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Chapter Chatter  
By Rory Clark

Rita and I hosted the July meeting and we could have not have asked for better weather. The only issue was heavy traffic on the beltway at the approach to the Cabin John (American Legion) bridge. Rita and I have experienced this many times so we feel for everyone who made the trek from Virginia. All in all, it was a good turnout so thanks to those of you who made it. We also managed to work on the Corsa and Rampside by splitting into teams.

Earlier in the week I found two new throttle shafts in the Corsa glove compartment. I knew the shafts were worn on the Rampside carbs but I was waiting until I had a bigger order before buying them from Clark's.

I managed to get one shaft out without issue. However, the other shaft put up a fight. One butterfly screw broke off when trying to remove it. That led to having to drill it out so the butterfly could be removed. Then the screw that holds the armature to the accelerator pump wouldn't

budge so I ended up grinding off the brass (bronze?) glob on the other side of the shaft so I could slide the shaft out from the opposite side. I was then able to remove the stuck screw.

Installation was really easy although I tried my best to install the shafts the wrong way on both carbs. Nothing would line up until I realized there is a left and right side and I needed to turn the shafts around.

After they were assembled all the adjustments that were made with the worn shafts had to be set again. I managed to finish them as everyone was arriving.

Team A worked on the driver side rear window. It needed some adjustments as it was too far forward when up and the driver's window would overlap the chrome trim piece on the rear window and not the rubber. The rear window also had a big golf ball sized gap at the lower rear when in the up position and it also had a terrible rattle to it. The team did a great

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job on adjusting the window front to back and they appeared to have the rattle sorted until my test drive proved otherwise. I will look into the rattle further as time permits but I will take the adjustment as a big win.

Team B worked on installing the carbs on Rampside. Once the carbs were on and after we removed the extra gaskets (totally my mistake) the cross shaft and associated linkage went on. Next, my brother, Dane, and I bent a fuel line to replace the damaged one on the right side of the engine. I am glad that I do not make fuel and brake lines for a living. You basically have one attempt to get it right.

Next came the distributor cap and then the plug wires, which I need to replace. I did not have a battery or enough rubber hose to run from the main fuel line to a gas can so I improvised. I connected my jump box to the battery cables and used starting fluid in the carbs. At this point it was Dane, Lee, and me remaining (Gary made it shortly afterwards) and, to our surprise and delight, the engine cranked over and fired.

Unfortunately there was not enough power in the jump box to keep it cranking but that test was enough to bring optimism that the engine will start and run.

The accelerator pedal cable appears to be binding and I think it is from 10 years of sitting outside without being used. I squirted lubricant into both ends of the cable but it is quite long so that effort was feeble at best. I plan on removing it and soaking it in oil so it moves freely. The list of things to fix stays constant but I feel that we are making decent progress.



## **Articles of Interest**

Continuing with the monthly series, the articles below are the seventh in the series. This article is from Hemmings June 5, 2018 edition that covers the Corvair museum in Illinois.

<https://Corvair Museum Air-Cooled Appreciation>

It's a short and interesting read on all the different types of Corvairs found in the museum. Instead of a summary, click on the link and enjoy the article.

## Local Car Shows and Cruises

Corvair season is now. In-between the rain showers, drive your Corvair, talk to people, take some pictures, and send me something for inclusion in the newsletter. Rita and I can't be the only ones driving our car.

This past weekend, Rita and I went to the Burtonsville Show. We got there a bit late and a lot of cars had already left. That meant there wasn't an early Camaro to park next to. Nonetheless, as soon as we parked a crowd gathered around the car. It was a good time and another perfect conversation piece.



### **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  
Saturday September 15, 2018

### **Classic Car and Motorcycle Show**

Wheaton Moose Lodge  
2901 Bel Pre Road Silver Spring, MD 20906  
Sunday July 1, 2018 11am-4pm

### **CORSA International Corvair Convention**

Pittsburg, PA  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
[CORSA Convention](#)

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

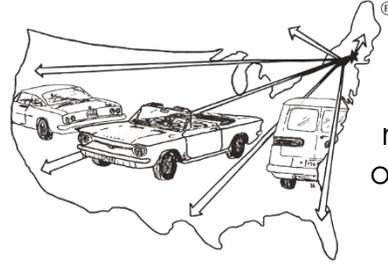
## Cars and Parts for Sale/Wanted

Anything for a Rampside wanted including (2) 15" wheels - Rory and Rita

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#### **Original Parts Group, INC. - Coming in May**

<https://www.opgi.com/restoration-parts-catalog-corvair.asp>

## 2018 Meeting Schedule

### All meetings begin at 9AM

July 21<sup>st</sup>

CORSA Convention  
Pittsburgh, PA

August 18<sup>th</sup>

Rory and Rita  
Rampside

September 15<sup>th</sup>

OPEN

## Treasurers Report

Balance 4/30/18	\$2894.05
Dues Received	\$20.00
Balance 5/31/18	\$2914.05

**For Pictures of last month's meeting click here [NVCC Facebook](#)**

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

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## Summer Tips

Make sure you check out the tips below on how to prepare your car for spring and beyond.

Do a thorough visual inspection by checking your:

Lights

Wipers

Belts

Brakes, including the brake test

Tires, including the proper front/rear air pressure

Wiring

Battery

Fluids, including brake fluid and motor oil

Once you give your Corvair a once over it's time to take it out for a good long spin to get everything up to operating temperature. Enjoy the drive.

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.