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The **HOT AIR MAIL** NVCC Club Newsletter. Vair Fair Meeting **this** Saturday November 7th.

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The October 10th Club Meeting was held at Doug's Garage.

I made the two-hour drive from PA to Doug's garage that morning and, despite arriving five minutes past the 9:00 a.m. start time, I was somehow the first one there. Our project for the day was installing a dual master cylinder in Doug's 1963 Monza convertible. We had a great turnout, with Al, Andy, Art, Bill, Bob M., Bob W., Bryan, Daniel, Doug, Gary, Jimmy, Mark, Michael, and Pete all joining in to help.

Our President Bryan, held a meeting discussing us hosting the Corvair Vair Fair in May of 2027. More on that in Bryan's **The View through the Windshield.** Check the meeting dates in the Meeting Schedule below.

On to the project at hand. Bryan jumped into the trunk and removed the old master cylinder and Pete and Bryan got the front to back brake line disconnected from the brass connection under the dash. The correct location for drilling the hole was determined.

The next step was to drill the hole for the 2nd brake reservoir line to go through. But.
A decent drill bit could not be found so progress stopped. So we uncovered Doug's 1965 Corsa Convertible and looked it over.

Got to check out Art's 1965 Monza four door with a new Tilt Column he put into it. Looks Vairy nice. Almost did not recognize Gary's 1969 Corvair with the back window installed.























Art's Tilt column he put into his 65 above.
Gary's 69 below.







Doug wants to know if anyone remembers what year CORSA Convention this is from?

Thank you Doug for Hosting.

Your Newsletter Editor's Corvair Story!

As the Newsletter Editor it has lately been rare that I get an Ad for Corvairs or Corvair parts for sale. On **Friday August 28th** I got an email from the CVCC Newsletter editor, Wade Lanning, asking me to put an Ad for a 1966 Corvair Corsa in my Newsletter. I read the Ad and said to myself; Self, I may have to go look at this Myself. Wade told me that Mike Stillwell can tell me more about the car as he knows about the car. So I called Mike and got voicemail and left a message for him to call me.

On **Saturday August 29th**, the last day of the Corvettes At Carlisle Show in PA, three NVCC Club Members, after being at the Carlisle Show, Bob Marshall, Fred Marx and Pete Daniels stopped by my PA house to visit and see where I moved to from VA. I showed them the Ad and told them what I was waiting on and then I heard; "The heck with that, CALL the Owner NOW" like the stereo had been turned up.

So I did and the next day, **Sunday August 30th**, I drove the three and a Half Hours down to Staunton VA to look at it and liked it, and bought it and he gave me the title so I could get tags for the car. AAA will not tow a car without current tags on it.

After I got PA Tags for the Corsa, I arranged to spent Tuesday night, **September 8th**, at my brother's house in Lignum VA, two hours and fifty minutes from Hanover and just two hours from where I was going to get the Corvair in Staunton VA.

I got to Staunton at 11:05am on **September 9th**. I called AAA and they got there around 1:40pm.

I drove the car from where it was garaged through the yard up to the driveway so Andy, the AAA driver, could get it. I then drove it up and onto the Flatbed. I had to Hold the brake pedal on so he could hook it up. The E-brake does not work.

Before we left Staunton, Andy told me that he needed to stop for gas.
He left first at 2:00pm and I paused leaving only long enough to set up the GPS to home.
I saw him way ahead of me on Route 262 but I got stopped at a traffic light and lost him before I got on Interstate 81.

AAA drivers are crazy so I got onto Interstate 81 and kept up with the 70MPH speed limit.
I put about 90 miles on my odometer, was doing 70MPH, was 7 miles past the intersection of Interstate 66 and Andy PASSED ME. I followed him the rest of the way home. Got up to 83MPH on 81!! Like I said- Wow.

5:49pm AAA Safely delivered my 66 Corvair Corsa to Home. It came off the flatbed. BUT, it would Not start. Andy pushed me back far enough so I could get a running start to push it into the driveway. There was NO clearance problem with the driveway ramp I am happy to say. Once it was on the driveway, I tried again and got it started and drove it into the garage. I found that the coil wires were loose.

The seller is 80 years old and had not driven the Corvair in four years. He used to trailer it everywhere only to autocross it.

