



Group Corvair Comments

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May Social Meeting, Green Turtle, Burtonsville

(Editor's Note: This is an abbreviated newsletter due to personal travel and preparations for the CORSA International Convention. Things should be back to "normal" next month.)

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

June

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

22 – 26 – **CORSA International Convention, Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg, PA.** Note: Several Group Corvair members will likely be there a day or two early to set things up. Group Corvair is responsible for the opening day car show! We hope to see you there.

22: High Performance Driving at Summit Point. Gates open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the track is "hot" from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. <http://www.neccmotorsports.com/>

July

21 – Group Corvair On-Line Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Convention wrap-up and plans for the rest of the year!

TBD (14, 15, or 16) – Group Corvair Outing. We're planning on taking a tour of the decommissioned NS Savannah, the first commercial, nuclear-powered vessel. She's currently docked in Baltimore, and our own Rob Neighbour is a docent. Unfortunately, she's going to be losing her berth this fall and it's unclear what will happen afterward. So, this may be your last chance to tour this historic ship! Let Bob Hall know which day(s) works best for you.

August

1 – Group Corvair cookout. Jerry Yates has offered to host us at his home in Bowie, MD for a post-convention gathering and cookout. We'll be discussing the start time and what everyone needs to bring during our regular virtual meetings.

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

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From the Oval Garage

Bob Hall

The 2026 CORSA International Convention is just days away. I've picked up our ten new signs and Central Pennsylvania has loaned us ten of theirs. Bob Walker has given us the use of his canopy and Jim is picking up two more—one each from Rob Neighbour and Mike Coale.

If you have already registered for the car show on convention Monday, then you have received Jim Simpson's instructions for the event. He has put a lot of work into anticipating the arrival of 150+ cars and getting them into dedicated spaces in time for judging by convention attendees. Please become familiar with how the show will work and let Jim know if you haven't received his instructions. You will find his latest information below.

Carl Kelsen, our long-distance club member from Melbourne Australia, is scheduled to give a talk about the conversion of his 1965 Monza convertible to right hand drive including the technical details of how he convinced the transport authorities that his work met Australian safety requirements.

The names of all volunteers, including those from Northern Virginia Corvair, have been passed on to Tom Rahochik and Diana Moy to be included in the convention listing thanking those who have helped.

We have two Group Corvair events ahead—a visit to the NS Savannah in mid-July and a social get together and cook out at Jerry Yates home on August 1st—look for an email at the end of June confirming details of the NS Savannah trip.

Minutes of the May Virtual Meeting

Marolyn Simpson

At 7:36 pm on Tuesday, May 19, Bob Hall, Group Corvair president, call the business meeting to order. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as written in the newsletter. Jim Simpson gave the treasurer's report. The club paid the distributor for the logo shirts and hats we had ordered and paid the Corsa chapter fees. Income came from members paying the club for shirts and hats. Bob has been testing his access to our club bank account.

CORSA has been testing a commercial database for those helping with the convention. Folks can opt out if they do not want their personal info in it.

Karl Kelsen's presentation will take place during one of the tech session slots. Karl said he will be leaving Australia on the 10th of June for his trip to the US and the convention. His presentation will be on "Corvair Ownership in Australia" and changing the Corvair to right hand drive.

As of our May 19 meeting, there were 88 cars signed up for the car show. [*Note: The most current number is 141.*] We currently have a sizeable list of volunteers from Group Corvair and the Northern Virginia Corvair Club. We will be parking cars in the car show area starting on Sunday and continuing Monday until the start of the show. Jim hosted a Zoom meeting for the volunteers on Thursday, May 21.

Convention worker vests for the volunteers to help with the various events will be coming from California; yes, they have been washed.

We're still going through the signs from Corsa to see which ones that we can use; we will provide the rest.

Rob Neighbour has a couple of popup tents we can use.

The John Glenn car will be displayed in the hotel lobby. Once it is in the lobby, it will stay for the remainder of the convention.

Phil Richardson said that he is set for the model cars display.

There was a discussion on possible Corvair "oddballs" that might show up and where to display them.

Jim has established an email address – 26corsacon@gmail.com -- to use for convention business.

A motorcycle club will have a gathering just before our convention. They have a rented tent set up and CORSA will work with the hotel to ensure it's out of our way as soon as possible.

Since June is a rather busy month, the Savannah tour in Baltimore harbor will probably be in July or August.

Our next social gathering will be on May 26 at 1:00 at the Green Turtle Restaurant in Burtonsville, 15660 Old Columbia Pike. [*Note: The social meeting took place as planned.*]

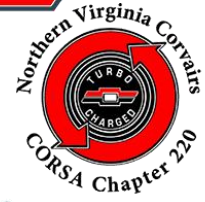
We signed off the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Another Green Turtle Lunch

The May 26 Group Corvair social meeting was held at the Green Turtle Restaurant in Burtonsville. It has become one of our favorite destinations since there is convenient parking, we have a private room, and there is a good selection of food. We also have the same waiter each time who is efficient and has always gotten the orders and checks to the right people. At the May lunch there were 13 members present. Of course, the upcoming convention was the main topic of conversation (especially the first day car show), but many other topics were also discussed—some not even Corvair related.

Last Minute Changes to the Car Show

We're up to over 140 vehicles registered for the car show and may hit 160! To accommodate them all, there are some minor changes to the layout – closer spacing, 30-degree angle vs 45, and overflow parking down the center of the lanes. Nothing we can't handle, but we will have to be flexible!



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