



Prairie Capital Corvair Association

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The Flat Six

April 2014

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From the President

Spring is officially here and today, as I write this note, it will be a nice Spring day. Just in time for it to turn cold again. Brrr. The long term forecast for a Taylorville tour looks good, fingers crossed.

Bill Berta has made arrangements for a grand Taylorville tour for the PCCA April meeting date. From model airplanes to antique automobiles, everyone should find something to enjoy. And yes, there will be food. Bill also made arrangements for a lunch at a nice restaurant with a room just for PCCA. That's the good news. The not so good news is that you still have to pay for you own lunch.

Dollars. It only costs a few dollars to be a member of PCCA, just \$18 (family rate) for a whole year. Have you renewed your membership? If not, you are past due. PCCA has a lot of fun activities on the schedule with more being added. I suspect, like usual, we will have too many activities to fit into the typical weekend allocated for such things. Pick and choose is a good thing.

My Daily driver will be on the road again soon, waiting for one more spring rain to remove all the salt on the road. I'll drive the red coupe to Taylorville rain or shine, I think. I enjoy the modern comforts of my winter car, but am ready to have some fun driving my Corvair. Taylorville will surely satisfy that need for a fun day.

Happy Corvair-ing everyone. Tim Mahler



Half the meeting room from the president's perspective



Out in the parking lot

Calendar of Events - 2014

Meeting Location – Is the Rochester Community Building located off Il Route 29 in Rochester Illinois.
The community building is on the east end of Rochester at #1 Community Drive.
PCCA Home Page may be found at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter627>

2014 Calendar

April 12 PCCA Tours to Taylorville

- Model Airplanes, Lunch/Meeting, Car Museum, Ice Cream

For those wanting to caravan from Rochester to Taylorville, we will meet at the Community building at 9:00am with a 9:15 departure time.

For those wanting, or needing, to meet along the way, here are the addresses and times

10 a.m. Airport, 1501 S. Spresser St.

1:30 p.m. Car museum, 222 West Main St.

11:30 a.m. Round Table Café, 102 E Park St.

Tastee Treet N. Cheney St. (No St. # available) It's just across from Arby's and Bob Riding's.

April 18-19 **Springfest hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvair Club, and Queen City Corvair Club at The Festhalle in Helen, Georgia** Hospitality Party, Concours, Peoples Choice, Valve Cover Races, Friday Auto Cross (1pm), Swap Meet, Awards Banquet Saturday, tech session, ladies and girls activities, drive around north Georgia, 50/50, raffle for prizes, Saturday Pancake breakfast and more

May 10 **PCCA travels to the Pekin/Peoria area for what has become the annual northern picnic and Corvair Display.** Recent years PCCA has been at the Mineral Springs park in Pekin. Arrangements are still being made at this time, so stay tuned for further developments.

June 14 **PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building. 2-4 p.m.**
An interesting presentation on "Exploring the country by railcar" has been arranged.

July 12, 2014 **Scheduled PCCA Meeting date, Rochester Community Building.** Decatur - Chevrolet Museum, arranged by Bob Gwin

July 21-25 **2014 CORSA International Convention, Tacoma Washington.** Hosted by Corvanatics with events centered around the LeMay Automobile Museum. Host hotel is Hotel Murano, \$109/night

[Http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/files/Convention](http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/files/Convention)

August 11 Illinois State Fair, Corvair Display (Date is a Monday; also Senior Day)

September 6 Secretary of State Auto Show. Downtown Springfield
PCCA Meeting at the show

Sept 30-Oct 4 Great Plains Round-Up. Mini-convention. Branson Mo.
Hosted by Heart of America Corvair Owners Assn
HACOA's 50th anniversary



For more Corvair Events Check the calendar on the CORSA Web site: www.corvair.org
Upcoming events are now on the home page, left side. Click on Events to see other future events.

March Collector Meeting

pictures by Shelby Berta with a few contributed by Tim

POGO Returns! And the collection is bigger and better than ever. I can appreciate Dick Moon's love affair with the comic strip Pogo. The whole cast is both interesting and fun. Dick has added a few items to the collection since last we saw it. Some new items are indeed new – a set of books recently published containing several years of the famed comic strip. Some new items were old - a comic book with some interesting autographs on the inside cover. Thanks Dick.

