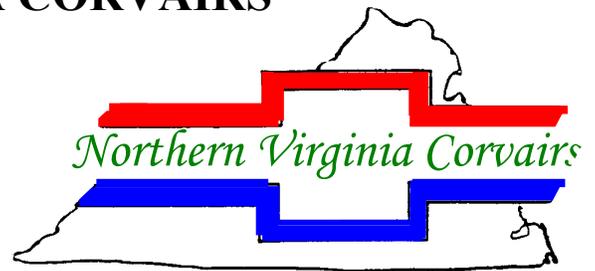


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CHAPTER CHATTER

By Doug Jones

Newsletter time again... Our last meeting was at Ron's house. It was a nice day to be outside working on Corvairs. The original plan was to work on Jason Paul's generator problem but Jason had already fixed it before the meeting. The new initiative was to do the front brakes on Jason's car. He brought a guest helper with him who worked on the other side of the front brakes.

We had two new members show up at the meeting: Roger Rowley and Mike Runnels. Roger showed up in his 1965 four door Monza that still has the original paint on the vehicle. He had acquired the car from an elderly woman. Mike has a 1964 convertible that he is still putting together. He got the car up in New York from a firefighter. It had belonged to the firefighter's father. It was assumed that the car was long gone but while cleaning out the garage, they discovered that the car was still there hidden behind a collection of thirty years of life.

Having been a member of the Z club and a motorcycle club, Mike should have some fresh ideas to bring to NVCC. We're looking forward to having them both in the club. It has been great over the past several months to see new members joining.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Ron, Justin, A.J., Richard, Lee, Bryan, and me. There was a lot of discussion about the upcoming Vair Fair as we are the hosts this spring.

Current plans are to have the Vair Fair at the same hotel in Leesburg where we have hosted the Vair Fair in the past. While Ron had some concerns about the changes in staffing at the hotel, it was suggested that we hold the January meeting at the hotel so that we could meet with the staff to determine if the venue will serve our needs.

There was also conversation about asking for a volunteer to be the chair for the Vair Fair. There is an extensive amount of work that goes into pulling this off and a chair for the event would insure good coordination. More discussions on this will be held at the Christmas party.

Just and I have already volunteered to work on securing donations for the gift bags, door prizes, and auction items. Mike mentioned that he may be able to secure a tour of the McKay family car collection as one of our group events.

There was discussion to "host" some social meetings in addition to our regular monthly working meetings. Let's start with our Christmas Party. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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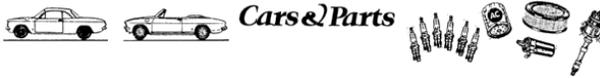
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65 Sedan: 110HP, Powerglide, new carpet. Contact former NVCC member Aaron Payne at aaronpayne@me.com. (6/11)

66 Convertible: 110 HP PG, Restored in 2007, Regal Red. \$18,000 invested. \$15,000 or Best Offer. Call Jay at (910) 270-0785. (1/12)

Parts/Miscellaneous For Sale

Parts: From our club's 65 coupe parts car: Right hand door, 4 Monza Wheel disks. Call Venice Cox at (703) 791-6517. (1/05)

NEW LISTING: 40+ year collection of Corvair Parts. Please contact John Getz at jpgetz@comcast.net or 301-717-9452 for a list of sale items. Parts located in Frederick, Md.

NEW ITEM: 31st Vair Fair T-shirts. Priced for quick sale. You don't want to miss this opportunity to own rare Corvair Memorabilia! **HURRY**, as they will go fast!

Gas Tanks: Six or so good used gas tanks \$30 and YOU pick up; NE Maryland. Harry Yarnell hyarnell1@earthlink.net

Early Model Bumper Guards: Good Condition: front and rear; best offer: Call Doug Jones 703-309-8705

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NVCC Calendar

8 December 2012

Corvair Christmas Gala and Officer Elections

Beginning @ 12:30 p.m.

Family Event

Sully Station Community Center

*5101 Sequoia Farms Drive,
Centreville, VA 20120*

Pot Luck

If your last name begins with

A-H: Please bring a side dish

I – P: Please bring an entrée

Q – Z: Please bring a dessert

Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

19 January 2012

Regular NVCC Meeting

Hotel Visit – time to be determined at the Christmas Party

Meeting hosts for the 2013 calendar year will be discussed at the Christmas party. You can also email Doug Jones at dj2063@comcast.net so that we can provide information on meeting locations in the upcoming issues of the HAM. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

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| Balance as of 10/30/12 | 2980.32 |
| Dues Income | 0.00 |
| Interest Income | 0.00 |
| Balance as of 11/30/12 | 2980.32 |

Highlight: Florida Restoring Neil Armstrong's '67 Corvette

*Rick Neale
Florida Today*

Merritt Island, Fla.

Aiming a swivel lens digital camera, Roger Kallins meticulously captured close up images of the Corvette's wheel well, brake assembly and front coil spring.

Kallins is collecting hundreds of images documenting the restoration of a '67 Corvette Stingray that belonged to former NASA astronaut, Neil Armstrong.

"We have to document every square inch of this car, inside and out. We have to record every single part of this car in its current condition," the photographer says. Joe Crosby of Merritt Island, bought the coupe from a Georgia owner in February. He won't disclose the price or owner.

In January of 2007, a 1967 Corvette, once owned by former astronaut Gus Grissom, sold at auction for \$275,000 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Initially, Crosby offered the Armstrong vehicle on ebay where he says it drew offers over \$250,000. However, he has now decided to repair forty-five years of wear and refurbish the car to its same condition as when Armstrong cruised Florida's space coast during the Apollo era.

"It's a piece of history to me – it's not a car," Crosby said eyeing the marina blue

Corvette, perched atop a mechanical lift at Carter's Antique Cars, Paint, and Repair.

Armstrong, the first man to step on the moon, died in August, at age eighty-two.

As Crosby's preservation team recently scrutinized his vehicle, Kallins finished photographing the chassis and moved to the 427 cubic inch engine compartment. Car restoration expert, Eric Gill, sketched out plans to install factory authentic fenders to correct body modifications from the eighties.

Gill estimates the Corvette's chassis retains about eighty percent of its original paint and finishes. He says the Georgia owner placed the vehicle in a climate controlled storage in September 1981 and only the fenders, water pump, and mufflers need to be replaced.

The odometer shows 38,148 miles but the speedometer cable broke during the seventies.

Gill says Armstrong drove the Corvette for a year, then traded it for a 1968 model.

There is no timetable for the restoration project. Crosby spent two months locating four fenders in North Dakota, Texas, and Nebraska which cost a combined three thousand dollars.

"This Corvette is history." Wendel Strode, executive director of the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky, "It's an American icon owned by an American hero."