

VAIR VIEWS

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Flywheel Clatter

I hope all of you are looking as forward to our June Drive on the 26th as much as I am. We will be meeting at noon at the Weldon Springs Interpretive Center to caravan on MO-94 to Washington, MO and lunch at Marquart's Landing restaurant. I am really exited to see a line of classic Corvairs touring down the road for many to view. I hope we can get a good turn out and nice weather for our trip, lunch, and meeting. See you on the 26th.

I know you all join me in mourning the loss of Joan Cavagna. She was a well known member of SMCC and president when I joined in 2018. She will be greatly missed by me as I'm sure everyone in the club. Sending prayers for John and the rest of Joan's family for peace and the knowledge that she is in a better place.

Don Hemwall

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JUN 19 SAT ~ ~ Culver's / Laker's Car Club Cruise ~ 5pm till 8pm ~ one of the largest Car Cruises in the Metro Area ~ Dash Plaques ~ 50/50 Drawings ~ Attendance Prizes ~ D.J. Music ~location: Culver's Restaurant, 100 United Drive (exit I-55/70 Hwy 157 North ~ COLLINSVILLE, IL

JUN 19 SAT ~ ~ Ste. Genevieve Gearheadz Cruise Nights ~ 5pm till 9pm ~ All Cars, Trucks & Bikes welcome ~ 50/50 Drawing ~ DJ Music ~ Accepting Donations for local Shop with a Cop Program ~ info: (573) 883-6411 ~ location: 3rd Street Downtown Ste.Genevieve ~ **STE. GENEVIEVE, MO**

JUN 20 SUN ~ ~ Route 66 Car Club 31st Fathers Day Car Show & Free Swap Meet ~ register 8am till Noon (no late entries) \$15, \$10 Display or \$5 under 21 Class ~ Open to 1989 and older American made vehicles ~ 3 Awards each Class ~ Dash Plaques 1st 150 Entries ~ Attendance Prizes ~ 50/50 Drawing (No Foreign Cars or Boom Boxes) ~ info: (636) 629-5059 or (314) 795-4700 ~ location: I-44 Exit 240 at Hwy 47 to South Service Road, 1295 Orchard Drive, Orchard Park ~ **ST. CLAIR, MO**

JUN 20 SUN ~ ~ Father's Day Car Show ~ register 9am till Noon \$10 ~ open to all Makes & Models ~ Free General Admission ~ info: (636) 464-6464 or gokimmswick.com ~ **KIMMSWICK, MO**

JUN 20 SUN ~ ~ Father's Day Car 20th Annual Concours Cars with Class by The Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, Inc ~ 8am till 4pm ~ rain or shine ~ Registration \$20 ~ pre-registration before 6/14 *See flyer ~ Original or restored to original specifications, Modern Muscle Cars must be 25 years or older ~ No Street Rods or Customs ~ info: (314) 602-9498 or (314) 991-HONK ~ locations: Museum of Transportation, 3015 Barrett Station Rd -Upper Parking Lot ~ **WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO**

JUN 20 SUN ~ 12TH Annual Father's Day Car Show - Kimmswick MO. Open to all makes and models. \$10.00 to enter car in competition. Trophies awarded. Registration 9am til 12. for more info call 636-464-6464

JUN 26—Union, MO Mo 9am to 3pm. Moose on the Loose car show. Hwy 50 and Koelling Ave, Union, MO. \$10.00 Entry fee. Attendance prizes

AUG 7th—Sullivan Christian Church, Sullivan, MO 912 S Hwy 185. Registration starts at 8am til 12. \$20.00 Entry fee, \$15.00 display only fee. All classes. Food, Crafts,.... Free Biscuits -gravy and coffee in the gym from 9 til 10:30 for all Veterans. For more information....call Judy Berti 573-457-2186

Sept 11—St. Paul UCC car and bike Festival Marthasville, MO 9am to 12. \$15.00 entry, \$10.00 display

Sept 18th—Pacific Car Show. Registration 8am to 12. \$20.00, Display \$10.00. 27 Show Classes. For More information call 314-662-6718.

