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Hi all. Hopefully everyone had a happy and safe New Year. We celebrated at our house with decorations and champagne knowing the New Year would bring some normalcy back to America. I never realized that I could be so wrong after watching the events unfold at the Capital.

I am doing a reset – here's to a happy, healthy and sane New Year to all. May the biggest concern we have is whether to drive our Corvair's or not. The decision should always be drive them of course.

RnR Garage

I have to say that work has been slow in the garage. It is not heated and it gets real cold in there. I have started the Rumpy a few times and driven it up and down the driveway although that is challenging. It is hard to describe the issue except to say that it bogs down when put under a load. Backing up the driveway produces the

load if you remember the slope of the driveway. I have not done any troubleshooting outside of thinking it is not advancing the timing and/or something in the transmission is not working properly (automatic).

I still need to figure out a way to reconnect the gas pedal to the floor since I broke one mounting screw off in the hidden nut. My choices are to weld a stud over the broken bolt although I do not have a welder or to use the same hidden nut set up.

As soon as some nice weather comes back I also want to tackle the windshield. I may try this myself but I think I have a lead on a guy that does classic windshield replacements at a great price.

While putting the trickle charger on the Corsa I discovered the vacuum advance had come off the carb fitting. I have no

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idea how long it was not connected but it now makes sense on why the car ran differently than I expected. Once connected, it ran fine so now I will make sure to check it often.

Andy's Garage

Our last tech session was held at Andy's house. To remind everyone what happened, below is a recap of that session.

You may be asking why this matters. It's because our next meeting (in a few days) will be held at Andy's garage again. The main focus will be electrical work so bring your meters and electrical diagrams for an Early.

In November, the issues at hand were starting/carburetor problems, electrical anomalies and overheating. That's a tall order to tackle in one session so we concentrated on the carburation issues.

Bryan was able to provide an in depth list of trouble shooting procedures in an attempt to clean the carbs and get it to start and run smoothly. Everyone else also poked their respective heads under the hood to observe and suggest repairs.

We had several earlies in the driveway that we could use as "this is what it's supposed to look like" comparison which was a nice luxury. We checked the timing and adjusted the point dwell then readjusted the timing. Between each step there was a lot of discussion as to the benefits of the test/adjustment so it certainly wasn't a 30 minute exercise.

After all the adjustments were made and the driver (Andy) was provided with detailed instructions on the proper starting procedures, things seemed to be working much better.

Folks started drifting out with Doug being the last to leave. Andy tried starting the car and the same issues seemed to resurface. Doug heard the engine cranking and turned off his engine to return to readjust everything again. It was midafternoon before he finally left with instructions to keep him posted on the status.

His final guidance was to clean the carbs, use some SeaFoam additive to the gas and run the car for a bit before tackling a complete carb rebuild effort. Also check the plugs to ensure the correct ones were installed. "Keep me posted" were his final parting words. Next month we will get a report on the success or failure of the repairs.

That is an overview of the last session to fix a few items with the electrical one still needing addressing.

This Month's Featured Corvair

This month's featured Corvair is the RnR Corsa. That is a beautiful car if I must say so! This was taken at the Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park near our house. This is also part of the Underground Railroad. 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

There is a show close to you so get out and have fun. <http://www.cruisein.us>

For all shows, please check with the organizers or their website for rules and COVID information.

FOR SALE

All for 1963 Rampside (FC)* – prices are all negotiable and/or barter or trade (Someone must need some of these parts. Please make me an offer so these parts can be put to use again)

Generator – condition unknown

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 (FC)

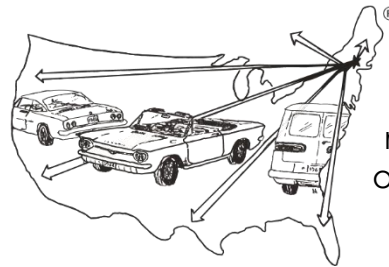
Set of 4 early carburetors (no vent on the base). These look to be set up for a 140 as primary/secondary with some linkage.

Contact Rory at royinmd@gmail.com for more information and pictures.

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2021 Meeting Schedule

January 16th

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Task at hand: There are two main issues – electrical and carburetors. I would like to focus on the electrical. When I turn the key to “on” the fan motor starts (I have checked all three switches but they do not turn it off), the gen light comes on intermittently or not at all or comes on and stays on but the gen output is within spec. I will probably have to pull the instrument panel to check all the connections.

Meeting will start at 10:00 to give the garage time to warm up a bit.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 11/30/20 \$3883.80
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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 we go.