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From the President

Last month we had the election and we will still be in good hands for the year 2012.

Beulah and I will be leaving for Jacksonville, NC on 21 Nov to attend a mini family reunion on Thanksgiving day then we will travel to Georgia and back to Illinois on 5 or 6 December.

We have to be back for the Christmas party and spend time with Corvair friends.

Hope to see you next month.

Jim Collier



Calendar of Events - 2011/2012



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>

December 10 PCCA Christmas Party, Golden Corral on south 6th Street in Springfield. This is at the 6th street exit off I-55 on the south side of town, next to the super-Walmart. Currently, PCCA has a room from 11-2:00pm (they get busy at 2pm). For those wanting to participate: a \$10 limit gift exchange and the Toys for Tots toy collection will also be conducted again this year

2012 New Year! 50th anniversary year for the 1962 model year – This is the year the Corvair Spyder was introduced plus the convertible. 1962 was also the last year for the Load-side and station-wagon.

January 14, 2012 PCCA meeting at the Rochester Community Building. January is PCCA anniversary month. PCCA was formed in January, 1977. After 35 years, 7 charter members are still members at this writing– Bill and Shelby Berta, Garry and Sue Biggs and Bob Nicholson. Did they all join as teenagers? Congratulations PCCA!

- February 11 PCCA meeting at the Rochester Community Building
- March 10 PCCA meeting at the Rochester Community Building - Collections Show
- March ?? Performance Workshop. Indianapolis.
- April 14 PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building
- April 20-21 Springfest, Helen Georgia.
- May 12 scheduled PCCA meeting date.
- June 9 PCCA meeting, Picnic, Corvair exhibit, Pekin Illinois
- July 14 PCCA meeting, LLCC Car Show

July 25-28, 2012 CORSA International Convention, Sturbridge Mass.Denver, Colorado.

See <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention/index.htm> For details on this fun event

- August 11 PCCA Meeting date
- August 19 Orphan Auto Picnic, Chicago Corvair Enthusiasts, Kendall County fairgrounds
- August ?? Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming, Plymouth MI
- Sept 8 SOS Antique Auto Show. Springfield IL, PCCA Meeting at show
- Sept 14-15 Expected Weekend for the Hoosier Auto Show in Indianapolis
- Oct 13 Expected Joint Picnic PCCA/SMCC at Lake Yaeger in Litchfield. TBD
- Nov 10 PCCA meeting date
- Dec 8 Expected PCCA 2012 Christmas Get-together date. Northern Area

Check out website: www.route66cruisers.com/upcoming_events.htm for local car events



PCCA Christmas Banquet

The PCCA Christmas Party will be at the Golden Corral on south 6th Street in Springfield. This is at the 6th street exit off I-55 on the south side of Springfield, Illinois. The restaurant is next to the super-Walmart.

PLEASE NOTE the earlier than usual start time. PCCA has a room from 11-2:00pm. The Golden Corral management has indicated that they get busy at 2pm. Thanks to Jerry and Thelma McKenzie for making the arrangements with the restaurant

As has become our custom, we would like for attendees to bring a small (\$10) gift for the club to donate to Toys For Tots or another deserving organization. This gift should be in the store package, and not wrapped. Also, for those who wish to participate, we will have a gift exchange among PCCA members. Bring a wrapped gift, again in the \$10 or less range, wrapped and marked for man or woman. Gifts will be distributed by drawn numbers.



TECH NEWS

Jerry McKenzie responded to a Virtual Vair-ite's request for technical information recently. Jerry pointed Uli Ditmar to a couple of sites to obtain technical information about Corvairs. In fact, the sites provide information on a variety of different automobiles and are worth exploring in the wintry days ahead.

The website of the GM Heritage Center in Detroit has several documents online that can be downloaded at no charge for many cars including the Corvair. Most of the information was once available by calling a toll free number with your VIN and providing your address, Chevrolet would mail the information to you at no charge. Now, all you have to do is go to the website and click on the tab you are interested in (such as "Vehicle Information Kits") and then you get a list of all cars that they have available info on. Find Corvair and you get the model year list from which you may choose. They have recently added Historical Brochures list as well.

