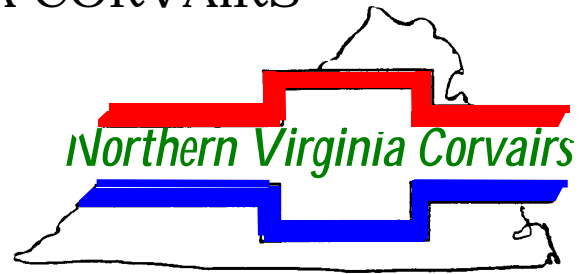


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CHAPTER CHATTER

By A. J. Paluska, Jr

The September meeting was well attended with seven members and five Corvairs present, The earlies outnumbered the lates by 4 to 1. Two convertibles to three coupes. Of course, the five Corvairs included host Ron Tumolo's 1964 Monza coupe, the subject of the meeting.

The project was to change the front shocks and replace the front brake hoses if time permitted. Work was underway when your editor arrived. Darrin and Ron were working on opposite wheels. It looked like Darrin was making better progress.

The car was up in the air courtesy of Ron's newly acquired E-Z lift. It proved to be a good, sturdy, and easy to use lift that gets the car up to 26 inches. It provides plenty of room to work under the car. It proved so popular that several of the visiting cars were put up on it to check out various conditions.

Only a minor problem was encountered in the form of a broken bolt that had to be drilled out and retapped to complete the shock installation.

After the shocks were installed, Greek Dunnigan's 1964 Spyder was put up on the lift to check out a fuel leak. It turned out to be a pinhole in the rubber fuel line that was quickly fixed.

Planning was continued for the 2010 Vair Fair. Duplicating the Fredericksburg location was considered, but since no coordination for an autocross site was conducted, it was suggested that the club revisit the 2007 Leesburg site. In fact, Ron had already made preliminary inquiries with the hotel about a repeat Vair Fair.

Other planning concerned provision of different of shirts besides the obligatory T-shirt. A polo shirt or button down was suggested. Alternatives for the banquet were discussed, as well as an autocross event. A search for an applicable site will be conducted. Volunteers for the various activities were solicited and other work discussed.

Coordination with the other Virginia clubs will continue.

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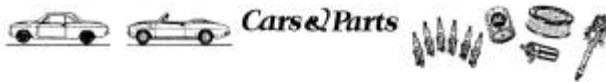
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NVCC Calendar

AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIFIED

63 Convertible: Red with good body and nice paint. Asking \$6000.00, new engine, condition 3 to 4 on scale of 5. Contact Jim at (540) 465-5066. (6/08)

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)

64 Coupe: F&A Auto Sales at (804) 224-0588. (9/07)

65 Convertible: 140 HP PG, 44K miles, maroon and black. \$15000 OBO. Call Bob at (304) 263-2763. (7/07)

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 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!

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, www.corvairranch.com Email:
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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: don@lintvet.com or (703) 4431801.

TECH SESSIONS: Venice Cox, 4th Saturday of each month, 10 AM to 2 PM. Any member is welcome to assist Venice during these sessions. (703) 791-6517

12-13 September 2009, Corvair Days, Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Contact Earl Holmes (717) 921-8124 or earlzgames@comcast.net

19 September 2009, 9:00 AM: The regular meeting at the home of Darrin Hartzler.

2-4 October 2009, 50th Anniversary Celebration, New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts, Cape May NJ. See www.corvair.org/chapters/njace or call (201) 707-1677.

17 October 2009, 9:00 AM: The regular meeting at the home of Greg Walthour.

13 November 2009, 9:00 AM: The regular meeting at the home of Luke Duddridge.

13 December 2009, 9:00 AM: Annual elections and Christmas party. We need a host for this meeting.

Next Regular Meeting:

Saturday, 19 September 2009, 9:00 AM

Darrin Hartzler
8214 Beech Tree Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817
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Directions: Map/directions on the mailing cover.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance (8/29/09)	\$3,290.86
Closing Balance 9/29/09)	\$3,290.86

Reprinted from the July 7, 2009 *Old Cars Weekly*

Old Cars Weekly

Happy 50th to the Chevy Corvair

A celebration to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Chevrolet Corvair kicks off next week.

