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The CONNECTING ROD







Great Driving Weather is on the Way!!

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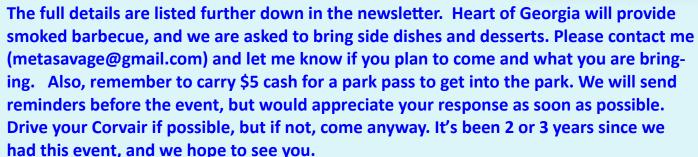
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The President's Corner

Happy Labor Day!

The Dog Days of summer are over, and hopefully Fall will bring us the perfect Corvair weather for driving to the upcoming events and just for fun. Following is a summary of coming events. Complete details for these events are listed below my letter in this publication.

- Maggie Valley is early in September this year.
- The September 21st Corvair Atlanta (CAI) meeting will be a joint picnic with Heart of Georgia Corvairs at Indian Springs state park, southeast of McDonough in Flovilla, GA at Noon.



- Vairs at the Fair is in early October in Perry GA. This is a fun event and you get into the opening day of the state fair for free! This year there will not be a parade, but the Corvairs will still be displayed in the usual place in the fairgrounds. Host motel is the Quality Inn 215 Margie Drive in Warner Robins, GA. Phone 478-953-6866 for reservations. Ask for Corvair room rate of \$75.00 per night, or \$85.00 per night for a suite. CAI will not have a meeting in October as many members attend this event. Please send in your application early so Heart of Georgia can plan the meals more accurately.
- The Choo Choo Fall Classic, sponsored by the Chattanooga Corvair group, will also take place in Ringgold GA in late October.

The August CAI meeting was held at North River Tavern. I could not personally attend, nor could Mike Gassmann, so Tom Constantine held the meeting. Turnout was good, as most of the north meetings are. There was not much business to report. But Tom's notes are included in this newsletter.

You should all be thankful that I was not a surgeon. Last month I incorrectly stated that Dee Dee Gassmann had back surgery. She had hip surgery. I guess that is why the doctor asked me which eye they were doing cataract surgery on and put a magic marker "x" above the correct one. It took days to get that off!



The President's Corner (cont.)

On a more solemn note, I am sorry to report the loss of Ken Arnold, a former Corvair Atlanta member and friend who many of the older members will remember. Newer members will recognize some of his creations from Springfest, such as Dean Gemberling's stunning yellow v-8 powered rampside and Stan Gee's beautiful beige Corvan. Dean has written a tribute to Ken included later in this publication. Ken was truly a wealth of Corvair information, expertise, and artistry. He will be missed.

That's all the news I have for this month. I hope to see you at the picnic!

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Remembering Ken Arnold

Dean Gemberling

Kenneth Harris Arnold, age 86, passed away on 16 August 2024 at his home in Riverdale, Georgia. Ken was born 17 December 1937 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and lived there until his father relocated the family to Georgia in search of work. He grew up, graduated from high school and began attending Southern Technical Institute, now known as Southern Polytechnic State University. Ken spent most of his free time working on cars and racing them alongside his gearhead buddies. While at Southern Tech, a recruiter convinced Ken to join the U.S. Army



where he trained to be a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. As a gifted mechanic, he was selected as Outstanding Graduate and went on to serve his country for 6 years. Honorably discharged from the Army around 1951, Ken began working at Delta Airlines putting his talents to great effect as a tool designer. When Delta offered early retirement in 1982, Ken jumped at the chance to spend his days buying, selling, repairing, modifying and racing anything with an engine, especially his favorite automobile, the Chevy Corvair. Ken began racing Corvairs at age 40, starting out on the local dirt track circuit, then eventually moved on to quarter mile drag racing.



During the week he would prep his yellow '65 Monza coupe with the high-compression, reverse-rotation Buick 215 V8, mated to a stock Powerglide, then compete against others in the Sportsman class to win many races with a 13 second elapsed time.

Ken was also a V8 Corvair pioneer, having designed and fabricated the special bell housing adapter that mated reverse rotation Buick/Olds 215 V8 engines to stock Corvair transmissions, nicknamed the "Arnold Transaxle".