MEMBERSHIP

By Kent Goddard

The SMCC web site is the way most prospective new members learn about our organization and reach out to us. I was recently looking around the site and noticed it's in need of updates and refreshing to assure we make a great first impression. Let's discuss this at our next meeting.

The second most frequent way we connect with prospective new members is when someone sees our car and walks up to talk, typically at a car show or cruise-in. When this happens, please be sure to tell them about our organization and provide them my phone number (636-225-7301) and/or our web address (showmecorvairclub.org). An easy way to do this is to have a SMCC card or flyer in your car. Also, please ask if they'll provide you their phone number or email address, and if so pass it along to me.

Folks who have not renewed their membership for 2021 will go on the inactive list and stop receiving the Vair Views newsletter very soon. **If you're interested in renewing, please do so today by sending the form at the back of this newsletter along with your check to Jerry Clausius.**

JUNE CRUISE, EAT, AND MEET....

The Show Me Corvair Club is sponsoring a driving tour of mid-Missouri on Saturday, June 26. Get your 'Vair and join us (rain or shine!) for a wonderful time.

We will meet at noon at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center. Once we're all gathered, we will caravan to follow MO-94 through the beautiful wine country to Washington, MO. When we reach Washington, we'll eat lunch at historic Marquart's Landing restaurant.



Make sure you mark your calendars for this fun event! We've asked for a preliminary count of interested members, but we will request a final count starting June 21.

Please contact Kurt Arthur or other board members to let them know you will be attending.

Marquart's
Landing
Washington Mo.

A Washington Landmark, The Landing was built in 1855 and was originally called the Pacific House, a name derived from the new railroad line. It was built to accommodate the influx of people coming to the area due to the Pacific Railroad, and in the beginning most of the guests were employees of the railroad. Over the years the building has always housed a tavern and hotel of some sort. Owners Rick and Karen Marquart have continued that tradition.



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS CORVAIR MINI CONVENTION

MAY 18 TO MAY 22, 2021

article by Carl Briggs, photos by Bill and Shelby Berta

Following almost two years of disappointment from cancelled CORSA conventions due to the COVID Pandemic, the Springfield Mini Convention finally came to fruition. Although attendance was down from 300 in 2016 to about 170 this year due to continued concern over the Covid and everchanging weather forecasts, the event was a happy, sunny and very friendly event.

Show-Me Corvair attendees included Carl Briggs, Bryan, Trevor and Tom Monninger, Dave and Doti Wilson, Bill and Shelby Berta and of course, the event coordinator and CORSA President Mike and Rhona Hall. The event resulted in a substantial boost for the CPF and the Corvair Museum at Glenarm, Illinois

Day one began at noon on Tuesday with the opening of on-site registration, the hospitality suite on the 12th floor, concours judge and participant meetings, concours classification and of course the indoor vendors who hosted a sample of some class winning show and historic Corvairs. The view of the action packed parking lot from the 12th floor was spectacular. The early bird got the worm in the vender's room and the outdoor swap meet that opened the next morning. That evening was spent at the welcome party held at the Rt 66 Motor Head's Cruise-in. This restaurant and bar was filled with automotive memorabilia and old cars.



The Concours was the highlight of Wednesday. The predicted rain never materialized. Because only 27 cars were entered, the judging went quickly. The gold winners were two early convertibles including the John Glenn car at 97.99 points presented by Bill Hubbell, the car owned by Mark Dorogi at 96.50 points. Jim Allen's 1966 500 four door at 96.05 points and Larry Jahn's 1962 wagon at 95.57 points. Trevor Monninger entered his 1963 maroon convertible to garner a participants award with 84.23 points. This began a long list of trophies for him. The remainder of the day was taken up with presentations by Bill Hubbell on the history and restoration of the John Glenn 1964 convertible. Mike Dawson kept us informed about brake problem analysis and repair followed by a meeting of the Corvanatics. Forward control vehicles were well represented at the show as were Ultravans.



