



Chapter Chatter
By Rory Clark

The June meeting was held at Greg Walthour's garage. Greg knew there was some rust on the car that he wanted to repair but he didn't know the extent of it. So, the task for the tech session was to remove the interior from the LM Monza to better assess the floor pans and passenger side front fender. Once the group removed all of the interior it was determined that the passenger front floor was in good shape. The driver side had a few rusted out spots. The damage is not extensive so Greg may be able to form some sheet metal to match the few bad spots in the floor. He also bought a patch panel for the passenger fender so repairing it should be an easy task.

Greg also swapped out his Stinger distributor for the stock one. His Stinger went back for repair for the second time and, right out of the box, it failed again. It's a shame because the Stinger really improves the cars performance. I know that Greg is in touch with Performance Corvairs about the distributor and hopefully a resolution will be found.

As the tech session wound down, Rita and I decided to hit the closest brewery. That is a tradition of ours when we are in Virginia for the tech sessions. The main reason is to let some of the beltway traffic at the American Legion bridge die down. The other is the pursuit of a good beer.

Our entire plan came to an abrupt halt when we pulled out of Greg's driveway. We drove four houses from his house when our Stinger "stung" us again. Luckily I managed to get it almost all the way out of the road. I knew immediately that the distributor went out but Mark H, Rita and I assessed the situation with some troubleshooting tips that Seth Emerson had sent me prior (the first failure).

As we waited for Hagerty to send a flatbed one of Greg's neighbors came out to see if we needed some help. Thinking of that brewery that we were missing I asked if she had a beer. A few minutes later, she produced three ice cold ones, which tasted great.

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Having mentioned Hagerty and a flatbed truck I want to expand on that a bit. We opted for their towing service on the policy. We choose the 60 mile radius, which really came in handy this time. Normally the tow would have cost us over \$200 (34 miles) but, through Hagerty, the tow was no extra charge. No matter what insurance carrier you have for your classic vehicle, if they offer a towing option you should consider it. Few a few dollars a year this one tow has paid for the cost of the coverage. Greg and Mark mentioned that they have AAA, which is another great option as it covers any vehicle whether new or classic.

Once the Corsa was back in our garage I replaced the Stinger with the original distributor. As soon as it was in the car started immediately. I am at a cross road now since I really liked the Stinger (Seth said he will fix it again) but a points distributor works fine and is easy to work on. On the other hand, the Stinger could fail anywhere without warning and it cannot be repaired on the side of the road.

Here a few pictures of the meeting and the ride home in the flatbed (credits to Mark H). Even on a flatbed the Corsa looks great! :)



Bob Marshall provided a timely article on brake maintenance taking into consideration where the next tech session is and our objective. Many thanks to Bob for submitting.

Just to reiterate the topic of flushing brake fluid that was reviewed during my tech session at the Vair Fair, these brake cylinders were installed new in 2015. The car has very little mileage since these parts were installed. As you can see in the photo's the brake fluid has turned from clear to brown and the wheel cylinder bores are corroded from the moisture. This situation resulted in these fairly new wheel cylinders leaking after only 4 years. Two out of the four on the car were leaking past the cups onto the brake shoes and all four had corrosion in the bores. I will try to hone them but if the pitting is too deep then it will require replacement of all four at a cost of around \$100.00 for the wheel cylinders and at least new shoes for two of the brakes.

This could have been averted by flushing the brake fluid every two years which is the suggested time for flushing. It is even more important if the car is not used regularly and driven until the brakes are hot enough to help boil off moisture that has accumulated in the wheel cylinders.

As you can see from the pictures, there is damage to the wheels cylinders and the fluid is bad.

Thanks to Bob for providing this very appropriate and useful information. Flushing the braking system is important yet it is something that is often overlooked or ignored.



This Month's Featured Corvair

Stan's Corsa and Greenbrier adorn the featured car page. His Corvair's could be featured every month due to his ever growing fleet. I know there are plenty of Corvairs in our group so someone should send me some pictures of yours. I will make up a story line if you don't have one.



