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President's Page

CMI made a great showing with fifteen members attending the CORSA "Corvairs on the Prairie" Convention in Springfield, IL July 12-16, thanks everyone! A special thanks to Jim Becker, Dick Mickelson, Bruce Hubbard, Gary Nelson, Eric Prosis and Paul Sargeant who drove or trailered their Corvairs. We also brought home some trophies with myself winning 2nd place in the model car diorama contest, Bruce Hubbard winning silver in the Concours with 94.26 points and Jim Becker winning 3rd place in the Economy Run AT Class. Jim Becker and Dick Mickelson did quite well in the Rally with a three way tie for 6th place. Bill Bertram and Gary Nelson sold quite a few parts that they had brought with them and then drove to Road America for the 50th Yenko Reunion event.

I was a Concours judge for the first time judging interiors with two other people. We finished judging three cars when a huge storm blew through the area and sent the judges into the hotel for an hour delay. I had the privilege of judging the Best of Show car belonging to Rich Thompson of DePere, WI. He owns a 1964 Spyder with 23 options, just a beautiful car that scored 98.96 points. They are always looking for Concours judges so consider trying it out, it was a lot of fun and they give you a free lunch.

The 2017 convention will be held in Independence, MO June 27 - July 1. Independence is only 6 hours away and I hope even more CMI members can attend next year. There are currently bids in place for the 2018 convention in Pittsburgh, PA and the



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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

August 2016

2019 convention in St. Charles, IL which have yet to be approved.

Thanks to Chuck Johnson for filling in at the Wagner's membership meeting. It was good to see we had a great turnout with the special bonus of another car club there. Thanks again to Bill Cook for setting up CMI in the Fourth of July Parade in Delano with 10 vehicles, another great turnout!

Please note that on August 9, we will be changing things up with our membership by meeting in Henderson for their Henderson Classic Car Roll In from 6-9pm but try to get there earlier if you can. (<http://www.hendersonrollin.com/>).

August 13 is the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run (www.anticquecarrun.org) which has their lunch stop at Buffalo High School with cars arriving around 11 am and leaving around 1pm. You can buy lunch in the high school if you get hungry and sometimes they have a souvenir table set up. This is always a treat seeing these old cars!

If you still want to attend the Million Dollar Quartet at the Old Log contact Chuck Johnson for tickets and if they are sold out you can still join us at the Victoria Car Show afterward on August 31.

Have a great August and hope to see a lot of members at our upcoming events.

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!
Jack Bacon



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

July 12, 2016

Secretary Chuck Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:17 at Wagner's Drive-In in Brooklyn Park. About 25 members and guests were present as 10-12 members were attending the CORSA National Convention. Ignoring the water pumpers, 6 Earlies and just 1 Late Corvair was present.

New member Ron Scott was present with the gold '63 advertised in last month's Seel. He is selling because he has purchased a '63 convertible to revive next. He has several Chevs and is also a member of the local Vintage Chevrolet Club which happened to also be meeting at Wagner's starting at 4. We were treated to a number of restored and original Chevs from 1927 to 1983.

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June Minutes: Approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

June 1 Balance		\$1811
Income	120	
Expenses	<u>(208)</u>	
Current Balance:		<u>\$1723</u>

Membership: 75

RECENT EVENTS:

June 22: Victoria Car Show: 6 Corvairs and Rich's Camaro participated. The highlight was Lee Knauf in his just-purchased '66 Monza Sport Sedan!

Nice event every other Wednesday featuring a band and good food.

July 4, 2016: DELANO: the Oldest and Largest July 4th Parade in MN. Again this year, this parade was a pleasure for the 9 Corvairs and 1 Camaro to participate in. If you haven't participated, plan on it next year and bring your kids, grandkids, or neighbor kids to ride in your car. Thank you, Bill!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Note: Your Board of Directors has answered the call for more unique, fresh events. Note the next two membership meetings are further away and ONE IS EVEN ON A THURSDAY! Thoughts and feedback appreciated.

July 12 – 16, 2016: Corsa Convention in Springfield, IL

July 16: Maple Grove Days Car Show – Ron Lucas is always there.