Neta was next up with a collection of lighthouses and lighthouse memorabilia. The items included souvenirs from those lighthouses as well as items given as gifts. I think Neta had to stand guard over some of the artwork on display. I know I wanted to borrow a few for my walls.

Next up is a perennial favorite of mine, and many other PCCA members. Shelby Berta's collection of antique clothes. Shelby's collection of women hats, bonnets, and dresses from the late 1800s to early 1900s is quite impressive. More impressive is that Shelby has also collected a lot of information about the clothes items in her collection. The stories behind the clothes fascinate me. My poor memorial for historical details also means I get to enjoy the same story over and over again. Maybe that is why I enjoy the collections meetings so much.

This year, Shelby brought stories along with a bonnet from the 1850s, black, not elaborate decorated; a much more elaborated decorated hat, light in color from the 1880s and a hat from the 1940s with fox fur for decoration. Each served its purpose not just in a different time period but also for a different clientele simple in decor. Shelby had a few other items on the table, including another hat on top of a hat box, a pair of gloves and a fan.

Bill Berta brought one of those collections that most of us don't think as "one of our collections" until we sit down and think about it. Bill had a set of Christmas ornaments given to Bill and Shelby over the years from a co-worker where Shelby once was employed. The ornaments were all from Washington DC – those



offered as the official White House Christmas ornaments. The set included a few depicting the Supreme court. Each ornament has a historical connection to a past president and the White House, with a story book describing the connection, history.

Thelma Mckenzie, interesting enough, continued the historical, memory lane theme of the day. Thelma cleverly concealed her collection under a box. Under the box was a collection of memories in the form of Car Show Dash Plaques. Thelma related how the dash plaques, as one flipped through the photo album of plaques, brought back fond memories from past events. The book contained mostly dash plaques from CORSA and CORSA NC shows but did include one special dash plaque from England, a Rolls Royce Car Show dash plaque.

The next collection I believe was that of Paul Skeans. My first thought was the Polaroid cameras were back, but I was wrong. It was/is a very nice collection of cameras but not of the instant variety but the old fashion take it to the developer film type. The cameras ranged from the simple box cameras to the instant cameras of the 70s and 80s. This included some very expensive, for the time especially, cameras that only professionals, and truly dedicated photographers would be able to afford. Paul provided some interesting historical information for some of the cameras.

Next on the list broke from the historical theme, kinda. Like the Dash plaques, memories were being collected but the events are still new so it doesn't feel that way, yet. Tim Mahler, writing this story as well, brought a collection that shows the reason he missed the first two meetings of the year. Finishers medals for many of the Marathons he has run over the past 2 years. The medals are given to all participants who finish the 26.2 miles of a marathon. In the collection were medals from Boston, Little Rock and Mobil to name a few. Tim also displayed a few of his 1/43rd scale Corvair models.

Back to history, Sue Biggs brought a wedding dress that was hand made. Pictures in the printed copy of the newsletter likely will not show the details in the stitching, so I suggest viewing the newsletter online. The dress included a long train.

Garry Biggs finished the history lesson with a miscellaneous collection of toys. A random sampling of items each with a story to tell. The stories became more interesting as Garry was able to add historical information about the manufacturer as well as the toy itself. The toy rifle shot a puff of air to "pop" a strip of paper, some details about the plastic modes used for the various toys, some history about the toy mascot used



in a food chains commercials. Even a pogo character made an appearance to bring the collection presentation around full circle.

I must confess, I really enjoy the collection meeting. The stories and presentations are always interesting. Many of the stories would be much longer, I am sure, with a little encouragement.

Next month, April, PCCA will travel to see a few collections – model Airplanes and Full Size collector cars. The stories behind those collections will be very interesting. Bill brought a newspaper article on the airplane that provided a glimpse in just how enjoyable the tour will be. OK, if the collections don't do it, the good food at the Round Table followed by Ice Cream (Ice Cream!) should.



April PCCA Tour to Taylorville

April 12th is the date PCCA members are on the road to Taylorville, IL for a full day of activities.

We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Taylorville Municipal Airport. There our host will be John M. McClure. John is a retired insurance and real estate representative, who has a keen interest in aviation. He calls himself an "airplane nut" and shares his interests while discussing his experiences flying planes, past associations with fellow pilots, and now collecting and maintaining his 260+ scale model planes, pictures and other aviation memorabilia. His collection is on permanent display at the airport. With his outgoing personality and enthusiasm, it should be a most interesting session. He's interested in having our group attend with the Corvairs to the point that he has plans to have the media arrive at the airport for pictures and maybe an interview. So if your Corvair is ready for the season, plan to drive it on April 12th.



