



Prairie Capital Corvair Association

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The Flat Six

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From the President

Mark your calendars for a visit to the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur. Arrangement have been made to tour the museum, on your own, for the cost of a voluntary donation. Mention CPF to enter. Why the CPF? Because the CPF has several items on display at the museum with more being planned. This includes the last known to exist Corvair, #5999. I do encourage donating to the museum because this is how the museum is able to operate.

You may tour before or after the meeting which will be held at 2:00pm in the museum. The museum also has a Yenko Stinger plus numerous other vehicles. Also, the museum has a few full scale dioramas of that take period automobilia an exhibit them in the "natural" habitat such as a auto parts store. The last visit PCCA made as a group was quite enjoyable. Lunch or dinner, depending if you want to eat before touring or after, or both will be an individual or small group affair. The museum had a restaurant but it is currently closed. There are numerous other eateries in a short drive of the museum.

June will see an extra tour to the Rantoul Aerospace museum. Another grand museum that is off the beaten path. Larry Jahn is working with other Corvair clubs, Circle City, Chicago as well as non Corvair clubs to have a car display, peoples choice and a discounted entry to the museum. More on this event as it is developed.

Don't forget the Forrest park Easter Car Show March 31. Joan Cavagna needs to hear from you soon if you want to participate.

Tim Mahler



Calendar of Events - 2013



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>

- March 8-10 Central Carolina CORSA Spring Warm-up in Myrtle Beach SC. Received a flyer in the mail. Hotel rates at Oceanview Studios on Ocean Blvd are good and it is on the ocean. This is a nice late winter get-away. Contact Carol Harris frogetta1150@gmail.com
- March 9 (general) Car and Truck show in Iveness Florida hosted by Nature Coast Corvairs.
- March 9 PCCA will travel to Decatur Illinois to the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum**, 3635 US Route 36 East, Decatur Illinois. Meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. inside the Museum. Mention CPF to get the super discount (free, but please consider a donation). Lunch on your own.
- March 15-16 Performance Workshop, Indianapolis In. Workshop the 16th 9-3pm roughly.
- March 30 Early Ford Invitational Car show, Avanti Dome 3401 Griffin Ave Pekin, Illinois. 7am-3:30pm
- March 31 Easter Car Show in Forest Park, St Louis. Contact SMCC. Must enter park as a group.
- April 13 PCCA Meeting will be at the AACA Swap Meet at the Staunton I-55 exit** with the AACA (Antique Auto Club of America) is going to host a Car Corral and Swap Meet on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Location: Country Classic Cars at Staunton, IL.(Co-host of the event). Admission is \$1.00 and vendor spaces are \$10.00 and \$15.00.
- April 19-20 Springfest, Helen, Georgia, Hospitality Party, Concours, Peoples Choice, Valve Cover Races, Auto Cross, Swap Meet, Awards Banquet and more.
- May 11 PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building. 2-4 p.m.
OR PCCA may travel to the Pekin Park on this date for a Picnic in the Park day
The May meeting will also feature the Plant Exchange – regardless of location.
- June 8 PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building. 2-4 p.m. or Picnic in the Park
- June 9 Springfield's Lincoln Park, Ansar Shrine Classic Car Show. May be a display area for PCCA.
- June 2/23 Tour to the Rantoul Aerospace Museum in Rantoul Illinois with SMCC, CCC, CCE, and other Corvair and non-Corvair Clubs. People's choice. Dash plaques. Discounted Museum entry.
- June 29 LLCC MotorSports Auto Show at Land of Lincoln Community College, Springfield, IL
- July 13 PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building. 2-4 p.m.
- July 16-20 CORSA International Convention in Kalamazoo MI.** Wednesday concours, Thursday economy run and rally, Friday autocross, Saturday car show. Are area hotels near the Host hotel that have rooms available at reasonable rates. The Gillmore Museum is about 15 miles from the convention. The Corvair museum in Ypsilanti is about 100 miles east of the convention.
- August 10 PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building. 2-4 p.m.
- August 18 Orphan Automobile Picnic, Chicago Corvair Enthusiasts, Kendall County Fairgrounds
- August 22-25 Annual Detroit, DACC, Homecoming Plymouth Michigan
- September 7 SOS Show and PCCA Meeting – location is being determined - heard some good rumors though.
- Sept 20-21 Hoosier Show, Indianapolis, Marion County Fairgrounds.
- October 13 SMCC PCCA Joint Picnic in Litchfield is expected.
- November 9 PCCA Meeting at the Rochester Community Building. 2-4 p.m.
- December 14 PCCA Christmas Get together. Location to be determined. Site selector volunteer wanted.

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.



Those cards are far more decorative, sparkly if you will, then the cards I see today. Great collection.

Hmmm. Now the guys. The sentimental values are different but the story just as grand. Garry Biggs returned to the Corvair Toy roots of

the collections show with every Vairy8 known to have been made since 2003 through the present. Garry noted that the price has increased from a dollar to five dollars and up, all for the same basic hot wheels car. Garry also had several other similar scale cars on display, mostly of foreign manufacture and mostly with greater detail than the Vairy8s. This included a early Corvette, Monza GTs, Bertone and Astro models, each different than the other and all with nice details.

Finally Tim Mahler brought a partial collection if 1/43rd scale models including late model convertibles, an early sedan and the latest Fitch Sprint model. For the most part, the foreign made models had greater detail in this collection as well all except for the Fitch Sprint. Tim collection, this year, focused on his Sprint collection – or rather his seemingly obsession in Fitch Sprints. This included the book of everything that was done to create his full size 68 Fitch Sprint from the conversion done by Fitch and Company back in 68, to receipts for the engine rebuild in 1971 to the restoration receipts done in Alaska to the present day.

Sentimental value trumps monetary value, I think.. Each collection is definitely high on Sentimental value. Travel memories, historic artifacts, grade school memories, one of each and history of one’s car. Wow. What a show by just a handful of participants. Next year, I hope to see more of the same.



Outside in the parking lot was another show of collectible automobiles. Visitor Paul Skeans drove his 66 Monza convertible to the meeting. I heard him, early in the day, wondering if he was the only person to drive his Corvair to the meeting. He wasn't as Tim had driven his 66 Coupe but it was parked on the far side of the parking lot where it could be seen from the road.

Later in the day, Jim Collier arrived in his 65 Maroon coupe. Meanwhile, Mike and Rhona Hall had wondered to the meeting in a 62 rampside. It was not the nicest day to be driving a Corvair to a meeting along the interstate. The wind was stout and the sky cloudy. Nevertheless, PCCA managed to have 4 Corvairs on exhibit while we met inside.

Thanks to Gloria and Larry Jahn for refreshments. Gloria brought an assortment of treats that were all quite delicious. I sampled most of them and the ones I didn't, I got rave reviews from others in the club. Also thanks to Bob Gwin for bringing hot soup. Bob brought a list of ingredients so anyone with an allergy would be prepared. Smart. The soup was delicious, I had seconds.

Hmm-hmm Good.



Dues Are Dues !

MARCH 1, 2013

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

As the quiet months of winter slowly but surely fade into spring, I return to the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association VairCor Newsletter for some Preventive Maintenance from Mike Dawson. This is from the December 2012 issue and covers a pair of tools.

The Preventive Maintenance Series - Mike Dawson,

I would like to share my review of a couple of products that work as advertised and are both made in the U.S.A.

For those who are interested in checking wheels at swap meets, there is a great little pocket tool called the WheelLugGauge which instantly tells you the mounting pattern (bolt circle) of wheels with four or five lug bolts. I have one and it works as advertised, eliminating guesswork. The price for one (S & H included) is \$21.95 but the price comes down rapidly if several people order together. The tool is made by DJ Edman & Company and the website is www.wheeltool.com.



If you are interested in doing alignments on your Corvair (or other cars) at home, there is a very good caster and camber gauge available that will work on wheels that are 13 to 18 inches in diameter. This unit is adjustable for an uneven surface so you can use it on driveways, garage floors or the race track. I had been using a home made device for years that uses the tangent function to determine degrees, so this unit is a pleasure to use particularly since it can be leveled and reads degrees directly. It is available from the manufacturer, Specialty Products Company www.specprod.com at \$183.55 or from others such as Eastwood (\$189.99 includes S & H) www.eastwood.com. They also sell a toe gauge but I much prefer my home made device that the late Fred Johnson illustrated in his booklet: Corvair Alignment. If interested, you can take a look at my toe gauge or I can email you a copy of Fred's design.



SpringFest 2013

Helen, Georgia April 19-20, 2013

Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs and Queen City Corvair Clubs
Hospitality Party, Concours, Peoples Choice, Valve Cover Races, Auto Cross, Swap Meet, Awards Banquet and more.

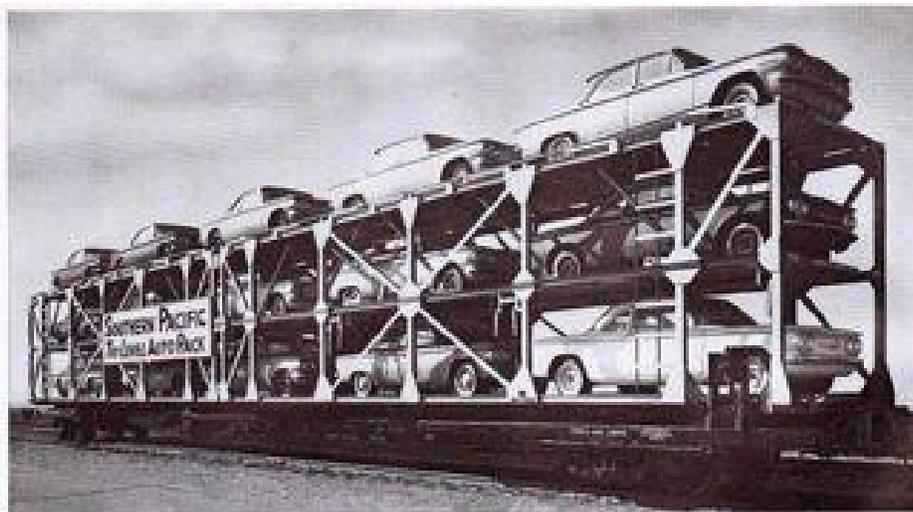
Motels, Helendorph River Inn 706-878-2271 \$138 (\$178 for Riverfront for 2 nights minimum)

Best Western 706-878-2111, \$64.00 (Suites \$84.00) Deluxe continental Breakfast included.

Super 8 706-878 2191, \$55.00 per night, Country Inn and Suites call for rates 800-456-4000

Other lodging www.helengeorgialodging.com Make all reservations by March 20 and ask for Corvair rates. For more information contact Lillian Law 229 883 4123 or lawjandl@aol.com

I found this Southern Pacific ad in the Detroit Area Corvair Club's AirCooler Newsletter. Editor is the renown Ken Pepke. Ken is the chef who helps feed the attendees at the annual Detroit Homecoming. The DACC homecoming is scheduled for August 22-25, 2013 in Plymouth Michigan. Besides the excellent food, hospitality and great looking Corvairs, the homecoming features a very nice Peoples Choice show. The show produces the top 25 Corvair Calendar that is available every year. In years past, and I suspect again this year, there are tours to the Ypsilanti Museum, which hosts the Corvair Museum and to the GM Heritage Museum. Nearby are numerous other museums, in Detroit, that are worth the visit especially if you have not yet visited them. This includes the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield village.



TRI-LEVEL FOR FREIGHT

Here is S. P.'s Tri-Level Auto-Pack—the newest and most flexible rail car designed to carry automobiles and trucks from assembly plant to destination. Fifteen compact or 12 standard cars ride on the Auto-Pack's three 84-ft.-long "floors." The second floor can be raised by sections for mixed track and auto loads. Another example of "always something new" at S. P., in our search for more efficient ways to move freight.

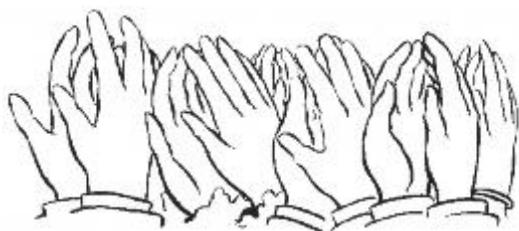
SKY-LEVEL FOR PASSENGERS

Everything to the top of the sky is in view from S. P.'s two-level, all-glass-covered Dome Lounge Car—on the *Shasta Daylight* (San Francisco-Portland) and the *San Joaquin Daylight* (San Francisco-Los Angeles via the inland valley). Refreshments are on call, with California's high and mighty scenery, in the congenial surroundings of this sky-wide and handsome car.



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A Warm welcome to Alan Winston who joined PCCA at the February meeting.

Auction News Selling a Corvair in the right venue can bring big dollars Barrett-Jackson Lot: 395 - 1964 CHEVROLET CORVAIR CONVERTIBLE, Scottsdale Arizona January 17, 2013 Description indicates \$46,000 spent for a bare metal restoration including \$25,000 for body and paint work – for a rust free, “straight” Arizona car. Another \$4,000 was spent on the brakes to put Acura Brakes on the car. It is a Monza with a 110hp powerglide that looks similar to Tim Mahler’s 64 convertible. I doubt Tim’s car would ever bring those dollars.

With Buyers Commission, this Corvair, condition 1 or 2 (top condition) sold for \$39,600

A sneak peak at Dale Kuykendall's latest project: Mid-engine, clam lift body. Dale has made some good progress as the photos show. It is amazing the thought process that has gone into this project from engineering the clam lift to proper cooling. Dale's latest "addition" is providing means to transport food to a car show because after you look at the other cars, what else is there to do? Might as well have a cook-out and enjoy the day. These photos are from mid January so I suspect Dale has made additional progress as he tinkers some on the project every day.



Car and Parts for Sale/Trade

Corvair Calendar: Circle City Corvair Club of Indianapolis has received 2013 calendars and selling for \$15.00 plus \$2.50 to ship or actual cost if more than 1 is ordered. Cars are club members cars and quality of calendars is excellent. let me know how many you want and I will see that you get them. Send message separately to me using my email address (kcvair@hotmail.com) Ken Clark

For Sale: Engine, two Trannies(1pg, 14sp) half barrel of assorted parts. Price? \$400? Robert (Bob) L. Sapp North of Pittsfield, IL Cell#: 217-248 3696

Available for use: Now at Mike Hall's . A rotisserie that uses the assembly line mounting locations to secure the car may be borrowed upon request. Adaptable to an early model but it was built for a late model car. Contact Mike Hall.

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 1966 Monza convertible, white interior. Red exterior (over blue factory). 110hp PG. Located in Taylorville, owner lives in Rochester. Car originally from Arizona, has set since 1993. Ronnie Jump 217-836-0056

For Sale--1966 500 Coupe 110 auto, A/C, Runs & drives. Needs restored \$950.00; 1966 Monza..engine turns over..4 speed..red/black interior..windshield missing..Needs restored \$450.00; 1963 4 door Monza for parts...decent body parts CHEAP!!!! Call if interested Mike Meyer 618-259-1552

Secretary Report PCCA Meeting February 9, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Thelma McKenzie

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Mahler at 2:03 PM in the Rochester Community Building's meeting room. He then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone, especially Paul Skeans and our newest member, Alan Winston.

Standard Reports:

Bernie Allen moved the January 12, 2013 minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. Jim Collier seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Jim Allen announced Bob Gwin had donated two items to be used in the 50/50 drawing and then presented the Treasurer's Report. The chapter has \$3,028.64. in total funds. The checking account balance is \$3,013.64 and petty cash has \$15.00. The CD was cashed and the funds deposited into the checking account. Martin Lindstrom moved the treasurer's report be accepted. Sue Biggs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

There was no Membership Report. Membership renewals are to be paid by March 1.

Old Business:

President Mahler announced a note had been received in appreciation and acknowledgment of the chapter's donation in memory of June Hall. He also presented Immediate Past President Jim Collier with a gift certificate as recognition of the leadership he provided to the chapter for two years.

New Business:

Larry Jahn reported on the conference call concerning a possible car display to be held at the Chanute Air Museum in June. Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts and Circle City Corvairs were also represented during the call. There were several positive opinions voiced by members. Following a motion by Art Jameson and a second by Bob Gwin, members unanimously expressed a preference for Sunday, June 23 as the date for the event. Larry and President Mahler will be part of another conference call to further discuss details.

