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Prez says

Well, September was a strange month. We set up a meeting at a car show, but the weather, and other factors got in the way, and we did not have a quorum. A few members have been active showing their cars, most notably Tom Yengel. Our annual Chuck a burger outing was moved to October, to fit in the two big car shows but some how, that got dropped so if there is enough interest, we could reschedule for early November even though we usually do not have a formal meeting. Most enjoy the fellowship and food, so we will see how that goes. We can talk about that at the tech session coming up this weekend.

This Saturday, we will meet at the Goddards for a tech session. Bring a dish, enjoy some good food, and our usual good times fixing someone's car. This is always a good time, but please call and rsvp to either Kent or Kris and let them know your coming. Also coming up very soon, actually this Sunday, a few of us will gather at my house. We are putting in a new clutch, pressure plate, and flywheel and associated parts in Daniel Goldbergs car. Daniel had this clutch replaced around 2015 and it was not done correctly and with less than perfect parts. Needless to say, the clutch did not last long and it has not been running for quite a while. Trevor, Kent, Daniel, and I in two stages, removed the power pack, split the drive train and removed the bad parts. Daniel had some new parts rebuilt by Ken Hand. New parts are now installed, and we are ready to return the engine to its rightful place. If you want to come by, lend a hand, have a cold drink, some on by.

Now for some ugly news. It is that time again, and we need to think about how we are going to move this club forward for the future. We need to elect some Officers, some new blood, with new ideas and new thoughts and keep us moving in the right direction. Please think about running for an office. It really isn't that hard, and does not take up a lot of your time. According to our by-laws, me, Rose, and Don Hemwall cannot run again. Now we will need a new President, a Vice President, and Secretary. Think about this long and hard, you can do this, you can help your club and be a part of it's future.

Get your cars out as much as possible, for the remaining time we have left. Then it's back to being covered up in the garage, battery trickle charger on and a long winters sleep. Wow, where did this summer go?

See you this weekend

Bob



Last Call for October Tech Session – by Kent Goddard

As a reminder, Kris and I are hosting a Tech Session at our house this coming Saturday October 28th. We have space to get 3 cars into the garage for service so it's a rain or shine event. We will also have some games set up for those not turning wrenches.

So far we have 4 spouses and significant others attending, so please be sure to invite that special lady in your life.

Arrive at 9:30 or later, whatever fits your schedule and desires. Potluck lunch (chili, dogs, brats, etc.) at noon with our monthly meeting as soon as we finish lunch. Hang around into the afternoon if desired.

If you plan to attend: Please let me know what you'd food like to bring. kentgoddard@msn.com or 314-258-6472. Address: 18070 Deer Haven Dr., Wildwood, MO 63038

If you plan to work on your car: Please let me know what you plan to work on and get your parts on order now. Of course we hope all will attend, whether working on a car or not.

If you plan to attend but have not yet provided me an RSVP, then please do so ASAP!



Membership Mentions – by Kent Goddard

I remain surprised by how few contacts I've received this year from visitors to our web site. I've used Google and Bing to search for "St. Louis Corviar Club" (figuring that's what someone in our area may enter in the search bar) and our new SMCC web site is at the top of the list. The site has been updated to move the "Contact Us" link to the top of all pages, making it easier for visitors to reach out to us (previously "Contact Us" was under the "Menu" dropdown). Thank you, Kurt for making this change. I also see Club News has 2 postings from August and 2 from September – so it's clear to visitors that the club is active. Hopefully all of this will lead to more people reaching out to us.

I'm open to any and all ideas you may have to drive visibility and interest in our club by prospective new members. Just let me know.

Safe and happy motoring.

The Show-Me Corvair Club created the Cavagna Award earlier this year to honor two of our long-standing members who recently passed. Joan and John Cavagna made significant contributions to our club over the years and were dear to all of us.

