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CORVAIR RACER UPDATE

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Rick Norris, a long time member and supporter of the Performance Corvair Group, has been writing Corvair Racer Updates for the Corvair racing community. Rick recently acknowledged that his updates may be of interest to a wider audience and could easily serve as a newsletter for the Performance Corvair Group. And so, once again, and with Rick's permission, we now have a newsletter for our club!

FROM RICK NORRIS' CORVAIR ALLEY:

Here's hoping everybody had a good time over Thanksgiving. I hope your tryptophan trip was as good as mine was!

I will also be updating the car/driver/owner list by adding thumbnail photos as I've done before. I have a pretty good stock of photos to work from but I may ask for a newer pic if I do not have a good one. I know some like Jeff Rapp are in the building process of a new car and don't have a good photo but a latest progress one will do.

As most of you know there is a Facebook page for Corvair Racers where a lot of photos and videos are published. You can get on Facebook and search for CORVAIR RACERS of cut and paste this addy: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/corvairracers/> and request to be added. The page is administered by Allen Amerine who is building a racer among other projects one of which is special event T shirts for the Yenko Reunion deal. Announcements will be made later about this.

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PCG is one of the many regional chapters of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), a non-profit organization that was incorporated to satisfy the common needs of individuals interested in the preservation, restoration, and operation of the Chevrolet Corvair. Membership is free of charge. To join, please use the handy form on our website: www.corvair.org/chapters/pcg.

ROAD AMERICA 2016 REPORT

Finding an affordable hotel at Road America will be an ongoing challenge unless you are camping at the track.

Jim Rice sez: The motel price issue is normal for eastern Wisconsin during the summer. You are competing with beach goers and the like. Look to the west: Fond du Lac. It's about 30 miles from RA on a good road. A straight shot across. Last time I was at the RA vintage (2012) a room was less than US\$100. As of 2012, there were 7 name brand motels there. Word of caution: the road to Fond du Lac is heavily policed during the race weekend, as are the roads around RA. Imagine that...! Oshkosh is a bit further if all else fails. Looking forward to this event!

Jack Woehle, WIC Technical Director sez: You might try Sheboygan and we used to stay in Manitowoc which is an easy drive. There are plenty of camping possibilities at the track. Also, there is a community college (Lakeland College) nearby that rents dorm rooms for about \$50/night. We need a local to advise us of available lodging. An area of twenty miles around is acceptable at least to me. Send info and suggestions to me at ricknorris@suddenlink.net

Bob Coffin sez: Weather permitting, of course, I plan to either: 1. Rent a trailer or motorhome to be delivered to the track, or 2. Camp in my race trailer as I have done many times before. This time, though it will give A/C and a Honda generator to run it. 3. Rent a Motor Home here and tow the race trailer with it. Sorta depends on who comes with me for crew, etc. If #1 or #3, we may just park the race trailer and explore the Wisconsin beauty, cheese, brats and beer for a week or two after the event, a great time of year to do so.

Mike Levine sez: I'll be slumming with Norman (Latulippe) or in a Tent!

I still need individual racer/race car updates to include here including a recent photo of your race car or cars.

Send them to ricknorris@suddenlink.net

Subject line should say racer update see examples below.

What's in your shop?

Here's an email I received from a new soon to be vintage road racer. It also explains the red Corvair race car recently for sale that we were all wondering about.

Jon Whiteley sez: Thank you for the invitation to your racer's groups. The circle of Corvair racers seems to be relatively small (at least to me) and I am grateful for any & all resources. Locally, Eric Schakel and Steve Goodman have been tremendously helpful but there are almost no Corvair road racers that I know of (besides Eric) in the area.

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I grew up with Corvairs and had several of them in the early '70s. I met Eric a couple of years ago at a local track (we both had our C6 Z06's there) and discovered that he was the owner of the Stinger that I had seen a couple years prior at a different track. We've since become good friends.

I credit/blame Eric for getting me sucked back into Corvairs . Within a couple of months after meeting him (and rejoining Corsa - having been a member of Corsa and Corvanatics back in the '70s) I had located and purchased a fairly original white on red '66 140 coupe similar to one I had as a teen. I've been maintaining it and I drive it regularly.

This past Spring Eric (trying to lure me into vintage racing I'm sure) let me drive his YS066 for the weekend at a RMVR driver's school. I was enamored by the well-mannered handling and reasonable power.

