



Group Corvair Comments

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

August

19-- Group Corvair On-Line Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

September

13 – Clarks Corvair Car Show, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine. Hosted by Bay State Corvairs at Clarks Corvair Parts, 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Fall, MA. 14% discount on pre-ordered parts, 10% on day of show.

16-- Group Corvair On-Line Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

20 – Corvair Day. Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, 100 Baltimore Rd., York Springs, PA. Registration: <https://www.centralpacorvairclub.org/events-1/2025/9/20/46th-annual-cpcc-corvair-day>

October

18 – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show. The gate opens at 8:30 a.m. and all cars MUST be on the field by 11:00 a.m. – no exceptions! It's pre-registration ONLY with a limit on the number of cars. So go to <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Rockville-Antique-and-Classic-Car-Show> before September 11 for the "early bird" rate (\$15) to register. Don't delay otherwise you might not be able to have your car on the field. Spectators are free! Group Corvair is a sponsoring club for this great show and yes, cars from outside of Maryland are welcome.

21 -- Group Corvair On-Line Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

November

18 -- Group Corvair On-Line Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

December

16 -- Group Corvair On-Line Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

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From the Oval Garage

Bob Hall

I reached out to Tom Rahochik and Dianna Moy of Mid Maryland, Titus Stewart (CORSA), and officers of the other two sponsoring Corvair clubs – Northern Virginia and Central PA – to push for monthly updates from Mid Maryland of their event/volunteer database and Convention planning progress. As sponsoring clubs, both NVCC and GC need to be kept in the loop to adequately support Mid Maryland as the lead organizing club. For her part, Dianna Moy has forwarded a pdf of the current database and confirmed that she is working to make it secure enough for online access. We will be sending corrections/additions of the GC volunteer list for the database shortly.

Tom Rahochik gave Central PA members an update recently that was included in their July newsletter and which I have added below:

Tom Rohockik shared the following information with the group:

- The Corvair Ranch will host an open house on Sunday, June 21, 2026, just before the 2026 Convention. The event will run from 9 AM to 3 PM and will feature a food truck this year instead of a potluck meal. A large number of participants are expected.
- **Convention Updates**
 - The convention committee foresees participants arriving one day early for the Corvair Ranch open house.
 - Approximately 500 cars are expected for the 2026 Convention.
 - A volunteer sign-up sheet has been left with John.
 - Promotions for the event were discussed, including restaurant coupons and local discounts.
 - Arrangements for discounted tickets at Gettysburg museums and other attractions were mentioned.
 - Julia Glendening will coordinate the Hospitality Room. Coordinators for the outside vendors and indoor flea market has been established.
 - The concept of Goody Bags containing merchandise was explored.
 - Convention T-shirts may be available for online purchase prior to the event, ensuring attendees can wear them early and secure their sizes.
 - Proposed activities include:
 - Ladies' Wine & Cheese Night
 - Bingo Night
 - Movie Night
 - Additional ideas were shared for fun activities.
- Lou Trimper will serve as the photographer for the 2026 Convention. Photos will be shared on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and CORSA website. He will select two dates in July for local Corvair clubs to gather in Gettysburg for a promotional photo shoot. He will inform Tom Rohockik of these dates so that Tom can invite other clubs to participate.
- Titus has spoken with Clark's, who plan to attend the event, bringing larger parts and items that can be easily hand carried.
- Duane Aldrich will compile a list of local campgrounds and send it to Titus Stewart.

The 2026 CORSA Convention Flyer is also included below in this newsletter.

We do plan to have a Group Corvair social meeting, as a luncheon, in the last week of August. The Green Turtle in Burtonsville is the front runner at this time. A midday meeting will be more likely to be quieter and make conversation easier. Look for an email to confirm details in the next few days. I've got two NOS blue oil filters to award to the long-distance attendees of the last two get togethers.

And don't forget.....

The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th from 11:00 to 3:30. On line registration is now open at <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Rockville-Antique-and-Classic-Car-Show>. Please sign up soon – it will be a little cheaper – and you'll be sure to have a spot at one of the best classic automobile shows on the east Coast.

Minutes of the July Virtual Meeting

Marolyn Simpson

At 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, July 15, seven members of Group Corvair started logging into the monthly Zoom business meeting. At 7:45 Bob Hall, President, called the meeting to order. The meeting started by sharing the information that Byron LaMotte would be showing his Iso Grifo (an Italian car with American engine and transmission) at "The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering" in Carmel, California. This is the 60th anniversary of Iso Grifo.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

Jim Simpson gave the treasurer's report: No money in or out of the club treasury during the last month. Jim will take out money to help pay for the Zoom subscription and for postage.

