



**KAT WAS
KEEPING THE
MEETING
RUNNING**



**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES
YET, MAKE SURE TO DO THAT AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!**

HEART OF AMERICA CORVAIR OWNERS

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February meeting



Our February meeting was a little skimpy because there was an incoming snowstorm that was already hitting some areas. However, several members were able to make it and we still had time to chat and go over a few things. Member medical updates included Terry Kalp going for treatment at KU for his cancer and Wes Mellies still dealing with his leg injury. We'll keep hoping for a positive prognosis for them and all members with different medical issues.

There weren't a great number of items brought up by the committee chairs, including membership, webmaster, and newsletter. On the social front, the Frozen Tuna tech and social session at Terry Kalp's shop was still scheduled for Saturday, February 15. We'll keep looking for warmer weather so people can get out and do things!

We did discuss upcoming events, including the CORSA International Convention in California, the Dustoff, both in May, and the Roundup in September/October. There was also a motion to use the St. Andrews clubhouse for our Christmas party again this year.

In current happenings, Dwight Hamby entertained us with his recollection of jury duty (and the judge recognizing what a Corvaire was!) and project updates. Dominique Allen has been working tirelessly on his car and Travis Bolton continues to prepare for fuel injection.

That's about it for now. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on March 11!



**DWIGHT HAMBY
ENTERTAINED US
WITH A STORY
ABOUT HIS JURY
DUTY!**

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Event	Location	Date
HACOA monthly meeting	Paul and Jack’s Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	March 11
HACOA monthly meeting	Paul and Jack’s Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	April 8
HACOA annual charity auction	Paul and Jack’s Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	May 13

PRESIDENTS CORNER

**MARCH MADNESS. WHAT'S THAT TO YOU?
ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT SINCE MARCH IS COMING IN LIKE A LAMB, IT WILL GO OUT LIKE
A LION?
HOPE NOT. I HAVE TO GET MY CONVERTIBLE OUT OF PAID STORAGE AND BRING IT HOME. OF
COURSE, MY PRIORITIES NOW ARE THAT MY TOYOTA SITS OUT!**

**ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND ALL THE CELEBRATIONS
SURROUNDING THAT? I LIKE TO PARTY HARDY ON THAT DAY WITH MY FRIENDS. I SELDOM
DRINK ANY MORE, BUT WILL FLIP SOME TOP TABS ON SEVERAL MILLER LIGHTS. I CAN'T GET
ENOUGH CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE AND SLATHER A LOT OF BUTTER ON MY CORNBREAD.
ANYONE WHO KNOWS ME, KNOWS I AM A SALT-AHOLIC...BUT BUTTER TOPS THAT! THEY SAY,
YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. I KNOW I'M SHAPED LIKE A BLOB OF BUTTER.**

**WE HAVE A STRONG IRISH-CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN ST. JOE, SO THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
IS BIG HERE. MANY BIG, IRISH, ANCESTRAL FAMILIES HAVE THEIR OWN FLOATS.**

**MY FAMILY ALWAYS GATHERS AT 20TH AND FREDERICK AVENUE TO WATCH ALL PARADES. I
WAS BORN AND RAISED ONE
BLOCK NORTH. I AM IRISH THROUGH AND THROUGH. MY NAME IS KATHLEEN, NAMED AFTER
MY GREAT-AUNT, WHO WAS
A NUN. SO, BAPTIZED AND RAISED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ATTENDED THEIR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THEN, MY HIGH SCHOOL WAS LAFAYETTE. YEAH, THAT'S FRENCH,
BUT WE WERE KNOWN AS THE “FIGHTING IRISH”. OUR GIRLS PEP CLUB WAS CALLED THE
COLEENS, AND OUR MASCOT WAS THE SHAMROCK.**

**PARADE DAY IS USUALLY COLD, COLD. BUT HEY, MY CHOICE. THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE
HAVE MISSED WATCHING DEAN SEGO PLAYING HIS TROMBONE ON THE BENTON HIGH
SCHOOL ROLLING ALUMNI BAND FLOAT. (I KNOW I GOT THAT TITLE WRONG)**

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY YOUR EYES BE A-SMILING.

KATHLEEN

Spring Awakening; Things To Check

Oil Filter Bolts: Some of the fiber washers used under the head of the oil filter bolt will crush just enough under heat cycles and vibration to cause the torque (15 ft lbs) to vanish. Almost all of the various filters in use have the problem to a certain extent. I reviewed all of my cars recently and found two of the bolts one half turn loose. Best defense would be to check the bolts, including the right angle adapter (if you have one), on a regular basis until you are sure the torque has stabilized.

Belts: New belts will need to be adjusted at least once after a break in period, and if you do high speed driving, make several checks until you are sure the belt has stabilized. If you have belt guides, adjust the clearance to 1/16th inch.