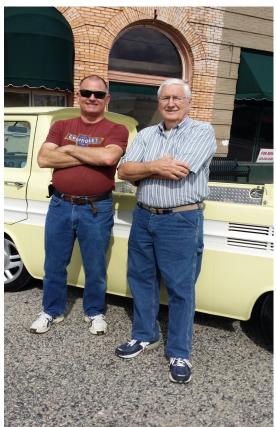
Earlier this year, Ken was honored with a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the V8 Registry Corvair club for his remarkable innovations, joining Rick Norris and Chuck Rust, the only other members with this distinction. Ken rescued and rebuilt hundreds of Corvairs throughout his lifetime. His engineering, fabrication, bodywork and painting skills were legendary, as illustrated by the fact that no less than 4 Forward Control Corvairs that he personally restored or rebuilt but now owned by other Corvair fanatics, were on display at the 2024 Springfest event in Helen, Ga.

Ken Arnold (Cont.)

Ву

Dean Gemberling

One of those Corvairs was his prized 1963 Corvair 95 Rampside with the SB305 V8 mounted in the bed of the truck, mated to a TH350 transmission and C4 Corvette rear end. Painted Goldwood Yellow with a white stripe, Ken was justifiably proud of



the tasteful and unique aspects of such a cool and fast truck. When age-related health issues began to impact his life, Ken began the process of finding new caretakers for his Corvairs. I was in the right place at the right time when Ken agreed to sell me his V8 Rampside, followed 2 years later by my purchase of his 65 Monza drag car. Little did we know that this was the beginning of our wonderful relationship. As we grew closer, our phone calls became more frequent and I made many more visits to see him and his bride, Judy.

My Judi and I loved meeting Ken and his Judy for lunch at Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson. Ken would tease me about how good the "maters" (Buckner's famous stewed tomatoes) were whenever we were unable to meet them for lunch. Despite me being the current caretaker of the V8 Rampside, Ken and I referred to it as "OUR truck". I would send him photos of all the show vehicles including the V8 Rampside on display along

with the trophies we won so that he could enjoy the shows as much as I did. Ken would help just about anyone and enjoyed fixing their cars, tractors and the occasional lawnmower, though he had little patience for fools and those who refused to heed his sought-after advice. Ken and Judy were married for nearly 50 years and have three terrific children in Jeff Arnold, Keith Arnold and Denise Cashman.

Ken and Judy were also animal lovers having raised, loved and buried many dogs and cats over the years.

Ken Arnold was a highly skilled mechanic, well-known Corvair enthusiast, V8 Corvair pioneer, and Corvair racer. Most importantly, he was my mentor, my very close friend and my second Dad. My respect for Ken was exceeded only by my deep love for him. I miss him terribly.

Dean F. Gemberling with special thanks to John Lanning, President of the V8

August Meeting

Tom Constantine, CAI Secretary

CAI Meeting Minutes (Saturday, 17-August-2024):

This meeting of Corvair Atlanta was held at the North River Tavern, on Roswell Road in Sandy Springs.

- Tom Constantine opened the meeting shortly after 1:00 p.m. with a discussion of the joint picnic with the Heart of Georgia Corvairs & Corvair Atlanta at Indian Springs State Park (near Forsyth Georgia). It was noted that a joint picnic at Indian Springs has been held in the past with good attendance from both Clubs. In previous years (2014 2015) this picnic included a Swap Meet for Corvair Parts.
- New member Craig Ciucci was welcomed to the Club and thanked for joining.
- Sharon Burkingstock mentioned the July trip, made by members of Heart of Georgia Corvairs, to the Lane Southern Orchards in Fort Valley, GA.
- Robert Birkinbine noted the passing of Ken Arnold on Friday, 16 August. Ken was a good friend of CAI and a long time Corvair Enthusiast.
- -The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Attendees (15 Members);

Craig Ciucci (New Member)
Michael Birkinbine*
Robert Birkinbine
Keith & Sharon Burkingstock
Tom Constantine
Phil Kelley
Lenny Major

Raymond Paul*
Steve Ratcliffe
Mike & Nickie Rickey
Dan Terry*
Jim & Laura Thompson
Tom Constantine

^{*} Denotes Club Members who drove their Corvairs to the meeting

Events

Calendar

Sept 1st - Classic Car Worship - 8AM - 11AM,
Panera Bread, 1195 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075

Sept 2nd - Labor Day

Sept 21st - CAI Monthly Meeting - Joint Picnic with Heart of GA.Indian Springs State Park, Shelter #5, 678 Lake Clark Rd, Hwy 42, Flovilla, GA 30216-2309 [See important info below!]

