



Chapter Chatter
By Bob Marshall

Seems that Mother Nature is determined to undermine my comments about nice weather to drive our cars. As I write this newsletter outside temperatures are again in the thirtys and the flowers that bloomed a week ago may have a shortened season of showing off their colors. One thing is certain, it will get warm again and confound the Meterologists. If you got your Corvair out of storage go ahead and drive it even when it's cold. I know my Corsa seems to run stronger in cooler temperatures.

The Vair Fair is approaching fast and members are working on putting the final touches on the details. The Hotel is set. For those of you who have not attended in the past make sure to marke you calendars for May 13-15. The venue is easy to get to off Rt 7 in Leesburg Va. At the end of this newsletter will be a registration form. For those involved in the organization of the event (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE) we will be having a meeting to tie up any loose ends at Ron Tumolo's house on April 30th at 9AM. After the meeting Ron will provide lunch and some libations

Make sure to attend so we can finalize plans. Over the course of the last several meetings we have had side bar discussions regarding using social media to help promote the Corvair and our club. Stan Darke set up an instagram account under the name Northern Virginia Corvairs last month. So far a few have chosen to participate but we need more photos posted and increased involvement. I realize that some find social media intrusive, silly and a waste of time. Our goal with these new forms of electronic communication is to promote the marque to car people that are not familiar with Corvairs and add to our membership. Most of the time when I take my Corsa to Cars and Coffee I am invariably approached by someone who either owns a corvair or wants to get involved with one. This is a perfect way to reach new potential members. The more we post on social media the more the car and the club will benefit. At our next meeting we will devote a few minutes to discussing this and Stan will conduct a tutorial on how easy it is to join and post pictures.

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Member Profile – Doug Jones

Doug got his first exposure to corvairs when his brother bought an early when Doug was a young boy. His brother later acquired a 66 marina blue model which Doug cut his corvair repair teeth on at the age of 8. He recalls being under the car as his brother was working on it. Later Doug learned to drive in this corvair. Around 1989 Doug was working at a Chevrolet dealer where a 63 white Convertible with Aqua interior and factory A/C was abandoned by its previous owner. Doug inquired about the car and was told "get it running and it yours". Since the previous owner had abandoned the car a deal was struck and Doug became it's new owner at a very good price. This car is currently awaiting a rebuilt motor and is resting comfortably at Doug's moms house. He also owns a second white 63 convertible that has red interior. Affectionately referred to as the red car, Doug drives this one on a regular basis. Doug has served as newsletter editor and is currently the president of NVCC.

March Meeting

The March meeting was held at the palatial estate of Frank Duval. Situated in picturesque Stafford County Frank's layout makes some of us dream of that time when we can have the dream garage. You just need to own a helicopter for your commute! Attendees trickled in due to the "Parking Lot" we fondly call 95. Future meetings at Frank's will include alternative routes that avoid 95 for most of us. I'll stop complaining now. The meeting task was to check out Richard Bethards clutch on his beautiful 63 Monza convertible. Once up in the air on Frank's two post lift members were able to watch as the clutch components were inspected. One item that was of concern were three transmission to mount bolts that had worked loose. One was only still in place due to the location of the clutch cross shaft which prevented it from falling out. The loose bolts were tightened up and the clutch cable and components were inspected. We determined that the unusual clutch feel was due to the incorrect placement of the nylon washer in the dust shield. The washer was behind the dust shield instead of behind the washer retainer. That caused the washer to drag on the bell housing. Easy fix. Since Richard had a new clutch cable and new pulleys we decided to replace them since age is always not on our side with wear related parts. We also replaced the brown finishing nails that we used for the castle nuts during the clutch replacement with the correct cotter pins. Fluid levels were checked and the clutch was adjusted. The car was test driven by Frank who declared "that is one nice driving car". Job done. Thanks to Frank for hosting the event and providing the coffee, donuts and breakfast casserole. Here is a shot of Richard's tunnel cover. Seems his mice prefer roasted peanuts with the shell. Mice? What mice?



Montly Tech Tip

Due to the age of our cars and the many well intended people who have owned and worked on them it is always a good idea to double check fasteners a couple of months after any major repair job. Not only are our fasteners 50 years old but some have been substituted with incorrect replacements or are missing lock washers. One recent example is a bolted flywheel I took out of a car that did not have grade 8 bolts used when it was

bolted. Another was half shaft strap bolts that had regular hardware store bolts in place of the special high hat bolts installed from the factory. While some of these replacements may not be unsafe GM used specific grades and styles of bolts for a reason. Most of us who have been messing with Corvairs for a while have two or three containers full of specialty fasteners from our cars. If you need specialty fastener call a local member. Speaking of fasteners, now is a good time to check the nuts and bolts on our cars before the heavy driving season. Transmission mounts, U joint bolts, Lug nuts, Carb hold down nuts and Strut bolts are just a few that should be checked periodically as they can lead to a big OH NO if they come loose.

