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2016 PERFORMANCE CORVAIR GROUP WORKSHOP!

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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:

As some of you already know, Corvair Alley will be sponsoring Barry Ellison's effort to obtain his SCCA Novice Competition permit this month (Feb.19-21) at Roebing Road Raceway in Bloomington GA. Barry will be driving the red number 36 of yours truly as he will not have a car of his own ready for this event.

Several of us racers have talked about this for many months. I nicknamed Barry Head Pit Monkey for a good reason. He has attended many of our races and always jumps in to help anyone who needs something done without being asked. That can be anything from shagging gas to complete en-



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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.

gine change outs. He even brings his own tools, works hard and never asks for anything in return. We kind of take him for granted but his deeds have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by us racers.

Years ago Barry expressed a wish to be out on track with the rest of us but as we all know, life gets in the way. I felt it was time to return the favor so I offered my race car. Back in 2009 at this same school Spence Shepard did the same for David Clemens. That was to go down in Corvair lore as a classic! Hopefully we will not have those same issues and all will go well. If you are in the area come on by and cheer the Corvairs on.

Corvair Alley's race schedule for this season looks like this. The HSR Vintage Historics on May 26-29 looks like a good place to test the new engine and Levine close ratio transmission for the Road America event. VIR is a great track in a beautiful setting. Of course the number one event in importance this year will of course be the WIC at Road America on July 15-17. Since we will not do the Mitty the fall Savannah Speed Classic on October 17-30 is a must. Then if for some reason Savannah is not possible the HSR Fall Classic at Road Atlanta looks good. I miss my favorite track! So many possibilities, so little money! Actually, I'm grateful I can do as much as I can.

FEATURED RACE CAR: Ken Hand



Tracy LeVeque sez:

Okay folks, here's the hotel information for the Yenko Stinger Reunion July 14-18: It's the SUPER 8, 3402 Wilgus Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081 (15 miles from track - 18 min drive) \$125/night for 2 beds. I did not reserve any King beds so if you want one, you can get one and they will just take away a 2 bed room. I have 25 rooms reserved under **YENKO**

STINGER REUNION. You must make your reservations by May 1. You must also **CANCEL** by May 10 in order to not get charged for the room. Any leftover rooms will go public May 14 at original price of \$145. Make your reservations **QUICKLY!** There are **NO OTHER** hotels within that close proximity! 920-458-8080.



Bottoming Out.

Written by Andy Hollis from the Dec. 2015 issue OF Grassroots Motorsport Magazine

Race cars sit nice and low to the ground, so a slammed suspension must be good for your car, too, right? Certainly a lower center of gravity pays dividends in reducing weight transfer and the associated body roll. This keeps all four tires working at higher rates of efficiency and does improve handling. Plus, it just looks right.

But there is a dark side to slamming, one that emerges when the car constantly bottoms out its suspension— usually unbeknownst to the driver. Riding around on the bump stops under cornering loads can cause all manner of unusual handling. Your low-powered Miata may be wonderful on corner entry but suddenly push like a pig in the middle. Or perhaps it gets all loose at corner exit as the rear compresses too far, allowing all the weight to transfer to the outside-rear wheel.

That's not too much power causing the wheel spin—it's too little bump travel. Likewise, we've all seen the extreme case of a slammed car making like a pogo stick as it rides around town on the undamped, high spring rate of its bump stop rubber.

SOLUTION: The answer is to jack up the car, remove the springs, and run the suspension through the entire range of motion without them. Verify that your bump stops hit just prior to a metal-on-metal encounter between suspension pieces. Trim or stack bump stops as necessary.

MORE TIPS NEXT WEEK.

Our Latest Update! **THE PERFORMANCE CORVAIR WORKSHOP!**

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WORKSHOP PRICING:

25 pre-registration, \$30 at the door. Kids under 12 just \$10. The pre-registration will begin Feb. 1 and end on March 1.