The first site is the GM Heritage center website <http://www.gmheritagecenter.com> You could include the URL for the BMW website and the GM Heritage center that has the information on cars...

The other site that has a lot of information, including Chevrolets is the BMW site. <http://www.automobile-catalog.com> From the BMW's catalog home page I extracted this paragraph "Welcome to the complete catalog of cars produced worldwide since 1945 - hundreds of thousands cars with detailed specifications, comprehensive technical and performance data. The simulation of accelerations and performance in the road conditions is based on ProfessCars™ software and detailed technical parameters of each individual model (example datapage)." Enjoy.



Tech Tips - Undercoating removal tips from Virtual Vairs

The best method I've used is an old trick I learned in the Navy. Chip it off. Use something like a Mason's hammer or anything with a wide narrow head with a slight edge on it. Doesn't take much effort(don't want to beat a dent into the panel. After you get the knack of it the undercoating comes off in good size chips, leaving a "clean" surface. with final clean up with a putty knife or paint scrapper. Just sweep up the chunks of undercoating. No gooeey mess to put up with. Paul Chapman

This is the technique I use (chipping). It works well because the undercoating on our old cars has become brittle to a point where it will chip off. It's still labor intensive! I also use an old wood chisel. The crap Eastwood sells to do this job does not do a thing except smell like oranges. Rick Norris

I've had some good luck removing undercoating with a Harbor Freight brand needle scaler. I did all of the undercoated surfaces on my '66 with mine with great results. You just need to be careful around thinner gauge metal, because it has a tendency to cause minor peen marks.

Here's a link to what I'm talking about

<http://www.harborfreight.com/compact-air-needle-scaler-96997.html> Regards,CC devilbiss@hotmail.com



The needle scaler from harbor freight

I restored many cars and had a lot work with sanding, grinding and manual removing the undercoating. The last car I did was dry ice blasted. Fantastic, no undercoating, no grease no oil left - the best is that non of the original metal will be taken off, even the original paint will not be effected by the ice - is there is any corrosion you can take care of any single point (cutting, sand balsting etc.) but the rest will stay original. Ulli Dittmar (Germany)

Good advice Ulli. I first learned about dry-ice blasting in the German publication Mercedes-Benz Classic. It's a most impressive way to revive and clean old parts. Works equally well on rubber hoses, gaskets etc. as it does on metal. It also preserves much of the original finish on the parts it comes in contact with, like the various metal finishes on fasteners.

Unfortunately I believe this technique is only in wide spread use in Europe and hasn't made it to North America in a big way, but is certainly worth investigating. Brent Fullard

A final note from Uli: If ice blasting is not so common in the US look for cleaning and maintenance services specialized on high voltage electronics - this is where ice blasting comes from - those guys have mobil blasting units and they usually come to industrial plant for cleaning. They will come to your home also - at least they do it in Germany. The result is perfect without any hustle in grinding, sanding or chemical dirt on the floor of your shop. Try it and you will love it. Ulli Dittmar



Applying "lizard" undercoating to a freshly prepped undercarriage

below are some images from VW trends using a chemical stripper to remove the undercoating. It is messy. Think I like the freeze it off method best.



2011 Great Plains RoundUp Kansas City

Ruth Boxdorfer

What a great “Round-Up”. Weather was perfect. The Elms Hotel-very nice. Just ask any of the 15 members representing the SMCC & PCCA.

We arrived in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Friday afternoon. We hit one “Detour”, bridge closed for repairs. This took us about 15 miles out of our way on country roads before getting back on the right highway.

Friday night started us off with the Valve Cover Races. Jim Allen came in 2nd. place. Ask him if it’s true – he beat out a little girl !

