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Chapter Chatter
By Bob Marshall

This month I begin with an apology and correction about last month's newsletter. It has been pointed out to me several of our ever vigilant members that the newsletter was incorrectly labeled March 2016 should have been April 2016. Admitting my chronological ignorance, I hope you can forgive my error as I mistakenly assumed that if the meeting is in March the newsletter will be the March newsletter. Imagine my surprise to find that the newsletter is supposed to be for the next month. So from this month forward I am going to hedge my bets and specify each month as both the month of the meeting and the next month. Just kidding! Now back to the newsletter.

Our host this month was Doug Jones and the meeting was at his mom's house where he stores one of his two white Corvairs along with two, yes that's right, two mustangs. So this bit of confusion was confirmed by the arrival of a fellow named JT who arrived in a very nice 66 mustang. Is it possible that Doug is a plant from the Mustang crowd to spy on our members?

Makes one wonder. Doug will no doubt protest these observations but the facts are the facts. The meetings events were somewhat of a hodgepodge of tire kicking and discussions about the Vair Fair. A meeting by Vair Fair committee members was held last Saturday and the content of that meeting was sent out to all members by email. The remainder of the day was spent giving guidance to Rory and Rita on the new wheels he purchased for his Corsa. Sorry Roy, I can't remember what brand they are but they are beautiful. It seems that just bolting on new wheels is not quite so simple. The question of lug centric versus hub centric was discussed by Bryan Blackwell. Seems that some cars rely on the lugs alone to hold the wheel centered and in place while others rely on the center ring on wheel hub to hold the wheel. Ours are apparently lug centric but if you have concerns there are spacer rings available if the center of your wheels is larger than the ring on the hub. You learn something new all the time. The moral of this long winded tale is there is no such thing as a silly, dumb or stupid question. We have a wealth of experienced folks in our club so don't hesitate to use their knowledge as a resource.

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Vair Fair

Next weekend is our turn to host the Vair Fair in Leesburg Va. See the registration form at the end of this newsletter. You can register on line and use paypal. Remember this is an open event that anyone can attend. Bring family and tell your friends. By promoting our cars to a broad spectrum of people we can expand the interest in the Corvair. The longevity of our marque depends on expanding interest.

Member Profile

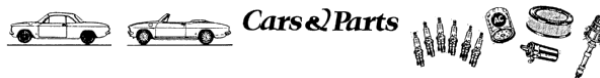
This is a feature that was started to give a short profile of some of our members. I typically try to feature the next months meeting host but moving forward I will begin contacting some of you for your turn in the feature. Since not everyone can host a meeting I will run out of victims/subjects to write about. Don't worry I promise to remain factual and not add any additional content....unless you want me to!

Newsletter Articles

I welcome any suggestions for articles/topics for future newsletters. It doesn't necessarily have to be Corvair related. It could feature a product or auto related service you have tried and think would be applicable for our cars. I could be about anything you feel would be of interest to the members. Remember this is your newsletter not something I sit at a keyboard with my beverage of the day and make up. Well maybe a little of the latter.

Montly Tech Tip

Fuel and oil additives are virtually everywhere these days. 50 years ago you only had a few such as STP and Marvel Mystery oil just to mention a few. So which ones really work? Who knows. Several years ago a company called Zmax was hit with a lawsuit by the FTC for overstating the results of its product. Some members have their favorites like Seafoam, BG 44K, Chevron Techron and others. The question that needs to be asked is are these products applicable to our older cars. You would hope that they are and would perform a miracle in just one tank. The reality is that most of the newer products were designed for modern fuel injected cars. So what are we trying to accomplish? Clean our fuel system, remove carbon build up or make the engine more powerful? The results of these products are varied but it all depends on the condition of your engine. Modern oil chemistry has improved the oils currently available that far exceed what was available in the 60's. The benefit is that our engines do not sludge up as easily as with older oils. Synthetic is a good example. This product is good for newer vehicles with significantly tighter internal clearances. It lasts longer than conventional oil but it is also twice the price. So it becomes a question of what benefit do our cars get from synthetic versus conventional oil. Some personal preference is in play here. The one thing we all have to deal with is the gasoline currently offered. It does not like our older cars. There I said IT! The addition of ethanol to today's fuel can cause horrible results in our older fuel systems. It can strip old sludge and varnish that is in your tank and fuel lines resulting in clogged carburetors. It can destroy fuel pumps diaphragms and internal rubber fuel system parts. And it attracts water and can lead to corrosion of your carbs. In a recent issue of Hemmings Jay Leno criticized the ethanol fuel as destructive to older collectable cars and stated that it should be removed from modern gas. So how do we keep our cars from being damaged by ethanol. There are a couple of things to do. First go to <http://www.pure-gas.org/> and see if there is a station near you that carries non-ethanol gas. Most are located outside of major metro areas. It may be a drive but some feel its worth it. The second thing you can do is diligently use a fuel stabilizer in every tank. Products like Seafoam and Sta-Bil were developed years ago. Most people only use these products for long term winter storage which is a great idea but they can and should be used in every tank of our Corvairs to prevent long term damage. They are inexpensive and you cannot use too much or overdose your engine. The second suggestion is to install an after market in line filter. They are available at most part stores and are easily installed in the fuel line over the drivers side wheel well. I installed a brand new gas tank in my car and at the same time installed one of these filters. It is clear and I can see the dirt and sediment in the filter after only two tanks of fuel. Cheap insurance.



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.

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Balance as of 3/31/16	\$2456.69
Dues Income Vair Fair	\$335.00
Balance as of 3/31/16	\$2821.69

**Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and Instagram
page NorthernVirginiaCorvairs**

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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

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

Rory Clark
Rita Murphy
13201 Hathaway Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20906

September 17th 9AM

Darrin Hartzler
8214 Beech Tree Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

October 15th 9AM

Bob Marshall
1919 Upper Lake Drive
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November 19th 9AM

TBD

December 17th

XMAS Party Meeting

We are looking for hosts for the meetings in 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.).