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2025 COSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
MAY 20-23, 2025 — SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

Hosted by Central Coast COSA



Participating Chapters



## Convention Coverage



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# 2025 Convention Coverage

2025 CORSA Convention  
Final Activity Participation Counts

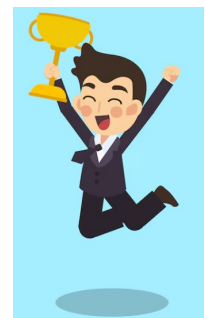
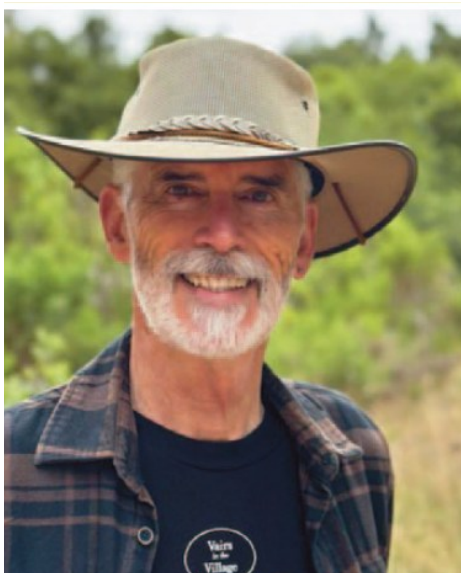
Event	Registered
Primary Registrant	238
Additional Adult	152
Child (under 18)	7
Badged Participants	397
Edward N. Cole Competition	8
Concours d'Elegance	42
Autocross-	35
Corvair Show-	93
Economy Run-	19
Rally -	34
Model Car Show-	9
Indoor Vendor Tables	27
Outdoor Swap Spaces	9
T-Shirt sold	156
Polo shirts sold	34
Banquet Dinner	216
Hearst Castle Tour	54
Craft: Paint a Puzzle	7

Corvanatics Members Who Participated  
in a Convention Event

Name	Event
Seth Emerson	Autocross
Eric Prosis	Autocross
Duane Wentlandt**	Autocross
Phil Dally	Autocross
Titus Stewart	Autocross
Val Doppenberg	Autocross
Craig Nichol	Concours
Matt DelVecchio	Concours
Duane Wentlandt**	Concours
Craig Nicol	Econo Run
Greg Walthour	Econo Run
Duane Wentlandt**	Ed Cole Award
Bill Muno**	Model Car Concours
Tony Lawler**	Car Display Top Ten
Christy Barden	Car Display Top Ten
Christy Barden	Rally
Greg Walthour	Rally
Tony Lawler**	Rally
Chris Hand**	Hard Luck Award

\*\* participated in an FC

Convention Co-chair  
Corvanatics Member Jim Pennell



## Concours



Duane Wentland- 1964 Greenbrier Van.  
98.37 Points: Gold Elevated to Senior



Matthew DelVecchio- 1965 Corsa Convertible.  
95.29 Points: Silver Award



Craig Nicol- 1966 Corsa Convertible.  
95.14 Points: Silver Award

## Model Car Concours

Bill Muno—Lego Rampside Diorama



## Hard Luck Award

Chris Hand



Chris Hand was recognized for getting to the convention in his van from Michigan with the Hard Luck Award. We appreciate the effort, Chris!

## 2025 CORSA Scholarship Winner Announced

We are pleased to announce that Ilan Walny of Bayside, Wisconsin is this year's winner of the \$500 Frank Winchell Memorial Scholarship and a second scholarship in the amount of \$500 which is funded by the Corvanatics Group. Ilan is the son of Eido Walny who is a member of the Milwaukee Corvair club as well as CORSA. Ilan will be attending The University of Minnesota Twin Lakes and will be studying Business Management. Congratulations Ilan, we know you will succeed in all your endeavors.

Eido Walny is a Corvanatics member. Congratulations to his son for winning both scholarship awards.

