

THE FOUR WHEEL INDEPENDENT

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NEXT CPCC CLUB MEETING

November 12, 2024

Our next meeting will be held at Hoss's Restaurant
in West York, PA. Come join us for dinner at 5:30pm.
The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

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Happy
Thanksgiving





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Please send your stories, ideas, photos, and comments directly to Carol at icl@pa.net. Preferred format for electronic submission of documents is MS Word and format of pictures should be JPEG. Deadline for submitting information is the 20th of the month for the next month's publication.

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Strangest Chevrolets Ever Made are being Ranked *Guess Who Made The List!*

Submitted by Carol Trimper

Photo belongs to CPCC

Original taken from the internet, SlashGear website, Titled "10 Of The Strangest Chevrolets Ever Built, Ranked," Author Justin Owen, dated October 16, 2024

I settled down to start working on the November newsletter for CPCC. While I waited for the internet to finish loading, I noticed an article on the first page titled, "10 Of the Strangest Chevrolets Ever Built, Ranked," written by Justin Owen on the SlashGear website. My curiosity arose, I clicked on it to discover which cars made the list, and there it was... #1 the Corvair!

The article begins by mentioning the arrival of the West German Volkswagen in the United States. Initially, it didn't take the country by storm as an import sensation, but thanks to the groundbreaking "Think Small" advertising campaign in the early 1960s, sales skyrocketed. In response to this growing competition, Chevrolet introduced the Corvair in 1960. The Corvair was equipped with an air-cooled boxer engine located in the rear, making it cost-effective to produce and easy to maintain. While the Corvair's styling was unique and it was offered in various forms, including sedans, trucks, and wagons, it was a close resemblance to the Beetle.

The Corvair enjoyed a successful ten-year run, with Chevrolet selling hundreds of thousands of them, establishing it as a popular model that still has a dedicated fan base today. It's also an fascinating vehicle that can be enhanced with the proper tuning and modifications. While few would label it as strange, it does stand out, particularly because it originated from Chevrolet. Known for producing conventional cars with front-mounted, water-cooled inline engines and traditional American designs, the Corvair is indeed an offbeat in the Chevrolet's lineup. Following the discontinuation of the boxer engine, no other air-cooled engines have been manufactured since. In the context of Chevrolet's traditional design and manufacturing practices, the Corvair is undeniably a unique car.

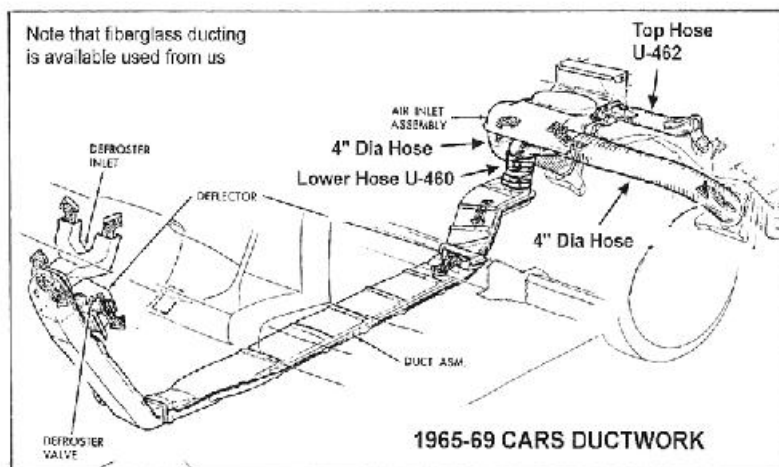
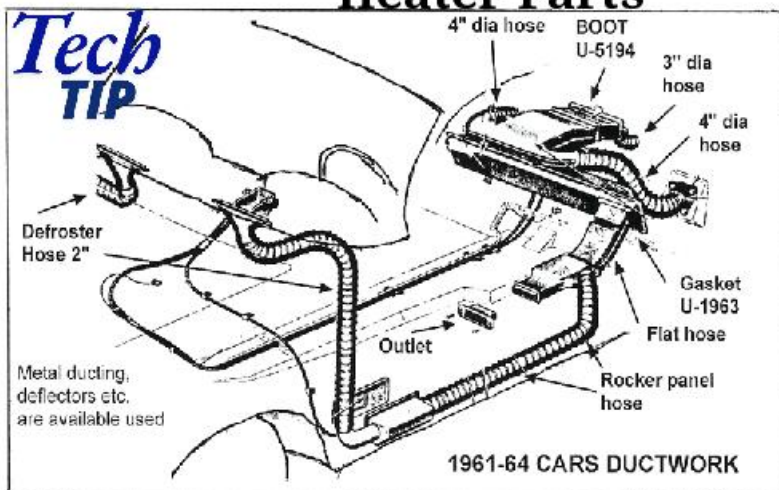
In case you were wondering the other nine Chevrolet vehicles that hit this list was: Corsica 5-door, Monte Carlo SS Aero Coupe, Copper-Cooled, Avalanche, HHR SS Panel, SSR, Uplander, Malibu, and Lumina APV.