Thursday brought a most exciting autocross event in the parking lot. The course was short and curvy which removed some of the advantage that the high powered cars normally enjoy. Due to the small number of entries, each driver got 4 runs to get his best time. The 25 competitors were divided into two groups or sessions. The battle for FTD was in the first session with Mark Aksamit of Arizona setting the mark at 25.75 seconds in Greg King's street modified Corsa. Greg answered that challenge

with a 24.06 in his own car. The big surprise was Eric Prosize in his improved stock CORSA setting the fastest time of day at 23.79 seconds. Greg may have beat him but for a broken fan belt in his 4th run.

Even though in different classes, Mike Dawson in street stock two carb and Trevor Monninger in street stock turbo battled back and forth for their best times. Mike Dawson won his class with a 29.72 and Trevor won his class with a 29.60. Trevor almost beat Mike with a 29.00 but his tail swinging act thru the slalom took out a pylon. Trevor also won first place in his blue 2 carb improved stock convertible with a 30.19. Another close race was in Improved Stock -sticky tires between Mike Dobie in his Stinger and Mike Severson in his CORSA with Dobie winning with a 27.37 to Severson's 28.28. The final excitement of the day was watching Larry Claypool run flat out in his fiberglass bodied Monza SS replica go cart at 27.12 to beat all but 5 full size Corvair drivers. Jim Rice completed the day with a photo presentation of experimental and custom built design Corvairs.



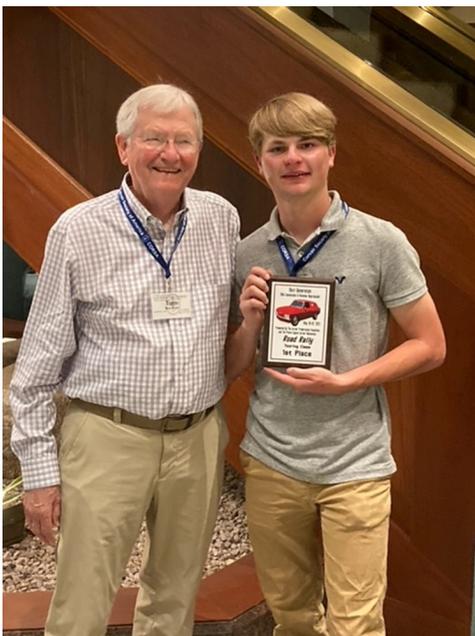
Friday brought another event highlight. While the rally was being run to the Shelbyville airport, we drove there to view the Corvair powered aircraft and meet the owners who had flown in from around the Midwest. The rally was won by Larry and Shelly Claypool in Primary class while Trevor and Tom Monninger won in Touring class to complete his collection of trophies for Saturday night. William Wynne's Aviation Spectacular was just that with 7 Corvair powered aircraft and owners anxious to answer questions and tell their stories. Mr Wynne posed for photos and gave a short presentation followed by a Q & A session. From the airport, most everyone traveled to the Glenarm Corvair Museum for the open house and dinner served by the boy scouts. After dinner, the small band played and the Wilsons danced!



Saturday morning hosted the Car Display in the parking lot. Ron Karl and Tom Yengel drove up from Saint Louis to visit and see the cars and trucks on display. Many of the People's Choice winners were also the Concours winners. The forward controls were stealing the show with Chris Law winning the vote with his outstanding teal colored rampside. Special and Engineering class featured Mike McGowan's bright yellow Devin C, which is a fiberglass kit car with Corvair suspension and drivetrain. He also autocrossed it. Ryan Couterman had the a second place win with the only V-8 powered Corvair registered. John and Teresa Miller won king and queen of the Ultravans. The evening was filled by the trophy awarding banquet which featured William Wynne as the guest speaker reviewing the history of Corvair powered aircraft.



Sorry that more club members could not attend. We hope this report can help fill the void. Sincerely, Carl Briggs



Trevor his grandfather Tom and his girlfriend Shanna won the Road Rally touring class. Trevor won first in the street stock auto cross with a time of 29.6 seconds in his 1962 blue spyder convertible. He also won first in the improved stock auto cross with a time of 30.19 seconds in his 1963 maroon convertible.



