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It's the middle of August.

I've got furniture in my new to me house now in Pennsylvania and am again working on the HAM Newsletter.

It's me... Mark... your Editor...

I want to Thank those of you who came out to help me Move a LOT of parts back on **May 9th**; and a few more days after and into June, from the backyard and shed up to the driveway where I/we could sell, sort and load up and into the PODS.

Andria, Bob M., Bob W., Byron, Fred, Jimmy, Lee, Mike, and Pete who came out with his right hand drive, four wheel drive, Land Rover and brought parts and shelves up TWO Hills to the driveway from the shed. THANK YOU ALL.



Now that I am no longer there I can tell you about the Shed down by the creek. When I loaded up the Shed with Corvair parts, I planned for 18 inches of water by putting parts in 18 inch tall totes with lids. I did Not intend to have a Moat around it for protection. The creek got THREE Feet high on the shed back in 2019 after 4 inches of rain fell in 5 hours.

Check out the Video of the event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJbwtX500PY>

I had to drill a hole in the totes to let the water out so Bob M, Fred and I could pull the totes out from under the shelves.



The May Club Meeting was held at A.J.'s Garage on the 16th.

The project was to replace the electric fuel pump and fix the rear brakes. There were nine members present. Pete got under A.J.'s 64 Corvair Monza Coupe and started diagnosing the electric fuel pump and wiring. The brake shoes were the wrong ones for the Early Model so the brakes were not touched. Pete took some pictures and posted the car for sale on Sunday and helped A.J. sell the car. It Sold quick! 140 HP Engine and a cool center console.



Thank you A.J. for Hosting. 🛠️

See June [Convention Pics](#). There was no August Club Meeting.

I DO want to Thank those who came out in June to help finish up cleaning out the Shed.



The July 25th Club Meeting was held at Jimmy's Garage.

I could not make the meeting but Fred sent me some pictures and I used info gathered from Bob and Fred for the text below.--

The project was to align the rear of Byron's 1966 Convertible to track better down the road.

Attendees were Fred, Bob Marshall, Byron, Bob Walker, Pete Daniels and of course Jimmy our host. Got Byron's car aligned and a new starter drive installed. Also found his alternator isn't charging so more work to be done. During the rear alignment we found a stripped cam bolt.

Reminder DO NOT use anti seize on the suspension camber bolts. It will cause you to over torque the nuts and strip the threads. The Clarks replacement cam bolts are even more prone to this.

Luckily Jimmy had a spare bolt and nut.





And as always, as Pete demonstrates here, if you see something, say something.
Thank you Jimmy for Hosting. 🛠️

A few words from our Club President;

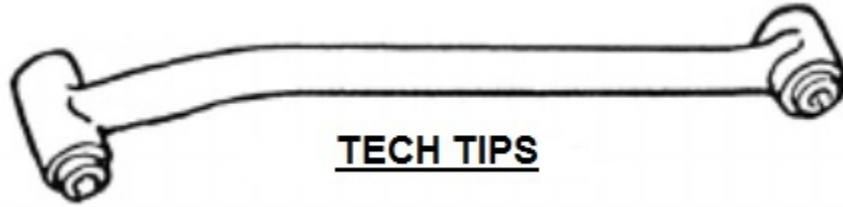
The View Through the Windshield

by Bryan Blackwell

Space has been reserved for future Newsletters.



Your **Corvair Story** could be here! [Contact your Editor.](#)



TECH TIPS

Upgraded suspension parts for the LM by Brian Brooksby

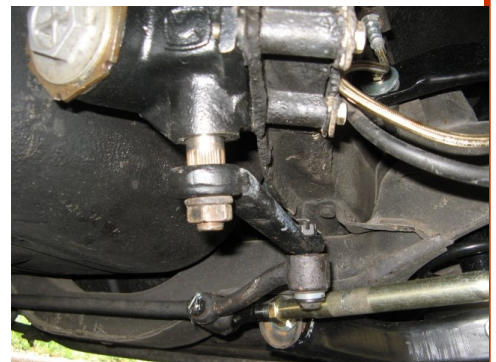
Here are the pictures of the complete LM suspension upgrade made by Nate Wolfe. I've driven his cars equipped with this set up and they handle like slot cars. I've received all the parts and they are top notch.

Front control rod replaced with adjustable Johnny joint. Front Lower arm greaseable USA made ball joint, and spherical joint. Rear control arm with spherical bearing that no longer requires the small connecting rod as the control arm is locked down with no side to side movement.

