

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

# VALVE CLATTER

## Convention in Pictures



Thomas Ratliff won first in class in the Auto-

Elijah Ratliff won 4th place in Class in the



# From the Boss

A special note to the membership. **There will be NO board meeting and NO Regular membership meeting for the month of July due to the next board meeting landing on July 4th holiday and the regular membership meeting landing on the week of the DACC and John's Pendleton Car show (July 15) along with the Coatsville car show also on the 15th..**



Our August board meeting will resume at Hubler 6 pm Tuesday August 1 and the regular membership meeting will resume at Hubler August 19 at 10 am. August 20th is the Indiana State Fair Car Show

Ron and Anita will make another attempt to secure the Plainfield CC for our Christmas party this week but haven't been able to get conformation yet. Their Plainfield Baptist Church would be a backup if no one is able to suggest a better location. The Plainfield Baptist Church though a little smaller I think is a good alternative at no cost and several members are familiar with the location.

Thanks everyone, Dave Beck



*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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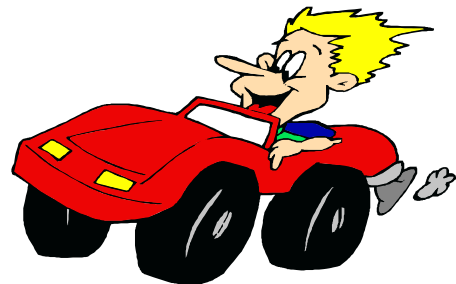
## From your Vee Pea.....by Todd Stires

2 Reasons to visit Knightstown & Shirley, IN  
After our June 17<sup>th</sup> general meeting at Hubler Chevrolet, a group of Vair-nuts took advantage of the sunny weather and cruised 45 miles east of Indianapolis. Our first destination at I70 & SR109 was the infamous Gas Grill Restaurant in Knightstown. The group was met there by fellow members Matt Brizendine & Ron and Anita Bunten. Our group of about 15 joined all the "good old boys" resting their rigs and enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship. From here we ventured north 7 miles to Shirley for a visit to the unique Octagon House!



The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House was originally constructed near Wilkinson, IN in 1879 at a cost of \$2,500 - the owner paid in-full with silver dollars she had saved in a shoe box! The house survived for over 100 years until saved from the wrecking ball in the early 1990's. A local historical group of seven men vowed to save the house and had it moved 10 miles to its current location in Shirley, IN. The original 2 story structure was placed upon a full basement that is now used by community groups. Our tour guide for the afternoon was the lone surviving member of the group that saved the house. He expertly explained how the entire house had been renovated to add electricity and insulation but yet maintain the octagon architecture. Each room has beautiful doors, windows closets & furnishings and no two rooms are alike. The covered porch surrounding the house was immense and relaxing! Oh, I must mention it was a pleasure for our group to be joined by long time fellow CCC member Mike Jones from Anderson! Mike drove his beautiful '68 Monza Convertible the short distance and it was great catching up with Mike.

The entire afternoon was a huge success and the group highly recommends a visit to The Octagon House. It is a beautiful piece of history "Back Home Again in Indiana" and easily reachable in your Chevrolet Corvair! A hearty "thank-you" to Ron & Anita Bunten for coordinating this activity and for making the long trip from Danville to Shirley!



The June 2023 Ultra Van Rally was held at the Country Roads Campground just one week prior and very near to the Corsa Convention at the Wisconsin Dells area. Gloria and I had planned two days in Trufant Mi. to attend the Hippie Festival however rain and 60\* temperatures canceled the event. We stopped early for the night near South Bend In. in a campground across from the old Studebaker factory which is now the Navistar Proving Grounds for trucks and busses etc. If you look at a Google view from the sky you can still see the name Studebaker spelled out in large evergreen trees that stretch for hundreds of yards.

We traveled north to the Mackinaw area crossing the bridge to explore the UP of Michigan. Very good roads and weather followed for the next two weeks, my only regret was not stopping for a "Pasty" which is a handheld meat pie that was eaten by old time miners with a thick crust on the outside that would be discarded to prevent getting toxins from the mining operation.



State Road 2 which follows Lake Michigan was a trip back to the 50's with run down fishing and hunting cabins everywhere, scenic but sad to see.

On to the Green Bay area and stopping in Marinette, Wi. where there was a lake side ship building facility that had just completed an LST, a small navy ship whose purpose was to fight battles near shorelines. It was

ready to be christened within a couple of days and had already completed its sea trials. The employee we spoke with said it is quite a celebration to see when the crew comes out and screams "life" into the ship prior to boarding for service. He also said its life expectancy was 5-10 years because technology would be outdated and in fact foreign countries actually make a deal to purchase them as soon as they are manufactured. The shipyard is on the Menominee River and leads to Lake Michigan. Local fishermen told us they would catch bass, crappie, perch and this time of year, Walleye.



The stop for the night would be Devils River campground which was the site of "Rock Mill" built in 1847 by Czech, German and Irish immigrants two years before Wisconsin was a state! It was built as a sawmill but when all the local timber was depleted it was converted to a grist mill and ran until 1934 providing flour and animal feed.

There were 6 Ultra Vans at our rally. One was from Washington State, one New Hampshire and one 87 year old drove his from California! We had a good week of exchanging ideas and experiences, and the following week was the Corsa convention where there were hundreds of people and Corvairs, meetings and tech sessions. Our own Owen Sickles won the \$1000 scholarship award from Corsa and I couldn't think of anyone else more deserving.

Other opportunities were a beautiful river boat tour on the Wisconsin River, a tour at the World Circus Museum in Baraboo Wi. home of the Ringling Brothers family and a stop at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio overlooking the Wisconsin River.