CORSA NEWS

Start shopping for holiday gifts at the GM Car Club site, where there is a great selection of Corvair merchandise: CORSA Club and CPF Museum Collection - GMClubapparel.com. Watch for special offers, too!



Heater Parts



Secretary Minutes

Submitted MiLana Wright

- 10/8/24 - Meeting called to order by John Berkheimer.
- Attendance at the Aldrich Pizza Party: Duane & Jacquie Aldrich, Tom & Becky Zinn, John & Joyce Berkheimer, Brian Kopp & guest, Dave Steigauf and MiLana Wright. Those who drove a Corvair: Ron & Betty Hash, Bill & Priscilla Garrison, Bruce Culp & Jeff Stonesifer.
- Treasurer's report for Corvair Day presented by Dave S. A sound system has been purchased, and there is one new member.
- Details discussed regarding the next event at King's Gap.
- Volunteers are needed for the 2026 CORSA Convention. Please reach out to John B.
- John B reviewed the by-laws concerning the election of officers.
- Attendees included: Jeanette & Jeff Ostroff, Duane & Jacquie Aldrich, Dave Steigauf, John Berkheimer, Tom Zinn, Bruce Culp, Paul Miller, MiLana Wright, Ryan Donahue, Nate Gray & daughter (guests). Those who drove a Corvair: Jim Butt, Ron Hash, Rich Heisler.

President's Message

Submitted John Berkheimer



I have a few things to cover in this newsletter. Our October meeting was well attended with a few regulars missing. According to our Bylaws, we were required to have the Election of Officers and Directors for 2025.

We had no volunteers to run for any office so all Officers and Director Bruce Culp agreed to continue for 2025, except the Director is a three-year term. Thanks to all Officers and Directors for your continued dedication to Central PA Corvair Club.

The Special Edition of Corvair Day newsletter was fantastic as usual. Carol kind of said it all with thanks to all the help during the day. It takes more than one person to run a show like this year after year. Everyone chipped in this year which really made things run smooth. Dave deserves a big round of applause; he does the work of 2 to 3 people, before, during and after the show. We did have a good year and made a profit.

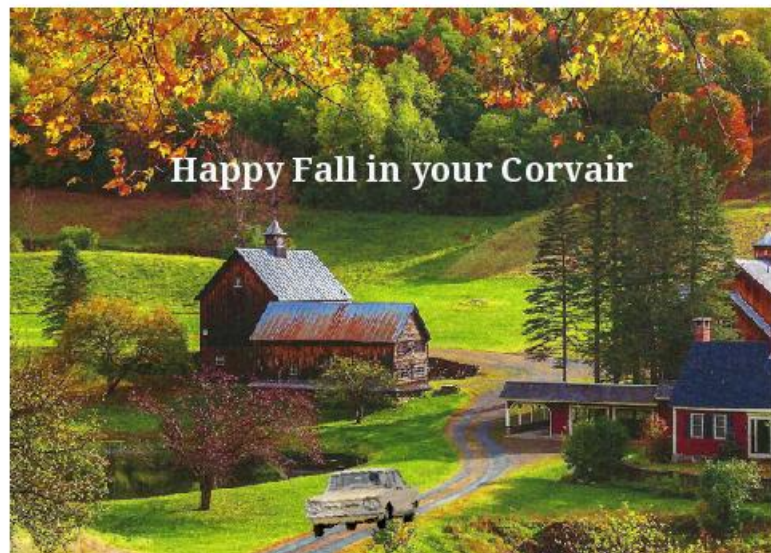
2026 CORSA Convention in Gettysburg: We are looking for volunteers to start filling events. You can volunteer to as few and as many as you like.

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Calendar of Events

Nov 12th: Club Meeting at West York Hoss's Restaurant. Dinner begins at 5:30pm with meeting at 6:30pm.

December: There will be no club meeting in the month of December. Happy Holidays.



