



Vair Views

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Prez Says

Greetings SMCC Members!

It was great to see nineteen of you at our August 24th meeting at the Jefferson Underground. Thank you for taking the time to support our organization and enjoy some camaraderie.

I understand we had about eight cars at the All-Chevy Car Show at the Museum of Transportation on September 8th. Another good showing at this annual event! I was unable to attend because I was trailering my BMW to Road America in Wisconsin to instruct at the Ferrari Club of America's Annual Meet. It was quite memorable. The least-valuable car in attendance was probably worth about \$200K and the most-valuable car was a 1963 250 GTO purchased in 2018 by the founder of WeatherTech (floor mats) for \$70M!! He drove the car around town, displayed it unprotected at a car show open to the general public, and drove it on the track at speed – because that's what cars are made for and apparently, he can afford to take the risk! I better stick to '60's Corvairs and '80's BMWs. (Pardon my sidetrack)

Please let Kurt Arthur know whether you plan to join us for lunch and a meeting on Saturday September 28th at Chuck-A-Burger (see his email from 9/2/2024). This historic drive-in burger joint is always a great time. Also be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday October 26th for a tech session, lunch and meeting at my/Kris' house.

See you soon!
Kent



Kent says, "OK, the car won the 1964 Tour de France, but \$70,000,000?!!"

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Dean Meyer's Corvair Photos

Last month we published Dean's Member Profile but didn't have photos of his car to share with you. Hope you enjoy Dean's '64 Goldwood Yellow Spyder this month!



Dean says, "We don't need no stinkin' windshields."



Showing off those 150 horses. Turbo-o-o-h!



A trunk in the front was innovative for an American car. Some called it a "frunk". As in, front trunk.

Headlines from the Hagerty Weekend Road Trip

4 Things That Are Silently Killing Your Vintage Car

Mother Nature is a cruel mistress who is conspiring against us and our cars and doing so both vigorously and silently. To make sure your next drive goes as planned, keep your eye on these four offenders. Click on the link below to check out the article. And don't miss the photo they used for the opening page. That's an ***Ermine white Corsa*** with a red interior lurking behind that MG.

[4 Things Silently Killing Your Vintage Car - Hagerty Media](#)

Need your help. We've run out of member profiles.

Yes, it's easy to forget to fill one out and we know you're busy, but it takes only a few minutes to write some notes on the member profile form and this is a great way for us to get to know each other. A Word version of the profile is attached to the email in which you received this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and send a photo of both you and your car(s) to markgmoyer1@gmail.com, or to Mark Moyer, 2220 Edge Wood Manor Lane, Wildwood, MO 63011. EZPZee.

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:

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION

The National Museum of Transportation All Chevy Show was held on September 8th and turnout of Corvairs and other models of the Chevy moniker was excellent. Thanks to Don Hemwall for coordinating and to the members who brought their Corvairs to show. Here are some photos to enjoy.



Right: Don Hemwall's '63 convertible with a lot of junk-in-the-trunk. At least I think that's Don's car.



Left: Pretty sure that's Hogan's '62 Spyder. (I really have to take better notes, but that's hard to do when you are ogling cars.



Two photos to the left: the Raeber's hot Corsa. Bob Bauer says it is the best sounding 140 he has heard. And that is saying something.

Above: The ever-present yellow Monza owned by Rose and Bob Bauer. Notice Rose's name is first. We need to get that story in the next Vair Views issue.



Left: Tommy Yengel's car that he has owned since it rolled out of the dealer showroom.

Below right: Gotta' love that bright sunvisor. Probably needed it to cut the glare from that bright yellow "shoebox" Chevy wagon



Left and below: Best looking cars at the show, but I'm bi-ased.

Right: Cool way to add some "flavor" to your car display. Excuse the pun.



More Museum of Transport show photos



Bill Hutchens, a surprise visitor and potential new SMCC member, showed up with his time capsule '62 green on green four-door, original miles Monza. Bill is a neighbor of club member Brent Starostki who knew of the car and encouraged Bill to buy the car and join the club.

Brent, if you read this please connect Bill with Trevor. I emailed Bill with our club info but the email he gave me was incorrect. Let's get him registered.



Interior of that nice '62, and some of the gang at the Museum of Transport show.



Speaking of Possible New Members. Here's the Membership Mentions, from Trevor Monninger.

