



- 17 – Group Corvair On-Line Meeting.** 7:30 p.m.
- 21 – Corvair Day! 45th Corvair Day, 9 – 3, Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, 100 Baltimore Rd., York Springs, PA. (This is just off US-15 north of Gettysburg.) \$12 to preregister at: <http://www.centralpacorvairclub.org/>

21 – 48th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas, VA. For info: <https://bullrun.aaca.com/rohr-show/>

22 – **Group Corvair “Dinner on Buckinghams Cove”** 4:30 p.m. to?. Mark & Dorothy Shiffler have offered to host an evening cookout for Group Corvair. Details to follow.

October

15 – **Group Corvair On-Line Meeting.** 7:30 p.m.

19 – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show. Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD. Cars must arrive between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.; spectators from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You **MUST** pre-register for this show if you want to show your car!

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From the Oval Garage

Bob Hall

Congratulations to Jim and Marolyn Simpson for all their work making the Group Corvair Newsletter consistently informative, interesting and entertaining for decades. A fact recognized by CORSA at the Dayton Convention when our newsletter won the Tony Fiore Memorial Award for best newsletter! Well done Jim and Marolyn. As Jim has said many times club members story contributions make all the difference so keep sending them in so he and Marolyn (the newsletter proofreader) can give them the attention they deserve.

Carl Kelsen presented his lecture on the history of Chevrolet/GM operations in Australia at the convention and I've heard that it was recorded so I hope we can make that available for those of us who were unable to attend. Carl has had informal discussions with Group Corvair members in the past, but I am looking forward to hearing the full lecture in the near future. Overseas operations were so very different from the US and make for a fascinating discussion.

A front suspension Tech Session is penciled for August 20th (a confirming email will be sent shortly). We plan to survey Barry Grofik's '66 to identify which parts need replacing so he can order them from Clark's and have them on hand for his mechanic. It would be great if the front-end overhaul is done in time for the Rockville Antique Car Show.

Speaking of the Rockville show I hope you have registered your favorite Corvair already as only about 30 slots are still free. Here is the website:

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Rockville-Antique-and-Classic-Car-Show>

Mark and Dorothy Shiffler have graciously offered to host our next social gathering at their Annapolis area home at 4:30 pm Sunday September 22nd. (That's the day after the York PA show). Details will be confirmed in the next few weeks. We had a good turnout the last time they hosted—and they were great hosts—so mark your calendars.

Planning for the 2026 Gettysburg Convention is moving forward. With the Dayton convention fresh in members' memories there is a lot of momentum among the planners. Mid-Maryland's Tom Rahochik and Dianna Moy are

leading current discussions. Jim Simpson, Mark Shiffler and I are representing Group Corvair, and we will keep club members informed.

Now get back to writing your stories/tech articles for the Group Corvair Newsletter.

Minutes of the July Virtual Meeting

Marolyn Simpson

By 7:48 pm nine members of Group Corvair, including our newest member Randy Ricktor, had logged into our July 16 Zoom meeting. We started the meeting by introducing ourselves to Randy, who is from Fulton, MD. Last October Randy bought two 1966 Corvair convertibles—one is a Monza, and the other is a Corsa. He did some repairs on them and then an engine dropped out due to a failed rear engine mount. That brought up a discussion; Bob Hall had the same problem years ago, and the group provided tips on how to diagnose and prevent that problem.

Bob Hall, president, thanked those who had attended the social dinner on July 10 at Nonna Angela's Italian Restaurant. (He had been ill and couldn't make it.)

The minutes were approved as they appeared in the newsletter. Jim Simpson gave the treasurer's report – no expenses or income during the last month.

Under new business, Bob reported that he had received information from Tom Rahochik about the Gettysburg convention arrangements. He thinks it is a good venue. There will be an on-line meeting of the planners later in August.

Based on Carl Kelson's driving experiences here in the US, there was a general discussion on speed limits and the difference between various states and countries. Carl noted that speed limits in Australia were strictly enforced and generally people obeyed them. His observation in the US was that they seemed to be more of a guideline with loose and erratic enforcement.

