



Chapter Chatter
By Daniel Goldberg

Another great meeting, this time hosted by Greg Walthour. If I counted correctly, Greg currently owns five Corvairs: a '60 700 sedan, a '65 Monza coupe, a '63 Spyder convertible, a Rampside, and a Greedbrier camper.

This time, Greg was hard at work replacing the right rear hub on his '65 coupe with a newly-rebuilt unit. Apparently there was a rumbling / squeaking / squealing / chirping sound emanating from back there requiring immediate resolution – understandable since the wheel bearings are 50 years-old. Also slated for replacement is the corresponding metal brake line, which was severed during the operation, and the holey right rear heater duct. Greg also reports that he's going to hone the wheel cylinder and refinish the brake drum.

Admittedly, I sort of lost track as to what Greg was doing with his car. While Greg was monkeying around at the back of his house, the four of us who showed up in 1965 Corsas held a little car show on Greg's front lawn. This was the first time Mike Sellers showed up to an NVCC meeting in his freshly-restored Evening Orchid

'65 Turbo coupe. Those of you who went to the Corvair Ranch's open house last spring may recall seeing Mike's Corsa there. The Ranch did a little custom work to the car, including installing a fully-integrated air conditioning system. Since the condensor won't fit between the turbo components and the underside of the hood (which is why a/c wasn't originally offered with turbos), the Ranch cut away some of the trunk bottom and installed the condensor there. In any event, the car is just beautiful – the white interior really pops against the Evening Orchid paint.

Also in attendance was Stan Dark, whom I've never met in person although I've known his name for the better part of two decades. Stan showed up in his freshly-painted '65 140 coupe. I spent some quality time sitting upsidedown in the front seat, staring at the installation of his RetroSound radio. The RetroSound offers all of the functionality of a modern radio, but fits directly where the OEM radio does. Plus, it's chromy, so at a cursory glance it looks stock. I've been futzing with mine for the past six weeks, but the back of it interferes with the bracket that secures the in-dash speaker against the grille. The solution, I think, is to carve a notch into the bracket.

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On the evening of May 5th, Bryan Blackwell and I met Suzy Thompson and had a look at her Corvair, a 1965 turbo convertible. As many of you know from our email list, Suzy wants to get her Corvair roadworthy again. Her dad bought the car some 42 years ago and sometime in the 1990s it was passed from father to daughter (I had a great talk with dad for about 20 minutes). There's no reason why we shouldn't be able to get the car started for the first time in 13 years with a new battery, some new ignition parts, and some fresh gasoline.

The plan is to meet at Suzy's house during the afternoon of the last Saturday in June (6/26). Keep in mind that this is one week after the CORSA convention, so conceivably our collective Corvair adrenaline will still be pumping. We'll send out the address once we firm up things.





Last month I published the above photograph (taken in 1966) and invited you to identify as many cars as possible. The winner was promised one gently-used Chilton's Manual for the Chevrolet Corvair, courtesy of Bryan Blackwell.

Our winner – indeed, our only entrant – is Frank Duval. Congratulations, Frank, I know you'll put that Chilton's manual to good use!

Here's the answer key (Frank's answers are in parenthesis)

- 1) 1960 Plymouth Savoy (Correct – hard to believe that's a six year-old car!)
- 2) 1960 Buick LeSabre (Correct, Frank even noted the '55 hubcap)
- 3) 1960-1961 Buick Special (Almost correct; Frank said 1962 Buick Special, but '62s had rectangular tail lights. Trivia: the '62 Buick Special was the first American production car offered with a V6.)
- 4) 1962 Chevy Impala (Correct)
- 5) 1960 Chevy wagon (Correct)
- 6) 1955-1957 Chevy 2dr. sedan (No answer given, but the dip behind the door gives it away)
- 7) 1960 Ford (Correct)
- 8) ? (Frank says "1961 or so Econoline," which is certainly plausible)
- 9) 1960-1962 Rambler wagon (Correct; Frank said 61-2, but '60 had that same c-pillar kink)
- 10) 1960 Ford? (no answer given, and I wouldn't bet my life that my guess is correct)
- 11) ? (no answer given)
- 12) 1965 Chevy Impala (Correct)
- 13) 1960 Chevy Impala convertible (Correct)
- 14) 1959 Chevy (Correct)
- 15) ? (Frank said 1953 GM, but then retracted; I can't get any more precise than that)



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