Carburetor Inlet Nuts: These 1" nuts loosen up from long storage, heat cycles, and vibration. When you tighten the 7/16" steel line nut, you should make sure that the spring action of the line is not trying to unscrew the inlet nut. Gently bend the line once you have tightened the flare nut so that the line is at least neutral and possibly even trying to tighten the nut. Gaskets, if needed, are available in an inexpensive plastic pack at O'reilly's and other parts stores.

Gas Filler Pipe Pocket: The early model cars have a drain and a plastic insert with a rubber hose leading down the back of the wheel well. If that small hole in the bottom of the filler pocket gets plugged with debris, collected water could rise above the fuel pipe if any of the following occur: the hoses connecting the pipe to the tank have been replaced and are a little shorter, the gasket under the cap has shrunk or the vent opening may be on the low side of the cap. Late models have a bigger drain and the filler pipe is higher.

Battery Cable Ends: They may appear clean on the outside but that is only for show – the real issue is the mating surfaces. These should be removed from the battery about every six months and you should clean both the inside of the clamp and the battery post. Not attending to this item causes all electrical operations to cease, usually at the time you turn the key to start.

Oil Pan Bolts: If you have a cork or rubber pan gasket there is the potential for leaks as the gasket experiences hot and cold cycles along with vibration and oil sitting on the gasket at all times. A regular check of the bolts may be necessary, particularly after storage. My favorite method for the pan is to use a late design pan that you have carefully straightened, a hard paper gasket (allows use of a torque wrench), high temp RTV on both sides of the gasket, use of ¼-20 grade 8 bolts by ¾ inch length with lock and flat washers. Torque 8-10 ft lbs.

Mechanical Fuel Pump Mounting Bolt: Check your pump simply by grabbing the top towards the front of the car and attempt to move it – any movement or clicking sound needs to be corrected by loosening the lock nut and tightening the mounting bolt, then tighten the lock nut. The mounting bolt should have an "L" stamped on the head – if not, shorten the point slightly as it may try to punch through the pump casting when you tighten it properly.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Tool Crib

Club tools for rent

Contact: Ken Ragan

212 Warner Rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
913-422-5778 E-mail: kenrragan@gmail.net

Tool	Deposit	Monthly rental fee
Harmonic balancer puller	\$3.00	\$1.00
Ramps, auto	\$4.00	\$1.00
Torque wrenches		
½ inch drive 20-150 ft/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
¾ inch drive 100-1000 in/lb	\$15.00	\$2.00
Floor jacks and stands	\$25.00	\$3.50
Ring groove cleaner	\$3.00	\$1.00
Dwell/tach meter	\$5.00	\$1.00
Greaser: Fan and idler bearing	\$5.00	\$1.00
Ken's advice	\$.02	Grain of salt
Hubs: Rear (towing LM PowerGlide)	\$5.00	\$1.00
Pushrod tube extractor	\$10.00	\$2.00

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thickness of .325" \$65
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core



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bottom instead of back in to the engine
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1963 Corvair/Clam Digger dune buggy for sale. All Corvair running gear and suspension, including 1965 140 HP engine with centermount carburetor, dual point distributor, and electric fuel pump. Running gear includes a '64 4-speed transaxle with transverse spring and new 13 inch tires. Needs some wiring work. Asking \$3,500. Contact Dick Berger 678-650-4246.

Space for rent

Charlie Clark has a spot available in his shop if anyone needs a place to work on their car. The rate is \$220 per month and is available now. Call Charlie 913-432-9630

Spyder for sale!

There is a car that can make you feel the magic, the magic of a 1963 Corvair Monza 900 Spyder Coupe! That magic is for sale, not at your local dealer but right here. New features include a sealed engine; new brake shoes on all four corners; rebuilt transmission; sealed differential; cleaned and inspected wheel bearings on both the front and rear; new heater hoses; new muffler; rebuilt carburetor and turbo (by Mike Dawson); upgraded electrical from generator to alternator; and many other items. All with low miles! This car is a pretty solid Kansas car that is ready for some dents to be repaired and your choice of color to be applied. The magic of a Monza 900 Spyder Coupe can be yours for a reasonable price of \$6000. Contact Keith Hammett at (417) 844-8627.



What's Happening?

It's been cold and we've all been mostly inside! However, we can reflect on some fun things from the past. Mike Dawson and Cliff Carlino have some goodies for us to review. Here are a few (including a familiar name):

HACOA THE MARCH HARE RALLY



Sunday, March 28, 1965

Van Chevrolet's Storage Lot Located At
5300 Martway (First St. South of Johnson D
Mission, Kansas

Registration At 12:00 - Cars Off At 1:00

Members 2.50 - Guests 3.50

Open To All Cars Member & Guest Classes

Required: Seat Belts, Navigator, And Pencil
Trophies, Dash Plaques, And An Afternoon Of Fun

Corvair Radio Identification

Fred L. Bybee

The following is some information derived from Delco Radio Service manuals which might prove helpful to concours participants or people who drive their Corvairs every day.

