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The Flat Six

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From the Prez Chris Hall

Spring is finally here! It feels like we've waited forever for its arrival. What Spring projects do you have planned? For myself, the list seems to get bigger every year! Come to think of it. I'm not finished with my winter projects yet. Now, we're less than two months away from the Mini-Convention to benefit the Corvair Preservation Foundation Corvair Museum! I don't know about you but, I'm excited for it! We can still really use all the help we can get! If you can't help us for any reason I understand. However, I encourage you all to participate in the fun! I certainly hope to be there as much as I can! I also hope you are able to make it to our April meeting. It'd be great to get some more cars out front during the meeting if we can! Oh. I just remembered we do need some door prizes for the Mini-Convention! Perhaps some quick detailer, some car wash or wax, maybe even an air freshener! The list could be endless. If you can't make it to the meeting I hope you get a chance to get your Corvairs out and give them a fresh drink of some ethanol free premium fuel and take a drive. Be thinking about what you'd like to do this year! If you have any ideas please let me know! Now, I can't leave you without a little joke! "A truck transporting ice cream spilled on the highway. There was some rocky road." ~ Trucker Jokes | Funny Truck Drivers Jokes - Trucker Humor (topmarkfunding.com)

Chris Hall



Inside the Corvair Museum, this tire display also describes the research that went into developing a "low" profile tire for the Corvair.

Chris Hall

Calendar of Events - 2021

PCCA Home Page may be found at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter627>

Directions to the CPF Corvair Museum near Glenarm Illinois. Take exit 88 from I-55, from either direction, head west – turn right if you are traveling south on I-55, left if traveling north. Follow the road as it curves to the left, south. Go straight at the stop light (turning right takes you to Chatham). The Museum is 1.3 miles from the stop light on the right hand side – just past the Double J campgrounds. The building was the location of Elite Classic Cars a few years ago.

Events - 2021



April 10, 2021 PCCA Meeting at the Museum 2:00-4:00 pm.
LOCATION: CPF Corvair Museum (exit 88 off I-55)

May 08, 2021 PCCA Meeting at the Museum 2:00-4:00 pm.
LOCATION: CPF Corvair Museum (exit 88 off I-55)

May 18-22, 2021 Mini Convention: The Next Generation, Springfield IL to benefit the CPF and CPF Museum

NOTE: PCCA added a day for an autocross. Wednesday - Concours, Thursday - Autocross, Friday - Rally, Saturday - Car Display, Banquet. Still a Mini, but with more things to do.

The PCCA web site has a link to the 2021 Mini Convention - The Next Generation.

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter627/mini2021.htm> The information has been updated for 2021, The site has a link to registration - paper and electronic (preferred) plus a link to host hotel reservations.

A presentation by William Wynne will be at a nearby airport and is part of the Rally. A Corvair powered fly-in is also expected at that airport. The host hotel will remain the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield Illinois.**

June 12, 2021 PCCA Meeting at the Museum 2:00-4:00 pm.
LOCATION: CPF Corvair Museum (exit 88 off I-55)

July 10, 2021 PCCA Meeting at the Museum 2:00-4:00 pm.
LOCATION: CPF Corvair Museum (exit 88 off I-55)

NOTE: The 2021 CORSA Convention has been CANCELLED

August 16,2021 Illinois State Fair - PCCA Corvair Exhibit. Monday of the State fair.
PCCA Meeting at the Fair at 1:00pm

August 26-29 Detroit Homecoming 2021. Ann Arbor MI. Ypsilanti Museum Tour, Car Show, Rally and Ken Pepke's World class Hospitality room. Registration \$40 individual, \$65 Family.

September 11, 2021 PCCA Meeting at the Museum 2:00-4:00 pm.
LOCATION: CPF Corvair Museum (exit 88 off I-55)

October 1-3, 2021 **Great Plains Corvair Roundup**, Hosts: Arkansas Corvair Club in North Little Rock. Editor suggests using US Route 67 from just south of St Louis off I-55 to Little Rock - nice 4 lane road. Host Hotel is the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, events includ Banquet, Peoples Choice display, Valve cover races and a Fun Run. T-shirts available too. Nice Hotel, friendly and the Arkansas river is across the street with a nice walking path/park. Short walk across the bridge to downtown Little Rock and a long walk to the Clinton Presidential Museum.

For more Corvair Events Check the calendar on the CORSA Web site: www.corvair.org

2021 PCCA

The March meeting had a visitor from Georgia in the person of Mike Glassmann. Mike primary purpose was not attending the meeting or touring the museum but he did those too, while he was in the area. PCCA was glad to have him. The 2022 CORSA International Convention will be held just south of Atlanta Georgia, where Mike will be a Local. I look forward to seeing him again then.

