The Connecting Rod

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Corvair Atlanta Remembers one of their own

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The President's Corner



Welcome to November. With Thanksgiving just about 3 weeks away, it's hard to believe that this year has already flown by, and we are planning the CAI Christmas party and officer elections.

We had more sad news in October with the passing of long-time member Raymond Paul. I don't know how long he was with Corvair Atlanta but do know he was a past president who remained very active in Corvairs and Corvair Atlanta for much of his life. Raymond was always available with help and advice on Corvairs, a genuinely nice guy, and a good friend to all he met. Corvair Atlanta donated in his memory to his favorite charity DIGS, a youth helping organization with which he was very active. I will miss Raymond.

On a happier note, we have a new CAI member this month. Steve Hansen of Peachtree City has a '65 Corsa convertible that we hope to see at upcoming events and meetings.

October's event was at the Rudolph's house in Conyers where, as I understand, Jeannette served lunch to attendees and was able to sell several of Bill's vehicles.

In November, one event that we would encourage you to participate in is the Kiwanis club show in LaGrange on November 14th. George Baker, a Corvair Atlanta member, is the event chairman, and we encourage supporting his event. It is from 11 AM until 3 PM in LaGrange with full details below.

November's meeting will be on November 21 in the normal North and South locations, the North River Tavern on Roswell Rd. and the South meeting at Partner's Pizza in Fayetteville. We will send out a reminder with the exact time of each before the meetings. We will be discussing the upcoming elections at this meeting. I would like to ask that some of you consider taking on some of the officer's jobs. We need new, fresh ideas.

Our annual Christmas party on Sunday December 13th at the Olde Ivey Clubhouse, as usual. We usually start arriving there at 12:00 noon and eat around 2. As last year, please bring a wrapped gift in the range of $20 for gift exchange. It can be legitimate or a gag gift. Exact details will be in the December newsletter with reminders being sent out periodically. We will have elections at the party.

Please consider some of the events listed below to promote our Corvairs. Mike Callahan, the busiest Corvair guy in the south has sent in a new Corvair Purgatory update for the month. I hope you enjoy this month's "Connecting Rod".

Frank

Remembering Raymond Paul

Raymond Lamar Paul - Obituary



Springfest 2026, Helen, GA

Raymond Lamar Paul, age 67, of Rome, Georgia, passed away on October 12, 2026. Born on December 28, 1958, in Americus, Georgia, Raymond lived a life defined by his love for family, his servant's heart, and his unwavering willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Lamar Paul and Barbara Sewell Paul; his brother, David Alan Paul; and his nephew, Michael Alan Paul. He is survived by his daughter, Kristie Paul Cook of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; his two beloved grandchildren, John Thomas Cook and Willa Ray Cook; and his siblings, Lynn Paul Owen of Chipley, Florida, Wayne Paul of Alvin, Texas, and Karen Paul Salmond of Roswell, Georgia. He also leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews, lifelong friends, and fellow Corvair enthusiasts across the country and his canine companion, Daisy.

Above all else, Raymond was a devoted Dad and Pop. Few things brought him greater joy than supporting his daughter and grandchildren. He traveled countless miles throughout the Southeast to cheer on John Thomas at baseball games and Willa Ray at horse shows. No distance was too far, and no event was too small when it came to being there for the people he loved. Raymond's love affair with Chevrolet Corvairs began at an early age. He purchased his first Corvair long before he was legally old enough to drive and went on to own many throughout his lifetime. His passion for these unique cars led to decades of friendships and involvement in several Corvair clubs,

including Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia. For Raymond, the cars were much more than a hobby; they were a way to connect with people who shared his enthusiasm, many of whom became lifelong friends.

Raymond also loved dancing and was a member of a local dance club, where he enjoyed sharing the dance floor and making memories with friends. He graduated from West Rome High School in 1977, where he developed a lifelong love of sports, especially his beloved Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Braves. Whether he was attending a car show, enjoying an evening of dancing, or watching a ballgame, Raymond embraced the things he loved and the friendships that came with them. Raymond's greatest legacy, however, was his servant's heart. He was the person everyone called when something broke, when help was needed, or when life became difficult. Whether it was a friend or a complete stranger, Raymond made himself available at any hour, never expecting anything in return. He had an extraordinary ability to fix just about anything, but his greatest gift was making people feel they were never alone when they needed help.