Bob and Jim both planned to attend the planning meeting for the October Rockville classic car show on Wednesday, July 16. [Note: Bob was unable to attend the meeting, but Jim & Marolyn went.]

Randy told us about a cruise-in at Maple Lawn in Fulton. It is held about once a month with free entrance and food available. [*These are 9/28 & 10/26, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Mikey & Mel's Deli, 8191 Maple Lawn Blvd., Fulton, MD.*]

Mark Shiffler gave us an update on his Corvair restoration. He was having some problems with it, so he had taken a time out to try to figure out the next steps.

There was a discussion on the pros and cons of different types of gasoline – different octane levels, leaded vs unleaded, and ethanol content.

Mark offered to host a fall social event at his home. He will start up the grill and we can all enjoy the beautiful water view. A date for the event has not been set yet. [*Update: it will be September 22. See the "Calendar of Coming Events" for details.*]

We are planning to have a tech session on Barry Grofic's front suspension which will be in Jim Simpson's garage. A date has not been set. [*Update: it will be August 20 at 10 a.m.*]

There was a discussion on wheel alignment. The consensus was that getting an alignment shop to follow the shop manual – if you can get them to do that – is important.

Carl Kelsen will give a presentation on Chevrolets in Australia at the convention in Dayton, OH. It is scheduled for Monday evening, July 22 from 9:00 to 10:30 pm.

Everyone was asked to think about where we might have a social meeting in August.

The meeting ended at 9:04 pm.



Carl Kelson's Presentation at the Convention

From the Editor's Desk

Jim Simpson

Marolyn and I attended the 2024 CORSA International Convention in Dayton, OH. I'm not sure just what Marolyn was expecting, but it was a lot more fun and interesting than I thought it might be. My hat is off both to the three organizing clubs – Dayton Corvair Club, Mid-Ohio Vair Force, and Corvair Club of Cincinnati – and to the City of Dayton itself. Not only did they arrange for amazingly good weather for mid-summer, but the events and venues were great. Since we had not brought our Corvair to the convention, we were a little concerned that we'd end up bored while everyone else was out driving. Not at all! In fact, we found there was more than we could fit in.

I'm sure there is going to be plenty of coverage of the convention in the upcoming *CORSA Communiques*, so I'm going to focus on Dayton itself. What could be in Dayton, OH, you ask? Of course, you know that it was the home of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the inventors of the airplane. So of course there are entire museums dedicated to the Wright Brothers. Besides the National Park Service exhibits of their bicycle shop, the city maintains the Wright Flyer III in its own museum in Carillon

Historic Park, next to the Miami River. Carillon Park was the site of the convention concours and with our registration, we had free admission to the surrounding historical park.

The Wright Flyer III was the first “real” airplane. While their first flyer at Kitty Hawk, NC, demonstrated the practicality of powered, manned flight in 1903, it wasn't until they built the Wright Flyer III in 1904-05 back in Dayton that they were able to demonstrate full control with the ability to maneuver and land reasonably safely.



But it was not just the Wright Brothers that “made” Dayton. The end of the 19th century saw a huge revolution in technology and innovation and Dayton was home to much of it. For instance, the invention of the cash register, by James Ritty, a saloon owner in Dayton, led to the formation of the National Cash Register Company – NCR – by Frank Patterson, in Dayton. NCR grew into one of the first high-tech companies pioneering electronic computers and their museum is in Carillon Park.



Thomas Watson, Charles Kettering and Edward Deeds were all early employees of NCR and went on to greater things. Charles Kettering invented the automobile electric starter, the points & coil ignition system, leaded gasoline, and the Freon used in refrigerators and air conditioning. Overall, he held 186 patents. He and Edward Deeds

formed the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company, better known as DELCO. Thomas Watson has a complex and intriguing story, but in 1924 he founded International Business Machines, now better known as IBM.

