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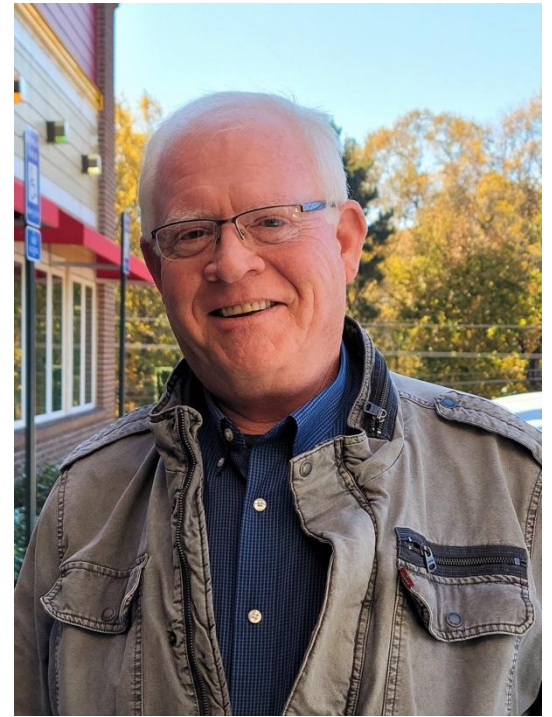
*Autocross participant – Springfest 2026 Helen, GA.*

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# *The President's Corner*

Mayday! Mayday! It's time to come to the aid of Corvair Atlanta members. Let's make May the month we call another member and find out what's going on in their Corvair world. Maybe make an excuse for them to get their car out and meet for lunch or at a local car show. We have had several members alert us to local car shows in their area. Thank you! If you are thinking about going to one, let us know, and we will send out an announcement about it. If you are going, that is an even better reason to invite other members. Each of us should have a member contact list, so you could call nearby members. If you don't have a member contact list, let us know and we will get you one. Let's get those cars out into the public!



April was a fun month with both a Zoom meeting and Springfest. We scheduled the zoom because March had the Clock Shop event, and April had Springfest, so we didn't have a regular meeting in those months. We also thought it would be good to go over Springfest for those new members who had not ever attended before. I personally like the Zoom meetings, as everyone is in on all the conversations, and we all get to know what is really going on at the meeting.

Springfest was a great event this year with more participation than any year since Covid. There were over 90 Corvairs and 200 people registered for the event, and the worst "bad luck" story there was the Freon in my a/c was low the day before I left to Helen, though I believe George Baker received the award because he had to return home with his '64 Spyder due to overheating issues. Below you will find pictures of some of the awards received by Corvair Atlanta members.

I would also like to personally thank Dan Terry and Beth Zeller for the work they put into making the Rally the fun event it was. Though I have been to Springfest several times, this was the first time I participated in the rally. My son Michael drove and I navigated. The twisty steep climbs around Helen created perfect conditions to test the brakes and handling on a Corvair. I really had never had the opportunity to "Canyon Carve" in mine, and Michael made it fun to just ride through the curves! I would also like to thank all the Corvair Atlanta members who contributed their time to help make this a smoothly executed event.

In April, we welcome several new members; Thomas Stabile and Todd Parks of Blairsville who are working on a '63 Spyder convertible. Chandler Bishop from Dallas, Carroll Carter and Diane Leake from Edisto Island SC, and Aubry Ogletree and Madison Fritz of Cartersville are returning members, and Cheston and Brandi Roney from Orchard Hill are new members as well. WELCOME!

In May, we will return to our two simultaneous meeting strategy. You guys seem to like that, as we are seeing great attendance by having a North and South meeting simultaneously. So, on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12PM, we will again have a North meeting at the North River Tavern on Roswell Rd. and at 1PM, South meeting at Partner's Pizza. We will send an email reminder before the meetings with the addresses for those who don't have them.

Please notice the "coming event" section of the newsletter. I invite all of you to send information and flyers on local car events to add to this list monthly.

Mike Callahan says he is finally out from under doctor's care, and he is doing well. "Corvair Pergatory" is updated with his latest progress, and as usual he is getting a lot done.

It's time to get those Corvairs on the road. I hope to see you at this month's meetings!