At about 11:30, we will head to the Round Table Café north of the square for a group lunch in a reserved room and our monthly meeting.

After lunch Cars of Our Dreams automotive museum will be our next destination at 1:30 p.m. Larry Sutton, a local funeral director, has acquired a collection of antique and collectable cars over the years and houses them in a remodeled former auto agency just off the town square. Some PCCA members may remember our visit to this private museum several years ago, where we had a good time visiting Larry and Bill Durham, his mechanic who services all the cars regardless of their make or age. For those who did not make the last visit, you should find it a very interesting afternoon.

No motor trip is complete unless there is a dessert (ice cream) to wrap things up, so as we leave Cars of Our Dreams it's a stop at the Tastee Treet on the west side of town for an appropriate refreshment (think lemon cone – a specialty) just before we all head home, having completed our full day of activities.

For those who would like to convoy as a group leaving from the Springfield area on Saturday morning, meet at the Rochester Community Building at 9:00 a.m. The group will leave at 9:15 a.m. for the Taylorville airport.

Bill Berta

The following are the addresses for our destinations on the tour for use in your coming events schedule:

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1:30 p.m. Car museum, 222 West Main St.

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Auction News

Russo and Steele Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ Jan 15-19, 2014 as reported in OCW March 20, 2014

1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa 2 door convertible, turbo. condition 3 \$21,825

Silver Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ Jan 17, 2014 as reported in OCW March 13, 2014

1962 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 2 door convertible, 4sp, 102hp condition 4 \$ 6,000

Dues are now due!



MARCH 1, 2014

Prairie Capital Corvair Association (PCCA)

Membership Application

(Dues are for one year: Mar.-Feb.)

Type of Membership Single _____ \$15
 Family _____ \$18 (2 adults at one address plus children under 18)

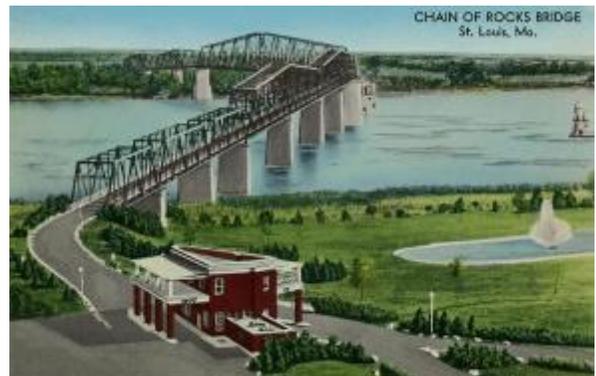
Name _____ Spouse/ 2nd Adult _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 Corsa # _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 eMail Address _____
 Cars, Corvair and other _____
 Other interests _____

PCCA strongly encourages membership in CORSA Do you want/need information about CORSA? Y / N
Return this completed application and dues to: Jim Allen, Treasurer, 4130 N Timber Cir., Peoria, IL 61614

Developing news – Photo Op and tour on the Chain of Rocks bridge

The note below is from Mike Hall. The PCCA board has agreed to participate. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Richard (Boxdorfer) has been working on the bridge tour where we get a photo shoot on the bridge ,but the dates are filling up fast. We will get 30 minutes tops on the bridge for \$5 per car, or \$200 for a larger group, So getting another couple of clubs to go in with us and get there ten minutes for photo shoots would help on the costs, but also would leave us less time on the bridge, so I am thinking we might be better off with the \$5 per car route. June 21 and June 28 are available to us, but we need to act fast. So please think about this and get back to me (mrhvair@aol.com) or Richard (onebyusa@sbcglobal.net) and let us know which date you think will work for SMCC. I will also send to PCCA and see if we can get some of the Springfield Club to attend as well. If we do this on the 28th we could replace our meeting with this event, and add a few more things to do and make it a corvair driving day. Also we could do the same by having it a week earlier, but I know that everyone is busy and may have the 21st date already booked up. This will be a great time, and a super opportunity for some great photos, Were trying for the Cover of the Communique with this one folks.



