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The **HOT AIR MAIL** NVCC Club Door is Open.

Einstein introduced the concept of time as the fourth dimension, which meant that space and time were inextricably linked. A year ago, [February, 2022](#), we were here doing this; [CLICK HERE](#). Einstein's general theory of relativity suggests that space-time expands and contracts depending on the momentum and mass of the transmission that needed to be re-built in Bob's 1965 Corsa.

The February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting was a welcome(maybe not for Bob) time warp of the [2022 meeting](#) where we replaced his failing 4 speed transmission. Any excuse to get under this beautifully restored 1965 Corsa I say.



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The 2022 trans that we put in, developed a problem, so Bob sent the trans we took out in 2022 to be rebuilt and set up a February 2023 Club meeting at Fred's Garage to put it in using the same method of leaving the engine installed and dropping the Front of the drive train down to remove the transmission. Bob had brought a 1965(4 hole) trans to diff gasket with him and had to go back home for the correct(6 hole) 1966 trans to diff gasket. (His 65 Corsa has a 66 Transaxle in it.)



When I arrived at Fred's driveway I saw Bob backing down in Fred's truck to go get the gasket, so I pulled into the neighbors driveway to turn around. When I put my Saturn's manual transmission into reverse, the trans cable bushing broke and I could Not get it out of reverse. I had to get it towed by AAA. Thanks to a Saturn Forum, I found that a guy on eBay (saturnbushingman) makes a Delrin replacement bushing for \$20 and has a Lifetime warranty. Less than 30 minutes after getting the bushing I had it installed and was back on the road. *Shows the importance of Forums and Clubs.*

We had a good turnout of members to help out. Bob found that the left rear wheel bearing was loose and will need to be replaced. That would be the time to replace the 1965 short bolt yokes with 1966 long bolt yokes to match the 1966 differential in the Corsa.



A little persuasion was needed to separate the trans from the differential.





There were a total of 5 Corvairs in attendance.





We got another in person update on Gary's 1968 coupe rear window channel metalwork.

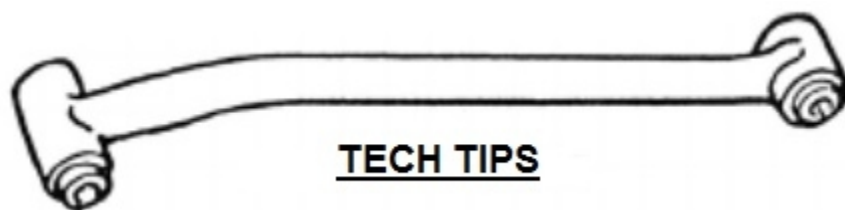


When Bob backed the car out of the garage, a bad gas leak was noticed. Turns out the brass fitting at the carb had hit the firewall and broke. This did not happen last time. Save of the day goes to Fred for *having* a replacement fitting. Bob got home OK. Meanwhile, I HAD TO BE TOWED. HA.

Thanks Fred for hosting!



Your Corvair Story could be here! [Contact your Editor](#).



### **Upgraded suspension parts for the LM by Brian Brooksby**

Here are the pictures of the complete LM suspension upgrade made by Nate Wolfe. I've driven his cars equipped with this set up and they handle like slot cars. I've received all the parts and they are top notch.

Front control rod replaced with adjustable Johnny joint. Front Lower arm greasable USA made ball joint, and spherical joint. Rear control arm with spherical bearing that no longer requires the small connecting rod as the control arm is locked down with no side to side movement.

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Your Corvair Tech Tip could be here! [Contact your Editor](#).



## For Sale Ad 1

Contact Jason Moore [eastjmoore@gmail.com](mailto:eastjmoore@gmail.com) for any of the following;  
All items came off of a 1964 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. Email me for prices. Located in Winchester VA. I can provide more pictures to those interested. [eastjmoore@gmail.com](mailto:eastjmoore@gmail.com)



## For Sale Ad 2



**1966 Corvair Monza Convertible**

Has a 140HP engine with a 4sp converted from original 110HP PowerGlide  
Corsa gauge set up with thermistor for guage.  
Runs great. Actual mileage is unknown.  
Original Windshield  
1 rust spot lower front fender, by door on each side.  
110 motor insignia on rear hood, Have 140 HP insignia.  
Updated to dual Master Cylinder.  
Electronic fuel pump.