Bob H. will send an oil filter to Randy Rictor who won the long-distance award at the last social meeting.

There was a discussion about several Corvairs in the area whose owners are not interested in being in a club.

Concerning the upcoming national convention, there is a database for convention planning. Bob is planning to contact the leaders and also send out a message to help coordinate convention activities. It was noted that the lot

currently designated for the autocross (the Harley Davidson lot) is quite small. Bob proposed going up to Gettysburg in late September or early October to check out the facilities. We also discussed the possibility of having Group Corvair members sign up for one or two events instead of spreading people out over several events.

Several months ago, we had a tech session with Lorenzo Church's Corvair, but we could not complete the work because some of the needed parts were missing. We need to schedule another tech session to work on an electric fuel pump and dual brakes.

We discussed possible venues for the GC social meeting for August. No decision was made at the meeting. We also discussed various types of gear oil.

The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show virtual planning meeting is scheduled for July 29. Group Corvair is a sponsoring club. *[Note: The meeting took place on July 29 as scheduled.]*

Bob H. brought up the topic of flushing rocker panels. A discussion followed concerning various procedures including the difference between convertibles and other body styles. The panels should be flushed out with water—vacuuming won't work.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm.

Tech Topics

Jim Simpson

Shroud Paint: From the San Francisco Bay Area CORSA comes a tip on shroud paint. Unless you are planning on having your shrouds powder coated – something mostly done professionally – Josh Deitcher recommends Rust-Oleum “High Heat Ultra Black” rattle-can spray paint, part number 241169. He says that he's tried them all and this one stands out as the best. It is both heat resistant and has the right gloss being neither too shiny nor flat. The pictures in the article seem to prove it.



Remember Offenhauser? Also, from the San Francisco Bay Area CORSA “*A Brief Story of Offenhauser*”. For those of us of a “certain age”, Offenhauser has long been associated with engine performance parts since the days of the flat-head Ford engines. When the Corvair came out, they saw the excitement around it and made some parts specifically for the Corvair including valve covers, oil pans and dual carburetor mounts. And they still do! Check their Corvair specific parts at: <https://offydirect.com/?s=Corvair>

Corvair Antennas: I noted an article in the Central Virginia *VAIRifiable* News that Bill Hubbell had put together a summary of his research into Corvair radio antennas. It’s an excellent reference that will tell you both what was stock on your car as well as having the part numbers, installation instructions from the factory assembly manuals, and photos of the various pieces. You can read this at: <https://stock.corvair.org/wordpress/2024/06/corvair-antennas/>

One side note on the antennas for the late-model AM-FM radios. Bill says that early in the 1965 production, Chevrolet offered the rear antenna using a telescoping mast as an option with the AM-FM radio but by December 1964 that option was dropped apparently due to not providing good FM reception. After that, the AM-FM radio came only with a front mounted, fixed stainless steel mast antenna. I can understand the fixed mast; its length is designed to be “tuned” to the FM radio frequency band. But the front vs rear shouldn’t matter much. The difference is the length of cable used. While I haven’t measured the cable lengths, the difference can’t be much more than about 6 feet. Even the worst coaxial cables – and auto manufacturers aren’t known for picking quality antenna cables – won’t lose more than a few percent of the signal in that short a distance.

Of course, the Corvair’s Delco AM-FM radio is extremely primitive by today’s standards, and it needs all the help it can get. Plus, I suspect that the broadcast power of FM stations in the 1960’s was lower than that used today. My experience with a rear mounted, fixed mast antenna and a stock AM-FM radio is that it works just fine.

Looking for a “Monroney” Sticker? In case you are scratching your head wondering what a “Monroney” sticker is, it’s the factory window sticker with all the information about the car – options and MSRP for instance. It was named after the late Almer Stillwell “Mike” Monroney, a Senator from Oklahoma who sponsored the federal Automobile Information Disclosure Act in 1958.

Very few people kept the original stickers, but not all is lost. According to the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club “*the fifth wheel*”, there’s a company that will – for a price (\$95) – produce a very authentic custom window sticker for your Corvair (and other Chevrolets plus certain other GM products). They’ve gone to a great length to match the various type and rubber stamp fonts, forms, and even perforations if applicable, including being “aged to period”. I’m not sure about that last, take a look at their samples.) Go to <https://winvoices.com/#> and click on the “Corvair” tab then select the year. Fill out the form, tick off all the options on your Corvair, and they’ll produce one for you.

