



Chapter Chatter  
By Rory Clark

Fred hosted the November meeting in order to keep the momentum going on his Spyder and the results of the meeting did not disappoint. The turnout was great with everyone getting in on the action at one point or another.

Weather wise, it was cold and windy but that did not deter a few of us from driving our Corvair's. Rita and I drove the Corsa while Darren, a new member, drove his Rampside. After the last meeting, Rita and I met Darren and his wife at the Rockville Antique and Classic Car show. They were displaying their Rampside as part of Group Corvair.

Upon arriving, the team had the fully assembled engine sitting on a tire that was on a floor jack (looks like my motorcycle jack) and were getting it aligned with the engine compartment. Next, the car was lowered leaving enough room for a few people to get under the car to guide the powerpack into place. Using the floor jack, the powerpack was raised into position and the front and rear mounts were tightened and out came the jack.

Getting the engine back onto the car would have been a good day but there was a buzz in the air, and it was decided that we were going to get the engine running.

The crew had dwindled a bit by this time but everyone (I mean everyone) that remained had a hand in working on something at this point. There was wiring, fuel lines, exhaust, fuel pump, generator (on and off a few times) distributor, brakes, shrouds, etc. and we worked our way through each task until it was ready for the first turn of the key.

With a shot of ether, the engine fire up but died due to lack of fuel. We did that a few times and realized the fuel pump was not working. After loosening the hold down bolt, we tried to hand pump it only to find that it was leaking really bad. After tightening the six bolts on the top of the pump and a few hand pumps fuel was making it to the carb. One more shot of ether and car started and ran. The earlier buzz was now pure excitement.

The engine idled at different speeds for 20 minutes or so with the only issue being a leaky

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valve cover gasket. It also smoked a lot but that was expected on a new build. Fortunately, Fred's garage has a rear garage door so both doors were opened, and the wind helped clear the air somewhat.

We celebrated the success by cracking open a few beers while listening to the beautiful sound of the freshly rebuilt motor making music.

Mark returned to Fred's on Tuesday to help button up a few more things. They took out the Turbo Oil Tee and resealed it with Teflon tape to fix a leak there. That required taking the generator off again. Installation of the generator went a lot quicker after all the practice. They also adjusted the trunk latch so it will close and latch.

There was one last issue with the brake lights not going off after releasing the pedal. The heater, air, and defrost cables were routed to the right side of the brake pedal arm and were putting pressure on the arm of the pedal. That was causing the brakes lights to stay on. They were able to reroute them between clutch and brake pedal arms and the brakes lights work as expected.

Visit our [NVCC Facebook](#) page to see a lot more pictures of the meeting. Thanks to Mark and Rita for capturing the progress.







### RnR garage

After getting the garage organized, I got back to finishing the brakes. I finished bending, flaring, and connecting the remaining lines and started to bleed the brakes. This turned out to be a real challenge. No amount of pumping the brake pedal would push fluid out of the master cylinder nor the wheel cylinders.

Then I remembered a friend from work having a vacuum bleeder, so I asked if I could borrow it. Not only was I able to borrow the bleeder but my buddy came over too. I am thankful that Ryan was there since he knew how the tool worked. For systems that only require the bleeding of a wheel cylinder or caliber, it is a one-person job.

However, new systems are a two-person job since it was void of fluid. It also took patience before fluid started flowing. Once it did, the master cylinder required filling a number of times as the fluid filled the system. After an hour we had the system filled and bled and a few fittings tightened along the way.

Now was time to start it and test the brakes. With a little coxing the engine came to life. With the e-brake engaged, I applied pressure on the brake pedal and shifted it into reverse. I released the e-brake and eased off the brake pedal and Rampy slowly moved backwards. I hit the brakes and it came to a stop. Shifting into forward I repeated the process eventually aming it halfway up the driveway as my confidence built on each pass. The brakes were a success as was the transmission (as far as I could test it) and we are happy the project has reached another milestone with more to come.



## This Month's Featured Corvair

This month's featured Corvair is our newest members, Darren Pralle's, Rampside. This was taken at Fred's house. 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 2019 Spring, Summer & Fall

**Car shows around the DMV and Beyond;** There is a show close to you so get out and have fun.

<http://www.cruisein.us/cruise-ins-car-events>

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

**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

POC [smraaca@aol.com](mailto:smraaca@aol.com)

**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](http://www.cruisinoceancity.com) [[cruisinoceancity.com](http://www.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** [http://www.fauquiernow.com/index.php/fauquier\\_news/article/fauquier-wheels-fauquier-has-its-own-cars-coffee-shows-2019](http://www.fauquiernow.com/index.php/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-wheels-fauquier-has-its-own-cars-coffee-shows-2019) [[fauquiernow.com](http://www.fauquiernow.com)]

**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](http://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

**9/21 - 44<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bullrunaaca.org)

**10/19 - Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Road, Rockville, MD. 20851 - Full details [HERE](#)**

**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.  
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## FOR SALE

**EM bumper brackets:** 8 of 10 brackets, not bent or other damage some surface rust. 11 bumper bolts included. \$10

Clark's relined brake shoes for 65+, full set of fronts and rears, less than 50 miles. \$45

Front upper control arm eccentric bushings, steel, replace the rubber bushings in the front upper control arms for adjusting camber/caster for Corvairs 1965 and later. \$65

4 -195/70-14 Toyo Extenza A/S tires, full tread, less than 200 miles \$195

Pair of 110 heads for 65 and later Corvair, good condition, complete with valves, springs, etc. I never used \$275

Also, if anyone has Vegas or knows anyone who does, I have manuals and new rear shocks and sway bar.

Contact Bob Walker at [bobrstn@gmail.com](mailto:bobrstn@gmail.com) or 703-709-7246.

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**All for 1963 Rampside\*** – prices are all negotiable

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

\*Stinger electronic distributor with two coils (140 motor)

**Set of 4 13" factory steel** wheels in very good condition. Tires are mounted and have like new tread on them.

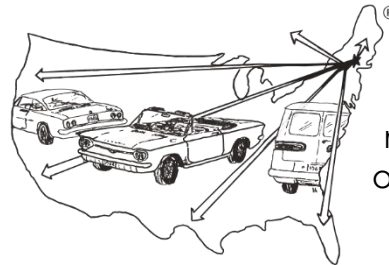
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## 2019 Meeting Schedule

### December 15th

Holiday Party - 1 to 5pm  
Bryan and Ellie's House  
11115 Henderson Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039  
Holiday Party – bring a dish/drink to share  
Gift Exchange \$10-20 Corvair related (voluntary)

### Treasurers Report

Balance 10/31/19     \$3683.80  
Balance 11/30/19     \$3683.80

Membership dues are due by the end of December for next year.

**For More Pictures of everything Corvair related click here**  
[NVCC Facebook](#) Thanks to Mark H for posting them.

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

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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 you go.