Local Car Shows and Cruises

Car shows throughout the DMV for 2019 Spring, Summer & Fall

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>

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

3/31- Crescent Wine & Spirits @ Bowie Marketplace; 15501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD. 9am-3pm. \$20.00 Registration Fee. Open to all Vehicles. Trophies, 50/50, Vendors
POC 202-308-6385

4/20 - Asphalt Angles Spring Car, Truck & Bike Show; Chili's Parking lot, 16401 Heritage Blvd, Bowie, MD, 9am-3pm - \$20.00 Registration Fee at Gate. Top 35, Specialty Awards, Top Bikes, Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, music, food & more.
POC Jim 202-308-6385 Rain Date Sunday 4/28/19

4/TBD - SugarLoaf Mountain Parts & Swap Meet; Carroll County Agriculture Center, 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157
POC smraaca@aol.com

4/27 - 6th Annual Southern High FAA Alumni Car, Truck & Tractor Show; Green Turtle, 3212 Solomon's Island Rd, Edgewater, MD. 10am-2:30pm. \$20 Registration Fee. Dash Plaques & Goody bags to 1st 100 registered vehicles. Door prizes, silent auction, 50/50, Bake sale. Rain Date Sunday April 28th.
POC 443-883-6425

4/28 - Chesapeake Classic Car Club Show; Talbot County Community Center, 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD. 8am-2pm. \$15 Registration Fee.
Open to all vehicles. 100 Trophies, Dash plaques to 1st 200 cars. Professional Judging. Rain Date 5/5.
POC 410-7398689

4/28 - Vintage Tin of Maryland 5th Annual Open Car Show; Benefitting the Earleigh Heights Vol. Fire Co. 161 Ritchie Hwy & Magothy Bridge Rd. 10am-3pm. Reg \$15, spectators \$5 per car. Trophies, dash plaques, 50/50, flea market, vendor area
POC 443-591-1386. NO PETS

5/4 - Annual Spring Fling Show; Western Tire & Auto, Stevensville, Md. 9am-1pm. Reg \$10 (\$2 toll rebate for Western Shore folks)
Open to all vehicles. Cash door prizes at trophy time. (Must be present to win)
POC 410-643-5572

5/16 - 18 - 29th Annual Cruisin' Ocean City; Ocean City MD. Car shows, entertainment and more. Hat pins, dash plaques to 1st 3000 participants.
POC 410-798-6304 or www.cruisinoceancity.com [[cruisinoceancity.com](http://www.cruisinoceancity.com)]

6/9 - 9th Annual Car Truck & bike Show; Harry Cooper VFW Post, 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 10am-3pm, \$15 Registration Fee. Best of Show Trophies 50/50 door prizes. Rain or Shine.
POC 443-520-3585

6/29 – Fauquier Cars & Coffee http://www.fauquiernow.com/index.php/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-wheels-fauquier-has-its-own-cars-coffee-shows-2019 [[fauquiernow.com](http://www.fauquiernow.com)]

6/30 - 2nd Annual Chrome Run Car Show; Hosted by the Bowie Baysox & Asphalt Angles at the Bowie Baysox Stadium. 4101 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD.
\$25. per car (in advance) includes 1 box seat to the game. Guest tickets at \$10 per ticket. Trophies presented. Register at www.BaysoxShop.com/special-events

7/28 - Asphalt Angles Summer Sizzler Car Show; Chili's Parking Lot, 16401 Heritage Blvd, Bowie MD. 9am-3pm. \$20 Registration Fee at Gate. Top 35 Specialty Awards, Top Bikes. Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, Music, food and more.
POC Jim 202-308-6385 (Rain or Shine)

8/11 - Car & Bike Show@ Sons of the American Legion Post #160; Hosted by the Bombers Car Club, 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD. 9am-3pm. \$20 Registration Fee. Trophies, dash plaques, vendors, music, food, 50/50.
POC 443-336-3700

8/TBD - Rockville Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center, Rockville MD.

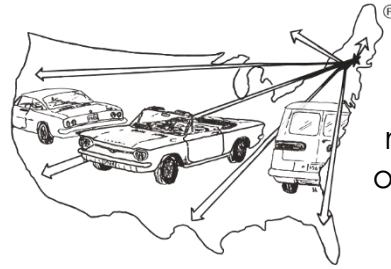
9/21 – 44th Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA 20110
POC Darryll Baker (571) 294-7853 Group parking George Richardson at (703) 768-1569 www.bullrunaca.org

10/19 - Asphalt Angles Fall Car, Truck & Bike Show; Chili's Parking lot, 16401 Heritage Blvd, Bowie, MD. 9am-3pm - \$20.00 Registration Fee at Gate. Top 35, Specialty Awards, Top Bikes, Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, music, food & more.
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2019 Meeting Schedule - 9:00AM Start Time

July 20th

Rory and Rita

Install master cylinder, bend and install brake lines, get the brakes working and r/r old wheel studs.

Treasurers Report

Balance 5/31/19	\$3901.45
Vair Fair Expenses	(197.65)
Dues	\$10.00
Balance 6/30/19	\$3713.80

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/>

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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.