The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF), in cooperation with the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), will launch a year-long celebration with a special series of historical articles and events recognizing the Corvair's development, production planning, inaugural advertising, publicity, and dealer announcements. The CPF is the non-profit affiliate of CORSA, the Corvair Society of America, an international organization of almost 5,000 Corvair enthusiasts.

"We're excited about this opportunity to showcase the Corvair throughout the automotive world, by remembering the historic events that led to its introduction fifty years ago. We hope that people will not only see and appreciate how terrific these vehicles actually are, but also understand the passion and enthusiasm of Corvair owners today.

The affordability of driving and restoring Corvairs, as well as the support network available to Corvair owners, makes the car one of the easiest and most enjoyable collector cars to own," said Dave Newell, CPF Historian.

The 2009 International CORSA Convention, being held in Jacksonville, FL, on July 13 – 17, 2009, will officially kick off the year-long celebration. It will continue through the 2010 CORSA convention in Iowa, with local Corvair clubs and enthusiast groups hosting special shows and driving events throughout the year.

Some of the Corvair's 50th anniversary highlights include:

- The earliest known available Corvair (serial #407) will be on display at the Jacksonville CORSA Convention on the 50th Anniversary of the day they were built, July 13th.
- Original Corvair advertising Art Director Harry Borgman will participate in a presentation at the Jacksonville convention about the original advertising efforts that led up to the Corvair's debut.
- The CPF will release a Corvair 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin on October 2, 2009.
- October 2, 2009 has been officially designated by CORSA as national "Drive Your Corvair Day" with special events hosted by CORSA chapters around the country.

Interested enthusiasts are encouraged to contact their local Corvair club regarding local events being planned, and can also visit www.CORVAIR.org/csaindex.php?csaact=cpf for more information.

About The Chevrolet Corvair

Almost 2 million Corvairs were made by Chevrolet during its 1960-69 run, including 2- & 4-door models, convertibles, station wagons, pick-ups, and passenger vans. The brainchild of Chevrolet General Manager and former Chief Engineer Ed Cole, the Corvair's advanced engineering and bold departure from other cars of the period led *Motor Trend* magazine to name it "Car of the Year" in 1960.

Corvair is the first and only mass produced American vehicle to feature an air-cooled rear engine design, unit-body construction, factory turbocharging, and 4-wheel independent suspension. In fact, the 150 HP 1962 Corvair Spyder (along with the 1962 Oldsmobile F-85 Jetfire) was America's first factory-built turbo-charged vehicle. Originally touted as an economy car, drivers quickly discovered Corvair's sports car-like handling and dubbed it the "poor man's Porsche". The 9-passenger Corvair Greenbrier van, produced from 1961 through early 1965, was originally classified as a station wagon and is widely considered to be the forerunner of the modern American minivan, complete with an optional left-side passenger door.

Reprinted from the August 2009 *The Dryspot*, the newsletter of the Corvair Society of Baltimore

July 7th...the Corvair is 50!

Dave Newell

I hope you'll take a moment to think about Corvair 00769W100001, the first production Corvair that rolled off the Willow Run assembly line 50 years ago today. Next to October 2nd, today is probably the most important date in Corvair history. For many years July 7th has appeared in Vair trivia contests and people who really knew Corvair history have held it dear. It's heartening to see more recognition of this important date.

Willow Run management considered July 7th the true beginning of the Corvair, and it certainly was from their perspective. Every July 7th from 1963 up they issued press releases and staged birthday events. The topper was in 1965 when America's Junior Miss went to the plant and blew out the candles on a birthday cake that bore six Corsa emblems on it instead of candles, for the Vair's sixth birthday.

I consider today to be a 50th Anniversary date but whether you think Birthday or Anniversary, it's just semantics. You can't ignore history ... this is a landmark 50 year date for the Corvair!

Corvairs in the News. Coverage of the 2009 Convention. Corvair Car Owners Bring Show To Town

Convention Held At Wyndham Hotel

On Southbank Through End Of Week Thursday, July 16, 2009

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