Beloved member passing:

We had to say good bye a few weeks ago to long time member Joan Cavagna. I first had the pleasure of meeting Joan a few years ago when I joined the club. She was the president and ran the first meeting I attended. She came over and introduced herself and introduced me and several of the other members. I have always considered myself a good judge of character, even though I just met Joan I could tell a few things about her. She was a smart strong caring person who was in control. She reminded me a lot of my aunts and uncles (my family) I had in my like while growing up. As they say "Good Stock". I also had the pleasure of going over to John and Joan's home on one occasion to see John's perfect 64 Corvair, she made lunch. I am very glad, just like all of the other members, that I had the chance to get to know Joan and I consider myself a richer person because of her.

Ron Karl

As a tribute to Joan and John a few of us attend the service in our Corvairs....



SMCC DUES FORM

Dues for 2021 are due by January 31, 2021 Please send your completed form (yes, even current members) to: Jerry Clausius at 939 Northridge Ct. O'Fallon, Illinois 62269 or bring it to the January meeting. We encourage everyone to join the National Corvair Club, CORSA, at www.corvair.org.

Please make checks payable to: Show Me Corvair Club.

ANNUAL DUES FOR ALL MEMBERS ARE:

Single membership \$16; Family membership \$19

After July 1, new member dues are \$8 for singles and \$10 for a family.

Member Name _____

Spouse or 2nd Member's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Wedding Anniversary** _____ **Cell-**

phone _____ **2nd Member's** _____

Email Address _____ **2nd Member's** _____ **Birthday:**

Member's _____ **2nd Member's** _____

CORSA member(s)? YES NO

CORSA membership numbers _____

What type of Corvair do you have? _____

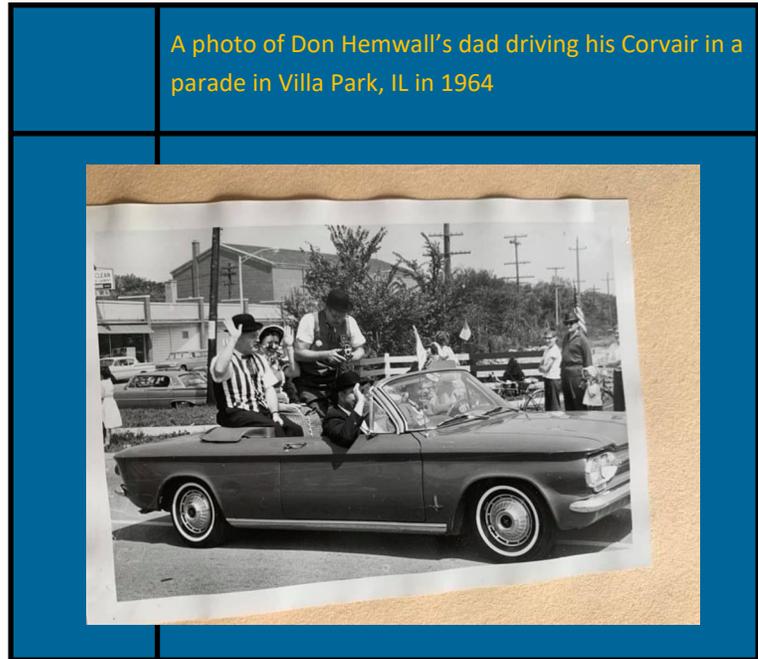
Other hobbies or interests? _____

Would you be willing to host an event at your home, set up a tour or rally or set up events? YES NO

PLEASE, COMPLETE THIS FORM EVEN IF YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER SO THAT WE HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION. THANK YOU!



Bob and Rose Bauer 6-29
 Phil and Sherley Hellwege 6-29
 Mike and Anita Kost 6-6
 Bob and Debbie McCormack 6-6



A photo of Don Hemwall's dad driving his Corvair in a parade in Villa Park, IL in 1964

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