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Chapter Chatter
By Rory Clark

January and February gave us weather all over the place from highs around 70 degrees to 6" of snow a few days later. In-between the snowy days, Rita and I managed to get a few drives on our regular route so I won't go into detail except to say it's always great getting out in Corvy. Hopefully, come spring, we will be able to take Rumpy out on our country road loop. My goal is to have it road ready by early spring. That's right around the corner so I have to hustle.

Fred's Garage

This month's meeting was held on an uncharacteristically warm sunny day for the month of February at the home of Fred Marx home in Potomac.

The task of the day was to replace the 4 Speed transmission in Bob Marshall's 65 Turbo Corsair. Bob had a rebuilt transmission ready for the swap. The transmission was

rebuilt by Mike Levine who is known for his rebuilds. Mike does exceptional work on Corvair drive train components.

The car was already up on Fred's two post lift when most of the members 10 members in attendance arrived. The plan was to remove the worn transmission by lowering the transmission side of the powerpack, slide off the old unit and slide on the rebuilt unit. The factory manual has step by step directions that were used.

After using a fluid extractor to get most of the gear oil out, the necessary components were unhooked, and the wounded transmission was slid off the input shaft. The new gasket was put in place and the rebuilt unit was installed.

Everything was hooked back up and the job was done in about 2 hours. The installation of the rear strut rods took the longest time of all the components.

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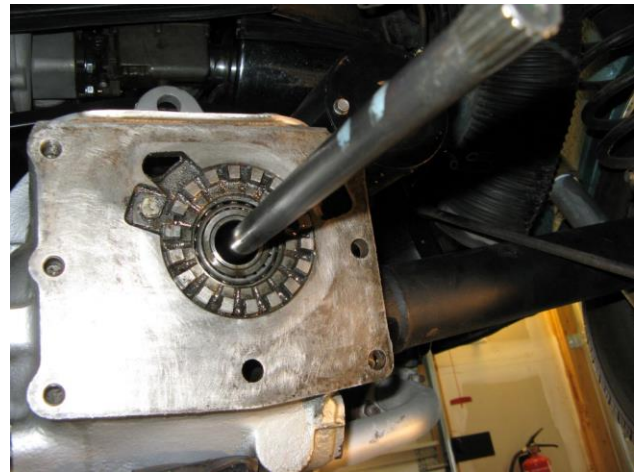
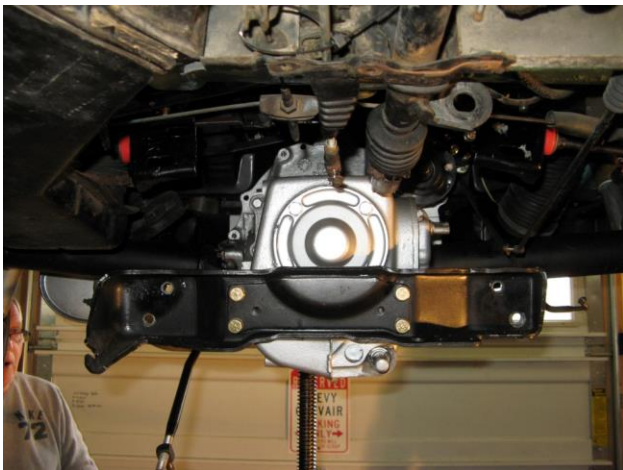
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New Penn Grade gear oil was pumped in, and the car was ready for a test drive.

The car now shifts like new and one more task was checked off the "To Do" list.

Another successful tech session/meeting that keeps our cars on the road.

If you have a Corvair that needs help let the newsletter editor know to put you on the schedule to host a meeting. Good weather is just around the corner and we are planning club activities that involve drives in our cars.



For more pictures of this and other tech sessions visit our [NVCC FB Page](#)

Check out this great video that Bob Marshall submitted about identifying bolts. It explains all about bolts, their rating and how to identify different grades, etc. This is critically more important these days with poor quality fasteners from overseas flooding the market.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhrBYBiSFKQ>

This Month's Featured Corvair

Not one but, once again, four Corvair's are featured this month. There were five Corvair's in total but Bob's Corsa was still in the garage. In the top photo its Fred's Spyder in the background, Mike's Spyder, the RnR Corsa, and Doug's EM.



Stan sent this picture. For those familiar with the Birchmere, you will know that it is a music venue in Virginia. As a brief history, the Birchmere opened its doors on April 4, 1966 as a restaurant. Music was added in 1975 with a concert space that held up to 200 people. Its original location was 2723 S. Wakefield St. in the Shirlington area of [Arlington, Virginia](#). It has moved locations several times and is still in business in Alexandria, VA.

