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April meeting

Here's a recap of the April meeting and everything you need to know for the month ahead!

President Kat King opened the meeting at 7:10 PM

🔧 Member/Medical Updates:

- Wes Mellies was back after recovering from an October work-related accident (internal bleeding, Workman's Comp).
- Don Wagner is doing well in physical therapy post-shoulder surgery.
- Terry Kalp is still in ICU but improving—now walking with assistance.

👋 Guests & New Members:

- Welcome to Steve Maloney, our newest member!

📄 Meeting Business:

Minutes: Read by Larry Sherwood. Motion to approve by Scott Allison, seconded by Helen Moore. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: be prepared to have a checkbook handy for the auction!

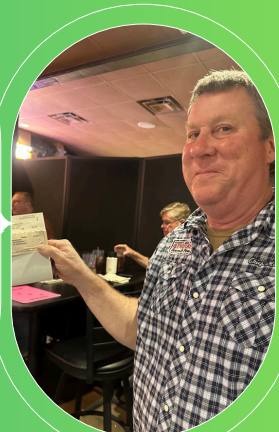
🔧 Committee Reports:

- Membership: Updated roster shared, new member added
- Newsletter: Chris & Meaghan – it's going!
- Website: Travis Bolton – still live
- Parades: Apple Blossom Parade (May 3), led by Kat
- Tool Crib: Ken Ragan – tools available
- Social Chair: Scott Allison

📅 Upcoming Events:

- April 26: Car Show @ United Methodist Church, Peculiar, MO (10 AM–2 PM, \$20/car)
- May 17: Tech Session w/ Mike & Sandy Dawson
- May 19–23: CORSA Convention, San Luis Obispo, CA

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Event	Location	Date
HACOA annual charity auction	Paul and Jack's Tavern, North Kansas City, MO	May 13
Spring tech session	Dawson residence, Belton, MO	May 17
CORSA convention	San Luis Obispo, CA	May 19-23
HACOA Dustoff	Linda Mellies' residence, Edwardsville, KS	May 31

PRESIDENTS CORNER

SPRING brings the rain, the warmth and the renewal of LIFE.

SPRING brings TAXES: FED – STATE = YOU – IOU – IRS

SPRING brings EASTER and the family gatherings.

SPRING brings new CHORES:

Weatherproofing your deck. Dumping the gas out of your snow blowers.

Filling your lawn mowers with gas. Sharpening the blades.

(And wondering where all the pretty yellow buttons were hiding all theses months,
that magically popped up one day.)

Tilling the ground and planting fresh vegetables.

SPRING is tending your GARAGE.

Clearing it out. Having garage sales. Finding items for HACOA May auction.

Dusting off your Corvair. And wiping the oil off the floor.

SPRING is for filling up our calendars for this year's car shows.

SPRING is a wonderful time of the year. Hope you embrace its every gift.

Yours, Kat

May 25

THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERIES

Mike Dawson

Note to Clark's Corvair Parts Regarding Torque Converter Seals (04/28/2025):

I am writing concerning an issue I observed with the torque converter seal (C1698).

Earlier this month I installed a reconditioned differential in a 1963 coupe, including flushing the converter, replacing the converter bushing and seal, and a complete refill with Amsoil synthetic fluid. The first highway test drive produced one drop of ATF out of the converter housing. Subsequent driving increased the leak until it leveled off at about 5 drops after each drive. This continued until I finally removed the drivetrain again and looked for a reason.

This is what I have concluded: The converter seal has a primary lip with a spring plus a secondary lip. As I understand it, a tiny amount of fluid escapes under the primary lip for lubrication and then is stopped at the secondary lip, as many other seals also do. Since petroleum lubricants contain multi-sized molecules, the primary lip stops all but the small molecules. When synthetic fluids are used and contain only small molecules, the amount of fluid leaking under the primary lip could be greater in volume and the secondary lip more significant in importance. With my converter on the bench I placed a new C1698 seal in an inverted position so I could examine the secondary lip and found it did not touch the hub. A second seal had exactly the same construction. I purchased a National 9845 seal and found that the secondary lip did seal at the hub. I re-assembled the car using the National seal with no leaks to date.

