

On The Cover:

MMCC member Bob McNamara is in our Member Spotlight for August! He has three Corvairs in his collection, and this month's cover features Robert's sister sitting on the hood of his family's orange 1963 Corvair.

A Sneak Peek:

A Corvair 100HP Engine on display at the Experimental Aircraft Association museum located in Oshkosh Wisconsin.

As you know, Corvair engines have been modified to be used to power aircraft. It is fitting to see one on display here as many homebuilt aircraft have used it.

Do you have a Corvair-related photo that you would like to share and perhaps be on the cover of an upcoming issue of the newsletter? Would you like to be in the <u>Member Spotlight</u>? If so, please email your picture along with a summary of the picture to our newsletter editor/webmaster, Dianna Moy, at <u>dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net</u>. Please note that the newsletter is posted on the CORSA website and is sent worldwide.



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...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 automohile

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

"August is nature's way of saying, "You were looking too comfortable". - Anonymous

Wow and wow.

That would be my description of the 2024 CORSA convention held in Dayton, OH last week. The Marriott hotel accommodations were top notch with plenty of parking for all events including a large lot for all trailer and RV parking.

The 65-acre Carillion park which held the concours event, showcases the history of Dayton and it's inventions. The original Wright Flyer 3, the first practical airplane, is on display with many other innovations toward world progress.

The rally event allowed myself and Jeff Ostroff to enjoy the Ohio countryside in his 1965 Monza convertible. We missed several landmarks on the score sheet but hey, it's all about enjoyment riding in a Corvair on beautiful back roads!

The highlight of the convention in my opinion was the "dinner under the wings" event which was held in the USAF museum on Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm to 10 pm. We had the complete museum to ourselves, viewing over 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles. It is the oldest and world's largest military aviation museum. Several in our group stayed right up till closing time at 10 pm with tired feet attempting to walk the complete 17 acres of indoor exhibit space.

We also were able to take a tour of the downtown Packard museum, the largest collection of Packard automobiles and memorabilia in the world, housed in an original Packard dealership building. It was interesting to note that a Packard engine also powered JFK's PT 109 patrol torpedo boat.

The grand finale then was the CORSA convention banquet held at the hotel Thursday evening. The complete convention was completed on a four day schedule instead of the usual five event. For those of us who did not receive a trophy, we were all still winners with the wonderful location and hospitality afforded to us by the several Dayton, OH Corvair clubs.

Please enjoy the photos and looking forward to our next club meeting on 08/08/24.

Happy Vairing!

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Last Month's Program Review

For July, we had an enjoyable outside meeting at Fitzgerald's Auto Mall in Frederick. Carletta brought chocolate chip cookies, and the display of member Corvairs under the summer sun was impressive. We discussed several topics, which included newsletter content and convention volunteering.

We're on the Web! www.Corvair.org/chapters/chapter217

We had 11 members attend (and everyone loved the cookies!).







Above from left to right: Our member spotlight member Bob McNamara, Bob Millard, Ron Moss, and President Tom Rahochik. To the left are photos of the member Corvairs at the last meeting and the other members that attended- Dick Kaetzel, new member Bob Bechtol, Bob and Carletta Moats, Bill Hubbell, Bruce Culp, and hiding under the umbrella- Dianna Moy.

This Month's Program Preview

Our August meeting will highlight the comments and experiences of those that attended the 2024 Corsa Convention in Dayton, Ohio. Most of the 2026 Convention Committee attended, and their comments will also be shared.



As our convention logo was put on posters for display at the Dayton Convention, along with our "Boarding Pass" brochure, Gettysburg goodie bags, and the endless loop video that was set up, hopefully we can get some feedback on interest as well.

One of the other topics that we'll discuss will be our newsletter editor, Dianna, and the award that was presented to her for the newsletter she puts together for the Gettysburg Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Many of the same features in that award-winning newsletter will also now be included in our newsletter, "Drippy Leaks and Flyin' Fanbelts".



Bill Hubbell on 8/1,
Dick Kaetzel on 8/10,
Vicki Young on 8/12,
Dave Moore on 8/13,
and Terry Glendenning on 8/22.

Coming up in September–Robert McNamara 9/4



Ruby and Frank Schleigh on 8/31

Coming in September: None!

Coming in October: Judy and Bill Sherman on 10/18, Carletta and Bob Moats on 10/24.







UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 Company 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- Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club Corvair Day

EMMR (Eastern Museum of Motor Racing)

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

Gettysburg Regional Airport 8AM to NOON, Rain or Shine (see ad on page 9) \$10 Adults, \$4 Youth under 16 (add \$0.50 per person if credit card)

October

18- AACA Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, PA

Member Spotlight Pictures



August Member Spotlight- Robert McNamara

My name is Bob McNamara and I have been into automobiles my entire life. My lovely wife Cyndi and I are retired and live in Tuscarora Maryland in southern Frederick County. Between us we have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

I grew up in Mansfield Ohio where I got my first car, a 1963 Corvair Monza 2 door 95HP and power glide. This was in 1972 and the car was only 8 years old but was COMPLETELY rusted out. I learn a lot about cars while working on it and always loved the way it drove. Back then it was just a cheap (free) used car. Eventually it was sold for parts as it was just too dangerous to drive but I never forgot how much I enjoyed it.

I've had many classics throughout the years including a 1962 Ford Econoline Pick-up, 1969 Camaro Pacecar, 1969 Mustang Grande, 1967 Chevelle (FAST!!!) and a 1977 Firebird Formula with the W72 400 (1st new car).

Currently our stable includes a 1951 Chevy Styleline Deluxe (parts car), 1958 Chevy Biscayne 4 door, 1963 Corvair Monza convertible, 1964 Corvair Monza Spyder coupe (For Sale!!!), 1964 Corvair Monza convertible, and 1987 Chevy el Camino with a 400 small block that my son and I built together (Really Fast).

Last year as a project my son and I built an awning over the man door on my barn. I got a decent 1964 hood from the Corvair Ranch and using DOM pipe we made a frame to resemble a Roll-cage. We painted it up to match the barn and installed it over the door. We had a lot of fun and it came out really well.

Looking to the future I always have my eye out for anything a little different. I think that's why I like the Corvair so much, there truly is nothing else like them.

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Bill's Tech Talk This Month: Early Corvair Shock Absorbers

By Bill Hubbell

Bill Hubbell is a member of the Mid-Maryland Corvair Club, and is also the President of the Stock Corvair Group, a chartered chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). The Tech Talk column are reprints of tech articles posted by Bill on his website, "Stock Corvair Group" (https://stock.corvair.org/). Permission has been granted by the author of the articles to reprint them in this newsletter. The link to the article used this month on the Stock Corvair Group website is:

https://stock.corvair.org/wordpress/2024/04/early-corvair-shock-absorbers/

I did some research into early Corvair shock absorbers and made a table to summarize my findings.

	Front			Rear		
Application	Part #	Stamped	Piston Travel	Part #	Stamped	Piston Travel
60-63 front all	5552308	5544182 or 5549166	4.75"			
60-62 rear, exc. Sta. Wag. & HD				3166508	55949382	5.00"
62 rear, w/HD				3166525	3171192	5.00"
63 rear, exc. HD				3166565	3178103	4.75"
61-62 rear, Sta Wag. & 63 w/HD				3166566	3178104	5.00"??
64 front (all)	3166594	3178178	4.75"			
64 rear (all)				3166595	3178179	4.00"

The part and stamping numbers come from my March 1, 1964 parts book. The Piston travel numbers for all except 1964 rear shock come from GM's Vehicle Information Kits – we have a page on this website that links to them here.

However, I do not believe the GM Information Kits are completely accurate, because I checked the piston travel for both 1964 front and rear shocks and found that while the measurement stated for the front (4.75") is correct, the measurement for the rear is wrong. The information kit states the 1964 rear piston travel is 4.75", same as the front, but it's actually only about 4", so that is what I put in my chart for the 1964 rear shock.

But, if we can believe the rest of the information kit measurements, we can answer the question of why the 1963 rear shock has a different number than the 1960-62 rear shock – it has a shorter piston travel. And the different numbers for the other shocks is likely valving to account for different springs in wagons and HD suspensions.

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However, it would be best to measure actual vintage shocks to confirm the piston travel numbers for all of the earlier (1960-63) shocks.



Attached photos are for 1964 front and rear factory shocks. The front shock is painted light grey primer, the rear is dark grey. The shocks are fully extended and it is obvious that the rear has a shorter piston travel.

It makes sense that they would've changed the 1964 rear shock, given the other changes made to the 1964 rear suspension. We believe the rear shock was shortened to reduce stress on the leaf spring bushings when the control arm is at its lower end of travel.

If we can believe the other numbers from the GM information kits, it seems they also reduced the piston travel in 1963, perhaps to reduce the risk of "tuck -under"?

A Pictorial Review of the 2024 Convention!

We were able to put up a display for our Gettysburg Convention, and about 75% of our promotional materials were distributed. Not bad, considering we're two years away!

Our pictorial review starts with a picture of that display. Thanks for the memories, Dayton!