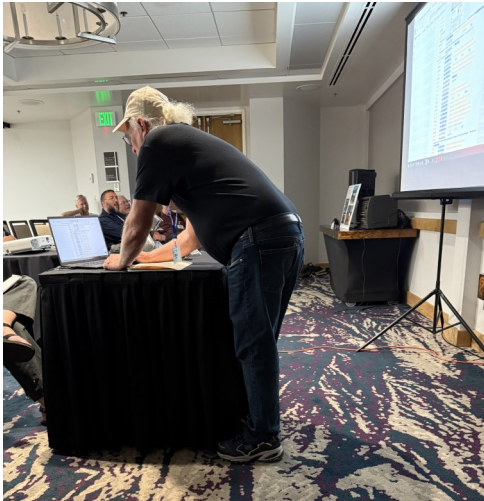




### Corvanatics Annual Meeting

Speakers: Dave Palmer—talking about Valvetta's long history.

Steve Spilatro—an in-depth talk about the history of the FC Registry and the new Registry certificates available to members (see [page 6](#))



**President's Choice Award**—Duane Wentlandt and his 1964 8-door Green-brier



Corvanatics set up in the indoor vendor area.

We signed up 6 new members and sold some Corvanatics merchandise, which can be purchased at any time from our website merchandise page here, <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/merchandise.php>





## Miscellaneous FC Photos (not all are member's)





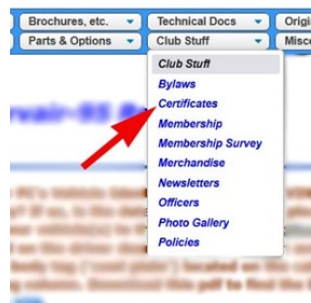
## Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates

Corvanatics is proud to offer Official Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates. These certificates are available only for Corvanatics club members and for vehicles recorded in the Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry. The certificates document and decipher the VIN, data plate, and engine ID codes, and are printed on high quality bond carrying an embossed gold Corvanatics seal, suitable for framing. Additional historical information can be included on the certificate at the discretion of the club historian and available space.



The certificates are available now at an introductory price.

### Corvair 95 light trucks



A single certificate: \$30

Each additional certificate: \$15

Shipping is included in the price.

Certificates make great gifts.

For more information and to order certificates go to the Certificate webpage at <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/RegisCert.php> or use the website navigation menu link shown to the left.

## Riding with the President—Ken Hand

Hi Everyone,

WOW! Summertime sure can get busy! Especially when you are incapacitated like I am for a while. I had a heel spur removed and the Doc says 5-6 months total recovery time. I am only now, after 6 weeks able to walk for a short way. All it does is slow me down.

Anyway, at the Board of Directors' Zoom meeting we talked about the Facebook AI (artificial intelligence) option. We are going to see what happens with it and how people react. We also talked about the goals of the social media committee. There were some really good ideas like informing the public about the club, getting new younger members involved and things like that. We are also looking into a Corvanatics YouTube channel, but we need content. Rob Amsler is in charge of that as part of the social media committee. We are also thinking about doing the virtual car show again. That seemed to work pretty well before, but it was a lot of work for a couple of people.

Next, we talked about how the meeting went at the Convention. I was not able to attend at the last minute due to my wife just getting out of the hospital. We talked about bringing back the member appreciation award. There are some of us that have gotten them in the past, way past. They were laser cut from wood then. But I don't think the person doing that is around anymore. We are exploring other avenues like maybe something 3D printed.

Finally, a possible officer definition update was discussed. It was decided to add it into the Policy and Procedures, which defines officer duties in more detail than the by-laws do. This would include having some "perks" for the chapter officers to encourage others to run for office. Being an officer is not hard work and is sort of fun helping to guide the club in the right direction. All you need is some common sense. Hopefully, you will start seeing some articles from some of the other Directors.

Happy FC'ing, Ken Hand, Handy Car Care, 248-613-8586, [www.corvairmechanic.com](http://www.corvairmechanic.com), [vairmech@aol.com](mailto:vairmech@aol.com)





# Found on Facebook

Pictures of our members/their vehicles randomly found posted on Facebook

Visit the [Corvanatics—Corvair Trucks & Vans](#) Facebook group

Scott Tom—new member's  
new Rampside



Doreen Prucha—new member's  
Corvan mail truck



Jeff Sandor



Brenda Dood



Curt Sherrill



Nick Richter





# More Found on Facebook

**Gary Swiatowy**



**Michael Bednarchuk**

First drive-in movies of the year. Drove the Rampside it has the best heat.



