

NVCC, CORSA Chapter 220

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Chapter Chatter By Bob Marshall

Once again work and life got in the way of a timely release of the newsletter. Sorry for the delay.

Last month's meeting was held at the home of Dan Weiss to help him with his 1969 Monza convertible. Keep in mind there were only 531 of these models produced in what was the last production year of the Corvair. Dan in indeed fortunate to own one of these rare cars. Dan purchased the car some time ago and had recently experienced the dreaded dropped valve seat on his 110. With the assistance of many of our helpful members Dan was able to get the offended head off without any of the usual issues. Once it was confirmed that a seat had come out it only made sense to go ahead and pull the other head also. This is in keeping with the old headlight syndrome. When one burns out the other one is usually not far behind since they were both installed at the same time. Dan has sourced a shop that will install new deep seats and I expect that we will be holding another meeting at his house to assist in the reinstall. Once the heads were off it was easy to confirm that this appears to be the original engine as it did have the correct 1969 smog heads as well as the special domed pistons that were unique to the smog engines. Original engines are getting as rare as the proverbial hens teethand frog fur.

Also during the course of the meeting the members took time to access the body condition of Dan's car. The driver's side rocker panel appears to have been replaced as some point. The passenger's side rocker was unfortunately suffering from the dreaded tin worm that is so common in our cars. Club members went to work to clean out the debris from inside the right side rocker with some success. Dan will not have to decide when to look into replacing the rusted rocker. If anyone has a suggestion for a good body technician that is competent with this type of work please let Dan know. Rockers are available from cut up cars from several vendors out west.

Cleaning out the typical areas of our Corvairs that are prone to collection debris and accelerating the rust will be the topic of one of our future meetings. This topic is best covered when examples of both early and late model Corvairs are up on a lift so everyone can see the location of the drain holes. Frank are you listening???? Soon though Fred Marx's Spyder will be down on all fours again and that will give us another member with a lift! Are you listening Fred???

So due to time constraints (mine) this will be a more condensed newsletter. The meeting this Saturday the 22nd will be at Fred Marx house with the goal of getting his Spyder back on the ground and a first start up. Exciting stuff so be sure to attend.

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Member Profile No Profile this month

Katies Cars And Coffee

As a result of all my nagging we did have a nice group attend the Cars and Coffee event in Great Falls on April Fools Day. We had seven cars on display. Check out the photos on our facebook page. Thanks to the following members that came out in spite of the slightly damp and cold conditions. Doug Jones, Brian Brooksby, Greg Warthour, Stan Darke, Fred Marx (who drove one of Stan's cars), Lee Cramp, Mark Walters and yours truly. The club and the cars got a lot of attention and I am sure we will see some new members in the coming months. Thanks again to everyone for getting up EARLY to support the car and the club.



Gas Tanks: Six or so good used gas tanks \$30 and YOU pick up; NE Maryland. Harry Yarnell hyarnell 1@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

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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 2-28-17 **\$2,215.66**

Dues Received \$10.00

Balance 03-31-17 **\$2325.66**

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Membership dues are payable in January. If you have not paid for 2017 please send your \$10 to AJ or bring to the next meeting. Forego your Starbucks Latte or Burger with fries and pay your dues. Beginning in March 2017 unpaid members will not continue to receive the monthly newsletter.

2017 Meeting Schedule

April 22nd Fred Marx

12206 Split Creek Court North Potomac, MD 20878

This date was changed as the third Sat in April

Is Easter weekend.

May 20th Greg Walthour

7025 Coventry Road Alexandria, VA 22306

June 2-4th Vair Fair (NEW)

Lexington, VA

July 22th Note New Date for Meeting

Bryan Blackwell

11115 Henderson Road

Fairfax Station, VA

August 19th AJ

September 16th Open

October 21st Open

November 18th Open

December 17th Annual Holiday Party

All meetings begin at 9AM

2017 Is already shaping up to be a great year for the club. We have had record turnouts at the monthly meetings. We picked up several new members in 2016 and already have one new member in 2017. Our membership is the strength of our organization so encourage anyone you know who owns or is interested in Corvairs. You don't have to own one to join. Spring is a good time to encourage people to get back to working on non running cars. It is a great feeling on a warm spring day to roll all the windows down and take a ride in your classic car.

Bob

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