This may or may not be an issue with non-synthetic fluid but a warning might be in order to that effect. And a possible re-design of the seal might be a consideration.

Attached are pictures of the two different seals as I observed the fit of the secondary lip on the hub.

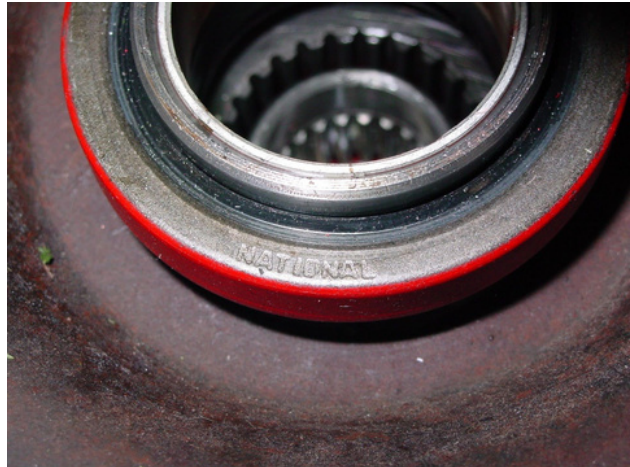
As always, thanks for keeping us on the road!

Mike Dawson
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Clark's Corvair Parts 04/29/2025

Thank you for the information, we will look into this possible issue. So far we have not heard of this issue but if there is a problem we want to track it down and fix it.

Pictures of the secondary lip against the torque converter hub for the two seals:



I am looking forward to an additional reply, but in the meantime if any of you are contemplating replacing this seal that you give this your consideration. It is obviously a long way back into your Corvair a second time.

Working Tech Session & Front Yard Car Show

Saturday May 17, 2025 12:00 – Until Finished

16001 Oakland Ave, Belton, MO

Take this opportunity to enjoy some great socializing, get to know other members, and most important, take care of any repair or maintenance item you have been contemplating doing prior to summer events. Come and be comfortable knowing that parts, tools and advice will be available to make sure you can drive home whatever project you take on. There will be a sign up sheet for assistance.

A sample of items that can easily be addressed during the afternoon are: greasing fan bearings, packing wheel bearings (front and rear), carburetor balancing, distributor rebuilding, brake jobs, oil changes, etc. Brake replacement requires turning drums; I can have exchange items ready if you let me know ahead of time. Also available is gas and Mig welding, sandblasting, glass beading and use of a 40 ton shop press.

The following will be furnished: grill food, service, soft drinks and adult beverage. Please bring a dish or snack to share; grilling by Chef Bennett begins at 4:00.

Please RSVP to insure food and beverage supply and I will email all potential attendees of any changes.

Mike Dawson 816 322-4057, dawsonm1942@gmail.com

April Meeting, continued...

- May 31: Mellies Dust Off @ King of Kings Church (10 AM–3 PM) – Bring a side dish!
- June 1: Car show at King of Kings Church – 1 PM
- June 10: Club Meeting in the Park – Shelter reserved by Fred Bybee
- Oct. 3–5: Great Plains Roundup – Claremore, OK
- Dec. 5: Christmas Party at St. Andrews Golf Club 🎄

🔧 **Member Projects:**

- Travis: Fuel injection install; working on consistent starting
- Scott: Working on Terry Kalp's 8-door Greenbriar
- Dwight: Upgrades to Elva (new top)
- Gary: Rust-free '65 500 Coupe
- Mike: Starters available for pickup
- Adam: Hydraulic suspension
- David: Car passed inspection
- Paul: Polishing hubcaps
- Chris: Oil leak issues

🎄 **Old Business:**

- Christmas Party: Confirmed for Dec. 5 at St. Andrews Golf Club
- 60th Anniversary Decals still available

💰 **New Business:**

- Charity Auction – May 13:
- Membership approved motion:
- → Up to 50% of proceeds to support Christmas Dinner
- → Balance donated to charity selected by members
- (Motion by Scott Allison, seconded by Mike Kliethermes – passed)



📅 **Corvair Calendars:**

- Mike Kliethermes is collecting Corvair photos—submit yours or schedule a professional photo session.
- Polishing Services: see Adam Fisher for a trusted referral.

