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Chapter Chatter
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Greetings! This past Saturday at the monthly NVCC meeting Bryan educated us on how he plans to use panel adhesive and rivets to install a new front lower windshield panel on the green plasti-dipped LM Corsa. Next we shared a great casserole by chef Ellie, plus some donuts, coffee, and juice!

The most important part of the meeting was to start planning for the upcoming Vair Fair! The 2019 Vair Fair is being hosted by the NVCC in Leesburg a week earlier the typical - 26-28 April.

More information on the Vair Fair follows after some pictures of the meeting.



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VAIR FAIR 2019

There is another Vair Fair planning meeting at Greg's house at 9am this Saturday (2 March!) in Alexandria - 7025 Coventry Road. Please plan to attend!

So far we have hammered out the following:

Chair: Greg

Registration: Vernon (are you available Vernon?)

THEME? It's the 50th anniversary of the last year for the Corvair. Gary Weber said he will be bring his '69, so if you know anyone else that owns a '69 have them start getting it ready!

Pizza Party Host: _____?

Corvair Games Host: _____?

Food: AJ & Doug

People's Choice: _____? Bring sidewalk chalk to label the spaces!

Hospitality Room: _____?

Vendors: _____? Assigning inside tables and outdoor spaces.

Tech Session(s): Bob Marshall (I can't wait, Bob!)

T-shirts/sweatshirts/clothing: Stan Darke (Artwork too, Stan?)

Advertising: _____? We need a volunteer to get the word out on Facebook, CorvairCenter, CorvairForum, Fox News, etc.

Raffle Items: _____? We need a volunteer to reach out to Clark's, California Corvairs, Raffee, Corvair Ranch, Advance Auto, Pep Boys, AutoZone, Oprah, etc., to request items for prizes and raffles.

Friday evening: Pizza party with beer! Rather than having a Valve Cover Race, we are going to have Corvair Parts Games which everyone can participate in since they do not have to bring anything with them! Plans so far are for a fan belt toss, dropping a pushrod into a pushrod tube on the ground while standing, and _____ (we need to come up with a few more games so put your thinking caps on!

Saturday morning: People's Choice Corvair Show/Display - cars must be in place by 9am and voting closing at noon!

Saturday lunch: Typically we fund a buffet from Costco (wraps, salads, cookies, drinks, etc.), but there was some pushback from some in attendance because of the cost and money lost on extra food. Last night I was thinking maybe a FOOD TRUCK can be reserved and everyone can just buy what they want for lunch onsite. Does anyone know anyone with a food truck? Is there an upfront cost? What would be the backup plan if they don't show up?

Saturday afternoon: Poker Rally! Right now the plan is to give two cards at the start, one at three stops along the way and another two cards at the finish, Texas Hold'em-style! We may include some extra Corvair-related trivia questions and if participants answer those correctly, they can pull another card. We shall see... Bryan and Ellie volunteered for the Poker Rally. Plans are for a stop at a winery, ice cream stand, and antique shop/mall along the route (where we will ask the proprietors to dole out the poker cards, so we don't have to staff these locations). Also, B&E try to find a scenic spot, maybe an old run-down gas station (?) to take a photo for the plaques.

Saturday for dinner, attendees will be on their own for dinner at local restaurants.

At 8pm we will have CAKE(!), coffee, and awards!

Speaking of AWARDS, rather than trophies, we will take a photo of everyone's Corvair and custom make a plaque (framed glass) with the name, photo, etc. (I will look into the cost of 5x7 and 8x10 frames at Michael's.)

Bryan volunteered for the computer, printer, and supplies.

We will not be doing anything formal on Sunday, other than final clean-up; however, we will offer attendees the opportunity to visit some of our local attractions - for example, the Udvar Hazy Center!

If I am forgetting anything, or anyone, please forward and/or reply to all on this list so we can host a GREAT Vair Fair!

Also, this will be a good dry run for our club, since we will probably be co-hosting the CORSA Convention in 2021!!!

Vernon's Garage

Tire rotation, wheels, and lug nuts

My annual tire rotation was approaching so I thought it should be accomplished before Christmas and my last long ride. As per the shop manual section 10 page 5, cross the backs to the front and place the front tires on their same side at back. The shop manual says 45 to 65 pounds torque. I've always wondered if this is enough, so I use the higher number. As a side note, 2004 Chevy avalanche with 17 inch wheels and six lugs is 140 pounds of torque.

I have 14 inch wheels. That being said, I have noticed that one pair is the same configuration and the other pair is different. One pair has bumps between the lugs, one pair is smooth.

The lug size is 7/16 x 20, which is the GM standard until the early 80s when GM change to metric lugs and nuts. The mounting holes for the lug nuts almost swallowed the 3/4 hex 7/16 x 20 nuts. After a quick online search, I procured a set of 20 bulging 7/16 x 20 nuts to increase the contact area in the mounting hole. I will continue to research the origins of the wheels, they have some numbers and symbols stamped but it won't be as easy as a fender tag or VIN.

The Corsa tech guide, Corvair basics and the Corvair shop guide were invaluable in my research.

The new beefier lug nut is on the left.



Onto a weird issue that both Greg W and I have experienced. We both have the Stinger ignition and it is great – when it works. If you remember, Greg installed his last year and it immediately failed. He sent it back to Performance Corvairs. Seth replaced a bad module and it worked great until about a week ago. The module failed again. It was fixed and, along with the distributor, Seth sent another module for self repair. About two months ago, the distributor in our car went bad. Seth helped me with the troubleshooting and it was determined the module was bad. He repaired it and I just installed it. It works great for now. But what is causing the modules to go bad? We don't want to be stuck 100 miles from home with no quick fix and I don't want to carry my old dizzy.

Local Car Shows and Cruises

Maybe March will be the month for Corvair cruising in the DMV. February continued with the crazy weather - snow one day and 70 degrees two days later. But with the brine still on the roads there was no way I was taking the car out for a spin.

Vern's Marina Blue '66 Monza stays in the featured section but I think a newcomer is in store for next month.



Vair Fair

Leesburg
26-28 April - a week earlier the typical
More information to follow

The Donut aka Cars & Coffee

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

43rd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet

Manassas Museum
9101 Prince William Street Manassas, VA
Annual

Cars 'N Coffee

Corner Bakery
10327 Westlake Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

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>

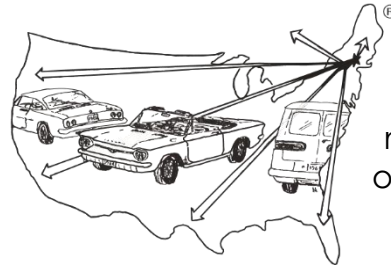
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2019 Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 9AM

March 16th

Stan Darke
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April 20th

Rory and Rita
Bring any type of brake removal tool that you have. We plan on installing all new brake components – but not during this meeting. This is to take inventory on what we need to buy.

May 18th

OPEN

Treasurers Report

Balance 1/31/19	\$3039.05
Dues Received	140.00
Balance 1/31/19	\$3179.05

Remember, 2019 dues are now due so please contact AJ (address above on the first page) to make arrangements. AJ states that if your dues are not current by the end of March this will be your last copy of the newsletter.

For More Pictures of last month's meeting click here [NVCC Facebook](#) Thanks to Mark H for posting them.

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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.