Car and Parts for Sale/Trade

AVAILABLE FOR FREE: Bill Pierson is cleaning his garage. Bill has lots of used parts available, mostly for earlies, some late items Contact Bill to see if he has something you just gotta have. billpier39@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Four P185/80 P13 tires and wheels - \$100 or best offer – Four hubcaps for 1964 Corvair - \$40 or best offer
Lon Roberts 309-472-5737 lonrularob@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1965 Monza 110 yellow convertible black top and interior 85,300 miles, 4 spd, new battery, asking; \$6,000
Norman Stivers Forsyth, IL phone: 217-877-4763

Prairie Capital Corvair Association - **Electronic Board of Directors Meeting, Mar. 3-5, 2014** Report

Board members participating in correspondence: At-large members: Bill Berta, Richard Boxdorfer, Mike Hall, Bud Laubach Chapter President: Tim Mahler. All at-large members participated; a quorum was met.

March 3: President Tim Mahler sent an e-mail to Board members and officers. It included an agenda for a proposed March 8 Board meeting with votes needed on kitchen usage and the April program.

March 4: President Mahler sent an e-mail to Board members and officers. He had received information that a quorum would not be possible on March 8. Information for April and June programs had been received. He asked for votes (Yeah or Nay or Present) on the following: 1) Should PCCA contract to use the Kitchen on a monthly basis at the additional cost? 2) Programs -- next three months -- Are these programs OK?

a) April - Tour to Taylorville model aircraft display, lunch, auto museum

b) May - Picnic and Corvair Exhibit Pekin

c) June - Presentation that Jim Allen has arranged at Rochester.

March 4 and 5: Bill Berta, Richard Boxdorfer, Mike Hall, Bud Laubach voted against renting the kitchen and in favor of the programs for April, May and June.

March 5: President Mahler declared the electronic meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Theлма McKenzie

Theлма McKenzie, Board of Directors Scribe

Prairie Capital Corvair Association - **Electronic Board of Directors Meeting, Mar. 17-18, 2014** Report

Board members participating in electronic correspondence: At-large members: Bill Berta, Richard Boxdorfer, Mike Hall, Bud Laubach; Chapter President: Tim Mahler. A quorum was established.

President Tim Mahler sent an e-mail to Board members and officers on March 17. It requested votes on two topics and proposed a date for the next Board meeting.

Topics Covered and Action Taken:

PROGRAMS: Board approved the following programs by a unanimous vote.

July 12 Decatur's Chevrolet Museum visit

August 11 Illinois State Fair Corvair Display

September 6 Secretary of State Antique Vehicle Show

October 11 Joint picnic with Show-Me Corvair Club at Lake Yeager

December 13 Christmas Party, location to be decided

This leaves November as the only remaining open date.



Spotted in Florida by
Theлма McKenzie

CORVAIRS on CHAIN OF ROCKS BRIDGE for PHOTO SHOOT:

Board voted 3-0 with 1 abstention to participate as a chapter.

SMCC President Mike Hall sent a message/invite from SMCC about a photo shoot on the

Chain of Rocks Bridge -- probably on June 28 (alternate date possibility of June 21) - at a proposed cost of \$5 per car. (A \$200 group rate would probably not be as good.)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: No one indicated a conflict with the proposed June 14 date. To be held in conjunction with June 14 General Membership Meeting.

All four members-at-large voted. The electronic meeting was closed on March 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Theлма McKenzie

Theлма McKenzie, Board of Directors Scribe

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Mahler at 2:04 PM in the Rochester Community Building's meeting room. He then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Standard Reports:

There being no additions or corrections, Bill Berta moved the February 8, 2014 minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. Jim Collier seconded the motion. It passed unanimously with just one dissenting vote.

Treasurer Jim Allen presented the Treasurer's Report. The chapter had \$3,945.05 in total funds. The checking account balance was \$3,930.05, and petty cash had \$15.00. Dick Moon moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Garry Biggs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Membership Chairman Dick Moon reported that as of that morning there were 26 addresses included in the Chapter Membership. Five additional memberships had been paid in the afternoon.

Old Business:

President Mahler announced the Board had voted to not pay the deposits required to use the kitchen for refreshments. Bill Berta then clarified in what condition the room should be left; these rules have recently been posted in the meeting room.

New Business:

A discussion was held on having sandwich board advertisements made for when chapter Corvairs are on public display. Thelma McKenzie had seen one on the DACC Website that included logos and URLs for the chapter, CORSA and the CPF. Jim Allen offered to donate the A-frame used to hold the State Fair signs. Tim Mahler will research the cost for having the signs made.

