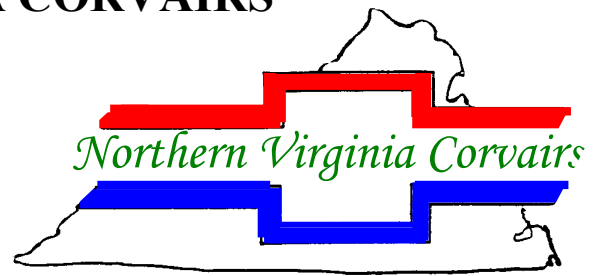


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## CHAPTER CHATTER

By Doug Jones

Newsletter time again... a little late but close. Well, the September car show/picnic meeting turned out to be a pretty good success. Everybody met at the CVS in Manassas. Bryan and Trevor had brought donuts for the gang to snack on while we gathered, just like a regular meeting. The turnout was not as large as we hoped for, but still decent. Six cars in all, with eight people, met in the lot for the show. I had to go to Wal-Mart to buy a fire extinguisher for the show, per AACA rules. No one had checked to see that I had one, but it was better to be safe than sorry.

We caravanned our cars through Manassas on our way to the show. The weather was pretty threatening throughout the day, with rain in the forecast. The show started at 10am and lasted until 3pm. The car gods held the rain off until about an hour past the show. The threat of rain looked like it kept a decent amount of cars from showing up.

After arriving at the show, we saw another Corvair that belonged to one of the officials that sign you up for the show. She is not a member of the Northern Virginia Corvair Club

because she is a member of enough clubs, she said. There also was a late model coupe, so all in all eight Corvairs were at the antique car show in Manassas, all lined up close to the Manassas Museum. Pretty good exposure for our little happy cars.

The MC at the car show was John Hunter, formerly with ABC 7 local news. He made references to the Corvairs at the show by saying he had given a ride to Ralph Nader in a Corvair shortly after the Unsafe At Any Speed book came out. Ralph said that he had never driven a car but rode bicycles. Pretty much everybody got a door prize because of the smaller turnout. Judy and Mark Walters also showed up. We all picnicked out of Bryan's station wagon, which you could call a Corvair tailgate party.

There was also a Corvair parts sale up in Ellicott City. A Corsa member had passed away and the family was selling his collection of parts. It's sad that these things happen, but at least the parts will help other Corvairs get around.

Hope to see everybody at the October meeting and happy vairing!

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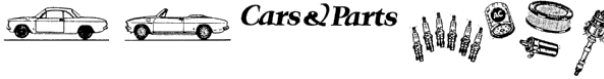
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**\*\*\*AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIFIED\*\*\***

**65 Sedan:** 110HP, Powerglide, new carpet. Contact former NVCC member Aaron Payne at [aaronpayne@me.com](mailto: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**

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

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

**NEW LISTING:** For Sale – 1965 Corvair Parts

**Interior:**

- 2 Ivory sun visors with convert w/mount hardware, sprayed black, paint is removable
- 2 Black sun visors – excellent shape, one mount bracket
- Black left armrest
- Dash for automatic w/shifter – Not Corsa
  - Black crackle paint chipped, Gauges look OK
- Powerglide shifter

**Engine:**

- Two Carbs
- Alternator
- Rear engine casting – end with distributor mount
- Smog pipes and fuel lines – probably for 2 carb version
- 2 Distributors
- Engine Blower turbine, w/pulley
- Lower half valve cover – to adjust valves
- Many nuts, bolts and studs

**Chassis:**

- 2 transmission mounts, auto and manual
- Clutch and brake pedal arms
- Cross shaft (clutch?)
- 2 Rear axle shafts
- Pair of springs (rear?)
- Miscellaneous brackets and links, 2 gas caps

**Body:**

- 2 Headlight mounting buckets, with two bulbs

- 2 Headlight Bezels – pretty nice, some tarnish
- Tail light lens RB 66 w/backup – Good condition
- Tail light lens w/o backup – Useable, but has cracks/crazing
- Hood/trunk (?) support rod
- 2 Windshield wiper arms

Contact Phil Dickinson in Fairfax, [pcdickinson@att.net](mailto:pcdickinson@att.net), (703) 407-5014