<u>Bottom of page</u>: The CORSA Convention cake in the Hospitality Room, and Tom and Rick checking out the week schedule posted at the Marriott Hotel.

Opposite page top: Four of the original Ohio Shriners Corvairs at the Concours event.

Opposite page bottom: The Concours event that had 68 participants. Club member Rick Sanford's red 1965 Corsa is front and center! *Rick scored a fantastic 95.79!*





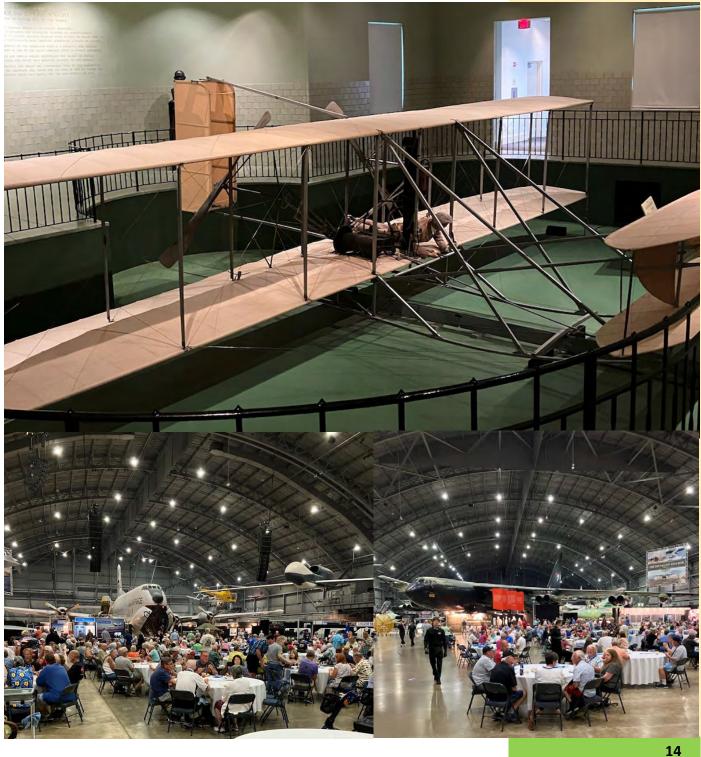


Some of the Events (and Cars)...

<u>Below</u>: the Wright Flyer II from 1905, and bottom two photos from the "Under The Wings" dinner at the USAF Museum.

Opposite page: Jeff, Milana, and Donnie riding the Carillon Park tram, the convention model car display, putting together a puzzle in the Hospitality Center, and Donnie, Tom, the two Jeffs and Milana at the Packard museum.







On this page:

- (below left) photo from inside the Packard museum- a lull front row of Packard Caribbeans (the red one was owned by Perry Como).
- (below right) the single Corvair powered Ultra Van seen at the convention,
- bottom of the page is Tom and Jeff getting ready to start the convention rally.

Opposite page:

- (top) Restored original Corvair fire vehicle,
- (bottom) Restored Monza Jr. cars for sale: \$6,000 each







Letter From The Editor

Greetings, fellow Corvair enthusiasts!

As mentioned in my letter in the last issue, I was honored and humbled to receive the 2024 Newsletter Editor Award given out by the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at their annual AirVenture event. While many across the EAA had given me compliments on the newsletter, I was surprised when told about the extensive review that was done before the award. Again, part of the success of that newsletter is the input that I receive from the members. Help me make this newsletter just as good by giving me stories (especially your member spotlights)!

Unfortunately, this year's event coincided with the 2024 CORSA Convention in Dayton, so I was unable to get to Dayton- I passed by Dayton before and after the Convention. I did, however, see a Corvair engine in the EAA Museum, so in a way I was able to attend, right? A picture of that engine appears at the end of this column as well as a couple from the awards presentation and one of the fantastic fireworks display at the their night air show (drones created moving pictures and aircraft shot off fireworks along with the one shot from the ground).

laddition, I was recently interviewed for the Convention Manager position with CORSA! The outcome of that interview I still don't know, but the changes that I (and the rest of the 2026 Convention Board) want to make were at the top of the discussion during the interview. I'll keep everyone posted on the outcome! Remember, PLEASE volunteer now for the events that we will be having during our 2026 Convention in Gettysburg. No matter the outcome of that interview, we will be standing firm to our commitment of making this the best CORSA convention ever!