It has custom heads with 6 intakes into a 4 barrel center mount carb. I want to fix the E-brake and check it out thoroughly before driving it too far. It sits a little low and the headers have BANGED the ground. I will put stock manifolds back on and go with my extractors. I am putting in a new gastank.
NO heater ducts in the car. He lightened it as much as he could. Racing bucket seats. Front has disc brakes. I have included pictures of the front brake calipers and if you can help identify them as to what they came off of please let me know.

He also installed an electric power steering assist on the steering column that protrudes into the trunk.
I will be replacing the top shroud because it was modified to direct the air over cylinder number 2 with No air getting through the oil cooler. The “trailered it everywhere” makes sense now. I want to drive it on the street so I will change it back to stock.

My trip showed it was 197 Miles. Under the 200 mile Free tow with AAA.

On **September 13th** Wade sent me another Ad to put in the Newsletter that Did make it to the Newsletter. In the **May, June, July, August HAM** Newsletter that was emailed on September 18th, you saw the Ad for the Air Conditioned Monza four door for sale. It sold in Mid October for the asking price and is going to Texas. Two Corvairs sold in two months.




NJW5413




STOP


MOMO
NJW5413





Here you can see that the 12 plate oil cooler was completely blocked off of air. Below right is the welded up shroud underside where air used to go to the cooler. In Autocrossing you shut it down after a few runs so this is not a problem.







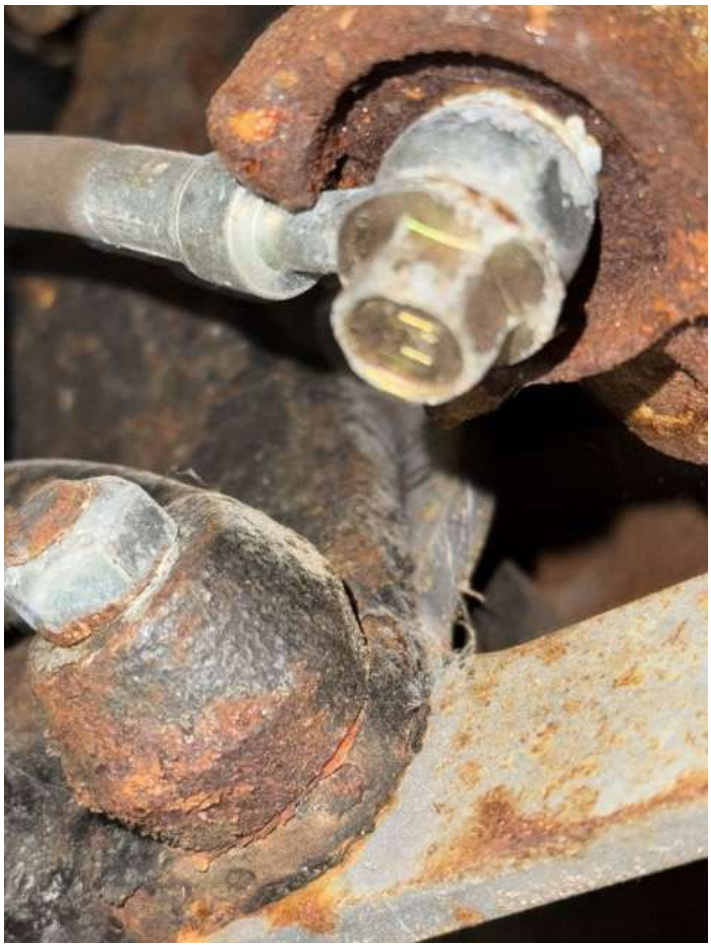


Looking forward to getting her back on the road and track.