On 1960-64, model numbers are found under the top lid of the radio; on 1965-69, on the front edge of the radio.

Model	Application
988060	1960 manual
988366	1961 manual for Forward Control
988460	1961 manual
988468	1961 pushbutton (CHEVY spelled on buttons)
985158	1962 pushbutton
985159	1962 manual
985189	1962 manual
985203	1962 manual Forward Control
985315	1962 pushbutton
985443	1963 manual Forward Control
985447	1963 pushbutton
985815	1964 manual Forward Control
985831	1964 manual
985832	1964 pushbutton
986113	1965 AM manual
986116	1965 AM pushbutton
986338	1965 AM manual Forward Control
986118	1965 AM/FM pushbutton

986376	1965 (Early) multiplex adapter (3 knob/2 speaker)
986376A	1965 (Late) multiplex adapter (4 knob/4 speaker)
986113	1966 AM manual
986116	1966 AM pushbutton
986118	1966 AM/FM pushbutton
7296351	1966 multiplex adapter
986863	1967 AM manual
986864	1967 AM pushbutton
986865	1967 AM/FM pushbutton (knobs rounded & grooved on front edge)
7300481	1967 stereo 8-track tape player
7300941	1967 multiplex adapter
9299111	1968 AM pushbutton
986865	1968 AM/FM pushbutton
7304621	1968 multiplex adapter
7307801	1968 stereo 8-track tape player
91ZPB1	1969 AM pushbutton
91ZFP1	1969 AM/FM pushbutton
91ZMP21	1969 multiplex adapter

Here are a few extra tidbits about Corvair radios: The 1960, '61, and '62 radios each have four vacuum tubes which require a few seconds warm-up time. The 1963 models were the first of the all-transistor radios which gave us the instant sound we are so accustomed to.

The 1967 Corvairs saw the last new designs in radios, tape players, and multiplex adapters. The 1968 and 1969 versions have updated model numbers. The 1968 and 1969 multiplex adapters have an interesting situation since they use a 9-pin plug and all the Corvair AM/FM radios I've seen use a 12-pin plug!

If you have any questions about Corvair radios, call me anytime during business hours at 913/962-0562.

To you drivers who really love driving, this could be the most welcome new car of the year

'67 Corvair

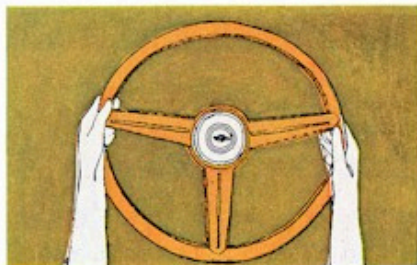
The rear-engine road car



Corvair 500 Sport Coupe, America's lowest priced hardtop—\$2128*



New dual master cylinder brakes—Separate hydraulic systems, one for front brakes and one for rear brakes, mean that one set keeps working even if the other doesn't (an unlikely event). Red light on instrument panel warns of any pressure imbalance between the two systems.



New oval steering wheel—This easy-to-grip wheel sits atop the GM-developed energy-absorbing steering column—one of many new standard safety features. Others include 4-way hazard warning flasher and a lane-change feature incorporated in direction signal control.

*Manufacturer's suggested list price for Corvair 500 Sport Coupe (model 10137). To this price add white-wall tires \$28.20, and wheel covers \$21.10, which are illustrated on Madeira Maroon Corvair in foreground. All prices include Federal Excise Tax and suggested dealer delivery and handling charge (transportation charges, accessories, other optional equipment, state and local taxes additional).

Here it is—with its steering as crisp and precise as ever, its independent suspension as poised and flat-riding as ever, its styling as clean and sweet as ever. Plus new safety and convenience features that'll add to your delight in driving it. We who build Corvair wouldn't have it any other way. And we know you drivers who really love driving wouldn't, either.



DUES ARE DUE!

THIS IS A REMINDER FOR THE ONES THAT HAVE NOT GOT YOUR DUES PAID FOR THE YEAR 2025. MADE CHECKS OUT TO HACO A PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES FOR \$15 DOLLARS TO:

**STEFANI SERGEANT – CLUB TREASURER
726 SE WINGATE CIR
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64063**

OR (WE WANT YOUR MONEY)

**DON WAGNER
602 S 13TH TERR
SAVANNAH, MO 64485**

THE NEW ROSTER FOR 2025 WILL BE COMING OUT BY CLUB MEETING IN MARCH. IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES ON YOUR HOME ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, HOME PHONE, CELL PHONE, AND CARS THAT YOU HAVE LET ME KNOW. FOR THE ONES THAT COME TO THE MARCH MEETING I WILL BE GIVING OUT THE PAPER ROSTER AND I WILL EMAIL ALL OF THE CLUB MEMBERS THE CLUB ROSTER.

DON



March birthdays	
Dominique Allen	2
Marilyn Killion	6
Dean Sego	13
Charlie Clark	24
Jim Conway	28