

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

VALVE CLATTER

June 18th Road Trip



This June 18th, the club will be going on a one day road trip to Caesar Creek State Park to meet up with the Dayton Corvair Club, The Cincinnati Corvair club and the Mid Ohio Corvair Club. This will be the 50th Anniversary for the Dayton Club.

It will be a pitch in gathering. The burgers and dogs will be furnished. We will need to bring our own drinks, tableware. And pitchin dishes for the lunch. It promises to be a large gathering of Corvairs and friends so start making your plans and getting the car ready.



We will depart from New Palestine parking lot(located at the light at the junction of US 52 and Gem Road) at 8 am and proceed east on US 52 to Rushville where we will get on Indiana state Rd. 44. From there we will continue east on SR 44 to the state line where the road will change to Ohio 725. The trip will take about 3 hours and 112 miles.

For more information, contact Tom Miller at 317-504-4624

From the Boss

Greetings Circle City Corvair fans!

I hope this message finds you all well and ready for some Corvair shenanigans! The May meeting will be at Hubler as usual, but keep your eyes on the schedule because the following months some of the meetings will be off site. Look for a great tech session coming up at vice president Dave's house. We are going to try to get a 1964 Corvair running after it sitting was in a pole barn since the 1980s! And if we can't get it running we'll cut it up in little pieces and feed it to the fishes! Don't get too worried, that's Mr. and Mrs. Fish that own the metal scrap yard.. The club will provide pizzas or something for lunch. Hope to see you there. See you all May 21st for the May meeting at Hubler! JB



Jan Bradley

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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1964 was a good year.



I think everyone remembers when the time has finally come that you get your driver's license. It is the time that a 16 year old kid feels a kind of freedom that has no comparison. For me, it was not as much of a big deal because I had been driving tractors, farm trucks, and my Cushman motor scooter for years. It mainly was a time that allowed my parents to stay home when I needed to go somewhere. As most families in the '60s we only had one car so my time driving was limited. The car wasn't so cool either. We had a pink and white 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne. The color was actually called Coral but to me it was just pink. The six cylinder engine had problems and if it was driven over 45 miles per hour for any distance at all, the lifters would chatter so bad you had to slow down to let the oil get back up into the top of the engine. The sheet of

roofing tin we had riveted to the rusted out floor of the back seat kind of limited how many friends you could haul around on a Saturday night. It was a predecessor to the Flintstone's car. We had not heard the term yabba dabba do yet but it certainly would have applied.

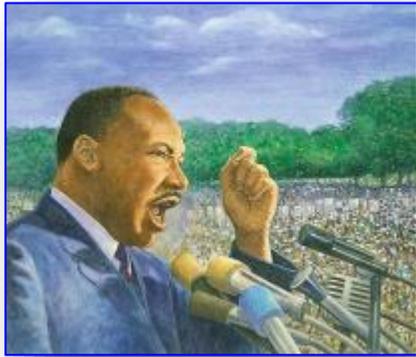
1964 also brought me my first exposure to the Corvair. In high school I found that I could run fast. Our track team was always pretty strong and the half mile relay team was the elite group on the squad. The half mile relay consists of four 220 yard segments (legs) with the fastest members of the squad usually running the first and the last legs. I was assigned the last leg as a freshman and proved that I was worthy of that position. As a sophomore I kept that position along with 3 seniors to make up the squad. We did not have funding for buses to take the track team to away meets so some of the students with cars would drive. I was invited to ride with the 3 seniors. That was a big deal. That was partly because seniors usually had no use for underclassmen but mainly because the fellow who drove had a '63 Monza convertible. I thought it was cool to ride



in that car especially with 3 seniors! Little did I know at the time how much I would enjoy Corvairs many years in the future. Little did we know that much of the future of the Corvair would be affected by the mid-year release of Ford's new Mustang.