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Of Oil

Bob sent a link with an article about Diesel oil in a gasoline engine. Great discussion.

<https://www.motortrend.com/how-to/diesel-oil-in-gasoline-engine>

Here is richard1's reaction to the article above.

<http://corvaircenter.com/phorum/read.php?1,1171194,1171219#msg-1171219>

This Oil link on the Corvair Center has some good info and talks about Diesel oil use.

<http://corvaircenter.com/phorum/read.php?1,1172400>

richard1 helps us to understand Oil requirements for the Corvair.

https://www.widman.biz/uploads/Corvair_oil.pdf

richard1 How varnish is formed in our engines.

<https://www.widman.biz/uploads/Varnish.pdf>

Your Corvair Tech Tip could be here! [Contact your Editor.](#) For Sale Ad 1

For Sale: 1966 Monza 4-door, 110 (?) Hp, PG, AC. Maroon with black vinyl roof. Black cloth and vinyl interior. Electric fuel pump, internal regulator alternator. Restored by the late Ray Hatchell. Located in Goldsboro, NC. Asking \$10,000. Contact Jeff Briggs cell or text 919-920-1102.



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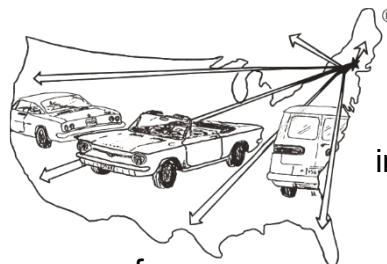
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2026 Meeting Schedule

***Meetings start at 9:00 am unless noted otherwise.**

October 10th Club Meeting

Doug's Garage
4349 Majestic Lane
Fairfax, VA 22033

The project will be to install a Dual Master Cylinder into his 1963 Monza.



Happy 60th to the 1966 Corvair's. Art by Jamie Graham with Chicagoland Corvairs.



Events

Find a Car Cruise near you. <https://carmacruisefinder.com>

Current and Upcoming Events listed on the CORSA Website can be found by [Clicking Here](#).

Reports 2026 Corvair Society of America (CORSA) International Convention Monday June 22 - Friday June 26, 2026.

PICTURES from the Convention.

<https://www.corvairforum.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=165570>

THIS COMING SATURDAY!

47th Annual

SEP 19

Corvair Day

CORVAIR DAY

Saturday, September 19, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Join us for the 47th Annual Corvair Day Car Show at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR), 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372. (*GPS Address for Latimore Valley Fairgrounds: 314 Latimore Valley Road, York Springs, PA 17372.) Enjoy free dash plaques, door prizes, a silent auction, and more. 20 trophies will be awarded, including "Best of Show" and "Longest Distance". Dash plaques, door prizes, and silent auction. Free indoor/outdoor vendor setup. A food truck will be available all day for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. All proceeds from the event goes to the Salvation Army of Harrisburg, Lancaster, and York counties, PA Wounded Warriors, and the Corvair Preservation Foundation.

CORVAIR DAY is going to be here before we know it. Don't wait to sign up at the last minute. Register today and save on registration fees.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION & DIRECTIONS](#)





ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Rockville Civic Center Park



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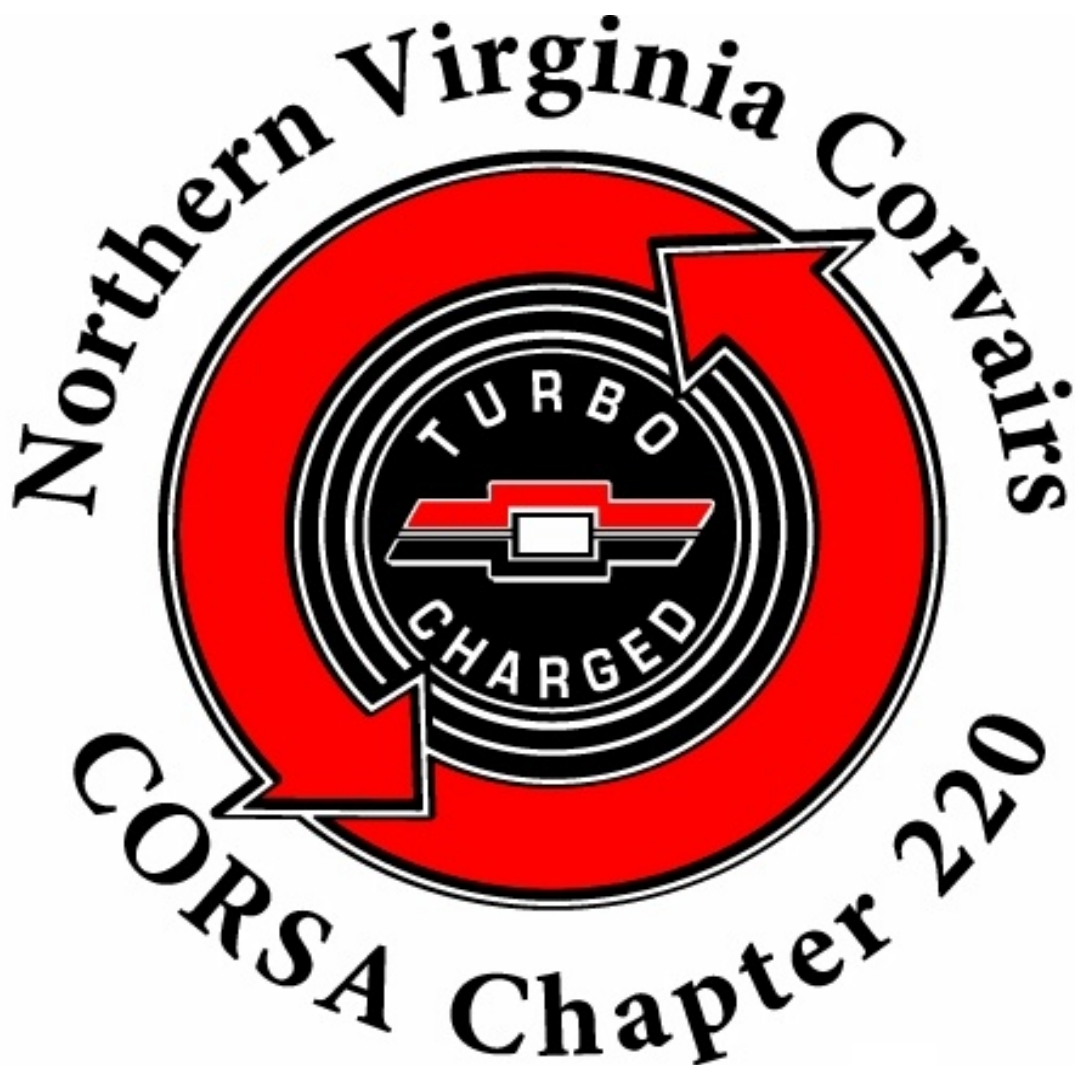
603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, MD 20851

[Register Online](#) [Download Show Car Registration Form](#)



Treasurer's Report

Balance 07/31/26	\$4302.74
Dues Paid	\$10.30
Balance 08/31/26	\$4313.04



Corvair LINKS

An ever evolving knowledge base to preserve the past, present and future of the Corvair.

Corvair Forum <https://www.corvairforum.com/forum/app.php/portal>

Corvair Club Lending a Hand. <https://www.hagerty.com/media/people/garage-squad-detroit-area-corvair-faithful-lend-each-other-a-hand/>

CORSA Corvair Society of America. <https://www.corvair.org/>

For More Pictures of everything Corvair related and past Club Meeting reports,

click here > [NVCC Facebook](#)

OR here for past HAM Newsletters. <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter220/ham/>

Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/northernviriniacorvairs/>

Learn a lot on the Corvair Center Forum. <https://www.corvaircenter.com/>

How to ID different Bolt Grades. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhrBYBiSFKQ>

How to read tires. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQJ3D8iRvvc>

Hagerty Corvair Valuation. [1965-69-chevy-corvair-values-are-rising-fast/](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHuXM1Gb8XM)

Corvair getting attention. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHuXM1Gb8XM>

Getting more attention. [Why-the-chevrolet-corvair-is-the-best-cheap-car](#)

Learn more about the AACA. <https://aaca.org/>

How to ID engine/body Codes on your Corvair

<https://stock.corvair.org/2022/01/david-trulls-corvair-gold/>

GM Vehicle Information Kits <https://www.gm.com/heritage/archive/vehicle-information-kits>

Motor Trend article. <https://www.motortrend.com/features/1806-1961-two-corvairs-endurance-test/>

Hagerty Corvair Mention. [According-to-you-the-best-starter-classics-cars](#)

Another Hagerty Corvair Mention. <https://www.hagerty.com/media/automotive-history/so-what-is-the-chicken-tax-anyway>

Top shrouds <https://stock.corvair.org/wordpress/2026/02/engine-top-shroud-variations/>

Ron Hill's Vision and the 1965 Corvair.

