



Vair Views

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PREZ SAYS

Greetings,

Where did May go on us? It's June already and July is just around the corner. Check out the articles in this issue about the Pawnee car show and what turned out to be a Corvair related event at World Wide Technology Raceway. I had a blast driving a Crown Corvair around the track along with new high-performance Porsches and Corvettes. It certainly drew lots of attention.

Two events are coming up on us quickly. Cars and Coffee is at Fast Lane on July 12 and right on it's heels is the Memories Car Club show on August 1st at Faith Church. It will be our first time at Fast Lane, and if you are looking for a great show to bring your car to you will want to show up at Faith Church.

Let's get them out and drive them. A list of summer shows and events is included in this newsletter.

See you on the road,

Kent

Top left photo: SMCC member cars on a brick section of the original 1926-1930 Route 66 alignment. This section of road is near Auburn, IL, an easy trip from St. Louis and a great photo opportunity.

Right: Seen on the Hot Rod Power Tour. Nice wheels.

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SHOW ME CORVAIR CLUB 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Contact the Coordinator to assist or for information

Date	Event	Coordinator and other information
July 12th	Cars and Coffee at Fast Lane Classic Cars	Coordinator: Dean Meyer
August 1st	Memories Car Club car show at Faith Church	Coordinator: Bob Bauer
September 14th. To Be Confirmed	All Chevy Car Show at Museum of Transportation	Coordinator: Don Hemwall
September 27th	Chuck-A-Burger lunch and meeting	Coordinator: Kurt Arthur
October 11th	Cruise the river road to Grafton	Coordinator: Glenn Hulse
October 25th	Tech Session at the Goddard's	Coordinators: Kent and Kris Goddard
November 27th	Ameren Thanksgiving Day Parade, downtown St. Louis	Coordinator: Tom James
December 26th	Christmas Luncheon: Noon to 4PM, Rich and Charlie's	Coordinators: Suzanne Cavagna. Need two additional coordinators,



Whoa! Do not use your package tray as a baby bed. Heck, don't use it as a bed for anyone—or anything. Remember the 50's and 60's when the back window shelf in most cars was large enough to sleep on? What a bad idea that was. Your Editor remembers sleeping on the back window shelf of a '58 Buick while my big brother slept on the seat. My Dad hit the brakes during a long road trip and I landed on top of my brother. I can still hear him groan. After that Dad built a shelf in the rear seat footwell and I slept there on long trips. Guess Nader missed this little safety issue.

Pawnee Prairie Days Car Show

Road Trip! Several members of the SMCC joined members of the Prairie Capitol Corvair Association for a road trip and car show at Pawnee Prairie Days in Pawnee Illinois. It was a stunningly beautiful day and a great turn out for the show. Our Corvairs were highlighted and held a prominent place parked on the road along the edge of the show. There was good food, music, great cars and plenty of time to catch up with old friends and new. Matt Young, one of the PCCA members won an award for his nicely restored blue and white late model four-door 500 which had been owned by his grandfather. He searched for the car for several years with no success, just to find it a few miles from his home near Pawnee. He identified the car by a dent in the hood and painstakingly completed the restoration.

SMCC members included Kent Goddard, Trevor Monninger, Charlie and Nathan Geiler, Larry "Fanbelt" Pratt, Mark Moyer, The Kost's, Jack Holahan, Carleton Briggs, Mike Hall, and possible new member Brandt Teske. The PCCA rounded out our entourage with five members of their own, and we probably missed counting a few.

On the way up Highway 55 to meet up with the PCCA group Larry Pratt threw a fan belt and came close to melting his engine. Quick work by Trevor and a fanbelt loan from Kent solved the problem and we were on our way in less time than it takes to say serpentine. Larry promises to never be without a spare belt again and had no additional mechanical troubles for the day.

After saying goodbye to the PCCA members some of the SMCC group drove to a section of the original 1926-30 Route 66 alignment for a photo shoot on the red brick road before driving home. Photos below and on the next page.



