



Chapter Chatter  
By Bob Marshall

OK here goes with the fine format that Daniel started using when he took over the newsletter. I want to do a few things different during my stint as editor in the interest of getting everyone involved in the content of the monthly issue. This is our club as collective group and we should all be involved at even a minimal level in the topics that we write about each month. Beginning this month is the start of a monthly member profile. I want to feature a brief description of the member who will be hosting the next months meeting. This will give each of us a little history on our members and what attracted them to our novel little cars. Everyone, for the most part, has a story that will be of interest to everyone. Mine is similar to many of us. The corvair was my first car (but not my last corvair by a long shot). Some of us have had multiple cars over the years and some of us have had the same car over the years. Not to mention names but some of us are interested in keeping our cars stock (Daniel) and some of us are interested in applying the latest and best technology to making our cars perform better (Bryan).

Some of us are interested in the cosmetic features of our cars (Stan) and some of us are more focused on the mechanics of our cars (Bob ----wait ME). Regardless of our motives I think we can all will agree that we do love these cars. With all their annoying but beautiful attributes. With all the stares we get and the horn toots. The many people who approach us in shopping center parking lots and say either "what is it?" Or the ever popular " my aunt, uncle, brother, sister, father, grandfather, mother, cousin.....college roommate had one of those"! Didn't Nader kill those? Apparently not. Don't they catch on fire? Don't they leak oil? Don't they flip over? " Most of us have been there. Most of our cars have or will soon reach the 50 year old milestone, one of the responsibilities we have to the marque is to be a part of the promotion and preservation of the car. For most of us in our 50-60's we need to pass the baton on to a younger generation. We already have some of this younger group our ranks but we need more. That's why we are going to be promoting social media in the coming months. Look for more news in future issues. **"AIR COOLED IS COOL!"**

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## **Member Profile – Stan Darke**

Stan Darke's Corvair collection is one some of us deem of. He is the proud owner of a 64 Spyder convertible, a 65 Corsa coupe and two Greenbriers. Quite a collection. Stan's story begins like many corvair stories, at a young age. Here is Stan's story.

I've always loved classic cars, and I've always had a connection with the Corvair. My Uncle Rick, whom I was very close to growing up, owned several in North Carolina and would drive me all around in them. When I was 14 he picked me up in a 1964 Spyder Convertible when we were vacationing in The Outer Banks. I fell in love with hearing the engine in the rear and told him it was the car I wanted when I turned 16. With a little hard work and a 50% match from my dad, I had it on my 16th birthday.

I drove that Corvair back and forth to college in Tampa, Florida and Richmond, and have now owned it for over 27 years. It's gone through many transitions, and is not all stock and original, but it's my first car and it holds a special place in my heart. My uncle Rick passed away 5 years ago, but he would be happily surprised to see that I now have 4 Corvairs, including a 65 Corsa 140 coupe, a 65 Greenbrier, and now a 62 Greenbrier. Although my mechanical skills and time are limited, I have done a lot to bring them back to a good place.

Although I have had Corvairs for many years, I have just recently regained interest in spending a lot of time on my cars. I look forward to learning much more about the cars so that I am able to keep them running strong, and looking forward to helping to bring these cars back to their glory and to bring them the recognition they deserve!

Well done Stan, Carrie and Kito. Not only keeping them running but adopting more and saving them from the boneyard.

## **January Meeting**

This months meeting was held at the garage of Fred Marx. We had a great turnout with 15 members attending. This included two new members Rory and Rita dropping by with their very nice 66 Corsa. Work began on Fred's 63 Spyder convertible's motor which had been removed and was waiting for attention on a ATV jack. With the help of a number of members getting their hands dirty, the engine was stripped of its chrome top cover and valve covers and all of the engine tin. These parts will be refinished for reassembly later. Next we turned to the Diff/Trans unit. It was removed and revealed a broken nose, leaking input shaft seal and an original bolted flywheel. The chunk taken out of the nose cone looked to be the result of someone using a screwdriver to pry out the input shaft seal. The chunk taken out does not seem to interfere with the function of the throwout bearing and does not have a migrating crack. Fred is going to look into getting it repaired as an oil analysis of the gear oil shows a Diff/Trans unit in good condition. For a couple of hours work great progress was made with a number of highly experienced members offering suggestions and analysis of the condition of the parts.

## **Montly Tech Tip**

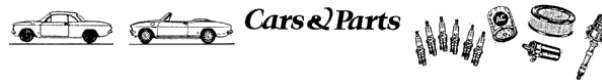
Winter storage tips. These will insure a quick and easy start up when the white stuff melts!

Change oil and filter – This is a good time to eliminate built up acids and condensation from the warmer months. Run the car until it reaches operating temperature to circulate the new oil.

Disconnect the Battery – Both terminals. Install a battery tender to keep the battery voltage up.

Pour in Sta-Bil and fill the gas tank. Run the engine for 10 minutes to circulate the Sta-Bil treated fuel to the lines and carbs.

Put mouse traps in the engine compartment and interior. Yes this is my pet peeve but I have seen enough furry mouse nests under the engine cover to convince me that this is worth the effort. They also chew wiring harnesses. Or as some have suggested to me GET A CAT!



### Miscellaneous For Sale

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

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Dues Income	\$120.00
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## **2016 Meeting Schedule**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

Stan Darke  
7703 Holmes Run Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22402

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

Frank DuVal  
648 Holly Corner Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

**April 16<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

Doug Jones  
5176 Woodfield Drive  
Centreville, VA 20120

**May 13-15**

Vair Fare  
Quality Inn  
Leesburg, VA

**June 18<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

Driving Tour to Staunton VA

**July 16<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

National Convention

**August 20<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

TBD

**September 17<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

TBD

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

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**November 19<sup>th</sup> 9AM**

TBD

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

XMAS Party Meeting