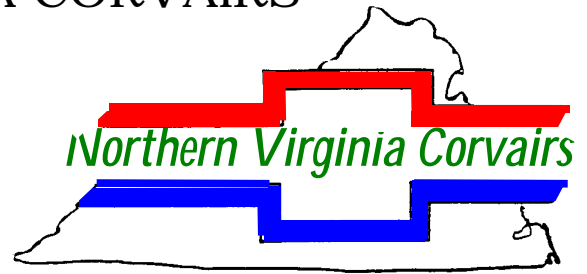


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CHAPTER CHATTER

By A. J. Paluska, Jr

There wasn't much on the schedule for the November meeting hosted by Steve MacLeod in Alexandria. Eight members and two guests were on hand to help Steve install a four-way flasher in his Spyder coupe. Steve was just experimenting to see if it would work before he would cut any wires. He got it to work and decided to perform the permanent installation at a later time.

The next topic of discussion was the location for the December party and elections. There was one volunteer to host the meeting, but coordination later proved that the meeting could not be held at the volunteer's location. The fall back plan was to go with a local restaurant. The backup plan was initiated. See specifics below.

Now that we are approaching the end of the calendar year, members should be thinking about the annual elections scheduled for December.

Although I am sure that the current slate of officers would like to serve for another year all offices are up for election. If you desire to run for any office, please inform any of the current officers of your desires. Also, the editorship of this fine authoritative automotive publication can be wrested

from your editor. Just throw your hat, or rather word processor, even typewriter, into the ring. **NO** experience necessary! Training will be provided to any volunteer. Also December completes our dues year so please plan to pay your dues for the 2011 calendar year.

We will also be planning our future meeting schedule at the December meeting so if you have some interesting Corvair projects you have been thinking about, now is the time to schedule a meeting or two before all the dates for 2011 are booked.

This year the club is continuing something different for the December meeting. It will be held at the Silver Diner in Springfield. See cover sheet for directions. No need to bring a dish. Members will order off the menu.

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).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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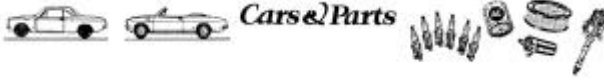
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*****AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIFIED*****

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 CORSA Coupe: 140 HP, price is flexible to the right buyer. Great running, solid, no rust highly optioned original car with all numbers matching. Russ Moorhouse @ corvair65@verizon.net. (9/10)

66 Convertible: 110 HP PG, Restored in 2007, Regal Red. \$15000 invested. Best Offer, Call Jay at (910) 270-0785. (4/10)

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)

SOON TO BE GONE: NVCC Club T-shirts. Priced for quick sale. Another can't miss opportunity to own rare Corvair Memorabilia! **HURRY** as they went fast! **Only 3 Extra Large Left!**

NEW ITEM: 31st Vair Fair T-shirts. Priced for quick sale. You don't want to miss this opportunity to own rare Corvair Memorabilia! **HURRY**, as they will go fast!

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

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TECH SESSIONS: Venice Cox, 4th Saturday of each month, 10 AM to 2 PM. Any member is welcome to assist Venice during these sessions. (703) 791-6517

NVCC Calendar

11 December 2010, 1:00 PM: The Annual Christmas Party and elections at the Silver Diner in Springfield.

15 January 2011, 9:00 AM: The regular NVCC meeting at the home of Trey Nelson.

Next Regular Meeting:

Saturday, 11 December 2010, 2:30 PM

Silver Diner
6592 Springfield Mall
Springfield, VA 22150
(703) 924-1701

Directions: Map/directions on the mailing cover.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance (10/31/10)	\$2, 645.19
Closing Balance (11/30/10)	\$2,645.19

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What is "Claying"?

From "Auto Detailing-Secrets of the Experts <http://www.web-cars.com/detail/clay.php>

Claying is a process that is new to the world of automotive detailing and has found enthusiastic acceptance. It's not hard to understand why, as its resume reads like a miracle cure, and after reading it you may think that it's too good to be true. But claying delivers.

The clay we are talking about is similar to the toy "Play-doh" that kids enjoy although a special type is required for car detailing. It performs its function by removing the contaminants from the surface of the paint. It works by virtue of its flexibility as it easily forms the exact contour of the surface it is in contact with. What it does for a painted surface is similar to the function of polish, but unlike polish, clay is not an abrasive. This is an advantage for the beginning or casual detailer, as no harm can be done to the paint. Claying also does not remove wax, so unlike polish, there is no need to reapply it after an application. It works on surfaces that might not be appropriate for polish, such as glass, bright work and trim items. Claying is also relatively quick and easy when compared to a polish job. Clearly a winning situation all around!

How to Clay

To work with clay you will need a lubricant. Fortunately what you use is not critical and many products will work fine. Many clay kits ship with a "Quick Detailer" spray which works. Our recipe consists of a tablespoon of car wash detergent in about 20 oz. of distilled water and dispensed using a spray bottle. Others have reported that Windex and other glass cleaners work well.

As you progress, you'll note that the clay bar gets thinner. You'll then have to rework the bar so that it is thick again by kneading it. Some detailers like to just fold it over, the reasoning is that it will have a cleaner surface. You'll get a feel for how it is working by the way it glides over the paint surface. This "feel" will also tell you when the clay bar is losing its effectiveness (it's resistance increases) and needs to be replaced. When you are finished with a section, dry it using the same towels you use after you wash the car. It's a good idea to rinse the entire car with a hose after you are finished with the claying task. When you are finished, do the "baggie test" again. The results will be easily felt.

Claying is an odd process. If you haven't tried it, it can be difficult to understand as it doesn't seem to conform to most of what we know about car detailing.

If this is your thinking, we encourage you to give it a try. It really is easy! Many amateur detailers are a bit wary of the concept but after they try it, they are sold big time.

A clay bar is good for about four to five treatments. This depends on factors such as the size of the vehicles and how dirty they are. One important note: if you ever drop a clay bar, you **MUST** throw it away. The potential for causing scratches from material it picks up is just too great. If you intend to reuse the clay bar, store it in a box or baggie to keep it clean.

Steering Column Restoration

By Steve Silvia

The last time I drove my Corvair with the top down, I noticed how bad the steering column looked in the sun. Time to make it look better! This is an easy project, but does require the removal of the steering wheel to do a nice job, as it is hard to get in close enough to repaint it well.

My car originally had a gold dash and column, but when I replaced the interior I went with semi gloss black as the dash pad I had was black and I wanted to match it. This being the case, I was able to use spray paint for mine. If your car is another color, you will need to either have some mixed at the local auto paint store or try one of the vendors to see if they have an aerosol can of your color.

Once the wheel was pulled, I simply removed the two bolts under the dash and let the column drop down. This made it much easier to sand and prime the column as it does fit very close to the dash on a late model. I used some sandpaper and took the surface to the bare metal in no time. Once done, I primed it and let it dry. While waiting, I took the time to polish the directional light lever as I had already removed it when I took the wheel off. This is a small detail, but you will be amazed at the grime accumulated on them over time.

With the primer ready for a topcoat, I applied two coats of Krylon semigloss black and let this dry before I replaced the directional lever. Make sure the screw is tightened; you will have to pull the wheel to get back at it. At this point I replaced the two lower bolts and set the column back into its position against the cluster. To replace the wheel, make sure you have it in the correct position which you should have noted when you removed it. My car has the wood grain wheel and while the hub had a few nicks, I left it that way rather than repaint it, as I was able to use a paper matchstick and dab a smidgen of paint into the scratch. This job took about two hours and for a total investment of about 15 dollars I made a big improvement in my interior.

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