

Where Circle City Corvair Club meets
on the third Saturday of each month

VALVE CLATTER

Corsa Birthday Party



The Corsa Birthday Party is the first club event of the year. It is a place to bring your cars, meet with fellow club members, share a meal and enjoy the sunshine.

This year the Birthday Party will be held at Plainfield Baptist Church located at 1575 Reeves Road. The club will provide the meats and drinks and we ask all members to bring a favorite recipe for the PITCH-IN. Activities start at 10 am with lunch starting at noon followed by an auction and 50/50 drawing. You are invited to donate items for the auction. It can be car related items or just something you haven't used in a long time. If the item has a large value as in some car parts, you can set a reserve on the item.

I really want to encourage our members who have not participated in any club events to come and join us. It really is an enjoyable time and we will make you feel welcomed.



From the Boss

Our March meeting was held at Gateway Classic Cars on the north side of Indy. This was arranged by Todd Stires our VP who, along with wife Alice, also provided coffee and pastries galore. The morning was 24* with snow flurries and intersections like an ice-skating rink but over 30 of us gathered at tables surrounded by more than 100 classic cars too varied in year, class or manufacture to describe here. It seems that Jay and Chris, the two sales managers, were eager to learn about the unusual Corvair. They had many questions and were very gracious hosts for the morning. The majority of members followed up with lunch at Bub's Burgers just 10 minutes away in Zionsville to conclude the day.

Our next meeting will be the CORSA Birthday party Saturday April 15 held at Plainfield Baptist Church this year on Reeves Rd. across from Plainfield High School. So, bring a covered dish and some **uncovered** cash to purchase auction items that will benefit the club treasury. Don't forget to bring a useful item, car related or not, to the auction to sell if you can.



All in fun,
Pres. Dave Beck

Would you trust these guys with your teenaged car parts.

Rod Lasley, Todd Stires and Scott McVicker got together for an impromptu parts swap at Dave Beck's shop



Valve Clatter is the monthly newsletter of the Circle City Corvairs, a Chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). We welcome story ideas and articles for publication. Advertisements for cars and car parts, either wanted or for sale, are free. Send information to newsletter editor Tom Miller.

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From Your Vee Pea.....by Todd Stires

We are on the cusp of the "Corvair Cruising Season" and you will want to stay informed of all the club activities & events planned for the upcoming months. "Thank-you" to Ron & Anita Bunten for coordinating our activities starting off with the Corsa Birthday Party on April 15th - Recover from that then plan to attend our regular club meeting at Hubler Chevrolet on May 21st followed by a graduation gathering at the Bunten House!

Stay up to date by referring to the club newsletter "Valve Clatter" so nicely compiled by Tom Miller. Look for all functions planned on the "Activities" page of the newsletter. Hopefully you are receiving this monthly from Carlton Smith thru the U.S.P.S. or delivered to your email mailbox.

Also, remember there is a *trunk* full of information available on our club website: "circlecitycorvairs.org". A huge pat on the back to our volunteer club web-master Rod Lasley! We are fortunate to have such a skillful individual that presents our website so professionally. Be sure to access it for meeting information, past newsletters, upcoming events & photos of past events! In addition, feel free to contact Rod to list Corvair items you are selling or looking to acquire. Remember to visit the "Member" tab to see all the Corvairs owned by your club friends and keep your photos updated yearly. Car show season opens soon so be sure to visit the link on the "Events" tab to the Indiana Car Shows and Cruise-Ins. Our club website is a valuable *tool-box* that takes all of us to stay in the Corvair loop! Happy Corvairing & see ya down the road.....TMS



On the Road Again

The first drive of the year for our Ultra Van #389 was 3-15-23 which was a sunny dry day here in central Indiana. This would be the first 220 miles we would drive following our tow home from Tennessee last October after dropping the #5 intake valve seat. It would also serve as a celebration, of sorts, for our 49th anniversary the following day. It is always a breath of fresh air to get out and do something a little different long about this time of year while waiting on true Spring weather and this day trip was no exception with many smiles, picture taking and thumbs up from passersby.

