



NVCC, CORSA Chapter 220

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Chapter Chatter
By Bob Marshall

This month the annual Vair Fair was held in Lexington Virginia. We couldn't have ordered better weather for the event. All total about 30 Corvairs of various shapes and sizes were on display. Our club had a good showing with 4 members bringing their cars for the field. This was the first long trip for me and my 66 Corsa since having the power pack out for what seems like the 10th time. Mark Holmund acted as my wingman to alert me if any parts fell off on the 180-mile trip. Cruising at 65-70 the Corsa managed a respectable 20 MGP. The recent 4-wheel alignment made it easy to keep the car between the white lines and the 4-65 A/C kept me from overheating. The engine temperature never hit 300 the entire trip. Nice to not have to worry about a cooling system like traditional water pumper. One other observation is that driving our cars at highway speeds is more tactile than modern cars.

It takes more of your focus and attention and the feeling of four windows down and the sounds is much different than the quiet interiors of today's cars. Another fun part of the experience is the number of waves and thumbs up you get from many of the other drivers on the road. I wonder how many of those who waved or honked we are thinking back to when someone in their family or a friend had "One of those Corvairs".

On the return trip, later that afternoon I was less concerned about the reliability of the car and more about having a fun ride home. I must admit having a few moments where I opened the secondary's to see how far I could get the speedo to go. On 66 two modern muscle cars that were playing tag cleared the road ahead of possible troopers so I didn't risk a ticket. Even with the increased use of the go pedal for the return trip the Corsa still managed 21MPG and just hit 300 degrees. Good stuff!

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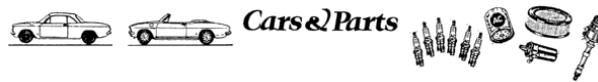
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Tech Tip Corrosion and grounds on your electrical system

Corrosion is a frequent cause of electrical system ground failures. Galvanic action between dissimilar metals will rapidly corrode a ground connection if precautions are not taken. One place on our cars where this is particularly true is the fuel gauge sending unit. A poor ground here will lead to fluctuations in the accuracy of your fuel gauge. Located under the car near the fuel tank the ground wire is attached to the body using a sheet metal fastener. Under the car where moisture and road salt are a constant just make this situation worse. Always make sure ground fasteners are used with an unpainted surface and are protected with the application of heavy oil or dielectric grease to slow down the galvanic action. Same is true for battery terminals and most electrical connections including fuses. If the car is new to you take an hour and make sure you have the correct size fuse for each location on the fuse box. I found a fuse that was double the recommended size on the Corsa. Not a good thing as the fuse is there to protect the wiring in the event of a short.



Gas Tanks: Six or so good used gas tanks \$30 and YOU pick up; NE Maryland. Harry Yarnell hyarnell1@earthlink.net

Cars for Sale

1961 500

I have a 1961 Corvair 500 which has been in our family since newly purchased. The car has a little over 56,600 original miles and has been well maintained throughout the years. The car has spend most of its life in a garage and has been mechanically well kept for which I have many of the receipts. The car has been repainted its original color and has new upholstery and headliner. While having sentimental attachment to the car, my wife and I have decided to sell it to someone who appreciates Corvairs and will take good care of it. I recently spent over \$2,000 to get the car back on the road but have yet to purchase tags. If additional information is needed, I will be happy to provide it. We are hoping to get at least **\$5,000** for the car but are willing to negotiate. Please feel free to contact me via email or by calling 540-293-0859. Marvin W. Barbre

1962 Monza Convertible

I'd like to sell this 1962 Corvair 2-door convertible and will ask **\$10,500**. I actually have \$18K into it but I think that might be the fair value. It was restored 2 years ago, is in good condition and runs well. My Dad owned it and lived in Florida. I bought it from my Mother when did a few years ago. I used the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg to restore it. New tires, new canvass top, new paint job, went through the engine. Please contact Mike Raymond at mraymond@A10networks.com for more details and photos.



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Treasurers Report

Previous Balance 04-30-17	\$2,325.66
Dues	\$20.00
Balance 05-31-17	\$2345.66

2017 Meeting Schedule

July 22th

Note New Date for Meeting

Bryan Blackwell
11115 Henderson Road
Fairfax Station, VA

August 19th

AJ

September 16th

Stan Darke

October 21st

Open

November 18th

Open

December 17th

Annual Holiday Party

All meetings begin at 9AM

We currently have two dates open for our meetings. If you would like to host or need the club to help you work on your Corvair contact the editor.

Late breaking news. The rumors are true that a member of NVCC has purchased ULTRA VAN #334. NVCC's own Stan Darke sealed the deal this week on what is probably the only ULTRA VAN for this club. So where do you put this 22 foot "White Whale"? Stan has gotten out his tape measure and yup it will fit in the shop at his business. Stan, I foresee you hosting many club meetings in the future to help get this beast back on the road. What a cool playground for 2-year-old Donovan! Congratulations Stan, Carrie and Donovan. Now a 5 Corvair family.

