

*The **CONNECTING ROD***

The Newsletter of Corvair Atlanta, Inc.



September 2026



David and Janet Humphries' beautiful, newly acquired 1964 Monza Convertible

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The President's Corner

Happy Labor Day! It's September, and it's finally cooling off. The highs this week are only going to 96 degrees. That means it is time to dust off the Corvair and get it out for a ride and some of the Fall events that are planned both locally and with the Corvair groups.

During August, we held our normal "two locations" meeting on August 14th. I was still recovering at home and do not have a report from the meetings. In August, we also welcomed a new member, Harold Carter of Snellville, original owner of a '62 Monza he bought new. Welcome Harold!



In September, a joint picnic will replace our regular monthly meeting, to be held at Indian Springs State Park in Flowilla, GA, starting around 12:00 Noon. Details follow in this newsletter and we will send reminders by e-mail. All we need is you and a headcount by September 12th to know how many people to prepare food for. All the food, plates, deserts, etc. will be provided by Heart of Georgia's Master of Food, Clay Grant. Please come and please contact Mike Gassmann if you are coming. This is always a laid-back event, and it should be a cooler, pleasant ride by then. Please remember to bring \$5 in cash (per car) for a state Park Pass which is required by the park.

In October, we will meet at the house of Bill Rudolph in Conyers instead of our regular meeting places. As most of you know Bill Rudolph recently passed. His wife, Jeannette has invited club members and their wives to come to their home on Saturday, October 17th, from 9AM until much later and look through Bill's Corvair parts and see if there are any you may want to buy at a reasonable price. I'm sure there will be some bargains because Bill had a significant collection of Corvair parts. Bill's two Rampsides and two other early model Corvairs will be for sale. Also, for sale will be a 2001 GMC Van and one enclosed covered trailer. Food/Snacks will be provided, so please come by and check out/buy some of Bill's inventory.

October is a Corvair-filled month with an event you can attend every weekend:

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

Saturday, October 3, 2026 – The Master's Car Club 2026 Benefit Car Show 9:00am – 2:00pm, 4385 Pecan Street, Loganville, GA 30052

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

Friday & Saturday, October 23-24, 2026 – Choo-Choo Corvair Fall Classic

George Baker would like to remind everyone of the Kiwanis Club of LaGrange's car show scheduled Saturday November 14th from 11 until 3. This is the second year of the event, and George would like to personally invite members of Corvair Atlanta to attend the show. This is the same time as our regular planned Corvair Atlanta club meeting. We will address the conflict later.

I have also written a not-too-technical tech article regarding overheating problems club members have encountered. As we encountered three of the exact same problems on three unrelated club member cars in about two months, this article is worth reading for everyone. I learned something in the process of writing it, and you may benefit from reading it as well. An inspection, for something many of us might consider inconsequential, may save your engine. Read it!

I hope to see you in Indian Springs!

Frank

Coming Events:

Monday, September 7, 2026 – *Labor Day*

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - *Annual Picnic and Joint meeting with the Heart of Georgia Corvair Club*, Indian Springs State Park, Shelter 5.
678 Lake Clark Road, Flovilla, GA 30516.

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(Registration below)

Saturday, November 14, 2026 – *Kiwanis of LaGrange Car Show* (Flyer below)

Fun with your Vair!



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

Fun with your Vair! (Continued)

The Master's 2026 BENEFIT CAR SHOWS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF LOGANVILLE



Huge Swap Meet

MUSCLE CARS, HOT RODS, IMPORTS, TRUCKS
SATURDAY MAY 2ND
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD

MAIN STREET - LOGANVILLE, GA.
Show Address: 4385 Pecan Street , Loganville

Registration from 9:30 am til 12:00
Awards at 2:00 pm
50/50 Raffle Door Prizes Music, Great Food & Drinks
30 TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED

Vendor Info	Car Show Info
Kristy at 404-290-5884	David at 404-725-4960

Checks made out to : Master's Car Club, 3540 Hwy 78, Suite 201 Loganville, Ga. 30052

Fun with your Vair! (Continued)

Oct. 23-24th 2026

Choo Choo Corvair

Fall Classic 2026

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2026 CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC

Hosted by the Choo Choo Corvair Club at the Fairfield by Marriot (Athens, TN)

October 23-25

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Club Affiliation: _____
Names of Children in your group: _____