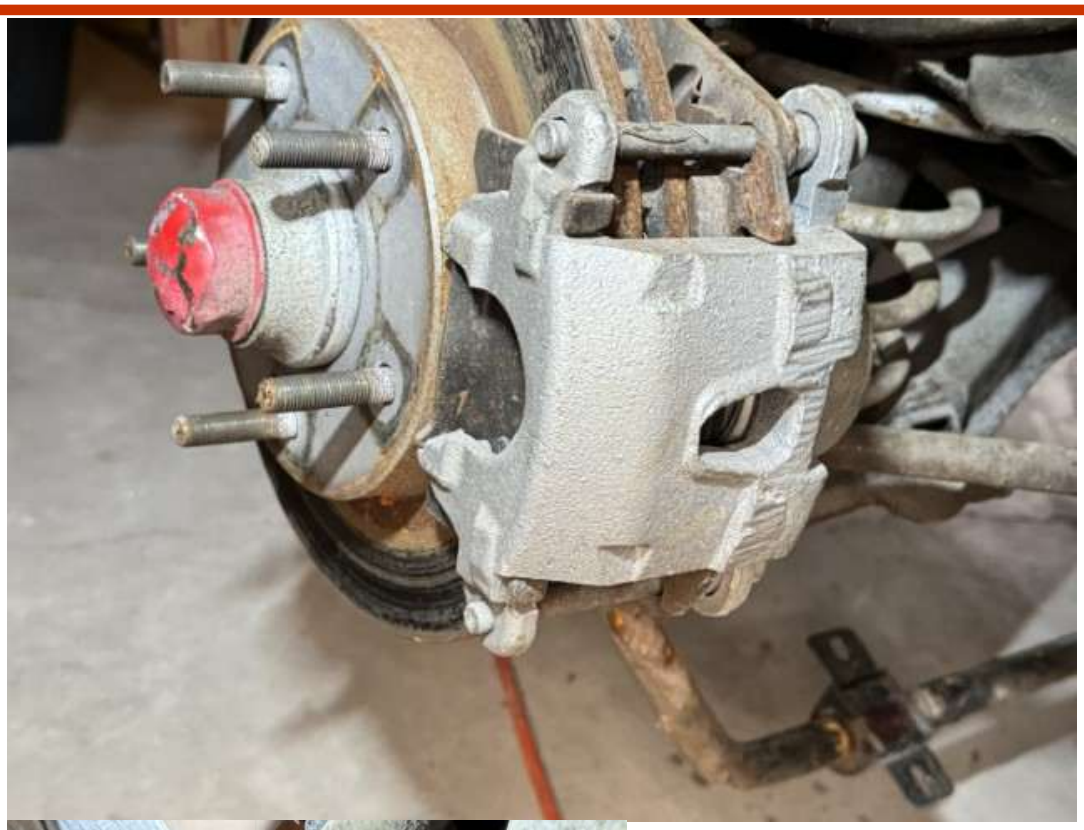


Here are the pictures of the passenger front calipers. Anyone recognize the application make model?





Below is the driver side.





If you know this caliper! .Contact your Editor

Thanks, Mark

Your **Corvair Story** could be here! Contact your Editor.

A few words from our Club President;

The View Through the Windshield

by Bryan Blackwell

Holiday party means it's time to celebrate and plan for next year and new officer positions! Time to think about your project for a meeting - what would you like help with?

Most of all, there's a Vair Fair to plan. To refresh our memory - or if you've never been, here's a brief rundown of what we've done in the past:

Friday - Welcome party and Valve Cover Racing

Saturday - Car Show, Tech session, Poker Run, Dinner on your own, Awards and Cake at 8 p.m.

Sunday - We've done a few different things, I'm thinking a group drive to the Cars and Coffee in Leesburg to keep it simple for us

We'll need to do some planning so we've generally had an organizational meeting for the event. Vair Fair planning meeting.

Saturday, 11/7, 5 p.m.

Dinner included at;

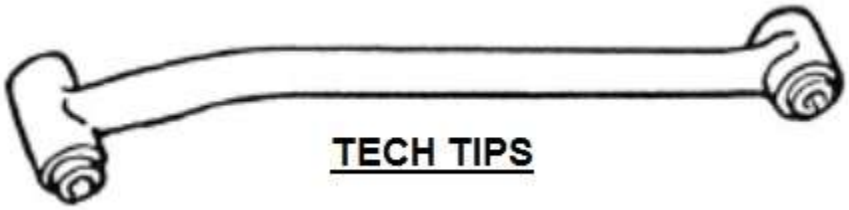
Bryan's house (not garage)
11115 Henderson Rd
Fairfax Station, Va 22039

571-766-8247

One important point about the Vair Fair - this is intended to be a party for us and our friends, so while it is a certain amount of work the goal is for everyone to have plenty of time to see the cars and socialize.

Other fun things to do next year - next year's CORSA convention is in Franklin, TN, just south of Nashville so well within driving distance. What local shows or more casual events do we want to attend? Any interest in a scenic drive? Let us know!