On Saturday Oct.1st. the day started out early. I set the alarm for 7am. Still dark. No one around the cars yet. Guess they’re still having coffee. Still dark. Guess what? I had forgotten to change the time on my alarm clock when Robbin (dau.) & I went to Indy a couple of weeks earlier. They are one hour ahead of us. We didn’t get this figured out till later, when Richard decided to check his watch! There wasn’t much for us to do anyway since there was frost on the windshield.

Finally we spot Tim. He can’t get his car started. Richard held the flashlight and helped turn the key when needed. Turned out he just needed to tighten some bolts on his fuel pump.

The concourse judging got underway early. Those being judged were: David Wilson, Bill Pierson, Mike Hall, Mike Meyers, and Norbert (Bud) Laubach.

Those in People’s Choice were: Jim Allen, Tim Mahler, and Richard. Judging and People’s Choice were over by noon. Everyone then drove their Corvair to Van Till Farms & Winery in Rayville for a pizza buffet. One Corvair had a mishap. When driving in the grass & around a tree to park, it ran over a steel pipe sticking up out of the ground. There were plenty of men there to help get the problem taken care of.

After our lunch, we were told to angle park in front of the hotel where a photographer would take a picture of the whole group (from an extremely tall ladder). I followed another photographer up to the 4th or 5th floor and we went out on the fire escape and took pics .



The Hospitality Room kept us well supplied with drinks and snacks and entertainment. A few of our ladies just wouldn't quit – until that last piece of puzzle was in place. I don't need to name names. We all know who they are.

There were shopping tours & museums to see during the day. Also a tech, and a craft session for those interested. Someone else will have to report on them since I didn't attend either one. I also didn't attend the Monza Jr., and the Corvair bicycle event.

7 pm. Banquet & Awards time.

Our dinner choices had been Chicken Teriyaki, or Filet Mignon. Richard & I ordered the filet, which was really good-nice and tender, along with the mashed potatoes and veggies. Dessert was your choice of cake, cookies or cupcakes.

People's Choice Awards-Jim Allen 1st place, early closed 1961 (blue) Lakewood Wagon, Tim Mahler 1st place, late closed 1968 (green) Fitch Sprint, Richard Boxdorfer 1st place Specialty class, 1962 (maroon) "Tow-Truck", Richard also received People's Choice "Best of Show trophy.

Richard also received the Mayor's Choice Award. This was presented to him during the afternoon by Mayor Ambrose Buckman. The mayor couldn't attend the banquet due to his son having a ballgame during that time. Concourse Awards as follows: Mike Hall 1962 red Spyder coupe (silver) 94.55, Bill Pierson 1965 red Monza coupe (silver) 94.03, David Wilson 1966 blue Monza cvt. (silver) 93.99, Norbert (Bud) Laubach 1966 red Monza cvt. (gold) 95.79, Mike Meyers 1962 blue Monza Wagon/V8 (gold) 95.58, Mike Meyers 1969 white w/orange stripes (gold) 95.49. "Congrats" to all.

In closing I want to say a special "Congradulations" to Mike Meyers. He not only received one gold award, but two.. It's a job to clean up one vehicle, much less 2. Even more so when it's Concourse cleaning.. How many other members in either club have achieved this? Job well done, Mike.

Also, a special thanks to Richard for telling the Mayor all about his truck, and not knowing who he was talking to. He didn't find out until later- when the Mayor came back & presented him with the "Mayor's Award".



Secretary Report PCCA Meeting

November 12, 2011

President Jim Collier opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 2:05pm. There were 6 Corvairs on exhibit at the Rochester Community Building.

After the opening, Jim Collier introduced the Antique Automobile Club of America local region's president Don Henley and secretary Vicki Henley. The representatives of the Central Illinois Region gave a presentation on the AACA including judging, automobiles accepted (any over 25 years, factory or documented dealer stock for highest judging category), tours and other activities. It was an interesting presentation.

After the presentation and a short break, Jim reconvened the members for the business meeting portion of the day. The Secretary report for October was accepted as printed in the Flat Six. Treasurer Larry Jahn gave the Treasurer report with noted balances of \$1,041.79 in checking, \$15 in petty cash and \$1,626.96 in savings (CDs) for a total balance of \$2,683.75. The only revenue was from the 50/50 drawing (17.50) and expenses were primarily for the October picnic expenses plus 1 memorial. Expenses totaled 82.73. The treasurer report was accepted as presented.