Sept 13-14 - Vairs in the Valley - Maggie Valley, NC (See poster - pg 5)

Vairsinthevalley.com

Oct 4-5 - Vairs at the Fair — Perry, GA Please Register: Click HERE.

Oct 17-20 - Choo Choo Corvair Fall Classic — Ringgold, GA (See poster - pg 6) choochoocorvairs.com

Oct 31st -



Joint Member Picnic with Heart of GA

Saturday, September 21, 12:00 pm

The Heart of Ga club will be supplying the meat, barbeque, fried chicken, sweet and unsweet tea. We would like everyone to bring something to go with either an appetizer or a dessert, and if you want something different to drink. We are hoping to have a good crowd, so come and have a good time!

We will need a head count, so please contact:

Frank Metasavage 706-302-6543 or Joan Law 229-326-3099.

Fun with your Vair!



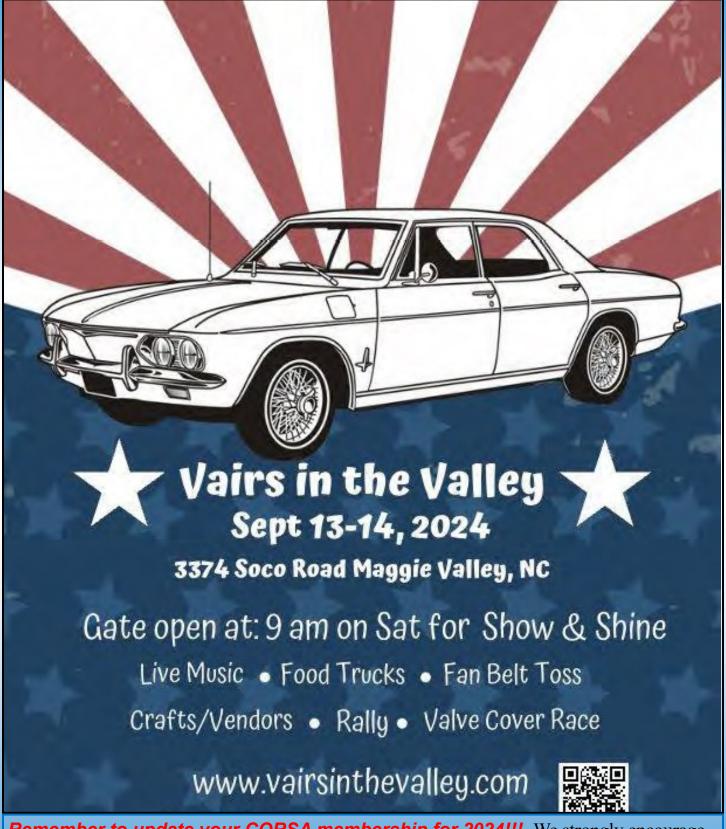
Sunday Classic Car Worship



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

Fun with your Vair! (Cont.)



<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.

Vairs at the Fair Registration

"VAIRS AT THE FAIR"

HEART OF GEORGIA CORVAIR CLUB'S 33rd annual October 4-5, 2024

Host Hotel-Quality Inn, 215 Margie Drive, Warner Robins, GA, \$85.00 Rooms, Suites \$95.00

For Reservations 478-953-6866 and mention Corvair Club Before September 5, 2024

Friday Night Southern Hospitality Party

Saturday Georgia National Fair Display in Fair Grounds

Come early and visit the Museum of Aviation

No judging- just great Corvair Fun with Corvair Friends

Saturday Night 50/50

REGISTRATION

Name	Name	
Address		
Phone		
Driving a Corvair: Convertible Yes	No Other Corvair M	odel?
Registration \$20.00 per adult:	Number	\$
Bar-B-Que Dinner \$20.00 per adult:	Number	\$
Children under 6 each \$7.50:	Number	\$
	TOTAL	\$
We need pre-registrations please.	Make Checks to "Heart o	f Georgia Corvair Club"
For More Information: Joan Law 229-3	26-3099 or cjlaw1973@gma	il.com
Mail Checks to Joan Law, 134 McGill R	d., Sumner, Ga 31789	

Fun with your Vair! (Cont.)



TECH INFO

Not driving your car?

Vintage cars that sit idle for extended periods can experience several issues. Here are some key points to consider:

Deterioration from Disuse:

Leaving a classic car unused for long periods can lead to various problems:

- The battery will drain and may need replacement.
- Rubber components like hoses and fuel lines can become brittle and crack.
- Engine seals may dry out, potentially causing leaks when the car is started again.
- Fuel in the tank can degrade, leading to starting issues and potential damage to the fuel system.