James and Beulah Collier drove their 1965 maroon Coupe from Decatur because, well, it was a nice Spring day, a bit overcast but the temperatures were OK for this time of year. Tim Mahler drove his 1966 red Sprint coupe, but being “local” made the trip a bit easier. Of course, Mike and Rhona Hall had several Corvairs inside the museum as part of the rotating exhibit items Mini Convention.

There was not a lot of exciting new items this month. I think we are all trying to get ourselves back up to speed for visiting other people, safely. The Governor did announce a phase 4 bridge that would allow the Mini to be held with the only big restriction being wearing masks and social distancing Both of these are expected to continue through at least late summer especially if hospitalizations start rising again like they have the last week or so.

Mini news include having Tony Ellis to set up the autocross in the Hotel parking lot. The hotel has Ok'd the use of the parking lot. The Crowne Plaza in Springfield is really a car convention friendly location. Mike Hall also reported that Motorheads is on board for the Welcome party Cruise in. Dinner will be on your own at the restaurant. The RT 66 Drive-in Movie Theater should be open and ready for us by the mini but the owner is not sure what movie(s) will be showing. Another big item is that the Ultravan club will be having a meet-up at the Double J campsite, next to the Corvair Museum, the weekend before the Mini Convention. We should see a lot of Ultravans remaining for the Mini. Those are quite unique RV campers.



James Collier's 65 Corvair with Jim Allen and Mike Glassman behind. Bernie is on the left.



Colliers and Tim's Corvair with James Collier talking with Richard Grooms on the right.



Mike Hall's Ramside inside in the heat

PCCA Membership Dues Are DUE!

It is past time for PCCA members to have renewed for 2021. Those listed below, if not renewed soon, this will be their last newsletter. If we have made an error, please contact Jim Allen. We will rectify mistakes post haste. **Please Renew, we value your membership.**

Missing Renewals from : Paul Drake, John Funk

Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA) Membership Form

January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021

Type of Membership Individual ___ \$17
 Family ___ \$20 (2 adults at one address plus children under 18)

___ Apply a \$5 discount for receiving the electronic version of the newsletter and other correspondence.

If joining after July 31, dues are: Individual \$8.50, Family \$10.00. If applicable, the discount is \$2.50.

Name _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

Street Address _____

City, ST ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ CORSA Membership ID _____

Cell Phone(s) _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

e-Mail Address(es) _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____

Cars, Corvair and other _____

Other interests _____

PCCA strongly encourages membership in CORSA. Do you want/need information about CORSA? Y / N

Return the completed form and dues to:

Jim Allen, PCCA Treasurer

4130 N. Timber Circle, Peoria IL 61614

Please make checks payable to Prairie Capital Corvair Association or PCCA

Door Prizes and Volunteers

A call to PCCA members – A few door prizes have been offered but more is always better for the Mini Convention – do you have one or two items that could be donated? Know a business willing to donate something? Doesn't need to be expensive, maybe not even Corvair related although that helps.

Please note: PCCA will be needing volunteers for the Hospitality Room, Registration and the Road Rally. The Autocross may need a few helpers too.

Concours Judges are also needed, experienced judges will help you if you are new to judging. The Car Display may also need a hand counting the ballots and with parking the Corvairs.

Thanks Tim



Florida Snowbirds

Hello PCCA,

This is Lon Roberts, greetings from sunny Florida. We recently drove to Sebring from Clermont to visit with “Florida snowbirds” Brian and Sue Seyller. Due to COVID we had not seen the Seyllers since their arrival in Florida last year. Attached is a photo taken at the Seyller home of Brian’s 1965 Corvair and our 1964 Corvair.

Last Saturday our car club, the Classic Irons, made a trip by caravan to the Lake Wales, Florida monthly car show. Lake Wales is about an hour drive from Clermont and a 1/2 drive from Sebring. Met up with Brian and Sue. Brian drove his “new” 1961 Corvair Wagon (Does the wagon look familiar??) and Sue drove their 1965 Corvair. Looked at over 100 classic cars on display, had a nice fish dinner and was enjoying the car show when it was announced that door prizes and trophies were to be handed out. To a very shocked, speechless Brian, his name was announced and that his 1961 Corvair Wagon had won “Best of Show for the month of February 2021”. Our club, the Classic Irons was pleased of Brian’s Corvair winning because we now have 8 Corvairs in our club, with my 1964 Corvair being the only one until last year. Attached is a photo of Brian and Sue accepting this special award.