July 22: North St. Paul Weekly Car Show: Tom Quinn was present with a sign-up sheet. Plan to arrive by 5 if you can, this was a fun event last year!

August 9: CMI Membership Meeting In Henderson!.

August 13: New London to New Brighton Old Car Run, lunch and car show at Buffalo High School by 11 a.m. Great experience, very kid-friendly!

August 9: Christ's Cross Car & Craft Show. 9 am – 3 pm. 16345 Polk St NE, Ham Lake, MN. *USA-1* **Monster Truck will perform!**

AUGUST 31, 2016: Million Dollar Quartet and Victoria Car Show. Try something different! This is a re-creation of the only occasion when **Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, and Carl Perkins** performed together! CMI will attend the matinee performance and then travel to participate in the Victoria Car Show. Excellent opportunity for significant others to get their check mark for attending a car show with you each year! The Victoria venue and food are excellent!

Cost of the Million Dollar Quartet is \$29 per person, less if we have 10 people. Contact Chuck for tickets **ASAP** before tickets are sold out. . .AGAIN!

THURSDAY – Not Tuesday – September 8: CMI Membership Meeting in New Ulm!

Please let us know next meeting if any/all would like to stay overnight in New Ulm and tour on Friday.

June 27 – July1, 2017: Corsa Convention in Independence, MO. Only 11 months to get ready!

