

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

VALVE CLATTER

Owen Sickles Graduates High School



From the Boss

Your May 23 Circle City Corvair Club meeting

has come and gone and there will never be another one like it. Following our meeting at Hubler, 20-30 of us traveled to Ron & Anita's in Brownsburg to celebrate Owen Sickel's high school graduation complete with a cake that had his 65 Monza convertible on it. Owen is our youngest member and is very active, the red 65 he drives was the first Corvair that I purchased prior to joining the club not too many years ago. Owen certainly did some nice things to the car, and it looks so much better than when I owned it. He is quite the mechanic and has many other talents. He and Jan Bradley have worked together on many occasions and on various vehicles, he even worked on our Canadian (jean marc) members car at Paul Foxe's recently. Owen will be missed when he goes to school in Ohio sometime in August.



Ron and Anita's front yard was filled with 11 Corvair's, the weather was wonderful, the food was great, and Ron and Anita were fabulous hosts with a club provided Italian meal. Tom and Susan Miller spent extra effort helping to set up the event also. This is another example of a good time that can be had when people chip in to do their part so don't be shy to suggest an event and help to plan and do your part. Following the lunch there was a car show at Lowe's parking lot in Avon that always has a good turnout.

We are always in need of folks who would be willing to hold an office and give a break to someone who has done the same service for several years. Running for board of directors is an easy way to get involved and Tom Miller would be very much appreciative if anyone would take the helm of the editor position. He will even train you! The only way our hobby and club will survive is if new blood, at any age, will step up to the plate. Please consider taking a role.

Safe Travels,
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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Circle City Corvair Club Meeting Minutes 5/20/2023

10:08am to 10:45am at Hubler

Dave Beck presiding, John Shull recording minutes

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

Treasurer's report – Month of April \$6975.10 to \$6842.73

Renewals, auction proceeds, Corsa birthday party expenses, misc expenses

No newsletter update, Tom and Ron are helping set up party

51st anniversary for the Brizendines

Activities

Same schedule as previously discussed, no new updates

Avon Lowes cruise in after graduation party

Knightstown after June meeting, Gas Grill Family Restaurant and Octagon house

No July meeting due to DACC and car shows

State fair show in August, no meeting plans yet

Ultravan Rally and Corsa convention in June

Tech Talk

Member welfare

Jean in hospital for heart issue, should be out soon

Corsa board election discussion

Corsa birthday party review

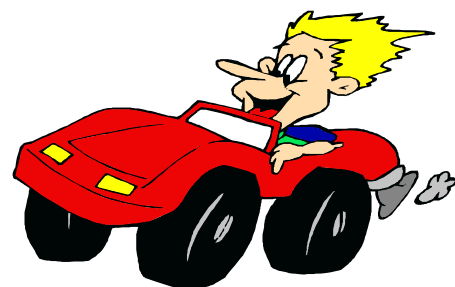
Meeting Adjourned

June Meeting Activities

We will meet at Hubler Chevrolet for our regular meeting. After the meeting we will be taking a short road trip to the "Gas Grill Family Restaurant" in Knightstown Indiana. The trip will take about an hour and should be a pleasant drive in our Corvairs. After lunch the club will be heading to Shirley Indiana to tour the "Octagon House". Shirley is about a 10 minute drive from the restaurant. The "Octagon house is a two story eight sided house that has been restored.

Looks to be a fun trip with all the features we like . Food, Travel, exploring

So this will be a great chance to get the cars out, enjoy the travel and share time with friends so all you strangers out there, come and join us. It's your club too.



VISIT TO FORT HARRISON STATE PARK

Fort Harrison State Park has been on Gloria and my must visit list for a year or so, we had heard so many good things about it and a recent visit there proved to be a wonderful experience. It became a state park in 1991, originally opening in 1906, and has a long history of military training. The last few years it served as a respite/recovery for many soldiers following combat. Many of the brick barracks remain unused or converted to a visitors' center and museum. It consists of 1700 acres of well-groomed bike and walking trails, a couple of small fishing lakes and picnic areas. There are mountain bike trails, walking trails and paved bike/pedestrian trails. This proved to be a great area for testing our new e-bikes as there were many up and downs and we eventually tried them out on some of the dirt mountain trails with good results.



I had been looking for a convenient way to transport the heavy bikes with the Ultra Van so we



could take them to the Rally at Wisconsin Dells and other places we travel to. Gloria suggested to just put them inside the Ultra Van and I quickly dismissed the idea because of congestion inside the RV. Other ideas I had were a rack, but they were too heavy to mount on the Aluminum/fiberglass body. A friend in Michigan had used a single swivel trailer mounted to the underside of his Ultra and pulled it 5000 miles without issues. He said I could buy it for \$200 and it had been setting out back for years. I really didn't have a good way to mount it to the undercarriage and since I do have a trailer hitch with wiring on the ultra, I purchased a small two wheel motorcycle trailer to convert and carry the bikes. After working for weeks on that idea without success we just put the bikes in the Ultra Van and went to Fort Ben. The bikes fit nicely and are held secure with two bungee straps.

