

VAIRious Matters



Queen City Corvair Club



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Chapter 281 of CORSA, Corvair Society of America

VAIRious Thoughts for This Month... submitted by President Dick Charest



The attendance at last month's QCCC meeting was particularly light. Perhaps it is the time of the year or perhaps there is another reason. Attendance at the monthly meetings has fallen off recently and I don't know why. I know we are all getting older and our general level of health has declined, but there may be more to it than that. We have a convenient place to meet, a private room, a good selection of food from healthy salads, baked fish, various meat and vegetable dishes to fattening desserts. I ask those of you who have missed meetings recently to resume attending them as soon as you can. I also ask all of you to encourage your fellow members to attend the monthly meetings. It would be nice to see the room close to full again.

There are a number of QCCC members that still have not renewed their membership for 2014-2015. It certainly is not because they haven't been notified. We have been talking about membership renewal for the last four months. As the old saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Unfortunately according to our club by-laws, those members who do not renew will be dropped from the membership roster and will no longer receive the newsletter.

As you read this, Richard and Sara Jenkins are well on their way to the CORSA International Convention in Tacoma, Washington. I hope that their trip goes well, that they enjoy themselves at the Convention and that they have a safe trip back to the Carolinas.

At the end of May we celebrated Memorial Day and now we are about to celebrate Independence Day. It is another opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrifices that previous generations of Americans made to give us a great country where we enjoy freedoms envied by many elsewhere in the world.

Things are pretty quite on the Corvair activities agenda for the next couple of months, so if you have an idea of something the club could do together bring it up at the next club meeting so we can plan an outing.

Until then, enjoy the warm weather and keep driving your Corvair.



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Barb Mee-----July 12
 Roger Moody-----July 12
 Karen Elsken-----July 17

July Birthdays

Barbara Good---July 19



Judy Tucker-----July 24
 Willard Moody----July 24
 Jan Mongan-----July 25

Wedding Anniversaries for March

JC & Linda Nelson-----July 9, 1988----26 Years
 Dennis & Jimmie Findley-----July 14, 2005----9 Years

Up Coming Events

July 21st-----QCCC meeting at the Golden Corral located at 9430 South Blvd. Dinner is at 6PM, meeting begins at 7PM. All members and interested guests are welcomed to join us. You do not have to have a Corvair to attend, but if you do own one, drive it. You just might win a prize.

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Classified Section

Chrome Wheels. Four 13 inch, 4 hole Chrome wheels. Not perfect, but pretty nice. Asking \$100. For more info contact Ray Schafer, in Bostic, NC at 828-245-9724.

Price Reduced Special:

A 99% complete A/C system from a 1966 Corvair Monza coupe includes compressor, condenser, brackets, wiring harness and several pages of drawings and measurements. I think the only thing missing is the vent grille that goes over the radio. Price has been *reduced to \$475* or possible trade. Call Rod Kennen at 704-315-4378 or e-mail carguy2303@aol.com.

Minutes from the QCCC April Meeting...submitted by Dee Charest

Call to Order: President Dick Charest called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Roll Call: Secretary Dee Charest did the roll call and we had 16 members present.

Treasurer's Report: Al Rich gave the financial report and it was accepted as read.

Monthly Drawing: This month's drawing was for \$10. Dee Charest's name was drawn and she won.

Who Drove a Corvair: Due to so many members being absent, we did not draw for a prize for this time.

Sick Members: See page 6 for more info.

1. Al Rich's Mother-In-Law fell and broke her leg.
2. Joe Sipe had a heart attack.
3. Brenda Triplett's surgery.

Old Business:

- A. Dee Charest read two letters she received from Lillian Law. One was about the money made from the Springfest show and the second letter was what Lillian had written to The Greater Helen Area Chamber of Commerce about some missing tables.
- B. QCCC dues were due May 1st. We still have quite a few members that have not paid. As per our club By-Laws, those that have not paid will be removed from the roster and will not receive a newsletter until they renew their membership.

Recent Corvair Events

- A. **Rock Hill Collision Center's 2nd Grand Opening Show and Shine**
 1. Ronnie Jenkins reported that it was a very successful show with lots of cars.
 2. Food was very good, but they did run out.
 3. The owners are thinking about doing this show again next year.

