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The Newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc



Happy New Year — Let's go skiing in the Corvair!

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The President's Corner

Happy New Year everybody. I hope each of you had a great one and that we all have the best of health in 2026.

In this edition, you will see a recount of the December Christmas party, which as always was a lot of fun with a good turn-out. We held a short meeting at the Christmas party to hold officer and board elections which resulted no real changes of positions for the upcoming year except that Tom Endfinger will start to assume some of the publication duties that Steve has done for so long. In addition to the elections, we briefly discussed upcoming meetings and a couple of things we are doing to help make them more accessible to our geographically expansive membership.

At the Christmas party, we also discussed Corvair Springfest coming in Mid-April. We need member participation. Corvair Atlanta is responsible for the car show parking, and the rally event. We in particular need someone to spearhead the rally. We can provide previous rally instructions to you to use as a pattern, but it would be great if we had a North Georgia member(s) to do this. Also, please help with the golf car driving. This will be set up in 2 hour blocks. This is a very easy task only requiring you to drive anyone who wants a ride around to wherever they want to go due to the increased distances involved in the new event locations. Just a quick, early reminder.... if you are going to Springfest, please make your hotel reservations early. If you are unsure, check the cancellation policy of the hotel you want and consider cancelling within their cancellation period if you can't make it. Last year, many people who waited until after the special rate expired were faced with drastically higher rates to book at the last moment. It seems that many of the hotels had large price increases in their normal rates.

Starting with January's meeting, we will have two locations with simultaneous agendas to be discussed at each. One will be at the North River Tavern, 8879 Roswell Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30350 location we have used several times. The second will be at Partners Pizza, 834 Glynn St. S #228, Fayetteville, GA 30214. We are trying this to make it more convenient for our membership to drive their Corvair to meetings. Come to either location — your choice. This will not be done at every meeting, and we will announce the locations in future newsletters as we always have. For those of you who don't realize this, our standard meeting dates are the 3rd Saturday of every month with a few exceptions made for other events. The third Saturday is January 18th and we will meet at 12:00 noon.



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The President's Corner (Cont.)

Corvair Atlanta is a car club dedicated to Corvair enthusiasts. As a Corvair enthusiast I hope you take every opportunity to show off your car. We are all aware of local car events in various parts of Georgia. I challenge each of you to attend one. If you find one to attend, let one of us know, and we will send out details to other members. Or since each of you should have a current membership roster with contact info, contact a few members in your area and invite them. It would be nice to have a showing of Corvairs at local events and not just lunch get-togethers with friends. Please contact us with local car show information that might interest other members.

Please read though the publication. You will note "upcoming events" an informative article on winter car storage, and a specialized article for you turbo Corvair drivers giving winter prep considerations peculiar to turbos. We want them to wake-up easily in the spring! As always, Steve has managed to inject a little humor, given some recent sale price information, and has included classified Corvair info. Mike Gallahan has updated us in "Corvair Pergatory". Mike has it going on despite some issues with which he is dealing. Keep getting better, Mike! It's January, so Corvair Atlanta dues are due. There are instructions on how to pay online or by mail on the Corvair Atlanta web page.

We hope to see you at the January meeting. Meanwhile, please keep your eyes open to local car shows and gatherings, and let us know about them so we can get the information out. Let's get those cars out and drive them.

Frank

Corvair Atlanta Christmas Party!



WOW! What a great group!

We had 27 attendees this year and it was so special to have some folks who dealt with significant medical issues in 2025.

Hugh Grant catered his usual superb meals, including:

- Carved beef steak, with sauteed onions & mushrooms in a light brown sauce.
- Chicken picata with yellow rice & orzo
- Green beans with red peppers
- Garden salad
- Warm, assorted dinner rolls

Additionally, members brought a variety of great desserts and drinks.

The annual “Wrapped Present Swap” was the usual jolly event, as attendees chose a wrapped package and unwrapped it to many surprises, followed by later selectees choosing to “steal” a desirable present from the original chooser, instead of selecting a wrapped gift. This often leads to lots of cheers, groans, comments, and laughter.

All-in-all, this is a fun party and cherished get-together.

Coming Events

Jan 1st - Happy New Year!

Jan 1st to Mar 1st - CAI Annual Membership Renewal - See details below!

*Jan 1st - Classic Car Worship - 8AM - 11AM, **Bring your Vair!**
Panera Bread, 1195 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075*

Jan 17th - CAI Monthly Meeting - Details to follow via email.

