



Newsletter of the Performance Corvair Group (PCG)

# 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:** Finally got some valve components in. Serious engine assembly shall commence! Nice to be able to have the shop door open in the middle of December!

**Mike Levine sez:** Great weather at Roebling.

First practice was just a warm up for me, after 5 laps I came in and did an inspection of the front end and rear suspension since I had both apart. I aligned the front and back with 3.5 degrees negative camber. 3.5 of castor and toed in an 1/8 in front and 0 in the rear.

The second session I picked it up a bit and was 3rd fastest out of 31 cars. All good and starting to build confidence in the car and me. Way Fun to drive!!

Sat. Morn qualifying went out and was having a blast passing everyone in sight when I had a problem getting in high gear. Now when you've been racing with a clutch and a

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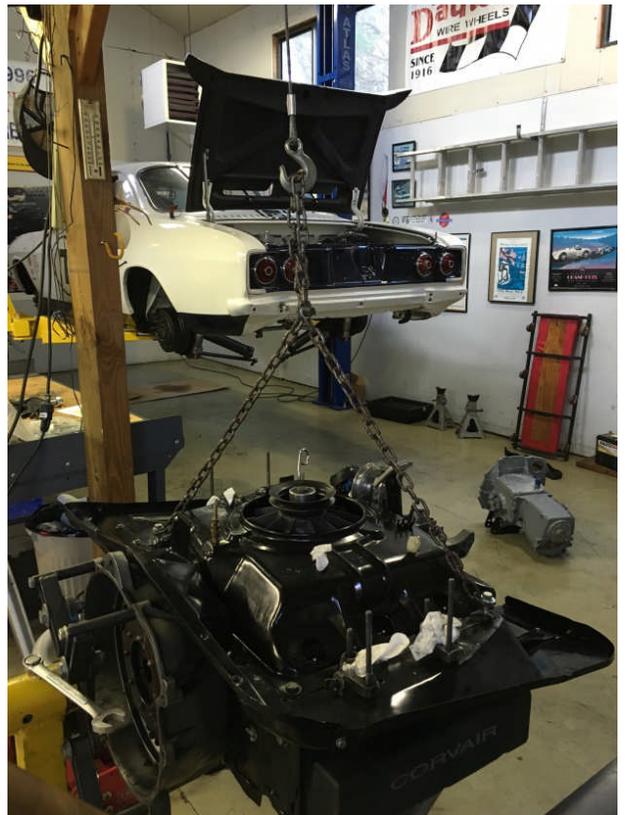
Saginaw for the last 12 years its hard to keep your foot off the clutch. I caught myself jabbing the clutch on the upshift and correcting my error in the middle of the shift which I don't think helped the gearbox. It still shifted but it wasn't right, a few more laps trying different ways of shifting didn't help much so I decided to take it home before I really tear something up. I qualified on the front row, Oh well.

I'm beginning to think it was more operator error. The gear oil in the trans looked good and no metal on the magnetic drain plug so that's good. The diff will need the cooler, fluid smelled bad. I had the temp gauge in the trans and it barely hit 200.

I need to swap diffs for the longer tracks coming up so this will be a good time to inspect everything and get some experience with taking apart the Jerico. Going back to Roebing again next year cause a V8 Vair set up right is way too much Fun at that track!!

### **JIM SCHARDT sez:**

The Funkhouser's are reinstalling the 20 year old engine after minor repairs and a transaxle rebuild by Mike Levine, also redoing the drum brakes. Next on the schedule will be testing in May. I am looking forward to a big turnout at Road America. It just might be the last chance for the other Stinger drivers to whip my ass!



**JEFF RAPP sez:** Ready to weld.



**Dave Watson** Has a good start on his race car after a trip to the blaster.



**FEATURED RACE CAR:**

David Clemens, Roanoke VA. 2015 Mitty. Photo by Janet.

**CALL FOR CORVAIR RACE CAR PHOTOS:**

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](mailto:ricknorris@suddenlink.net) Subject line should say racer update see examples below. What's in your shop?

**CORVAIR RACERS FACEBOOK PAGE:**

You can get on Facebook and search for CORVAIR RACERS or cut and paste this addy: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/corvaिरracers/> and request to be added. The page is administered by Allen Amrine who is building a racer among other projects one of which is special event T shirts for the Yenke Reunion deal. Announcements will be made later about this.

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