The average household income in 1964 rose to a whopping \$6000 per year and the cost of a new home was holding steady at around \$13,500. Gasoline averaged 30 cents per gallon and a loaf of bread was 21 cents. The inflation rate also held steady at around 1.5% per year. Apartment rent averaged \$115 per month which is a far cry from the \$4000 per month my daughter and son in law are now paying in New York City. Happily, bacon prices held steady at 29 cents per pound. Ummmm, bacon!

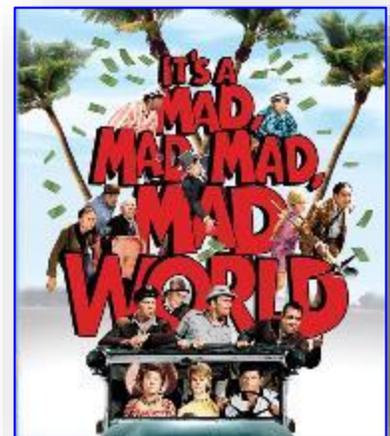




Much of the evening news coverage was focused on race riots in Harlem. It was still a difficult time for this country regarding race issues but Dr. Martin Luther King was making strides in his quest for peace and equality. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year for his work. A young boxer started getting the attention of sports fans all around the world. By his account he could "float like a butterfly and sting like a



bee." A native of Louisville, Kentucky named Cassius Clay won the world heavyweight title from Sonny Liston. He would later be known as Muhammad Ali. It was a sad time for us Yankee fans when they lost the World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals. Young girls everywhere were going crazy over the mop headed group called the Beatles. They had catapulted to the top of the music charts and no one could come close to the popularity they commanded, especially after their performance on the Ed Sullivan Show. Many were concerned when it was announced that Ringo Starr had his tonsils removed but apparently he recovered nicely. Elvis Presley is also near the top of the charts and other musicians entering the scene this year were Roy Orbison, Simon and Garfunkel, and the debut of the Rolling Stones. Top movies of the year included "The Carpetbaggers", "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World", and "Mary Poppins".



In other news, Lyndon Johnson defeated Barry Goldwater in the presidential race and Jack Ruby was convicted for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald. The Warren Commission completed the report on the assassination of President Kennedy and concluded that the act was committed by Lee Harvey Oswald who had acted alone. The U.S. Congress authorized war against Viet Nam following a Vietnamese torpedo attack on the U.S. Destroyer Maddox in the Gulf of Tonkin. Whew! It was almost exhausting to sit down and watch Walter Cronkite on the evening news.

Next month we will take a look at 1965. I was never a Bob Dylan fan but he did release a song in 1964 that perfectly described our world. The song title was "The Times, They Are A-Changin".



2020 Club Service Directory

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Club Activities

Saturday May 21st	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
Saturday June 18th	A meet up with the Dayton Corvair Club and Cincy Corvair Club. This will be an all day trip to the Dayton area. Five clubs may be there.
Saturday July 16th	No regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet. We will be meeting in Pendelton Indiana at the Annual Kiwanas club Car Show located in Falls Park.
Thursday July 7- 10th	DACC Homecoming, Ann Arbor Michigan. Looking to make this a club event. Come join us for this four day event.
Tuesday July 12 - 16	National Convention, Peachtree City, Georgia
September 8 -10	Join us for a three day Corvair event at the Corvair Museum in Springfield Illinois. Also the 73rd Secretary of State Car show in downtown Springfield.



FOR SALE

I have 1963 Monza Spyder convertible for sale. I purchased this car from John Mavity B4 he died 20 some years ago . I think he was a past president of this club. Asking 19,900.00 OBO. This is a running, driving, car. Needs nothing to go cruising ! Car is Yellow, black top and boot , black original interior. I live on Southside of Indy and will show anytime. Car presents very well. Please call 317 372 9061 anytime B4 10:00 PM with questions

thanks Bill Patterson.