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TECH TIPS

Upgraded suspension parts for the LM by Brian Brooksby

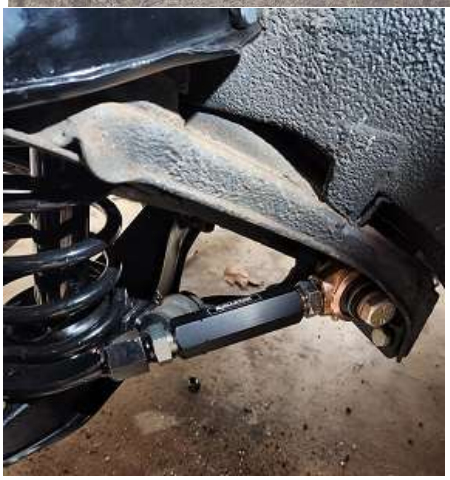
Here are the pictures of the complete LM suspension upgrade made by Nate Wolfe. I've driven his cars equipped with this set up and they handle like slot cars. I've received all the parts and they are top notch.

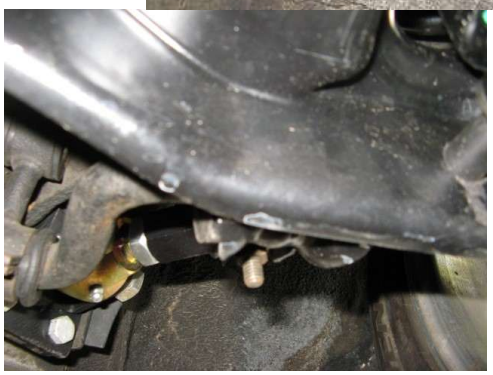
Front control rod replaced with adjustable Johnny joint. Front Lower arm greaseable USA made ball joint, and spherical joint. Rear control arm with spherical bearing that no longer requires the small connecting rod as the control arm is locked down with no side to side movement.

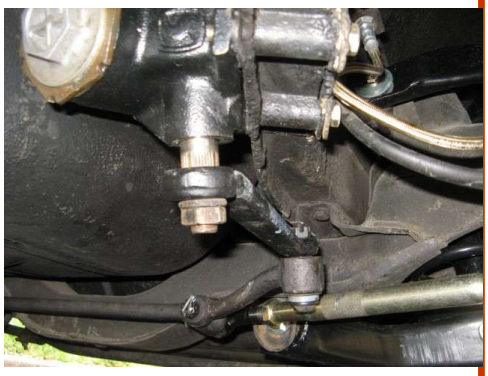
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Of Oil

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

Your **Ad** could be here! Contact your Editor.

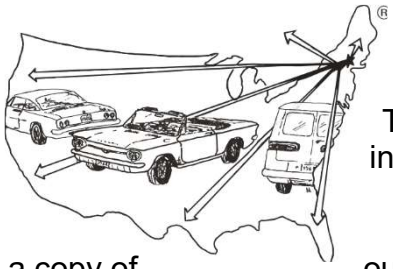
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2026 Meeting Schedule

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

November 7th Club Meeting Vair Fair Discussion at 5PM Dinner included

Bryan's house (not garage)
11115 Henderson Rd
Fairfax Station, Va 22039

Vair Fair in May of 2027. We will discuss what needs to be done to organize and have a Fun event. Pizza will also be in the house. **This coming Saturday. Please RSVP.**…

November 21st Club Meeting

Jimmy's Garage
5408 20th St
N, Arlington, VA 22205

This will be a diagnostic Meeting so bring your Corvair and let's see what's Up. On the Lift.
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December 6th Holiday Club Party 1PM

Bryan's house (not garage)
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Fairfax Station, Va 22039

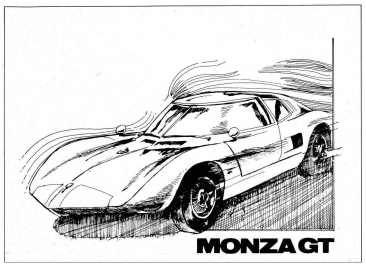
~~The project will be to install a Dual Master Cylinder into Doug's 1963 Monza.~~

We will celebrate a great year of Corvairs. There will be a gift exchange!

It's voluntary for those that wish to participate, let's say $15 to $25 on a Corvair related gift (sorry, there's been some inflation since the 20-aughts).