Another great review of the new book "All Roads Lead To The Birchmere" and a nice story about the venue. Thank you to The Beacon Newspapers! Click photo below to read the story!



Legendary music hall still going strong | Beacon

An estimated three million or more fans have flocked to Alexandria's Birchmere over the last 56 years to see and hear artists like Ray Charles and Joan Baez, bluegrass stars like Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash, and lesser-known performers like...

Local Car shows throughout the DMV for 2022

The club is in the initial planning stages of some fun cruises, meet ups at local wineries and breweries, etc. The goal is to get some enthusiasm back into the club as well as bring exposure to the club and to Corvair's in general. People love our Corvair's so let's show them what we have. The meet ups will be club sponsored. If you have any thoughts on a scenic drive please let me know.

Now that the weather is starting to move into spring you should see some movement on cruises and meet ups.

Any other local shows, like Cars and Coffee (any location) would be a great way to showcase our Corvair's. Plus it doesn't take much time or planning to meet at a local show. Keep this idea in mind for when the weather gets better.

For Sale

All items came off of a 64 Vert. 5 wheels, 13" stock rims w/ Hancock Radial H714 185/80/13 90S and 3 bar wire wheel covers. Tires are in great shape, balanced and ready for use. They have 2409 date codes, spare is new but 4808 date code. The caps are not perfect but good driver quality in my opinion. These came with the car and ran them for the first year I had it running, on highway and twisties, and would run them all day still even with their age. Only took them off this year to run slots and wider tires. Also, welded dual mufflers from my 110. I only removed them to run trombones. Asking \$750 for wheels, and \$250 for mufflers.....plus the ride if needed. Located in Winchester VA. I can provide more pictures to those interested. Contact Jason Moore @ eastjmoore@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Five Clark's reproduction real wire wheels; four used with Maxxis 185/80-13 tires and one new in box. Four EM adaptors, two knockoffs and a lead hammer. One of the used wheels and one adaptor has damaged teeth and notches. 17-page PDF file with more details and many pictures available. Asking \$3000/obo. Located near Petersburg, VA. Contact Wade Lanning at wblanning@comcast.net, cell/text 804-586-1023.



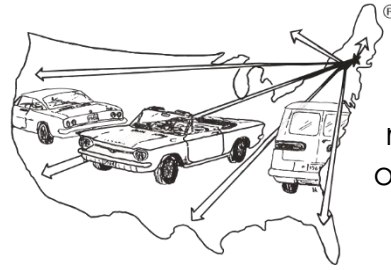
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Carpet for rear fold down seat black - \$25.00
Complete upholstery kit black 1964 pattern \$360.00) with foam (\$150.00)–
13 inch racing steering wheel black –
Oil pressure gauge - \$68.00
Oil pressure gauge installation kit - \$60.00
Voltage gauge - \$45.00
AM/FM radio - \$200.00
Early padded dash black - \$180.00
Vent handles right and left - \$20.00 each
1964 right wheel trim - \$35.00
Rear wheel cylinder - \$25.00
1966-69 rear engine lid emblem - \$15.00
Original AM radio - Reasonable offer
Early rear deck lid - \$75.00
Letters: CORVAIR – \$ 9.00 each
Corvair specific outdoor car cover new - \$155.00
Early model radio mount gray - Reasonable offer
15 inch alloy wheels 4 bolt pattern - \$25.00 each
Early model turn signal mechanism (Cancelling cam \$18.00, Switch \$22.00)
Early model door sills - \$90.00
Early door sill screws - \$4.00
Body by Fisher emblems - \$6.00 each
Pre-bent front brake line - \$25.00
Dome light base - \$10.00
Dome light lens - \$5.00
Gauge panel black - \$10.00
Battery disconnect - \$12.00
Early engine lid weather strip - \$30.00
Front carpet mats - \$40.00
Package area cardboard - \$45.00
110 HP air cleaner assembly - Reasonable offer
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Early model carburetors - Reasonable offer
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2022 Meeting Schedule

The next several in-person meetings will be determined by the weather and level of Covid

March 19th

Stan's Garage (aka DMV Tees)
2800 Dorr Ave Suite J
Fairfax, VA

Task at hand: Install exhaust system on his Spyder

April 16th

RnR Garage

Task at hand: Align the front end on Rumpy to get it to the final stage to tag, insure and test drive. It will be ready for cruising this year.

Treasurer's Report

Balance 02/01/22	\$4227.39
Dues	30.00
Balance 02/28/22	\$4257.39

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Remember, we have been given a special Corvair power. With that power comes responsibility. That responsibility is 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. Let's keep on driving them, fixing them and promoting them everywhere we go.