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO TAKE PART IN ANY EVENT

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 PER PERSON; \$40.00 PER FAMILY \$ _____
SATURDAY ONLY: \$10.00 PER PERSON; \$20.00 PER FAMILY \$ _____
VENDOR FEE: \$10.00 PER TABLE (OUTSIDE SPACE) \$ _____
PEOPLE'S CHOICE: \$10.00 PER CAR. (Number of cars _____) \$ _____
AWARDS BANQUET BUFFET (Included in Registration; MUST know #of people) _____
DRAGSTRIP FRIDAY Oct. 20TH (See separate Registration Form), \$10 PER CAR..... \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Will you be staying at Fairfield by Marriott in Athens? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Will you be participating in the Car Rally? ☐ YES ☐ NO

PEOPLES CHOICE REGISTRATION

(ALL CARS ON DISPLAY WILL BE JUDGED FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE)

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: Year _____ Color _____ Model _____
☐ Early Open ☐ Early Closed ☐ Late Open ☐ Late Closed ☐ Specialty
☐ Forward Control Truck ☐ Forward Control Van ☐ Forward Control Greenbrier

Liability clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Choo Choo Corvair Club, Inc., Choo Choo Corvair Club members and officers, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Inc. and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of this show from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participants to his or her personal property (including family members and friends).

REGISTERED GUEST: _____ INT _____ SIGN _____ INT _____ SIGN _____

FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION: MENTION CHOO CHOO CORVAIR FOR \$139 DISCOUNT RATE - Contact at (423) 507-0870

Please mail form and payment to Sandy Elwood
413E Mount Harmony Rd
Niota, TN 37826.

(Make check payable to Chattanooga Choo Choo Corvair)

For more info:

BOB ELWOOD (931) 409-1124 or SANDY ELWOOD (931) 808-7057
elwoodbob1117@msn.com

Fun with your Vair! (Continued)

ALL CARS, TRUCKS, AND MOTORCYCLES WELCOME

KIWANIS OF LaGRANGE CAR SHOW

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\$35
ENTRY
WITH TOY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026
11:00AM - 3:00PM

 **LAGRANGE HIGH SCHOOL
PARKING LOT**
516 N Greenwood St,
LaGrange, GA 30240

Contact Information
GEORGE BAKER JR.
706-333-1982

REGISTER NOW!



Corvair Pergatory

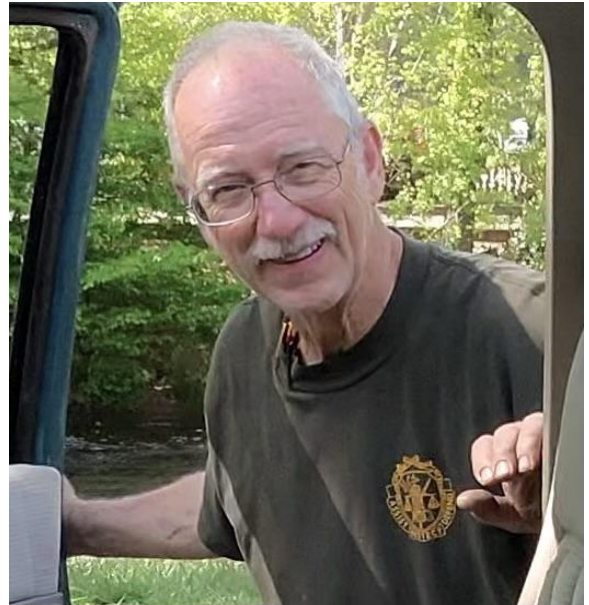
By Mike Callahan

Happy Sept 2026

So, what's going on at Corvair Pergatory this month: Where did 2026 go? It's September already. Ready for cooler weather. 88 is the normal high for us here in Anderson. We've been consistently above that and very humid.

Sorry I missed last month's update, I was on vacation and forgot to take my laptop. No this is not in the cloud. Then spent a week clearing some land. Boy is it hot. Spend all my days outside and losing a lot of fluid each day,

LS Corvair: Started driving and noting issues and then fixing them. Had to replace alternator, no way to get it out, so had to cut out a portion of the inner fender and had to remove the power steering pump. Fixed the e-brake and still having rear suspension issues.