Top: We met up with PCCA members and got ready to mount up.



Right: That's Larry wearing the shredded fanbelt necklace and a BIG smile. He had good reason to smile after Trevor and Kent came to the rescue.



PCCA member cars, including the award winning four door 500.



Brandt Teske's sharp Ivory 500 and Geiler's '63 with the nice wheels.



Right: On the Mother Road, Route 66.

Bottom right: Some of the other cars on display.



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If it isn't broken.....

SMCC Members at the Race Track

The saying goes, *"If it isn't broken you're not driving it hard enough."* Well, SMCC members Trevor Moninger, Kent Goddard and Mark Moyer all broke their cars at the track the weekend of May 17th, but they managed to stay in the race. The trio were participating in the Porsche Club of America's High Performance Driver Education program at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Illinois. The HPDE program allows aspiring racers to drive their cars on the WWTR two mile road course along with an in-car instructor. Kent is one of those instructors. It is a great way to learn and practice high-performance driving and prepare for higher levels of actual racing. Drivers are on the track at the same time but passing is allowed only in certain sections and only if a driver receives a wave-by from the driver in front.

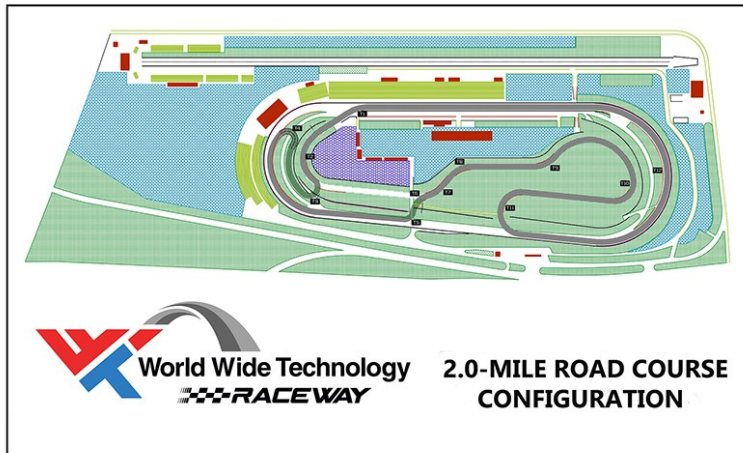
In short, it's a blast! There are fast cars, noise, roaring and high-revving engines, instruction time, and the smell of exhaust, oil and fuel. It is awesome until something breaks. And break it did. On day one all three guys broke their cars. Trevor's hot twin-turbo BMW suffered a broken clutch pedal mechanism, Kent's built for the track BMW was hampered by a bad wheel stud, and although Mark's '95 Corvette made it through day one, the brake booster went out on a highway exit ramp near his home. That was scary, but not as scary as if it had gone out at the end of the long straight at 120 mph. So where is the Corvair content in this story you might be saying. Read on.

Trevor and Kent worked in Kent's "Garage-mahal" until the wee hours of the morning and managed to get both their cars repaired. Unable to find a brake booster for a thirty year old car Mark resigned himself to staying home on day two and told his instructor he could also sit out the day. Then, Mark's wife Joyce suggested he take the '66 327 Crown Corvair to the track. When Mark explained that cars must pass a pre-race tech inspection Joyce suggested that surely somebody at the track would check the car for him. Thanks to Joyce's suggestion Mark drove the Corvair to the track and both Mark and Kent were able to drive it. Kent subbed as Mark's instructor, then took the wheel to show how to really put the car through the paces.

The Crown car was not as fast as most other cars on the track, but held its own against the Porsches, Teslas and BMWs when Kent was behind the wheel. Hearing that four barrel kick-in was a throwback to the 60s and the Crown got plenty of attention in the paddock between races. But that is not the end of the story.