The annual award is intended to honor one of our members who personifies the qualities of Joan and John. The winner will receive a certificate, a waiver of dues for 2024, and their name will be engraved on a perpetual wall plaque which will be displayed in the club. The chapter Board of Directors (the "Selection Committee") will make the final decision on the recipient, who will be presented the award at the club Christmas party on December 9.

You have the opportunity to nominate a fellow club member whom you believe is worthy to be honored with this award. There are two criteria which the Selection Committee will be evaluating when they select the award recipient. One is how the nominee displays character traits similar to the Cavagnas. The other is how the nominee supported the club. Your nomination must include the reasons you believe your nominee is deserving of this award. Please be as specific as possible about how your nominee displays the characteristics of the Cavagnas, and also describe in detail the activities in which your nominee has been involved during this calendar year. In other words, support and defend your nomination. Please send your nomination to President Bob Bauer at robovair@sbcglobal.net on or before November 1.

The person selected for this Award will be the person who, in the judgment of the Selection Committee, most closely represents the qualities of Joan and John Cavagna, including but not limited to:

1. Loyalty, compassion, and support for other chapter members
2. Knowledge and technical expertise about the Corvair automobile
3. Leadership
4. Mentoring and being liberal with advice and technical assistance
5. Generosity
6. Honesty/sincerity

The person selected for this Award will be the person who, in the judgment of the Selection Committee, has contributed the most to the advancement of the mission, goals, activities, and ideals of the Show-Me Corvair Club during the current calendar year, including but not limited to:

1. Dedication to the chapter and its mission
2. Faithful attendance at meetings
3. Active participation in chapter activities
4. Conceiving, initiating, leading, and completing chapter projects
5. Participation in chapter projects and events
6. Participation in car hobby events outside the chapter as an individual (Taking their car to car shows, for example)
7. Participation in events outside the chapter which are unrelated to the Corvair automobile and unrelated to the car hobby in general. (For example: participation in church activities, blood drives, volunteering at schools, food pantries, soup kitchens, charity benefits, tutoring, etc.)

Also, the Cavagna Award Committee will be presenting the award certificate, an image of the perpetual wall plaque, and the script of the award presentation for your review and approval at the next meeting on Saturday October 28 at the Goddards' home. Please plan to attend.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me directly.



Fellow and his daughters came up to my Spyder (worst looking car at the show) at the Museum of Transport show and asked if I'd be interested in a Crown car. You'd think he would have approached someone with a finished car. Maybe he thought I needed something better looking. He bought it from a widow (Mrs. Sowins) in St. Charles back in Feb but decided against the project. I had a 65 Corsa in high-school and have dreamed of putting a V8 in the rear of one. This is close.

Engine fires but will not run on own. Looks complete. Crown headers and I think a Crown master cylinder. Has a homemade engine cover and who knows what the seats are from. Corsa dash and some updated gauges.

Sowings did his own body work and Maaco painted it in 2008. Still looks good. A few waves in the Bondo, but no rust.

Plan is to get it safely driving and have some fun. 2024 Hot Rod Power Tour is a possibility. Then, who knows. Maybe I'll trade it for a nice Corsa.

Call if you want to talk,

Mark

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Mark Your Calendars for the SMCC Christmas Luncheon!

Our Christmas Luncheon is typically the best-attended event of the year so you won't want to miss it. A formal invitation will be sent soon, but here are the details:

- Date: Saturday December 9th from noon – 4 pm
- Locations: Rich & Charlie's restaurant in Crestwood (same location as last year)
- Food will be served at 1 pm, followed by a brief club meeting

Rob Your Neighbor gift exchange

You won't want to miss this event!!



- Shelby Berta 10-27
- Sharon Briggs 10-22
- Sherrie Dodson 10-16
- Kris Goddard 10-10
- Rhonda Hall 10-1
- Don Hemwall 10-7
- Chris James 10-22
- Tammy Riser 10-9
- David Wilson 10-26



- Tom and Chris James 10-26
- Phil and Maggie Kost 10-21
- Kim and Kent Pick 10-1



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The End/That's All