Some spare parts can be included.  
Everything for front windshield replacement but WS.  
Runs great.  
Has the rare Accessory Wood Steering Wheel

Asking \$17,000.00  
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### For Sale Ad 3



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### Corvair Vendors and Service



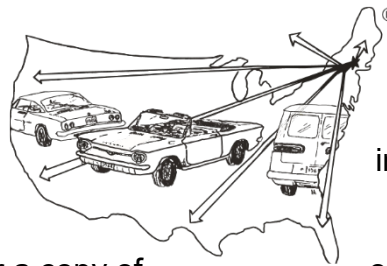
#### **Corvair Ranch, Inc.**

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## 2023 Meeting Schedule

\*Meetings start at 9:00 am unless noted otherwise.

### March 25<sup>th</sup>

Stan's Garage  
7703 Holmes Run Dr  
Falls Church, VA 22042

Project will be to try to get Mabel(the Ultra Van) running a little more smoothly.

### Events

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

rain or shine  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

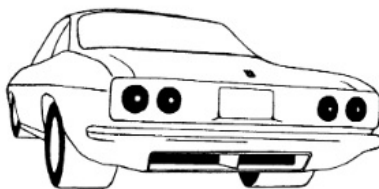
at the Egerton Farm  
2510 Community Drive  
Bath, PA 18014

**FREE** for sellers  
**FREE** for buyers  
**FREE** admission  
**FREE** parking

REFRESHMENTS (okay, they're not free)  
50-50 Raffle (that's not free, either)

Corvairs, Corvair Parts, and Corvair-Related items only, please.  
Sellers, bring your own tables or tarps or canopies.  
Buyers, bring cash!

See our Facebook page for details  
Lehigh Valley Corvair Club



*Current and Upcoming Events* listed on the CORSA Website can be found by [Clicking Here](#).  
You do not need to be a CORSA Member to view the Events.

### April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

CVCC holding a mini one day Corvair show with outdoor vendors (mini Vair Fair) on April 15th at the **Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg**. 3591 Lee Hill Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408 from 10 am to 3 pm. Bring your Corvair parts to sell or bring your Corvair to show! Swap meet FREE to vendors: 10 am - 3 pm. People Choices Show:

- FREE to enter your Corvair
  - Classes and awards for Best EM, Best LM, Best FC, Best of Show
  - Awards presented at 2 pm. Lunch: Pizza for sell per slice. Soft drinks & tea.
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**April 21-22, 2023**

Springfest Corvair Show,

Helen, GA. More info to be posted at [Corvair Car Show - Springfest in Helen \(corvairspringfest.com\)](http://Corvair Car Show - Springfest in Helen (corvairspringfest.com))

[www.patinatools.org](http://www.patinatools.org)

**2023 Annual Meeting:**



**Indoor Tool Sale 7AM, Tool Auction: 2PM March 11, 2023**

Fire Dept Auxiliary Hall, Lewis Drive, Damascus, MD 20872

**2023 Educational Program / Swap Meetings: ~8:30-1:30**

American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA

January 15, May 21, July 16, September 10, November 12

Contact: [Patina\\_Program\\_Director@patinatools.org](mailto:Patina_Program_Director@patinatools.org)

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

**Potomac Antique Tools & Industries Association**



Show updates;..Currently Friday August 18th. Welcome party and vendor sales, Saturday August 19th people's choice car display AM , road Rally PM with awards to follow, Sunday August 20th SCCA autocross Click the picture above to learn more.



# OUR 50TH ANNIV -2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

**SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH-** each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com)

**FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023**

**FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER-** if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

**LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE-** sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE-** check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

**CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES-** See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

**2023 SUPPLEMENT-** On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

**INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin-** We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

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## Treasurer's Report

Balance 01/31/23	\$4401.20
Income from Dues	\$89.71
Balance 02/28/23	\$4490.91

## Corvair LINKS

Corvair Society of America. Also known as CORSA <https://www.corvair.org/>





For More Pictures of everything Corvair related and past Club Meeting reports,

click here > [NVCC Facebook](#)

OR here for past HAM Newsletters.

