



Chapter Chatter  
By Rory Clark

The December Holiday Party was held at Bryan and Ellie's house. It was a great turnout and everyone had a good time. We all brought dishes and drinks to share as well as holiday spirit to the party. Many thanks to our hosts for graciously opening up their house and providing for a festive time.

We also needed to discuss official club business and hold elections. We discussed the VairFair and elected, or should I say re-elected, the President, Vice President, Secretary and Editor. As, the Editor, it was proposed and we agreed that all the members will provide a three paragraph one photo article for the newsletter. My thanks go out to Fred, who has already provided his entry.

I mentioned the VairFair above. To date, Ron T and AJ have secured the Best Western Leesburg Hotel 776 East Market Street, Leesburg, VA., 20176 for the dates of April 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 40 rooms have been reserved for the VairFair at \$119.00 per night. Detailed information will be

forthcoming so stayed tuned.

Closing out club business, we had a great year in 2018 with tech sessions, meet ups and events and it looks like we will continue the momentum into 2019. I know I have a few projects on the Rampy to tackle and hopefully finish so we can drive it this year.



### Inside Fred's Garage

It has been awhile since the club was at my house so I thought I would take the opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on the status of the Spyder.

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The last time the club was over, the dash/radio was going in, and that has all now been completed. Since then, a number of electrical gremlins have been solved (mostly ground issues), the windows and windshield have gone in, door handles/latches installed, frunk and rear hatches installed and including all of the weather-striping. It has been a lot of work, but thanks to the club (and especially Bob Marshall and Mark Holmlund) it has happened with a minimum of blood, sweat and tears. The most recent plan (to have been implemented before the weather closed in) was to install the driver's seat, which was accomplished, start it, and then drive it to an upholstery shop to have the convertible top installed. The car started amazingly quickly (it had not run for at least a year or so, and then only briefly) and then was driven without incident for a little 4 or 5 mile outing. A short video taken by master cinematographer Bob Marshall of the test drive is on YouTube. Use the key words Corvair and Fred Marx to find the video.

Alas, like all things Corvair, it was not to be smooth driving after that. Shortly after the test drive electrical demons reappeared, and the car would not start. After a lot of help from Bob and Mark, the problem was diagnosed and fixed. Then, just before a trip to the top shop was to be scheduled, I noticed a drip of oil from the turbo oil feed line. After a bit of fiddling, the drip became a spurt, followed by gushing reminiscent of Niagara Falls. It turns out the oil line had a small pin hole leak at one of the bends in the line. That line has now been replaced, but I just discovered a smaller oil leak from under the generator/oil filter adapter plate. I will be working on that next.

So, at my house in January, if I have quieted all the oil leaks and nothing else has gone wrong, and if I have gotten the car to the top shop, we can work on the remaining interior items (a few fuzzies, door cards, carpet, etc.) and seats. If something else has gone wrong, we can work on that. Hope to see you all there.

### **RiRo's Garages**

It's not all good news coming out of our garages. I will start with Rampy with the preface that it has been too cold and we have been too busy to get anything done on it. The good

news is that once it starts it idles nicely. The bad news is that it is hard to start and it doesn't like to rev up. I am going to say that I believe it is all in the way I rebuilt the carburetors. It was literally the first time I attempted to rebuild a Corvair carburetor and I am positive that I have a setting or adjustment wrong. This is not a big concern as my initial thought process was to see if the engine ran, which I proved. I know that I can pull them off and go through them again and the issue should go away.

Now that the holidays are behind us I will put more effort and time into the brakes and the carbs.

The other not so good news is that I went to start the Corsa and it just was not having any of it. I typically start all of my old cars/trucks on a regular basis all year round just to keep things moving and lubricated. And I swear Corvy "ran when parked" just a month ago. I performed all of the basic troubleshooting tasks and I narrowed it down to no spark. At first I thought the coil may have gone bad but, after talking with Seth Emerson (I have the Stinger distributor), we determined the electronics in the Stinger went bad. He was the brains behind the testing and I was the mule. He asked me to send the distributor back so he can run an initial test, then replace the bad components, re-test and then send it back. In closing, while it failed Seth will fix it and I have faith in the product and see this a fluke. Having repaired electronics many years ago I know that sometimes diodes, resistors, pickups, etc. can fail. It is also reassuring that Seth stands behind his products and is always a phone call away to assist if needed.

### **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Bob Marshal sent two articles on Corvair fans nuking. This is not a panic call stating that every fan is a spinning grenade but more of a take a look at yours and assess its condition. The first article is from the Hagerty November 21, 2108 edition b Kyle Smith.

#### **[How to Make Low Profile Spark Plugs!](#)**

Bob also sent a follow up article on the rebuild after the disaster. Credit again goes to Kyle Smith and his December 21, 2018 Hagerty article.

#### **[Since I Am Already Knee Deep](#)**

## Local Car Shows and Cruises

While the cold temperatures moved in early it is the rain that has kept most of our Corvairs in the garage all of December. Rita and I never had the chance to take Corvy out for a spin or car show. Let's hope January has a few nice days that allow us to get out and about.

That said, the feature car this month is Vern's Marina Blue '66 Monza once again. I'd like to feature a different Corvair every month so send me a picture of yours with a little write up on what you were doing when the picture was taken.



### **The Donut aka Cars & Coffee**

Burtonsville Town Square  
15650 Old Columbia Pike Burtonsville, MD 20866  
Burtonsville, MD 20866  
Every Sunday @ 8:00am

### **43<sup>rd</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet**

Manassas Museum  
9101 Prince William Street Manassas, VA  
Annual

### **Cars 'N Coffee**

Corner Bakery  
10327 Westlake Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
8-10am every Saturday

### **Car shows around the DMV and Beyond**

There is a show close to you so get out and have fun.

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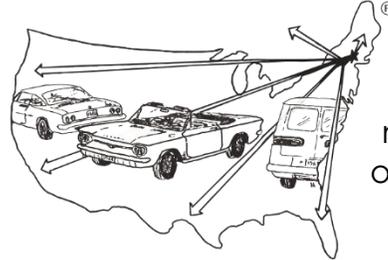
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Still looking for a nicely priced windshield for the Rampy - Rory and Rita

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## 2019 Meeting Schedule

### All meetings begin at 9AM

#### January 19<sup>th</sup>

Fred Marx  
12606 Split Creek Court  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Tasks are outlined above

#### February 16<sup>th</sup>

Bryan Blackwell  
11115 Henderson Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039  
Tasks

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Stan Darke

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Rory and Rita

**Treasurers Report**

Balance 11/30/18	\$2919.05
Dues Received	100.00
Balance 12/31/18	\$3019.05

Remember, 2019 dues are now due so please contact AJ (address above on the first page) to make arrangements.

**For More Pictures of last month's meeting click here [NVCC Facebook](#)** Thanks to Mark H for posting them.

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/northernvirginiacorvairs/> [[instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/)]

Remember, we are responsible for 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. Drive em, fix em and promote them everywhere you go.