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#### CHAPTER CHATTER

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What if you were trying to do something that you had done a long time ago, knew what you had done, but the fix wasn't going the way you had remembered? Has this happened to you? Well, you are not alone. That was the situation at the October meeting, hosted by Ron Tumolo. He was changing the crank seal on his 1963 PG convertible and was in the process of removing the torque converter, but was having trouble doing it. At that point in time, the assembled knowledge base was quite slim as only three members had arrived. Then the light came on. You have to remove the bolts holding it in before you can get it out.

With the upper shielding removed, the bolts were easily removed and the converter was removed. All exposed parts were inspected and the new seal was put into the bell housing. Upon putting the housing back, it was discovered that it might be the wrong housing for the engine. That was probably the cause of the leaking seal in the first place. Progress was halted until the proper bell housing was located from among the assembled members.

Members should be thinking about the officers they will want to lead the club in the next year. Elections will be held at the Christmas party on 3 December

2011. Note the location on page 2. This meeting will be early in December so plan accordingly. For the party, members should bring a side dish and/or a dessert. We have traditionally had a voluntary gift exchange at the December meeting. If you desire to participate, bring a wrapped package containing a Corvair or automotive related item. Expense limit is up to you (Usually not more than \$10.00).

One of the key positions up for election and/ or appointment is that of Secretary/Editor.

As mention at last year's elections, your humble scribe indicated that this would be his last year at the word processor. No extensions or reconsiderations will be entertained. So, we need a stalwart member to step up to undertake this prestigious and high paying position. One of the benefits is that you don't have to read the newsletter, as you already know what is in it! You also get newsletters from the other clubs and can write anything you desire as long as it is automobile related. Since you would be the editor, you get to decide. What a deal!

Let's not be bashful. Stand for election or volunteer. You will not regret it!

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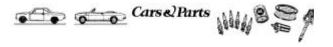
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#### \*\*\*AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIFIED\*\*\*

**64 Monza Convertible**: Red with white interior. 110HP with powerglide. Original, not running, worth restoring. Located in Gaithersburg, MD.Contact Woody Schwartz at (802) 375-6160. (10/08)

**65 Sedan**: 110HP, Powerglide, new carpet. Contact former NVCC member Aaron Payne at <a href="mailto:aaronpayne@me.com">aaronpayne@me.com</a>. (6/11)

**65 Monza Sedan,** 110 HP, PG, 71K original miles. Needs work. \$1500 or best offer. Kristian Hoffland. (202) 714-1292 or <a href="mailto:kristianhoffland@gmail.com">kristianhoffland@gmail.com</a>. (7/11)

**66 Convertible**: 110 HP PG, Restored in 2007, Regal Red. \$15000 invested. Best Offer, Call Jay at (910) 270-0785. (4/10)

## Parts/Miscellaneous For Sale

**Parts**: From our club's 65 coupe parts car: Right hand door, 4 Monza Wheel disks. Call Venice Cox at (703) 791-6517. (1/05)

**SOON TO BE GONE**: 2007 NVCC Vair Fair T-shirts. Priced for quick sale. Another can't miss opportunity to own rare Corvair Memorabilia! **HURRY** as they went fast at the 2008 Vair Fair! **NO** Mediums Left!

**NEW ITEM**: 31st Vair Fair T-shirts. Priced for quick sale. You don't want to miss this opportunity to own rare Corvair Memorabilia! **HURRY**, as they will go fast!

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

## **Corvair Vendors and Services**

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc. Route 2, 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370-9748 (413) 625-9776

Corvair Underground PO Box 339 Dundee, OR 97115 (503) 434-1648 or (800) 825-VAIR

Corvair Ranch, Inc 1079 Bon-Ox Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717) 624-2805, <a href="www.corvairranch.com">www.corvairranch.com</a> Email: <a href="corvairranchinc@earthlink.net">corvairranchinc@earthlink.net</a> **WHEELS NEEDED**: Looking for a set of 14-inch steel rims and or 15-inch rally wheels. Also a set of 14-inch wire wheel covers. Don Lintvet: <a href="mailto:don@lintvet.com">don@lintvet.com</a> or (703) 4431801.

#### **NVCC Calendar**

**19 November 2010, 9:00 AM**: The regular NVCC meeting hosted by Steve McLeod.

**3 December 2010, 12:00 PM**: Meeting at the community center in Sully Station. 5101 Sequoia Farms Drive, Centreville. Take Westfields Boulevard West off of Rte. 28. Make a left onto Sequoia Farms Drive. (Light at the end of the shopping plaza.) The community center is immediately on your right.

21 January 1012, 9:00AM: We need a host for this meeting.

**18 February 1012, 9:00AM**: The regular NVCC meeting hosted by Trey Nelson.

**9-11 March 1012, Spring Warm-Up, Central Carolina CORSA**. Contact Carol Harris (803) 795-9434, <a href="mailto:frogetta1150@gmail.com">frogetta1150@gmail.com</a> or Georgia Allsbrook, (803) 847-1608 or <a href="mailto:centralcarolinacorsa@hotmail.com">centralcarolinacorsa@hotmail.com</a>.

**17 March 1012, 9:00AM**: We need a host for this meeting.

21 April 1012, 9:00AM: We need a host for this meeting.

## **Next Regular Meeting:**

Saturday, 19 November 2011, 9:00 AM

Steve MacLeod 8820 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308 (703) 360-2436

**Directions:** Map/directions on the mailing cover.

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance (9/30/11) \$2,836.33

Closing Balance (10/31/11) \$2,836.33

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October 2011 Car Hobbyist News from the Council by Fred Fann

In early September President Obama told the EPA to back off new ozone standards and the creation of carbon standards for vehicles. He wanted to keep the current regulations to help businesses, the economy and possibly his re-election bid. He also mentioned revisiting new standards in 2013.