Vair Vendor

For Sale: Early and Late Parts:

’64 3.27 differential, \$40; ’64 3.27 4-speed transaxle, \$100; ’64 Sypder engine lid, \$120;
’64 Convertible top frame, \$65; ’64 4-door NOS left quarter panel (GM # 6279405), \$200
’64 2 each front cross members, complete with brakes, shocks, springs. Very good condition: one from a Sypder, \$175, other \$150; ’62 – ’64 Convertible rear quarter window glass, left and right, \$30
’65 – ’69 underbody plastic heater duct, \$30; ’65 – ’69 Convertible corner weight, \$15
? year – Engine cover with fan bearing, \$20; 3 standard transmission bell housings, \$30 each.

Free – CORSA Communiqué from 2016 through 2023. Pickup or mail (\$14.38 for USPS).

Prices are negotiable. Contact Bob Lewis, 301-246-4278, rtl1936@gmail.com.

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For Sale: Miscellaneous Parts:

60-61 Corvair distributor, used, complete, includes points, condenser, rotor, cap	\$55
Clark’s Viton crankshaft seals, new	
Front bellhousing seal	\$8
Rear housing seal	\$6
2 new Clark’s rear brake hoses for 65 – 69 Corvair	\$20

GM AM car radio with faceplate for 65-69 Corvair, not working	\$20
Sears accessory 4-way flasher, complete, never used	\$20
Sears HD shocks, used about 10K miles in 1969, still have good damping	Free, Local pickup only
New Borg Warner tune-up set (A-120V point set and G-120A condenser)	\$5.50

65-66 Corvair interior parts:

4 Corsa dashes, good condition, many but not all instruments work (Email for specifics)	\$65-95
2 Corsa glove box doors, very good condition	\$45ea
Glove box door surround, very good condition	\$35

67-69 Corvair interior parts:

Monza dash, very good condition, all instruments work	\$65
2 Monza glove box surrounds, good condition, for dashes with foam padding on the center section of the dash	\$25ea
2 Monza glove box doors, very good condition	\$35ea
1 Dash pad, black, clean, good condition	\$55
1pr Door arm rests, black, excellent condition	\$25pr
1pr Sun-visors, black, clean, very good condition, complete except vanity mirror missing from one visor, mounting plate still attached	\$35pr
Door and rear side panel sets, Monza, black, cardboard intact, good condition, 1 right side panel set	\$55/set
Front shoulder harness set, driver and passenger, black, complete including retractors and mounting bolts, webbing good condition but could use some additional cleaning. (NOTE: Period correct for shows, not recommended for general use due to age.)	\$55

Contact Bob Walker at bobrstn@gmail.com Shipping is extra. (8/25)

For Sale: Mike Coale has a collection: He's constantly acquiring cars and parts and likely has what you need and maybe even something you didn't know you needed – including some nice cars! Contact Mike Coale, mikecoale@verizon.net or 443-994-2559 and see just what he has available.



Pikes Peak Corvair Club, *The Drip Line*, Styling Exercise...

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 



The 2026 CORSA Convention is being presented by four clubs:

- Mid-Maryland Corvair Club
- Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club
- Group Corvair
- Northern Virginia Corvairs

We hope that you will join us for what is gearing up to be the biggest and best convention to be held on the East Coast! Come join in the fun and the history of Gettysburg- tour the battlefields, take a ghost tour, and dine at historic restaurants!

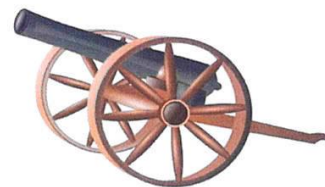
You can even visit wineries, tour car museums, and even spend time at the world-famous Hershey chocolate factory and the fun-filled HersheyPark.

Like the country life? Gettysburg is a short hour drive from the heart of the Amish communities in Lancaster PA where you'll find fantastic dining and shopping.



What's the schedule of events? Take a look at what we have planned:

- Monday, June 22nd: Welcome Party
- Tuesday, June 23rd: Concourse
- Wednesday, June 24th: Road Rally
- Thursday, June 25th: Autocross
- Friday, June 26th: Econo-Run
- Friday, June 26th: Banquet and Awards



Tours, technical sessions, and other fun and exciting activities and events are in the works!

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