

Happy June.

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

### FOR SALE

**SOLD** 1963 Greenbrier – Ready to sell, had tank cleaned and installed with new sending unit \$4600

**SOLD** 64 coupe dark blue -prior owner spent over \$13,000 on restoration. \$6,900

**SOLD** 63 Turbo coupe-running, all body work done, needs interior ... \$3,000  
64 convertible silver, PG resealed engine \$3,500.

### 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.

Painter says it will be in primer before the April meeting.

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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.

**May:** finally got the correct u-joint, believe it or not they make one with 2 different size ends for weird situations like mine. Installed drive shaft, fabricated support for shifter and installed it. Fabricated support for e-brake and installed it, need to do some welding on the floor to seal it up. Internal wiring in about 80% done. Have all the lights and horn and starting circuits wired and working. Ordered new column mounted switch. It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

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

**Dec:** EFI installed, working great.

**April:** Had van loaded with parts to sell at Helen Springfest. Smelled Diff fluid on the exhaust the night before we were to leave. Pulled the drain plug to check the level and a pint of thin fluid ran out. Checked the PG and was down a pint. So it's next in line for an upgrade to 4spd. Looking for a FC 4spd. **May:** Found 4 speed, waiting for lift to open up to get going on the swap.

**68 Ultravan:** Bought an Ultravan

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

**April** need to pull drive train on the Ultra. Engine won't run unless its 43 deg BTDC, last owner had the same issue, I just didn't know it, maybe he didn't either. Guessing a broken key.

**May:** started to assemble parts to build a motor using one of my NOS blocks. Ordered a "special" Cam from Ken Hand, when it comes I'll be ready to put it together.

### 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.

**Mar:** Well this car has taken all my time since I got it. I finished all the sheet metal work last week.

I used 12 feet by 4 feet of sheet metal to make parts and weld them in. The dash is painted, the bondo first coat is on all the body weld seams, started the next layers of bondo to make it somewhat smooth. And bondo the roof section to get it ready to paint.

Left to do: repair doors, install the windows install dash .

The rest of the body will have to wait. Ready to get back to some of the projects above.

Running and yard driving.

## **New Project**

**62 Studebaker Hawk Gran turismo:** It has been restored, but needs some love. Ordered new holley carb for the Chevy 305 that is in it. It has A/C so Cindy can go with me touring.

### **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 \$10 to members, All proceeds go to the club

Club pens are for sale at the meeting \$2.00 proceeds go to the club.

Club business cards handed out at the meeting.

As published in the April, 2021 'Leaky Seal'. The monthly newsletter of the Corvair Minnesota club. I knew some of these, but some were new to me—enjoy!

## **CORVAIR MYTHS**

**THERE ARE MANY MYTHS ABOUT THE CORVAIR. EVERYONE SEEMS TO “KNOW” A LOT ABOUT THE CARS, BUT MUCH OF WHAT THEY “KNOW” IS INCORRECT, FOR EXAMPLE:**

- **THE CORVAIR WAS KILLED BY RALPH NADER** - Ralph Nader wrote a book entitled “Unsafe at Any Speed” which addressed safety concerns within the automotive industry. Only one chapter of the book mentioned the Corvair. When Nader’s book came out in October of 1965, Chevrolet had already decided to cease production. In irony, Nader’s book actually help extend the life of the Corvair since Chevrolet decided to keep the Corvair in production until 1969 so no one would think Nader was right. (In fact, based upon intense research in the mid-60’s, the Corvair is the only car to ever be “proven” safe by the Federal Government.) The demise of the Corvair can be attributed to two things: the popularity of the Mustang and Chevrolet’s desire to build a car to compete with the Mustang, i.e. the Camaro. The Corvair could not be fitted with a V-8 which of course was the engine of choice in the mid to late 60’s.
- **THE CORVAIR WAS ONLY BUILT A FEW YEARS** - Actually the Corvair was produced for 10 model years –1960 to 1969. The body style changed with the 1965 model year.
- **CORVAIRS ROLL OVER** – Lon Wall, owner of Corvair Underground states “in our 27 year history we have parted out over 800 Corvairs. Many were wrecked (as all cars can be) but yet only 2 out of 800 had been rolled. Go into any wrecking yard in the nation and pick out 800 of any other kind of car and I can guarantee that more than 2 will have been rolled (a LOT more than 2). Quite frankly I’ve come to the conclusion that Corvairs are probably LESS likely to roll over than other cars! ”. There is no evidence that Corvairs are more prone to rolling over than any other car.
- **THE CORVAIR WAS DESIGNED BY VOLKSWAGEN (OR PORSCHE)** – General Motors spent millions of dollars in the 1950’s as well as many years of development to make this one of the best designed cars ever built in the US. This myth is usually based upon the fact that the Corvair’s motor is aircooled and rear mounted like the VW or Porsche. The Corvair is 100% American designed.
- **CORVAIRS CONSTANTLY THROW FAN BELTS** - Correctly installed belts as well as better designed belts virtually eliminate the “throwing” of fan belts.
- **CORVAIRS ALWAYS LEAK OIL** - In the 1960’s, O-ring material was often inadequate for air cooled engines that typically run hot but with the updated material of today, oil leakage is basically a thing of the past.
- **I KNEW SOMEONE WHO HAD A 4 CYLINDER CORVAIR** - All Corvairs were produced with 6 cylinder motors – there was no other engine offered as an option. Engine displacement and horsepower ratings varied over the years and models but the Corvair always used the air-cooled 6 cylinder engine.
- **YOU CAN’T GET PARTS FOR CORVAIRS** – Actually almost every part associated with the Corvair is being reproduced today. There are several Corvair specialty vendors producing and offering parts and the prices are in line with most marquee restoration parts.
- **THERE AREN’T MANY OF THESE AROUND ANY MORE** – Well there aren’t as many as there used to be for various reasons but there are many still on the road today and there is a large number of individuals collecting them. In fact, the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) has a membership of around 5500 members and most of these members own more than one Corvair