47 Hudson pickup truck: While getting new tires put on, I noticed a drip coming from the differential. Thinking it was gas from recent fill up, but it was brake fluid. The suspension in the rear needed airbags (I assumed) and when I hit a large bump, it bottomed out and crushed the metal connector. While replacing the brake hose, I notice that I had no rear shocks??? So now with rear shocks, no problem.

Ultra Van: Finished replacing the wall where the bookcase was and installing a couch. Finished a/c wiring and upgrading the entry panel. They used obsolete breakers and a year ago I searched and could not find them but found some on eBay this year. Yeah!!!

Washed out the fuel tank three times with water to get the crud out (its an aluminum tank, 30 gallon with no practical to remove it). Now struggling with the fuel gauge/sending unit. I had to heavily modify a sending unit. Made a place to the microwave.

62 Studebaker Hawk Gran Turismo: Working on getting the A/C working. Must rewire and get the electrical/vacuum systems to work together

62 Wagon: Finding water leaks and fixing them as I go. Ordered the last of the floor covering for the back.

58 Chevy Apache 3200 Long Bed Step Side Pickup Truck: Finally got spark and got it running. Turned out to be the NEW ignition switch. When it went to Start position, it cut off power to the rest of the car. It's hard to find that when you are working alone.

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**

Rebuilt heads - \$600 a pair

Tons of parts, call me with your needs.

63 Convertible: Stripped and floor cut and trunk cut for 8 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.

140 used engine: Still in the car, you can hear it run. \$1500 complete

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 TLC but road ready, nice to have electric power steering,

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 to be fired up and road time.

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 turismo: Needs a/c wiring,

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

Tech Tip

By Frank Metasavage

Heating Problems – Fresh Air Hose

This is not a full analysis of heating problems on a Corvair engine, but more an easy reminder and work-around for a common Corvair problem that many of us never check, ignore, or think unimportant. The fresh air hose at the front of our Corvair engines supplies fresh air to the heater system to enable blending the heat temperature, from what I understand. The problem is that this cloth hose tends to deteriorate over years and is not normally considered a maintenance item by most of us. Since it seems to have no effect on the running of the engine, a torn, broken, or missing one is often overlooked by owners.

I have spoken to three different members in the last two months who had heating problems on their engines. Coincidentally, all three of them had either a missing or broken Fresh Air Hose. Do NOT ignore this hose, and note that it can also break outside of the engine compartment before the heater box, which cannot be seen from the engine compartment. The function of this hose is to supply fresh, cooler air to the heater system so that it doesn't have to be run at "full hot" if the heater duct is by the engine fan. If this temperature is not needed. The regular ducts supply hot air to the car. If this broken or open, the air fresh air supplied by the engine fan is un-restricted, and since air the path of least resistance, a LOT of cooling air that would have normally gone through the engine to cool it is wasted, and the engine will run hotter than intended. A CAI member with a turbo car reported that it made almost a 100-degree difference in his operating temperature once he corrected the problem.



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Note that a quick, temporary fix for the heating issue is to simply block off the outlet at the engine. There is more than one shape and location of this outlet on the top engine shroud. The top picture shows mine on a 140 engine, a round outlet located on the right side of the shroud. Below is shown an early '65 110 engine. It is oval shaped and on the left side of the shroud. As a temporary measure, the owner found a Spam can was approximately the same size. In another member's case, he found a small Mason jar lid was a good fit for his round outlet. In both cases they were secured with a band clamp so the car could be driven until the hose was replaced.

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I have read many accounts of the number five cylinder burning up in engines because this was ignored. (It is the one directly under this duct, or number six cylinder if the duct is on the left side as in the above picture)

So, check your hose. It might save you an engine rebuild.

Frank

For Sale

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Bring your cash and name your price for what you need and see if Jeannette will accept. No details about the parts or the vehicles are available but I am sure it would be worth your time and money to come and see Bill's inventory.

The address is **240 Goode Road, Conyers 30094**.

We are asking that you **RSVP: Nolan Grant at 470-623-0476 or Tom Constantine at 678-294-8149** **Let one of them know if you are coming**. Jeannette is providing lunch for everyone, so it is important that she has a headcount in advance.

Please RSVP!

'64 Monza with an aftermarket supercharger. White convertible with a red interior. Top in excellent condition. No rust, no oil leaks. Runs great, I had it out a few weeks ago. Always garaged. \$20,000. I cannot deliver, but it is here in my garage in Duluth. You can drive it home.