A few days later Trevor borrowed the Crown to show his fellow techs at the Porsche service center in the Chesterfield Valley. The guys loved seeing the car, but as Trevor was returning it to Mark the clutch cross shaft broke and the pedal went to the floor. Apparently we had been driving it hard enough. No worries, the repair is already in the works and the car should be back on the track soon.

Photos on the following page.



Above left: The gray lines indicate the road course. Cars reach speeds of 150+ mph on the straight at the top of the image, but races are won by taking the curves well. Above Right: Kent, Trevor and Mark.

Below: The guys with their cars after day two driving.



Corvair Sightings

Mark Morgan saw this Early at a Sonic cruise night back in May but did not have a chance to speak with the owner. Anyone know the car or owner? Would be a good prospect for a new club member. Gotta' love the rabbit ears.



2025 Car Cruises, Events and Shows

- Every Fri.** Apr -Oct ~ 1980& older~ 3889 Veterans Memorial Parkway O'Fallon, MO
Every Fri Apr - Sept ~ Sonic Restaurant, 1002 S. Kirkwood Rd. Kirkwood, MO
1st Fri Memories Car Club Cruise~ 4 to 9 pm~ 1979 & Older ~ 417-700103 Fenton, MO
 @ Faith Church, Corner of Hwy 30 & Rahning Rd. ~
- 2nd Fri Hardy's Restaurant**~ 2850 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO
- 2nd Fri April-Sept-Hotshots Bar**-1239 S. Laclede Station Rd. 314-755-1550 Webster Groves, MO
- 2nd Sat. Rolla Cruise-In** ~Big Lots Parking Lot, 1001 S Bishop~ 573-634-0865 Rolla, MO
2nd Sat Apr-Oct JJ's ~1215 S. Duchesne~ 636-946-3500~ St. Charles, MO
- 2nd Sat Apr-Oct~MO Moonshiners Cruise-in**~Thriftway Parking Lot 5-8PM Linn, MO
- 2nd Sat Apr-Oct**~Owensville Cruisers,meet @ Snowensville @4PM,573-999-7998 Owensville, MO
- 3rd Sat-May-Oct ~ (new)Cloverleaf Sports Bar**- 6070 Telegraph Rd., 314-293-1815 Oakville, MO
- 3rd Sat-May-Sept Gearheads Cruise-in**~ 5-9PM, downtown Ste Genevieve Ste. Genevieve, MO
- 4th Sun-Rides & Coffee**~ Detail Garage, 70 Meramec Valley Plaza, 1-3, dogs & coffee Valley Park, MO
- Last Sat- Apr-Oct ~ Bobby's Place**- 5PM-9PM, 108 Meramec Valley Plaza, 141 & Marshall Valley Park, MO
- Last Sat- Raisin' Canes**, 5PM-9PM, DJ Don,1163 Jeffco Blvd ½ mi S of 141 Arnold, MO
- Last Sat. JJ's ~ Apr-Aug.**~ 200 Fort Zumwalt Sq. ~636-978-1737~ 10:30 am-3 pm O'Fallon, MO
- Last Sat ~ Caffeine & Chrome ~Feb-Nov**~Gateway Classics 1237 Central Park Dr O'Fallon, IL
- Last Sat ~Capital Mall Cruise-in**, 3-7 PM at Capital Mall (New time) Jefferson City, MO
- 1st Wed every month**- 7 PM, First Capitol Classics Auto Club meeting, Sports Café,
 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044 firstcapitolclassics@yahoo.com Bridgeton, MO
- 1st Thurs every month**- 7 PM, Rt. 66 Car Club meeting, St. Clair Elks Lodge St. Clair, MO
 35 E. North St. (Frontage on N. Commercial St.)
- 1st Thurs every month**- 7 PM, Gateway GTO Assoc. meeting, Ginghams Restaurant St. Charles, MO
 1566 Country Club Plaza Dr. St. Charles, MO 63303 chriswinslow@charter.net
- 1st Thurs every month**- 7:30PM STL S/R Assoc. meeting, Location TBD Wildwood, MO
 Barry Gan, 314-315-1712 or 636-244-0316 after 5. St.louisstreetrods@gmail.com
- 1st Thurs every month**- 7PM,Rt 66 Corvette Club meeting,Old Hickory Golf Club St. Peters, MO
- 1st Sat every month**-Cars-n-Coffee,Immanuel Lutheran Church,214 W.5th,8am-10amWashington,MO
- 2nd Tuesday every month**-7PM, Archway Olds meeting, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO
 3579 Pennbridge Dr. Bridgeton archwayoldclub.org
- 2nd Tuesday every month**-7PM, Original Corvette Club meeting, Dogwood Social House,
 15682 Manchester Rd.63011 Ballwin, MO
- 2nd Sunday every month**-5:30 PM, Gateway AMC, Bandanas, 11750 Gravois Sunset Hills, MO
- 3rd Fri most months**~HCCM of STL, email perschgs3@gmail.com for time & place(variousSTL location), MO
- 4th Thurs every month**-6 PM, Mid-Mo Old Car Club, location varies ck midmooldcars.club Jefferson City, MO
- 4th Fri every month**-7:30 PM VCCA(GMC also),WestCtyEMS, 223 Henry Ave,VCCA.ORG Manchester, MO

