



Vair Views

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Greetings SMCC Members,

Rain, rain, go away, so the Corvairs can go out to play. The weatherman predicted thunderstorms and hail for the Easter car show at The Muny and understandably some of our members decided against attending. Three intrepid - or crazy - members did make it with two cars to represent us, and the weather cleared. See the article and photos inside this newsletter.

The next meeting and tech session is this coming Saturday at Jefferson Underground and we hope to see you there. **If you haven't already done so, please contact Carl Briggs if you plan to work on your car.**

It's time to get your car out to play. As President of the club I officially, and with great pleasure, declare the week of April 28th as *National Drive Your Corvair Every Day Week*. *Drive to work, Schnuck's, Dierberg's, Starbuck's, Walmart, the donut shop, or anywhere.* If you don't need to leave home, make up an excuse to get out and let the rest of the world enjoy your Corvair. You know people will stop you to talk about their own Corvair stories. **Send a photo of you and your car out somewhere and send it to Mark Moyer at markmoyer1@gmail.com and we'll put it in the next newsletter.**

See you on the road soon,

Kent

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New member Bill Hutchens admiring his own 62 42,000 mile original Corvair. It got lots of attention at the Easter show.

SHOW ME CORVAIR CLUB 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Contact the Coordinator to assist or for information

Date	Event	Coordinator and other information
April 26th	General meeting and tech session at Jefferson Underground	Coordinator: Carl Briggs
May 31st Date subject to confirmation from PCCA	Joint meeting with Prairie Capital Corvair	Pawnee Prairie Days Car Show, Pawnee, IL. Possible road trip to Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill and Museum, perhaps along Old Route 66 cobblestones and covered bridge). Dean Meyer, and Mike Hall from PCCA
June 14th To Be Confirmed	Hazelwood Baptist Church Car Show	Coordinator: Don Hemwall
July 12th	Cars and Coffee at Fast Lane Classic Cars	Coordinator: Dean Meyer
August 1st	Memories Car Club car show at Faith Church	Coordinator: Bob Bauer
September 14th. To Be Confirmed	All Chevy Car Show at Museum of Transportation	Coordinator: Don Hemwall
September 27th	Chuck-A-Burger lunch and meeting	Coordinator: Kurt Arthur
October 11th	Cruise the river road to Grafton	Coordinator: Glenn Hulsey
October 25th	Tech Session at the Goddard's	Coordinators: Kent and Kris Goddard
November 27th	Ameren Thanksgiving Day Parade, downtown St. Louis	Coordinator: Tom James
December 26th	Christmas Luncheon: Noon to 4PM, Rich and Charlie's	Coordinators: Suzanne Cavagnas. Need two additional coordinators,

The Connecticut Corvair – 1966 Corvair Corsa

By David LaChance of Hemmings.com

Click on the link above the photo of John Fitch at the wheel of his self-named Fitch Sprint for an interesting article about the famed racer and his awesome modified Corvair.

<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/the-connecticut-corvair-1966-corvair-corsa/>



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Got Parts? Need Parts?

If you have parts you want to sell or give away send a note to Mark Moyer at markmoyer1@gmail.com and he will list the parts here.

Parts needed:

- ◆ I need a driver quality **day/night LM (1966) rearview mirror**. Mark Moyer

Concours d'Elegance Easter Car Show 2025



Mark Moyer's dramatized and somewhat revised version of the on again, off again, antics and decision-making process for whether we would drive our Vairs to the Easter show to get drenched in a downpour.

Wednesday, 8 AM email communication from a member of the club went something like this.

Email: Is it gonna' rain? Should we go?

The response from two senior and more sane members: Have you been livin' under a rock knuckle-head? It's gonna' rain alright. Haven't you looked at the forecast? Thunderstorm of the century is predicted. Possible hail, probably tornadoes. We are definitely not going. It's terrible when it rains and nobody shows up, you just sit in your car.

Group responses Thursday through Sunday AM: Yep, sounds like a washout. I'm not going either. It's thundering at my house like Thor is playing whack-a-mole. I'm out.

A diehard responds: *Well, maybe I'll go.* You know the weather folks sensationalize things to get ratings. It may not be that bad. **Ten minutes later:** I'm out too.

Mark's response: Maybe the weather will change, but my clutch cross shaft broke and I don't think I can fix it in time. I'm not going, but I really want to. Darrn. To myself I say, "I'll tell Joyce we may still be going and then I'll just take the Crown Corvair."

Sunday 9 AM. Most of the group has wisely bailed. That *was* the smart thing to do, but I used the delay to fix the clutch shaft. Another member, Brett Starotski, calls me, saying, "I can get my neighbor to bring the '62 and I'll ride down with him. It's clear out here in St. Charles." "H-m-m-m-m, I think to myself. St. Charles is clear". That is a world away, but it sounds like a good excuse to go. Good thing I didn't tell Joyce I was definitely not going. I'll mention it and see how she responds." "Hey babe.", I say. "Looks like it is clearing up and I'm thinking about going down. Besides, Brett is gonna' be there and I could use his help adjusting my linkage." She gives me a look that says, "I knew you'd try to go all along."

