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Chapter Chatter By Rory Clark

The July meeting was supposed to be held at the RnR garage but due to the massive heat wave that day, we had to cancel it.

I will start routing the brake lines as soon as the weather is favorable. I have access to a flaring tool so I should be able to get the fittings installed on the lines and double flare the ends.

New Member

Jason Moore joined the club last week. He owns a 64 Monza vert. Vernon has been communicating with him in an effort to get his Corvair road worthy. Jason is also looking for someone to stop by his place in Winchester. He can be reached at 5403270436 and eastjmoore@gmail.com.

Reports from the Corsa Convention

Greg Walthour provided the following write up and pictures of the convention held in St. Charles, Illinois. Thanks to Greg for providing this great write up of his adventures. FYI – Greg had the pictures in order but I didn't place them correctly. Hopefully you can figure out what goes where. Last year I was going to drive the RedBrier to the Pittsburgh convention, but the night before leaving my new (used) rims did NOT fit! I later learned they were from an Astro van which had an odd (metric?) bolt pattern. Since then I swapped rims with a friend who wanted the wide white tires I had on my van for his 15" wheels I wanted to try on the RedBrier. With the stock 3:89 I am trying taller rims/tires to get the RPMs down on the highway. I am very happy with the results!

I left for the convention very early Monday morning driving north to Frederick MD and then west on I-68 and I-70. Just west of Frederick I stopped at a McDonald's to get a drink and when I came out there was a white '62 four door parked a few spots over from me! I drove thru some HEAVY rains, luckily I replaced the wiper blades before I left. I overnighted Monday night with my family (wife, daughter, and MIL) in Richmond, IN, just over the Ohio border. Since I was relatively close, I decided to drive almost straight north to Auburn, IN the next morning to tour the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg museum. If you have never been, it is well worth the \$10.50 with an AAA discount. After three hours I was

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tired of standing but still had not visited the top floor! Next time I go, I will start at the top and work my way down... The only issue I had with the RedBrier was the return spring on the accelerator pedal had broken or fallen off and in some small Indiana town I did a roadside repair. Luckily, I had a spare return spring for the cross-shaft, but it worked!

From Auburn, rather than driving north to I-80/90 (turnpike/tolls) I drove south a little to Fort Wayne, IN, and took 30 (Lincoln Highway) west across Indiana and into Illinois. The RedBrier and I are more at home on these two-lane divided highways. Upon arriving at the Pheasant Run Resort, I found a few friends and the five of us walked across the street to have dinner a Culver's, a mid-west favorite. One friend, Tim Shortle, from Durango, CO, was asking anyone who would listen for help replacing the points on his '69 coupe. If you are familiar with stock '68 & '69 A.I.R. Corvairs, you know what a nightmare this can be! Tim let me drive his Corvair; odd driving a stock 3 speed late model. You must think.

Wednesday was the Concour d'Elegance. One surprise was FIVE Corvair station wagons competing! Also, one of the main reasons I go to the conventions, other than catching up with friends from all over the country, is the swap meet! I like searching for odd-ball Corvair stuff! My "finds" this time were a set of EM Hands/Halibrand(?) wheels with spinners (they are very light), a roof rack for an EM sedan (I've only seen two, one owned by a father/son in NC and the other on a '60 sedan in the Corvair Museum, and a first edition of Unsafe at Any Speed!

Thursday was a full day with the Economy Run in the morning and the Rally in the afternoon. Having both driving events on the same day makes for a long day. For the Economy Run my long-time navigator, Curt Shimp, did an outstanding job of leading us to the path of second place in the FC class. Since I registered on-site, there was a limit of 70 vehicles for the Rally and I was not able to compete with the RedBrier. Luckily, my friends, Bill & Ed Clapper, from the Pittsburgh area, let me drive Bill's Molten Lava (looks black in the shade) '66 Monza coupe, 140/4, while Bill navigated and Ed supervised from the back seat. One complaint was there was no bathroom/drink/ice cream break on the rally.

Friday was the autocross and although I do not compete in this event, it is always fun to watch! Saturday morning was the People's Choice Corvair Display. My wife, Virginia, came to this event and loved some of the Corvairs, especially those with unique paint colors, Evening Orchid, for example... My friend, Mike Slotwinski, from Delaware brought along his blue Corvair go-cart, although I needed a shoe-horn to get in and OUT, I took it for a spin around the parking lot! A golfer saw Mike drive the go-cart and he offered Mike another red Corvair gocart body which I volunteered to transport home for Mike. It fit very nicely in the back of the RedBrier with the seat folded down.

After overnighting with relatives nearby and meeting up with one of the families we travelled with to China when we adopted our daughters, I drove the RedBrier south along Historic Route 66 from Joliet thru Pontiac and Normal to Decatur, IL, to visit the Corvair Museum, Allen Bristow's FC Camper is there! If you like Corvettes, Camaros, and Corvairs, this is the place for you! Very few other Chevys there... A '69 convertible towing a Corvair trailer was leaving when I arrived, and a trailered EM Sprint convertible arrived when I left. From there I drove the RedBrier to Indianapolis where I was buving a pickup truck from a long-time Corvair friend, Jean Allan. The RedBrier will reside with Jean for a few weeks/months while a figure out the logistics of retrieving it. I was extremely happy I went to the convention and caught up with many friends! Other than the heavy rain on the way out, the weather was outstanding!







Thanks again to Greg for providing a great story on his adventure to the convention.