Jan 19th - Martin Luther King Day Holiday

YES, IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!

Want to renew with a credit card? **YES!!**

Prefer to write a check? **You can do it!**

Simply click on the Corvairatlanta.com link below to renew:

Corvairatlanta.com

Select the “**Join Us/Renew**” tab and follow the easy directions.

Membership Renewal drive ends March 1st!

We'll also be sending out **reminder emails with a link** you can “click” on to do the online registration.

Fun with your Vair!



SIXTY YEARS OF SIXTY SIX SPIRIT

Come and join us for our 44th Annual Date with Helen!

Experience the usual fun and camaraderie by checking out:

- 2nd Year Bigger & Better Autocross
- Inside & Outside Vendors -- Friday H'burg & Hot Dog
- Valve Cover Racing -- CLUB Competition
- Peoples Choice Car Show -- Funkhana -- Rally
- Tech Session -- Bingo -- Door Prizes -- Hospitality
- Saturday Awards Banquet

For more information visit: <https://corvairspringfest.com>

Fun with your Vair! (Cont.)



Sunday Classic Car Worship



1st Sunday of each month! No awards, no “Monkey Business”, just folks who love classic cars you don’t see very often, if ever!

Panera Bread, 1195 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075 8AM - 11AM

The Savoy Automobile Museum

2026 Temporary Exhibits

JANUARY 13

Cars and
Music

FEBRUARY 3

C1-C3
Corvettes

MARCH 3

Cars of
James Brown

MARCH 31

Lowriders

MAY 5

Chrysler
Letter Cars

JUNE 2

Seven
Generations
of NASCAR

JULY 14

Evolution of
Jeeps

AUGUST 4

Natl Historic
Vehicle
Register

SEPTEMBER 1

Ford
Model T

SEPTEMBER 29

75 Years of
NHRA

NOVEMBER 10

Soap Box
Derby Cars

DECEMBER 8

Historic
Hotrods

HOODS UP! WEEKEND

January 9 - 11: Roar of the Jaguar

January 30 - February 1: Cannonball Run

February 27 & 28 - March 1: Shelby Built

March 27 - 29: Ferrari in America

May 1 - 3: Cars and Music

May 29 - 31: C1 - C3 Corvettes

July 10 - 12: Cars of James Brown

July 31 - August 2: Lowriders

August 28 - 30: Chrysler Letter Cars

September 25 - 27: Seven Generations of NASCAR

November 6 - 8: Evolution of Jeeps

December 4 - 6: National Historic Vehicle Register





6 Tips For Winter Storage

By Kyle Smith, Hagerty Maintenance & Tech

6 Winter Storage Tips to Keep Your Vintage Ride Safe

It's that time of year again. The weather shifts, and while there are some drivers anxiously awaiting the cooler weather, most are looking at forecasts and lamenting the disappearance of convertible season. In its place is storage season, and while the wait can be tough, a little preparation and attention now will pay dividends in the spring. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

Keep Clean



When putting a car up for the season, it is best to do so with it clean. Dirt and debris packed into the nooks and crannies of a car are an open invitation for nesting animals who want that junk to make a home. Giving the car a wash is a good idea, and be sure to get the underside of the car too. Any pockets of leaves or grit that are still stuck under the car after those final fall drives will not just magically disappear and could instead become a nest.

All this could be used to build a nice little mouse house. [Kyle](#)

Protect - if it makes sense



With a freshly washed car, it might be tempting to try to keep the dust away, but be careful: Wrapping the car up may not be the protection you expect. In fact, a car cover used improperly will do far more damage than one not used at all. For example, I occasionally store one of my own cars in a single-sided carport, and the winter wind blows through it fiercely in the evenings. If I chose to cover my car, that cover would flap about, filling with dust and dirt that would be beaten and chafed

into the paint. ***If I were storing my car inside***—even unheated storage—I would opt for a soft cover to help prevent anything that might get tipped onto or nudged into the car from making a mark. It won't stop everything and won't do anything if boxes get stacked on top before spring, but a cover indoors can be helpful in keeping the car looking sharp.