# Upstate Cruise ins



If you would like to be on the email list for events please contact [suek9fan@bellsouth.net](mailto:suek9fan@bellsouth.net)

## **Corsa SC 2021 Membership Dues and benefits**

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.



## Birthdays

Noel Felty - 3rd  
Bill Prichard - 3rd  
Billy Bruce - 16th  
Nona Cheek - 18th  
Daniel Gilbert - 18  
Sunny Marion - 19th

## Anniversaries

Ted & Susan Brown - 4th

## UPCOMING CORVAIR EVENTS

**June 26th**– Ice Cream social,  
Bird's home , Greer SC  
**July 17th**– Drive to & Lunch  
Soapstone Church  
**August 20th - 22th**– 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

[corvair.org](http://corvair.org)

[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.

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Saturday June 26 1-4:00 pm Eastern Time join us for an ice cream social at the Birdhouse. We will have homemade ice cream with side dishes, trivia game, fan belt toss and other games.

Bring a drink to share or your favorite topping to share.

Any questions email or call me.

Donnie - [dddabird@yahoo.com](mailto:dddabird@yahoo.com) - (864) 497-2251



My name is Ryan McIntyre. I have been enthralled with Corvairs since I was a young boy. My dad picked up the rustiest most beat up 1964 Monza in all of Florida and I fell in love. In 2018 I finally had an opportunity to pick up a 1964 Monza just like my dad's old car (mind you, with much less rust) and it has become a fun project for me and my kids. I am looking forward to meeting some other Corvair nuts and gleaning some much needed wisdom and guidance.

# WELCOME!



# Corvair Contacts

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Want to buy a Corvair?  
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you find the Corvair of your  
dreams

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1967 Monza coupe PG A/C minor rust  
around windshield, some dents \$3,500  
1963 4 door greenbrier 4 spd threw the  
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## News & Affairs of Corvairs June 2021

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### Upcoming CORSA SC Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, June 8th 2021**

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

*Southern Fried Green Tomatoes*

1175 Wood Crossing Road #8

Greenville, SC 29607

**(864) 627-9088** [Menu](#)



CORSA Members - Regional Directors are now up for election in all three Divisions - East, Central and West.

This year, 2021, we have a number of candidates vying for positions on the CORSA / CPF Board of Directors. And you can cast your votes right here, right now, on the CORSA website . Voting privileges are limited to CORSA members, of course. Log-on with your CORSA user name and password and, using the website's navigation menu, go to "User Tools". There, you will see a link to the "Director Election Ballot". Click on it, read the instructions, and cast your vote!

If you prefer to use a mail-in ballot, [click HERE](#), [download the printer-friendly ballot form](#), print it, fill it out, and mail it to the CORSA office. The form includes the mailing address.

Still too complicated? Never fear! A duplicate copy of the ballot will appear in the May issue of the CORSA Communique magazine! This is a good alternative for those of you who receive hardcopies of the Communique by way of US Postal.

The voting period will close June 30.

