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Chapter Chatter
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January has come and will be gone before we know it. I am looking forward to getting out of the winter months. While snow has been non-existent the cold weather and blustery winds cut right through me.

Rita and I took a long cruise in Corvy a few days ago. I do not know how many miles that we covered on the back roads of MoCo but we were out for over 1 ½ hours. We tend to point the car north and make random turns to explore new roads. We eventually ended up in Ellicott City.

Remembering how congested old town Ellicott City can be, we opted to bypass the main drag and worked our way back to home base. We never get tired of these cruises and look forward to them when the weather cooperates.

RnR Garage

There isn't anything to report from the RnR garage. It has been too cold to do

anything except to move the trickle charger from the Rampside, to the Corsa and then to my motorcycle. The motorcycle battery is getting a bit old and it doesn't really hold a deep (good) charge. A new battery is required so I will tend to that as soon as possible. In the meantime, I typical start everything and take the Corsa and bike out for a few laps around the block to get them up to operating temperature.

Bob W and I have been discussing the gas pedal issue in Rampy and I will take his advice/suggestion to use a Rivnut to fasten the pedal to the floor. I think there is enough play in the positioning of it that will allow a free and smooth operation of the pedal. This will be a first for me with the Rivnut and I look forward to using a new technique to fix the pedal.

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Andy's Garage

At the December tech session we looked at and discussed in depth the carburation issues of Andy's 64 and made all the obvious adjustments.

Unfortunately, the symptoms did not go away and still need attention. After the December meeting, Andy checked and rechecked the electrical connections and at one point observed smoke pouring out of the generator.

Arlington Armature did a rebuild and tested both the regulator and generator and pronounced them both to be in good working order. After Andy reinstalled them the electrical issues with the gen light was still present.

So, the January meeting was to focus on locating those lost and wandering electrons and providing them a clear path to their intended destination. Ron and Andy put their heads together during the January session and discussed woodworking projects and tools, house plants, Andy's 73 MGB, the paint job on the 64 and also spent a little time on the 64's electrical issues.

All kidding aside, it was an enjoyable and informative tech session. Much knowledge was exchanged and some minor mechanical issues were resolved. The only down side was that there was a considerable number of pastries and quite a bit of coffee left over. Not to worry, they didn't go to waste...they went to waist.

After Ron left, Andy dove into the electrical issues more deeply and disconnected all the plugs in the wiring harnesses only to find the main to engine harness plug was damaged beyond repair. This may have been part of the electrical issue.

As we all know, old wiring and their connectors are hidden issues that are hard to run down.

In order to make the task a lot easier, Andy ordered replacement harnesses from Clarks and will begin installation upon their arrival. In the interim, Doug and Andy are going to attempt a carburetor rebuild to locate and fix the engine non-starting issue.

So, if no one has any more pressing issues, we can plan on a February session at Andy's garage to make all the final connections in the new wiring harnesses and hopefully not have to address the carburation issues because Doug will have made them all go away by then.

This Month's Featured Corvair

Our Corsa is, once again, this month's featured Corvair. However, it is one of the trunk in action. You may have noticed from last month's picture that the front end looked lowered. The reason is that we loaded the trunk with a bunch of firewood that we bought while on our cruise. I like the look and will consider lowering the front end in the future. 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 2021 Spring, Summer & Fall

Car shows around the DMV

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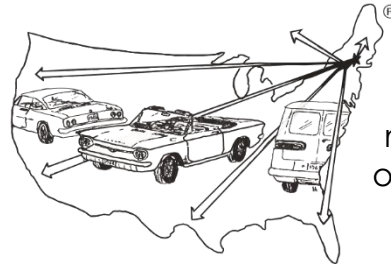
Group Corvair Virtual Garage Sale This is a special one-off sale that Group Corvair has volunteered to assist Barbara Frailey, the widow of the long-time Corvair enthusiast Pete Frailey, in selling the off the remainder of Pete's inventory. These items are mainly tools as Pete sold off the Corvair specific parts already. Please reference the second PDF for a list of the items for sale.

To bid, or for any other information, please send an email to **both** Jim Simpson and Bob Hall (simpsonj@verizon.net hallgrenn@aol.com) with the line number, short description and bid amount. The master copy will be updated and periodically sent it out to everyone who has expressed an interest in bidding. (There's already been several bids that are reflected in the PDF file attached. Since this is an auction, you can bid a higher amount in increments of at least \$1.00. We are not posting the names of the bidders for privacy reasons.)

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February 20th

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Dues Collected	\$50.00
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