The fledgling Army Air Force and later US Air Force have Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, named after Wilbur Wright and Frank Patterson's son, Lt. Frank S. Patterson, right next to Dayton. It incorporates the field where the Wright Brothers tested the Wright Flyer III and from the beginning it has been the Air Force's technical center of excellence and thus attracts a wide variety of military and civilian scientists and engineers.



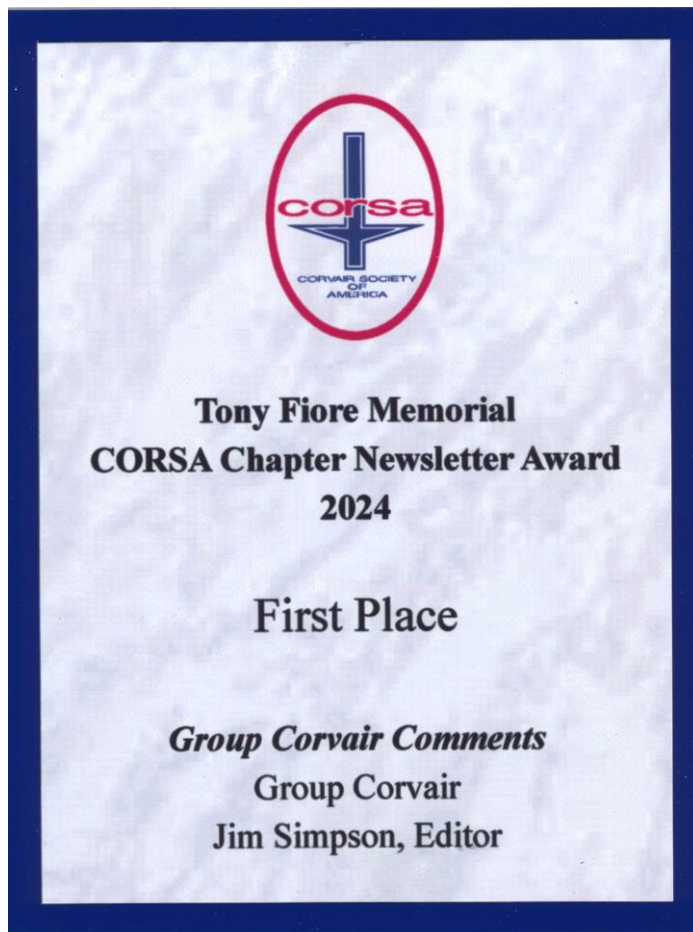
So, you can see that Dayton was an early, mid-west predecessor to today's “Silicon Valley”.



And we found other attractions including the British Transportation Museum and the Packard Museum. We were only able to fit in the British collection but heard glowing reports from people who went to see the Packards.

I do have to make two convention related comments though. At the very last event of the convention, the Award Banquet, the host clubs had a slide show of various convention related events including competition winners. CORSA managed to get them to insert three additional slides, the winners of the

“Toni Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award” for 2024. To our surprise, Group Corvair Comments took first Place! (You may have noticed it in the front-page collage, but just in case, here it is.) A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributes to the newsletter!



And I just wanted to note that Group Corvair had eight members at the convention. Besides Marolyn & me, Ron Fedorczak & Eileen Clegg, Rob Neighbour & Andrew Dan, Curt Shimp, and Carl Kelson all attended.

Rockville Show Committee Meeting

Marolyn Simpson

The planning committee for the 2024 Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show was held on Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm at the Glenview Mansion. Bob Hall had originally planned to attend along with Jim & me; however, he was out ill and unable to make it. There was a good attendance since most of the representatives of the sponsoring clubs were there. The planning committee gained a new representative from the Capital VW club.

There will be a few changes this year. Spaces for sale cars will be limited to five and there will be two fewer flea market spaces. These changes will help accommodate more food options. Probably the biggest change though is that there will not be a special display. We've done a number of them over the years and are running out of new ideas, plus they take a LOT of effort to organize. In addition, there will be no day-of registration for show, sale, or flea market spaces—all must be preregistered.

Registration is now open. You can sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 16. Registrations for show cars will be capped at about 630 cars.

