



Newsletter of the Performance Corvair Group (PCG)

CORVAIR RACER UPDATE

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2016 PERFORMANCE CORVAIR GROUP WORKSHOP!

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

Location: Kokomo Automotive Museum, 1500 N. 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 Corvair/PCG to ensure the group rate.

For more information, visit the Performance Corvair Group website at www.corvair.org/chapters/pcg or send an email to Tracy Leveque libgan2004@yahoo.com

FROM RICK NORRIS' CORVAIR ALLEY: It appears the date for the International Corvair Convention of July 15 thru 17 will collide with the date of the WIC or Weathertech International Challenge and the Yenko reunion at Road America (RA) which will be on July 14 thru 17. There will be a Yenko display at the convention which some folks will attend as opposed to the Yenko racers reunion at RA. None of this was intentional as these dates were set long ago. Some folks have mentioned doing both events if possible.

The Road America track is 335 miles, depending on which route you take, North of Springfield IL where the convention will be. With that being said and being a racer the choice is easy for me. I will be at RA. I can always go



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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.

to the next Corvair Convention but I may not have another opportunity to drive this bucket list track of Road America.

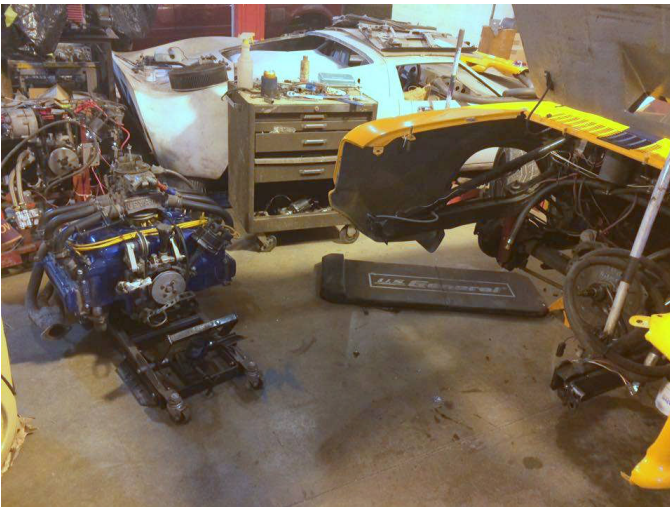
Speaking of racing we have two newbies. Jeff Rapp and Barry Ellison signed up for the Hyler Craft Memorial Drivers School, February 19- 21, 2016 hosted by the Buccaneer Region of SCCA and being held at Roebling Road Raceway in Bloomingdale GA.

This is the same school three of us, David Clemens, Dan Giannotti and me took back in 2009 to get a novice competition permit. That was a memorable occasion for a lot of reasons. We were fortunate to have had an elite group of old Corvair racers on hand to lend much needed support. The highlight of that were the troubles David Clemens had to go through to get his permit.

I along with some others plan to be there this year for that same support. You can go here: <http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2016-hyler-craft-memorial-drivers-school-roebling-road-raceway-scca-buccaneer-680792#.VpJiKxUrKUI> to see the roster and other info. This event happens no matter what the weather does and if you have the chance come on down. It'll be a good way to get the racing season off to a great start.

Michael LeVeque sez:

Preparing to install Jeff Rapp's engine in the yellow racer so Jeff will have a car for the driver's school in Feb. Jeff is still in the process of building his own racer.



Barry Ellison sez:

I told Seth Emerson that the Fail Safe cam was 'easy to install', ordered it, \$90. Heated it to 400 degrees, tried to drop it on, and it went half way. Quickly setup with a hammer in my vice and tap, tap, tap each side. It wouldn't budge. I tried to tap the cam out and the gear split. Got mad, broke the cam gear off and left the center part on the cam. I couldn't press it out b/c the center portion was just over the size of the lobe. I took it to the band saw. I figured if I put a cut on both sides I might loosen it up enough to tap it

off.

Weeeeellll, I got one cut partially done, turned it 180 degrees and got almost through it and broke off. I was holding the cam up, gear down. My right hand went into the band saw. I got a very nice clean 1" cut; hit a bleeder, no tendon, worth 7 stitches.

It was sore last night and this morning but much better today. Lost some grip but it will be fine. I'm still making progress otherwise. I'll be out there every night for a while. I've got to make some good progress this week, like start a motor.

FEATURED RACE CAR: Norm Latulippe
YS-306



I need individual race car updates photos of your race car or cars.

Send them to ricknorris@suddenlink.net Subject line should say racer update.
What's in your shop?

2015 Vintage Motorsport Magazine coverage of the HSR Savannah Speed Classic. The Corvair racers seem to get good coverage in Vintage Motorsport magazine. Several of us like Mike Levine, Michael LeVeque, Dave Edsinger and Rick Norris (with two different cars) have had nice photos and a mention or two over the past racing seasons. It is an honor and gives good publicity to the marque. I think the usual racing crowd admires our "piggy" racers and gets an education outside of the usual Nader misinformation we endure from the car show experts.

I can't say enough about the HSR Savannah Speed Classic. It is much more laid back and the crowd is much smaller than say the Mitty. The weather at this time of year in Savannah is very nice with cool mornings and mild daytime temps. Also River street is just a ferry ride across the river for some fine dining and history.

I look forward to doing this event again this year. Hopefully we can get more Corvairs to show up. We had four race cars last year plus some nice street drivers show up. I highly recommend you put this event on your list to attend. Rick Norris

CORVAIR RACERS FACEBOOK PAGE:

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