Cherokee, Leavenworth, KS 913 682-4404

K.C. Powdercoat: 600 N Dodgion St., Independence, MO 816 252-7009, [kcpowdercoat.com](http://kcpowdercoat.com) They clean, blast and paint a large range of colors.

Eagle auto stripping 913-334-6831, (plastic and glass bead media) 7300 Kaw Drive, Sandblasting and Powder coating: Extreme Blasting, 211 James Rollo Dr, Grain Valley, MO 64029, (816) 847-7771

Blasting/Powder Coating--Bare Metal, 20203 S. State Route D, Belton, MO, (816) 322-2424

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Plastic Chrome Plating: GCAR, 6812 E. Elk Chattaroy Rd., Chattaroy Washington, 99003, Email [GCAR426@AOL.Com](mailto:GCAR426@AOL.Com), Website [GCARTrim.com](http://GCARTrim.com), Phone 509-238-4967

### **Electrical:**

**Gauge Restoration:** Bob Bonds Artistry, 25612 N.E. Colbern Rd., Lee's Summit, Missouri 64086, 816-554-1800 1-800-BOB-BOND  
[www.bobbondart.com](http://www.bobbondart.com) e-mail [bob@bobbondart.com](mailto:bob@bobbondart.com)

### **Radio and Clocks:**

Fred's Classic Auto Radios & Clocks, 7908 Gillette St, Lenexa KS, (913) 599-2303  
 Corvair Radios: <http://vintage-vibes.com/product-category/Chevy/Corvair/>

### **Gas tank repair:**

Expressway Radiator, 1905 E Truman Rd, (816) 471-1899 (\$125 for clean and seal)

### **Restoration:**

1. JTVairs: John Miller (319) 850-6699 <http://jtvairs.com/home.html>
2. T T 's Specialites: Restoration and fabrication owner:
3. Spray Booth Rental: Eudora Kansas 785-542-3058 [www.sprayboothrental.com](http://www.sprayboothrental.com)
4. Mike's Auto Body: 816 331-0909, 605 N Scott, Belton, MO
5. Custom and Rod Garage: Dan McGrath, 33643 Metcalf Rd. Louisburg, 912 787-4418
6. Z's Paintless Dent Repair 230C East North Ave, Belton 816 331-1965
7. MAACO: Good paint job over your prep work for \$1K+, you get what you pay for. Check locations but a good one is 8916 Troost, KC, MO 816 333-7127, Andy or CJ.
8. Body and Painting as part time work: Rick Ethington 816 510-0146
9. Empire Automotive, 633 Southwest Blvd, KCK, [www.empire-automotive-kc.com](http://www.empire-automotive-kc.com)
10. Atomic Collision, 2712 E Truman Re, 816 239-2224 9:00-6:30, closed weekends.

### **Apparel:**

Corvair Girl: Teresa Miller (515) 520-7209 <http://jtvairs.com/corvairstyle.html>

### **Appraisal:**

1. Classic Auto Appraisals, 12311 E 47th Terrace S, Indep MO (816) 456-6102 (Gary C. Sparks)
2. Antique Auto Appraisal, 1208 Main St, Blue Springs, MO (816) 229-5240 (C. David Evans)

### **State required Inspection or ID/OD:**

Peak Performance Auto Repair, 8826 Wornall Rd, KC, MO, (816) 523-0140 (Ray)

### **Insurance:**

Hagerty: (877) 922-9701 <https://www.hagerty.com/>  
 J.C. Taylor: 800 345-8290 [www.JCTaylor.com](http://www.JCTaylor.com)