It was good to see lots of Corvairs and friends new and old. Hopefully some of us can make the DACC and have some fun experiences there as well.

Dave & Gloria



## 2023 Club Service Directory

**Corvair Repair Work** Carry-in component rebuilding. Some NOS and used parts.  
 Dan Brizendine 317-862-3550 [debrizo@comcast.net](mailto:debrizo@comcast.net)

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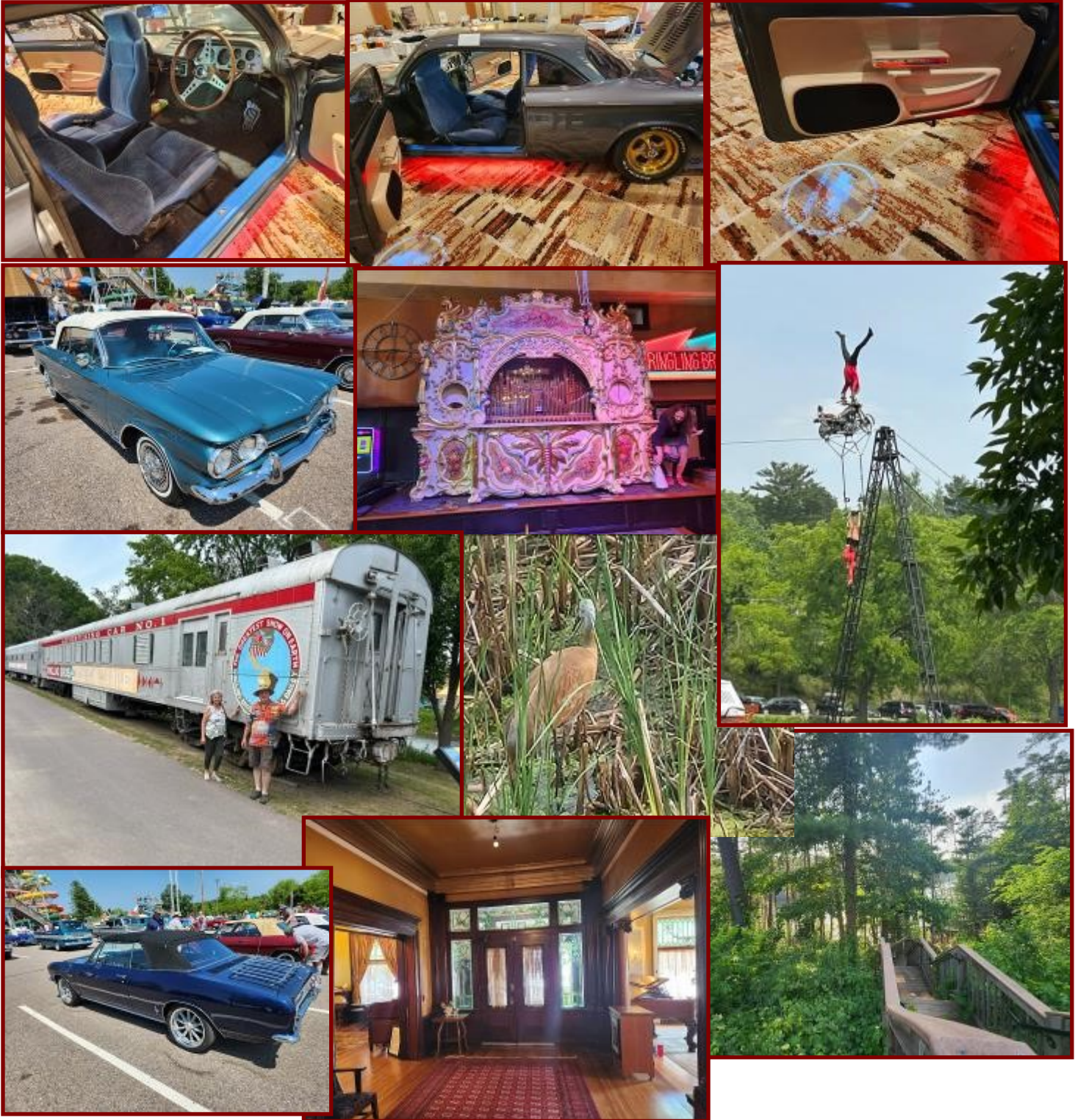
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## Club Activities

Tuesday July 4th	Large car show at Ray Skillman Classic Car Dealership in Greenwood Indiana
<b>Saturday July 15th</b>	There will be <b>NO</b> Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet. There are too many other activities going on. See below
<b>Saturday, July 15th</b>	Car Shows in Pendelton Indiana, and Coatsville Indiana
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
Sunday August 20th	Indiana State Fair Car show
Monday September 4th	Labor Day Picnic at Southeastway Park

# More Convention Pictures



# 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](mailto: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....

## For Sale:

Rebuilt Corvair fuel pumps - \$60 with exchange pump . Dan Brizendine, [debrizo@comcast.net](mailto: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

Dave Beck 317-409-5682

Yes! it's a rare 1964 engine lid latch in great condition and one factory 64 Monza brake drum with head dissipating flanges The drum is rusty but hasn't been turned and needs cleaned up but serviceable. Only one in stock HURRY. Call Jan or dave for pricing.



Some of you have heard it run NOW you can own it !! 1964 110 engine complete with pg trans and diff. Engine block is RN (which is 140 according to junk yard book but obviously there are only two carbs) Call Jan or Dave for pricing. Very affordable to the lucky person.





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