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Chapter Chatter
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One advantage to where we live is the ability to get into the country within 10 minutes. One of the best drives that we take is on RT 650 (New Hampshire Avenue extended). As soon as we make a left onto 650 from Ednor Lane (also a great country road) and drive through Ashton, MD. We are in the country. As we cross Georgia Avenue and continue heading north the road gently rolls through miles of fields of corn and soybeans.

Continuing on 650 (108) leads right into Damascus. We have two choices from there – left or right. Taking a right we end up on RT 144 (Frederick Road). This is another great cruising road. It is basically a straight road with rolling hills. Making another right we make our way through the outskirts of Ellicott City, into Clarksville and then back home via Ednor Lane again. This is about a 70 mile trip and almost 2 hours.

We have been doing this route, or a similar one, about once a week for 18 months now. If my math is correct, we have done around 4,000+ miles the past year and a half.

Every single drive has been a blast. We love getting out and having fun in the car. Conversely, I would never have thought that we would drive the Corsa that much but I am happy that we have been able to pull it out of the garage, jump in and drive that many miles with little to no issues. It goes to show that once you get your car reliable and safe you can take it out on a long day cruise, or like Greg, to Detroit and back without worries.

I can't wait to get Rampy road ready so we can take it on similar drives. Unfortunately, work and the weather has prevented me from doing any more to it this past month. Hopefully September will be the month to finish up the small items.

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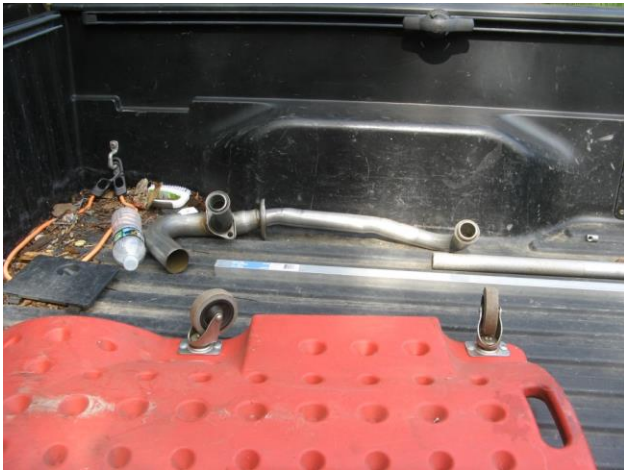
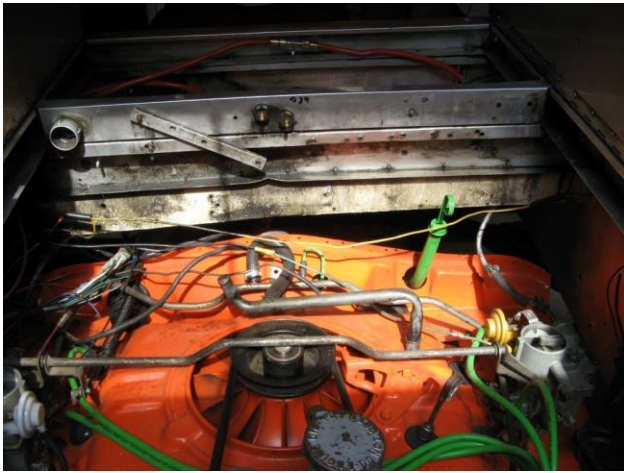
Stan's Garage

While not a large turnout, Stan, Mark, Doug and Bryan made good use of their time and knowledge on removing some old wiring and working out a plan for the engine seal. Hopefully their efforts got Mabel one step closer to being road worthy.

Bryan also brought an old school hydraulic jack to show the gang.

Great job everyone.







Here is a write up and few photos from my journey from Virginia to the Detroit Homecoming. Thank you! Greg

Greetings! I have never been to the Detroit Homecoming but always wanted to go. It conflicted with the start of the school year, and since my son is now working (as an apprentice mechanic) and my daughter just began her senior year of high school, it was time!

I left Virginia driving north to Frederick MD then west to Hancock, then north again to Breezewood PA, to get on Route 30, the Lincoln Highway. I had just finished reading Tom Cotter's book on traveling across the USA in a modified Model T from Manhattan to San Francisco so I wanted to mirror some of their trip. I passed by the 9/11 memorial in Shanksville PA, but had been before so didn't stop this time. I was on my way to overnight with some Corvair friends (Bill & Audrey) in Aliquippa PA. In Latrobe PA I skirted around Pittsburgh to the north and took the Orange Belt, but mostly the Red Belt. Drove thru rain so hard I'm surprised there is any paint left on the RedBrier!

