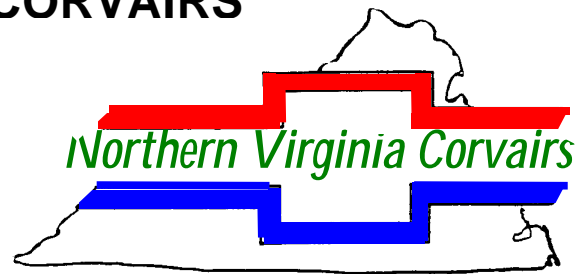


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## CHAPTER CHATTER

By A. J. Paluska, Jr

Several members got together at Bryan Blackwell's home on 11 January to continue the Vair Fair planning. In addition to Bryan, Curt Shimp, Ron Tumolo, Mike Puglisi, and your editor were in attendance. Ron indicated that he would have the T-shirt design finalized by 12 January. The design was finalized and it was sent out to the NVCC email list for comments and approval. The design turned out great and all agreed to go with it. It emphasizes the 45th anniversary of the introduction of the Spyder in 1962. Curt Shimp also sent out a summary of the planning meeting to the email list. The week prior to this month's meeting, to be hosted by Ron, members will go out to the host hotel to get an idea of where the various events will be placed.

If you missed the February meeting, you missed the opportunity to see Bryan Blackwell start on the path to rebuilding his competition engine from the ground up. Well, almost from the ground up! Only three members braved, here it comes, the weather to participate in the rebuilding process. If you remember, on the 21st of January, the greater Washington D. C. area had its first "major" snowfall of the season. Major is in quotes because all you need to do is mention snow around here and everybody panics, schools are closed, and everybody runs out to the grocery stores to buy toilet paper, a gallon of milk, and potato chips, as if they can't make it through a day or two with the supplies in their house!

Anyway, I digress. The first step into the rebuild of Bryan's 1965 (he's pretty sure it is a '65) 140 HP engine was to create cylinder holding jigs from copper tubing. These have to be cut to a specific length, depending on whether they go under the cylinder or over the cylinder. You can get the specifics from the Finch book "How to Keep Your Corvair Alive". Next, he removed the piston that was in the cylinder with the dreaded dropped valve seat. The hope was that the force of the piston hitting the dropped seat did not ruin it. Once out, the worse was realized when the top ring would not move freely. There was evident damage to the piston head that could be ground down, but with the top ring compressed, the piston would need to be replaced.

Well, that is about how far we got. By that time there was about an inch of snow on the ground. Your editor lives only 5 miles from Bryan's but it still took over 30 minutes to get home. Darrin and Ron, both driving their early sedans, had a much farther way to go. Fortunately the D. C. area governments dropped the ball again and there were no trucks plowing and dropping salt on the road. They could get home without worrying about getting salt on their undersides. Unfortunately, both Darrin and Ron left home before the snow started to fall.

This month, there will be two meetings. One, on 10 February, will be a Vair Fair planning meeting at Ron Tumolo's home and the host hotel. The 17 February regular meeting will also be at Ron's.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2007.

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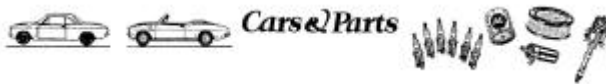
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## NVCC Calendar

### \*\*\*AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIFIED\*\*\*

**63 Greenbrier:** Powerglide, white/blue exterior with blue interior. 115, 000 miles, runs well, good condition, no rust through, a few rust spots. Manuals included. \$2500.00. Call Jeremy at (703) 964-6999 (4/06)

**63 Convertible:** Red with good body and nice paint. Asking \$2500.00, condition 3 to 4 on scale of 5. Contact Jim at (540) 465-5066. (9/06)

**64 Convertible:** 150 HP Turbo. New engine, extra engine and transmission. \$3500 OBO. Call Monk Fleming at (703) 339-7272. (4/06)

