

Vair Views



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Please consider submitting a Member Profile. A blank copy is included in this newsletter. When you do please also submit at least one photo of you along with your Corvair. The first Member Profile will appear in the next newsletter issue. The Editor is also interested in any other interesting Corvair news and sightings that you may come across so keep your eyes peeled when you are on the street, watching TV or surfing the Web.

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Next meeting:

Saturday 2/24, 10:15 am

Greetings Members. January and February have been a great start to 2024! We've had 3 new members join. The January meeting was the best-attended general meeting in quite some time. A total of 20 people attended, including 2 perspective members that ended up joining, Charlie Geiler and Gene Buescher. Plus, we have an awesome new SMCC Club Room, complete with a huge wood boardroom table, cool automotive décor, a kitchenette, and a private bathroom.

There were numerous business items discussed and decided upon at the January meeting. One key decision was to offer the Clausius car for sale to club members as an untitled parts car on a 'closed bid' basis. Ron Karl will be sending out photos and information on the bidding process soon. There are a lot of new parts included, so if you're an "early model guy" you should certainly check it out. Please be sure to read the meeting notes if you couldn't attend, so as to get up to speed on the other decisions made.

Our next meeting is Saturday February 24 in our Club Room at the Jefferson Underground. The doors will be unlocked by 9:45 and the meeting will start at 10:15, to provide socializing time before getting down to business. The most important item to address this month is deciding on our 2024 activities. I'll be seeking one volunteer to coordinate each activity; someone to finalize and communicate the specifics. Our VP, Ron Karl, will assist the coordinators as needed.

I hope you'll join us this coming Saturday morning to enjoy some car talk, check out the Clausius car, and help decide on our 2024 club activities.

Kent

Vair Sightings If you spot a Vair on the street, at a show, in a magazine, on TV or a movie let us know. Please submit your notes and photos—especially photos—to the editor. His name and address are at the end of the newsletter:

- ♦ While watching *The Queen's Gambit* (2020, episodes 6 & 7), currently streaming on Netflix and set in the 1960s we spied a maroon late model Monza two-door coupe, dual exhaust, manual transmission, with a silver rear valance. Sharp car and it sounded great.



Corvair Quiz: What minor league team name is associated with our beloved cars?

What is the team's home city? What sport do they play?

[Answers at the bottom of the 2024 Dues Form](#)



"H-m-m-m, maybe he'd be interested in joining our club."

SMCC Officers and Advisors

Officers & Board Members

President – Kent Goddard
Vice President – Ron Karl
Treasurer – Carl Briggs
Secretary – Suzanne Cavagna

Additional Board Members

Past President – Bob Bauer
Elected from general membership – Doug Riser and Larry Pratt

Advisors

Newsletter Editor – Mark Moyer
Historian – Tom James
Membership Chairman – Trevor Monninger
Facebook Page Manager – Nick Raeber

Membership Mentions— Trevor Monninger, Membership

Two new members joined us recently, Charles Geiler and Gene Buescher. Blame the Editor if the spelling is off on those names, not Trevor. We look forward to meeting you and seeing your cars.

"I know, I know... it's not a Corvair if it doesn't have a pancake six. But, ya' gotta' admit this is a sharp build."



Inspired by Pantera and Yenko models of the past, this 1965 Corvair is a modern-day road racer/show car.

This 1965 Corvair Corsa created by **Lonnie Gilbertson** of **Lonnie's Place** in Milwaukie, Oregon and is a truly unique and amazing build.

Dubbed "RareVair," this 1965 Corvair was originally built for SEMA and was inspired by the fact that Gilbertson's brother owned a Corvair back in the 1970s. He's been a fan of the way they look ever since, and always dreamed of building his idea of the ultimate version of the much-maligned and controversial model. However, he also wanted to give it an infusion of Yenko style, which he feels fits the Corvair's sporty appearance like a glove.

