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Show and Tell

and

The Distinguished Wein



Jan's got a brite Idea

The President Speaks

From your Vee Pea by Todd Stires

Greetings Corvair Fans,

What a fun and interesting club gathering for all who attended our February 17 meeting. VP Todd Stires suggested a show and tell which was nicknamed Snow and Tell following the previous days 3-4-inch snowfall and cold temps.



Several members stepped up with stories from their past work life experiences, the blizzard of 78 stories, examples of car part failures and even Jean Allen's documentation of the B-24 bomber nick named "Hot Shot" which survived many missions only to crash in Iceland on the way to becoming a memorial which was replaced with the "Memphis Bell". (another government coverup and secret for years).

What an enjoyable core group of members we have. I would suggest that if you have a friend or neighbor who might attend our meeting at your invitation to bring them along. No one has to own a Corvair or even be a car person to enjoy this group not to mention the lunch following our meetings with conversation. Speaking of which, Ron and Anita provided a lunch venue in Mooresville, 340 S. Indiana St. at their son Andrew's new venture called "The Distinguished Wien". Everyone enjoyed great service and a menu based on special hot dogs dressed to kill among other offerings all at a very affordable price.

Hope to see you all soon, Pres. Dave Beck

Now that we have successfully "leaped" from February into March and patiently wait for the great solar eclipse on April 8th, lets get caught up on how the club is promoting itself in this its 50th year! First of all the club has updated its feather station (see photo below) to include "Est 1974" & newer club logo, website and the Chevy Bow-tie! This will be used at club gatherings such as the upcoming World of Wheels & at the CORSA Birthday Party on April 20th. Likewise, it can be displayed at DACC and The CORSA Convention in July and at the Labor Day picnic in September. Look for it also at local car shows!



In addition to the feather station, the club has purchased a small quantity of its own attention getting commemorative "50th Year Ruler" (see photo below).

Attempts will be made to get one to every Circle City Corvair Club member! Rulers may also be distributed to other Corvair enthusiasts & potential Corvair owners/club members at local car shows and other gatherings. Happy Corvair-ing and we hope to see many of you on March 16th @ Hubler Chevrolet !!



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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2023 Club Service Directory

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Circle City Corvair Club Board Meeting Minutes 2/06/2024

6:00pm to 7:15pm at Carlton's Shop

Dave Beck presiding, John Shull recording minutes.

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

Treasurer's report - month of January \$5319.63 to \$5548.81

Memberships and paid for Pittsboro rental

15 non renewals left so far, will follow up with calls

Motion for \$300 to be donated to CPF

Tom motioned, Rod seconded, passed unanimously

Newsletter Update - Tom

No new updates

Feathers and banner discussion

Carlton to follow up with pricing and final design

Will finalize and order so the feather is ready for WoW

50th anniversary discussion

Ruler discussion - Todd brought in sample rulers with designs mocked up

Activities

February meeting lunch will be Distinguished Ween in Mooresville

March meeting lunch is un-planned, Ron and Anita will not be there

April is the Corsa birthday party and 50th celebration in Pittsboro

May meeting lunch will be Cammack Station, south side of Muncie

June meeting will be tech session at Dave's barn, lunch tbd

July will have no meeting due to Convention and DACC

August lunch will be at Italian restaurant in North Salem, then to Rod's house

September is not finalized, may do Somernights Cruise

Continued 50th anniversary and birthday party discussion

Projector and laptop will be brought to play a Corvair video that Dave found on Youtube

Next board meeting will be March 5th at 6pm at Carlton's Shop

Next club meeting will be February 17th at Hubler

Meeting Adjourned

Preventive Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

Annoying little problems



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 mis 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

Saturday March 16th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet, lunch location to be announced
Saturday April 20th	Meeting will be held at Pittsboro at the Shelter house in Scamahorn Park. This will be a pitch in lunch and auction. More information will be available later. This event is the start to the club driving season.
Saturday May 18th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet, Then we will take a road trip to Cammack station in Muncie for lunch!! Great place!!!!
Saturday June 15th	A tune up Day at the Dave Beck Barn in Brownsburg. The club will provide the pizza and drinks
Saturday July 20th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet with lunch at Grays Cafeteria

FOR SALE

A towbar for a Corvair



An engine stand that will fit a Corvair engine.

If you are interested in any of these three items, contact Ken Clark at alveraken@gmail.com

A trailer hitch for a Corvair



For Sale:

\$300. for dual exhaust

\$100. for single exhaust

Mark Syoen 317-749-3779

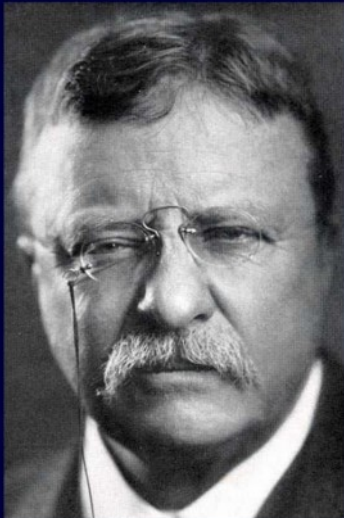
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~
Theodore Roosevelt

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