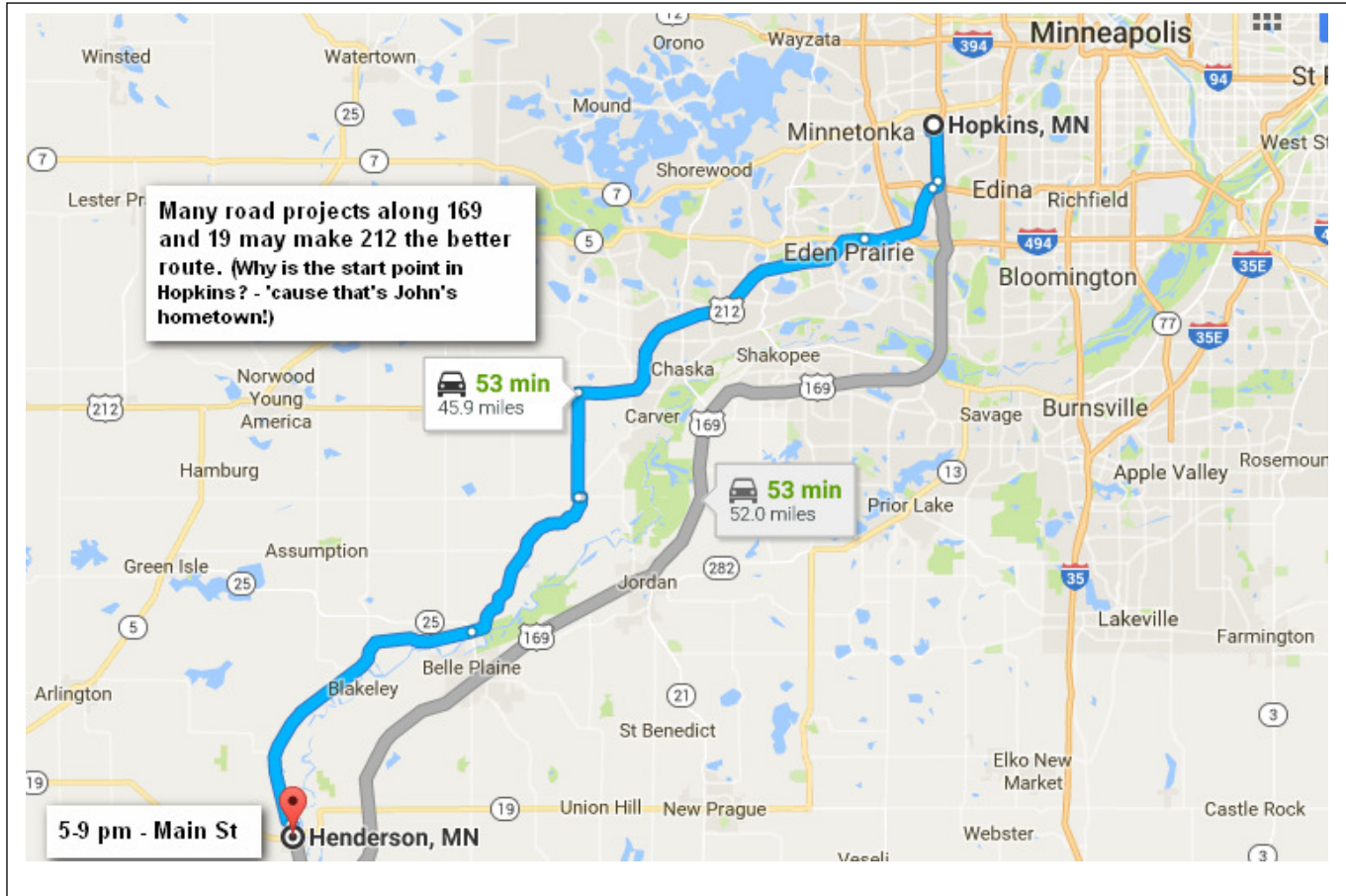
Meeting Adjourned: 7:55

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson
CMI Secretary



CMI 2016 Schedule/ Upcoming Events



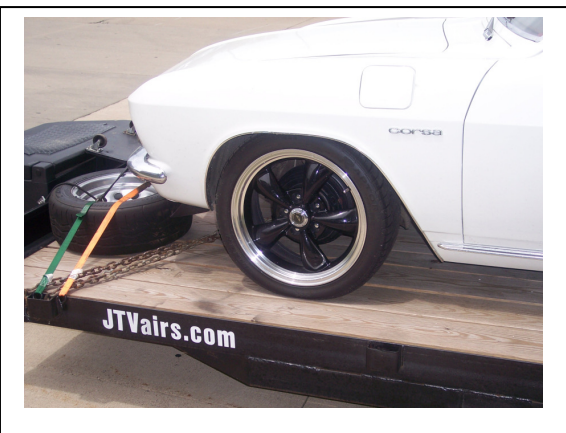
Membership meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced)
Boards of Directors' meetings are on the last Thursday of each month (unless otherwise announced)

- August** **09 Membership meeting – Henderson Classic Car Roll In' 5pm-9pm**
 Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hendersonrollin>
 Twitter: <http://twitter.com/hendersonrollin>
 13 New London – New Brighton Antique Auto Run (<http://www.antiquecarrun.org/>)
 21 Pantowners Car Show, Benton County Fairgrounds (<http://www.pantowners.org/carshow.html>)
 20 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (www.christscrosscarclub.org)
 25 Director's meeting
- Sept** **08 Membership meeting – New Ulm, Car Hop & Shop 5pm-8pm**
 10 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN – Sturges Park 10am – 2pm
 29 Directors' meeting
- Oct** **11 Membership meeting**
 16 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwincities.com/>)
 15 12th annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start (<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)
 27 Directors' meeting