We also had some interesting Corvair stories from people as we stopped at Amish meat markets, diners and gas stations. We chose a route through southern Indiana which had some rolling uphill roads, some interstate and some county roads in preparation for the trip in June to the Wisconsin Dells Ultra Rally and following Corsa Rally.

The newly refreshed engine, differential and power glide all seemed up the task as before however as usual there was an unusual happening with the right front shock absorber becoming disconnected from the upper mount. This caused the need to drive slower and some harsh sounds with every dip in the road. The good thing was repair could wait till we got home but requires removing the front seat for access, not the end of the world and fortunately no damage to the shock which would require removing the coil spring if the shock needed replaced.

I have never had a cylinder head temperature gage before so I installed a dual instrument with thermocouples on each head, one in the #1 area and the other #6 area where the factory sensor would normally be. The "J" type thermocouples were meant to go under spark plugs but mount well with a bolt holding them in place. It has been quite interesting to see just how fast that temperature changes going up at highway speeds and quickly down in city driving. Thanks to my friend Chris Brown for the idea and providing the thermocouples.

Safe Travels,
Dave & Gloria Beck
Brownsburg, In.



CIRCLE CITY CORVAIR CLUB MEETING MINUTES 3/18/2023

10:15am to 11:10am at Gateway Classic Cars

Dave Beck presiding, John Shull recording minutes

Board Attendance: Dave Beck, John Shull, Dale Smiley, Rod Lasley, Tom Miller, Dan Brizendine, Todd Stires, Jan Bradley, Ron Bunten

Jay Johnson of Gateway Classic Cars presented

Member intros and shop talk

New member Jim Kaputa introduction

Treasurer's report – Month of January \$7949.26 to \$6759.70

5 renewals, expenses for logo updates, CFP Donation

7 non-renewals left

Newsletter Update – Tom

No new updates, keep sending in articles

World of Wheels update

Registrations were not accepted as the spots were all filled

Can call John Cooper to be on call list for individuals

Activities

Corsa birthday party in April – bring side dish, club providing fried chicken

Starts at 10am, set up half hour early

Owen Sickles graduation party on May 21st after meeting

Will be at Bunten's house, food provided

June lunch at Gas Grill Family Restaurant in Knightstown

Octagon house in Shirley after lunch

June 13-17th Ultra Van Convention at Wisconsin Dells

June 19-24th Corsa Convention at Wisconsin Dells

July 13-16th DACC Homecoming at Ann Arbor, MI

July 15th Pendleton Car Show and Coatesville Car Show

Todd Shared some local cars for sale from an estate

Going to Bub's Burgers for lunch

Meeting Adjourned

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Club Activities

Saturday April 15th	Corsa Birthday party and pitch in at Plainfield Baptist Church, 1575 Reeves Road. Starts at 10 am. <u>This is a new location</u>
Saturday May 20th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
Saturday June 17th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
June 19th thru June 24th	National Convention to be held at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells
Saturday July 15th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
July 13th thru July 16th	43 Annual DACC Homecoming to be held in Ann Arbor Michigan, at the Wyndam Garden Hotel
Saturday August 19th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
Monday September 4th	Labor Day Picnic at Southeastway Park

Preventative Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

FC fuel tanks

Removing and replacing FC gas tanks is not explained well in the shop manual and although the instructions are amusing they are not helpful. The following steps that I used in a recent project may be helpful for those doing an FC tank for the first time.

Think ahead of time about parts: have at least all three hoses, clamps, and a sending unit seal. You might want to use anti-seize on nuts and bolts since you may need to take it out again in ten years.

Have the vehicle as high up as possible, securely on jack stands. Siphon the gas by using a length of $\frac{1}{2}$ " hose, a shop rag and an air gun to gently pressurize the tank until fuel flows. Or carefully use an electric fuel pump to empty it. Remove the shifter if applicable.

