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Chapter Chatter  
By Rory Clark

Hi everyone. Hopefully everyone is doing well. With the reopening around the area we have been going on more drives in Corvy. We typically take a back road out of our neighborhood and within a few minutes we are in the country and cruising the two lane roads towards Damascus, Frederick, Clarksville, and point's in-between. It's great to see the restaurants and breweries open with outdoor seating and, more importantly, patrons enjoying their food and drink. Let's keep our fingers crossed that everyone continues practicing the three points of safety - masks, washing hands, and distancing - so we can keep reducing Covid in the DMV.

Work in the RnR Garage has taken a backseat of late. The extreme heat makes it too unbearable to work on anything in the garage in the afternoon. The front of the garage faces the afternoon sun and it bakes the door (if closed) or it spills in and

heats up the garage to a point that I'm standing in a pool of water within a few minutes. I did, however, manage to get some work done since the last newsletter.

Before the massive heat wave, I managed to install the new main body and engine wiring harness. Outside of fishing the harness through the access panel into the cab the rest of the main harness was straight-forward and easy. It literally lays in the same body clips as the original one. The only minor issue was the pigtail connector that runs from the harness to the starter was too short. I realized the PO made a new connector but the wires were too short to reach the connector on the harness. I made a new pigtail from the same gauge wire (according to the wiring diagram) long enough to run from the starter to the harness connector.

With that done I started working on the engine harness. I am not going to say this

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was hard but because space is limited I found myself struggling to fish the harness through certain areas. I then cleaned all of the existing connectors on the taillights and other various connectors. I still need to connect it to the voltage regulator and generator although I do not think either of these work properly. I have the parts to convert it to an internal alternator thanks to Greg W. I may do that first and not bother connecting it to the original charging system components.

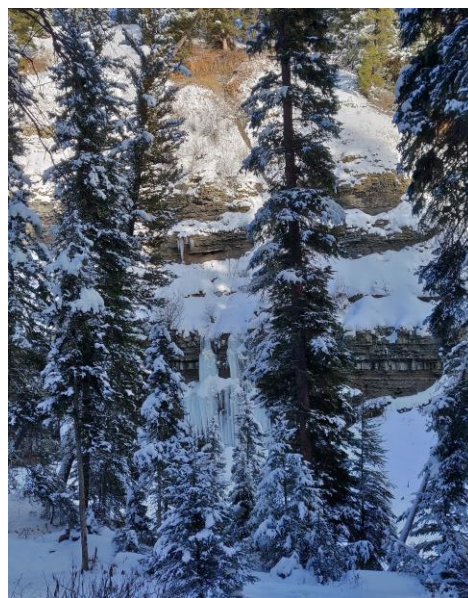
At this point I am ready to reinstall the gas tank. This task will take two people so Rita may be under Rumpy with me to help with the wiring and guiding it into position. I made a new ground wire for it to ensure it has a good ground and I have a new flexible fuel line including all the felt pads so it doesn't rattle once installed.

I will need to figure out how to reattach the gas pedal. You may remember that I removed the original one because it was in bad shape but one of the bolts that holds it to the floor pan broke off inside the nut. I cannot drill it out as the extractor broke off it the bolt in a failed attempt to remove it (rookie mistake). I may need to ask a friend to come by with his welder to weld a small bolt directly on top of the broken one.

While work has slowed down, with one good weekend we should have Rumpy ready to start and possibly take a short test drive. (That really means back in forth in the garage and maybe up and down the driveway.) Regardless, it will be a huge accomplishment considering the condition it was in when it arrived at our house.

Then I will ready to install the windshield so I will be watching the Dave Motohead video a few times to understand the process. I really wish that I had some of the computer room floor tile tools to hold the windshield so I may ask a colleague if I can borrow a set.

In the meantime, please enjoy these icy cold, snow filled pictures to cool you down. These are from our trip to Big Sky, Montana last year.





## This Month's Featured Corvair

This month's featured Corvair is Rita's Rampside (Rampy). We are getting even closer to having it on the road so here it is again for your viewing pleasure. If you would like to showcase your Corvair, send me a picture and I will feature it in an upcoming issue.



## Local Car shows throughout the DMV for 2020 Spring, Summer & Fall

### **Car shows around the DMV**

There is a show close to you so get out and have fun. <http://www.cruisein.us>

For all shows, please check with the organizers or their website for rules and COVID information.

**Bethesda Cars and Coffee** – Saturday's Hours are always 8am to 10am and the address is 10327 Westlake Drive right behind Montgomery Mall. Note that while the sponsors do not require masks, they ask that you do not come if you don't plan on wearing one.

**AACA Museum, Inc. Hershey, Pennsylvania** - Sunday, August 2nd, 9a-2p <https://www.aacamuseum.org/>

**31st Annual All Chevy-GM Car Show** has the green light for September 12, 2020 for their annual show. Because of Covid-19 rules there will be limited spacing requirements and therefore the need for Pre-Registration. The show is rain or shine and there is a large covered Pavilion with picnic tables for food consumption and to listen to the band.

The organizers expect the show to fill up and trying to register on the day of the event may not be a possibility. Please Pre-Register at [www.mdcamaroclub.com/shop](http://www.mdcamaroclub.com/shop)

### FOR SALE

**All for 1963 Rampside (FC)\*** – prices are all negotiable and/or barter or trade (Someone really must need some of these parts. Please make me an offer so these parts can be put to use again)

Front backing plates

Front and rear wheel cylinders – needs rebuilding

Single master cylinder – needs rebuilding

Front wheel hubs

Various other brake related parts

2 – 14" steel wheels for Rampside (FC)

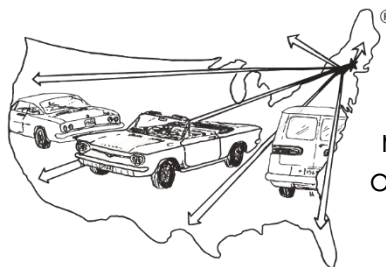
**Set of 4 13" factory steel** (came off of the Corsa) wheels in very good condition. Tires are mounted and have like new tread on them. \$175.00 or reasonable offer

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## 2020 Meeting Schedule

### August 15<sup>th</sup>

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Install oil cooler O-rings. This will be done outside to accommodate social distancing. Get there early before the heat of the day kicks in. Bring your mask!

## **Treasurer's Report**

Balance 06/30/20      \$3883.80  
Balance 07/31/20      \$3883.80

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Thanks to Mark H for posting them.

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Remember, we have been given a special Corvair power. With that power comes responsibility. That responsibility is 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. Let's keep on driving them, fixing them and promoting them everywhere we go.