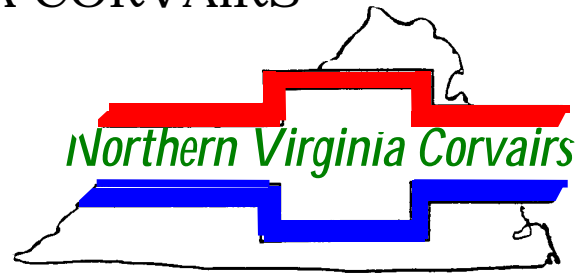


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CHAPTER CHATTER

By A. J. Paluska, Jr

Talk about turn about. At last month's meeting we had nine Corvairs and at the November meeting we had two! That counts Steve MacLeod's as the host. Only Jake McCahn ventured forth in a Corvair. To be honest, the day started with rain continuing from the Friday before, but turned out quite nice about meeting time.

Corvair presence was down but not attendance. Ten members and an interested visitor were present to help Steve trouble shoot his four way flashers. Steve had a hand written document, provided by Darrin Hartzler, with the proper color wire and their correct hookup. It didn't take Steve long to get all four lights flashing at the same time.

December rounds out the club year so that your dues for 2009 will be due. Also the club usually plans out the next year's meeting schedule at the December meeting, so in addition to enjoying some good food and fun, you can schedule your 2009 meeting date and also get to vote for the second consecutive month. Better still, you have the opportunity to run for office to guide our fine organization. Also, all of you budding Shakespeares you can try your hand at a regular writing gig as the "NEW" proud editor of this fine authoritative

automotive journal. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.** Earn while you train!

December is also Christmas Party and election month. If you desire to run for any office, please inform any of the current officers of your desires. Also, the editorship of this authoritative automotive publication can still be wrested from your editor. Just throw your hat, or rather word processor, even typewriter, into the ring. **NO** experience necessary! [NOTE: Second hint!] Training will provided to any volunteer. Also December completes our dues year so please pay your dues for the 2009 calendar year. [Second hint!]

For the party, members should bring a side dish and/or a dessert. Call Jake McCahn to coordinate your contribution so that there will be a variety of dishes. We have traditionally had a voluntary gift exchange at the December meeting. If you desire to participate, bring a wrapped package containing a Corvair or automotive related item. Expense limit is up to you (Usually not more than \$10.00).

Word is getting around that the NCVV is the place to be on the third weekend of the month. We have gained another new member: Luke Duddridge, the proud owner of a 1964 red Spyder convertible.

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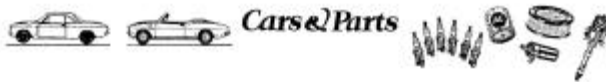
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*****AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIFIED*****

63 Convertible: Red with good body and nice paint. Asking \$6000.00, new engine, condition 3 to 4 on scale of 5. Contact Jim at (540) 465-5066. (6/08)

64 Monza Convertible: Red with white interior. 110HP with powerglide. Original, not running, worth restoring. Located in Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Woody Schwartz at (802) 375-6160. (10/08)

64 Coupe: F&A Auto Sales at (804) 224-0588. (9/07)

65 Convertible: 140 HP PG, 44K miles, maroon and black. \$15000 OBO. Call Bob at (304) 263-2763. (7/07)

Parts/Miscellaneous For Sale

Parts: From our club's 65 coupe parts car: Right hand door, 4 Monza Wheel disks. Call Venice Cox at (703) 791-6517. (1/05)

Parts: Darrin Hartzler has parts to clear out this summer. Does anybody need either a transaxle or a complete PG with transaxle? How about a late model 3 speed manual transmission? If so, let him know. Very cheap. (301) 365-7332 (2/06)

STILL AVAILABLE: 2007 Vair Fair T-shirts. Priced for quick sale. Another can't miss opportunity to own rare Corvair Memorabilia! **HURRY** as they went fast at the 2008 Vair Fair!

Corvair Vendors and Services

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc.
Route 2, 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA
01370-9748 (413) 625-9776

Corvair Underground
PO Box 339 Dundee, OR 97115
(503) 434-1648 or (800) 825-VAIR

Corvair Ranch, Inc
1079 Bon-Ox Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 624-2805

Wheels Needed

Looking for a set of 14-inch steel rims and or 15-inch rally wheels. Also a set of 14-inch wire wheel covers. Don Lintvet: don@lintvet.com or (703) 4431801.

NVCC Calendar

13 December 2008, 1:00 PM: The regular meeting, Christmas party and annual elections at the home of Jake McCahn.

13-17 July 2008, CORSA International Convention, Florida Corvair Clubs, Jacksonville, FL. Host Hotel is the Wyndham Jacksonville, 800-996-3426. Mention Corvair Society for \$99 rate. Register online www.wyndhamjacksonville.com, click "Search using Corporate, Promo and Group codes," enter your dates and 0719886CO for Group Code. Contact Sarah Beltrami, 386-615-0072, sarahvair@juno.com.