**Corvair Vendors and Services**

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc.  
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01370-9748 (413) 625-9776

Corvair Underground  
PO Box 339 Dundee, OR 97115  
(503) 434-1648 or (800) 825-VAIR

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**NVCC Calendar**

**19 October 2013 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Regular NVCC Meeting**

*Hosted by A.J. Paluska*  
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**November 2013 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Regular NVCC Meeting**

*Host needed*  
Please email [dj2063@comcast.net](mailto:dj2063@comcast.net)

**December 2013**

**NVCC Holiday Party**

*More details to come!*

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance as of 8/31/13	\$2804.95
Dues Income	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
Balance as of 9/30/13	\$2804.95

## Prepping for Sale

By: Richard Lentinello

*This article originally appeared in the October 2013 issue of Hemmings Motor News.*

Flat tires, yellow headlamps, peeling window tint and interiors that are as filthy – and smelly – as the Staten Island garbage dump are just some of the many outstanding negative attributes I've come across on many cars for sale of late.

Having been searching for a daily driver, I've hit upon all sorts of used cars that sounded worthwhile in their classified ad descriptions, yet upon arrival at the seller's house, I was sure that I was at the wrong address. The cars were so disheveled looking I didn't even want to take them for a test drive.

As I mentioned in last month's column on selling your collector car at auction, many of the same sales points apply to your everyday car if you want to not only sell it for top money, but even sell it at all. A bit of cleaning goes a long way in making a good impression.

Whether you're selling a 1966 Grand Prix or a 2001 Catera, the same selling principles apply: Clean and orderly sells. So here are a few tips on getting the most money from the sale as you can:

**The Body:** Make sure the exterior is spotlessly clean, the paint is freshly waxed and all the windows are super clean. If there are any chips or scratches in the paint, go to your local auto parts store and buy one of those paint chip repair pens. They're easy to use, and work wonders in making your car look much more presentable. Lightly compound the touched-in paint, polish and then wax.

**Headlamps:** If you're selling a late-model car with plastic headlamp covers that have turned cloudy or yellowed, buy one of those headlamp restoration kits; in just a few minutes, your headlamps will look brand new once again, and so will your car!

**Wheels:** Fill all four tires with the correct amount of air, and clean them thoroughly. If any tire is well worn, it needs to be replaced. Then clean the wheels, and paint them if needed. Even scratched-up wheel covers can be restored: Clean, sand and

spray on a few coats of silver using a spray can. The final task is to dress the tire with a tire polish, which will enhance the car's overall look.

**Interior:** One of the biggest turnoffs for buyers is stained seats, so use some elbow grease and clean them thoroughly until they look almost new. Clean the carpets and dress the mats with a vinyl protectant that will restore their appearance. Take your time and polish all the interior chrome trim, clean the instrument panel and in and around every single knob on the center A/C-radio panel. Make sure to clean off the all coffee and soda spills on the console and around the stick shift. Remove unwanted papers from the glovebox, and if there's an ashtray, make sure it, too, is clean inside. If any courtesy lamps are not working, replace the bulbs, and if the doors squeak when opening and closing, spray the hinges and locksets with lubricant.

**Trunk:** Clean it out completely. Remove everything that doesn't belong in there, such as kids' toys, beach chairs, tools, etc. Lift the carpet and make sure the spare tire is properly inflated and looks clean.

**Engine:** Dust and grime give the impression that the engine hasn't been maintained properly, so clean the engine and all surrounding components. Use vinyl protectant on all the rubber hoses to spruce up their appearance, and clean up any oil drips surrounding the dipstick and rusty water stains on the radiator. And if the battery terminals are exposed, clean off any white, crusty residue, and replace any cable and/or terminal that is cracked or frayed.

**Miscellaneous:** If in the past the body or sections of the body had to be repainted, remove any noticeable over-spray on the suspension or muffler. Some cheap flat black or silver spray cans work wonders.

Any missing or cracked taillamp lenses need to be replaced, along with any missing trim, emblems or badges. And if the headliner is hanging down, glue it back into place. The last thing you want is to have it annoy the buyer during the test drive. Oh, and remove the "For Sale" sign if there is one; that's just another eyesore that distracts from the car's beauty.