Lon



Brian and Lon pose with their Corvairs in sunny Florida



Brian and Sue between their two Corvairs at the show



Brian, Lon and Sue pose next to the wagon.



Brian and Sue posing with their Best of Show Award

Bill Berta sent me this article from the Show-Me Corvair Club's Newsletter. It was printed in the Spring of 2005, unfortunately I do not know the author's name but it is timely with April Showers here.

Corvair Spring Check Up

Spring is surely going to be here soon. We all want to dust off the Corvairs and get out on the road with the top down and the wind blowing thru your hair. I drive mine year round but there are still lots to check when I bring it out for serious summer driving.

Of course I do all the regular things. Check the fan belt for wear and adjustment. Bring the engine to operating temperature. Change the oil and filter. Check the air filter. Lube the steering parts and check the steering for excessive play. Some is to be expected, but the pitman arm bushing is subject to wear. With the car on the ground, have someone turn the steering wheel and check for looseness in the bushing. Vendors sell two replacement styles and both are fairly easy fixes. Take the cover off the oil cooler and blow or wash out the crud around the cooler. You may be surprised what you find in there. Check the emergency brake and adjust if necessary. Look under the dash and see if the brake cable or the clutch cable is frayed. Usually they wear around the pulley area for the brake and the early clutch and where the ball fastens on the end of the late clutch.

Pull the wheels and check the brake lining for wear. Pull the boots back from the wheel cylinders and check for any brake fluid seepage. If there is, replace the cylinders or rebuild them. If one is bad, they all need repaired. Pack the front wheel bearings. Seals and bearings are readily available at parts stores. A cheap bearing packer makes the job easier.

Check the tires for wear and weather cracks. Inflate to proper pressure, 10 lbs more in the back than front. On radials, I usually run 25 in front and 35 in back.

You may want to clean the engine compartment with a pressure washer and then check for leaks. Some are easily fixed, others not so easy. But check to see where they are and make plans.

The most important thing is the hard harder test for the brake system. Literally push the brake pedal as hard as you can. Play like you are about to rear end a semi at 50 miles per hour. Many times a metal brake line will burst on this test. They are not fun to replace but better than hitting the truck.

There are lots of other things you can do. But there should get you in the road.

Wash and clean the Corvair and have some fun.

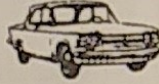


Celebrating GM's Willow Run Assembly Plant's one millionth car built (a white 1964 Chevy Corvair convertible) that rolled off the line on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1964. The car was decorated with shamrocks with Patricia Ann Reilly, United Societies Irish queen, posing with Plant Manager, James E. Tobias. To the best of our knowledge, we do not know the whereabouts of this particular Corvair.

Posted by Eva McGuire
CPF Facebook page on St Pat's Day

From Bill Berta's Collection of Automobile Literature comes this item that originated in the 1963 Automobile Invoice Service Company. The date on the top of the page is September 26, 1963.

CHEVROLET CORVAIR 1964



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CODE	MODELS	COST	EOH	FREIGHT	TOTAL COST	SUGGESTED FACTORY LIST
"500" SERIES						
527	2 Door Club Coupe	1471.77	148.00	8.00	1627.77	1998.00
"700" SERIES						
769	4 Door Sedan	1560.87	156.00	8.00	1724.87	2116.00
MONZA SERIES						
927	2 Door Monza Coupe	1682.37	168.00	8.00	1858.37	2278.00
969	4 Door Monza Sedan	1722.87	172.00	8.00	1902.87	2332.00
967	Monza Convertible	1840.32	184.00	8.00	2032.32	2489.00
SPYDER SERIES						
627	2 Door Club Coupe	1921.32	192.00	8.00	2121.32	2597.00
667	Convertible	2079.27	209.00	8.00	2296.27	2809.00
"95" SERIES						
R1206	Sports Wagon (Greenbrier)	1970.73	197.00	15.00	2182.73	2670.00
R1205	Panel (Corvan)	1638.63	164.00	15.00	1817.63	2227.00
R1254	Pickup (Rampside)	1581.93	158.00	15.00	1754.93	2151.00

STANDARD EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:

- "500" Series:** 5-6.50x13 BSW Tubeless Tires, Heater and Defroster, Front Foam Cushion, Electric Windshield Wipers, Directional Signals.
- "700" Series:** All of the above listed Standard Equipment plus Dual Horns, Chrome Exterior Mouldings, Special Interior Upholstery and Trim.
- Monza and Spyder Series:** All of the above listed Standard Equipment plus All Vinyl Interior Trim, Backup Lights, Deluxe Steering Wheel, Glove Box Light, Rear Arm Rests, Wheel Covers, Front Bucket Seats. (Folding Rear Seat on Coupe & Conv.) In addition Spyder has 150 HP Turbocharged Engine, Tachometer, Special Engine Gauges.
- "95" Series:** 5-7.00x14 BSW Tubeless Tires, Electric Windshield Wipers, Directional Signals.

