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Mark Your Calendars for Our Next Club Meeting. Join us on: February 11, 2025 at Hoss's Restaurant in West York, PA. We'll gather for dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by the meeting starting at 6:30 PM.

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Please send your stories, ideas, photos, and comments directly to Carol at kl@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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JANUARY Happy Buthday

Lisa Shairy 2nd
Sandy Johnson 21st
Robert Shipp 23rd
Jacquie Aldrich 29th
Will Kurtz 31st

Reminder

Club dues is due on December 31, 2024

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Would You Be Interested In A CPCC Vanity Plate?

The club is in the process of seeing if anyone is interested in the above plate for your Corvair. The plate will run around \$15 to \$20 per plate.

We are trying to get an accurate count of how many members would be interested. Respond by emailing John Berkheimer at jhbmail1@comcast.net. Deadline is December 30th.





A Note from Linda Enfield

December 16, 2024

Wow!! What can I say. I received my (Special) C.P.C.C. newsletter today. What a great surprise! I feel totally honored to have belonged to C.P.C.C. What a GREAT club, with wonderful members. I will always cherish my memories with you all. Please know that Jim and I loved you all. I will never forget any of you. Our four Corvairs have new happy homes.

It's time for me to move on to new ventures.

Thank you. God Loves You All! *Linda* E

Happy 2025

Secretary Minutes and Treasurer's Report

This month, there are no Secretary Minutes or Treasurer's Report to present, as the club did not convene in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025, at Hoss's Restaurant in West York, PA.

Do you have an exciting event idea for our group? Submitted by Carol Trimper

Join us at the meeting on February 11, 2025, to present your suggestions for events in 2025. This year, a Planning Committee will review and select proposals for the club. This committee will consist of Officers, Board Members, Club Members, and anyone else who wishes to contribute. Ideas will be gathered during the meeting, and the committee will meet in March to decide on the events for 2025.

If you are unable to attend this important meeting, please feel free to send your ideas to Johnn B. at the email address: jhbmail1@comcast.net. If you wish, you can submit your suggestions anonymously.

2025 EVENT IDEAS

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REALLING THE REAL PROPERTY

DYI Corvair Pushrod Tube

Removal Tool

By: BorondaFarmRacing Taken from: The Fifth Wheel July 2020 Newsletter, Page 7

Editor's Note: 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)





Do we have a photo of you?

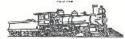
Submitted by Carol Trimper

Over the years, I have gathered photographs of various club members, yet there are still many individuals for whom I lack images. If you would like to share photos of yourself, please send them to Carol Trimper at Icl@pa.net. I kindly ask that you include:

- One individual photo of yourself
- · One photo of your spouse or significant other
- A third image featuring both of you together

These images will be featured in our newsletters and in our Member Roster. I am seeking updated photos since many I currently have are over 5 to 10 years old. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

CLUB EVENT

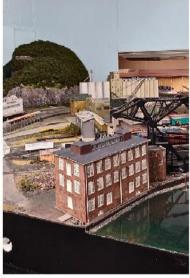


MINIATURE RAILROAD CLUB OF YORK ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

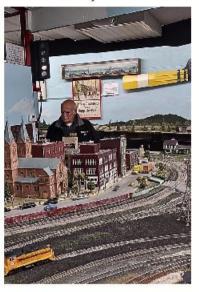
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Photos taken by John Berkheimer