New Business:

Upcoming Events

- A. Next QCCC meeting will be July 21st.
- B. CORSA International Convention in Tacoma, Washington on July 21st--25th.
- C. Vairs at the Fair in Perry, GA, October 3rd and 4th
- D. Vairs in the Valley in Maggie Valley, NC on October 10th and 11th

50 / 50 Drawing

- A. Louis Velasco won the 50 / 50 drawing. He drew "Club" on the 2nd drawing so he took home \$32 and the club got \$33 to add to its treasury.

From Our Vice President, Glenn Simmons:

- A. Glenn would like to start doing a "Show & Tell" each month. If you have something you would like to bring and show the group and tell us about, just let Glenn know prior to the meeting. This way he can schedule you and we don't have two people at the same meeting doing this. It can be a car part or something you've invented that makes a job easier, or a product that you have found that is wonderful and you want to share it with others.
- B. Ronnie Jenkins will do the "Show & Tell" for the July meeting.

50/50 Drawing: We decided not to do the drawing, since there were so few members present.

Members Cars:

- A. Ronnie Jenkins reported on Friday 13th after driving over 50,000 miles between their two Corvairs he threw his first fan belt. He quickly repaired the problem and was back on his way.
- B. Glenn Simmons reported that he had a belt to come off. He heard the banging on the inside of his car and figured out what it was.
- C. JC told about a fan belt that broke and wrapped itself around the carburetor throttle cross shaft. It held the carb throttles open when JC took his foot off of the accelerator --- surprise! JC had to turn off the ignition and stop the car with the brakes.

Closing prayer

- C. Glenn Simmons closed our meeting with a prayer at 7:45pm.

Choo Choo Classic Car Show

This show is hosted by the Choo Choo Corvair Club and will be held in historic Chattanooga Tennessee on August 15th and 16th. If you plan on going to save money, you will need to register by July 25th. Please note they do not do a Concours judging at this show, only a People's Choice. In addition to this there will be vendors there and they will have tours of the Coker Museum, a ladies tour, International Towing Museum tour and a Hot Chocolatier tour. On Saturday night, they will hold the awards banquet in the Choo Choo dining room and it will be buffet.

Lillian Law, from the Heart of Georgia Corvair Club and some of the members from Corvair Atlanta went to this show last year and said they had a ball and plan on going back again this year. Dick and I are planning on going this year and would love to have as many of our club members to go as possible. So if you can join us it would be great to have a large showing from our club.

If you register as a "Family" this will cover 2 adults and your children under the age of 18. This is a good deal and a great time to plan a family outing with your entire family. So register now and make your plans to join us August 15-16.

If you prefer to register "On-Line", you can go to choochoocorvairclub@gmail.com and pay by Paypal. For more info you can also contact Jim Guider at 423-242-8155 or e-mail him at Guide1158@comcast.net or contact Melvin Hopkins at 706-217-5123 or e-mail him at Hopkins.melvin@gmail.com.

Club Outing

Does anyone have any suggestions on where you would like to see our club go? If you do, bring it up at our next meeting scheduled for July 21st. We haven't been anywhere in a while and it's the time of year for an outing or two, or three. Is there somewhere around where you live that would be of interest to most folks? If so let us know about it.

Newsletter Articles

As you can tell by the size of this month's newsletter, we could use some help with newsletter articles. I'm hearing about a lot of folks working on their cars and this would make for some good reading, at least for the men. Ladies I could also use some help from you as well so we can make our newsletter just as interesting for our ladies as well as our guys. So if you will, please help us out next month.

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My Vair Lady...Submitted by Mark Tinley



I guess my love for the Corvair started in 1967 when I was 14 and my brother drove home a 1963 Monza 4 speed. It was black with a red interior and a bit more unusual than the cars his buddies had been pulling in and out of our driveway. Whatever, it was my big brother's car and that was cool enough for me.

Two years passed and on one Saturday in May, my brother drove a second Corvair home. This time a 1966 bronze Corsa turbo. After sitting behind the wheel (that was all my brother would let me do). I was hooked! I remember sneaking his keys and sitting in the car popping in 8-tracks as I dreamed I was driving through the burger joints all around Chicago.