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter220/ham/>

Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/northernvirginiacorvairs/>

Learn a lot on the Corvair Forum.

<https://www.corvaircenter.com/>

How to ID different Bolt Grades.

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

How to read tires.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQJ3D8iRvvc>

Hagerty Corvair Valuation.

[1965-69-chevy-corvair-values-are-rising-fast/](https://www.hagerty.com/corvair-values-are-rising-fast/)

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 collectible car. Let's keep on driving them, fixing them and promoting them everywhere we go. This next article shows why Corvair's need our help.

## **Other Club News**

This article by Rodney was published in the March 2023 issue of the VairCor newsletter from the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association.

### **Rust and Rodent Nests**

#### ***The tragic long-term demise of over six dozen Corvairs***

On Saturday, 25 February 2023, on the northeast edge of Carthage, Missouri, there was an Estate Auction. They were selling everything outside the house – shop tools and equipment as well as the cars, trucks, tractors, boats, motorcycles, etc. What got my attention was that the sale bill started out, "Approximately 80 Antique Corvair Cars, Trucks & Vans. No autos are running. All are for parts or salvage. Some have titles; majority do not." Being only 90 miles from me, my youngest Grandson and I had to go check it out.

After arriving at the auction site and getting my registration number, we proceeded to the field where the cars were parked. It became readily apparent that "parts or salvage" was almost an understatement.

The first nine attached pictures show the field of mostly Corvairs, with other makes mixed in. But even before you got this far, the first thing you saw after walking from the registration trailer toward the car field was the back half of an early model Monza coupe, including powertrain, sitting vertically in the mud. This was not a good omen. The front part was about 150' farther east.



Many of the Greenbriers and vans were being used for storage. The back and top of one wasn't being used for anything except as an umbrella for its long-removed engine.





Yes, they had a few cars that, in better days, would have been good parts sources – a couple of early Spyders and a late Monza 4-carb 140. There were also a couple of Lakewoods.

As I was making my tour, I kept three things in mind:

One, I learned many years ago that rodent urine and feces are highly corrosive to metal, especially aluminum. It was obvious as I walked around in that field that rodents had been inhabiting these cars for a very long time. On one '77 AMC Matador sedan that had the hood still down, I opened it just to check out the engine, and the entire engine compartment was one huge rat nest. I even surprised one of the large rodents still lying in the top of the nest, who promptly scurried back towards the firewall and down a nest hole above the left-front wheel well.

Two, the engines wouldn't turn. I brought a long box-end wrench with me and tried to rotate the crankshafts of most of the engines in the cars that still had them, especially the Spyders and 140. No luck.

And three, I wondered how many of these Corvairs were operational 'junk' when they arrived in the yard. It was looking like most of them were.

One of the cars listed in the sale bill was a "1961 Buick Skylark w/Aluminum V8 motor." I had read stories of how these engines made great Corv-8 conversions, so I was really interested in that non-Corvair. But when I got to it, the hood latch was jammed, and the hood wouldn't open. It probably hadn't been raised in many years. Remembering what I saw with the '77 Matador, I walked away. I didn't want to haul this car home, get the hood opened, then watch three generations of rodents scatter across my property.

So, after doing a fairly complete inspection and deciding I didn't really need any of these "parts", we left. The auctioneer was running late with the small stuff anyway, and I couldn't see hanging around three or four more hours for something I wasn't going to buy.

A truly interesting but disappointing afternoon. I've been interested in Corvairs since I read the first *Motor Life* preview story in the summer of 1959, and in the ensuing 64 years, I never dreamed one individual could mistreat so many Corvairs for so long.

