Happy February.

So, what's going on at Corvair Pergatory this month?

### **FOR SALE**

1963 Greenbrier – Ready to sell, had tank cleaned and installed with new sending unit \$4600 64 coupe dark blue -prior owner spent over \$13,000 on restoration. \$6,900 63 Turbo coupe-running, all body work done, needs interior ... \$3,000

### Work in progress

62 Wagon: off to the paint shop. New painter, lots of promises. We will see. Painter is working on it, just not very much.

66 Corvair LS motor implant: completed wiring for the motor. Tried to start it. Throwing belt due to misaligned pulleys, that's a problem since all accessories had to be moved and new brackets installed. It is resting for now, til I get the itch to investigate the problem. No progress since I got the Elcorvino

62 8-Door ready for EFI installation and some weather stripping.

Dec: EFI installed, working great.

68 Ultravan: Bought an Ultravan

**DEC:** new project arrived and it got cold so this project is on Ice until spring

### New project

### 61 El Corvino:

**Nov:** got engine running, working on major rust issues. Starting at roof and working down the vehicle so I can get windows back in. First need to get brakes working, then start rust repair.

**DEC:** Well lots more rust than at first glance. Replaced the A-pillars, lots of the sheet metal in below the windshield vent area. Decided to cut out the 61 master cylinder and the fire wall and weld in one from a 63 junker so I could have the master cylinder in the trunk area. That was quite an adventure. Started replacing the front floor bds and realized that a significant part of the pinch weld and rocker area were dust. Engineered a method to replace them and installed about 80% so far. Working on replacing floors behind the front seat now. Lots of cutting, making sheet metal parts and welding them in.

Feb: pinch weld, rockers, floors, master cylinder firewall replacement all done. Replaced all the brake lines and connected to dual master, rebuilt all the wheel cylinders, cut the trunk bottom out of junk car and out of the Elcorvino, ready to weld it in. Next will paint the dash while the windshield is out. And bondo the roof section to get it ready to paint. Then install the windows. The rest of the body will have to wait. Ready to get back to some of the projects above.

### I HAVE BUSINESS CARDS FOR THE CLUB, ASK FOR SOME IF YOU VISIT ME, ELSE PICK UP SOME AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING.

I have Corvair Interchange books for sale at every meeting, All proceeds go to the club.

### Corsa SC 2021 Membership Dues are Due

Annual dues are only \$15 and they are due now. You may pay your dues at our next meeting or mail to us. If you are a first time member please tell us a little about yourself and what you would like to gain from the club?

Checks should be payable to Corsa SC and mail checks to



Sandra Cheek 222 Inman Mills Road Inman, SC 29349

# Membership Benefits

Joining our club offers many benefits

### Voting and participating in club growth and local events

When you join you can put in your input, help create and organize events and gatherings and be part of the voting process.

### Participation in National events

CorsaSC has many who dedicate their time to national Corvair events and you can be part of that as well! By being a member of the club, you can have the chance to join in and represent our club on a national level.

### Parts and Repair Network

We are very fortunate to have numerous Corvair parts and repair vendors in the Upstate and surrounding areas. By joining you help us keep this network growing and by being a active member you yourself can run your Corvair related ads, requests and services.

# Springfest 2021 Helen

Hosted by Southeast Region CORSA Chapters

Clark's Corvair is scheduled to attend. More information as it is available. Contact Lillian 229-291-0567 or send email to lawjandl@aol.com

Hotel Information: Reserve by 30 March for "Corvair" rates by calling these local numbers and NOT the 800 numbers

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February 13th - Tech Session DeYoung's Garage March 13th - Tech Session James Cheek's Garage April TBD - Valve cover tech April 23rd & 24th - Springfest 2021 Helen, GA May 15th - Drive to Motor City Diner, Franklin, NC June 5th - Club Picnic the Murrell's July 17th - Drive to & Lunch Soapstone Church August TBA- Choo-Choo Chattanooga, TN September TBA- Drive to & supper Caro-Mi/Tryon, NC October 14th & 16th - Vairs in the Valley, Maggie Valley NC November 13th - Fall Drive December TBA- Club Christmas Party TBA

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Cars&Coffee

If you know of an event that is missing from this list, please let us know asap so we can out it in and make everyone aware of all the great events out there.

### DeYoung's Garage tech session

Join us at 10am February 13th at Jewell DeYoung's garage. We will be looking at a headlight alignment and any other issues others would like to have looked at.







March 13th The Cheeks will be hosting a tech session at their home. Hope to see everyone there.

Time TBA

### The Preventive Maintenance Series

Mike Dawson

This article is from the Dec. 2020 issue of "VairCor", the newsletter of the Heart of America Corvair Assc.

Fuel pump manufacturers have struggled with Corvair pumps for decades, with loose valves and leaking gaskets becoming revolving issues. This time there is something new with the regular Airtex pumps, both branded and re-boxed units. In addition, I can report on another brand of pump that is being offered for sale. Issue One: Many of the Airtex fuel pump boxes over the past few years have a red card inside telling you to tighten the screws before installation. That would be a good idea if their engineers had designed reasonable fasteners. The screw heads were changed on different production dates (the most recent screw used is a 5/16 hex) and with that change, the length of the screw was shortened causing the potential problems.

As can be seen in the picture right, the pump on the right has an issue with short fasteners

- The screws on the right pump are shorter.
- The protruding screws on the left pump are missing 1 ½ threads; the same was true for the screws on the right pump when they were removed.
- The aluminum casting has only ¼" of threaded depth.



In the second picture below left you can clearly see the number of threads that are not utilized by the screws and with the tapered end missing threads, you have the scenario that failure is probable during tightening. Heat cycles might cause pulled threads also.

Pictured below right is a replacement screw you could utilize to correct a problem in damaged holes or as a preventive measure in undamaged holes. The left screw is an Airtex original.





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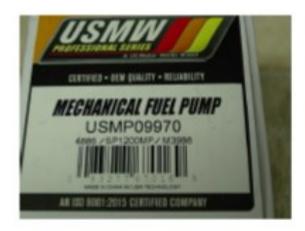
The screws I used are 10-24 by 2" and are slightly larger with deeper threads than the original 10-32 screws so they cut their own threads into the stripped holes. Any screws in stripped holes should have a nut and lock washer added to the bottom and I also added a lock washer under the head when I installed them one at a time into undamaged holes. They seated into the original 10-32 threaded holes and held the torque I felt was necessary. The extra length of the screws will clear without cutting them off if you were replacing screws without removing the pump. If you question whether it would be better to use course or fine threads, please refer to the following link and decide for yourself (thanks to Ke Hammett):

https://resources.tannerbolt.com/articles/coarse-vs-fine-thread-what-thread-type-do-i-need/

### Issue 2:

There is a new mechanical fuel pump being marketed by US Motor Works: USMP09970. The cost is \$53 plus shipping. It is manufactured by our Trans-Pacific Trading Partner and the pump I received needed immediate attention before installation as the tapered mounting hole had not been installed in the casting. Overall the PRC pump weighs 17 oz. while the Airtex design weighs 28 oz.





Subsequent testing on a running engine (thanks to Scott) was almost disastrous. The pump immediately pegged my Snap On fuel pump tester (15lbs max) and started leaking profusely around the pushed on hose connection. The original pump we started with produced 7lbs, and as noted in GM manuals, it should be 4.5lbs. And as shown in the pictures below, the pressure spring is taller, has no flattened coils (top & bottom) and some kind of epoxy used to seal the center of the diaphragm was already coming apart.









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Dinner at 6:00p.m. Meeting at 7pm

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