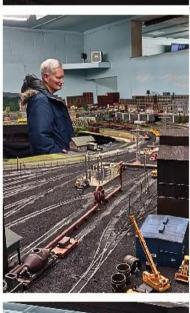






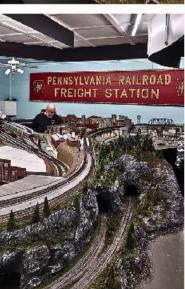














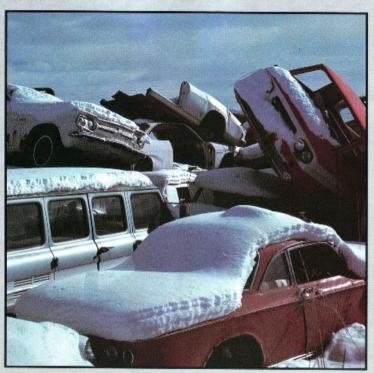




2025 CALENDAR								
JANUARY 4 CLUB EVENT: Annual "After" Christmas Celebration at Perkins Restaurant in Hanover, PA. Begins at 2pm.	FEBRUARY 11 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. Bring your list of ideas for club events. See ad on Page 3.	MARCH 11 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.						
APRIL 8 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.	MAY 13 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. 20- CORSA CONVENTION in San Luis Obispo, CA.	TBD CLUB EVENT: Join us for the Annual Potluck Picnic & Pool Party at the home of John and Joyce Berkheimer. Arrive around 12 PM, with plans to enjoy lunch at 1 PM. A Club Meeting will also take place during the picnic.						
8 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.	AUGUST CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.	SEPTEMBER 20 CLUB EVENT: CORVAIR DAY at EMMR.						
OCTOBER 14 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.	NOVEMBER 11 CLUB MEETING: Join us for dinner at Hoss's Restaurant, West York, PA at 5:30pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.	DECEMBER NO CLUB MEETING.						

Get Ready for the Snow!













CAR INFORMATION:

- Original Mileage 46545
- Corvair has automatic transmission
- · AM radio
- Air heater
- · Seat belts
- · Original floormats
- · Wipers with washer





Due to the unexpected cancellation of our contract by the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria, the convention host team has secured the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo for the same dates- May 20-23rd, 2025. San Luis Obispo is a historic town with unique shopping and many wineries in the area. Driving events will enjoy beautiful scenery along the coast and through the hills. Our new hotel offers wonderful amenities for our convention: Two room suites, free made to order breakfast, and an evening reception along with an indoor pool. It is centrally located with many restaurants and shops in the area. Additionally, more airlines and flights are available to this city. Hotel room prices are \$139 for a king and \$149 for a double suite, (prices not including taxes and fees.)

Note: Reservations previously made at the Radisson in Santa Maria will be canceled. The reservation link and information for the Embassy Suites hotel will be provided by email to members and on the CORSA Website shortly. More details about the schedule and events will be in the next Communique and posted to the website in January. Registration for the convention will open in February.

We are pleased to still be able to host the 2025 CORSA Convention, with all the events, in this beautiful area of the central coast of California. So, get those Corvairs ready for San Luis Obispo and make your travel plans. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Questions? Contact the club office: (630) 403-5010 OR Contact Us! (corsacluboffice@gmail.com)

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2026 CONVENTION

(Submitted by Carol Trimper)

This article was featured in last month's newsletter, but I believe it warrants re-publication as we continue to seek volunteers for various roles. For any inquiries, please reach out to John Berkheimer.

(Submitted by John Berkheimer)

The organizers of the 2026 CORSA Convention in Gettysburg are seeking volunteers to help with various events. You can choose to volunteer for as few or as many events as you wish.

You also have the option to be a substitute or floater, assisting wherever needed. While it might seem early to sign up, the 2026 Convention will arrive sooner than anticipated. Organizing an event of this magnitude requires a considerable number of personnel—think of it as ten times the size of our usual show, along with many more activities. The convention is scheduled well in advance, so set aside that week to enjoy time with your Corvair friends and your cars. I look forward to seeing some members we rarely get to meet, especially since this show is right in our own backyard.

Feel free to call or email any officer to sign up for one or multiple events, as listed below. If you volunteer for an event, it won't take up your entire day but will be scheduled in time slots. The more volunteers we have, the less work there is for everyone, allowing us all to enjoy the convention together.

Some members signed up at our last club meeting, but we still need many more volunteers. Please take a moment to review the list below and email me with your choices.

We are also eager to hear suggestions for advertisements for the event book, discount coupons from local restaurants, and door prizes. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

2026 Convention Volunteer List

Autocross Rally

Banquet Registration

Concourse Seminars & Meetings

Corvair Only Parking Tour

Economy Run Trailer Parking

Hospitality Room Trophies and Awards

Model Car Display Valve Cover Races

Photographer Vendors

Raffle & Door Prizes Welcome Party



Remember When?

In 2025, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary as a club. We've created a page to showcase our past activities, events, and gatherings. I hope you find it enjoyable! As always, if you have a memorable article from the past that you'd like to share, please send it to Carol at Id@pa.net.