By **Brett Foote** - August 23, 2022 at <https://ls1tech.com/articles>

Show Me Corvair Club

January 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Goddard at the Jefferson Underground, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following were present: Kent Goddard, Ron Karl, Tom Yengel, Jim Koch, Don Hogan, Nick Raeber, Mike Hall, Chris Hall, Ken Pick, Tom James, Mike Kost, David Wilson, Suzanne Cavagna, John Mackiewicz, Mark Moyer, Jack Holahan, Kurt Arthur, and Carl Briggs. Two prospective new members, Gene Buescher and Charlie Geiler were also present. President Goddard thanked all the those in attendance. He also thanked our past and current officers and committee leaders. A special thanks was given to John Carter for our new meeting space at the Underground. President Goddard invited those present to give a brief self-introduction. He also asked if everyone was okay with having a brief social time before the general meetings and starting the meetings at 10:15- everyone was okay with this suggestion.

There was a brief December meeting at the Christmas party. A motion was made by Kurt Arthur seconded by Mark Moyer to approve the minutes from December 9, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer Carl Briggs gave the December monthly report. A motion was made by John Mackiewicz, seconded by Tom Yengel to approve the report as read. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of this report are available to club members upon request.

There was discussion about whether the monthly treasurer reports should be posted to the members only section of the website. It was decided this would not be done. A motion was made by Kurt Arthur and seconded by Mike Hall that a note would be put in every newsletter to contact the treasurer for more information or to obtain a copy of the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Historian Tom James reported he has 4-5 boxes of duplicate publications. He has archived the best copies and invited those present to offer ideas for what to do with the duplicates. A motion was made by Kent Goddard and seconded by Don Hogan-

that a full set of publications would be kept at Tom James' home;

that Tom James would email to the club members that duplicates are available free to club members but if they needed to be mailed the member would pay for postage;

and that the remaining duplicated would be brought to the Underground, sorted and a set kept in the club's meeting room. Any others would be recycled.

The motion passed unanimously.

Membership chairmen Trevor Monninger was not able to be at the meeting. In his absence, President Goddard reported two prospective members were in attendance for the meeting and he invited them to see Carl for membership information.

Old Business:

Clausius' car needs to be removed from the Underground by the end of May. There was an in-depth discussion on what options are available:

Restore the car and sell it- there are concerns about the title, manpower to complete the work, and whether there is profit in it for SMCC.

Sell it as a parts car to a club member (1st option, closed bids) or a 3rd party.

Part it out ourselves at the Underground – club member labor required; John said we could store the parts on shelving at the Underground.

Various options were discussed, with the consensus being to put the car up for auction to club members as a parts car without a title. If no buyer was interested, then an alternate approach will be discussed and voted on at a future meeting.

There was a motion made by Mark Moyer to offer the car as a parts car to club members via a closed bid to President Goddard, with a minimum bid of \$600, the motion was seconded by Ken Pick. The motion passed unanimously. Ron Karl will take pictures of the car and parts, and work with Kurt Arthur to post an article for club members regarding the bidding process.

Tom James reported that a proposal was presented to the Board for amendments to the Bylaws and Charge Document regarding the Cavagna award. These will be presented to the general club at a future meeting. A vote will also need to be made to determine if a permanent committee needs to be implemented and if there should be limitations set on if a member can win the award more than one year in a row or more than once. An article about the presentation of the award in December will be sent to Corsa for publication.

Carl Briggs asked about the President's Award for Past President Bob Bauer, and Past Secretary Rose Bauer. A discussion will be had at the next general meeting what should be done for past officers.

New Business:

A discussion was had at the recent Board meeting regarding the 2024 recommended bereavement donation amount. The Board recommended \$100 to be spent as directed by the Bylaws for anyone who qualifies. A motion was made by David Wilson and seconded by Carl Briggs to set the 2024 bereavement donation at \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

Club member Richard Boxdorfer recently passed away in December. There were two possible recipients listed in his memorial- Hospice of Southern Illinois and/or the Meadowbrook Fire Department. A motion was made by Mark Moyer to make the \$100 bereavement donation to the Meadowbrook Fire Department and seconded by Ron Karl. The motion passed unanimously.

If there are situations in the future where choices need to be made regarding bereavement donations, they will be handled by the Board.