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



Events

Find a Car Cruse near you. https://carcruisefinder.com

Current and Upcoming Events listed on the CORSA Website can be found by Clicking Here.

2027 CORSA International Convention Franklin, TN July 11th -

More info click 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

Treasurer's Report

Balance 09/30/26	$7372.29
Dues Paid	$30.00
Balance 10/31/26	$7402.29

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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 **S**ociety of **A**merica. 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/northernvirginiacorvairs/

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/

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;

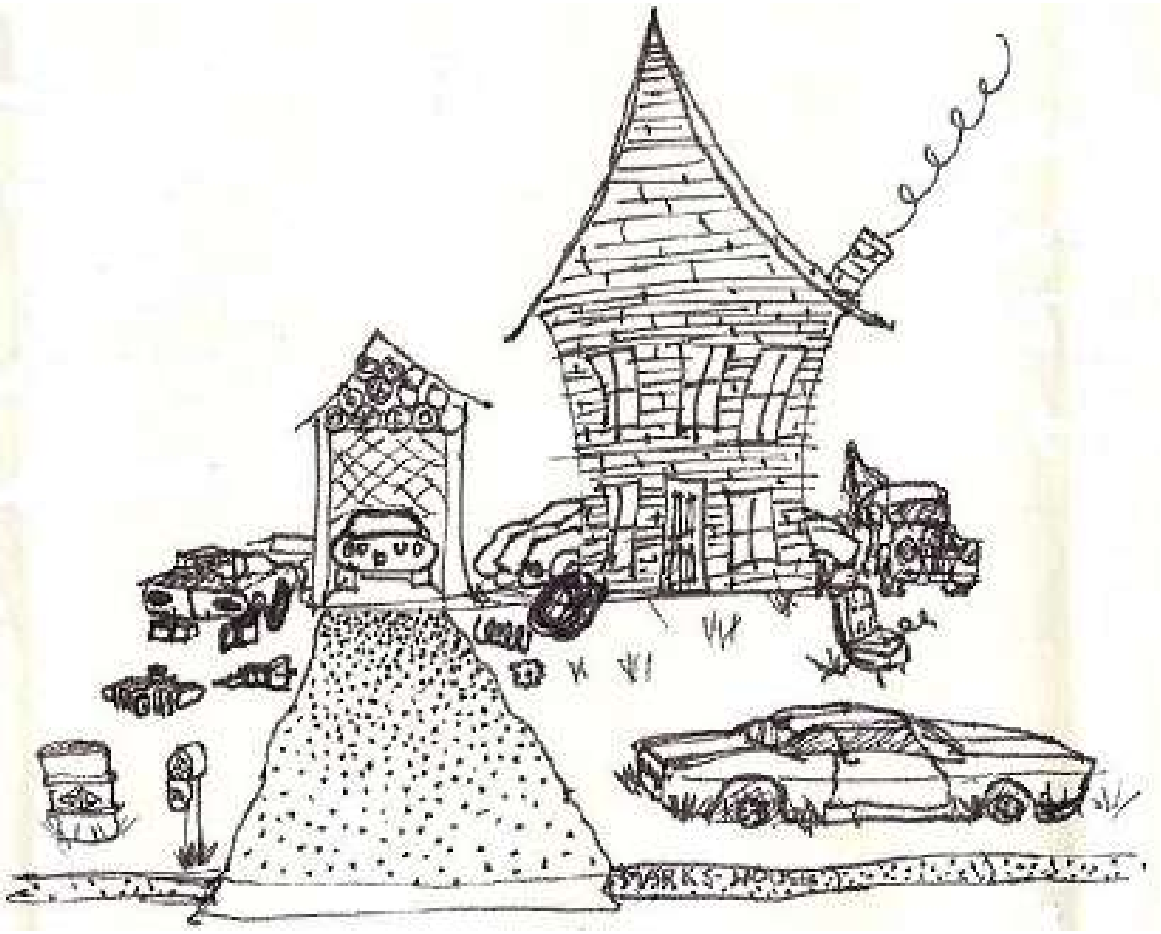
The RnR Report

RnR Report Under Construction

Rory 🛠

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

From Daniel Newton. Sun was at the perfect angle.



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: _____

Please fill out this form and mail with dues payment to:
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