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/southcoast/misc/RonHill.pdf>

Remember, we have been given a special Corvair power. With that power comes responsibility. That responsibility is keeping this marque alive and viable for future generations. We still have the most affordable classic 60's cars in existence but we, as a club, need to be a part of promoting the Corvair as a really unique and cool collectible car. Let's keep on driving them, fixing them and promoting them everywhere we go. And with that I give you Rory & Rita's;

The RnR Report



RnR Report May June Update 2026

Where do I start? So much has happened since my last report.

I will start with the 69 Monza that Rick is working on for the family of the owner who unfortunately passed away before the car was completed. The car was delivered to Rick's house after body work and paint. It is a beautiful blue although I do not know if it is car/year correct. Basically, the car was stripped of everything except the drive train. I have been helping Rick and Dave reassemble it. I am not sure how I always end up fitting and cutting carpet but this is the second car, Rick's being the other, that I have installed carpet. I am getting better at it. I can't wait to do mine next! I won't describe everything we are doing but imagine a car that rolls in with nothing on or in it.

Now onto my Corsa. A new gas station opened right around the corner from me. Ethanol free gas is sold there and I was excited to fill up the tank. Well, that is until I realized it was 87 after I filled up. I had a run on when I turned off the engine, which was a concern. I didn't want to drain it so I bought octane booster, which got it up to 90. After driving it around for 100 miles, it looks like that solved that issue. I will never make that expensive mistake again. Ethanol is fine despite what all the experts say.

Next, I tackled the perimeter seal in the Rampside. BTW, Rita and I have owned Rumpy for 8 years. It is sad how long it is taking me to get it in the road but that is life. Anyway, I removed the engine tins (very difficult) and proceeded to cut off the staples with my Dremel. That was the easy part. Next came the installing the seal and then the staples. After trying the prescribed Clark's Corvair process I ended up using a body dolly and metal hammer to bend the staples over after drilling out the holes and seal. By the third panel I was like a machine and decided that the 4 hours I spent on the first two tins wasn't that bad after all. Next came the reinstalling of the tins, which proved just as difficult as removing them. They are done and I am happy that job is finished. I made a promise never to do that again for the rest of my life.

Next came trailering Rumpy to Rick's house for the final running valve adjustment and to jet the carbs to 53 from 51. Scott drove up from St. Matthew, SC and we got to it. We did the jetting first so the engine could warm up. Once warm we got it on the lift and used Scott's super cool valve adjustment valve cover. It was a plastic cover with 6 holes in it directly above the roller nuts. It was sweet. It also turns out that my cold valve adjustment was terrible. Without going into detail, I am surprised it ran at all and as good as it did.

With the valves adjusted we got back to setting the points (they were fine), setting timing and balancing the carbs. It now idles at 850 in neutral and about 750ish in gear. Scott thinks he can get it adjusted better but I said that I need to drive it and let it settle in. I also thought back to when we got Rumpy, again, 8 years ago, and how long it sat in a field in Maryland (15 years) and I was amazed how good it runs. It has been at least 23 years since this thing has been on the road. I test drove it around the block a few times and I am impressed with how well it drives and rides.

Now for the grand finale. I went to the tax office and then to the MVA and Rumpy is officially on the road. It is title, registered, tagged and insured. Rita and I drove about 10 miles total (2 trips) and I plan to branch out as my confidence builds. I do want to get it to a few local car shows. This is a rarity down here and I hope people are excited to see Rumpy.

That's all for now but more updates are to come.
Stay tuned and keep wrenching.





Next Club Meeting Location?

If you have a Corvair that needs help, [let the newsletter editor know](#) to put you on the schedule to host a Club Meeting.



PS

Always carry a spare?



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB

A Chartered Chapter (220) of CORSA, The Corvair Society of America

Date of Application: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Family members to be included in Membership

First Name	Last Name	Birthday (MM/DD)	Relationship

Email Address: _____

Corvair Information

Year of Car: _____ Color: _____ Conv or Coupe: _____

Transmission: _____ Engine: _____

Are you a member of CORSA? Yes: _____ No: _____

**Membership Dues in NVCC are \$10 per family per year.
Dues are due January 1**

As a member of NVCC, what type of events would you like to participate in:

Races: _____ Rallies: _____ Autocrosses: _____ Car Shows: _____ Tech Sessions: _____

Other (Specify): _____

Signature: _____

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