The Cavagna family presented the club with a \$250 donation at the Christmas Party. The Board recommended depositing it in the SMCC general fund. A motion was made by Mark Moyer and seconded by Kurt Arthur. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2024 list of potential activities was briefly discussed, with a further discussion tabled for the next meeting. President Goddard said there needs to be a coordinator for each event. Nick Raeber suggested having a Tech Tip at the end of the meetings, where some kind of tip could be shared. For the February meeting it was recommended to have a tech session afterwards on how to rebuild a carburetor.

A discussion was had regarding the City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. There was not enough interest to proceed with it for 2024.

A motion was made by Mark Moyer and seconded by Nick Raeber to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Cavagna, Secretary



Get 'em out and drive 'em!

2024 Car Events

- Feb 10-Hyman Kick-off event**~All car folks invited, 11AM, 2310 Chaffee Dr Maryland Heights, MO
- Feb 10-Cars & Coffee-Fast Lane**~Fast Lane Classic Cars, Hwy 94, 8AM St Charles, MO
- Feb 11-Belleville Auto Swap**~ 6AM-1PM, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, \$4 entry Belleville, IL
- Feb 18- Cape Swap Meet**~ Cape Arena Cape Girardeau, MO
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- March 9- Six Flags Swap Meet**~ Six Flags over Mid-America parking lot Eureka, MO
- March 31-Easter Car Show-Forest Park**~ HCCM, stock vehicles only St. Louis, MO
- March 31-The Real Easter Car Show- Family Arena**~Modifieds, Customs, SLSRA St. Charles, MO
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- April 7- Rt.66 Spring Dust-off & Cruise-in**~ Elks Lodge, 10-3, Rain date 4/14 St. Clair, MO
- April 20-GTA Springfest Car Show**~ Downtown Owensville, MO
- April 27-Union HS Band Boosters Car Show**~ Union High School, 636-583-2513 Union, MO
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- May 3-4- Magic Dragon**~ Lake Ozark Strip @ Bagnell Dam Lake Ozark, MO
- May 5-Model T Club Auto Swap Meet**~ Grizzlies Stadium Sauget, IL
- May 11-Rt 66 Vette Club Salute to the Troops Vette Show**~reg 8-10, Poage Chevy Wentzville, MO
- May 17-18- Ozark Empire Auto Swap Meet**~ 8-4, Ozark Empire Fairgnds, \$5/car Springfield, MO
- May 17-19-Piggott Heritage Car Show**~entry includes 3 free meals, Top 75 awards Piggott, AR
- May 26- White Rose Cruz-n-15**~ 208 E. Main St, rdrobinson@yhti.net Union, MO
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- June 16- Rt 66 Car Show in the Park**~ Orchard Park, Reg 8-12, Rain or Shine St. Clair, MO
- June 16-22-GTOAA Nationals**~ University Plaza Hotel Springfield, MO
- June 29-Pacific Partnership 22nd Downtown Car Show**~ reg 8-noon, 636-334-9123 Pacific, MO
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- July 15-20- POCI National Convention**~ Springdale, AR
- Aug 16-18- Ozark Antique Auto Club Swap**~Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Springfield, MO
- Aug 23-25-Frog Follies**~pre-1949 only, Vanderberg 4-H Center, 401 E Booneville Rd Evansville, IN
- Sept 20-22-Rt 66 Assoc. Motor Tour**~Joplin-Springfield- Rolla, \$50 reg. Missouri
- Sept 21-GTA Immaculate Conception Car Show**~ Immaculate Conception Church Owensville, MO
- Sept 28-Mid-MO Old Car Round Up**~reg 8-10, corner Dunklin & Broadway, 19 classes Jeff City, MO
- Oct 18-20-Early Tin Dusters Car Show**~ Moorman Park, pre 1949 only Quincy, IL