Fast forward to September of this year - I found a local car that had been built about 4-5 years ago to vintage race but has apparently seen very little use. It has never had a log book with any club/organization. The PO (Prior Owner) had bought this street car out of California in 2010 and proceeded to have most of the track modifications done by a local Porsche shop using your Stinger Race Build article as a guideline for the shop to follow (PO included a 2010 internet printout from your Corvair Alley site).

The engine sounds relatively stock. I have receipts for an engine rebuild done in 1996 (only about 5K miles ago) when the car still resided in Las Vegas. The receipt shows new cast 30+ pistons and rings and an Isky 260 cam were installed. The only other engine mods I see that have done more recently are the rotated carbs and the Clark's headers.

Suspension is said to be cut Clarks HD springs all around and Koni shocks. Rubber bushings except for Heims on the rear sway bar and poly on outer rear struts. (I replaced the much worn inner poly bushings with rubber). There is a Flaming River steering box and a stock rebuilt front end with a reinforced tie rod. Front discs installed which I believe are the Clark's 10" kit. Not sure yet what the calipers are (for sourcing pads)?

PO says the fuel cell and plumbing were installed ("by a drag racer") while he was in Florida for a brief time. It seems a bit large to me unless I'm going to be doing an enduro. As you can see the car is already "a good start" as Steve Goodman puts it. I am currently going over the car and addressing things such messy/unneeded wiring, loose nuts & bolts, bad motor mount, and fluid changes, etc. I did install a fuel pressure regulator.

My goals for this first year are: to get a log book for the car and pass tech, obtain my full RMVR comp license, work on the safety and reliability aspects of the car and have fun learning the car and racing with others. I appreciate your warm welcome to the group and look forward to learning from those much more experienced than I.

CORVAIR RACERS AND CARS for 2016

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- 1) Brandburg, Jim, EP. Jim's car is still **FOR SALE!** Email: Jimbrandberg@aol.com Ph. 736-444-9334, 2214 293 ½ Ave. NW, Isanti MN 55040-6061
- 2) Clemens, David, SPU car No.24. Email: Stingermotorsports@cox.net Ph. 540-563-9656, 2736 Calloway St. NW, Roanoke VA 24012-3230,
- 3) Coffin, Bob DP. Bob is now the owner of the No.48 ex-Denny LeForge car which was rebuilt by Corvair Alley and debuted at the 2015 Savannah Speed Classic. Email: dryenko@surry.net Ph. 336-366-0259, 134 Ridgecrest St., Dobson, NC 27017
- 4) Dernoshek, Warren, ex Yenke wrench has race tested a new Corvair Stinger vintage correct car No. 57 DP. Warren's son Logan, a pro driver will probably wheel this car. Email: xxxx, Ph.xxx-xxx-xxxx, Canonsburg PA.
- 5) Duncan, Lowell. DP Yenke clone. Lowell is building a car to compete in the RMVR or Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing events and hopes to do a school in April 2016. Email: lowell.duncan@gmail.com Monument CO.
- 6) Edsinger, Dave, Stinger DP car No.18. Email: yenkodave@aol.com Ph. 301-293-1743, 11432 Rum Spring Rd., Frederick, MD 21702-1648.
- 7) Ellison, Barry. Our favorite Pit Monkey is building a car to run with the Down the Hatch crowd. He hopes to do a two day school in April 2016. Email: bars84crx@hotmail.com Ph. (864) 238-4906, 722 Old Williamston Rd. Piedmont SC 29673.
- 8) Eisenlohr, Cary, Owns the ex-Bob Slusher No. 66 car. Bob ran the car in the Northwest region. Email: carnutt@aol.com Ph. 1-562-595-5575, 2878 Gundry Ave. Signal Hill, CA.
- 9) Gillespie, Mark, Stinger DP car No.37. Mark usually has a driver other than himself. Email: yenko037@yahoo.com Ph. 317-457-7689, 6303 Rockville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222
- 10) Hand, Ken, Stinger DP car No.32 owned by Byron Shaw. Ken has been campaigning this car at his home track, Waterford Hills. Ken is in the process of buying the car. Email: vairmech@aol.com Ph. 248-613-8586. 1896 S. Gregory Rd., Fowlerville MI 48836.
- 11) Latulippe, Norm, Stinger DP car No.41. Norm also owns the ex-Rob Fike race car. Email: Grantulip@cox.net Ph. 860-646-5114, 780 Vernon St., Manchester, CT 06042.
- 12) LeVeque, Michael, Stinger DP car No.23. Built as a tribute to his dad Warren, (also has SPU car) Email: MLevair@sbcglobal.net Ph. 765-617-9307, 4627 N. State Rd. 9, Anderson, IN 46012-1050.