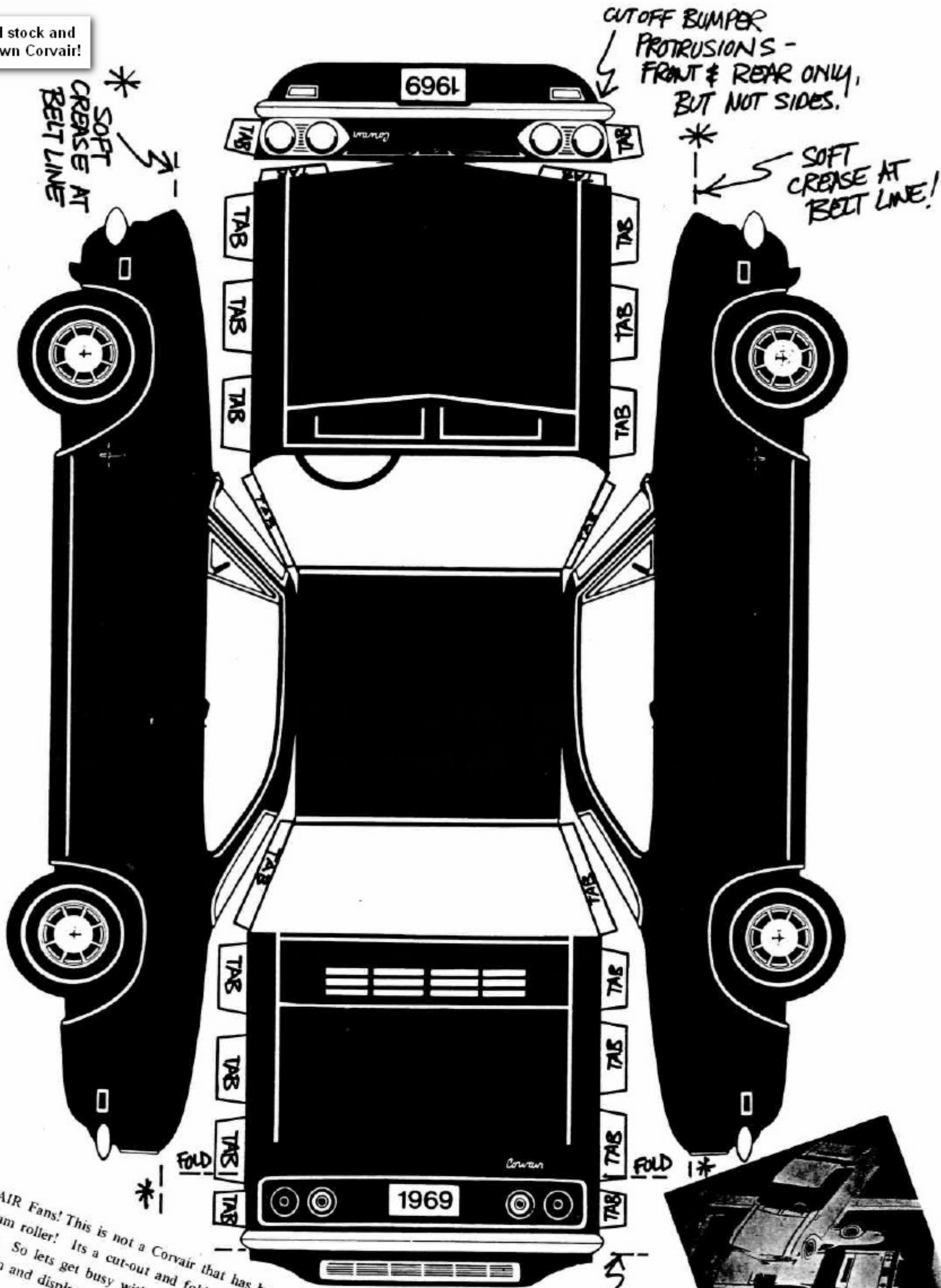
Did you know Morrie's has a program to rent classic cars?
 One of the featured cars is a blue 1966 Monza convertible, 4 speed for \$175 per day.
 Check out: <http://morriesheritage.com/>



Selected photos from the 2016 CORSA convention, Springfield Illinois

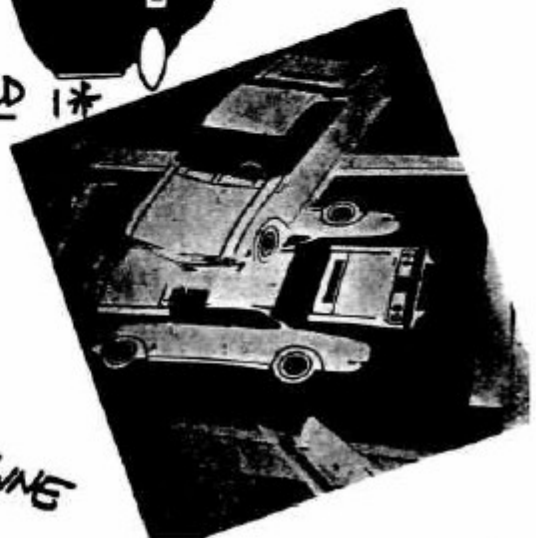


Copy to card stock and build your own Corvair!