There was no old business to be discussed. President Jim read a thank you card from Dick and Neta Moon thanking the club for the memorial donation.

PCCA Election Results. Secretary Tim reported the results of the 2012 PCCA elections that had a total of 27 ballots cast. All 27 ballots supported Jim Collier for President, Dick Moon for Vice-president, Larry Jahn for Treasurer and Tim Mahler for Secretary. All four were elected. For Board of Directors, Jim Allen received 24 votes, Bob Gwin 19 votes, Brian Sellyer 22 votes, Mike Hall 1 vote and Chris Hall 2 votes. Jim Allen is elected to a two year term to the board. Bob Gwin and Brian Sellyer elected to a 1 year term on the board.

Dick Moon discussed upcoming PCCA events. The Christmas banquet will be at the Golden Corral on Springfield's south side (6th street exit off I-55 by Walmart) from 11:00am-2:00pm. It was noted that the room needs to be available at 2 because that is when the restaurant gets busy. It was also noted, for those eligible for the senior discount, that the beverage is NOT included on weekends. Dick asked for comment on whether the May meeting should be a tour or car display picnic in Rochester. April 20-21 is the Springfest in Helen Georgia which several PCCA members attend. June will be the Pekin Park show and picnic. July is the CORSA convention plus a PCCA meeting July 14. August is expected to be the event at the State Fair. September is the SOS Antique auto show at the Meijer Parking lot. It is expected that a Fall picnic, October, will occur again in 2012 with SMCC in Litchfield as the weather was nice this year that time of year. At this time, Jim Collier and Dick Moon solicited volunteers for treats for January through March. The secretary noted January - Biggs, February - Allens, March - Colliers and June as a collaboration potluck and Moons (Picnic). Volunteers for April, May and other months will be needed and solicited at a later date.

Final item was the new CORSA Chapter Plan. CORSA Treasurer Frank Regal has mailed a recap to area chapters to help disseminate the new policy. Secretary Tim provided a recap of those changes which amounts to a chapter insurance and administrative fee for each non CORSA member in the local chapter of \$3. Tim reported that for PCCA, this is less expensive than the old flat chapter filing fee that was the old policy. The next chapter filing that this would apply is expected to be sometime in the spring 2012 – April or May. Some discussion was help with the new PCCA board expected to discuss further in January. based on the number of non filing reported that membership numbers were unchanged from last month.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



From 2010, Allen Bristow towed home both his Greenbrier Camper and his Corvair powered boat from Cedar Rapids all the way back to the east coast. I don't think backing up was an option.

Vairs In The Valley 2011 ... Corvairs, Corvairs and More Corvairs!

Thinking I should include a photo or two from the Maggie Valley show which several PCCA members traveled to and enjoyed immensely, I went looking on the Web. I found this site, blog, by Barbara Sammons, the official photographer for show. The site is Barbara Sammons Photography and has a lot of great photos and stories, not all Corvair. Visit

<http://seedsproutsavor.wordpress.com/>

The pictures on her web site are great - but copyrighted so I found a few from other sources. (BlueRidgetravelGuide.com)

Snippets from Barbara's blog: Picture this...Maggie Valley, North Carolina, fall leaves with brilliant reds and yellows and over 65 Corvairs parading down the main street. If you were in Maggie Valley October 14-16, that is what you would have seen. The North Carolina Mountain Corvairs hosted their third annual "Vairs in the Valley" this past weekend with Corvairs of all makes, sizes and colors. Some folks traveled from as far as Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama and North and South Carolina. Monza's, Spyder's, Greenbrier Van's, hardtop and convertibles ... they were all there. On Saturday, the Corvairs held their car show on the grounds of the Stompin' Ground, complete with a silent auction, door prizes and even a Valve Cover Race. And on Sunday, many members took a drive along the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway towards Cherokee.