Next Regular Meeting:

Saturday, 13 December 2008, 1:00 PM

Jake McCahn
248 Dover Road, Warrenton, VA 20186
(540) 272-0306

Directions: Map/directions on the mailing cover.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance (10/15/08)	\$3,068.06
Dues	\$15.00
Interest	\$1.95
Closing Balance (11/15/08)	\$3,085.01

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Take Aim

When you are in traffic and your horn is not effective to share your sentiments, here are a variety of hand gestures I have come up with a new communication method, Automotive Instant Messaging or AIM. A politically correct group of phrases to inform other drivers of their somewhat less than perfect driving would be installed in your car and play either verbally through the other car's radio or visually on their screen or dial. Here are some examples that may become standard AIM messages. "Does your accelerator not work properly or was it optional"? "Do your turn signals not work or were they optional"? "How many lanes does your vehicle require"? "Do you always travel in PARK on the freeway"? "Have you considered driving at the posted speed limit"? "Is it dark enough for you to consider using your headlights"? "Please say good bye to your caller and call them back when you stop". "My GPS Turtle Sensor tells me that you will never win the race with the hare". "Have you ever thought about joining the Demolition Derby and do you consider this practice"? "What color was that last light"? "Do you understand the term Right of Way"? "Go green by trading in your rust bucket of bolts and save everyone". "In order to have a clean car you may actually have to wash it". "Warp speed is from *Star Trek* and should only be used by the State Highway Patrol". "What part of pull over for those emergency vehicles did you not understand"? "Yield is something you should be doing, and not all of us to you". "Did your bumper sticker "I brake for nothing" come as standard equipment"? "Say, what kind of vehicle is that under all that ice and snow"?

These are just a few of the thoughts that run through my mind as I drive. Please share yours with me so we may grow this list at bowtieguy@cox.net.

Car Stolen

Did you know that a car is stolen every 26 seconds in this country? Did you also know that half of all stolen vehicles had their keys in them? This is where the dumbing down of society hits home for the simple reason that who would leave their keys in their car in 2008? Please take your keys with you, lock your car, and do not store a spare car key on your vehicle. If you need a spare, store one in your wallet or purse for safekeeping. You also might consider etching your VIN (vehicle identification number) on each car window. Do it yourself kits are available for as low as \$14.95 at <http://www.etch-o-matic.biz/vin-etching/>. Will it ever make sense to lock a convertible? It will always be better to be safe than sorry.

Buying American: Not as Easy as It Used to Be

I bought Goodyear tires the last time I needed them for my regular car. Goodyear has a local plant here and I feel that I should support them. They have many plants all around the country and the world for that matter. Cooper Tire has plants in Korea. Ours is a global economy. The new Chevrolet Camaro will be built in Canada. The new Ford Fiesta will be built in Mexico. GM is closing plants in the USA and this is what happens. Foreign companies are investing in the US and building factories here as we have invested for years in their countries. The hottest selling car in China is a Buick. In the recent downward sales trends, GM, Ford and Chrysler have been buoyed by sales outside the US. The new Satums have transmissions built in Germany and are assembled in Belgium. Multi national cooperation has lead to hybrid technology sharing and the direct injection engine that gives gas mileage like a diesel engine. When you want to buy American, it may be necessary to follow the money trail. Buying

at home, with companies that offer service after the sale, may make these decisions easier. Taking care of customers and employees is what we all need from our companies, US based or not.

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Carburetor Tech Tip, by *David Robertson*

The 65-67 carburetors have a high speed enrichment valve under the venturi cluster. If the car sits for a long time these valves get stuck shut and hurt performance. I've had good luck removing them with a T20 Torx (star) screwdriver. The ridged tips of the T20 lodge nicely in the hole drilled in the top of this small brass needle valve. A little twisting will usually break the valve loose so you can clean the valve, its seat, and the passageway back into the float bowl.

It's Been Right Under our Nose, by *Ray Hatchell (CORSA/NC)*

Once in awhile when restoring a car you run across a product that is right under your nose and you don't even realize it. I ran across something that is worth sharing with other club members and car enthusiast[s]. I am talking about a paint product I use while restoring the Monza wagon and have used it again this week on the Greenbrier. We all know that like gas, paint being a petroleum product has also become expensive and GOOD paint is not always available or within the budget. I found a paint at the Tractor Supply Store. Yes that's right, Tractor Supply Store that is truly outstanding and I am referring to "Agrisystems Tractor & Implement Enamel," made by the Valspar Corp and comes in various colors, usually the colors you generally see on farm equipment. Wonder why?? I use the number 4432-19 Low Gloss Black enamel to paint floors, under fenders, engine firewalls, chassis components...etc. It comes in quarts and gallons, its anti-rust, lead free and can be used on metal or wood by brushing or spraying. It is tough man!! Highly weather resistance (just look at all those thousands of combines, tractors and other farm equipment left out in the elements all year). So rush on down to you[r] local TSS and get a can. It's goooooood !!

ATTENTION

PRESTIGIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

BENEFITS COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE

Four positions available in dynamic enterprise: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Editor, and Treasurer. Only cheerful, friendly, car-crazy persons need to apply. Must have working knowledge of Corvair automobiles, vans and trucks. Helpful if applicants also understand Corvair race cars. Must like people. E-mail helpful but not necessary. Stellar office hours: about four per month. Additional time required as circumstances dictate. May be called upon to evaluate party sites and communicate with others with like interests and goals. Current office holders cite perks such as contact with a wide range of similar-minded people throughout America, being greatly appreciated and supported by the group you lead, and enjoying delicious food at each office session. Also included is interesting conversation in many settings. Salary includes hundreds of happy hours with others that love Corvairs. Amount determined by applicant. Interested parties may contact a current office-holder, listed at the front of this newsletter, because there is no committee set up for interviews at this time.