NOVEMBER

Birthday's

Jim Weaver	4
Danny Kirk	6
Mary Ann Stamm	6
Titus Stewart	7
Bill Josuweit	10
Beth Lutz	11
Jane Shultz	13
Carletta Moats	23
Robert Moats	28
Chris Schnee	28
Sue Miller	29

Anniversaries

Danny & Holly Kirk 7th

Happy 50th
Anniversary

Paul & Sue Miller
November 16th

Happy 55th
Anniversary

Steve & Belinda Sabaka
November 23rd



The Preventative Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

This month will be an attempt to help diagnose noises from the rear of the car. Drive train noises also apply to FC vehicles.

A rolling noise that does not change in pitch from acceleration to deceleration in the same speed range is usually a wheel bearing. Wheel bearings on early models usually squeak or make a cycling growl. Late bearings will squeak, make a raspy noise or howl.

A clank when starting from a stop or going into gear may be a U-joint. They can also make a clinking noise, usually at low speed. Loose axle yokes on early models and FC can make the same noise.

Howling that changes noticeably between acceleration deceleration is either a worn-out pinion gear, mismatched ring and pinion gear or very loose or worn-out pinion bearings.

Thunking noises on late models can be either the top or bottom shock mount. Check for shifted lower bushings or rusted top mounting pads. The latter can be repaired.

Squeaking from one side of a late model going over bumps can be a trailing arm bushing that has popped out of its shell. The arm is rubbing on the bracket, and the tire is way out of toe alignment.

A heavy thump or clunk going over a quick rise may be a separated motor mount on a 1965 model. The other models make less noticeable noises unless almost terminal. Best to check them every time you change oil filters if they are original.

A loud squawk that occurs briefly as you push in or release the clutch is a pilot bushing problem. Always replace it any time the transaxle is separated as they take a set very quickly.

A knocking noise at idle which disappears or gets quieter when depressing the clutch is a flywheel with loose rivets (all years, all models of manual transmissions).

A squeal or light rattling noise that is only noticed when holding down on the clutch pedal is a clutch release bearing.

Annual Pizza Party

Event was held at Duane & Jacque Aldrich's home.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024





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Submitted by Lou Trimper

While vacationing in the Smoky Mountains, I was reading a magazine in our cabin and came across this photo.

Reminder

Club dues is due on
December 31, 2024

Curt Bonser

Richard Bricker

Joshua Canapp

Joe Darinsig

John DiBenedetto

Ryan Donohue

Linda Enfield

Steven Garvin

Jackie Heiney

Steve Hooper

Will Lockwood

Francis Lovett

George Martin

Robert Moats

Robert Shipp III

John Shultz

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Denny Stamm

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**Tech
TIP**

PUSHROD

The following article was posted in the Corvair Center Forum on
May 20, 2017

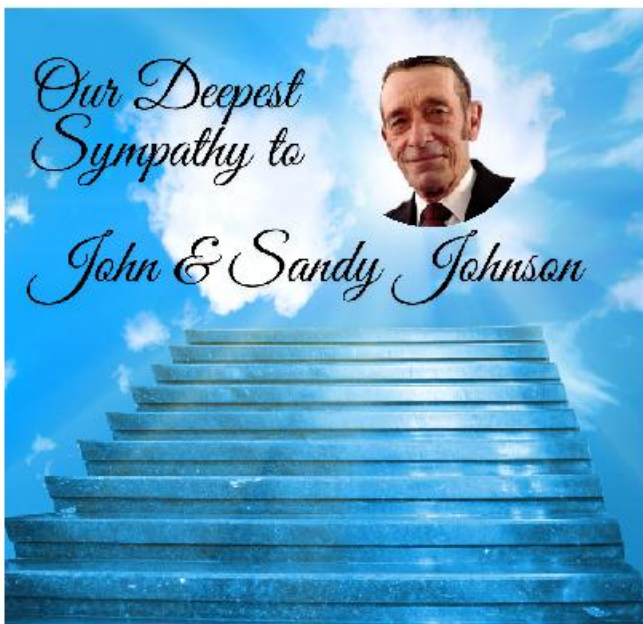
Here is a pushrod tube removal tool made from inexpensive hardware items. This tool fits inside the tube and grasps the interior of the tube by swelling the rubber stopper. An added bonus is that tightening the nut that swells the rubber stopper also imparts torque to the tool, which twists the tube free of the engine.

