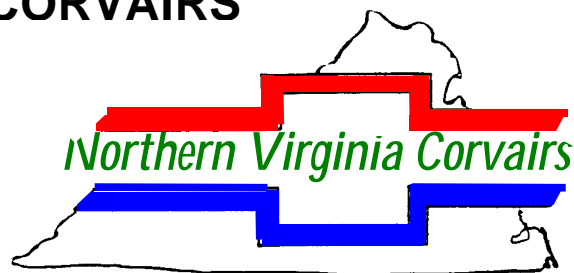


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## CHAPTER CHATTER

By A. J. Paluska, Jr

Again there was very good attendance at the September meeting with many Corvairs in attendance. The project for the day was to get remove the front cross member from Darren's late model. Nine members were in attendance to get the work done, fueled by abundant coffee, muffins, donuts and juice. As is typical with this sort of operation the six bolts holding the member in place were trying their best to stay put, despite abundant use of penetrating oil to help them vacate their home of many years.

Darren had a nice "new" piece to install, but hew was upgrading it with Koni shocks, heavy-duty springs, new ball joints and quick steering parts. That meant that all of the old parts had to be removed, a job that Curt Shimp and L. D. Brent started on.

After breaking one cage nut and using an air wrench and much muscle the rest of the bolts were removed and the old cross member was removed. Work on the new member was progressing slowly so it wasn't installed by the end of the meeting.

Vair Fair planning has proceeded apace and we think that all of the major planning items have been completed. The contract for the host hotel has been signed, and a deposit will be mailed shortly. All of the major tasks have been assigned and work is progressing. We have arranged to procure a valve cover track and will receive it in November.

After most of the major work was accomplished, Darrin invited everyone into his basement to look at the excess parts he had accumulated with the intent to get rid of many of them. Ron Tumolo was the happy recipient of late model seats and a few other engine parts. Some other parts were removed, but the amount was not up to Darrin's expectations. Well, at least he might have what he needs the next time he has to fix something in an emergency!

Mike Puglisi finally brought his 1961 500 coupe to a meeting. It was good to see it on the road and at a meeting. That is the good news. The bad news is that it is not running well and drains the battery too quickly, even after it has been running. We had to jump-start it after the meeting! The best news is that this month's meeting is at Mike's house so we will have a good project to work on.

As Vair Fair time draws closer, we will need all of the members to step up so leave the first weekend in May open.

On a sad note, we will be losing two loyal members in the near future. L. D. is permanently relocating to Florida and Daniel Goldberg is going into the Army as a JAG officer. They will be missed.

The next few months will be crammed with Corvair activities, so don't forget to look at this month's calendar.

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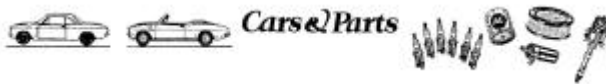
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**63 Greenbrier:** Powerglide, white/blue exterior with blue interior. 115, 000 miles, runs well, good condition, no rust through, a few rust spots. Manuals included. \$2500.00. Call Jeremy at (703) 964-6999 (4/06)

**63 Convertible:** Red with good body and nice paint. Asking \$2500.00, condition 3 to 4 on scale of 5. Contact Jim at (540) 465-5066. (9/06)

**64 Convertible:** 150 HP Turbo. New engine, extra engine and transmission. \$3500 OBO. Call Monk Fleming at (703) 339-7272. (4/06)

**65 Monza:** 110 HP, 4 speed needs, some work, body not too bad, rockers have some bondo, trunk is solid, battery tray and rear quarters not too bad. Asking \$1,950 or best offer. Located in Highland Springs (near Richmond, Virginia). Call Stewart: (804) 326-0919 or Cell 690-9000. (12/05)

**66 Sedan:** 110 HP, 4 speed, professionally restored in 2004, Winchester, VA. 51K miles, \$5500. Call Bill at (540) 665-1837. (9/06)

**Parts/Miscellaneous For Sale**

**Late Model Parts:** 1, new 195/15-50H BF Goodrich Euro Radial T/A: \$25. Free 65 front cross member. Call Curt Shimp at (540) 955-1516. (2/06)

**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)

**Parts:** Darrin Hartzler has parts to clear out this spring. Does anybody need either a transaxle or a complete PG with transaxle? How about a late model 3 speed manual transmission? If so, let him know. Very cheap. (301) 365-7332 (2/06)

**RARE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS LOCATED!**

Take this unusual opportunity to purchase a piece of Corvair history. Available for a limited time. Genuine 2003 Virginia Vair Fair T-shirts. A steal at \$8.00, two for \$15, in sizes S, M, L, XL. Hurry, this rare find won't last for long! Call Curt at (540) 955-1516.

**Corvair Parts:** Large parts lot available. Will not be sold separately. For information contact Kim at [kimpjasonp@juno.com](mailto:kimpjasonp@juno.com) or [whitetiger@hereintown.net](mailto:whitetiger@hereintown.net).