2014 Meetings and Events: Vice President Bob Gwin announced the following dates:

- April 12 Chapter Meeting, Taylorville - Model airplane collection, lunch and car museum, arranged by Bill Berta
- April 18-19 Springfest, Helen, GA
- May 10 Chapter Meeting, Pekin - Car display and picnic, arranged by Dick Moon
- June 14 Chapter Meeting, Rochester - Exploring the country by railcar (a.k.a. putt-putt) by Dave Stromer, arranged by Jim Allen
- July 12 Chapter Meeting, possibly Decatur - Chevrolet Museum, arranged by Bob Gwin
- July 21-25 CORSA Convention, Tacoma, WA
- August 11 Chapter Meeting, Illinois State Fair - Corvair Display (Date is a Monday; also Senior Day)
- September 6 Chapter Meeting, Springfield - Secretary of State Antique Vehicle Show
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 Great Plains Round-Up, Branson, MO - Mini-convention
- October 11 Chapter Meeting, probably at Lake Yeager - Joint picnic with Show-Me Corvair Club
- November 8 Chapter Meeting, probably Rochester - Program to be decided
- December 13 Christmas get-together, location to be decided

Bill Berta announced the tentative schedule for April 12:

- 9:15 AM Those who prefer to caravan leave from Rochester
- 10:00 AM Everyone to meet at Taylorville airport to view a model airplane collection
- 11:30 AM Lunch and probably the meeting at Taylorville's Round Table
- 1:30 PM Arrive at Larry Sutton's private auto museum
- TBD Perhaps a stop for ice cream

President Mahler reported the North East Wisconsin Corvair chapter was going to visit Elmer's Auto and Toy Museum in Fountain City, WI the weekend of September 13 and 14. He will put details in the newsletter for any who are interested in joining them. Garry and Sue Biggs told of their visit and encouraged PCCA members to visit.

Other Announcements:

President Mahler had a copy of *Old Cars Weekly* with a Corvair on the cover. Jim Allen had Springfield news clippings about the 1967 Ralph Nader-GM detective incident and the later exoneration of the Corvair.

Adjournment:

Martin Lindstrom moved the meeting be adjourned. Jerry McKenzie seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

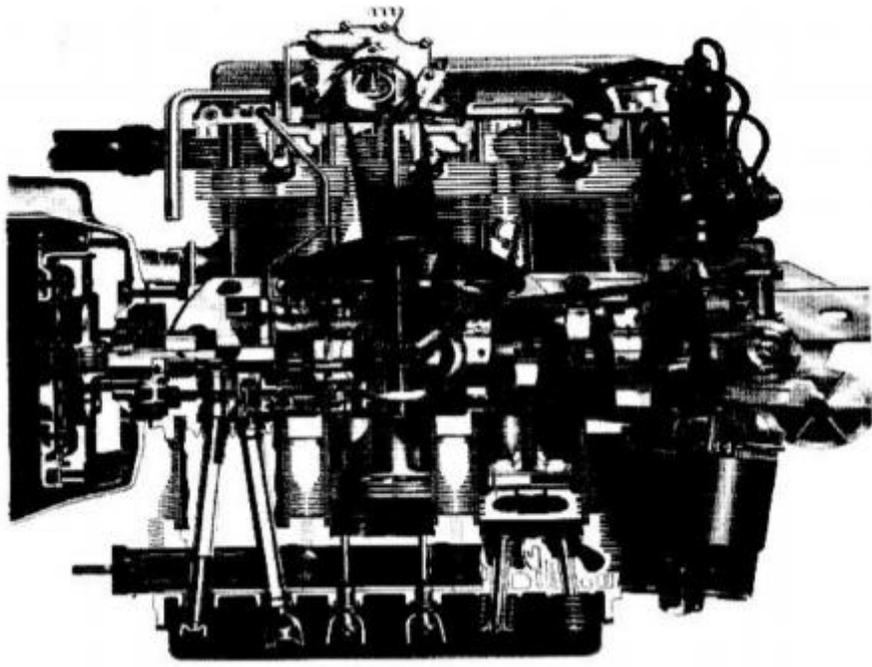
Respectfully submitted,

Thelma McKenzie

Thelma McKenzie, Secretary

After the meeting: Bob Gwin won the 50/50 drawing.

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