PRE-REGISTRATION / PRE-PAYMENT:

To pre-register, use PayPal. Log onto PayPal and send your registration fee to PCG President Tracy Leveque at Libgan2004@yahoo.com. Be sure to designate your payment as a Donation or a Gift to prevent extra charges.

Also, if you're pre-ordering a T-Shirt, state the size you need. T-Shirts are optional at extra cost and are not included in the Workshop registration fee. See T-Shirt prices and deadline directly below.

T-SHIRTS! ORDER BY FEBRUARY 5:

PCG President Tracy LeVeque is now taking T-Shirt orders....shirts will be black with white PCG logo on back and "pocket" area on the front. These must be ordered by Feb. 5. Price will be \$25 for up to XL, \$28 for XXL and bigger. Money will go to Racer's Fund.

HOTEL INFO:



Hotel information: Kokomo Hampton Inn & Suites 2920 South Reed Road, Kokomo. Rates \$104/night. If you are traveling alone or do not wish to share a room, please book a king room. There are limited number of double beds. 765-455-2900 mention Corvair for discount. Reservations are under Performance Corvair Group

FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2016

Friday is early-arrival day.

MORNING: We will be touring the Chrysler transmission plant in the morning. We will get to see transmissions and gears being made. You must be able to walk on your own. No walking aides are allowed on plant floor. Awaiting on scheduled time of tour.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN: Kokomo is full of hometown pride restaurants. Listed below are a few of the favorites:

- Louie's Coney Island, 1700 East Hoffer, Kokomo
- Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, 2006 South Plate, Kokomo
- PASTAriffic Ristorante Italiano, 3001 South Webster, Kokomo
- Jami's Soda Fountain, 307 North Main, Kokomo
- Mike's Pizza, 4001 South Dixon, Kokomo

AFTERNOON: Still working on the afternoon schedule. Here are a few possibilities:

- Elwood Haynes Museum 1915 S. Webster, Kokomo. "America's First Car" was developed in 1894 by Elwood Haynes. The famous inventor's former residence now houses a collection of his possessions and inventions. A revolving exhibit of Haynes autos are on display in the garage and the industrial history of Kokomo is chronicled in additional exhibits.
- Seiberling Mansion 1200 W. Sycamore, Kokomo. Built in 1891 by industrialist Monroe Seiberling, the mansion features late-Victorian architecture, hand-carved woodwork, and multiple exhibits highlighting the history of Howard County.
- Old Ben - World's Largest Steer 1402 Defenbaugh St, Kokomo. Housed in a pavilion in Highland Park, Old Ben weighed over 4,000 pounds at his death in 1910.
- Grissom Reserve Base- Peru, Indiana. (where we went last year)

DINNER AT 6:00 PM: Dinner at the Half Moon Restaurant & Brewery. 4051 South Lafountain St. Kokomo. Voted BEST IN KOKOMO. We have a private room reserved for 80. You MUST RSVP to Tracy by March 1 to ensure you have a table. They do have a large overflow area at the other end of the restaurant that can be used, but Tracy MUST know ahead of time to reserve it. The room is located to the immediate right after entering the restaurant.

After dinner: Sycamore Room at the host hotel is available for us for bench racing, and videos (bring your thumb drives). You may have beer, (BYOB) but it MUST be in a non-alcohol container if taking it out of the room as alcohol is not allowed in the hotel lobby.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

Saturday is Workshop Day at the Kokomo Automotive Museum.

7: 30 am: Vendor set up.

8:00-9: 00 am: Registration/self-guided tour of museum/donuts/coffee/juice/pop. Vendor area will open at 8:30 am. Please give the guys time to set up.

We will be having 2 featured cars.....info to follow.....

We will post exact Saturday schedule when the time gets closer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

No events are currently planned for Sunday. Travel day back home.

PERFORMANCE CORVAIR GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE:

You can join the Performance Corvaire Group on Facebook. Visit this page on your web browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/performancecorvairegroupworkshop2015/>

When you get there, enter a request to be added to the group. The page is administered by Ned Madsen, VP of PCG!

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