The Republicans introduced a bill in the House earlier this year to prevent the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. The EPA has been struggling to determine exactly how to regulate carbon dioxide. The levels vary with the seasons. Plants take in carbon dioxide and use it to create food-using photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is a chemical process that converts carbon dioxide into organic compounds especially sugars, using the energy from sunlight.

I have compiled some carbon facts below. I found them interesting and informative. Sources are listed and there is a link to verify the information - something the critics of the old car hobby often ignore.

- \*\*\*Average Antique Car averages 0.3 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. Source: HVA's 2010 Economic Impact Study.
- \*\*\*Average Antique Vehicle is only driven 484 miles per year. Source: HVA's 2010 Economic Impact Study.
- \*\*\*Average Passenger Vehicle averages 1.5 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. Source: EPA.
- \*\*\*There has been an 80% decrease in carbon emissions in the air over the last 30 years. Source: EPA.
- \*\*\*Average Charcoal Grill averages 1.0 metric tons [sic] of carbon emissions per year or 3 times the emissions of the average antique car. Source: 2009 Study by Swiss Chemist Eric Johnson.
  \*\*\*Antique vehicles have a negligible impact on emissions and air quality. Source: A 2005 Study by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.
- \*\*\*Older vehicles contribute a disproportionate amount of air pollution. Because new cars are extraordinarily low emitting, older cars contribute a significant portion of emissions from cars. For example, in 2010, about 30 percent of cars are 12 years old and older. These cars account for 25 percent of the miles driven by cars, but they are responsible for 75 percent of the pollution from cars. Source: Report to the California Legislature titled Accelerated Light-Duty Vehicle Retirement Program (in other words clunker program). There is no evidence to back this claim in the report. Apparently someone just wrote it into the summary part of the report. This has been widely circulated including a New York Times article. Note the quote says 2010 but the date of the report is 2004.
- \*\*\*\$500 to \$600- the average price California offers to purchase older vehicles to get them off the road. Source: Report to the California Legislature titled Accelerated Light-Duty Vehicle Retirement Program.
- \*\*\*"The dirtiest 10 percent emit 59 percent of hydrocarbons and 47 percent of all carbon monoxide, says the California Air Resources Board." A quote from The Daily Green website on antique cars it

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cites the report found at http: 1 *Iwww.arb.ca.govlresearchlaprlreportsI12070.pdf*. A search of the document did not find this quote.

Apparently anyone can write whatever they wish and then post it on the internet. And unfortunately people who don't like antique vehicles or their owners do post things that are not true. Whenever I find quotes like "10% of vehicles produce 50% of vehicle air pollution" I try to find the source. Seldom do I find the source of these outlandish statements. I usually find several places that have copied them and posted them online or even in print media such as newspapers.

Take a look at this quote from The Daily Green website about cash for clunker programs: "These take back programs have been tried out in several states and Canadian provinces, but they run into an implacable opponent: The classic car owner. Although the programs are voluntary, they deprive classic owners of access to old clunker "parts cars." One man's junk is another's treasure, apparently." Did they just call your antique vehicle junk - yes, they did. May be they should do some research into the energy used to create a new car in comparison to fixing up an older one. Car hobbyists have been green for many years.

We may not even need to regulate carbon dioxide and other so called greenhouse gases. A new theory of climate change is coming out call "the Other Climate Theory". For many years scientists have been studying the relationship between solar activity and the earth's climate. In fact the relationship between solar variations and changes in the earth's temperature has been plotted back to the 1860s. This makes a lot more sense to me -that the earth's temperature is related to activity on the sun; the place where we get our heat. You can read about this theory at this link: http://online.wsj.com/article/sB10001424053111904537404576554750502443800.html

Governor McDonnell has tried to sell the ABC to raise money for roads. Selling a cash cow for peanuts and tripling the number of liquor stores in the state just didn't do well in the General Assembly. Now the governor has gotten approval from the feds to make I-95 at the Virginia - North Carolina border a toll road. Tolls could be \$1 to \$2 a car and higher for trucks. The tolls could raise up to \$60 million a year for roads. The tolls could be in place in just two years. Critics of this plan say the people in southern Virginia will be paying for roads that will be built in northern Virginia.

Also memories of the tolls in the Richmond-Petersburg area linger. That section of I-95 had tolls from 1958 to 1992. The tolls caused congestion, loss of productivity, more pollution because vehicles were idling and lower gas mileage for vehicles. No one liked the tolls and we were promised for years [that] they would be removed before they finally were taken down. Some more federal approval will have to take place before the tolls are fully approved and ready to take your money.

# PRSTIGIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY BENEFITS COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE

Four positions available in dynamic enterprise: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Editor, and Treasurer. Only cheerful, friendly, car-crazy persons need to apply. Must have working knowledge of Corvair automobiles, vans and trucks. Helpful if applicants also understand Corvair race cars. Must like people. E-mail helpful but not necessary. Stellar office hours: about four per month. Additional time required as circumstances dictate. May be called upon to evaluate party sites and communicate with others with like interests and goals. Current office holders cite perks such as contact with a wide range of similar-minded people throughout America, being greatly appreciated and supported by the group you lead, and enjoying delicious food at each office session. Also included is interesting conversation in many settings. Salary includes hundreds of happy hours with others that love Corvairs. Amount determined by applicant. Interested parties may contact a current office-holder, listed at the front of this newsletter, because there is no committee set up for interviews at this time.

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