**65 Monza:** 110 HP, 4 speed needs, some work, body not too bad, rockers have some bondo, trunk is solid, battery tray and rear quarters not too bad. Asking \$1,950 or best offer. Located in Highland Springs (near Richmond, Virginia). Call Stewart: (804) 326-0919 or Cell 690-9000. (12/05)

**66 Sedan:** 110 HP, 4 speed, professionally restored in 2004, Winchester, VA. 51K miles, \$5500. Call Bill at (540) 665-1837. (9/06)

### Parts/Miscellaneous For Sale

**Late Model Parts:** 1, new 195/15-50H BF Goodrich Euro Radial T/A: \$25. Free 65 front cross member. Call Curt Shimp at (540) 955-1516. (2/06)

**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 spring. 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)

### **RARE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS LOCATED!**

Take this unusual opportunity to purchase a piece of Corvair history. Available for a limited time. Genuine 2003 Virginia Vair Fair T-shirts. A steal at \$8.00, two for \$15, in sizes S, M, L, XL. Hurry, this rare find won't last for long! Call Curt at (540) 955-1516.

**Corvair Parts:** Large parts lot available. Will not be sold separately. For information contact Kim at [kimpjasonp@juno.com](mailto:kimpjasonp@juno.com) or [whitetiger@hereintown.net](mailto:whitetiger@hereintown.net).

**10 February 2007, 9:00 AM:** NVCC Vair Fair planning meeting at the home of Ron Tumolo and the host hotel.

**17 February 2007:** The regular NVCC meeting at the home of Ron Tumolo.

**17 March 2007, 9:00 AM:** The regular NVCC meeting at the home of Al Harris.

**21 April 2007, 9:00 AM:** The regular NVCC meeting at the home of A. J. Paluska, Jr.

**4-6 May 2007:** 28th Annual Virginia Vair Fair, Northern Virginia Corvair Club. Best Western, Leesburg, VA. Contact Darrin Hartzler, (301) 365-7332 or [dhartzler@ifc.org](mailto:dhartzler@ifc.org). Mention Corvair for special \$99+ tax room rate.

**19 May 2007, 9:00 AM:** The regular NVCC meeting at the home of Darrin Hartzler.

**16 June 2007, 9:00 AM:** The regular NVCC meeting at the home of Mike Puglisi.

**24-28 July 2007, CORSA International Convention, Detroit Area Corvair Club:** Detroit, MI. Best Western Sterling Inn (800) 953-1400 or (586) 979-1400. Contact Bill Jabs (503) 684-6595 or [www.sterlinginn.com](http://www.sterlinginn.com). Mention Corvair for special \$99+ tax room rate.

**Next Regular Meeting:  
Saturday, 17 February 2007, 9:00 AM**

Ron and Karen Tumolo  
905 North Amelia Street, Sterling, VA  
(703) 430-6582

**Directions:** Map/directions on the mailing cover.

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance (12/25/06)	\$1,997.92
Dues	70.00
Closing Balance (1/16/07)	\$2,067.92

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## Clean Your Car for Less

You don't need to spend a lot of money or time dealing with car cleaning problems. Here are some cheap and easy tricks that really work. Try them in a hidden area first.

**Grime-covered headlights.** Combine one cup of white vinegar, one quart of water and one tablespoon of cornstarch. Use a sponge to apply the mixture to your headlights, or you can use an old pair of panty hose. Let the cleaning solution sit for about 10 minutes, then rub off with a soft cloth.

**Dirty windshield wipers.** Wipe the blades with a cloth soaked in rubbing alcohol. Besides cleaning the blades, the alcohol also will reduce the amount of ice that builds up on them during storms. Also: lightly run a folded piece of extra fine sandpaper along the wiper-blade edges to remove stubborn gunk. This light sanding can help older blades remain effective.