*George Baker won the Hard Luck Award*



*Frank Metasavage won 1<sup>st</sup> Place LM Closed*



*Billy Bruce won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his Lakewood  
Frank*

# *Coming Events:*

**Sunday, May 3, 2026** - Sunday Classic Car Worship – Target Shopping Center, at Panera Bread, 1135 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026** – Cinco de Mayo

**Sunday, May 10, 2026** – Mother’s Day

**Saturday, May 16, 2026** – Corvair Atlanta Member Meetings – North & South

**Saturday, May 16, 2026** – Armed Forces Day

**Monday, May 25, 2026** – Memorial Day

**Sunday, June 14, 2026** – Flag Day

**Saturday, June 20, 2026** – – Corvair Atlanta Member Meetings – North & South

**Sunday, June 21, 2026** – Father’s Day

**Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, 2026** – 2026 CORSA International Convention, Gettysburg, PA

**Saturday, July 4, 2026** – Independence Day “Happy 250<sup>th</sup>!”

**Saturday, July 4, 2026** – Cruise-In & trip to Cofer Car Museum. Details on CAI website Calendar

**Monday, September 7, 2026** – Labor Day

**Friday, October 2-Saturday, October 3, 2026** – Vairs in the Valley, Maggie Valley, NC

**Friday, October 9-Saturday, October 10, 2026** – Vairs at the Fair, Perry, GA



# *Fun with your Vair!*



**June 22-26, 2026**

**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

**2026 CORSA International Convention**

**Location:** Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325-8397.

**Reservations:** Phone the hotel at **717-339-0020** and use the name CORSA National Convention for the convention rate.

**Tentative schedule of events:** Monday June 22: Concours Meetings, Cole Participant Meetings, Model Car Set up, Convention Kickoff, Car Show, Valve Cover Builder Workshop + Racing. Tuesday June 23: Concours d'Elegance, Battlefield Tour Bus with Guide, Rally Participants Meeting. Wednesday June 24: Rally, Pre-Auto Cross Tech Inspection. Thursday June 25: Autocross, Banquet Table Assignments. **Friday June 26:** Econo Run, Driving Tour, Battlefield Tour Bus with Guide, Banquet. Information: Please refer to upcoming issues of the Communique for convention previews and also check our website, [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) for further updates and online hotel reservation links.

# *\*VERY IMPORTANT\**

## **Convention Hotel Room Reservations**

The Wyndham Gettysburg is our host hotel, and they are now accepting room reservations for the CORSA Convention. King and Double Queen rooms are available. The rate is \$159 per night, not including local taxes. Please make your reservations early to ensure we fill our room block. To get the convention rate, reservations must be made before May 21st. After that date, the rate may not be available.

To simplify the reservation experience, contact the Wyndham Gettysburg directly.

*Do not call any corporate toll-free number or third-party site. Phone the hotel at 717-339-0020, You will be asked to choose an Option.*

*Do NOT choose Option 1 - Reservations. Instead, choose Option 3 and use the name CORSA National Convention for the convention rate. A credit card will be required to hold the reservation.*

Another way to make hotel reservation is **use this link** - it has been set up specifically for our Convention:

[Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel & Conference Center | Gettysburg, PA Hotels](#)

- \_To extend your vacation, the hotel will offer the convention rate three days prior to and after the dates of the event, if rooms are available.
- \_Campers are not allowed on the hotel property other than to park with trailers. Check back for a list of campsites.

You can make your hotel reservations right now. Registration for Convention events will open in February.

Thank You Joan & Chris Law

# *Fun with your Vair! Continued*



## *Sunday Classic Car Worship*



*1st Sunday of each month!*

*8AM - 11AM*

*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*

# Corvair Pergatory

By Mike Callahan

## Happy May 2026

So, what's going on at Corvair Pergatory this month: Doctor released me from his care. Had stitches out today from skin cancer surgery. All is good.

Had great sales at Helen and was happy to see a lot of my friends. I brought my 10 by 20 enclosed tent but didn't bring the top or sides. Fortunately, the weather was perfect. I left my parts out overnight and I couldn't see anything missing in the morning. Great group of people.

Spent most of the month sorting, labeling and pricing parts and then unpacking & storing parts when I got back. Also, lots of time spend on getting the garden ready and planting (twice).

**LS Corvair:** Started driving and noting issues and then fixing them. Lots of rattles, some caulking and some welding fixed most of them. Radio stopped working, reran power wire. Radiator electric fan is not coming on when ECU sends signal, (actually a ground) to the relay. Still working on that issue. When I 'get on it', the rear squats and starts hopping. I have 4 link rear suspension, so hope I can adjust that out.

**47 Hudson pickup truck:** Found a few of the window parts and wiper parts in Indiana. They are in the mail and I will get back to work. I did get the passenger vent and roll up window and channel and rubber parts installed and modified to work.