I had the honor of being their official photographer for the weekend, but it was the stories and friendships that will be my memories. The camera captures an image at a certain place and time; but it was the stories that touched my heart. New friendships were formed as we sat in rocking chairs on the porch of the Smoky Falls Lodge. Everything from how to repair the carburetor, to installing LED lights in the trunk, and how restoring a car brought healing to a family, not to mention the owner who has 12 Corvairs!

I hope they invite me back next year even though I don't own a Corvair. But who knows ... maybe by this time next year I may just have one, but it has to be a convertible! ~Barbara

Car and Parts for Sale/Trade

For sale: 65 Corvair Engine bored 040 over w, rebuilt 9 years ago, in shed past 8. 4sp tranny and rearend, 3.55 may be posit. 140 heads with center mount intake for a holly 390. Engine stand, hoist. Lincoln IL. Ron Alexander 217-638-3147

For Sale: 1964 Monza convertible, red exterior, black interior, 110hp, PG. Tim Mahler 217-793-3824 asking \$7,500

For Sale--1966 500 Coupe 110 auto, A/C, Runs & drives. Needs restored \$950.00 Mike Meyer 618-259-1552

For Sale--1966 Monza..engine turns over..4 speed..red/black interior..windshield missing..Needs restored \$450.00 MikeMeyer 618-259-1552

For Sale 1963 4 door Monza for parts...decent body parts CHEAP!!!! Call if interested Mike Meyer 618-259-1552

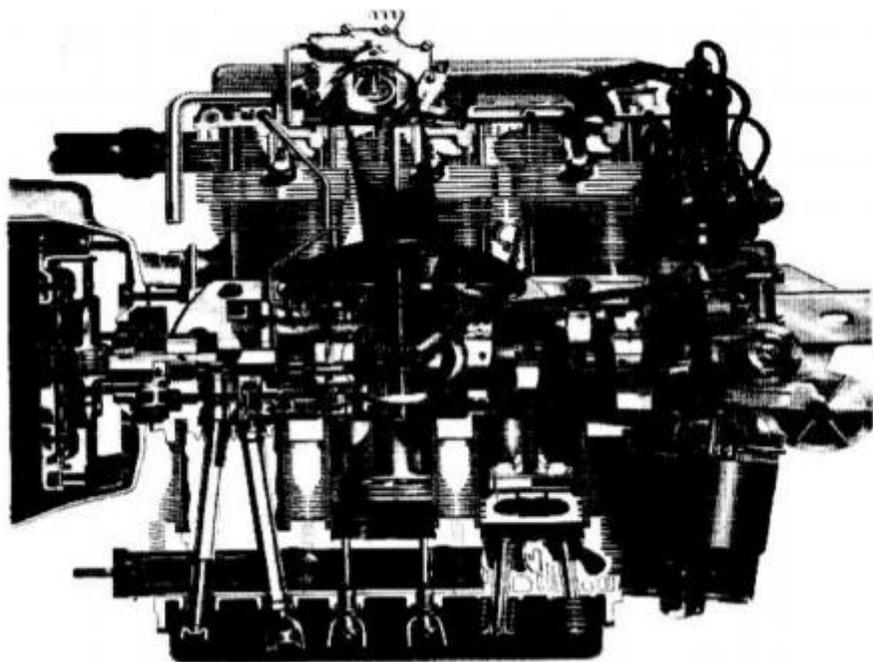
Bill Pierson has a set of clear door and rear window glass for an early convert.\$20 for all. (618) 684-3823

For sale: 1962 Monza - 2dr, 4spd. Engine completely rebuilt by Jim in 2005. Only 200 miles (if that) on it since then.

Body/Interior needs work. I have photos if anyone is interested. Asking \$2,800 obo. Call Bill Schureman @ 309.267.8158 email: tuuis@mtco.com The car is located in Morton IL.

For Sale: 1963 Corvair \$1400invested in brake and fuel lines, rebuilt carbs. Good shape. \$2,500 OBO. 217-341-5795

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