No Program This Month

📌 **Motion to Adjourn:**

Made by Dick Burger, seconded by Adam Fisher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM



Kevin Koch's Memorabilia Collection

Ada Koch has donated Kevin's collection of Corvair collectible and reference items for auction at the May meeting. There are several very rare dealer books, sample paint and fabric books, two boxes of magazines dating to 1959 with Corvair related articles, framed Corvair ads and much more including a Corvair candy bar.

This will be a good opportunity to pick up some fun stuff while you benefit a charity and our club; bring your cash and checkbooks and be ready for a fun event! May 13 at Paul & Jack's.



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

NEW internally regulated
63 amp Corvair alternators
\$110 exchange

Rebuilt Corvair
starters with
solenoid \$130
exchange



Professionally rebuilt Corvair
clutch disc on a welded center
Borg & Beck core with a
thickness of .325" \$65
exchange with same core.



Rebuilt harmonic
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for a rebuildable
core



Mike Dawson
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of sheet metal that help keep all the hot
air from the oil cooler moving out the
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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.



Classifieds, continued...

Barb and her husband have a 66 Monza coupe for sale in Olathe.

Hasn't run in a few years. See attached pictures. Asking \$1500.

Includes business card signed by Ralph Nader!

Reply to Barb with questions. mamaphish@gmail.com



What's Happening?

Peculiar Car Show

The Peculiar United Methodist car show was held on April 26. There were 39 cars, including 5 Corvairs. It was a bit chilly, so it was nice to enjoy coffee and warmth inside the church to visit and enjoy lunch fundraiser for the Boy Scouts.

Mike Kliethermes won an award for "Best Engine". Other club members present were Mike & Sandy Dawson, Floyd Becker, Chuck & Dorothy Morris, and Cindy & Jessica Anders.

HACOA group staged cars in high school parking lot close to the church, which confused some other cars. They weren't sure if they were lost or if the Corvairs were lost. So, that was fun. It was a good event and look forward to participating next year.

Cindy



Apple Blossom Parade

The Apple Blossom Parade took place on May 3.



Corvair Monza Convertible with the new international look.



You'll recognize the name, but not the face, back, side, or even the ride '65 CORVAIR by Chevrolet

It's a longer, wider, roomier, sportier Corvair this year. About the only thing that's back is where the engine goes—and you can even have that with more power.

Corvair's rear engine has never had so much excitement to look forward to.

Like a whole new Body by Fisher that's over 3 inches longer, 2 inches wider and immeasurably sportier.

Like a brand-new 4-wheel independent suspension system and a wider tread—our way of saying shorter turning, faster steering, smoother ride and "bring on Mt. Everest."

As for the inside, bravo! More room. New deeply recessed instruments—a fascinating world inside the new Corsa, for instance, of odometers, tachometers and electric clocks.

Subtle-grain vinyl bucket seats on all Monza and Corsa models—backed by foam cushioning that would do the easiest of easy chairs proud.

New power choices, too. There's a new 140-hp engine that's standard in Corsa models and can be ordered for all others—and a 180-hp power plant that you can specify for your Corsa.

But all that's just a pleasing front. Deep down, Corvair's more economical than ever before. With new flush-and-dry rocker panels and inner fender skirts for rust protection. A new Delcotron generator for battery protec-

tion. New larger self-adjusting brakes for your protection. Nine-step Magic-Mirror finish.

As for the '65 Corvair styling, you can see for yourself why it's being cheered on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. It's the most cheerful Corvair we've ever built. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.



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