**R.B. Dorran**

Finally made it to my first car show in many moons. Great fundraiser for a local family whose boy contracted cancer. Nice turnout with a diverse and eclectic cars, tru is and motorcycles. It's always nice when a community comes together.



**Tim Colson**

Here are pictures asked for of my Rumpy bed cover. It is made of oak soaked in preservative after assembly. This design needs no rear latch. I used a hood pin centered in front. Front flip's back for tall loads such as furnace, file cabinets transmitters etc. Marine canvas guy did the cover with HD canvas.



**Eva McGuire**



**Dean Gemberling**



# From the Secretary & Newsletter Editor

by Molly Bacon

Hi all,

**WOW!** What a couple of months. Chris and I did an 8-day Route 66 tour. Unfortunately, somewhere in Arizona, I caught a respiratory bug I have not been able to shake. Though sick, I really enjoyed meeting new people and signing up the new members. I will continue to work on getting better to keep up with registry certificates and other chapter business.

## Since the last newsletter :

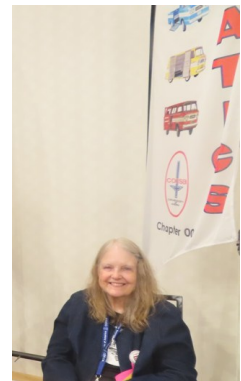
336 members

8 new members

6 members renewed their dues

2 members dropped

Editor



## WELCOME !! to our new members

**Ulysses Argenta** CA 1964 Green brier

**Dwain Carter** MT lots of FCs

**Chris Breen** CA looking for a Greenbrier

**Scott Tom** AZ Rampside

**Tony Lawler** CO 2- 1963 Rampside

**Scott Howey** CA 1961 Rampside

**Doreen Prucha** IL 1963 Corvan

**Titus Stewart** FL 1964 Rampside, 1965 Greenbrier

## Dues Expiring

Easily renew online <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/membership.php>

**You will not be penalized for paying early, your due month stays the same.**

### Due in July

Paul Alford	Tom Downs
Jerry Brown	Greg Czopek
Nolan Grant	Lance Fontello
Reese Hill	Richard Hall
Ralph Loewinger	Jeff Wilsman
William Ramsden	Dave Todd
Mark Tucker	

### Due in August

Jerry Aurdorf	Andrew Baca
Robert Bentz	Robeert Brown
David Brown	Dick Dean
Brenda Dood	Spencer Duffey
Nick Ford	Ray Fuenzalida
Raven Hand	Robert Marlow
Roger Moody	Bill Muno
Paul Sergeant	Michael Slotwinski
Ed Thompson	Richard Warren

### Due in September

Scott Allison	John Amen
JC Ash	Duane Baker
Jon Buck	Elaine Durden
Bill Fenemore	Brent Jacobson
Jeff Kent	Eddie Meadows
Lynda Neuner	Donald Phillips
Arden Robinette	Bill Rudolph
Scott Saint	Odin Turner
William Vecchioni	Ken Zindel

### Due in October

Scott Akrie	John Bailey
Benny Bonaminio	Billy Cannon
Terry Dumerauf	Gary Duncan
Anthony Gervasio	Randy Howell
Joseph Lipiner	Joel McGregor
Steve Morton	Joseph Murphy
Timothy Palmer	Simon Pike
Greg Schupfer	Larry Sherwood
Linda Steiner	Corbin Tayloe
Mark Thompson	Edward Warzee