Throughout his life, Raymond generously gave his time and talents to organizations serving his community and his nephew, Michael. His commitment to others was also evident in the many years he sponsored and coached Kristie's youth softball and basketball teams. Raymond believed every child who wanted to play deserved the opportunity. He made sure they had a place on the team, a jersey, cleats, a ball, and, when needed, a ride to and from practices and games. No child was left out if Raymond could do something about it. Raymond's life was also marked by extraordinary strength and perseverance. Diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in 2013, he underwent a successful double lung transplant at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2020. In 2021, he faced and overcame post-transplant lymphoma, only to confront the disease again in 2025. Throughout his year-long battle, Raymond demonstrated the same unwavering determination that defined his life. His fierce will to live and his conviction to fight cancer never faltered, even in the face of tremendous challenges. He met each obstacle with courage, resilience, and a steadfast refusal to give up.

Raymond never measured his life by what he had, but by what he could give. His kindness, generosity, resourcefulness, and quiet acts of service touched countless lives. He will be remembered not only for the battles he fought, but for the life he lived so generously. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the friendships he cherished, the children he encouraged, the countless people he helped, and the kindness he extended so freely to others.

Raymond will be laid to rest in Plains, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Raymond's honor to DIGS, Inc., an organization close to his heart and one to which he generously devoted his time and talents.

Developing Independence Growth and Stability (DIGS, Inc.) P.O. Box 1053 Rome, GA 30162-1053 For more information, please contact: Barbara Monday 706-766-8141

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=HFW73AKEXJRB2

Raymond's greatest legacy is not what he left behind, but the countless ways he showed up for others

Coming Events:

Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Savings Time End

Monday, November 2 – Day of the Dead

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day

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

Saturday, November 14 – Burkingstock's Annual Weine Roast - 4pm-whenever you get sleepy. 135 Shoal Creek Road Fayetteville 30215, (770) 289-3125 if you get lost. We will have the golf cart to transport you from the street down to the fire. We will furnish the hot dogs, buns, chips, drinks, hot cider, plates, "silverware," and the fire. If you have a special dish you would like to bring that would be fine.

Saturday, November 21 – CAI November Meeting in the normal North and South locations, the North River Tavern on Roswell Rd. and the South meeting at Partner's Pizza in Fayetteville.

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 13 – CAI Annual Christmas party at the Olde Ivey Clubhouse, as usual. We usually start arriving there at 12:00 noon and eat around 2.

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Saturday, January 2nd – Annual Polar Bear Run. See details in the CAI website Calendar.

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



From the Secretary

Corvair Confession: “Membership” - by Tom Constantine

For many years I have had ideas for articles which might be used in the "Connecting Rod". Unfortunately, very few of those ideas ever became articles while Steve was still editing the Club's newsletter. Steve served not only as Newsletter Editor but also as Treasurer and Club Webmaster (positions he still holds). And, I am grateful to Tom Endfinger for taking over the role of Newsletter Editor from Steve.

In the years that those ideas for articles have distilled in my pea-sized brain, I thought it might be helpful to reference them to the many mistakes I've made during 45 years of working on the Monza. Due to some type of guilt, I've titled this article, and perhaps more to follow, as a "Corvair Confession".

While I bought my first Corvair in 1978, a 1966 Saddlewood Tan "500" with four doors & a power-glide transmission, it took me over 31 years to join Corvair Atlanta. And even then, it's unlikely that I would have joined the Club if my sister-in-law, Kathy, had not prompted me to do so.

For me the benefits of membership in Corvair Atlanta, were both immediate and long lasting. Joining in 2010, when it was the Club's policy to purchase a CORSA membership for each new member, was a great value as the CAI membership was approximately half of the CORSA membership. And, in the past 16 years Club members have given me many Corvair parts that, if not free, cost next-to-nothing. In addition to parts, I've been given much free advice and wise counsel about how to maintain and repair my 1965 Monza (my second Corvair, which I've had since 1980).

But, my first "Corvair Confession" is not based on a mistake that I made while working on the Monza. More likely it was a mistake that CAI made by asking me to serve as Club president, since no one else wanted the position (thanks Jim). I may have been the least active president the Club has ever had. For example, in 2013 I was only able to attend one monthly meeting and was always severely challenged to get few lines written for the "Connecting Rod" each month. In those days the "Connecting Rod" editors were Jay Word and later John O'Harra. But, here is the first of my Corvair Confessions; I would NEVER have gotten involved with the Club had I not found myself as president less than two years after joining. Now, many years after joining Corvair Atlanta, I understand why CAI asked me to serve as president. And while it may not be a great idea to ask new members to be the Club president, to receive the most benefit from membership it is necessary to be involved in Club activities. For me the greatest value of being a member of Corvair Atlanta are the many friends I have made, that otherwise I would never have known.