But dreams started to come true in 1972. That was when my dad agreed to buy a car for me so that I could get back and forth from a summer college job.

I immediately went straight to the classifieds and started circling Corvair ads. It didn't take me long to find one either. I learned a lot from that first car purchase. The first thing was "never buy a car at night". That rule especially holds true for Corvairs if you want to be able to see if it has any oil leaks. Well my dad had warned me and in the next day's light I found that my little baby was smoking like a chimney. Still, I loved it!

My first Corvair was a 1965 Maroon Monza 110, 4 speed. I put a Thrush muffler on it just in case anyone had trouble hearing me come along. An old girl friend said just what I wanted to hear when I drove over to show her my new wheels. "Now this car is really you".

Some how by the end of the summer I had managed to convince my dad to let me take it back to school. God I loved that car. I still have an old piston head that blew apart-a piece of memory saved from a race with one of my classmates in his car. I remember one time when another roommate and I almost got to hold the front hood in our laps. While tooling down the highway, a truck went by and created enough vacuum to pop the hood which had not been firmly locked. I still have nightmares about that one. Then there was the time when the steering shaft rod snapped. The steering wheel spun like a top in my hands! I had no control of the car except for use of the brakes. Turning the motor off, I coasted onto some poor guys front yard. To say that he was not pleased to have my Corvair as a yard ornament is an understatement.

My Vair Lady...cont'd

I believe I joined CORSA in the fall of 1972 and stayed a member for a couple of years. I may have been one of the first hundred or so to join. I'll have to look that up some day. I got a little smarter the next time I went hunting for a Corvair. This time I went to where my brother had bought his. The fellow was still fixing and selling them. I remember he had a beautiful 1965 Corsa Convertible in the corner of the garage. But it was way out of my price range and I settled for a 1966 Monza. This one was an automatic with air conditioning. Why I got an automatic, I don't know. You do crazy things when you are in love. After I had it repainted maroon and added a pin stripe, put on dual exhausts and 14 inch wheels on the back. I returned to school. In my junior year, on a bitter cold, snowy and ice slick night, my Monza decided to pick a fight with a tree. It lost.

Years and years rolled by, mostly on the wheels of my companies sales cars. With the exception of a few - a 1971 Mustang, oops - a 1976 Celica fast back, Porsche's 914 and 944 - all fun cars in one way or another.

But they say you never forget your first love and back in 1997, I started searching again for mine. I looked for her in all of the typical places...classifieds, Internet, clubs, etc. This time I decided to go for the gold and look for a 1965 or 1966 Corsa convertible. Was I remembering the one I couldn't afford, the one in the back corner in 1973? Maybe.

My work allowed me to travel the entire U.S.A so I was able to look at many cars across the country. But each one I looked at lacked something, or just didn't meet my set of standards. I had more or less given up when one night from the road, I called my wife. She told me that a man had called who had seen my ad in the CORSA publication. He said he had a really nice Corsa 140! I was even able to track down the original owner from the old owner's manual. It was a woman and she had been a school teacher at the time she purchased the car in Fresno, Ca. I called her one evening and we had a great conversation about the car. She couldn't believe it was still on the road. I only wish she had some pictures of her with the car. That would have made a great addition to the scrap book. I have had more fun with this car than all the others I have owned put together. I don't know if my two daughters would agree with that statement. They are still wondering why dad got rid of the bright red 944 Porsche.

Well, I have never questioned my decision to go back and whenever I am out cruising, there isn't a time that someone doesn't stop me and say, "You know I remember....."

QCCC Pray List for June

Please keep all of our sick members and our members that are on vacation traveling in your prayers. If you know of any of our members that are sick or traveling, please let me know so we can get them on our Prayer List. Here is what I know of right now.

Al Rich's mom fell and broke her leg. They had to pin it back together. Al said her blood pressure is low and she is having a rapid heart beat and just not doing well right now.

Bruce Hewitt said Joe Sipe has had a heart attack. Bruce said he was in the hospital a couple of days, but is now home and doing well.