### **Parts:**

1. Ken Ragan (used) Parts, Amsoil Dealer 913 422-5778 Bonner Springs, KS



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2. Clarks Corvair Parts <http://www.corvair.com/user-cgi/main> (new and used)
  3. John's Corvair Parts, 1264 Walnut St, Stoneboro, PA, (814) 336-9033 (John Sweet)  
<http://johnscorvairparts.vpweb.com>
  4. Original style Corvair shroud bolts: [www.fastenal.com](http://www.fastenal.com) At least 3 of the main bolts are available, maybe more.
  6. California Corvairs
  7. mikescorvairparts.com
  8. Great plug wires (and other items) from Seth Emerson [sethracer@aol.com](mailto:sethracer@aol.com)
  9. Thicker pink gaskets: John Sweet, [js189@zoominternet.net](mailto:js189@zoominternet.net)
  10. Fasteners: <https://www.restorationspecialties.com>

**Welding:** Chris Watkins owner of CNA Performance 1421 Minnesota Ave in KCK 66102, Phone 913-371-0055 (shop) and 913-907-0880 (cell) He does excellent welding.

Welding gases, exchange bottles. Gary Jones (HACOA Member) 816 916-6749

**Seat Belts:** Good quality, low price. [www.AndoverRestraints.com](http://www.AndoverRestraints.com) Click on "Corvair Seat Belts" for choice of style.

**Tools:** bluechiptools.com Custom Corvair tools, Russ Davis 757 642-0665

R. J. Tools Custom Corvair tools, Rex Johnson 503 871-8099

Ken Ragan has HACOA's loaner tool collection 913 909-2006

#### **Gasket Type Windshield Replacement:**

Discount Auto Glass 6020 Merriam Dr, Shawnee, KS. 913 599-4527 Ask for Sam.

J and C Auto Glass 9909 E 63 ST. Raytown MO 34133 816.813.9223 (early, FC & late)

**Race Tires and Supplies:** KC Raceware, Charlie Clark, 816 257-7305

**Scrap metal hauled off:** Don 816 509-0716

**Water Jet Metal Cutting:** Gieske Metal Fabricators, 1724 Washington, K.C. Mo [www.gieske.com](http://www.gieske.com)

**Metal by the Foot:** Anything metal cut to your lengths, scrap pieces, hardware & tools. 3600 Truman Rd.

[www.metalbythefoot.com](http://www.metalbythefoot.com)

#### **Upholstery:**

1. Grandview Upholstery, 12827 7th Street, Grandview, MO (816) 965-9505 (Natalie)

2 North Kansas City Auto Trim, 1411 Swift Ave. (816) 471-3350

3 Gladstone Auto Trim [www.gladstoneautotrim.com/](http://www.gladstoneautotrim.com/)

4. Taylor West (HACOA Member) [taylor.west@hotmail.com](mailto:taylor.west@hotmail.com) 816 896-2240

**License Plate Restoration:** Loretta Dungan, email is [loretta.dungan@gmail.com](mailto:loretta.dungan@gmail.com) and mailing address is 142 Santa Fe, Lawson, MO 64062.

**State Inspection:** For those that tag their Corvair with regular tags instead of Historical tags, Cable Dahmer Chevrolet will do the state inspection for free.

**GPCRU/CORSA event planning adviser:** there is lots of info to share. Scott Allison [beaminscott@yahoo.com](mailto:beaminscott@yahoo.com)

## Car Transport

R.A.M. Transport LLC 614 318-9016 193 E Main St, Unit 202, Chillicothe, OH 45601

**Name Tags** for HACOIA members. High quality color with our club logo. \$16, Order from Dean's Trophy in Belton: <https://deanskc.com/> (phone or email). Mike Dawson or Scott Allison can deliver them to the meeting.

## *June Meeting in the Park, continued from page 1*

discussion about having a “how-to” program for navigating the HACOIA and CORSA websites. Following this, Don Wagner provided a member roster update, informing us that we have 85 paid members as of the meeting.