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Dianna Moy

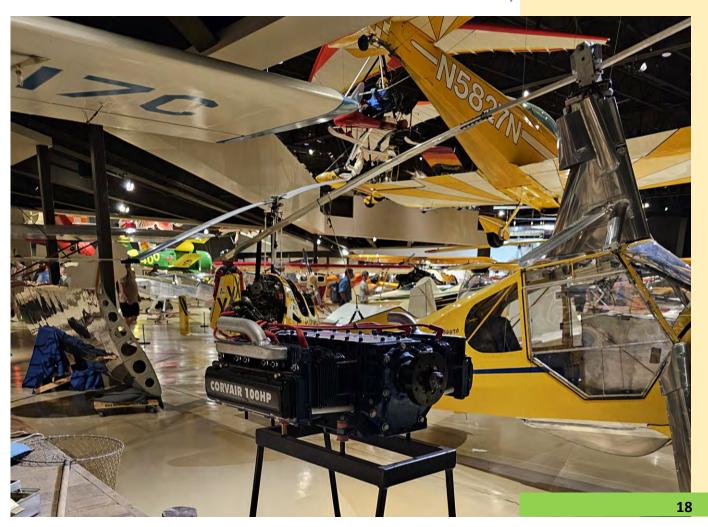




Photo left: The Newsletter Editor Award being presented to me by the staff that judged the newsletters.

Newsletter Editor Award

For Outstanding Service to EAA and
Recreational Aviation

Dianna Moy

Photo right: The Newsletter Editor Award

Photo below: part of the fireworks finale



Some Upcoming Events

We are going to expand this edition a little further to include some info (and entry forms) for a three upcoming events. All of the events are in September.

- 1. The 162nd Great Frederick Fair's annual parade of antique cars will be on Old Timer's Day, Thursday September 19th starting at 1:30PM.
- 2. Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club's Corvair Day is September 21st. Registration is required. Go to: www.centralpacorvairclub.org
- 3. The September Fly-In/Drive In Pancake Breakfast held by EAA Chapter 1041 in Gettysburg will be held at the Gettysburg Airport on both Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, the 29th from 8AM to noon, rain or shine. All-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, and beverage for only \$10 adult/\$4 youth (\$0.50 additional per meal if credit).



Member Want-Ads - Free, For Sale/Wanted/Services!

FOR SALE:

Laptop computer - HP Stream 14-cb111wm with 14" screen, 8GB of RAM, 32GB eMMC hard drive, SD card slot, HDMI and 3 USB ports. Memory has been upgraded to its maximum. Hard disk cannot be upgraded. Running Windows 10 Home, has Google Chrome and AVG Free Antivirus installed. \$125 in original box. Call Dianna (301) 717-7412.

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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 constucted by Floyd Armstrong (1944-2014)

Check us out on the Web at: www.1041.EAACHAPTER.ORC, or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952





162nd Great Frederick Fair

Dear Antique Car Owner:

The Great Frederick Fair's annual parade of antique cars will be on Old Timer's Day, Thursday, September 19, 2024. I would like to invite you to join us at the Fair. You do not have to belong to a car club to participate.

Time: The parade will begin at approximately 1:30 P.M., depending on the number of *horse races scheduled that day. Please use GATE #3 – the Monroe Avenue entrance to the Fair grounds then proceed straight ahead. If you plan to join us, please allow a little extra time to cross the track into the infield and **get registered**. Line up in the order of age of your auto. Signs will be posted.

Please check in upon arrival so I can work on the parade line-up for our announcer. I have attached an announcer's sheet to be filled out and given to me at least one half hour before the parade.

Refreshments will be available as usual. Come help yourself.

Call me and let me know if you need tickets to get in the Fair. Leave a message if . Sugar Loaf Car Club and Don Jenkins (FSK) will also have tickets to give out. Thanks. Call me if further questions (301-672-1533).

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Dorothy A. Wood 1902 Frazer Road

Knoxville, Maryland, 21758

301-672-1533

* Note: Horse races begin at 12:00 instead of 1:00 pm so the car parade will be earlier than in the past. Please plan your arrival so an announcer's sheet can be filled out. Thanks

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2024 ~ ANNOUNCER'S SHEET – PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN/OR BRING WITH YOU TO THE FAIR.

OWNERS NAME:
ADDRESS
DRIVER'S NAME:
CAR CLUB REPRESENTING:
YEAR AND MODEL OF CAR: Please specify if a Street Rod: Yes No
LICENSE TAG #: DESCRIPTIVE COMMENTS: (Include Passengers)
I understand that the Frederick Agricultural Society Board (The Great Frederick Fair) and those persons organizing this event will not be held responsible for any damage or injury incurred or caused by me or my vehicle while participating in the parade or while on the Fair grounds.
Telephone #:
(Signature) Date: September 19, 2024

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

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*Note: This information is optional