## Next Club Meeting Location?

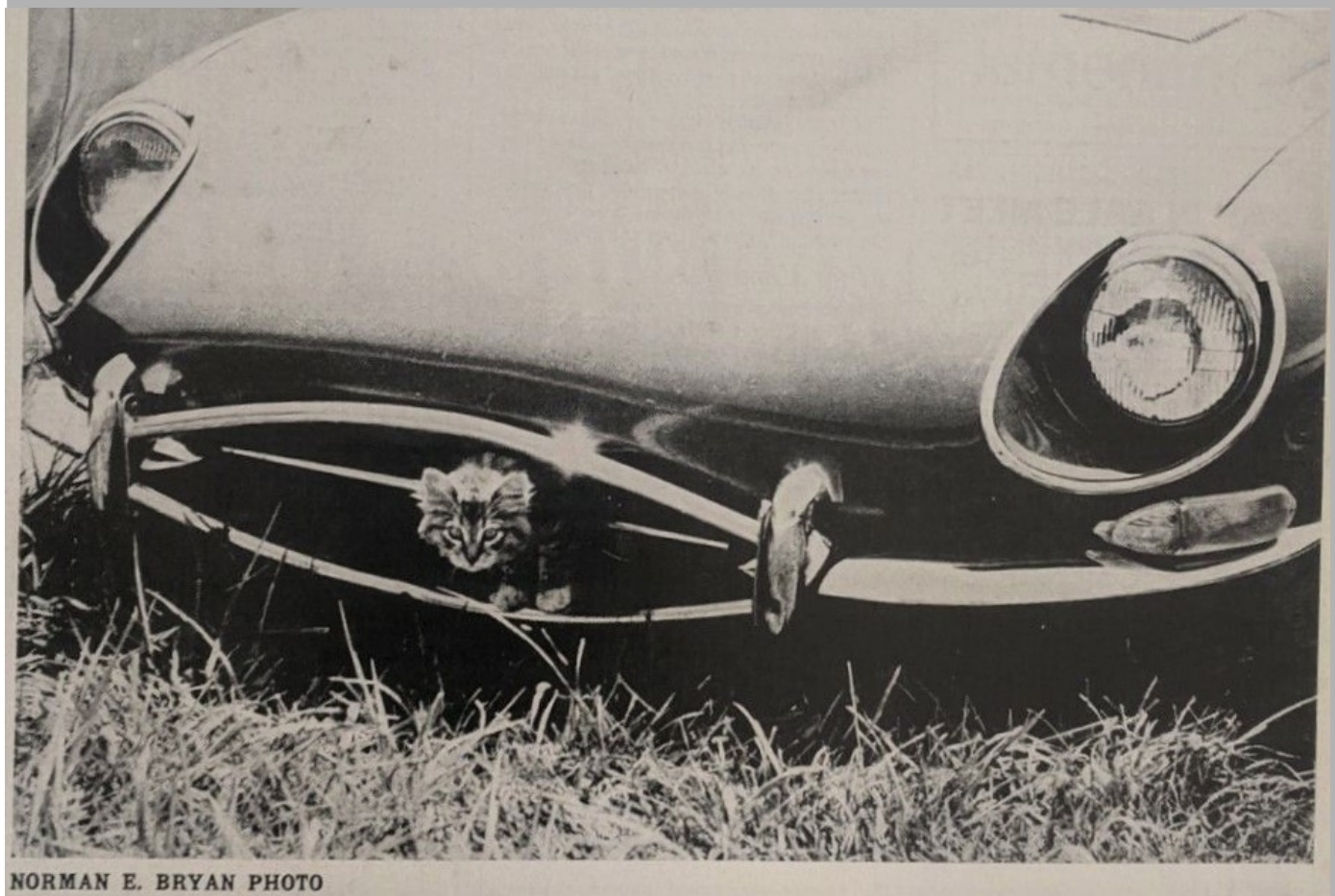
Because of the April 15<sup>th</sup> Event in **Fredericksburg**, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is open for a NVCC Meeting.

Good weather is just around the corner. If you have a Corvair that needs help, let the newsletter editor know to put you on the schedule to host a Club Meeting. We'll help you make your Corvair Purr...?





# PS



## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB**

A Chartered Chapter (220) of CORSA, The Corvair Society of America

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Family members to be included in Membership**

First Name	Last Name	Birthday (MM/DD)	Relationship

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Corvair Information**

Year of Car: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Conv or Coupe: \_\_\_\_\_

Transmission: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of CORSA? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues in NVCC are \$10 per family per year.  
Dues are due January 1**

As a member of NVCC, what type of events would you like to participate in:

Races: \_\_\_\_\_ Rallies: \_\_\_\_\_ Autocrosses: \_\_\_\_\_ Car Shows: \_\_\_\_\_ Tech Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this form and mail with dues payment to:  
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