**Bumper stickers.** Soak a cloth in white vinegar, then position the cloth so that it completely covers the sticker for 30 to 60 minutes. If the sticker is on a vertical metal surface, use refrigerator magnets to hold the cloth in place. The vinegar should dissolve much of the sticker's glue, allowing you to peel it off or very carefully scrap it off using an old credit card. (Favor peeling over scrapping if the sticker is on paint.) If some of the sticker's adhesive remains after the sticker has been removed, pour some vegetable oil on it and the adhesive should become much easier to rub away. If this doesn't do the trick, use a hair dryer to loosen the adhesive. Set the dryer on high, and check every few minutes to see if the sticker will peel free.

**Dead bugs.** Bugs and bird droppings (see below) contain acids that can damage a car's painted or chromed surface if they're not cleaned away quickly. To make bug removal easy, spray a light coat of vegetable cooking oil on your car's bumper, grille and hood before long drives. The slick oil should make it much easier to wipe away the bugs after the trip. When dead bugs do get stuck firmly to your car dip a scrunched up mesh onion bag or nylon net shower sponge or old pair of panty hose in warm soapy water and gently scrub off the bugs.

Bird droppings. Pour seltzer on the droppings as soon as possible. Once the seltzer stops bubbling wipe the area with a microfiber or cotton cloth.

Road tar. Put mayonnaise on the tar, wait two minutes, and then wipe the area clean with a soft cloth. (Test on an inconspicuous area first.)

Grease. Grease is not as sticky as sap and tar, but it can be difficult to wash away, A simple solution is to use baby wipes. Baby wipes also can be used to clean grime off a car's vinyl or cloth upholstery. Cloth upholstery should be allowed to air-dry after a baby wipe is used, but vinyl can be wiped dry with a towel. Baby wipes should not be used to clean leather interiors – use saddle soap instead.

Bad smells. A pet has an accident in the car...a child gets sick. You clean up the mess, but the smell's still there. Put shallow bowls of white vinegar on the car's floor, in front and back. Then close the windows and leave the car overnight. In the morning, remove the bowls of vinegar and open the doors and windows for a few minutes so that any lingering vinegar smell disappears.

Touch Up. Try a crayola crayon. The color selection is greater than that you will find at an auto supply store. It won't be a professional job but will stop rust from forming.

### Summary of the 11 January 2007 Vair Fair Planning Meeting

#### Timetable

- February 1: Pricing needed for each event or required item on activities. Registration form in PDF format and on club website.
- February 10: Hold additional Vair fair planning meeting. Detail everything upon which we will put the event logo Decide how many and what types of trophies or plaques we want.
- February 26: Event logo to be sent to CORSA. A. J. Paluska and Ron Tumolo. CORSA Calendar information and Cover flap ad sent on 7 and 21 January 2007.
- April 1: Have all needed material on hand for registration packet. Details on catering the banquet and Friday night's food completed. Ron Tumolo in charge.

#### Other

1. Curt Shimp can arrange for trophies and plaques.
2. Ron Tumolo to arrange for T-shirts. Done.
3. Bryan Blackwell will develop a "staffing chart" to help insure we meet our manpower requirements.
4. A. J. Paluska will E-mail Curt Shimp a copy of the registration form. Sent to Darrin and Curt on 14 January 2007
5. A shuttle bus to local area shopping and tourist attractions can be provided by the hotel.
6. Bryan will work on manpower for the Saturday afternoon rally.
7. There are no hotel restrictions on the club having food at the hotel or where we take it.
8. Ron Tumolo will look into renting a large tent shelter for the Valve Cover Races if it rains.
9. Ron Tumolo has gotten permission from the property owner next to the hotel for our use of part of their parking lot.
10. As far as we know the hotel has no cut off date on the \$99/night room rate for event participants.
11. The special February planning meeting will be February 10. We will all go out to the hotel after the meeting.
12. The hotel has no projectors or screens.
13. Curt Shimp will provide a pan balance on which to weigh the Valve Cover Racers.
14. Club members should rent the rooms on either side of the Hospitality room. Curt Shimp volunteered to take one.