Unfortunately, In the past 6 months the Club has lost some of its' most dedicated and enthusiastic Corvair members. Members who have not only served the Club for decades but have also helped me personally in many ways. They will be missed by those who knew them. For those new members who may not have known them, please consider being active in Corvair Atlanta. And, perhaps, serving as a director or officer.

Tom Constantine

For Sale

‘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.



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Good afternoon gentlemen. I had 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 kerose@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.

For Sale Continued

1962 Corvair "Spyder" Convertible w/150hp Turbo

$19,000

Comes with extra turbocharger, literature and parts

2022 "World of Wheels" Award Winner!



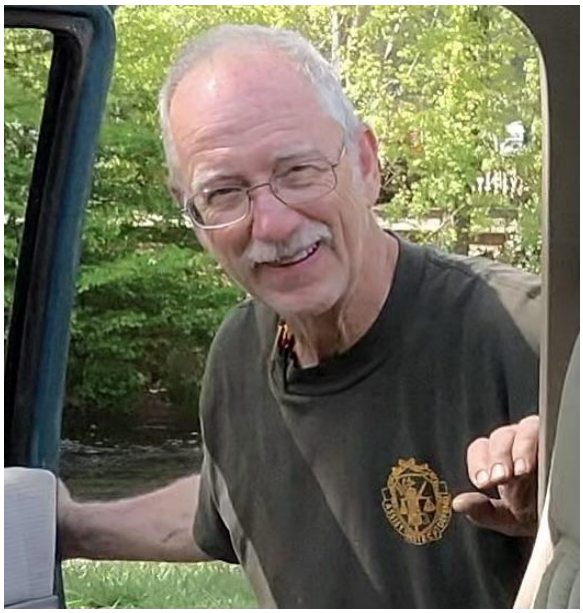


Text Scott Grant: 205.545.3009
Or
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For questions/appointment

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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.

Corvair Pergatory



Happy NOVEMBER 2026!

So, what's going on at Corvair Pergatory this month:

Well, I bought 2 more vehicles this month.

1. 1966 CORSA with A/C fresh paint, totally disassembled. In the process of putting it back together. Got started, put the door windows in it yesterday and cleaned the seats.
2. 2006 PT cruiser Turbo 5 SPEED MANUAL 230 hp. I Had one before and sold it so I would drive my other cars. It is such a blast to drive. Im going to ration myself this time.

66 Red A/C convertible: Working on getting the new gauges working. See note above. Getting help from the factory in Taiwan.

Ultra Van: Having a hard time getting all the water out of the tank. I flushed it 3 times with water to get all the old crud out. It seems like there are several low spots that are holding water. When I go over bumps or sway from side to side, I get a slug of water that stalls the engine, then take the fuel line loose and run the pump until it runs pure gas and go around the yard again. Finally ordered a water separater/filter. Hope that fixes the problem'

62 Studebaker Hawk Gran Turismo: drove it for the last week, nice to have heat. No list of improvements yet.

62 Wagon: installed Ted Brown new version of HEI distributor. To field test it. Seems to work really well. Non-EFI, that is No computer needed. I'll keep you updated on the progress.

58 chevy Apache 3200 long bed step side pickup truck: I have near zero oil pressure per the gauge once it gets warmed up, but no noise from the engine. Need to put a manually gauge on it to measure it. It's on my list of "TO DO" items.

FOR SALE

64 Monza coupe, PG $4,000

61 rampside, 4 speed, front disc brakes. Usual rust. Has car engine, new clutch parts, $5,000

65/66 am/fm radios from $500 to $750 Still have2 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 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.

SOLD 140 used engine still in the car, you can hear it run. $1500 complete **SOLD**

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, check out oil pressure problem

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. Replace engine

68 Ultravan: Water in the fuel issue

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: Done for now

66 Red A/C convertible: Find and fix some water leaks, get all the gauges working.

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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📢 ***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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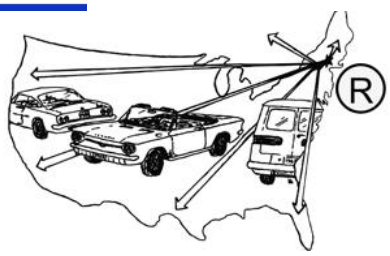


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