As you might guess there is a moral to the story (listen to your wife). I rewarded her with a nice lunch at the Harrison House restaurant at the park and put the trailer up for sale. (\$975)

If you have a day to visit the park there are lots of benches to sit and rest and lots of shade. The visitors center and museum are full of history from years past to present to honor our veterans and all of it is free.

Dave & Gloria Beck

2023 Club Service Directory

Corvair Repair Work Carry-in component rebuilding. Some NOS and used parts.
 Dan Brizendine 317-862-3550 debrizo@comcast.net

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 812-876-4020

Club Activities

Saturday June 17th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet Lunch will be at "Gas grill Family Restaurant in Knightstown, Indiana. After lunch we will go to Shirly Indiana and tour the "Octagon House"
June 19th thru June 24th	National Convention to be held at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells
Sunday, June 25th	Old Settlers Day Car Show in Wanamaker, Indiana
Tuesday July 4th	Large car show at Ray Skillman Classic Car Dealership in Greenwood Indiana
Saturday July 15th	There will be NO Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet. There are too many other activities going on. See below
Saturday, July 15th	Car Shows in Pendleton 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

Preventative Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

Little Problems and How to Fix Them

1. Early model cars have the blower motor resistor pack located in the right side defroster duct behind the glove box. On low or medium speed the coils are red hot and will ignite loose foam from the rear heater box causing smoke. There is no easy cure. Switch to the high speed (resistors not used) or remove the heater box and reline the insulation.

2. Always tighten your wheel lug nuts with the tool you would use if changing a tire on the road. Tire stores now over tighten nuts to avoid the chance of a lawsuit. When I got my last set of new tires I could barely get them loose with a cross bar wrench - I could never have used the Corvair tire tool. Lightly grease the contact end of the lug nut (not the threads, just clean them). Note: If torque wrench is available set to factory recommended 65 ft. lb.

3. Be sure your negative battery cable is grounded firmly to the engine and that you have at least a 10 gage wire grounded to the body. If the engine ground is loose or non existent, the starter draw will burn clutch cables, shifter cables, parking cables and heater hoses as it attempts to reach cranking amperage. If the body ground is bad, the charging system can be erratic.

4. A rolling or whining noise that does not change from acceleration to deceleration is probably a wheel bearing. If it does change, it is probably a loose differential pinion shaft or a worn out ring and pinion. A loose shaft is the most common, particularly on a Powerglide.

5. A small but pervasive oil leak from the "pit" area at the back of the engine that appears to be a mystery may be either the oil pump dummy shaft area or oil coming up one or more of the four studs that run through the rear cover. The rear housing gasket design may leak internally and run down the studs. Use a two part epoxy on the dummy shaft after cleaning and sanding and use sealer under and around the four nuts and the skid pan as a temporary fix.

6. An accelerator pedal that gets stiff is usually caused by a rusted pivot that has pinched the two plastic bushings and caused the shaft to bind. Remove the pedal assembly from the floor, carefully remove the bushings, dress up the shaft and bushing areas and lubricate. The two bushings are available if you need them. Be sure to index the pedal to the shaft before removal.

7. A cheap and fairly easy way to make your car almost impossible to steal by hot wiring the ignition is to add an 18 gage black wire to the negative side of the

coil and route it to the left underside of the dash (or wherever suites you).

Mount a single throw switch and connect it to ground. If you have a tachometer, simply splice in to the wire at the front and add the switch to ground.

8. Poor idle, loss of take off power and pinging can be dirt in a carburetor idle and transition circuit. With the engine running, block off one carburetor while quickly accelerating the engine. This creates a very high vacuum and usually will suck the dirt on through. Also remove the idle screw and blow through that hole as well as the larger of the two small holes in the top of the venturi cluster.

9. Carburetor diagnosis can be aided by using a can of Gumout carburetor cleaner. Gently spray a mist over each carburetor while the engine is running - the problem side will cause the engine to speed up, the good side will keep the rpm the same or lower it.

10. The shop manual tune up guide discusses putting a small amount of lubricant under the rotor; this lubes the advance shafts. If this has been ignored over the past 40 years, it will cause rough running, pinging and hesitation. Check the play in the shafts simply by removing the rotor and try moving the outer shaft (with the lobes) back and forth across the inner shaft. There should be almost no movement.



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....

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

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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