

Vair Views

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Prez Says

Greetings Everyone,

As I'm writing this article, it's 15F outside with a brisk wind. Not exactly top-down driving weather. So Roxanne is sleeping comfortably in the garage under a cover with a battery tender keeping her warm. At least it's been a fairly mild winter, so far, and she did get some exercise during the recent warm spell.

The Holiday Luncheon in December was well-attended again this year. Rich and Charlie's did a great job, as always, with the food and service in their private dining room. We had a brief meeting where we welcomed new member Russ Neal (who drove his white-over-red '66 Corsa to the event – way to go Russ!) and 2 guests: Glen Cavagna and Debbie Barron. At the end of the meeting, I was very honored and humbled to be named recipient of the 2026 Cavagna Award.

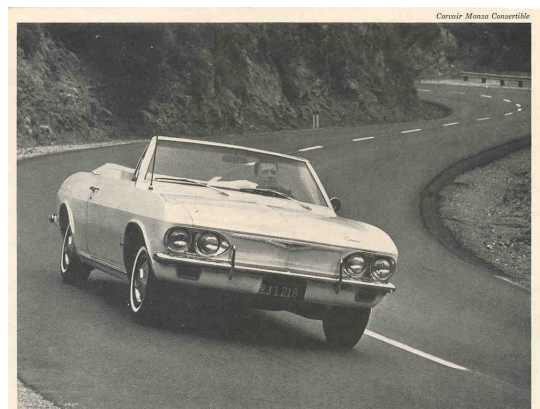
Spring will be here before we know it, so it's time to develop our plans for 2026. Your Board of Directors is meeting this week to develop a first pass schedule for review at our general meeting this coming Saturday at 10 am at the Jefferson Underground.

I'm looking forward to a great year for our Club and our members. Your enthusiastic participation will make it a reality!

Kent

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Ever see a guy enter a bend talking European
and come out speaking American?
CORVAIR by Chevrolet

SHOW ME CORVAIR CLUB 2026 MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Coordinator and other information
January 24th, 10 AM	SMCC Club Meeting at Jefferson Underground. Join us to develop the meeting and event schedule for this year.	Kent Goddard

And the Vair Views Photo Caption Contest Winner is, ***Anonymous***

All submissions are listed below. Thanks to all club comedians who sent in your captions. The winning caption is shown below the photo.



If I keep my hands in my pockets I can't get blamed for this.

Our caption contest winner remains anonymous but our other comedic submissions are:

- From Ken Pick
 - Guys, I'm telling you it's not leaking oil. It's just marking it's territory.
- From Bob Bauer
 - This is where the Kanooten valve is located, right behind the blinker fluid reservoir.
- From Tommy Yengel
 - Trevor is stuck, guys.
 - How did Trevor get up there?
 - It's low on anti-freeze.
 - That's a weird place for a dipstick.
- Problem is obvious. Too much fliptorque on the whamnuts. (From the Editor)
- YouTube said the code reader goes up there. (Sorry, the Editor lost track of who submitted this one).

THIRD ANNUAL CAVAGNA AWARD AND CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

By Tom Yengel, Past President

The Show-Me Corvair Club had another successful and fun time at their annual Christmas party on Saturday December 5. Suzanne Cavagna and Kris Goddard did a wonderful job heading up the arrangements.



I chose to leave my 67' 500 coupe tucked secure-ly under its cover in the garage and bummed a ride with VP/Treasurer Ron Karl. Ron is a life saver to this old coot and saves me the horror of driving in the city with so many idiots with guns on the road. We arrived about 11 AM and began socializing with fellow members and helping out where needed. Suzanne and Kris were already there when we arrived. President Goddard arrived shortly after us, and we helped him bring in some items. Kent chose to leave his 66 'Corsa tucked in the garage as well, as there was still a chance of salt being on the roads, and the weather was fairly chilly and iffy. There were two brave souls who drove their Vairs, Steve Dodson drove his very nice '63 Monza convertible, and our recently-joined member Russ Neal drove his equally nice '66 Monza 140 Convertible (see pg. 7).

Following another fine meal, President Goddard started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After conducting old business, the new business that everyone was waiting for arrived. VP Ron Karl moved to the front and began listing all of the achievements of our 2025 recipient of the Cavagna Award, current and forthcoming President Kent Goddard. Everyone was in agreement that this was the right choice and applauded him with warmth. Kent has filled many chairs since he joined the Show-Me Corvair Club. He was Membership Chairman for many years and has supported our club faithfully with his attendance at every meeting and function that he possibly could. He has graciously hosted tech sessions at his awesome lift-equipped garage and has never failed to assist any member or Corvair owner to keep their Corvairs running. After humbly accepting this prestigious award, Kent thanked the members and posed for pictures with Kris and the Cavagna siblings.