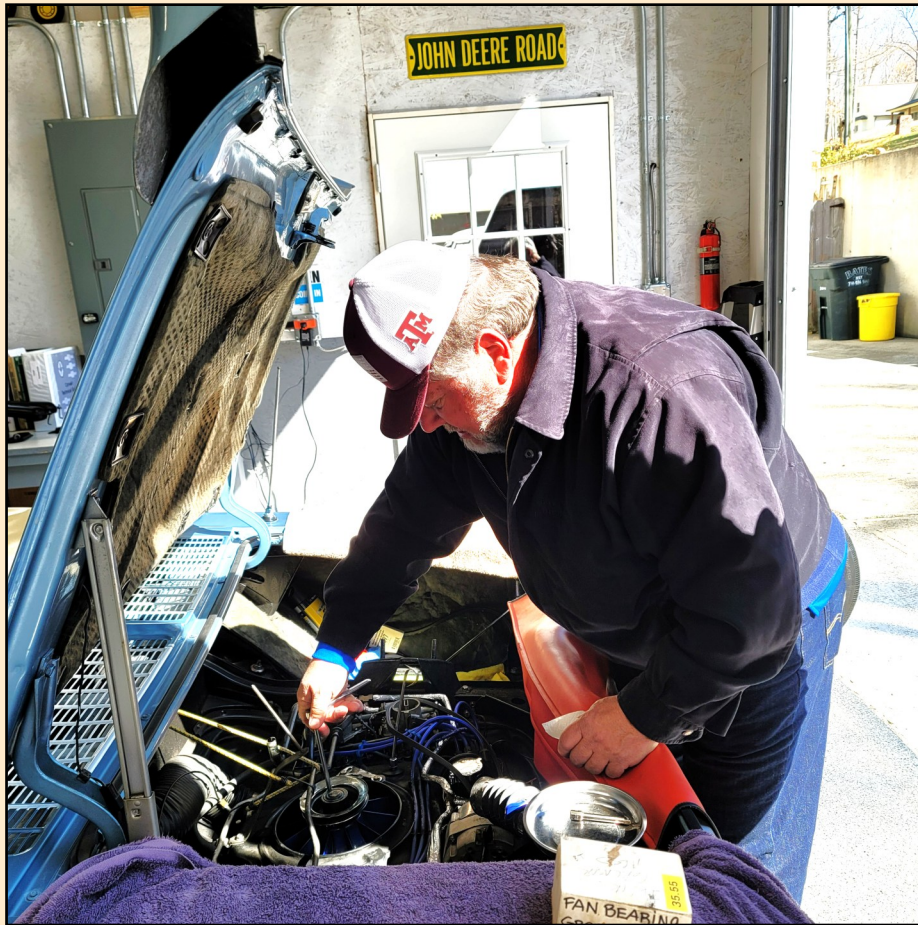
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6 Tips For Winter Storage (Cont.)

By Kyle Smith, Hagerty Maintenance & Tech

Catch up on Maintenance



Spring is months away, whether we want to admit it or not. That means our cars will likely be pushed to the back of our minds for a bit.

Thinking that I will remember the small, quirky problems all winter and then immediately want to fix them is foolish.

Instead, now is the time to deal with any lingering issues that appeared during the driving season.

Are you a current CORSA Member?

We strongly encourage all to support the national organization, which works to support our local events through a liability insurance policy, advertising of events in national publications, and inclusion of members in online tech sessions, newsletters, and Zoom meetings.



The National Corvair Museum is currently located at 10041 Palm Road - on the historic alignment of old Route 66 - in Glenarm, Illinois 62536-6621. Just ten miles south of Springfield, it's in close proximity to popular tourist destinations in the Springfield area.

For those of you who wish to be a Museum Supporter,
[Click HERE to download a hardcopy of our contribution form.](#)

<https://www.corvair.org>



Tips For Corvair Turbo Winter Driving

TURBO — WINTER DRIVING ADDITIONS

Fuel & Induction

- ☐ Use highest-octane fuel available (91+ recommended)
- ☐ Verify carburetor enrichment circuit is functioning correctly
- ☐ Inspect turbo inlet for moisture or oil pooling
- ☐ Ensure air cleaner is dry and properly sealed

Important:

Avoid short drives. Each drive should be **long enough to fully heat soak** the turbo, exhaust, and crankcase to purge moisture.

Oil System (Critical)

- ☐ Use fresh, high-quality oil before winter
- ☐ Prefer 10W-30 high-zinc oil for cold starts
- ☐ Verify oil pressure sender and turbo oil feed line are leak-free
- ☐ Check turbo oil drain tube for restrictions

Best practice:

Change oil **mid-winter** if the car sees frequent cold starts.