Best Regards,

Jim Thompson

Telephone: 678.206.6010

Facsimile: 678.206.6011

Mobile: 404.822.3412

For Sale (Continued)

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Good afternoon gentlemen. I met each of you 20 or so years ago. In 1994 I bought a ragged out '66 Corsa Convertible fixed it up and drove it for many years. It was running the last time I parked it in 2020. In 2022 I talked with both of you guys for a recommendation for a restoration. I then called Bill McCull with Chair City Corvairs. He put me on a waiting list, and when he called me back, I had decided to just keep it. I am now ready to sell it and you are my first contacts. If you know anyone interested in looking at it and making an offer on it, please give them my info.

I can be reached at 770-714-0563 or keros@bellsouth.net. I live in Conyers.
Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time.

Ken Rose

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Hey, I am Chris Owens here in Fayetteville and I have a pallet load of used Corvair parts that I would like to clear out. Do you know of anyone in the area that would want them before I put them on marketplace or something. There are a bunch of usable parts in there. Thanks in advance.

Editor's Note:

***If you know anyone who has a Corvair or parts for sale and wish to have them listed in the newsletter, please send to: 1966unsafe@gmail.com.
Photos sell stuff faster.***



For Sale Continued

1962 Corvair “Spyder” Convertible w/150hp Turbo

\$19,000

Comes with extra turbocharger, literature and parts

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Text Scott Grant: 205.545.3009

Or

Email: strattobladder2@yahoo.com

For questions/appointment

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>

Meet Your Club Leadership Team

Running a great club takes a lot of moving parts—just like our favorite air-cooled engines! Here is your current leadership roster. *Got ideas for the club? These are the folks helping steer the ship!*

Feel free to reach out to any of the officers or directors with questions, event ideas, or just to talk Corvairs.

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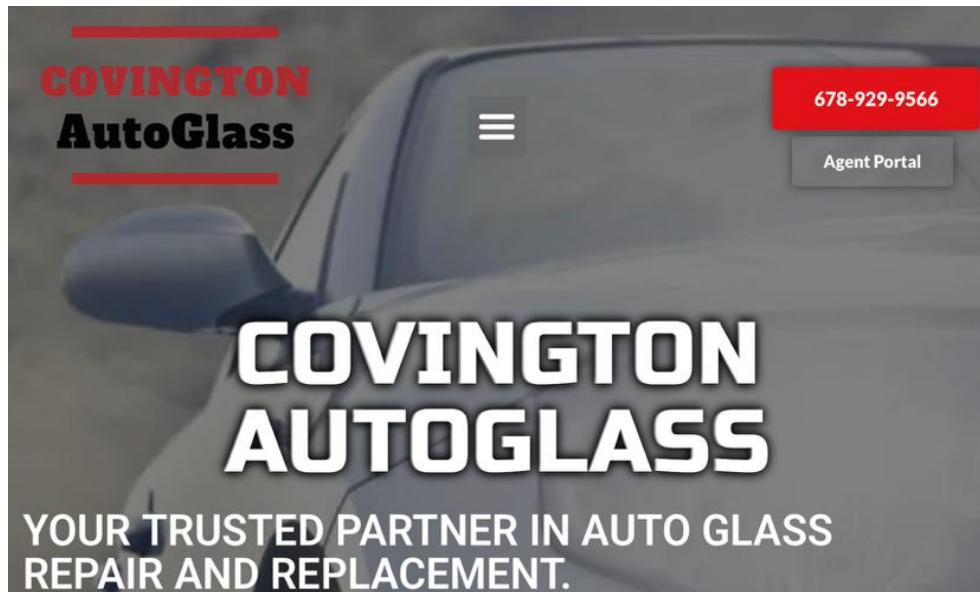
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 **Got a story or a photo for the next issue?**

Don't be shy!

Reach out to our *Newsletter Editor, Tom Endfinger*, to get your Corvair project, tech tips, cars/parts for sale, garage finds, or whatever is Corvair-related, featured in the monthly editions of *The Connecting Rod*

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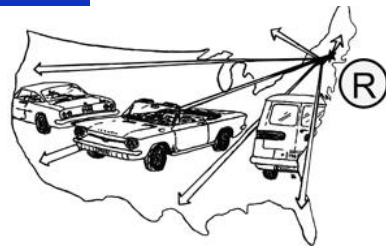
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