PARTS CAR

1964 Monza 110 powerglide. Has many good parts on it. Good glass, non running engine, transmission, chrome.

**Contact Dave Beck for more information at:
317-409-5682**

FOR SALE

1966 Monza, red/black- 2 door, 110, AT, 40,000 original miles, leather power front seats, Speed Hut gauges, 15" US mags/ Mich., kept garaged, runs well \$ 9,750.00 : Call 317-882-3691 (ask for Don)



FOR SALE

This 64 Monza is a very good running car. Recently tuned up and new brakes. New carpeting. The body is very solid, only a couple of small rust spots on passenger door and front fender next to door. The car sat in Tennessee for years. Standard engine runs and drives well. Asking \$4500 for it.

[David Dubie <ddubret09@gmail.com>](mailto:ddubret09@gmail.com)



Preventative Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

Habits to Develop Around Old Corvairs!

Belt Adjustment: After you install a new belt, check the tension several times when the car is fully warmed up. New belts will stretch over a short period of time, especially if you drive at high speed. If your car has a history of either wearing out belts or flipping them off, there is a correctable reason.



Carburetor Inlet Nuts: On two- and four-carburetor engines you should check this item after any long storage and make a habit of a quick check any time the lid is up after the engine has been running.

Tire Pressure: Time can get away from us, so save wear, increase gas mileage and improve handling by checking monthly. For cars, keep a 10-12 psi difference between front and rear. FC vehicles handle much better on the highway in wind with pressures 40-45 psi front and back. Your spare should be filled to whatever your rear maximum pressure is.

Battery Cable Ends: Another maintenance item that can get away from us. Pull both battery cables off the battery and clean the contact areas twice a year. Keep track of your battery dates to avoid a no-start from a seven-year-old battery you forgot about.

Brake Stomp Test: Unless everything in the brake system is new, you should sit in your garage twice a year and do a brake-pedal stomp which would be harder than you would use in a panic stop. The system is designed to accept that and you could head off any pending brake disaster.

Oil Filter Bolt: The '65 Shop Manual called for 15-20 ft.-lbs. of torque on the oil-filter bolt (filter-to-housing) which is far above "hand tighten only" printed on some older Corvair filter boxes. The big issue is that the filter torque is like fan-belt tension noted above; the filter bolts can loosen up due to fiber gasket shrinkage. Following a filter change, be sure to check the torque at least once after several driving activities. Half of the cars I checked at the convention last 5 summer had loose bolts; a couple had oil stains on the sides. The 15 ft.-lbs number appears to be adequate and that is actually pretty tight.

Lug Nuts: Corvair lug nuts should be at 65ft.-lbs. and will not loosen up with that torque. However, if you do some air-wrench tightening, be sure to check them with a torque wrench because some air wrenches make a lot of noise without producing much actual torque. Using a 4-way wrench works fine if you muscle the cross bar a little.

Mechanical Fuel Pumps: The single pointed bolt that secures the mechanical pump seems to loosen up due to vibration. Grab the top of the pump and try to rock it. Do not over-tighten or you could lock up the pump internal push rod, but if the pump is loose and allowed to jump up and down, it will quickly erode the aluminum parts. It also makes a rapid knocking noise. Always keep an eye out for leaks.

Circle City Corvair Club Board Meeting Minutes 4/5/2022

6:00pm to 7:50pm at Hubler

Jan Bradley presiding, John Shull recording minutes

Board Attendance: Jan Bradley, John Shull, Rod Lasley (phoned in), Ron Bunten, Dan Brizendine, Dale Smiley,

Tom Miller, Mark Syoen, Dave Beck

Treasurer's report – No report given at this time

Newsletter Update – Tom

Health Reports

Mike McKeel's wife passed on Saturday

Club will send donation to charity in her name

Don Daniels started new treatments, condition unknown as of meeting

Eddie Pryor came in to show new designs he worked on for the club logo and t-shirts