It was a very enjoyable party and everyone had fun playing steal your neighbor's gift.

I personally hope that all of you readers out there will realize what a great club that we have and try to attend and participate in as many events that you possibly can. Let's support our new officers and have a great 2026.

Editor's Note: The full Presentation Script for the 2025 Cavagna Award is shown on the following pages.

The Cavagna Award

Presentation Script

December 6, 2025

We are fortunate to have another opportunity today to celebrate the lives of Joan and John Cavagna by presenting the memorial award created in their names.

Joan's passion was the Show-Me Corvair Club; John's was the Corvair automobile. They joined the club in 1979 and dedicated half of their lives to this organization. Besides serving as President, Secretary, News Editor, and on the Board of Directors, Joan also fed us and mothered us. John generously shared his knowledge and his time, answering our questions and wrenching on our cars. John's crowning glory was when his white 1964 Spyder coupe scored an unheard of 99 points to win "Best in Show" at the 1994 Midwest Corvair Owners' Convention. Together, they befriended us and laughed with us. The Cavagnas were pillars of our Corvair community, leading us with honesty and sincerity.

Joan and John's faith gave them hope that they will live forever spiritually, but they will also live on in many other ways. Their lives will go on through their children and their children's children. They will survive through our fond memories of the experiences we shared with them. They will live beyond the grave in the knowledge they imparted to us, the inspiration they gave us, and the example they set. Most of all, Joan and John will continue living through the unspoken love they had for us, and we for them.

The Cavagna Award is being presented to the member whom we believe most closely represents the personal attributes of Joan and John, as well as having made the most significant contributions to the Show-Me Corvair Club during the past calendar year.

Today, the "Cavagna Award – Dedicated to Joan and John Cavagna" is being presented to Kent Goddard.

Kent will begin an unprecedented third consecutive term as President of the Show-Me Corvair Club in 2026. His tenure as President has been exemplary. His leadership is creative, supportive, encouraging, and motivating. He effectively guides the discussion of topics at meetings and delegates authority well. Few Show-Me Club members are as straightforward with their feelings about club activities as Kent. Even though he might disagree with an event, program, or policy, he will support it as long as it is in the best interest of the club.

Goddard leads the Show-Me Corvair Club not merely by the authority vested in the office of the President, but he also leads by example. Kent has attended nearly every meeting since assuming the Presidency and had a stellar attendance record before then. He encourages participation in club activities by participating himself. This year alone, Kent has supported the St. Francis Shrine outing, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Faith Church car show, Cars & Coffee at Fast Lane, and the annual Show-Me Corvair Club anniversary celebration at Chuck-A-Burger. Kent and his wife Kris have hosted tech sessions at their home for the past three years, including the one which took place on October 25 this year. His high level of participation in 2025 was typical of every year since he joined the club.

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The Cavagna Award Presentation Script continued

President Goddard has demonstrated his loyalty, compassion, and support for other SMCC members often. When Larry Pratt's fan belt broke on the way to the Pawnee Prairie Days car show this May, Kent generously gave Larry his spare. Also in May, mechanical issues forced Mark Moyer to switch cars from his Corvette to his 1966 Crown Corvair at the Porsche Club of America's High Performance Driver Education program at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Illinois. Kent substituted as Mark's instructor, then took the wheel to show how to really put the car through the paces. Tom James has been struggling to find time to reassemble his Corvair, and Kent has reached out to him personally several times this year to offer suggestions to get Tom's Corvair put together and back on the road.

Kent and Kris joined the Show-Me Corvair Club in March of 2013. In October of his first year, Kent stepped forward to create a membership survey to gather information about a crisis in declining attendance at meetings and participation in club activities. He repeated this role in 2023.

In January 2014, Kent volunteered to become the Membership Chairperson. He held that office for 10 years until he assumed the duties of President in January 2024. Kent basically created the Membership Chair position and actively attacked his role with enthusiasm, dedication, and innovation. While he was the Membership Chair, 48 new members and returning members were added to the roster of the Show-Me Corvair Club.

Show-Me Corvairs participated in our first parade on July 4, 2015, and Kent was there. That's where he recruited Jack Holahan. The 2015 Veiled Prophet Parade was just the first of many where we saw Kent and his family showing off his beautiful 1966 Corsa convertible named Roxanne. 2015 was also the first year in which Kent and Kris attended a CORSA International Convention. His successful participation in convention events has been rewarded with many trophies over the years. Kent and Kris organized a club outing to Hannibal in association with the Prairie Capital Corvair Association in 2015. The couple has been on the Christmas Party Committee several years.

In 2019, Kent was instrumental in straightening out a misunderstanding with the Horseless Carriage Club of America. A post on Face Book had made it seem like the Show-Me Club was taking credit for sponsoring an HCCA event at the Museum of Transport in June of that year. Kent was tasked with soothing the wounds and reaffirming our relationships with both organizations. Then in 2022, Kent played a key role in the final disposition of the Corvair convertible which was donated to the club by the survivors of Jerry Clausius.