June 21-GTA Donnie Wehmeyer Mem. Car Show~Reg 8-12,\$15,30 classes Rosebud, MO
June 28- Pacific Car Show~8AM-noon, drive-thru judging, Rt. 66 Car Club will judge Pacific, MO

July 12-Moose is Loose Car Show~9-3, 50 & Koelling, \$20, food avail. 636-583-6444 Union, MO
July16-19-OCA Nationals~ Holiday Inn Bowling Green, KY
July 20- Car Show- Owensville Threshers ~ 10-2:30 Rosebud, MO
July 26-GTA Gasconade Fair Car Show~Reg 9-12, \$20-includes 2 free fair entries Owensville, MO

Aug 16-GTA Honor Flight Poker Run~ White Mule Winery, 12-6PM Rosebud, MO
Aug 22-24- Auto Swap Meet~ Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Springfield, MO
Aug 22-23-Blue Oval Rally~ All Ford Gathering Herman, MO
Aug 31-SLICK Car Show-Harvester Lions Club, 4835 Central School Rd. St. Charles, MO

Sept 6- Pontiac Car Display~ Early Times Chapter, Orchard Park, 9-3,314-795-4700 St. Clair, MO
Sept 6-Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show~Church on the Rock,900 Birdie Hills Rd St. Peters, MO
Sept 14- HCCM Car Show & Swap Meet~ location TBD (TBD),
Sept 19-21~Mo Rt66 tour missouri66.org/events/2025-motor-tour Lebanon, Spfgld MO
Sept 20-21- All Pontiac Show~ Courthouse Square at Pontiac Oakland Museum Pontiac, IL
Sept 20-Show-Me Regional Car Show~ Thompson Car Sales lot, reg 9-11,\$20 Springfield, MO
Sept 20-GTA Fall Festival Car Show~Reg 9-1,Immaculate Conception Church, \$15 Owensville, MO
Sept 20-Ambassadors Fall Festival Car Show~Craft Fair,9-2,Sullivan Fairgrounds Sullivan, MO
Sept 21-All Ford Powered Car Show~Walmart,401 Supercenter Dr.,65101 Jefferson City, MO
Sept 27-Mid- MO Old Car Roundup & Show~reg 8-10 AM, Broadway & Dunklin Jeff City, MO
Sept 28-Archway All Oldsmobile Fun Show~Frisco Hills Auto, Baumgartner Rd. Oakville, MO
Sept 28-Octoberfest Car Show~South Main Street, Stock only, Awards - 22 classes St. Charles, MO

Oct 4- Fall Cruise-in & Poker Run~10:30-1:30, 50 & Koelling, Benefits Camp Hope Union, MO

Nov 1-Collector Car Trivia Nite-American Legion Hall 312 St. Charles, MO