Hey! CORVAIR Fans! This is not a Corvair that has been run over by a steam roller! Its a cut-out and fold-up paper model of a 69 coupe. So lets get busy with the sissors and tape, use your imagination and display your car at our next meeting!

Stu Shuster

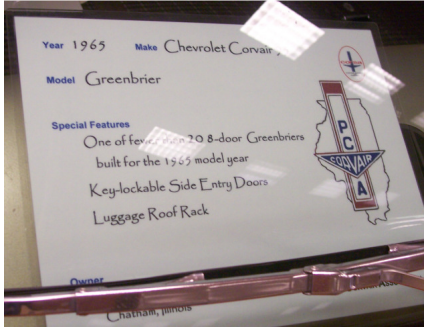
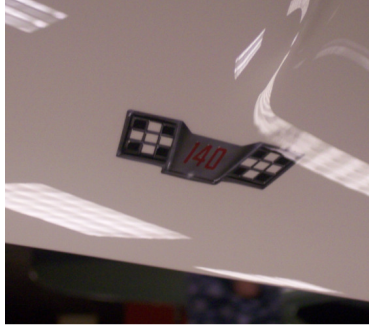


Jack Bacon at the Corvair Convention



Jack's award winning diorama – note the raccoon family!

The convention offers many activities such as the model competition, rally, econorun, valve cover racing, and autocross – check it out next year!



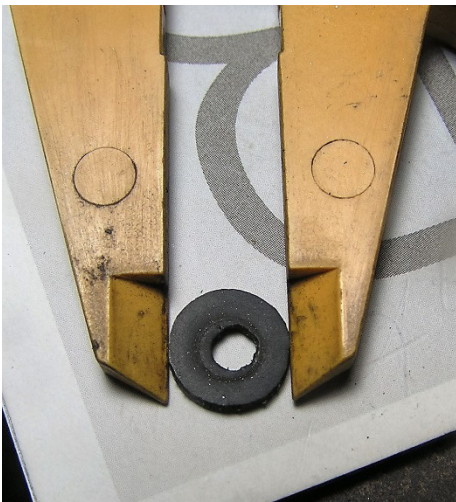
New (good) way to stop fuel leaks.



We have been talking O-rings in the gas-line fitting for some time. However the 9mm O-ring is an odd size and is not easy to come by. Here's a photo of the flare on a 1/4" gas line. The caliper reads a few thousandths under 9mm for the flared-line that slides into the brass fitting. I accidentally found a way to make a rubber gasket to fit right into that fitting – stay in there snugly, not falling out while you put in the line – and has a hole near the center for the fuel passage. The closest hole-punch I have is 7/16" which dwarfs the needed size. So I MODIFIED that punch to get down to near the needed 9mm size. The second caliper photo shows a 9mm caliper reading just touching the new rubber part.

To modify the hole-punch (hardened steel) I simply chopped-sawed an eighth inch out of the end of the hole punch – heated it-bent it together/round – and re-sharpened it. (Re-quenched it

too). Bingo! I had a 9mm punch that works great. Shown here with the 1/4" punch used to take out the center. You can just see the space in the cutting end of the big guy where I removed the steel. I thought I should weld that cut closed to make it a 'finished' job but it works just fine this way!



I slipped one of these new guys into a brass tee...the one coming out of the Fuel Pump on a standard CORVAIR setup. Tightened it snugly, left it overnight – opened it to see how the new rubber part held up under pressure. Here's what I saw. A nice smooth impression of the end of the pipe...mashed into the rubber piece snugly crammed into the bottom of the

fitting. The central hole was hand-made – NEAR the center - and presents no block to the fuel flow. I think I have solved the problem of availability of 9mm O-rings and may have come up with an even better gasket material. The commercial O-rings I have used were often broken (splintered) after the fitting had been tightened. They didn't leak but were not fit to be put back in service. At '4 for a buck' they were affordable but the pieces did land in the in-carb filter and looked scary in there.