Outside of club activities, Kent is the Procurement Chairman for the Christmas tree lot at his church. He is responsible for unloading, counting, and tagging 1400 trees. He likes to take part in Sports Car Club of America autocross events on the Family Arena parking lot in St. Charles. He also has been an instructor at the Ferrari Club of America's Annual Meet at Road America in Wisconsin.

CONGRATULATIONS! As the winner of the Cavagna Award, Kent will receive:

- This framed Cavagna Award certificate

- His name engraved on a perpetual plaque which will be hung in the club house

- A waiver of his dues for the 2026 calendar year

Bill Hutchens Member Profile

Bill and his wife Sharon have been married for fifty-two years. They have a daughter named Mindy, and two grandchildren, Danielle who is 25 and Jaiden who is 21. Bill was a carpenter for fourteen years, built boats and barges for eight years, and sold plumbing supplies for forty-three years. We guess if Corvairs had a cooling system Bill would be our expert. Bill tells us he enjoys happy folks, hard work, and nice vacations.

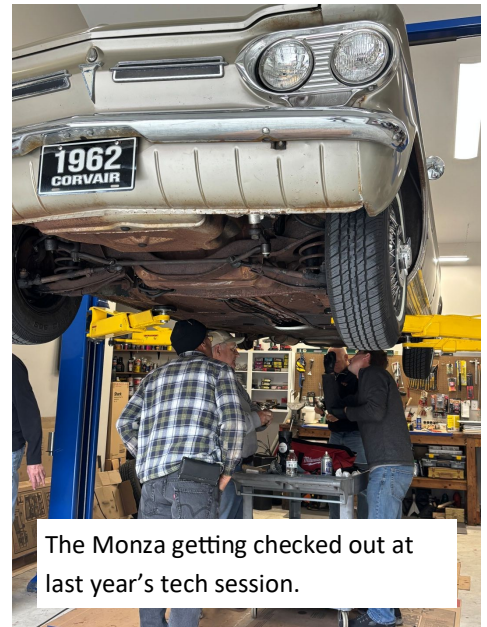
Bill's Corvair is the all original Laurel Green four-door Monza 900 that has been seen at many club events in 2025. He found his beauty with the help of Brett Starostki, a friend and long time SMCC member. The car is a rolling time-capsule with original paint and interior and a parking sticker placed on the car by the original owner. The Monza is running and driving and Bill drives the car on a weekly basis and Bill says he loves the 1960s era green color and four doors.



Bill and his '62

If you ask Bill about what his dream Corvair is he will say, "I already have it." He "acquired" the car in December of 2023 but did not actually own it until October 2024. The fellow he got it from passed away and Bill did not receive the title from the family until almost a year later. By that time Bill had put brakes and tires on the car.

Bill has not thrown a fan belt but does say that the Corvair job he hates most is working on heat and defrost cables.



The Monza getting checked out at last year's tech session.



Left: a '48 Dodge in a color similar to the '62 Vair. Just a little darker.

A 1948 Dodge is a vehicle Bill would most like to own, along with a 1965 Mustang, his first car. We are not sure if Bill had a coupe or fast-back Mustang, but it would have been good-looking either way. We found photos of both cars in a color similar to Bill's Monza. When you see Bill ask him about how he wrecked the Mustang but fixed it so his parents were none-the-wiser. That's gotta' be a good story.

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Bill Hutchens Member Profile Continued

In addition to his Corvair Bill owns a 1959 Chevy Impala. He didn't tell us much else about it but it has to be sharp looking. And those wings!

Bill will talk cars and Corvairs any time. You can also talk with him about his hobby building trains and attending train shows.



Gotta ask Bill about wrecking his Mustang.



Wings were fine in '59

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Russ Neal and Steve Dodson drove their cars to the Christmas Party. The late model vert is owned by Russ and the yellow '63 is Steve's. And of course, there was cake.



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Member Name:

Corvairs you currently own:

Year, color, body style, drivetrain, running or non-running, how often do you drive it?

When and why did you buy it (them)?

What is it that you like most about Corvairs?

Any interesting story about your Corvair, or others you have owned:

Describe your dream Corvair:

Corvair job you hate most (e.g. brakes, upholstery, oil change, etc.):

Have you ever thrown a fanbelt?

Other than a Corvair, and assuming money is no object, what classic domestic or foreign car or truck would you most like to own and why? What car or truck would be a close second?

Name one car you'd most like to have back, including cars from your childhood to today.

Fondest car-centered memory ("G" rated version). (first date, parade, best compliment you received, etc.)

Do you/have you owned any other classic cars, and what are they?

Other hobbies or activities you participate in: