



## Prairie Capital Corvair Association

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# The Flat Six

July 2013

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## From the President

Happy Independence Day USA!

Mentioning USA reminded me of the Diana Shore "See the USA in Your Chevrolet" song from the late 50s and early 60s. Although really before my time, I do recollect the song, mostly from hi-lights aired by various TV and radio broadcasts.

It is the season to see the USA – in your Chevrolet. I prefer driving my Chevrolet Corvair, but Chevy did produce lots of nice cars back in the day. Pick one, take a leisurely cruise to a car show, cruise-in or the CORSA international Convention in Kalamazoo Michigan!!

Several PCCA members will be traveling to Kalamazoo to reconnect with other CORSA members and to meet new Corvair enthusiasts. The featured events are always fun – try one, Concours, Rally, Econo-run or Autocross. Plenty of organized tours, meetings and other vendors to occupy your time in-between. Finally on the last day, a trip to the Gilmore museum for a “car display”, museum visit and more camaraderie with fellow classic car enthusiasts. Should be a good time.

At this time, a regular meeting at the Rochester Community building will still be held Saturday July 17 at 2:00pm. I do not have a item heavy agenda but it may be a good time to talk with other PCCA members about those last minute wants/needs for the trip to Michigan. I plan to drive my 68 Fitch Sprint, radio delete to the convention. Will allow me to see and hear the USA in my Chevrolet. Well see mostly, I will likely be listening to the engine drone most of the way, trombone exhausts are not the quietest exhaust, but sure look cool.



From the tr-state meet, Corvair ready to travel

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>

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.

NOTE DATE CHANGE To MONDAY August 12 at the fair. Senior Day. Seniors get in free.

**August 12 PCCA Meeting at the Illinois State Fair.** Meet at State and shake before 9am. Meeting at 2p.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 – Back downtown, by the new state capital. Should be a good location..

Sept 20-21 Hoosier Show, Indianapolis, Marion County Fairgrounds.

October 12 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. Asking for suggestions for a location.



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

## Other Shows

August 3 Powerlight “Abe Lincoln” Car show. Knight’s Action Park, Springfield IL

Every Sunday through September 29, Cruise-in at the Magnum Grand Hotel. First Sunday of each month “free entertainment”, beer stand and fresh grilled food. The Flyer has a picture of Richard Boxdorfer’s Tow Truck FC and in another photo his 65 Corsa convertible parked next to Mike Hall’s convertible.

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

# the Ansar Shrine Classic Car Show

June 9, 2013 Photos by Thelma McKenzie.

Editor Tim read Thelma's notes that she sent with pictures to develop a brief story for the June Meeting and Car Show.

Tim was off running, literally, again. Whereas Springfield only received strong winds Sunday, Tim ran with both wind and rain. Had a good time visiting all my relatives that I have not seen in ten or so years. The grand-kids behaved quite well considering how



often they got stuck in the car – either because we were in transit or because of the rain Sunday. We did try to stop frequently to let them out to run off some energy. That they did too! And yes, I finished both Marathons over the weekend, first in my age group (they were small participant races) both days.

Back to the Show: Thelma reports that 52 cars registered (including at least 3 of those in the Corvair row). Everyone noticed the shiny chrome front wheels on one truck - reminded me (Thelma) of Masala's wheels in Ben Hur but with more teeth.



PCCA members casually talked with each other and visitors a few minutes before noon when the announcement came that "A storm is expected in 45 minutes. Everyone please come up for door prizes so we can get everyone out before it hits." - or something similar.

Several of us made a decision to hold the PCCA meeting then. Meeting delayed so Jim Allen could collect longest distance to get to show. Then came "There are 52 registered and we have 50 trophies. Everyone will get one. Bring your card and pick up a trophy." We had a VERY short meeting.

Arrived in Corvairs: Dick & Neta Moon, Jim & Bernie Allen, Richard & Ruth Ann Boxdorfer,

Bud and Kay Laubach (trailer to park - drove a short distance), Jerry & Thelma McKenzie, Mike Hall, Paul Skeans, Allen Monts. Later Chris Hall and friend.

Needless to say, we got about 6 sprinkles as we departed - and then nothing more until 3. Don't know what happened at the park. Guess they were being overly cautious with valuable cars due to recent storms.



## PCCA Meetings/Shows - July Meeting is Saturda, July 13, 2013

PCCA will be meeting at the Rochester Community Building at 2:00pm. I am not aware of any specific program. This is the regular meeting date at the regular meeting location. Or at least, as regular as we have been the past few years.

The following week many PCCA members will be traveling to Kalamazoo Michigan for the annual International CORSA Convention. The convention features numerous tours, special interest group meetings, indoor and out door vendors, plus Concours, a Road Rally, Econo-run, and autocross. The car display will be held Saturday, July 20 at the Gilmore museum with both Concours and non Concours Corvairs invited. Should be a very good time. A speed time trial on a road course will be held the Monday before the convention for those interested in safely exercising their Corvairs.



## August Meeting and State Fair Display – MONDAY August 12, 2013

Another change in meeting schedule, hopefully, members don't lose track of all the changes. At the May meeting, members elected to hold the State Fair Display on Monday, August 12 instead on the last weekend. The move has some advantages. For PCCA members, the fair on Monday will have more exhibits with more items still on display for us to see. On the last weekend, many of the animals and numerous exhibits have already left for home. It happens every year. Monday is also Seniors day which means PCCA members who are seniors, which any more is a majority of members, get into the fair for free with or without a Corvair on display. Because it is Senior day, many people who remember the Corvair will be present and should really appreciate seeing our wonderful little cars. The downside is fewer youngsters may see the Corvairs because they come on the weekends. When I mention youngsters I include those in their 40s and 50s who still need to work during the week. It is a trade-off. Time will see if this is a good change or not. Will still meet at the Steak and Shake on North Dirksen Parkway before the fair display – just on Monday.

## Car and Parts for Sale/Trade

**NOTE: 185-80-R13 tires** are available once again from Maxxis, The date code is 0913 ( 9th week of 2013). The whitewall width is 5/8 of an inch. Maxxis MA-1 (grand touring) \$109.00 each visit [www.maxxis.com](http://www.maxxis.com) eStore to order directly.

**For Sale:** 1964 Monza Spyder Coupe Green over White with green interior. It has about 8,000 miles on a complete overhaul by Jim Allen. Most people in the club know the car and the care it has had. Brian Seyller 309-697-9428

**Scrap price early coupe parts:** 2 left doors 2 right doors 2 engine lids 1 lightly damaged trunk lid 1 instrument cluster 2 front undercarriages 1 rear (64) 1 gas tank 1 3 sp trans 1 rear end 1 set headers w/glass packs 1 windshield (pock mark) 2 back glass 2 front fenders other misc **WILL BE SOLD FOR SCRAP IN NEXT COUPLE MONTHS** Please don't let this happen 217 233-8828 possible delivery Robert Gwin

**For Sale:** 1965 Corvair Orchid Monza conv. w/ black top & black interior. It is in Waterloo, IL. PG, 110hp, 40,000 original miles. Starts and runs good. surface rust only. Has small dings here & there. original interior & top. Mike Muehiber at 314-322-3341. \$5,500.00, OBO. e-mail [mdm@htc.net](mailto:mdm@htc.net)

Clarks Corvairs now have in stock a limited supply of the fresh run of **Maxxis tires in the P185 80R 13 size** with the white wall, order yours before these run out again. <http://www.corvair.com/user-cgi/search.cgi?part=C12601> **priced at \$99.90 ea.**

**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



# Rantoul Museum Tour and Corvair Show.

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tim Mahler

Wow. The Rantoul Aerospace Museum has made great progress since PCCA was there last some 10-12 years ago. Yes, it could still use some upgrading, but the planes were nicely presented. I was impressed. A nice show with old cars and old planes is just a lot of fun.

Larry Claypool was the emcee for much of the afternoon, interviewing the various car owners including a 1951 2-door Kaiser sedan, a 37 Chevy with runble seat and others. From the Corvair world, Circle City Corvairs drove over in 6 Corvairs and a few support vehicles. Chicago Corvair Enthusiasts topped the list with 14 Corvairs. PCCA was well represented with 5 Corvairs. There was another Corvair from the area in attendance, but I did not readily recognize the name nor address nor was I ever able to find him/her to talk to them.

Jim Allen was interviewed about his early years as a service technician (mechanic) and about his 1961 Lakewood. Tim was interviewed to represent PCCA and to talk about his Fitch Sprint, in this case his 1966 red Sprint. Also in attendance was Dick and Neta Moon in their Blue Moon 1965 Convertible, Larry and Gloria Jahn in the very nice 1963 Spyder Convertible. Notably, we met again with Gene Schmidt who arrived in his 1963 red coupe. The PCCA group had a nice day discussing nothing much at all. The breeze felt great as we sat in the shade of the tail of a C130 Cargo plane.



From the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association VairCor Newsletter, the Preventive Maintenance Series by Mike Dawson. This article talks about steering boxes and is from the April 2013 issue.

# ***The Preventive Maintenance Series***

Heart of America Corvair Owners Association, VAIRCOR April 2013

## ***Steering Boxes***

By Mike Dawson April 2013

**Steering Boxes** are one of those seldom seen but yet quite important items that should be checked after all these 40-50 years: inspection, lubrication and adjustment being the main areas of concern. You can follow your shop manual for recommended checking, adjustment and overhaul (pretty clear instructions), and you can use the following as additional tips:

The plug on the driver's side of the trunk bottom allows access to the adjustment. This should be done only after checking other areas of the steering for play and after observing the movement of the pitman shaft in the bushing while you barely rotate the steering shaft from under the car. Adjustment will take up some of the bushing wear but if noticeable movement between the shaft and the bushing is visible, the bushing should be replaced. This is particularly true if the adjusting screw is disappearing into the locknut. You can also use the manual to check the shaft bearing adjustment but that adjustment is usually pretty close if the bushing is not worn out. A disappearing adjuster screw can be caused by a badly worn ball nut and sector gear but the bushing is normally the culprit.

**To adjust**, loosen the locknut at least two turns while holding the slotted screw so you can evaluate the turns needed to adjust. Make sure the steering box is in the straight-ahead position (equal turns from left to right) regardless of the steering wheel center, which may have been altered. Turn the screw back and forth to make sure the threads are not binding and then gently tighten until resistance is felt. Rotate the steering wheel back and forth a couple of times and re-center. Then gently tighten the screw again and tighten the locknut.

The shop manual lists a special steering lubricant but I have always felt comfortable using a light chassis lube pumped into the box through the provided plug. You can use a grease gun with a funnel or a hose attachment, or you can borrow my special adapters with fittings. Carefully fill the box completely full.

**If your steering box needs a bushing**, the box needs to be removed and disassembled. Different years require minor variations on removing the box. You will need an air hammer with a fork or similar tool to separate the pitman arm from the center link bushing. You will also need access to two special tools once the box is out: a puller to remove the pitman arm from the pitman shaft, which is usually **very tight**, and a press with adapters for the pitman shaft bushing since it is a thin wall type (hammers don't work well in this application). The bushing CCP sells is slightly oversize when installed and makes up for a worn shaft which is common. You may have to hone the bushing if your shaft is like new. The box disassembly, assembly and adjustment are covered in the manual. When you check the shaft bearings and races, you may find good bearings and a bad lower race. This causes lumpy steering and needs to be corrected. The races and balls are available but the upper and lower races are interchangeable and you could salvage a good upper race from a junk box. Apparently the lower bearing frets on the race from road shock—this can be really bad if you use a nylon pitman arm bushing. Also, water can enter the upper seal and settle in the lower race causing pitting. Replace the two seals and the gasket, which are available, adjust the bearings and the sector. Be sure to use sealer on the large lock nut as noted in the manual, fill with lubricant and you are ready for smooth steering with a concourse clean box.

# Caravan to Convention - Indianapolis

Circle City Corvairs in Indianapolis will once again be hosting a "Caravan to Convention" party starting on Sunday, July 14th.

On Sunday we will be hosting a "Getting the Party Started" Show and Shine that will be held at "Masterpiece Classic Cars " Dealership. The show will start at 10 am and end at three pm. One of our fantastic 8 color T-shirts is included with the registration of \$20.00. Great food will be available on site with popcorn and softdrinks included for free.

We have contracted with La Quinta Inns for a block of rooms for \$79.00 a night.

On Monday morning we will depart the host hotel parking lot at 9 am and travel north by interstate highway to Kalamazoo. The caravan will have two groups, those that want to travel at the posted speedlimit of 70 mph and those that want to run at 55 to 60 mph. A trailer will be available for those that might have a problem along the way. We will not leave you stranded along side the road.

The trip is about 250 miles and a stop or two along the way is being planned. Information on the various aspects of this party are available on the web site so take a look around, then make your reservations to join us on a great way to start the big show. The web site can be found at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvaicaravan/>

**The T-Shirt will / is available for purchase separately, including at the convention for just \$18.00. Is a order form on the web site – or get one from a CCC member. It looks Great.**



## Clark's Corvair Parts - Our 40th Year!

Get the New 2013-2018 Catalog March 1 - December 24, 2013

When you place your first order over \$40.00 you get a FREE Catalog as a 40th Anniversary Thank You (additional catalogs \$3 with an order) The new Catalog includes parts from the last 5 Supplements as well as 100's of improvements (including better descriptions, more photos & new charts). Changes / additions to over 70% of the pages, this is our most major revision ever.

### Clark's at the 2013 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 16-20, 2013 KALAMAZOO

CONVENTION SPECIAL! We'll take 10% off your total for CASH payment. 5% off credit card or any check. (Also applies to ANY paid orders PLACED AT THE SHOW!)

O V E R 1300 different parts on display ! We are The REPRO Supplier. Some of the REPRO ITEMS we will have with us include New T-shirt Designs; Revised "How to Hotrod the Corvair Engine" books; Wagon hinge covers; 4-Dr door sills; FC lenses, reflectors & door sills; 60-64 Door handles; 64 Rear air exhaust grills; 63-64 Tail & Backup light housings; 4-speed Backup switches; New transmission mounts, Coco Mats and more. Clark's 2013-18 Catalog - Get your copy of the new catalog at the Convention . Our 40 year reputation proves we are MORE than parts! We look forward to meeting you in the Indoor Vendor Room.

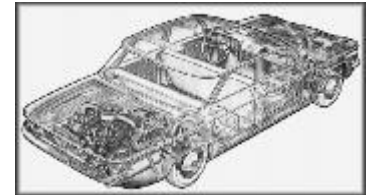
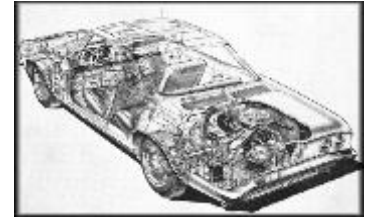
SHOW HOURS Tuesday 8:30-5:00 Wednesday 8:30-6:30 Thursday 8:30-6:30 Friday 8:30-12:00 (Hours could be subject to change)

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From the tri-state meet. A life size cut-away Corvair, series 2 coupe

*September 27-29 – The Great Plains Round-Up – Wichita Kansas.*

This year's Round Up will be held in Wichita by the Mid-Continent Corvair Association. MCCA has again chosen the Best Western Airport Inn and Conference Center as the host hotel. It is one mile from Towne West Mall and Palace Theatre West. Within five miles of the hotel are the Wichita Art Museum, Sedgwick County Zoo and downtown Wichita. The hotel provides complimentary 24 hour transportation to and from the Wichita Mid Continental Airport less than two miles away. Complimentary continental breakfasts are served daily. Recreational amenities include an indoor pool, a spa tub and a fitness center. A game room and indoor putting green are located on the property. All 130 guest rooms feature complimentary wireless internet access and cable television with premium cable channels.

*Reservations: Call 316-942-5600 mention the Great Plains Corvair Round Up for special room rate of \$74.99 +tax. Best Western Airport Inn and Conference Center 6815 West Kellog (US 54) Wichita KS. 67209*



**Auction News**

**Mecum Kissimmee Auction, Kissimmee FL Jan 18-27** as reported in OCW May 30, 2013

1964 Chevrolet Corvair Spyder 2dr convertible, 4spd	conditions 2	\$16,000
1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa convertible, 4spd, CMD Wheels	condition 2	\$17,500

**Auctions America Spring Auburn Sale, Auburn IN, May 10-11,** as reported in OCW June 27, 2013

1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza, 2d Convertible, 150hp, turbo, 4sp	condition 3	\$12,000
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***PAST Due Members dropped from the rolls***

Clifton Carpenter                      Dan and Diane Murphy                      Cathy and Joe Pivonka                      Perry and Lori Reigler



**Secretary Report PCCA Meeting** April 13, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Thelma McKenzie

Prairie Capital Corvair Association  
General Membership Meeting  
June 9, 2013  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Jim Allen at 12:09 PM next to the Corvair display at the Ansar Car Show in Springfield's Lincoln Park. He then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Standard Reports:**

Membership Chairman Dick Moon reported there were 51 current addresses. He had the 2013 Membership Lists for everyone. He asked members to consider whether the practice of distributing membership cards should continue – he has nearly exhausted his supply and will probably need to purchase more this year.

Treasurer Allen presented the Treasurer's Report. The chapter has \$3,768.04. in total funds. The checking account balance is \$3,753.04, and petty cash has \$15.00. Dick Moon moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Mike Hall seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Jerry McKenzie moved the May 11, 2013 minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. Richard Boxdorfer seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

(None)

**New Business:**

(None)

**Other Comments:**

Mike Hall reported CPF has acquired the last Corvair body built by GM. On Monday, July 15, the Super Monza will be moved from the museum in Ypsilanti, MI to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, where the convention's car display will be held. It may be possible for the CPF to obtain permanent space at the Gilmore Museum.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

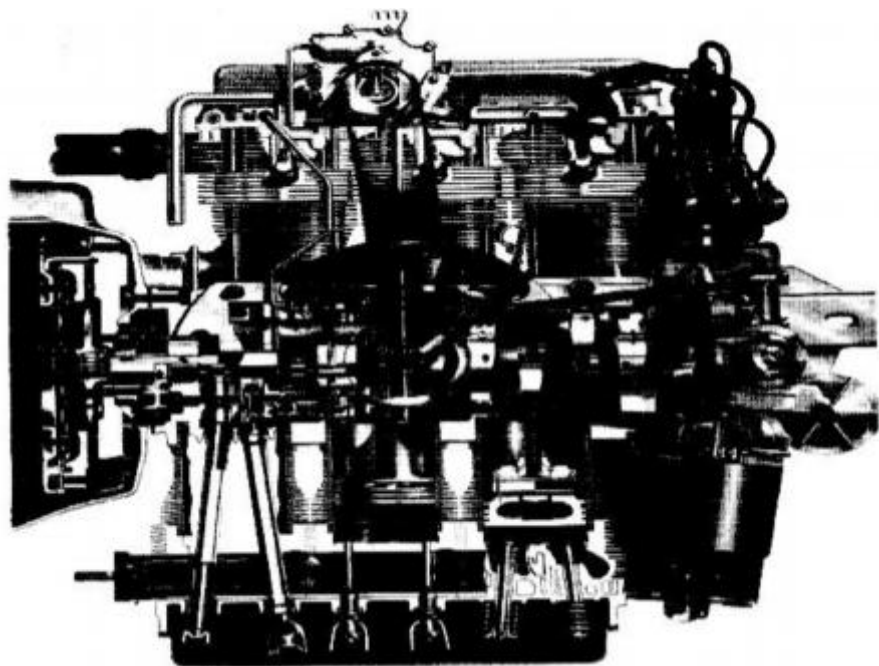
**Thelma McKenzie**

Thelma McKenzie, Secretary

**Before the meeting:**

Members socialized and viewed the other cars registered for judging. These activities were cut short by the show organizers announcing a storm was expected to hit the area in 45 minutes. Awards were handed out immediately so everyone could be out of the park before then. This promoted the PCCA members to convene the meeting early by consensus.

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