This Month's Featured Corvair

I thought I would feature Rita's Rampside this month. While it is not road ready yet we are so close to getting the brakes finished. I can't wait to take it for a test drive even if that means back and forth in the garage. FYI – I have safety stands now so no criticizing is necessary.



Local Car shows throughout the DMV for 2019 Spring, Summer & Fall

Car shows around the DMV and Beyond; There is a show close to you so get out and have fun. <u>http://www.cruisein.us/cruise-ins-car-events</u>

The Donut; Burtonsville Town Square, 15650 Old Columbia Pike Burtonsville, MD 20866. Every Sunday @ 8:00am

3/31- Crescent Wine & Spirits @ Bowie Marketplace; 15501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD. 9am-3pm. \$20.00 Registration Fee. Open to all Vehicles. Trophies, 50/50, Vendors POC 202-308-6385

4/20 - Asphalt Angles Spring Car, Truck & Bike Show; Chili's Parking lot, 16401 Heritage Blvd, Bowie, MD, 9am-3pm - \$20.00 Registration Fee at Gate. Top 35, Specialty Awards, Top Bikes, Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, music, food & more. POC Jim 202-308-6385 Rain Date Sunday 4/28/19

4/TBD - SugarLoaf Mountain Parts & Swap Meet; Carroll County Agriculture Center, 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157

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4/27 - 6th Annual Southern High FAA Alumni Car, Truck & Tractor Show; Green Turtle, 3212 Solomon's Island Rd, Edgewater, MD. 10am-2:30pm. \$20 Registration Fee. Dash Plaques & Goody bags to 1st 100 registered vehicles. Door prizes, silent auction, 50/50, Bake sale. Rain Date Sunday April 28th. POC 443-883-6425

4/28 - Chesapeake Classic Car Club Show; Talbot County Community Center, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD. 8am-2pm. \$15 Registration Fee. Open to all vehicles. 100 Trophies, Dash plaques to 1st 200 cars. Professional Judging. Rain Date 5/5. POC 410-7398689

4/28 - Vintage Tin of Maryland 5th Annual Open Car Show; Benefitting the Earleigh Heights Vol. Fire Co. 161 Ritchie Hwy & Magothy Bridge Rd. 10am-3pm. Reg \$15, spectators \$5 per car. Trophies, dash plaques, 50/50, flea market, vendor area POC 443-591-1386. NO PETS

5/4 - Annual Spring Fling Show; Western Tire & Auto, Stevensville, Md. 9am-1pm. Reg \$10 (\$2 toll rebate for Western Shore folks) Open to all vehicles. Cash door prizes at trophy time. (Must be present to win) POC 410-643-5572

5/16 - 18 - 29th Annual Cruisin' Ocean City; Ocean City MD. Car shows, entertainment and more. Hat pins, dash plaques to 1st 3000 participants. POC 410-798-6304 or www.cruisinoceancity.com [cruisinoceancity.com]

6/9 - 9th Annual Car Truck & bike Show; Harry Cooper VFW Post, 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 10am-3pm, \$15 Registration Fee. Best of Show Trophies 50/50 door prizes. Rain or Shine. POC 443-520-3585

6/29 – Fauquier Cars & Coffee <u>http://www.fauquiernow.com/index.php/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-wheels-fauquier-has-its-own-cars-coffee-shows-2019 [fauquiernow.com]</u>

6/30 - 2nd Annual Chrome Run Car Show; Hosted by the Bowie Baysox & Asphalt Angles at the Bowie Baysox Stadium. 4101 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD.

\$25. per car (in advance) includes 1 box seat to the game. Guest tickets at \$10 per ticket. Trophies presented. Register at www.BaysoxShop.com/special-events

7/28 - Asphalt Angles Summer Sizzler Car Show; Chili's Parking Lot, 16401 Heritage Blvd, Bowie MD. 9am-3pm. \$20 Registration Fee at Gate. Top 35 Specialty Awards, Top Bikes. Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, Music, food and more.

POC Jim 202-308-6385 (Rain or Shine)

8/11 - Car & Bike Show@ Sons of the American Legion Post #160; Hosted by the Bombers Car Club, 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD. 9am-3pm. \$20 Registration Fee. Trophies, dash plaques, vendors, music, food, 50/50. POC 443-336-3700

8/TBD - Rockville Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center, Rockville MD.

9/21 – 44th Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA 20110

POC Darryll Baker (571) 294-7853 Group parking George Richardson at (703) 768-1569 www.bullrunaaca.org

10/19 - Asphalt Angles Fall Car, Truck & Bike Show; Chili's Parking lot, 16401 Heritage Blvd, Bowie, MD. 9am-3pm - \$20.00 Registration Fee at Gate. Top 35, Specialty Awards, Top Bikes, Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, music, food & more. POC Jim 202-308-6385

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2019 Meeting Schedule - 9:00AM Start Time

August 17th

Stan Darke 2800 Dorr Ave Suite J Fairfax, VA 22031 Install power pack into Mabel

Treasurers Report

Balance 6/30/19\$3713.80Dues\$5.00Balance 7/31/19\$3718.80

For More Pictures of last month's meeting click here <u>NVCC</u> <u>Facebook</u> Thanks to Mark H for posting them.

Website: http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter220/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/northernvirginiacorvairs/ [instagram.com]

Remember, we are responsible for keeping this marque alive and viable for future generations. We still have the most affordable classic 60's cars in existence but we, as a club, need to be a part of promoting the Corvair as a really unique and cool collectable car. Drive em, fix em and promote them everywhere you go.