Another pet peeve of mine is when a garage installs wheel lugs they use an air impact. Usually not calibrated and almost always too tight to remove if you get a flat in the middle of nowhere. Do yourself a favor and loosen and torque those lug nuts to the correct tightness when you get the car home. You will be glad you did.



Miscellaneous For Sale

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

Cars for Sale

I have a 1961 Corvair 500 which has been in our family since newly purchased. The car has a little over 56,600 original miles and has been well maintained throughout the years. The car has spend most of its life in a garage and has been mechanically well kept for which I have many of the receipts. The car has been repainted its original color and has new upholstery and headliner. While having sentimental attachment to the car, my wife and I have decided to sell it to someone who appreciates Corvairs and will take good care of it. I recently spent over \$2,000 to get the car back on the road but have yet to purchase tags. If additional information is needed, I will be happy to provide it. We are hoping to get at least \$5,000 for the car but are willing to negotiate. Please feel free to contact me via email or by calling 540-293-0859. Marvin W. Barbre
Editor: Due to space limitations the pictures were not attached.

Corvair Vendors and Services

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc.
Route 2, 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370-9748 (413) 625-9776

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

Corvair Ranch, Inc
1079 Bon-Ox Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 624-2805, www.corvairranch.com Email: corvairranchinc@earthlink.net

Our 41st Year!

Get the New 2013-2018 Catalog
If you did not get our new catalog in 2013,
you can get one free on your first \$50 order
during 2014. (Additional catalogs \$3 with an order)
The new Catalog includes parts from the last 5
Supplements as well as 100's of improvements.
This is our most major revision ever.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 2/29/16	\$2456.69
Dues Income	\$30.00
Balance as of 3/31/16	\$2486.69

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and Instagram page Northern Virginia Corvairs

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Membership dues are payable the first of the year. If you have not paid for 2016 please send your \$10 to AJ or bring to the next meeting. Forego your Starbucks Latte and cake pop and pay your dues. After this newsletter, unpaid members will not continue to receive the monthly newsletter.

2016 Meeting Schedule

April 16th 9AM

Doug Jones
5901 Montell Dr.
Alexandria, Va 22310
*note this is Doug's mother's house

April 30th 9AM
SPECIAL MTG

Vair Fair organizers meeting
Ron Tumolo's house
905 North Amelia St.
Sterling, Va. 20164

May 13-15

Vair Fair
Best Western
Leesburg, VA

June 18th 9AM

Driving Tour to Staunton VA

July 16th 9AM

National Convention

August 20th 9AM

TBD

September 17th 9AM

Darrin Hartzler
8214 Beech Tree Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

October 15th 9AM

Bob Marshall
1919 Upper Lake Drive
Reston, VA 20191

November 19th 9AM

TBD

December 17th

XMAS Party Meeting

We are looking for hosts for the meetings in both August and November of this year. They can be meetings to fix something broken on your car or a general meeting with no set agenda. Please contact Bob Marshall to schedule a meeting at your house.

37th Annual Virginia Vair Fair
May 13th - May 15th 2016 in Leesburg, Virginia

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB CORSA CHAPTER 220

Event Pre-Registration (by 4/29/2016)

Please complete the form below and mail, along with your check made out to "Treasurer, NVCC", to: Vernon Welsted, P.O. Box 51, Flint Hill Va. 22627 (Please make check payable to the NVCC) . For further event information, please see www.vairfair.com.

- Pre-Registration (\$25 per family. NOTE: \$30 at show!) _____
- People's Choice (\$10 per car. NOTE: \$12 at show!)..... _____
- Model Car Show (\$5 per car. NOTE: \$7 at show!)..... _____
- Valve Cover Race (\$5 per car NOTE: \$7 at show!)..... _____
- Scenic Tour (\$5 NOTE: \$7 at show!)..... _____
- Vendor out door space (\$10 per space NOTE: \$15 at show!)..... _____
- Note: out door spaces are roughly 8'x15' or one parking space.
- Vendor indoor table (\$10 per 4'x8' table. NOTE: \$15 at show!)..... _____

The Awards will be presented Saturday evening at the hotel after dinner.

2016 Vair Fair Shirts:

T-shirts (\$15 each \$18 at the show!)..... _____
 Indicate quantity of: MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL (\$18 each) _____

Long Sleeved Vair Fair T-shirts (\$20 each \$25 at the show for later delivery!) _____
 Indicate quantity of: MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ 2XL _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

The People's Choice will include the following classes:

1966 Corvairs, Survivor, Open, Closed, Forward Control, Specialty/In Progress.

Other than the 1966 class, all classes will include all years. Survivor class will adhere to CORSA Factory Stock Unrestored classification criteria.

On the lines-below please specify the year, model, and license plate number of each car you plan to enter, as well as the appropriate class you plan to compete in. Use additional paper if you plan to enter more than two cars.

Entry	Year	Model	License Plate	Class
1				
2				

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone Number: () _____ CORSA Chapter: _____

Lets us know your interests for other area attractions so we can attempt to provide some information along with your registration packet at the fair (i.e., malls, Washington D.C. attractions, kid's amusements, etc.).