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Chapter Chatter
By Rory Clark

The Vair Fair in Winchester, VA took the place of our normal monthly meeting in May. While the weather was raining on Friday it didn't deter a lot of attendees from gathering at the Hampton Inn in Winchester on Friday. Rita and I made the trip Saturday morning. Fortunately the rain had subsided by the time we left Silver Spring for Winchester.

The drive was nice despite some pockets of rain. The Corsa ran great. This was one of the longest drives that we have taken in the car to date and we are happy that it drove so well. Additionally, when we left on Sunday we took the long way home via Harpers Ferry, Frederick and down RT97. This was the true test of highway speeds, long uphill runs and warmer temperatures. Again, it proved itself on the drive. We are already planning a few longer drives in the near future.

Enough about our car. Rain or shine, the Vair Fair was a success. When we arrived we were ushered into the judging area and parked next to a few late models. After a brief run down on our car to a fellow Corvair owners Rita and I did the tour of the parking lot to peruse all the other Corvairs.

There were a number of earlies (Ron T), lates, wagons, Rampsides, and vans (Redbrier). There were some really nice cars in the judging area and a few interesting ones too. I always like checking out other Corvairs to see what the owners have done and to get ideas on what I might or need to do to mine. This is especially true of the Rampside. Luckily there were two Rampy's at the event.

Special thanks to Ron T for taking pictures of the judging area at the Vair Fair.

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Articles of Interest

Continuing with the monthly series, the articles below are the sixth in the series. These articles are from Jalopnik and are the second and third installment. The first installment was in the March edition of HAM.

[https://My-chevrolet-corvair-project-gets-stripped-to-the-metal-Part 2](https://My-chevrolet-corvair-project-gets-stripped-to-the-metal-Part-2)

[https://My-project-mongoose-corvair-is-finally-Part 3](https://My-project-mongoose-corvair-is-finally-Part-3)

The series is documenting the restoration of a Corvair to make it into a track car.

Garage Time - Rampy

I rebuilt the carburetors on the Rampy and they are ready to go back on the motor. I need to replace the throttle plate shaft and I happened to find two new shafts in the Corsa glovebox. I haven't installed them yet but I will try to get them in before I start the motor. Prior to that I removed the fan shroud to see if any critters had made a home on top of the cylinders and heads. To my surprise, there was little to no evidence of mice, etc. in or on the engine. It looks as though the top cover may be leaking oil so that is on the list of things to replace. I managed to remove 5 spark plugs – number four is in the head really tight. I decided not to mess with it until later. I poured some Mystery Oil in the five other cylinders to assist in freeing up any stuck rings and to provide some lubrication in the upper cylinders. After removing the distributor I stuck a long screw driver in the hole and turned the oil pump by hand to pump oil throughout the rest of the system. Next, I inserted the distributor and attached my jump box to the battery leads. I bumped the key a number of times turning the engine over to push more oil further throughout the engine. I know at least a few of the cylinders have compression as the Mystery oil shot out of the spark plug holes clear across the garage.

After cleaning the fan shroud and removing a few dents I applied a few coats of gloss black paint and reinstalled it.

I had a set of new points, rotor and distributor cap so I installed them also. Not trusting the fuel pump that has been sitting for a decade I had a newer one that I used. I also need to buy a new fuel line for the right side carb and bend it into shape.

The last few remaining pieces to install are the throttle linkage and the plug wires. Once those are done, the engine will be ready for a test firing. I am planning on using a gas can for the initial startup since I have not checked the gas tank yet. However, when I removed the old fuel pump and the main fuel line clear, clean gas was in the line and pump. Maybe I will get lucky with the tank.

More Garage Time

Ronald Mills has been working on his car. He just completed his first ever paint job. It looks like it came out real nice.



Local Car Shows and Cruises

Corvair season is in full bloom. In-between the rain showers, drive your Corvair, talk to people, take some pictures, and send them to me for inclusion into the newsletter. You must be getting tired of seeing me by now.



The Donut aka Cars & Coffee

Burtonsville Town Square
15650 Old Columbia Pike
Burtonsville, MD 20866
Every Sunday @ 8:00am

28th Annual Orphan Car Tour

Hartford and Baltimore Counties
June 2, 2018
www.orphancartour.org

61st Annual Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA

June 2, 2018
<http://www.hfraaca.org/index.html>

CORSA International Corvair Convention

Pittsburg, PA
July 23rd – 28th, 2018
[CORSA Convention](http://corsaconvention.com)

Cars 'N Coffee

Corner Bakery
10327 Westlake Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817
Season 7 starts March 31st from 8-10am every
Saturday

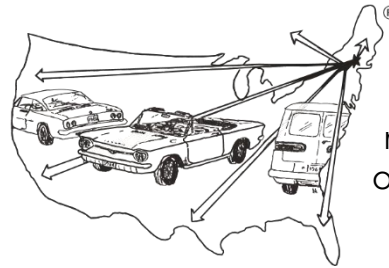
Cars and Parts for Sale/Wanted

Anything for a Rampside wanted including (2) 15" wheels - Rory and Rita

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<https://www.opgi.com/restoration-parts-catalog-corvair.asp>

2018 Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 9AM

June 16th

Rory and Rita

TASK – Rear brake adjustment on Corsa, fix rear passenger window rattle and driver window (loose in the track), fuzzies, adjust carbs... As mentioned, we bought a non-running, no brakes Rampside. Get your tetanus shot, bring your tools and be prepared to dive in. I may have it running prior to the meeting but it still needs to be gone over to determine what it will take to get it on the road again.

July 21st

CORSA Convention
Pittsburgh, PA

August 18th

OPEN

September 15th

Rory and Rita
Rampside

Treasurers Report

Balance 3/31/18	\$2884.05
Dues Received	\$10.00
Balance 5/01/18	\$2894.05

For Pictures of last month's meeting click here [NVCC Facebook](#)

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Spring Tips

Make sure you check out the tips below on how to prepare your car for spring and beyond.

Do a thorough visual inspection by checking your:

- Lights
- Wipers
- Belts
- Brakes, including the brake test
- Tires, including the proper front/rear air pressure
- Wiring
- Battery
- Fluids, including brake fluid and motor oil

It is also a good idea to wash and wax your car and clean the interior.

Once you give your Corvair a once over it's time to take it out for a good long spin to get everything up to operating temperature. Enjoy the drive.

Remember, we are responsible for 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. Drive em, fix em and promote them everywhere you go.