I've received a lot of website inquiries this year and have reached out to every one of them, but with no responses. I have begun to call the phone number left in the email, if filled out, to get more responses and that seems to be working. I've had three call backs and many are looking for cars and have many questions. (If you know of cars for sale let Trevor know so he can hook these folks up with a car. His email is t_man1963@yahoo.com)

SMCC 2024 Meeting and Event Schedule

September 28 Chuck-A-Burger get together and meeting. Kurt Arthur is facilitating plans.



October 26 Tech Session at Kent Goddard's "Temple of Zoom" (the larger garage at his house). Kent is planning this event.

Reach out to Kent if you have work on your Vair that you'd like the club to tackle

November 28 Ameren Thanksgiving Day Parade. Tom James is coordinating.

December 7 SMCC Christmas Luncheon at Rich & Charlie's Crestwood from Noon-4pm

In most cases a meeting will be held in conjunction with the above event.

[Hey, where are the Meeting Minutes from the August meeting?](#)

The minutes were emailed to all SMCC members following the August meeting so they are not included here.

Editor's correction: OOPs! The May 2024 through August 2024 issues of the Vair Views were incorrectly labeled as Volume 53 rather than Volume 52. If you had noticed—and I'd be surprised if anyone had, be aware that the Editor will not be making corrections and issuing revised copies. Please excuse the error.

SMCC Officers and Advisors

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You say you locked the keys in your car and don't have a coat hanger handy? Won't be a problem if you carry an *air baffle spring clip* with you. *An air baffle what?* Keep reading, you can even learn to run the car without the ignition switch.

Borrowed with respect and gratitude from the August 2023 issue of VairCor, the newsletter of the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association of Kansas City. Author: Mike Dawson

A useful little device that can be carried in your billfold (or purse) for gaining entry into any Corvair is the little spring clip that holds the air baffles up against the cylinders in all Corvair engines: about 3 ½ inches long with an eye on either end. To open a wing window, gently push one end past the rubber under the vent handle with the eye to the rear of the car. Push in on the vent window and rotate the clip counter clockwise. The vent handle will unlock and you can reach in to open the side window or door. This method is quick and will not damage anything.



The wiring for the Corvair starter operation begins at the battery, travels twenty plus feet through several connectors and switches (depending on transmission) to end up only two feet from the battery where it started.

To bypass all of that, run a jumper wire from the positive battery terminal to the purple wire in the two wire connector found at the left front of the engine compartment. Unplug the connector and touch the jumper wire to the purple wire that leads through the rubber grommet in the sheet metal to the starter. Anytime you make the connection, the starter will engage.

The engine will only start if the key is on, so you can use this for compression checks, setting dwell, mechanical fuel pump testing etc. A commercial remote starter is a good tool to have. To actually run the engine you need the next step.

During normal running, the coil receives less than six volts to the + terminal because of a resistance in the wiring (1.8 ohms). Full battery voltage is supplied only during the cranking to help starting under extreme conditions. If you apply 12 volts during running, the points will quickly burn and the engine dies. *To run an engine without using the ignition switch*, make up a jumper as follows: cut a length of standard wire (any gauge from 12 to 20 will work) that reaches from the positive battery connection to the positive coil terminal. Attach a clamp or large clip for the battery end and a smaller clip for the coil + terminal end. Purchase a coil resistor from a parts store (1.8 ohms is a standard listing) and attach it in series anywhere in the middle of the wire. Wrap it with tape because it gets hot to the touch. You also could use the original resistance wire from another harness. Anytime this jumper is hooked up, the engine will run until you unhook it. You cannot run other accessories with this jumper, only the ignition part of the engine. Also be sure you don't lay the wire against anything that moves when the engine starts. When I need to drive a locked car without keys, I use all three of the above.

Hot off the press!

Here's a special mention event a member wants us to be aware of.

Cars and Coffee: April through October
Immanuel Lutheran Church
214 W. 5th St
Washington, MO 63090
Saturdays, 8-10 am, opens at 7:30am



I know, I know, this photo has been used before. I can't help it because I love that paint job. It's HOT!

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. ~
- 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~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
- 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, Sports Café,
3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044 firstcapitolclassics@yahoo.com Bridgeton, 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, Gingham's 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
- 1st Sat every month-** Cars-n-Coffee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 214 W. 5th, 8am-10am Washington, MO
- 2nd Tuesday every month-** 7PM, Archway Olds meeting, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO
3579 Pennridge Dr. Bridgeton archwayoldsclub.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 ckmidmooldcar.club Jefferson City, MO



Nice Rampy. Just found the photo online, but wish it was mine.