## FOR SALE

**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**

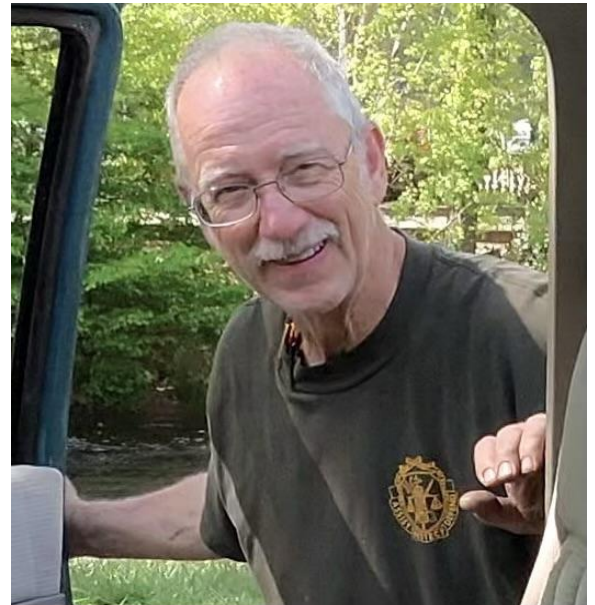
**14 rebuilt heads:** \$500 a pair

Tons of parts, call me with your needs.

**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. \$500.00 OBO

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

**110 rebuilt engine:** 100% new parts built by Barry Owen.



## **Work to be done List**

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

**78 El Camino:** Remove motor and transmission and install 500 cadillac motor. Finish interior.

**58 Chevy Apache 3200 long bed step side pickup truck:** Needs electric power steering, fix drive by wire issues. Not getting spark, need to trouble shoot it.

**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:** Need to find a place to install microwave ...Road time. install Brown fuel injection.

**33 Ford coupe:** Needs interior, more wiring to straighten out, headlights, turn signals, find a way to increase ground clearance, paint.

**66 Coupe A/c PG, 4 wheel disc brakes:** Needs chrome around windshield installed, find rear seat bottom and install, tune engine

**62 Studebaker Hawk Gran tourisimo:** Needs a/c wiring,

**66 Red A/C convertible:** Needs some run time to break in new engine, a/c hook

*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 your contribution form.](#)

<https://www.corvair.org>

# *The Drivetrain*

## **Officers**

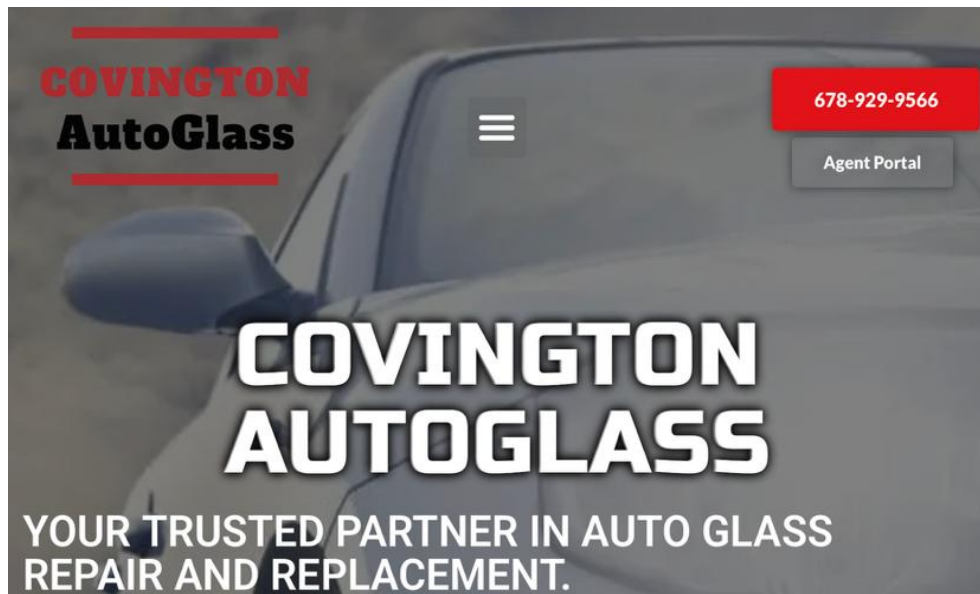
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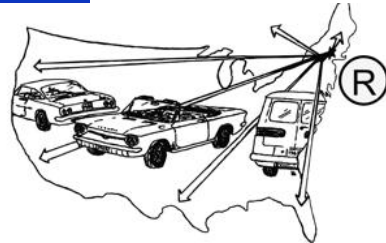
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