The Winner Is  
**David Iwanicki**

**\$10 Clark's Gift Certificate**

Remember, you can only win if your dues are current



## Corvanatics PR Update – July 2025

Rod Murray, Corvanatics BOD

Hello Members,

I hope everyone's enjoying their FCs in the warm weather. I've been doing my share of tinkering, but I've also been driving the Greenbrier for local errands and as a work commuter 2–3 times per week—only about 8 miles each way, but it's an easy wring-out distance as I've worked through a bunch of recent fixes following last summer's failed attempt to drive to Dayton for the convention. Main things have included a complete electrical and fuel system refresh, including swapping a bad Flamethrower electronic ignition for points and installing Craig Nichol's electric fuel pump (awesome package!). I also resolved a sloppy steering column (I was missing a few critical parts!), did some vinyl upholstery repair, and recently installed a gas strut on my hinged engine lid to make opening and closing a bit easier (which also meant finding a smaller spare tire for the standard rear-mount location—175/70R14 clears the lid, but does rub a smidge).

I've posted some of these (mis)adventures on our FB page. In late June, I drove a little farther to attend our local Western PA Corvair Club picnic, and I'm planning an hour-plus drive up toward Erie, PA to see my old pal (and Corvair guru) John Sweet soon. If all goes well, "drive anywhere" confidence will be restored.

There's still plenty more tinkering to do, including finding a wiper ground gremlin and installing 4-way flashers, a new headliner kit, and a rear seat table... maybe even a new stereo. The tinkering is fun; the looks, honks, smiles, and thumbs-up never get old; the destinations give me a reason; but for me, just driving and showing off the van to anyone who wants a closer look is always my favorite part.

On to some business updates...

### Social Media Committee

We've been developing some general goals and guidelines for using social media to promote the club and raise awareness of Corvair FCs—particularly beyond our core Corvair community. Everything seems pretty straightforward, and items will likely be up for discussion and vote at our next BOD meeting for inclusion in our Policies and Procedures. In addition to our well established Corvanatics Facebook Group, we're refreshing our YouTube Channel efforts and are finally establishing a presence on Instagram. I'm also happy to share that new BOD member Michael Hill has agreed to oversee our Social Media team. Thanks, Mike!

### 3D Printing Solutions

A recent FB Group thread featured several 3D print solutions for things like engine firewall holes, butchered dashes, longer oil filler spouts, Chevrolet script emblems, and more—all great stuff. Anyone else using 3D prints for FC fixes? Visit our FB page and search for "3D."

A bonus for me was connecting virtually with FC fan and skilled 3D printer Alex Becker, who's offered to assist the BOD with creating some TBD Member Appreciation Awards. Thanks Alex!

### Club Store Merch

Don't forget—our Corvanatics stores are open with lots of great merchandise, highlighted by exclusive member items and "Members Only" pricing. When's the last time you got a new Corvanatics shirt or hat? <https://corvanatics.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

### Member Connections

The BOD is envisioning a new, ongoing concept to connect with each and every member via email and/or phone at least once a year as a courtesy check-in and thank you. This idea was predicated by my calling a few members last year unexpectedly—and completely catching them off guard. One told me, "No one besides Molly (Bacon) has ever contacted me for anything."

To me, that's a red flag we need to address. Our club can and should be more than that for our members. Fortunately, once these members realized I was legit, great conversations followed. Stay tuned!

### BOD Perks

To increase member interest in running for Corvanatics club office—and to recognize the time and effort our elected volunteers contribute—I've proposed a few new perks for BOD members, including free club membership and convention fee coverage during their terms. These will be discussed and voted on at our next BOD meeting.

(Note: This is not self-serving as my BOD term is nearly up, but I think it's an important step for the club moving forward.)

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## AI (artificial intelligence) Is Here!

Like it or not, AI is now part of our daily lives. From your car and phone to your TV, credit cards, and more—it's everywhere, usually behind the scenes. AI is powerful, capable, and yes, potentially creepy... but not inherently bad. Our awareness of its presence is our best defense against misuse. In fact, At its best, AI can be a fun and helpful tool. A few examples...

1) If you're a member of our FB Group, you may have seen our new AI feature, FCee, designed to promote general group discussion and assist members with relevant info on active topics. FCee is not positioned as an expert, and its participation has sparked positive member conversation. The BOD has agreed to keep FCee active on the page (for now) while closely monitoring its performance. We welcome your feedback—but please be specific. "AI sucks" won't cut it. Share your experiences so we can guide things forward. If FCee isn't performing, we can and will disable it.

2) My day job is now using AI tools for content creation—including graphic design and document prep. Learning these tools at work has allowed me to apply them to some fun AI-generated FC "What If's". Some aren't bad, some are train wrecks. I'll share some in upcoming newsletters and online. If you're experimenting with AI too, please share your results with us!

3) Lastly, what if I told you this entire article was proofed and polished by ChatGPT (aka AI)? Not bad, right?

As always, it's the little things that make the biggest difference. Our cool, unique vehicles—no matter their condition—might be the eye candy, but your smile and friendly interaction are still the best marketing tools we have. Every one of you is a promotional asset for both our club and our FCs. Own those moments!

Have fun with your FC!



## Stock Was . . . FC Seat Belts, cont. . . . Summary Tables By Steven Spilatro Corvanatics Historian

**Table 1. Availability of Optional and Standard Equipment Seat Belts**

Time Period	Factory Standard belt available	RPO belt(s) available	Seat Belt delete option
1961 model year	Accessory belt only		
1962 model year	No	FOA 148	N/A
1963 model year	No	RPO A37	N/A
<u>1964 model year</u>			
Sept, 1963	No	RPO A37	N/A
Oct 1, 1963	No	RPOs A20 or A37	N/A
Nov 15, 1963	No	RPOs A20, A37 or A49	N/A
Jan 1, 1964	Yes	RPOs A37 or A49	RPO A62
Feb 1, 1964	Yes	RPO A49	RPO A62
1965 model year	Yes	RPO A49	RPO A62

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**Table 2. Seat belt part numbers**

Year	Seat belt	Model	Front left and right	Supplemental
1961	Accessory	All FCs	988375	988375
1962	FOA 148	Greenbrier	3814638 <sup>#</sup>	
	Accessory	All FCs	985357*	985180
1963	RPO A37	Greenbrier	3826837 <sup>#</sup>	
	Accessory	All FCs	985511*	985541
1964	Standard/RPO A20	Greenbrier	3856010	
	RPO A37	Greenbrier	3841290	
	RPO A49	Greenbrier	3984189	
	Accessory (standard)	Greenbrier		986031
	Accessory (deluxe)	Greenbrier	985835	985842
	Accessory (standard)	R10	986081	
	Accessory (deluxe)	R10	985842	985842 <sup>‡</sup>
1965	Standard front	Greenbrier	3856010 (1 <sup>st</sup> design) 3870578 (2 <sup>nd</sup> design) <sup>\$</sup>	
	RPO A49	Greenbrier	3984189	
	Front center (deluxe)	Greenbrier	3870590 <sup>@</sup>	
	Rear (deluxe)	Greenbrier	3841307 <sup>@</sup>	
	Accessory (standard)	Greenbrier		986093
	Accessory (deluxe)	Greenbrier	986368	986306

<sup>#</sup> 1962 & '63 P&A catalogs list colored front and supplemental seat belts for Greenbrier

\* In 1962 &amp; '63 fawn seat belts are also listed for R10.

<sup>‡</sup> 1964 Accessories Installation Manual specifies 985835 for Rampsides.<sup>\$</sup> The change in the 2<sup>nd</sup> design is unclear, but could be the addition of seat belt use instructions to the back of the buckle, as occurred for other vehicle lines.<sup>@</sup> The P & A catalog inclusion of factory part numbers for the center and rear seat belts is surprising since these were strictly accessory items.

*Gene Brier  
&  
his buddy "FC"*



HAPPINESS IS FINDING A CASE OF NEW REAR  
WHEEL BEARING FOR FCs ...AT A GARAGE SALE!



# Corvan - Antics - thru the years

Steve Spilatro - Historian

## 50 years ago, Corvan - Antics, July-August 1975

No newsletter was published for Jul-Aug 1975.