Dinner was take out Panera on my host's front patio. I picked up some Corvair parts from them too! The next day I took I79 north to the PA and OH Turnpikes west. As I was fueling up at a rest area, I noticed a '64 Monza sedan (with factory A/C!) fueling up next to me. The owner, Kyle, had picked the car up in New Jersey not too long ago and was waiting for a few others from his Ohio club to join him. I asked if I could tag along and was welcomed (photo-Rest Stop Corvair's).

From here we caravanned to Ann Arbor. For lunch I drove the RedBrier over to the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum which formerly housed the Corvair Museum, now mostly Hudson's. I enjoyed some BBQ

for lunch then spent an hour or two looking at the cars and displays. The museum still housed at least a half dozen Corvairs, including the oldest known Corvair, a black sedan with horn slots!

The next day a Corvair friend from Durango CO (Tim) drove us and two others from Oregon (Duane & Steve) in his Volvo SUV to the GM Heritage Museum. The EM Super Spyder seemed huge parked next to the LM Monza GT. The cost was \$10 but well worth it. The museum is only opened by invitation, so someone must have pulled some strings to get us invited.

The next day while chatting with a group of Corvair folks in the parking lot, the rally came up in conversation, who was riding with whom, etc., and while I typically go on the rally, my navigator (Curtis from Silver City NM) couldn't make it at the last minute due to a knee injury. A young woman (Ken Hand's daughter-in-law, Raven) volunteered to be my navigator, so I was in!

Raven brought along her friend Skylar (photo-Raven & Skylar). We didn't win, but Raven's husband and Skylar's boyfriend (who followed us most of the way!) did!

There were at least 56 Corvair's at the Homecoming last time I counted including NINE FCs (photo). There was a People's Choice car show where everyone voted for their top 10 favorite Corvair's. The top 25 will appear in the 2022 Homecoming calendar (you can order one from the Detroit Area Corvair Club to see if I was in the top 25!). I only ate one meal away from the hotel. DACC member Ken is renowned for stocking the hospitality suite with more food than we could all eat!

There was also plenty of indoor and outdoor vendors, an auction, and wine tasting (for an extra \$10!). I left about 8am Sunday morning and planned to drive all

the way home to Alexandria. About an hour into my journey another Corvair friend from Cincinnati (Jeff) who was driving his '66 Aztec Bronze Monza coupe, took my photo as I was passing him! I'm guessing I was probably going about 60-65, so the photo came out great considering Jeff was driving/aiming/steadying at almost the same speed. It took almost exactly 12 hours to get home with rest/food/fuel stops.

I did have a couple of easily repairable issues during the trip. I arose early Saturday morning while it was still dark, took out the cushions and drawers from the camper kit to dig down to the engine compartment to address an oil leak. First I was shocked to see the nut and lock washer from the alternator was GONE! I found them down in no man's land, reinstalled and slightly tightened the fan belt.

Second, I changed the oil and filter right before I left Virginia, but I was hesitant to use the new bolt gasket since the hole in the center was too big, so I reused the old oil filter bolt gasket. My mistake... Bill you were right, that was the problem! Overall I used (more likely leaked) one quart of oil in my 1,400 mile journey.

Finally, as I was crossing into Ohio on my way there, the noisy speedometer cable finally gave up the ghost. I have a new one on order. Moral of the story? Don't be afraid to drive your Corvair on a long trip! I can almost guarantee that any problems which may develop you will be able to address in a few minutes with a few basic hand tools and some spare parts! Be and drive safe...

Greg

Great write up Greg. Thanks for the adventure.



This Month's Featured Corvair

Rita's Rampy remains the featured Corvair spot this month. I had hoped to get another action shot of Rampy but the weather, and it running out of gas, thwarted my plans. Let's keep this showcase going by sending me a picture of yours in action or just sitting in the driveway looking good.



Local Car shows throughout the DMV for 2021 Spring, Summer & Fall

There is a show close to you so get out, have fun, and send me some pictures. <http://www.cruisein.us>

45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Saturday, September 18, 2021. The show takes place on the lawn of the Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM For more information contact Pete Pandolfi, (703) 919-8343 <http://bullrunaca.org/rohr-show-information/>

Corvair Day – Eastern Museum of Motor Racina. September 18, 2021 **Grea and Bob M are attending**
Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club <https://emmr.org/> Registration flyer attached.

Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, Saturday October 16, 2021 ***I have registered for this show**

This is a great venue with hundreds of cars from all eras. **Group Corvair is a sponsor.**

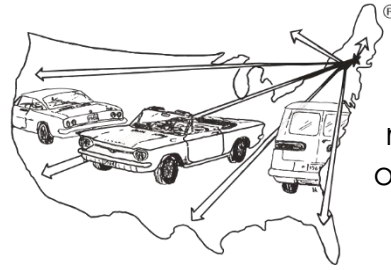
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2021 Meeting Schedule

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September 18th

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Remember, we have been given a special Corvair power. With that power comes responsibility. That responsibility is 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. Let's keep on driving them, fixing them and promoting them everywhere we go.