June 2004

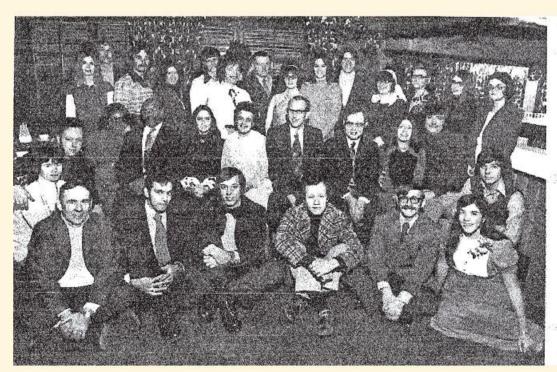


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1975



First CPCC Christmas Party

This is a photograph of the CPCC's very first Christmas Party. How many faces do you recognize?

If you know who these people are, we'd like to know as well so that we can keep the information in our historical records.



Corvair Tech Tips

Compact Spare Tires

Author: Mike McGowan, Taken from: CORSA Communique, April 2015, page 21

Submitted by Lou Trimper

I have been investigating compact "space-saver" spare tires for early Corvair cars. (Late models and FCs are easy, the Chevrolet five-bolt pattern is common.) The four-bolt 4 1/2-inch pattern used on 1960-64 Corvairs is used on many Japanese and other imports, but most recent ones are front wheel drive with radical offsets. This doesn't matter with skinny donut spares. I found the following matches for wheels, there are probably more. The rims are all four inches wide, and the backspacing is about four inches which is close to the Corvair. These come with 125/70-15 tires which are about 22.1 inches diameter. Nissan Altima '93-01; Nissan Sentra 00-06; Hyundai, most; Infiniti G20. There are also 16-inch wheels on some old Saabs '84-88 with 115/70-16 tires that are 22.3 inches diameter. Don't assume anything, bring your measuring tools to the junkyard.

So, I picked up some sample wheels and found that the center hole is slightly too small for Corvair. This is fixable if you have access to a machine shop. I also noticed that the Saab wheel uses larger lug nuts, and the backspacing is even more than Corvair: I did not trial-fit that wheel on a car.

All the tire diameters on these are kind of small, here are some comparisons to stock.

Corvair 1960-64	6.50-13	23.75
Corvair 1960-64	7.00-13	24.10
Corvair 1960-64	185/70-13	23.54

If you have some other size tires you can look up the diameter you need. The spare should match your other tires closely for good handling, and especially if you have Posi-traction so you don't burn up the clutches.

Match the rolling diameter by mounting an appropriate tire. All will fit if the rim diameter is right. You can buy new, but there are plenty of good ones in the junkyard where you get the wheel. Look on the bigger cars. Here are some tire sizes and diameters:

115/70-15	21.3
125/70-15	22.1
125/80-15	22.9
135/80-15	23.5
135/90-15	24.8
115/70-16	22.3
125/70-16	22.9
135/70-16	23.7
155/80-16	24.3
125/85-16	24.4
135/80-16	24.5
125/90-16	24.9
145/80-16	25.4

But why do this? Well, I have a Corvair-based vehicle with very limited carrying space. When I drove my 1966 four-door with air conditioning and the spare in front, I found that a smaller spare made that irregular luggage compartment more useable. Some Forward Control owners would like to lift the engine lid without moving the spare. Well-maintained modern tires seldom go flat, so why carry more spare than you need to?

Lightweight Alternative

I found one more choice, if you are as compulsive as I am about saving weight. Some of the old Fox chassis Mustangs and Thunderbirds from the late 1980's came with an aluminum spare wheel. These were the four-lug rims on the four-cylinder turbo cars, not the five-lug V-8's. The Ford lug patter is 4 1/4", but that means you can drill new holes in between the existing pattern. You need an index table and drill press or mill, but it makes a really cool wheel.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR 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.

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		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.							
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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 (CORSA). 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 CORSA, the national organization. CORSA 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.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Carol Trimper at 30 Wheaton Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340 or email to Icl@pa.net.

All other club inquiries should be directed to the C.P.C.C. Secretary, MiLana Wright, 3080 E Prospect Road, York, PA 17402 or email to wright824@verizon.net.

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