Turbocharger Health

- ☐ Check turbo shaft for excessive radial or axial play
- ☐ Inspect compressor housing for oil residue
- ☐ Verify exhaust outlet is unobstructed
- ☐ Confirm wastegate (180 HP) moves freely

Cold-weather risk:

Thick oil delays turbo lubrication on startup—idle gently for 30–60 seconds before driving.

Ignition & Detonation Control

- ☐ Verify ignition timing precisely (do not rely on “by ear”)
- ☐ Inspect distributor advance for smooth operation
- ☐ Check pressure retard canister function (180 HP)

Cold air increases charge density—detonation risk remains under boost even in winter.

Driving Practices (Turbo-Specific)

- ☐ **Avoid boost until oil temperature is fully stabilized**
- ☐ **No sustained boost operation on very cold engines**
- ☐ **Allow 60–90 seconds of light driving before normal throttle use**
- ☐ **Cool-down idle 30–60 seconds before**

Corvair Pergatory

By Mike Callahan

Happy January.

So, what's going on at Corvair Pergatory this month:

Back in the hospital for a surgery to reverse the Ileostomy. 3-7 days there, starting Nov 19th. Well, that surgery didn't turn out to be good. Found another blockage in the colon where it had been sewn together in July. So, back for another colon section cut out Jan 16th. Then, 3 months later the Ileostomy reversal, if all goes well.

'66 Convertible PG: Started driving it and fixing things as I find them..

'62 Monza Wagon: Up and running and moving on its own. Still plagued by water leaks. Installed front seats so I can drive it. Wipers are working, most leaks stopped, but not all. Headlights, turn signals, and heater motor are not working. Need to buy the rear ducts that go behind the back seat. The ones I have are not fitting. Guess the wagon ones are different.

FOR SALE

Tons of parts, call me with your needs.

'61 rampside, 4 speed: front disc brakes. Usual rust. Has car engine, new clutch parts, \$5,000

'65/66 am/fm radios from \$300 to \$450. Still have 2 left for \$450 each. Sold TWO, bought one

14 rebuilt heads - \$500 a pair

'63 convertible: stripped and floor cut and trunk cut for v8 installation. Body is perfect. Too good to be cut up, but available for whatever you need. \$500 OBO

Late turbo engine: 100% all new parts, rebuilt engine,

110 engine: 100% all new parts, rebuilt engine

Work to be done list:

I have more projects on my list than are listed here, but these made it to the priority list.

'61 El Corvino: Needs: Carpet, other interior finishing (door panels, etc.), wire up the seat switches. Build a console to hold seat switches, troubleshoot rough engine issues.

'68 Ultravan: Needs: Find a place to install Microwave. Road time, install Brown fuel injection.

'66 Coupe: A/C, PG, 4 wheel disc brakes.

'66 Red A/C Convertible: Needs some run time to break in new engine. A/C Hook-up.

The Real Life...



Coming soon to a garage near you?

For Sale

2 Corvairs For Sale + Other Corvair Stuff

1. 1965 Monza 4-door sedan. 110hp automatic. \$500.

- Was running when I parked it 7 years ago. Although it was running, suspect folks might want to use it as a parts car.
- Engine is good...electronic ignition, and electric full pump.
- Front trunk rusted as well as rust around the windshield.
- Body damage due to low speed backing into the yard.

2. 1965 Monza Convertible. 4-speed 110hp. \$1,200

- Very little rust, been garaged for many years.
- A little body damage just behind driver's door.
- Front end and engine were removed for complete restoration.
At this time, I will not put it back together — busy with new house...
- West Texas car originally.

The guys from the Heart of Georgia club knew these cars.

- I also have a new engine 110hp with new jugs and re-ground crank.
- I have an old engine 'block' for free.
- I just found brand new interior pieces for the convertible.
- I want to find a good home for all. I also have a Corvair towing hitch.

Glen Bankston glenk4kv@gmail.com

Moultrie, GA

'63 Corvair Back-up Light For Sale

Complete assembly with lens, NEW! \$30, I'll pay shipping. Call **Frank @ 314-752-4150**

13" Spare Tire/Wheel

Left from my Corvair when I replaced with 14" wheels/tires.
I think \$25 is a fair price but best offer. Need to clear out my garage.

Larry Blanks: gblanks@bellsouth.net

Auctions

327-Powered 1966 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe Crown Corv-8 Conversion 4-Speed
Sold on BaT for \$14,000 12/11/2025.



Turbocharged 1965 Corvair Corsa 4-Speed
Sold on BaT for \$15,498 12/24/2025.



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