Parts List:

1/4-20 X 6" carriage bolt

1/4" ID X 1/2" OD X 1"L Nylon spacers (2)





John's brother, Robert Johnson, age 73, of Whiteford, MD, died on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the Senator Bob Hooper House in Forest Hill, MD. He was the husband of Joyce A. (Drumgoole) Johnson, and they observed their 46th wedding anniversary on April 22, 2024. Bob was born in Harrisburg, PA, a son of the late Vincent A. and Mary P. (Linkous) Johnson. A lifelong resident of the Delta-Whiteford area, he was a 1969 graduate of Kennard-Dale High School. Following high school, Bob attended Penn State University and later received his mortuary science degree from Catonsville Community College. He had begun working for the then John H. Harkins Funeral Home in Delta, PA, in the mid-1960s and later became a Baltimore City policeman. He returned to the funeral home after receiving his funeral director's license in 1980. In 1982, Bob left to begin a career with the Maryland State Police, which he left to manage the former Gracetown Store in Whiteford, MD. At the same time, Bob began working as an investigator with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore. In 2005, he returned to Harkins Funeral Home, Inc., where he later became a partner and remained a dedicated and valued partner until his death.

Bob enjoyed his two Corvettes, also deer and turkey hunting locally and in West Virginia. His memberships included Stephenson Lodge #135, A.F.&A.M., Darlington, MD, Sons of the American Legion, Post #182, Whiteford, MD, where he was a past commander, and the Delta-Peach Bottom Fish and Game, Delta, PA.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by: one brother: John V. Johnson and his wife, Sandra of Fawn Grove, PA' numerous nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Eric A. Johnson on May 12, 2008.



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About The Ranch...

The Corvair Ranch began on its current site as a hobby by John Goulden, in the early 70's. In 1975 Jeff Stonesifer (the current owner) started working with Corvairs and began his involvement with John. It later became apparent that the hobby had the makings of a potential business, so in 1986, Jeff took ownership of the property and officially started the Corvair Ranch. The business continues to flourish as a full-time Corvair repair and parts business.

The Corvair Ranch, Inc. displays some impressive statistics. Over 600 Corvair cars, trucks, and Ultravans are located on the property along with six tractor trailers full of heavy drivetrain parts including Powerglide and three and four speed transmissions as well as differentials, axles, and body panels of all descriptions. Five buildings provide further parts storage, office, and service space.

Within the main four-bay service building, all models of Corvair can be completely serviced from the smallest early convertible to 24' long Ultravans, and everything in between. Several members of the staff are also certified PA State inspection mechanics. Complete Corvair-only service has been the mainstay of the Corvair Ranch since its conception.

Services provided by the Corvair Ranch, Inc. include upholstery, mechanical, paint, and complete rebuilding of Corvairs as well as machine shop for full remanufacturing of engines. Additionally, the Corvair Ranch has served customers in the past by helping them to buy and sell their Corvairs to other enthusiasts.

Article taken from Corvair Ranch website.

2026 Convention

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You may also be a substitute or floater and help where ever needed. It may seem to be a little early to be volunteering but the 2026 Convention will be here sooner than you think. It takes a lot of personnel to put a show on like this, figure ten times the size of our show and many more events. The convention is scheduled plenty far ahead so set aside the week to spend time with your Corvair friends and your cars. I hope to see some of our members we never get to see. This show is right in our backyard. You can call or email any officer to sign up for an event or multiple events which you can find a list in this newsletter. If you volunteer for an event, it wouldn't be all day but scheduled time slots. More volunteers would mean less work for everyone, so we all get to enjoy the convention.

We are also interested in suggestions for ads for the event book, discount coupons from local restaurant and door prizes. Any suggestions would be great.

Happy Corvairing

2026 Convention Volunteer List

Autocross
Banquet
Concourse
Corvair Only Parking
Economy Run
Hospitality Room
Model Car Display
Photographer
Raffle & Door Prizes
Rally
Registration
Seminars & Meetings
Tour
Trailer Parking
Trophies and Awards
Valve Cover Races
Vendors
Welcome Party