Schedule for 2013 Meetings and Other Events:

Vice-President Bob Gwin led the discussion of meeting and event ideas for 2013. The current schedule of major dates:

March 9	Chevrolet Hall of Fame, Decatur - meeting at 2; lunch and tour on one's own
April 13	AACA Car Corral & Swap Meet, Staunton; \$1 admission; meet at Toronto Road McDonald's at 10AM if caravanning
May 11?	Possible picnic, Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Dick Moon to coordinate
June 8	Program to be determined, Rochester (may switch with May 11)
June 29	LLCC Car Show, Springfield
July 13	Program to be determined, Rochester
July 16-20	CORSA Convention, Kalamazoo, MI; Registration and Set-up on July 15
August 17	Corvair Display at Illinois State Fair, Springfield; leave Steak & Shake at 8:45 AM
September 7	SOS Show, Springfield; Mike Hall and Garry Biggs to provide details
October 12?	Possible picnic, Lake Yeager, Litchfield; Joan Cavagna to check with Show-Me Corvair Club
November 9	Program to be determined, Rochester
December 14?	Christmas Party, Ted's Garage, Clinton; Jim Allen will check availability

The Easter Concours d'Elegance in St. Louis's Forest Park will be March 31; contact Joan Cavagna by March 1 if interested in participating. The (Corvair) Springfest in Helen, GA will be April 19 and 20. The Ansar Shrine Car Show will be June 9 in Springfield's Lincoln Park; John Funk will save an area for Corvairs if enough participate. The Orphan Auto Picnic will be August 18. The Detroit Area Corvair Club's Homecoming weekend will be August 22-25. A Fall Classic at Clark's Corvair Parts will be held on September 14. The Hoosier Auto Show & Swap Meet (Circle City Corvairs) will be September 20-22.

Other Comments:

Art Jameson reported Mike Meyers's car was listed as one of the Top 32 Quickest in class by *Hot Rod Magazine*.

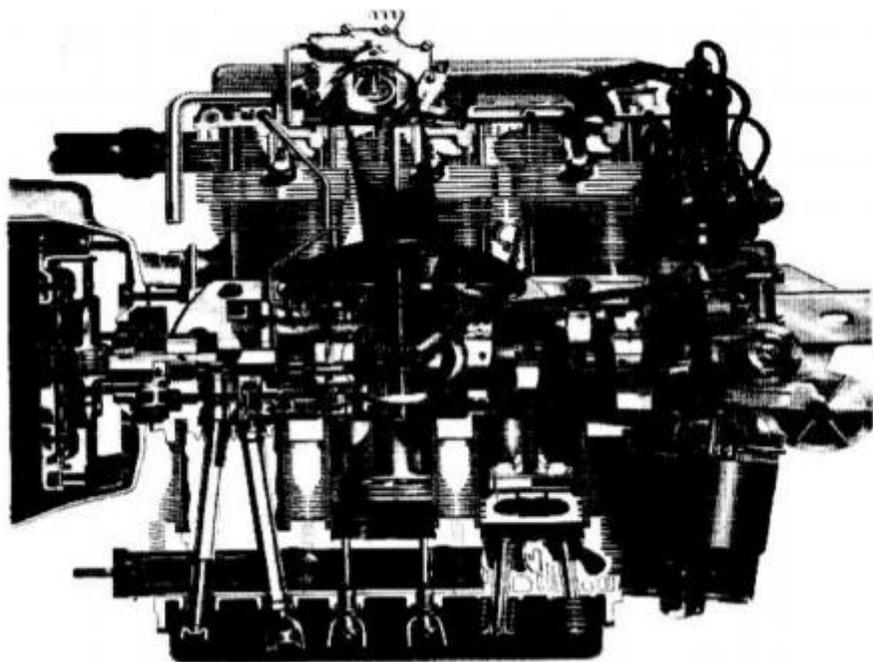
Adjournment:

Joan Cavagna moved the meeting be adjourned. Sue Biggs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM.

After the meeting:

Refreshments were provided by Gloria Jahn and Bob Gwin. Mike Hall chose cash in the 50/50 raffle, Jim Collier chose the Tech Guide CD and Garry Biggs won the belt tightening tool. Five members shared portions of their "other" collections - travel charms for a bracelet, vintage clothing, Christmas ornaments, Corvair models and Corvair memorabilia.

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