Looking ahead to other events, the following are on our calendar:

- Juna Tuna at Terry Kalp's shop in Valley Center, Kansas, on June 15
- Lathrop Car Show in Lathrop, Missouri, on June 16
- The Great Car Show at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 14
- CORSA International Convention in Dayton, Ohio, July 21-26
- HACOIA Christmas Party at St. Andrew's Golf Club in Overland Park, Kansas, on December 6

While meeting, a gentleman approached the group and informed us that he used to have a Corvair. He had a few items left over from his ownership, including a 3 speed transmission, Corsa dash, and some literature. We told him that if he ever gets another one, look us up! After getting our updates and information, the meeting was concluded. We didn't have a program but it was a good time for members to sit and converse while enjoying the weather. Our next meeting will be back to normal at Paul and Jack's Tavern on July 9.



## 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



Mike Dawson

[mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdawson1961@sbcglobal.net)

816-322-4057

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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[taylor.west@hotmail.com](mailto:taylor.west@hotmail.com)

816-896-2240

## 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?**



## Rearview Mirror



Corvair 100 2-Door 5-Passenger Club Coupe

### Experts elect Corvair "Car of the Year"... but that just makes it official!

Anybody who's ever driven this rear-engine marvel could tell you why the editors of Motor Trend unanimously named Corvair "Car of the Year." Just, for instance, look at the way it scoots by filling stations. The lower rates you pay in many cases on insurance and license fees. The savings on tires. And all the while you're enjoying a car that handles like a quarter horse and rides soft as eider down. That's enough right there to firmly establish Corvair as "Car of the Year" in anybody's book. And we haven't even mentioned Corvair's low, low initial cost!

**A magician on mileage.** With a professional at the wheel, Corvair rolled up 27.03 m.p.g. in the Mobil-gas Economy Run. Try it yourself and see what small wonders this one can do with your gas dollars.

**Engine's in the rear...** where it belongs in a compact car... to give you nimbler handling, greater traction, better 4-wheel braking.

**Independent suspension at all 4 wheels.** Coil springs at each and every wheel take bumps with independent knee-action for a ride that rivals the costliest cars.

**Unipack power team.** Wraps engine, transmission and drive gears into one compact package... takes less room, leaves you more.

**Fold-down rear seat.** Now every Corvair converts into a station sedan with 17.6 cu. ft. of interior storage space behind the front seat.

**Choice of automatic or manual transmission.** You can have Powerglide® or a smooth-shifting Synchro-Mesh standard transmission. \*Optional at extra cost.

**Five models.** Four-door or two-door in standard or deluxe versions or sleek new Monza Club Coupe.

**Trunk's up front.** Plenty of luggage space under the hood where it's convenient to get to.

**All at a practical kind of price.** Check your dealer on the short, sweet details... Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