GROUPED ACCESSORY PRICES

ACCESSORIES	500 and 700	COST	LIST	ACCESSORIES	900	COST	LIST
Comfort and Convenience Equip.		30.11	38.75	Air Conditioning		271.70	349.70
Radio, Manual		38.89	50.05	Tinted Glass		20.90	26.90
Seat, Folding Rear		20.90	26.90	Padded Instrument Panel		12.55	16.15
Wheel Covers		8.40	10.80	Radio, Pushbutton		45.57	58.65
WSW Tires		22.22	28.70	WSW Tires		22.22	28.70
	Total:	120.52	155.20		Total:	372.94	480.10
Automatic Transmission		127.60	156.60	4 Speed Transmission		71.10	91.50

CORVAIR
THE ONLY WAY TO GO!!

President Chris Hall called the meeting to order at 2:10pm leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Corvairs driven to the March meeting included James and Beulah Collier in their 1965 maroon Coupe and Tim Mahler in his 1966 red Sprint coupe. Of course, Mike and Rhona Hall had several Corvairs inside the museum as part of the rotating exhibit items.



The local Boys Scouts may be helping with the Corvair Museum Dinner. It is expected to be a win/win for them and PCCA.

The secretary report was approved as printed in the February FlatSix.

The Treasurer’s report was given by Jim Allen. Jim reported a beginning checking account balance of \$4,659.99. There was \$35 in deposits for membership renewals and from the 50/50, there were no expenses to report. There was \$5 in savings and \$125 in cash on hand for a total in all account of \$4,824.99. The report was approved by all members present.

Membership report including one renewal at the meeting. Only two members are listed as not having renewed.

CPF Report. Mike Hall reported that new artwork is being framed and will be hung sometime in the near future. New vehicles to be placed on exhibit include another Rampside, a 1960 “horn slot” Corvair (very early Corvair production), and the John Glenn Corvair (on loan from Bill Hubbell).

Mini Convention. Mike reported the mini Autocross has been approved to use the hotel parking lot, Tony Ellis is expected to handle the course set-up. Have cones and basic old fashioned timing system. A DJ has been lined up for the Car Display. Motorheads is on board for the Welcome party Cruise in. Dinner is on your own at the restaurant. The RT 66 Drive-in Movie Theater is not sure what movie(s) will be showing but is also aware of PCCA’s plans.

The Ultravan club will be having a meet-up at the Double J campsite, next to the Corvair Museum, the weekend before the Mini Convention. Expect a lot of Ultravans to remain for the Mini. Still in need of door prizes, Rita Rittenhouse volunteered to do several. Tim has made arrangements for artisan table decorations for the Banquet. David Wilson is expected to be th Parling Lot Marshall.

CORSA news. A new tech guide is neing ready for printing soon. This would be the fourth edition. A printed copy and a USB thumb drive should be available, hopefully by the Mini.

NEW Business: President Chris asked about future activities – Road Tour, tech session, cars and Coffee meet up? Mike added that the PCF has another donated Corvair being prepped as a Raffle Car Fundraiser for the CPF Museum. Jim Allen is assembling the Car which is already in very nice condition. Mike also mentioned a Rampside with Camper is expected to arrive at the musuem. Chris asked about a Corvair Club Calendar. Jim mentioned Terry Kalp does one for the Kansas club.

The meeting was adjointed at 2:57pm. The 50/50 was won by PCCA’s guest Mike Glassmann, who prompted donated it back to the club. Thanks Mike.

"Aviation Spectacular!"

Want to learn about Corvair powered airplanes and see close ups of what a converted car engine looks like? Here's an interview with the authority in Corvair flight, Mr. William Wynne. You'll also see some beautiful examples of the planes being powered by Corvair!

Mr. Wynne will be hosting an all day Fly-In gathering for our "Aviation Spectacular" event at a nearby airport on Friday, May 21st, 2021, during the road tour at the CPF/CORSA Mini Convention "Corvair - The Next Generation" in Springfield, Illinois. There will be displays of Corvair powered aircrafts and (weather permitting) you'll see some flight demonstrations. You'll have a chance to meet Mr. Wynne, speak to his fellow aviator friends about their airplanes, and maybe take a peek what's under the hood of these unique aircrafts. The aviators are also looking forward to seeing everyone's land based Corvair vehicles at this event.