2024 Car Cruises

Every Fri. Apr -Oct ~ 1980& older~ 3889 Veterans Memorial Parkway O'Fallon, MO
 Every Fri Apr - Sept ~ Sonic Restaurant, 1002 S. Kirkwood Rd. Kirkwood, MO
 1st Fri Memories Car Club Cruise~ 4 to 9 pm~ 1979 & Older ~ 417-700103 Fenton, MO
 @ Faith Church, Corner of Hwy 30 & Rahning Rd. ~
 1st Sat DQ Car Cruise~ Sept & Oct 125 Jefferson Sq. on Hwy 21, 1 mile south of Walmart Desoto, MO
 2nd Fri Hardy's Restaurant~ 2850 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO
 2nd Fri April-Sept-Hotshots Bar-1239 S. Laclede Station Rd. 314-755-1550 Webster Groves, MO
 2nd Sat. Rolla Cruise-In ~Big Lots Parking Lot, 1001 S Bishop~ 573-634-0865 Rolla, MO
 2nd Sat Apr-Oct JJ's~1215 S. Duchesne~ 636-946-3500~ St. Charles, MO
 2nd Sat Apr-Oct 4-9pm~Grace Union Church, South County, 3900 Union Rd. South St. Louis, MO
 2nd Sat Apr-Oct~MO Moonshiners Cruise-in~Thriftway Parking Lot 5-8PM Linn, MO
 2nd Sat Apr-Oct~Owensville Cruisers, meet @ Snowensville @4PM, 573-999-7998 Owensville, MO
 2nd Sat June & July~Hyway Rockers CC~ Ginnys Kit. & Cust., 7022 Hwy 61-67 S. of M Barnhart, MO
 3rd Friday Apr-Sept- 5-9PM-Hot Shots at 141 and Jeffco Blvd., Huge lot behind McDonalds Arnold, MO
 3rd Sat-May-Oct~(new)Cloverleaf Sports Bar- 6070 Telegraph Rd., 314-293-1815 Oakville, MO
 3rd Sat-May-Sept Gearheads Cruise-in~ 5-9PM, downtown Ste Genevieve Ste. Genevieve, MO
 4th Sun-Rides & Coffee~ Detail Garage, 70 Meramec Valley Plaza, 1-3, dogs & coffee Valley Park, MO
 Last Sat- Apr-Oct~ Bobby's Place- 5PM-9PM, 108 Meramec Valley Plaza, 141 & Marshall Valley Park, MO
 Last Sat- Raisin' Canes, 5PM-9PM, DJ Don, 1163 Jeffco Blvd ½ mi S of 141 Arnold, MO
 Last Sat. JJ's ~ Apr-Aug.~ 200 Fort Zumwalt Sq. ~636-978-1737~ 10:30 am-3 pm O'Fallon, MO
 Last Sat ~ Caffeine & Chrome ~Feb-Nov~Gateway Classics 1237 Central Park Dr O'Fallon, IL
 Last Sat ~Capital Mall Cruise-in, 4-8PM at Capital Mall Jefferson City, MO

2024 "Come Join Us"

1st Wed every month- 7 PM, First Capitol Classics Auto Club meeting, Culppers B & G,
 3010 W. Clay, St. Charles, MO 63301 firstcapitolclassics@yahoo.com St. Charles, MO
 1st Thurs every month- 7 PM, Rt. 66 Car Club meeting, St. Clair Elks Lodge St. Clair, MO
 35 E. North St. (Frontage on N. Commercial St.)
 1st Thurs every month- 7 PM, Gateway GTO Assoc. meeting, Ginghams Restaurant St. Charles, MO
 1566 Country Club Plaza Dr. St. Charles, MO 63303 chriswinslow@charter.net
 1st Thurs every month- 7:30PM STL S/R Assoc. meeting, Location TBD Wildwood, MO
 Barry Gan, 314-315-1712 or 636-244-0316 after 5. St.louisstreetrods@gmail.com
 1st Thurs every month- 7PM, Rt 66 Corvette Club meeting, Old Hickory Golf Club St. Peters, MO
 2nd Tuesday every month-7PM, Archway Olds meeting, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO
 3579 Pennbridge Dr. Bridgeton archwayoldclub.org
 2nd Tuesday every month-7PM, Original Corvette Club meeting, Dogwood Social House,
 15682 Manchester Rd. 63011 Ballwin, MO
 2nd Sunday every month-5:30 PM, Gateway AMC, Bandanas, 11750 Gravois Sunset Hills, MO
 3rd Sat every month- 8 AM, Midwest Chevy/GMC Truck Club Alumni breakfast, Bob
 Evans Restaurant, 6528 S. Lindbergh South St. Louis, MO
 3rd Fri every month-7:30 PM, HCCM, STL Auto Dealers Assoc Bldg
 13616 Manchester by White Castle, 314-313-0305 martinhassel@att.net Manchester, MO
 4th Thur every month-6 PM, Mid-Mo Old Car Club, location varies ck midmooldear.club Jefferson City, MO
 4th Fri every month-7:30 PM VCCA(GMC also), WestCtyEMS, 223 Henry Ave, VCCA.ORG Manchester, MO