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- 13) LeVeque, Warren, Stinger DP, car No.93. (Also has Doug Roe early model historic race car) Email: levair@aol.com Ph. 4657 N. State Rd. 9, Anderson, IN 46012-1050,
- 14) Levine, Mike, Crown V8 ASR car No.4. Mike is building an early model for next year's racing season. Email: v8vair@yahoo.com Ph. 678-910-2829, 2730 Stratfield Dr., Cumming GA., 30041-8282.
- 15) McDonell, Paul DP car No.88. This was the ex-Bill Hugh's Lakota Wolf Preserve car. Ph. Email: halifaxvair@hotmail.com 5 Frist St, Lr Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada B4E 1S9,
- 16) Meadows, Eddie, Stinger EP car No.62. Email: eddiem62@bellsouth.net Ph. 404-366-0974, 991 Foxfire Trail, Oviedo, FL 32765-9734,
- 17) Norris, Rick, DP car No. 36. I debuted an old but newly rebuilt Corvair Alley race car at the 2015 Savannah Speed Classic after the Sunoco Corvair tribute car went to live in England. Email: ricknorris@suddenlink.net Ph. 304-757-8154, 1508 Thistlewood Cir. Hurricane WV 25526-7500.
- 18) Rapp, Jeff, a newbie. He is currently building a car with the intent of getting his license to go racing with us. Jeff owns Indy Machine. Email: rappvair@yahoo.com Ph. (317) 442-4245, 5355 Dollar Forge Ln. Indianapolis IN 46221
- 19) Reeve, James, Usually rents a car. Email: jrsport52@yahoo.com Ph. 404-875-6837, 1247 Zonolite Rd., Atlanta GA 30306,
- 20) Sadek, Chuck, Stinger DP No.73 & GT3 No.88 (Ex Jon Brakke car) Email: chsadek@comcast.net Ph. 540-273-5544, 11604 New Bond St., Fredericksburg, VA 22408.
- 21) Schardt, Jim, Stinger DP car No.17. Email: jjschardt@email.msn.com Ph. 1648 W. Alex Bell Rd., Dayton, OH45459-1246
- 22) Schakel, Eric, EP car No.26. Email: eschakel@centurylink.net Ph. 7082 Piute Dr., Sedalia, CO 80135-8940
- 23) Shepard, Richard. Richard is rebuilding a car to run in SCCA Vintage VP2 in the Northeast. Email: Yenko_stinger65@yahoo.com Ph. 503-371-4290, 5145 Gaffin Rd. SE. Salem OR 97317.
- 24) Shepard, Spence DP car No.66. Spence also owns the No.37 ex-Bob Manwaring Team Anhydrous car. Email: sshepard3@hotmail.com Ph. 704-554-6769, 7437 Quail Hill Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210-7226,
- 25) Storc, Bob, Stinger DP car No.35, the ex-Larry Claypool car. Email: bstorc@comcast.net Ph. 910-345-1488, 819 Leinster Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309-2426
- 26) Watson, Dave, a newbie. Dave (aka Motohead) and Jeff Ballard own the ex- Dan Giannotti No. 3 car. They are prepping it for vintage D Production racing. Email: dave-

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motohead9356@yahoo.com Ph. Xxx-xxxx, 2021 Phlox Av. Rosamond CA 93560.

27) Whiteley, Jon. Jon is a new member and has acquired an almost track ready car.
Email: fjonlwhiteley@comcast.net Ph. ? CO.

27) Wicht, Al. Al currently has Spence Shepard's No. 37 car. Email: fastaw93@yahoo.com
Ph. ? 2107 Cleveland Rd., Sebring, FL.

28) Wood, Curtis. Yenko Stinger DP Email: curtis@thiscrazygarage.com

2016 PERFORMANCE CORVAIR GROUP WORKSHOP!

Dates: Friday to Sunday, March 4-6, 2016.

Location: Kokomo Automotive Museum, 1500 North Reed Road, Kokomo, IN, 765-454-9999

Hotel information: Kokomo Hampton Inn & Suites. 2920 South Reed Road, Kokomo. Rates are \$104/night. 765-455-2900. Mention Corvairst/PCG to ensure the group rate. The website to book the room has not been set up as of yet. We'll let you know when we receive that information.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A FEW MORE SPEAKERS! PLEASE CONTACT TRACY LEVEQUE,
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