



NVCC, CORSA Chapter 220 **April 2017**

Chapter Chatter
By Bob Marshall

Bet you thought there wouldn't be a newsletter this month! But you were WRONG! Again work interfered with the latest edition. Yeah yeah same lame excuse.

The April meeting was held at the garage of Fred Marx. Crappy weather probably contributed to the light turn out but a few of us did manage to crack our heads on the lift arms that day. I'm going to start wearing a helmet when I go to Fred's.

The task of the day was to bleed the brakes on Fred's Spyder. All new lines, hoses, wheel cylinders and fluid made the job fairly ease except for one pesky bleeder. Fred had installed speed bleeders and apparently one was defective. If you are not familiar with Speed Bleeders they replace the standard bleeder on our cars with one that allows for a one person operation. They have a one way check ball and spring internally that prevent air from being drawn back into the brake system when you let the brake pedal back up during bleeding. The Speed Bleeders only allow fluid to flow out of the cylinder when the pedal is pushed and creates enough pressure to force the ball and spring to move. Once you let off the pedal the spring pushes the check ball back in place preventing air from entering the brake hydraulic system. Pretty neat product but as with all man made products you do get a bad one every now and then.

Which is why there are warranties. A quick run to the local advance auto parts who sells a version of speed bleeder and we were able to finish the brake system on the Spyder. One step closer to getting Fred's car back on the road again. I always think it is better to make sure you can stop the car BEFORE you see if it will drive under it's own power. It won't be long before the car is back on all fours and ready to drive again.

Next month (June) will be the Vair Fair in Lexington Va. The dates are listed on the calendar. Here is the link to the registration page:

www.vairfair.com/

Recent emails from the organizers are reporting that hotel rooms are in short supply so make sure to look into rooms at the host hotel and other local hotels before you make the drive. For

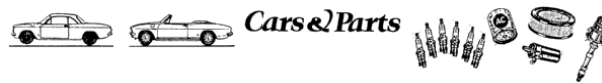
There will be not meeting in June due to the Vair Fair being this month. Our next meeting will be on July 22nd which is not our normal third Saturday so be sure to mark your calendars. The meeting will be held at the home of Bryan Blackwell. Not sure what projects he has in store for us but there is always something to do on a Corvair.

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Tech Tip Brakes

For no real good reason brakes are a part of most cars that are taken for granted until you hit the pedal and it goes to the floor. No Fred Flintstone brakes! Brakes require regular service in the form of adjustment, inspection for fluid leaks and flush and replacement of the brake fluid. With our cars 50+ years old it is a good idea to do a full inspection each year. That involves pulling the drums to inspect the drums and shoes for wear. Look for leaking wheel cylinders. Inspect the flexible brake line hoses for leaks and swelling and the most overlooked part, the brake fluid. Brake fluid is hydroscopic meaning that it attracts moisture in the air. That moisture will settle in the wheel cylinders and rust them internally. Our wheel cylinders are becoming harder to find so it's important that you flush the brake fluid at least every two years. Use Dot 3 synthetic fluid which is available at local parts stores. A good test to check the brakes is with the car stopped push down on the brake pedal as hard as you can. The pedal should feel firm and hard. Keep pressing down hard and make sure the pedal does not slowly move toward the floor. If it does it's time to start looking for the cause which could be a master cylinder or leaking wheel cylinder.



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

Cars for Sale

1961 500

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

1962 Monza Convertible

I'd like to sell this 1962 Corvair 2-door convertible and will ask **\$10,500**. I actually have \$18K into it but I think that might be the fair value. It was restored 2 years ago, is in good condition and runs well. My Dad owned it and lived in Florida. I bought it from my Mother when did a few years ago. I used the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg to restore it. New tires, new canvass top, new paint job, went through the engine. Please contact Mike Raymond at mraymond@A10networks.com for more details and photos.



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Treasurers Report

Previous Balance 03-31-17 **\$2,325.66**

No Activity

Balance 04-30-17 **\$2325.66**

NVCC Hot Air Mail

Membership dues for 2017 are now overdue. If you have not paid you will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list.

2017 Meeting Schedule

May 20th Greg Walthour
7025 Coventry Road
Alexandria, VA 22306

June 2-4th Vair Fair **(NEW)**
Lexington, VA

July 22th Note New Date for Meeting
Bryan Blackwell
11115 Henderson Road
Fairfax Station, VA

August 19th AJ

September 16th Open

October 21st Open

November 18th Open

December 17th Annual Holiday Party

All meetings begin at 9AM

2017 Is already shaping up to be a great year for the club. We have had record turnouts at the monthly meetings. We picked up several new members in 2016 and already have one new member in 2017. Our membership is the strength of our organization so encourage anyone you know who owns or is interested in Corvairs. You don't have to own one to join. Spring is a good time to encourage people to get back to working on non running cars. It is a great feeling on a warm spring day to roll all the windows down and take a ride in your classic car.