



Chapter Chatter
By Daniel Goldberg

Huge turnout for the first NVCC meeting of the New Year – larger than any other meeting in recent memory. And there are pictures to prove it -- see herein.

On January 17th we gathered at Trey Nelson's home in Manassas in order to swap out the faulty gas gauge sending unit from his 1962 Corvair convertible (pictured). Really, it was Trey and perhaps two other people doing all the work, since it wouldn't have been possible for 16 people to shimmy underneath his car all at once. Personally, I took care of donut disposal and guarding the various space heaters stationed about the garage on what was a bitterly cold day.

Sending unit R&R ultimately was successful. What was clearly the factory-installed component long ago had lost its mojo, since the replacement worked instantly upon turning the key. Because the car already was perched upon jackstands, we took the opportunity to do something with Trey's shifter lever, but for the life of me I cannot recall what it was. However, taking into consideration the vast amount of

Corvair knowledge present in suburban garage that icy morning, surely whatever we did resulted in Trey's Corvair shifting exponentially better than it had at any point over the course of its 53-year existence.

We also discovered that Trey's fuel pump was leaking. I was able to dig out two spare fuel pumps from my trunk, but one shot out fuel exorcist-style and the other was too disgusting to touch. Trey likely will retrofit an electric fuel pump in the not-too-distant future.



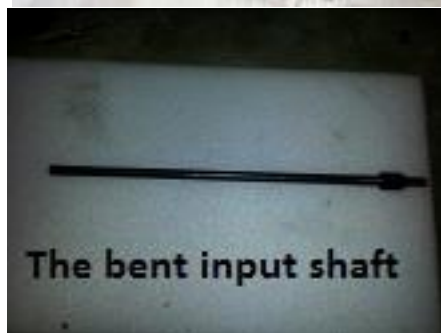
On 2/21, Fred Marx is hosting what he terms "Corvair triage" – i.e., we're going to search for issues on a Corvair that hasn't been roadworthy for years. Since Fred has an in-ground lift, all of us can gather under it for a photo op.

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January marked the first time in recent memory in which we had two tech sessions. On the 31st, a number of us met at Richard Bethard's house in order to help replace the slipping clutch in his '63 convertible. Since the car is in great shape the powertrain came out without a hitch. However, when we separated the transaxle from the engine, we found that the input shaft was slightly bent and the differential snout was cracked – clues that at some time in the past an indifferent mechanic removed the transaxle with the engine still in the car. (Vise grip marks on the input shaft all but confirm this theory.) The jury is still out on what's going to happen with the differential snout (J.B. Weld? A real weld? A new snout? A whole new transaxle?), but clearly a worn input shaft seal was allowing diff fluid onto the clutch disc, thereby causing it to slip. Part II will commence after press time!



Odds and Ends

February 21 (Saturday) ANNUAL NJACE CORVAIR (only!) PARTS AUCTION

The NJ Association of Corvaire Enthusiasts' annual indoor Corvaire Parts Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, at Ashley's Auto Body, 274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, New Jersey. All interested persons are invited to attend. There is no admission charge and lunch is included!

At this event, new and used Corvaire parts and accessories are sold at auction, with a 10% commission of the sale price going to the club treasury. You may bring parts to sell, you may buy, or you may do both!

First, plan on making a day of it. Due to the nature of how the auction operates, it is not possible to process any buyers or sellers until the auction is completed. Doors open at 9:00 for set-up, we begin the bidding at 10:30 AM, take a pizza break at 12:30, resume the bidding at 1:00 PM, and finish up typically around 2:30 PM. Only at that time can we tally the sales, collect from the buyers, and pay the sellers.

Second, plan on getting there early. We'll open the doors at 9:00 AM, to allow time to tag and display any parts you are selling, and to allow you to peruse the parts being offered.

NOTE: The NJAC Auction is on the same date as the NVCC February meeting!

June 6 (Saturday): 26th annual Orphan Car Tour, Howard County, Md. Tour starts at Howard County Fairgrounds (West Friendship, MD). Open to all "orphan" (discontinued-make) vehicles at least 25 years old. Further information will be posted on website when available: www.orphancartour.org . Info: phone Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770 or e-mail TourDirector@orphancartour.org .





Miscellaneous For Sale

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.

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February 2015 Meeting

Saturday, 21 February 2015, 9:00 AM

Fred Marx

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