The show is on Saturday, October 19 at the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD. The gates will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. for show participants to get their cars on the field and ready for the public. (The gate will close at 11:00 a.m. sharp! If you are late, sorry!) The show will be open to the public from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm.

We hope to have a good representation of Corvairs this year.

Tech Topics

Jim Simpson

This isn't exactly a tech topic, but Mike Coale wanted to share some photos of the car he is "restoring". I put restoring in quotes because he is doing more than just a restoration, it's more like building a new car.

If you remember, a few years back, there was a bare, white, late-model coupe body for sale. It had been destined to be installed on a Chevy S-10 pickup frame and turned into a front-engine vehicle. Luckily, little had been done beyond stripping the body, so it was still largely intact. Mike Coale purchased it with the objective of using it as the basis for a complete restoration. Since then, he's been working on it and collecting parts. He just sent me some photos to share.



He's done a lot of work on that body. While it looked very good – external rust! – it did need new floor pans under the rear seat and apparently ceiling panels had dropped on it, so he put a new roof skin on as well.

As you can see in the photos of the interior and under the front end, it looks at least as good as it did from the factory. In fact, Mike wants to build this car as "better than new"! That includes a full set of original "Soft Ray" tinted glass that he has collected, all like new and scratch free. I think he's well on the way to a really special car.



Vair Vendor

For Sale: Early and Late Parts:

'64 3.27 differential, \$40; '64 3.27 4-speed transaxle, \$100; '64 Sypder engine lid, \$120;
 '64 Convertible top frame, \$65; '64 4-door NOS left quarter panel (GM # 6279405), \$200
 '64 2 each front cross members, complete with brakes, shocks, springs. Very good condition: one from a
 Sypder, \$175, other \$150; '62 – '64 Convertible rear quarter window glass, left and right, \$30
 '65 – '69 underbody plastic heater duct, \$30; '65 – '69 Convertible corner weight, \$15
 ? year – Engine cover with fan bearing, \$20; 3 standard transmission bell housings, \$30 each.

Prices are negotiable. Contact Bob Lewis, 301-246-4278, rtl1936@gmail.com.

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For Sale:

60-61 Corvair distributor, used, complete, includes points, condenser, rotor, cap	\$75
2 Clark's fan belts C5790, new	\$12
Clark's Viton crankshaft seals, new:	
Front bellhousing seal	\$8
Rear housing seal	\$6
2 new Clark's rear brake hoses for 65 – 69 Corvair	\$20
GM AM car radio with faceplate for 65-69 Corvair, not working	\$20
Tune-up parts:	
New WIX fuel filter 3/8 inlet/outlet	\$2.50
New Fram G15 fuel filter 3/8 inlet/outlet	\$2.50
New Borg Warner tune-up set for inline 6cyl GM includes:	\$7.50
Ch-615 plug wires, A-120V point set, G-120A condenser	
68-69 Corvair interior parts:	
1 Dash pad, black, clean, very good condition	\$125ea
2pr Door arm rests, black, excellent condition	\$55pr
2pr Sun-visors, black, clean, very good condition, complete except vanity mirror missing from one visor, mounting plate still attached.	\$45pr
Door & rear side panel sets, Monza, black, cardboard intact, good condition, 1 left, 2 right side sets	\$75/set
Front shoulder harness set, driver and passenger, black, complete including: retractors and mounting bolts, webbing good condition but could use additional cleaning	\$75
NOTE: Period correct for shows, not recommended for general use due to age.	

Contact Bob at bobrstn@gmail.com Shipping is extra

(6/24).

For Sale: Mike Coale is thinning his collection: Contact Mike Coale, mikecoale@verizon.net or 443-994-2559 and see just what he has available!

Corvair Ranch

1079 Bon-Ox Road
 Gettysburg, PA 17325
 717-625-2805

Clark's Corvair Parts

400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Found! 1969 Corvair 6000, hidden in the secret government warehouse that has the Covenant of the Ark from “Raiders of the Lost Ark”.

(Model Diorama, part of the CORSA Convention model car concours.)