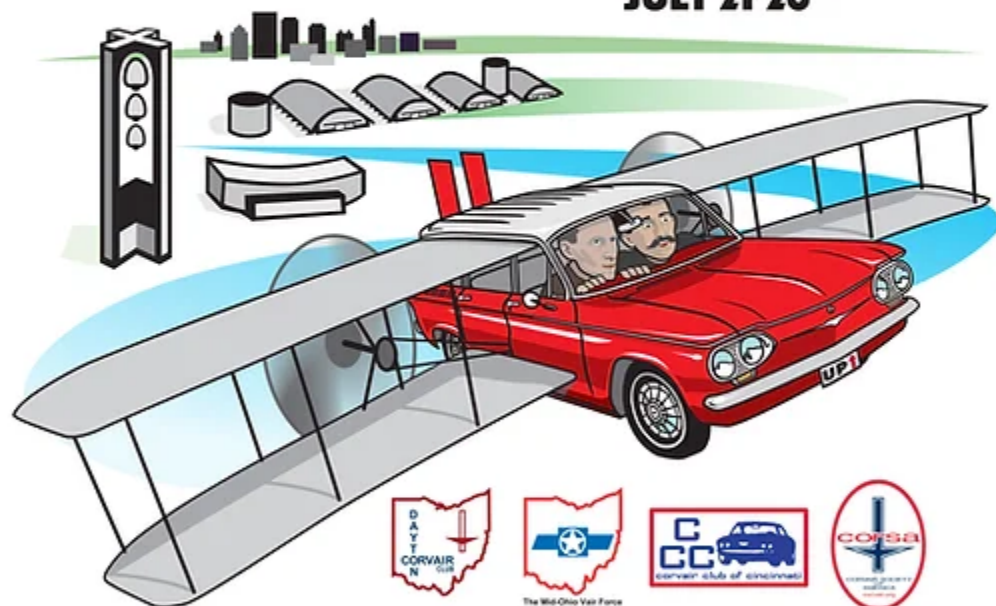


Corvair 500 4-Door Sedan

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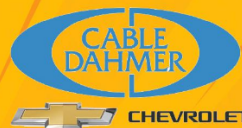
**MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
1414 S PATTERSON BLVD - DAYTON, OH 45409**

**MORE INFORMATION ON  
[WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM](http://WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM)**





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**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024**

# **4<sup>th</sup> Annual All GM and Corvette Show**

**Charity Car Show for Children's Mercy Hospital**

# **2024**

**LARGE Swap Meet  
Class Winner Trophies  
Peoples Choice Trophy  
50/50 Drawing**

**Special Display Vehicles  
Including  
Cable Dahmer COPO Camaro**

**Food Trucks  
Silent Auction  
Vendor Prize Drawings**

**Benefiting Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics.**

**Early Car Entry Fee: \$25 .... Day of Event Fee: \$35**  
(Rain or Shine)

**Swap Meet Spaces 45 x 30: \$50**  
(3 Standard parking spaces)

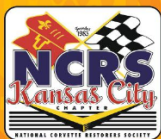
**General Admission for Car Show and Swap Meet: \$5**

**Location:** Cable Dahmer Arena  
19100 Valley View Parkway • Independence, MO 64055

**Contact:** Harry Ledgerwood (816) 863-3420 • hklledgerwood@gmail.com  
Jim Curtis (816) 898-3277 • jimcurtis52@gmail.com  
Mike Cook (816) 589-4045 • frtunatson@aol.com



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# **SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual All GM and Corvette Show**

### **Open to All GM Cars, Trucks, Vans, and Corvettes**

<b>7:00 - 7:30</b>	<b>Early Registration Vendor Set Up (Swap Meet and Food Trucks)</b>	<b>10:00 - 1:30</b>	<b>Vehicle Judging</b>
<b>7:30 - 8:00</b>	<b>Additional Vendors and Special Displays Setup</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>
<b>8:00 - 9:30</b>	<b>Vehicle Placement and General Admission Swap Meet begins</b>	<b>3:00 - End</b>	<b>Exit for Participants and Vendors Swap Meet Ends</b>



**Car Registration Fee \$25 before, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Registration Fee \$35 After July 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Vehicle 1:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle 2:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle 3:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle 4:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to KC NCRS**

**Mail To:**  
**Jim Curtis**  
**All GM Car Show**  
**4328 NE Hideaway Drive**  
**Lee's Summit, MO 64064**

**Email :** [jimcurtis52@gmail.com](mailto:jimcurtis52@gmail.com)  
**Phone:** (816) 898-3277  
**Website:** <https://ncrskc.com/>



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# 2024 Great Plains Corvair Roundup September 27-29

**Red Roof Inn Wichita Airport**  
6815 W. Kellogg Dr. Wichita, KS

**Contact Marcus Trotter**  
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>](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

July	
Name	Date
Bill Mann	3
Dan Forbes	7
Wilma Cory	9
Carol Sego	9
Scott Allison	10
Larry Eilenberger	10
Teresa Miller	14
Adrienne Gargano	17
Wayne Yost	19
Sue Weisensee	19
Linda Mellies	26
Terri Gordon	27
Sandy Dawson	29
Mary Reynolds	31