Benefits of Regular Driving:

Experts recommend driving vintage cars regularly to maintain their condition:

- Short trips of 10-15 miles each month help keep fluids circulating and prevent parts from seizing.
- Regular driving lubricates engine components and helps identify any develop ing issues early.
- It allows you to check and maintain proper tire pressure, which is crucial for preserving the tires.

Maintenance Considerations:

When storing or reviving a classic car after a long period of disuse:

- If you plan to store your vehicle for an extended period, make sure to choose a suitable location, ideally indoors, to shield it from harsh weather conditions.
- Before storing, thoroughly wash your car to protect the paint from damage.
- Overinflate the tires slightly to maintain their shape.
- To keep rodents at bay, consider using mothballs soaked in peppermint oil.
- Use fuel stabilizers if the car will be stored for an extended time to prevent fuel degradation.
- Consider disconnecting the battery to prevent drain during long storage periods.

 Or, connect the battery to a trickle charger to keep it charged and healthy. This simple precaution will ensure your car is ready to hit the road when you need it again.
- Conduct a thorough visual inspections for signs of rust, leaks, or wear before driving again.
- Check and top up all fluids, including oil, coolant, brake fluid, and transmission fluid.

By understanding these factors, classic car owners can better preserve their vehicles and en-

Did you know?

There is more than one Radio Flyer wagon on the highways!

Maybe you've seen photos of a Radio Flyer car. But have you heard the story be-

hind the "how and why"?
Every kid that had a Radio
Flyer wagon has fond
memories of it so how cool
would it be to have a Radio
Flyer car. They made this
car from a 1976 Mazda
pickup. The steering wheel
is an actual wheel from
a Radio Flyer Classic Red
Wagon.

Here's a link to the video for this wagon:



https://youtu.be/-1w48qPF5hc



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Did you know? (Cont.)

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Corvair Pergatory By Mike Callahan

Happy Sept

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 UltraVan: Needs: Finished the subframe for the towbar, installed it, and now trying to fit a bumper that can be easily removed, if needed.

68 UltraVan: Needs: Driver wiper motor stopped wiping. Find a place to install microwave...Road time. Install Brown fuel injection.

66 Coupe - A/C PG, w/4-Wheel Disc Brakes: Chrome around windshield installed. Find rear seat bottom & install.

66 Corvair LS motor implant: Repair body damage from garage accident, interior work.

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

66 A/C Convertible: Replaced original gauges with after-market cheap ones. Have not had a problem with them in the past, but having problems with the tach. It came with no sensor? Won't work from the coil.

For Sale:

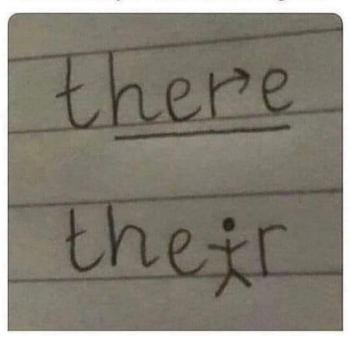
- **61 Rampside:** 4-Speed, front disc brakes. Usual rust. Has car engine, new clutch parts, \$5.000.
- 65/66 am/fm radios: From \$300 to \$450 Still have2 left for \$450 each. Sold 2, bought one.
- 14 rebuilt heads: \$500 a pair.
- Tons of parts: Call me with your needs.
- **63 convertible:** Stripped 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.
- Late Turbo engine: Rebuilt turbo engine -100% all new parts.
- Late 140 engine: Rebuilt engine 100% all new parts.
- Late 68 engine: Rebuilt. \$3,000
- **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

The Real Life...

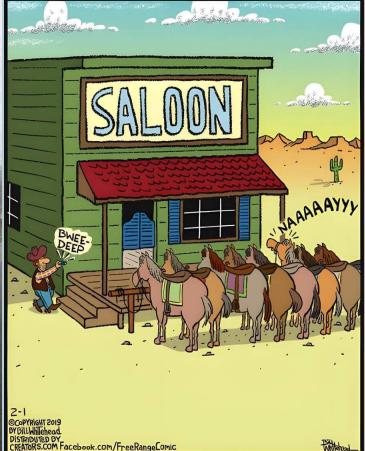
I've decided I'm going to avoid everything that makes me fat:

pictures, mirrors, scales...