**NVCC Calendar**

**7 October 2006:** 16th Annual Come Back to Bethesda, Chevy Chase Cars, 7725 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. For more information contact Ron Evanish, (301) 657-4000, Extension 1122, or [www.backtobethesda.org](http://www.backtobethesda.org).

**14 October 2006: Corvair Days, Hershey, Pennsylvania,** Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club For more information contact Earl Holmes, (717) 921-8124, [earlzgames@comcast.net](mailto:earlzgames@comcast.net).

**14 October 2006:** The regular NVCC meeting for at the home of Mike Puglisi.

**20-22 October 2006: Fall Affair, Charlotte, North Carolina,** CORSA/NC. This is a CORSA sanctioned Regional Convention. For more information contact Ron Hawkins, (704) 542-1835, [wrhawkins@aol.com](mailto:wrhawkins@aol.com).

**5 November 2006:** The NVCC Fall Tour conducted by Curt Shimp. This is a change from the 22 October date.

**18 November 2006:** The regular NVCC meeting for November at the home of Greg Walthour.

**9 December 2006:** The regular NVCC meeting, elections, and Christmas party hosted at the home of Ron Tumolo.

**Next Meeting:**

**Saturday, 14 October 2006, 9:00 AM**

Mike Puglisi

5016 Flanders Avenue, Kensington, MD

(301) 942-2395

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance (8/25/06)	\$2,250.23
No Activity	0.00
Closing Balance (9/25/06)	\$2,250.23

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(<http://www.carclubcouncil.com/newsletter.html>)

## Misuse of Antique Plates

By Fred Fann

I attended the DMV Task Force meeting on the misuse of antique plates on August 30th. The task force members included Jim Gurney – DMV director of vehicle services and Delegate Danny Marshall – sponsor of HB 288. They acted as the facilitators for the meeting. Also at the meeting were representatives from the insurance industry, Virginia Attorney General's office, DEQ, Commissioners of the Revenue, State Police and DMV. Hobbyists represented the Northern Virginia Car Club Council, Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council, Southwest Car Council, AACA and of course yours truly from the Car Club Council of Central Virginia. We met to discuss the misuse of antique plates and what to do about this misuse.

Current antique vehicle statutes were discussed including the definition of antique vehicle under state law. There was discussion on the problems with current law. There was talk about inspections for antiques and the definition of occasional pleasure driving and how that was not enforceable.

The view of the car club councils to solve the misuse of plates was explained:

1. Have people who apply for antique plates read and understand the law (DMV is working on this)
2. Have people who apply for antique plates show proof that they own a vehicle registered as a daily driver (current law in four other states – there was discussion on why this would raise questions with some members of the General Assembly)
3. Require antique insurance on all vehicles with antique plates (more below)
4. Enforcement of the current law

I told the task force that the only thing that separates the people who violate the antique license plate law and those who do not is that those obeying the law have antique or stated value insurance on their vehicles. Violators cannot get antique vehicle insurance

on their clunkers. There was a lot of discussion on this and it will be studied more. This would eliminate the need for safety inspections of antique vehicles.

There will be another meeting some time in October. I will be there. I learned at the meeting that DMV is considering offering a new antique plate. This plate will be for antiques made after 1972. It will be blue and white with the word ANTIQUE on the bottom. There will be numbers in the bottom corners of the plate to indicate the year of the car – a 1976 car will have a “19” in one corner and a “76” in the other lower corner. I asked that an image of the new plate be sent to me so I could post it on the website and comments could be made by hobbyists. I would pass the comments along to DMV. I thought the plate looked too much like a regular plate and I believe antique plates should stand out from the regular plates.

DMV is also going to have the change the old black and white antique plate. Corrections makes the plate and for some reason they need to change the font. The characters on the new plate look like the old ones in bold. The characters are larger and I heard a comment that they are close together. The plate looked OK to me. If I get an image I will also post it on the site.

So the task force is looking at requiring antique or stated value insurance on all vehicles with antique plates. We have discussed this at our council meetings and it has been discussed at VAACC (Virginia Association of Car Councils) meetings and hobbyists have agreed with it.

I learned that there are 107,000 vehicles registered as antiques in the state. One of them is registered as an 1880 (???). If you have any questions about this meeting please email me or phone 804-590-9583. If you have suggestions about stopping the misuse of antique plates I'd like to hear them.

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### **Gasoline Smell**

Do you smell gasoline when you run your heater? The carburetors should not show any sign of leakage. They should be firmly bolted down, with good insulators under them. The screws on the top of the carbs should be tight, and all the hoses, fuel lines, and fuel pump should be secure. If there is still a gas odor, remove the air cleaner and look into the carb throat. In the center is the four-armed venturi cluster, held in place by two screws. Tighten those screws and that should eliminate the gas odor. If not, then the floats are set too high or stuck, or the float needle and seat need replacement, or the throttle shaft needs to be sealed or repaired.

Jim Scott