We're also honored to have William be our featured guest speaker at the Saturday banquet discussing the history of Corvair flight. You don't want to miss out on this exciting event.

For more information on William Wynne, go to Flycorvair.Net.

To register for the mini convention, go to corvair.org.

Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire

CPF Historian/Aviation Spectacular organizer with William Wynne



Corvair – The Next Generation

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Primary Registrant Information (please print)			Additional Name Badges	
Name				
Address				
City/State/Zip				
CORSA Member Code	Phone: () -		E-Mail	

Complete this section if entering any of these events: Autocross, Concours, Car Display, or Rally.

Car No.	Year	Model	Body Style	Serial No.	Ext. Color	Int. Color	HP	Trans.
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Not a CORSA member? Complete the accompanying membership application. *Early Reg.* prices applicable for registrations received by 4/19

Event	Competitor Name	Car No.	Competitor Name	Car No.	Quan.	Early Reg.	Late Reg.	Amount
Convention Registration	<i>Convention registration is for one person and that person can participate in activities.</i>					\$35	\$45	
Additional Adults <i>Age 18 and older (under 18 are free)</i>						10	10	
Concours (per car)						25	40	
Rally (per car)						15	25	
Autocross (per competitor)						35	45	
Car Display (per car)						5	15	
Cruise-In (per car)						5	10	
Indoor Vendors (per table)						35	45	
Outdoor Swap Meet (per 12' x 20' space)						20	30	
Food Functions (per person)								
Awards Banquet (per person) <i>Indicate meal choice/quantities. Example: Beef 2, Chicken 1</i>	Beef ___ Chicken ___ Fish ___ Diet Restricted ___ <i>(send diet restrictions to Tim: flat6vair@comcast.net)</i>					40	50	
Dinner at the Museum (per person)						5	15	
Tours & Activities								
Self-Guided Tours to Historic Springfield, Route 66, and the Corvair Museum are also available.								
Merchandise <i>Any orders placed after 6/28 subject to availability and may not be available at the convention. Indicate adult sizes/quantities. Example: 15 2XL</i>								
Men's T-Shirt with a printed convention logo (Shirt Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)							20	N/A
<i>*Events marked as NIC are no charge to those who register for the convention.</i>								
Please include check payable to PCCA (payable in US funds) or fill out the credit card information below:							TOTAL	





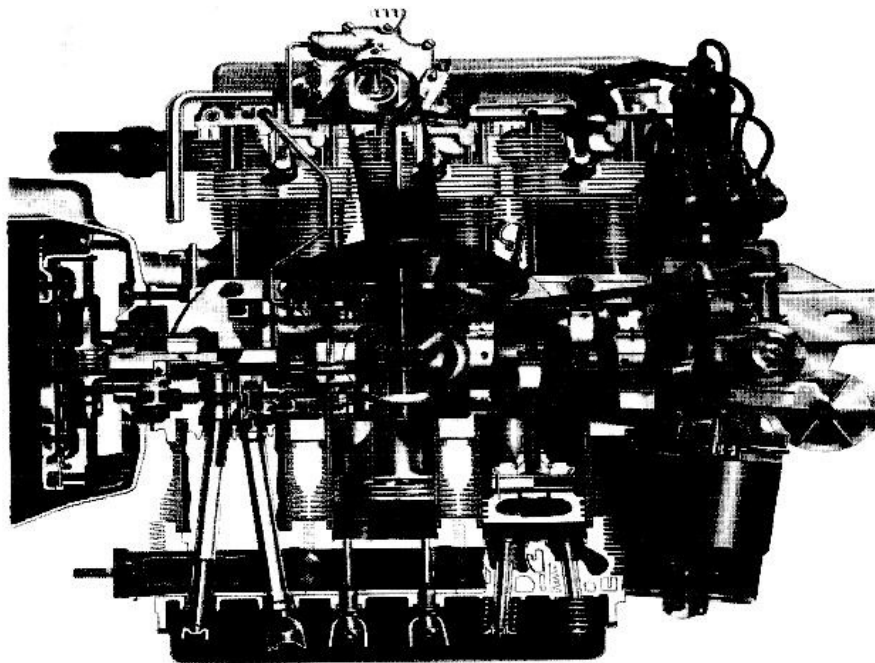
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