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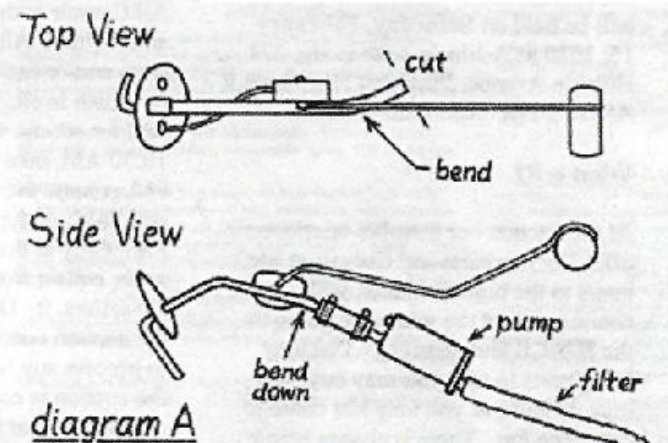
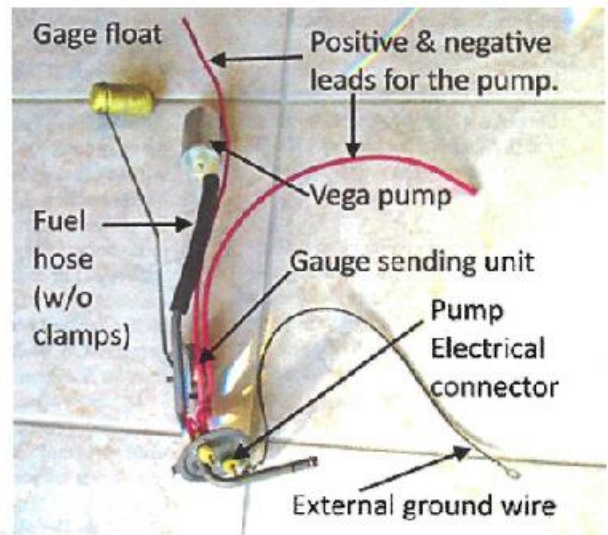
Vega Fuel Pump for Corvairs

By Allan Lacki Taken from The Fifth Wheel Newsletter, dtd January 2020, page 6

Electric fuel pumps. We've all read articles about replacing the Corvair's mechanical fuel pump with a modern electric fuel pump. The experts recommend mounting them next to the gas tank, at the front-end of the car, in a protected location. Clark's offers a complete electric fuel pump kit on Page 66 of its catalog.

My buddy, Brian O'Neill, prefers an in-tank fuel pump. He's had one in his Corvair for the past eighteen years and it hasn't failed yet. And unlike the external pumps, it's completely silent. He's now in the process of rebuilding a 1961 Monza Sedan. So, once again, he's going with an in-tank pump.

Brian got the idea from the CORSA Tech Guide. It has an article about installing a Chevy Vega electric fuel pump in a Corvair. The same article also appeared in the February 1987 issue of the CORSA Communique. Yes, the Vega fuel pump was an in-tank unit. And they are still available at your friendly local auto parts store.



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CO RVAIR CLUB, INC. (C.P.C.C.)

Membership Application

C.P.C.C. is a chapter of "CORSA" (Corvair Society of America). CORSA is a rapidly growing international organization now is boosting over 4000 members and 120 local chapters worldwide.

The C.P.C.C. Chapter has monthly social/family meetings at various locations within the region. Each month you will receive a newsletter announcing the meeting location. The newsletter also contains information about our club members, technical tips, other club activities, auto events, and classified ads. Memberships run from calendar year January 1 - December 31.

- The club is for the preservation and interest of the Corvair automobile.
- We sponsor Corvair shows, rallies, mini conventions, caravans, parties, and dinners. All of our events are for the member's immediate family.

Dues are payable to: Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.)
c/o Dave Steigauf
599 Westfield Drive
Landisville, PA 17538

_____ New Membership is \$20.00 per year OR \$38.00 for two years.

_____ Renewal of membership is \$20.00 per year OR \$38.00 for two years.

_____ Mailing monthly newsletter fee of \$10.00 for one year OR \$20.00 for two years.

_____ Interested in joining CORSA.

Member Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____
First Middle Last First Middle Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of Corvairs owned (if any):

Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____ Color: _____

Member's Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____
Month Day Month Day

Wedding Anniversary Date: _____
Month Day Year

Recommended By: _____
Any applicant whom is under the age of (18) eighteen, a parent or legal guardian must sign the application.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____
Signature



Membership Application

Corvair Society of America

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ABOUT C.P.C.C.

The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair and Corvair powered vehicles. We provide knowledge about the Corvair to our members and other car enthusiasts, as well as hold monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings for the enjoyment of our members.

C.P.C.C. is Chapter #170 of the Corvair Society of America (COSA). Dues for C.P.C.C. are \$20.00 per year or two years for \$38.00, which must be sent in the form of a check or money order payable to "C.P.C.C." and mailed to C.P.C.C. Treasurer, c/o Dave Steigauf, 599 Westfield Drive, Landisville, PA 17538. Please include C.P.C.C. Membership Application form along with your check. There is an additional fee of \$10.00 per year or \$20.00 for two years for the mailing of newsletters.

It is suggested that C.P.C.C. members also become members of COSA, the national organization. COSA dues are \$45.00 per year. Dues may be sent to Corvair Society of America, P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota USA 55356 or online at <http://members.corvair.org>.

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