Important: Use a marker to record the installed height of the tank against some area of the body. You will need this to know if the tank is re-installed completely. If you have a manual transmission and don't follow this step, the shifter may not clear. Remove the rubber fuel line on the passenger side of the tank at the steel line from the rear, and remove the screw & ground wire from the body just to the front and passenger side of the tank. Remove the left front tire & wheel to make work on the filler neck easier. Loosen the two outboard hose clamps, slide them towards the tank and remove the bolt securing the filler neck. Spray some lubricant on the neck where it will have to slide through the neck grommet towards the outside (the total distance is limited). Use a pry bar to pry against the vent pipe while at the same time use a hose removal tool to loosen up the two hoses until they clear the filler neck. In the event someone before you used hoses longer than necessary, you may have to cut the two hoses with a hacksaw blade holder. No electric saw because of possible sparks. You can leave both hoses attached to the tank during removal if you have difficulty getting them off of their nipples.

Position a floor jack with a board about 6" from the bottom of the tank and loosen the two nuts on the retaining straps to the end of the threads. Wiggle the tank until it drops down and then remove the nuts. From the front of the tank, passenger side, feel the top where the sender fits and remove the sending unit wire plug. If you cannot reach it you may have to lower the tank until you have access. The filler neck hoses will try to stop the tank removal so use a pry bar or big screwdriver to flatten them against the tank until the tank starts to move out.

For installation, hook up the proper length of hose to the sending unit and clip it to the side of the tank. Use duct tape if the clip is rusted away. Do not put the filler neck hoses on until the tank is back in. Insert the tank partially into the vehicle, hook up the sender plug, and lay the ground wire over the front of the tank. Be sure that the tank will not pinch the sending unit wire when fully installed. Once the tank is installed back to where you indexed it and before you tighten the two retaining nuts, move the tank as far to the passenger side as it will go. This helps with the filler neck hose installation. **AGAIN** check that the sending unit wire is not pinched by the tank.

Tighten the two nuts, attach the ground wire and hook up the rubber fuel line to the rear steel line. Push the filler neck against the body grommet and measure from the bottom of the tank nipple to the end of the filler neck; it should be around 7". Once the new hose is pushed on to the tank nipple it should be slightly difficult to clear the filler neck. Have the hose clamps positioned on the hoses as you install them.

Treat the vent tube in the same manner and use a little Vaseline® or a few drops of engine oil to aid installation of the two hoses to the filler neck.

Push the filler neck back in until you can line up the attaching bolt. I use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " drive flex socket on a long $\frac{1}{4}$ " extension to tighten all four hose clamps.

You're done!



Notes and news

Here is one of the clothing items that can be purchased with club logo for \$45.00

This is a lined zip up jacket that is great for those cool evenings Colors are black , blue. Either of the logos shown below are approved.

You can add your name, have a large logo on the back, your choice, call for pricing. Zip up hoodies are also available.

Contact Ken Clark at 812-320-7615



Questions regarding membership, a change of address, or a change of email address; contact the club at valveclatter@yahoo.com or contact Dave Beck – Club President at 317-409-5682; or Rod Lasley – Club Treasurer at 317-294-2871.

Information on those winter projects

Keep in mind that the club has resources both in tools, parts and expertise to answer your questions.

In exchange, I would like the club to share your projects by allowing the newsletter to follow you on your journey this winter....

Wanted:

65-69 Windshield

As I was too late to catch Roger Parker's deal in February's issue, I want to ask if anyone else has a new condition tinted 1965-1969 Windshield available at a good price. I need one for my Fitch Sprint. Please contact Thomas at 765-506-7479 or thomasmratliff@gmail.com.

For Sale:

Rebuilt Corvair fuel pumps - \$60 with exchange pump . Dan Brizendine, debrizo@comcast.net 317-615-9237

For Sale:

66 coupe rear glass (clear and in good condition)- \$25

61 coupe EZ eye (factory tinted glass) good condition- \$150 includes all glass except the windshield. One bumper mount trailer hitch for sale \$25

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