Oh, the material I am using is the diaphragm material on my Fuel Pump project. That project seems to be coming along well, too. Fran

CMI Classifieds

New: Engine electrical harness, ball joints, Pertronix ignition; headers (110 and 140); custom exhaust; Wallen rebuilt starters generators and alternators; mufflers; rebuilt flywheels; new belly pan for late; crank and rod bearings.
Used parts: complete engines, transmissions, differentials: call for parts – I have a large inventory.
Also: 1969 110hp engine (runs great, sealed & pretty) Rare – aftermarket tube style early air grill – Solid flywheel
I also offer full time Corvair repair
Gary Nelson 612-644-1258

For Sale: LM front passenger side replacement floor pan excellent unused condition \$50. Set of 4 1965 Corsa wheel covers in good driver quality condition \$60
Jack Bacon 763-479-6214 jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com

Wanted: 1965 Corsa Turbo 180 Turbocharged emblem for the rear deck lid in near mint to NOS condition
Jack Bacon 763-479-6214 jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com

FOR SALE:

(DO YOU NEED A STEERING BOX IN THE FUTURE?)
- 60-63 for car used \$100.00
- 65-66 for car short staff \$100.00
- 64 for car - rebuilt \$200.00
(IF THESE ARE NOT SOLD THEY WILL GO TO A VENDOR)

FOR SALE; 1965 WHEEL COVERS -reasonable
WANTED; Left vent window for 1962 convertible
Jerry Berge 480-250-8816 ljbgbp01@aol.com

I have a **1969 Corvair** two door coupe which is in very good condition. I would like someone to contact me if there is interest as I may sell it. I note that there were only 6000 Corvairs made that year in total. It is royal blue in color and runs great. Car is in Moorhead, MN
Gary H. Olson
garyholson@702com.net 218-233-5130 Cell: 218-790-5130

Part Cleaning
Soda Blasting, Sand Blasting
Powder coating

Vince Rohr
vincerohr@hotmail.com



1963 Corvair Monza

2 door, 102 HP, Powerglide, 47,000 Miles, Fawn on Fawn

This car is original or parts have been replaced to original. Parts that have been rebuilt or replaced in the last 3 years: Generator, rear brake cylinders, silicone brake fluid, underside of hood repainted, air cleaners, powder coated, front wheel alignment, new draglink, new idler arm, new package area with insulation, correct battery cables, four new shocks, new fuel pump, new under car 4 inch heater hoses, matching interior console, new wiper blades, correct jack and lug wrench, trunk reconditioned and repainted, new spark plugs, points and condenser, carbs balanced, correct battery hold down plus hours of detailing of engine compartment and exterior paint and interior components.

This is a great driving car. No engine oil leaks. Everything works as it should. There are many Corvairs but few are as nice and solid as this one!

Contact Ron Scott in Coon Rapids, 612-600-0360

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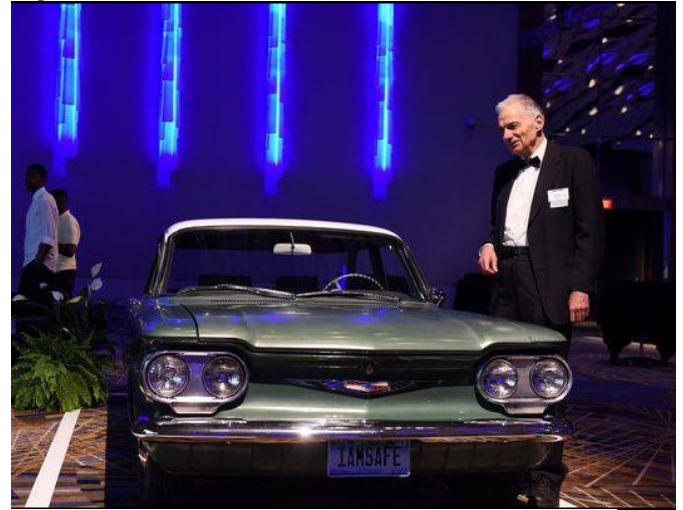
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TEMP – RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*Summer's slippin' away -
get the 'Vair out!*

Spot a 'Vair



"I displayed my 1960 Corvair at Cobo Center last night. That tall gentleman standing next to it is none other than Consumer Advocate Ralph Nader!"
Pete Koehler, Detroit July 21, 2016

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