## 40 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 13-4, July-August 1985



"... Factoring in drag coefficient, wind velocity, tire inflation, temperature, condition of road, barometric pressure, odometer error and drive train lag, ... my preliminary calculations indicate I was not speeding ..."

## 30 years ago, Corvan - Antics, July-August 1995

No Newsletter was published for July-August 1995.

## 20 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 33-4, July-August 2005

TOTALLY NEW  
**CORVAIR**  
95 MODELS



The cover of this edition paid homage to the old-fashion rituals of buying a new car, which involved visiting the different dealerships with flashy new model ad campaigns and collecting sales brochures adorned with hand-drawn artwork and choices of available options. Not so in today's mega dealerships, where available vehicles can be inspected online and options are on a "what's on the lot is what you get" basis.

## 10 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 43-3, May-June 2015

"Riding with President" introduced the new Corvanatics President, Chris Nickel, grandson of the previous president, John Nickel. Chris was elected president at that year's convention and, at age 18, is likely to remain the record holder for the youngest holder of the office. It was a one-term presidency.



 **SAVE THE DATE!** 



The 2026 CORSA Convention is being presented by four clubs:

- Mid-Maryland Corvair Club
- Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club
- Group Corvair
- Northern Virginia Corvairs

We hope that you will join us for what is gearing up to be the biggest and best convention to be held on the East Coast! Come join in the fun and the history of Gettysburg- tour the battlefields, take a ghost tour, and dine at historic restaurants!

You can even visit wineries, tour car museums, and even spend time at the world-famous Hershey chocolate factory and the fun-filled HersheyPark.

Like the country life? Gettysburg is a short hour drive from the heart of the Amish communities in Lancaster PA where you'll find fantastic dining and shopping.



What's the schedule of events? Take a look at what we have planned:

- Monday, June 22nd: Welcome Party
- Tuesday, June 23rd: Concourse
- Wednesday, June 24th: Road Rally
- Thursday, June 25th: Autocross
- Friday, June 26th: Econo-Run
- Friday, June 26th: Banquet and Awards

Tours, technical sessions, and other fun and exciting activities and events are in the works!

Mark your calendars and start planning to

**"See You There in Your 'Vair!"**





## Steve's FC Parts Mart

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Upper \$60  
Lower \$30

**Side Door Bumpers (2)** \$14

**Rear Door Bumpers (2)** \$20

**Door jamb bumpers (4)** \$20

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**Hinge Grommets**  
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Rear door - \$23

**Front door Check-arm grommets** \$14

**Ramp Gate Pin Guide, Core Rebuild** - \$50

**Weatherstrip Corners** - \$12

**FC Floor Mats -black:**  
cab - \$225  
center - \$400  
rear - \$285  
colored + \$25

**Battery Comp'mnt Lid Retainer** - \$24

**Gas Filler Grommet** \$29

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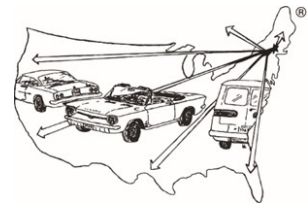
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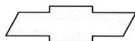
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For advertising in the newsletter, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer. Members can have a free small ad in the newsletter. Display advertising is also available at the following rates:

- Full page \$25
- Half page: \$15
- Quarter page: \$10
- Business card (2" x 3.5"): \$5
- Photos for ads are \$6 each and can be color or black/white

Please submit print-ready or typed copy and pre-payment to the Secretary/Treasurer. Authorization and payment must be received prior to each issue. All ads must be Corvair-related.

Deadline for publication is the 15th of February, April, June, August, October or December.

**Awards**

Old Cars Golden Quill Intermediate Sized Region Chapter Award - 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, & 2002

CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award - 2023 2nd place, 2020 1st place, 2019 2nd place, 2018 2nd place, & 2015 3rd place

**Reminder:**

With the newsletter only being published bi-monthly, it is not practical to publish advertisements of vehicles or parts for sale. Too often they sell before publication date frustrating potential buyers. With so much online, the best bet for selling is either eBay, Facebook, or the ever-popular Corvair forums, Corvair Center and Corvair Forum. Thanks for your understanding.

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