Member Profile Form

Submit your SMCC member profile by answering the questions below. Submissions may be emailed to markgmoyer1@gmail.com or send via snail-mail to Mark Moyer, 2220 Edge Wood Manor Lane, Wildwood, MO 63011. In lieu of volunteers the editor will reach out directly to a member. Please send a photo of you with your Corvair along with your profile and feel free to add anything else of interest to the information below.

SMCC Member Profile Member Name:

Corvairs you currently own:

Year, color, body style, drivetrain, running or non-running, how often do you drive it?:

When and why did you buy it (them)?

What is it that you like most about Corvairs?

Any interesting story about your Corvair, or others you have owned:

Describe your dream Corvair:

Corvair job you hate most (e.g. brakes, upholstery, oil change, etc.):

Have you ever thrown a fanbelt?

Other than a Corvair, and assuming money is no object, what classic domestic or foreign car or truck would you most like to own and why? What car or truck would be a close second?

Name one car you'd most like to have back, including cars from your childhood to today.

Fondest car-centered memory ("G" rated version). (first date, parade, best compliment you received, etc.)

Do you/have you owned any other classic cars, and what are they?

Other hobbies or activities you participate in:

*"I always wear my mink when I drive my Corvair.
Don't you?"*



The Corvair Corsa Convertible's outside rearview mirror is one of eight new standard safety aids. Always check it before passing.

Youth movement

You can be a senior citizen, a person who's perennially 39 or a teenager. As long as you're the kind who gets a wallop out of fresh experiences, you've got all the makings of a Corvair enthusiast. For instance, you'll find the steering light and easy (no engine

weight up front). You'll find you track cleanly and surely even through mud and snow (that's your rear-engine traction at work). And you'll find the ride solid and the cornering flat (that's where the four-wheel independent suspension comes in).

Does your car strike you as being a little stodgy these days? Maybe while it's been getting older you've been getting younger. Try a Corvair at your dealer's and see.



CORVAIR—Unusual the Chevrolet way

Show-Me Corvair Club

Dues Renewal Form

Dues for 2024 are due beginning on January 1, 2024. Please send your completed form to Carl Briggs at 8207 Acorn Ave. Saint Louis, Mo. 63123 or bring it to the next meeting. We encourage everyone to join the National Corvair Club, CORSA, at www.corvair.org for \$45 per year.

Dues are as follows: Single and Family memberships are \$30 per household.
For New Members : \$30 for one year per household. New membership is \$15 after June 30.

Please make checks payable to: Show Me Corvair Club

Member Name _____

Spouse or 2nd Member's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member's Birthday _____ 2nd Member's Birthday _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

CORSA member(s)? YES NO

CORSA membership numbers _____

What type of Corvair do you have (or would like to 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 _____

New members please complete the entire form and circle the amount paid. If you are a current member please indicate only any changes in your data, especially addresses, cell phone numbers and email addresses so that we have current information.

Beginning on January 1, 2024 the single and family membership is \$30. Thank you!

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Corvair Quiz Answers. The Caledonia Corvairs of Caledonia , Ontario, Canada are a Junior ice hockey team.



Parts Search

“Hey, does anybody have a left-handed muffler shifter for a 1970 Corvair with the push button dash?”

If you are looking for parts send the Editor an email at markgmoyer1@gmail.com and it will be posted here.

1. Scott McClune is looking for a four speed transmission. If you have one, his email and phone are on the club roster or you can find his email address in the distribution for this newsletter.

Member Birthdays and Anniversaries!

January and February

Birthdays

Barbara Butler

Steve Dodson

Brandon Hogan

Donald Hogan

Ron Karl

Mike Kost

Jeanne Landers

Bryan Monninger

Bill Richards

Anniversaries

Kris and Kent Goddard

Ron and Dianne Karl