Some time was spent narrowing down options on the logo

Eddie took the top three options and will be making some tweaks to show at next meeting

Motion made by Ron Bunten to give jacket with new logo to Canadian member Jean Marc

Seconded by Tom Miller, passed

Upcoming events discussion, some planned and potential

May 21st 10am-1pm - Second annual car show in Mark's neighborhood of Summer Ridge in Martinsville, conflicts with meeting

October 1st – Cedar Creek Winery in Martinsville, Big Green Egg show with food and music – proceeds go to Stability First foundation

June 18th 10am-2pm – Mid-Ohio Corvair clubs show at Caesar Creek State Park

July 12-16 – National Convention

July 7-10 – DACC Homecoming

September 8-10 – Car show and events at Corvair Museum in Illinois

September 17th – Cruising with the Cops show at IMS

June 11th – car show at American Legion in Carmel

September 10th – Hot Rod Nationals

July 16th – Kiwanis Car Show in Pendleton

July 23rd – American Legion in Avon, put on by Street Machines Limited

Discussed Pittsboro Park part/picnic on April 16th

Everything is being taken care of, people will need to bring a side and stuff to auction

World of Wheels recap – club won award for best display

Rod reported two new members this month, one was a returning member

Meeting Adjourned

Circle City Corvair Club Meeting Minutes 4/16/2022

10:00 am to 10:15 am

Jan Bradley presiding, John Shull recording minutes

Board attendance: Jan Bradley, John Shull, Rod Lasley, Dan Brizendine, Dale Smiley, Carlton Smith, Dave Beck,

Ron Bunten, Tom Miller

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Health Reports

Don Daniels health report

Treasurer's report – no report

Newsletter Update - Tom

No new updates

Activities update

Old business

World of Wheels recap by Dave

New Business

No new business

Other items to discuss

Tech Talk

Short informal meeting before food was ready (Corsa Birthday Party), not much discussion

Meeting Adjourned

Notes and news

This summer's club activities are looking to be a busy time with a lot to do. There are four major Corvair events to participate in, just got to get in the car and drive it.

June 18th

First on the list is a 50 year celebration for the Dayton Corvair club. The activities will take place in the Caesar Creek Lake State Park between Cincinnati and Dayton. The drive from Indy is about two and a half hours on Corvair friendly Indiana route 44. This will be a pitch in occasion with the possibility of five clubs being in attendance.

More details will be coming later.
For more info contact
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July 7th -10th

This event is the DACC homecoming is Ann Arbor Michigan, a very driveable distance of about 200 miles. This event has been going on for 42 years. It is laid back with something for everybody to do. If you have not been a participant and are a club member, this would be a great opportunity to partake of the collector car experience. We welcome all and will work to make you feel a part of the community.

More details will be coming later.
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July 12th—16th

The National Convention this year will be held at the Crown Plaza in Peachtree City Georgia. This is the premiere event for Corvair World.. You must be a member of Corsa, the national organization to participate in the many events that take place in the five days. The many events include the autocross, rally, econorun, concours, valve cover races, indoor and outdoor swap meets, awards banquet, and much more.

There are special group rates for conventioners at the hotel.

More details will be coming later.
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<https://www.corvair.org/index.php/corvair-society-of-america-2/2022-convention>

September 8 -10

Upcoming for the Corvair Museum is our annual museum event, this year being held on September 8,9,10. September 8 is arrival day and museum activities with dinner at the museum. We have made some changes so you will see a few new displays this year. On Friday, we're heading south on the famed Route 66 for a road tour, returning to the host hotel for the welcome party for the 73rd annual Illinois Secretary of State Auto Show, which this year the feature car is the Corvair.

More details will be coming later.
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If the freedom of speech
is taken away then

DUMB

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SILENT

we may be led, like
sheep to the slaughter

A portrait of Thomas Jefferson, an 18th-century American statesman, shown from the chest up. He has white powdered hair and is wearing a dark coat over a white cravat.