



Chapter Chatter
By Rory Clark

The September meeting was a slight departure of our normal tech session. The Rohr show was being held in Manassas. Due to another commitment Rita and I could not make it the show. A few members made it to the show and hopefully they had a great day.

In the meantime, I have been in the garage working on the Rampy. There was something off on the carburetors that was bugging me besides the fast idle adjustment. I removed the right carburetor and checked the butterfly. I installed the new butterfly shaft and, after that, all my measurements and settings were off. It turns out that the butterfly plate can be installed slightly off center. This maladjustment meant that the plate was binding when in the closed position. Basically, it was not closing all the way when at idle. I fixed the right carburetor, reset the idle and fast idle settings and re-installed it. I performed the same procedure on the left side as it had the same issue.

While I didn't have any gas to test my work I squirted some starting fluid into each carburetor and turned the ignition switch. The engine fired right up and ran for a few long seconds before dying. I am very happy that I checked both carburetors again as I think they are in good shape now. I am also confident that when I connect my brand new 1 gallon gas can to the fuel pump that it will start and run for a while.

I really want to get to the point where I can test the transmission but that may have to wait until I either get the rear wheels off the ground or, more than likely, get the brakes working. I have decided that the brakes are a bit more important at this point than seeing if Rampy moves in forward and reverse. At least I will be able to stop it from moving once I test the transmission.

Outside of the above work I contacted the Corvair Ranch about a windshield. I couldn't get pricing but Jeff does have a few decent windshields available for pickup for when the time comes.

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The following article is "**From the Walthour Garage**" series.

The white '65 Monza coupe 110/PG was recently treated to new KYB shocks all around. I found them at the convention for a good price and Mitchell and I installed them together. While doing so, we noticed that at least one of the tie rod ends rubber caps was torn in a few places. While the tie rod appears tight, we will just replace the cap to ensure the grease stays in its place! If I can't find them locally at a FLAPS (Help! parts?) I will order them from Clark's.

Also, after speaking with Seth Emerson at the convention, I shipped the "new" distributor back to Seth and sure enough a "module" inside the distributor went bad. The Corvair is back on the road and running very nicely!

The '63 RedBrier was used this past weekend for my niece's wedding in Camp Hill & Harrisburg PA. I drove Morganne and Corey from the wedding site (the Camp Hill Public Library - they are both school teachers) to the reception (Appalachian Brewing Company).



On the way home on Sunday in the RAIN(!) we developed a thumping/rumbling around the 270/495 split. At first I thought it was the wiper motor, then maybe the speedometer cable, but it turned out to be LOOSE LUG NUTS on two wheels (RF and LR)! I had this experience about 30 years ago driving my dad's '79 F150 to the

Pocono Hershey Resort where I worked as a busboy and waiter, but I didn't recognize the warning signs! I hope no one tampered with the van while it was parked overnight at the Radisson hotel... In preparation for the wedding I gave both bumpers a quick sand/scuff/wash with mineral spirits, and gave them a fresh spray bomb of satin white Rustoleum. Now, I wish I would have done this years ago! It really didn't take that much time and the results look great!



Greg and Ron T also went to Katie's Cars and Coffee recently and managed to park next to each other to represent Corvairs. Hopefully Rita and I can make to Katie's in the near future.



Ron Mills has also been busy working on his Monza with a little help from NVCC members.

As you know, I have been restoring my 64 Monza for over a year now. After getting the engine back together I ran into some issues with the performance and low power, which I just could not figure out. Bob Walker volunteered to drop by and help diagnose the problem. He found that one of my carburetors, which I had rebuilt, was not performing as it should.

I decided to replace both units with rebuilt carbs from California Corvair. I was amazed at how well the car performed after I completed the installation. I really appreciate the help and feedback I've received from Bob, Darrin, Bryan, Darryl, Greg and everyone in our group. Now I just need to install a top and iron out a few minor details. I hope to drive it to one of your meetings very soon.



To everyone in the club, these are the types of articles that are perfect for the newsletter. It's great to see our members wrenching on our cars and getting help from other members to diagnose and resolve issues. The next time that you are working on your Corvair take a few pictures along with a little write up and send it to me. I will gladly add it to the newsletter so everyone can see and read about your adventures.

Local Car Shows and Cruises

Corvair season is now. In-between the rain showers, drive your Corvair, talk to people, take some pictures, and send me something for inclusion in the newsletter.

This picture was taken at Manor Hill Brewing in Ellicott City. The following day (Sunday), Rita and I went to the Burtonsville show. We arrived early and what a treat it was. The place was packed with some really cool cars. An older gentleman was checking out our car when he mentioned that a friend of his has 3 or 4 Corvair engines sitting on crates. At one point the friend was building air boats but due to his health he is looking to get rid of the engines. He passed on the guy's number and I plan on following up to see what he wants for them. I know that I would like a spare engine.



The Donut aka Cars & Coffee

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

43rd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet

Manassas Museum
9101 Prince William Street Manassas, VA
Saturday September 15, 2018

Cars 'N Coffee

Corner Bakery
10327 Westlake Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817
8-10am every Saturday

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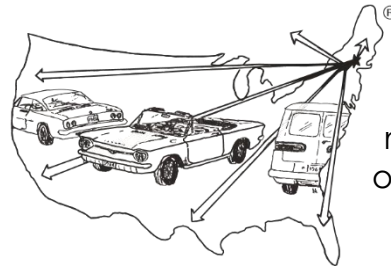
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Anything for a Rampside including (2) 15" wheels and a windshield - Rory and Rita

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2018 Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 9AM

October 20th

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November 17th

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Treasurers Report

Balance 8/31/18	\$2914.05
Dues Received	----
Balance 9/30/18	\$2914.05

For Pictures of last month's meeting click here [NVCC Facebook](#)

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FALL TIPS

It really comes down to just driving your car and enjoying the weather.

Do a thorough visual inspection by checking your:

- Lights
- Wipers
- Belts
- Brakes, including the brake test
- Tires, including the proper front/rear air pressure
- Wiring
- Battery
- Fluids, including brake fluid and motor oil

Once you give your Corvair a once over it's time to take it out for a good long spin to get everything up to operating temperature. Enjoy the drive.

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.