For those of you who still don't get it.







Really Rambler?



He'll be in kindergarten when her rambler needs its first chassis lubrication

He's two. The Rambler's brand-new. He'll be five, most likely, and riding to kindergarten, when the Rambler Classic needs its first lube job. Meanwhile, it will travel twice as far t stween engine oil changes as any previous model.

In high school, if he drives this Rambler, it will still have the same Ceramic-Armored muffler and tailgipe. (Should either rust out, collision damage excepted, free replacement for the original owner will be made by a Rambler dealer. That's guaranteed.)

Sound like the car of a lifetime? It is. The starter and generator are lubricated for life. Rambler Single-Unit construction, with its hundreds of extra welds, stays remarkably free from squasks and rattles.

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Someday there may be a completely service-free car that lasts forever. Today Rambier comes closest. Come get the full story from your Rambier dealer.

*Chases lubrication tests 3 years or 33,000 miles which.

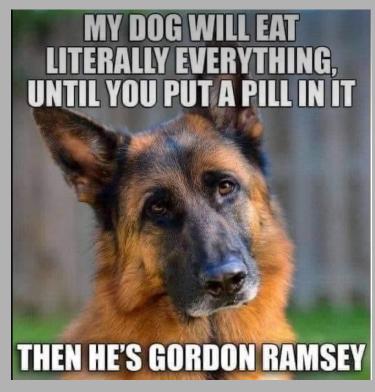
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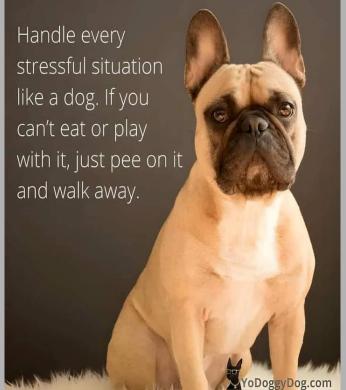


Life with the Dogs!!

LIVING WITH A DOG IS 90%
FOLLOWING EACH OTHER
AROUND, WATCHING EACH
OTHER GO POTTY, AND
WONDERING WHAT THE OTHER
HAS IN THEIR MOUTH.







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 - \$5,00 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.)











1962 Corvair Lakewood Station Wagon

Listed on Hemmings, "Make Offer" - asking \$14,750.



1966 Corvair Monza Automatic

Gateway Classic Cars, Cumming is asking \$25,000.



1962 Corvair Lakewood Station Wagon

Listed on Hemmings, "Make Offer" - asking \$45,000.



1966 Corvair Monza Coupe 4-Speed

Listed on Hemmings, "Make Offer" - asking \$7,500.



1964 Corvair Monza Sedan 4-Speed

Sold on BaT for \$8,500 on 8/7/2024.



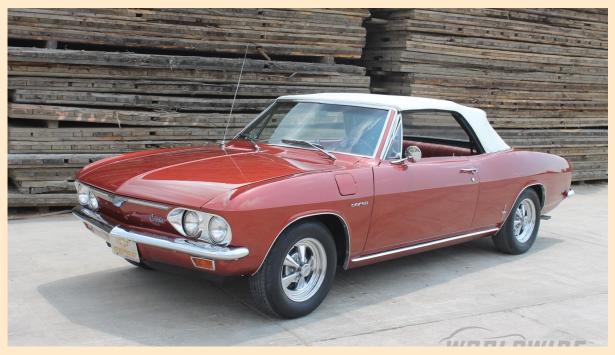
No Reserve - 1968 Corvair 500 Sport Coupe Race Car **Sold** on BaT for \$14,000 on 8/10/2024.



No Reserve 1964 Corvair Monza 500 Sport Coupe **Sold** at Auburn Auction for \$12,000 on 8/27/2024.



No Reserve 1966 Corvair Corsa Convertible **Sold** at Auburn Auction on 8/27/2024



No Reserve 1969 Corvair Monza Convertible **Sold** on BaT for \$14,750 on 8/24/2024.



1966 Corvair Corsa Sport Coupe 4-Speed *Sold* on BaT for \$12,500 on 8/26/2024



1964 Corvair Monza Club Coupe 4-Speed

Sold on Barrett Jackson Palm Beach for \$11,550 on 8/22/2024.



The Drivetrain

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1/2 Page	\$12.00	\$60.00

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