Brenda Triplett had brain surgery on May 30th to remove a tumor. She was only in the hospital for two days. I spoke with her on June 30th and she said the doctors told her they were able to remove the entire tumor and she should be fine now. She is home now and she said she is doing well and she has no pain.

I don't have an update on Victor Butler. Mary Williams was having trouble keeping food down when she ate. The doctors told her they needed to do surgery to stretch her esophagus. This did not help and I was told she was going to have to go back into the hospital for more surgery to fix the problem. I tried calling her to get an update before sending out our newsletter, but could not get her.

We have a lot of members on vacation right now also and for some of them, this means they are on the road traveling around. The ones that we know about are Spence and Clare Shepard, who have gone to visit with their family in Chicago. Spence will return home after a little visit and Clare will stay up for a little while and spend a little quality time with their grandchild. We also want to remember Richard and Sara Jenkins as they will end up going to "who knows where". ☺ Their main destination is the CORSA International Convention out in Tacoma, Washington, but Richard has a knack for venturing off into the wild blue yonder and Sara never knows where they might end up or when they will be getting back home. Please pray that all of our members have a wonderful vacation and safe driving. If you talk with Richard or Sara, let them know we missed them at our last meeting. I did not put Spence's name here, because he was at the last meeting.

ELVIS'S TECH TALK

Written by Elvis King

copied from the Arkansas Corvair Club's Newsletter

"On the Air"

Anyone restoring an old car should know about POR-15, (Paint Over Rust). I guess I had heard of the stuff before, but my first real experience with it came several years ago after fellow ACC member George Koenig of Mountain Home told me of someone in Mountain View who had a 1965 four-door parts car for sale. It turned out that he was Lynn McSpadden, owner and proprietor of the Dulcimer/Music shop just north of Mtn. View, near the entrance to the Ozark Folk Center.

Later, I discovered he was a life-long friend of current ACC member Alfred Via. When JB and I visited him to see the parts car before buying it, in addition to showing us his late Corvair Convertible and his early 30's Chevrolet sedan, Lynn said, "This is something you need to know about". In his garage he showed me a rusty section of track from a railroad.

The piece was about a foot long with about half of it covered with something that was glossy black. He handed me a small tack hammer and said, "try to chip that paint". On the way back to his store, in his vintage Chevy, I remember thinking how impressed I was with his POR-15 demonstration and wondering how I might use it sometime.

POR-15 is kind of tricky to apply. It is thin and a little goes a long way. If it gets on your skin and it will, no known solvent will cut it. It has to wear off. Use gloves, but it is still gonna get on ya!) Be sure and use a disposable brush.

Clark's main catalog, pages 199-200, has an excellent description of various POR-15 products and their applications. They warn you to clean the can groove and use a plastic sheet between the lid and the can when resealing any unused paint. I knew to do that, but up until a couple of years ago, every time I tried to reuse the leftover paint I found it had hardened despite my efforts to preserve it. Then I read somewhere that storing the leftover POR-15 in a refrigerator would prolong the life of it.

In the spring of 2012, I opened a small can (4oz.) of black POR-15 to do the tire side surfaces of some Rally rims for my '66 coupe. I resealed the can and put it in my shop fridge. In October 2013 I re-opened the can and used the remaining paint to coat the backing plates, suspension arms and transverse spring for my Spyder rear suspension up-grade. It was not quite enough to completely cover everything, so I had to open another 4oz. can that I had bought from Clark's table at the Sturbridge Convention. Only a small amount was used from this can and back into the fridge it went. Recently, I re-opened that can to paint a 15" rusty rim that was used as the base of the stand that was cobbled up for a motorized Harbor Freight bead roller project. The black paint was still very usable and the remaining paint from this effort was again sealed up and returned to the refrigerator. Maybe it will still be usable the next time it's needed.



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Meetings

QCCC meetings are held every third Monday of the month at the Golden Corral located at 9430 South Blvd. in Charlotte, N.C. All members and interested guest are welcome to join us for dinner at 6:00pm, prior to the meeting at 7:00pm. You do not have to own a Corvair to attend or to join our club. Everyone is welcome.