Long story short: Washing the Corsa in the morning drizzle confirmed my neighbors suspicions about my mental state. It was the only classic car on highway 40 and I was thinking I'd be the only one in the park. There was no line as I waited for a show coordinator who then says, "A long line of VW busses just pulled in behind you. Let them pass and then follow them. You guys will be parked just next to them." There I was, following a line of puttering elephant-like VW Vanagons into the show like the guys that scoops poop after the Clydesdales. And, it was disheartening to have to allow them to pass me. Heck, they're four cylinders. I shoulda' been leading them! But they do have character.

As it turned out the weather cleared and Bill Hutchens, Brett and I had a great day. The Raeber's stopped by so we got to see photos of their newly painted Corvair. We had more people visit and talk with us than with the two beautiful early 60s Porsches right next to us. They were worth way more, but everybody loves a Corvair.



Bill's cool '62 and Mark's new '65 Corsa drew lots of attention even though the VW vans and the British folks outnumbered us. Only about 30% of the cars showed up and the organizers were very grateful we came.



Can you identify the car in the lower right photo? Wonder if the Fed's would allow a bumper like that on a car today.? It could do some damage in a wreck. Must weigh 200 pounds.



2025 Car Cruises and Shows

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

1 st Fri Memories Car Club Cruise~ 4 to 9 pm~ 1979 & Older ~ 417-700103 Fenton, MO

@ Faith Church, Corner of Hwy 30 & Rahning Rd. ~

2 nd Fri Hardy's Restaurant~ 2850 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO

2 nd Fri April-Sept-Hotshots Bar-1239 S. Laclede Station Rd. 314-755-1550 Webster Groves,MO

2 nd Sat. Rolla Cruise-In ~Big Lots Parking Lot, 1001 S Bishop~ 573-634-0865 Rolla, MO

2 nd Sat Apr-Oct JJ's ~1215 S. Duchesne~ 636-946-3500~ St. Charles, MO

2 nd Sat Apr-Oct~MO Moonshiners Cruise-in~Thriftway Parking Lot 5-8PM Linn, MO

2 nd Sat Apr-Oct~Owensville Cruisers,meet @ Snowensville @4PM,573-999-7998 Owensville, MO

3 rd Sat-May-Oct ~ (new)Cloverleaf Sports Bar- 6070 Telegraph Rd., 314-293-1815 Oakville, MO

3 rd Sat-May-Sept Gearheads Cruise-in~ 5-9PM, downtown Ste Genevieve Ste. Genevieve, MO

4 th 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, 3-7 PM at Capital Mall (New time) Jefferson City, MO

2025 "Come Join Us"

1 st Wed every month- 7 PM, First Capitol Classics Auto Club meeting, Sports Café,

3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044 firstcapitolclassics@yahoo.com Bridgeton, MO

1 st 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.)

1 st 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

1 st 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

1 st Thurs every month- 7PM,Rt 66 Corvette Club meeting,Old Hickory Golf Club St. Peters, MO

1 st Sat every month-Cars-n-Coffee,Immanuel Lutheran Church,214 W.5 th ,8am-10amWashington,MO

2 nd Tuesday every month-7PM, Archway Olds meeting, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO

3579 Pennridge Dr. Bridgeton archwayoldsclub.org

2 nd Tuesday every month-7PM, Original Corvette Club meeting, Dogwood Social House,

15682 Manchester Rd.63011 Ballwin, MO

2 nd Sunday every month-5:30 PM, Gateway AMC, Bandanas, 11750 Gravois Sunset Hills, MO

3 rd Fri most months~HCCM of STL, email perschg3@gmail.com for time & place(Various STL location), MO

4 th Thurs every month-6 PM, Mid-Mo Old Car Club, location varies ck midmooldcar.club Jefferson City, MO

4th Fri every month-7:30 PM VCCA(GMC also),WestCtyEMS, 223 Henry Ave,VCCA.ORG Manchester, MO

Mar 22-Chain of Rocks Bridge Crossing~ missouri66.org/events/chain-of-rocks-bridge-crossing MO

April 5-Chamber of Comm. MVP Display~(by invitation Rt. 66 Car Club only) Lost Hill St. Clair, MO

April 6- Rt 66 Car Club Spring Dust-off~ Elks Club lot, bar-b-que avail, free cruise-in St. Clair, MO

April 20-HCCM Easter Show~ Stock judged Car Show, upper Muny lot St Louis, MO

April 20-STL Street Rod Assoc~ StreetRod/Modified Easter Show, Family Arena lot St Charles, MO

May 4-Model T Club Swap-meet~Grizzly Stadium, 6-4, I-255 construction-plan your route! Sauget, IL

May 10- Orphan Car Display~ Gateway Classics,1237 Central Park Dr.62269,free O'Fallon, IL

May 16-18-Heritage Park Car Show~\$30 B4 Apr.15, 3 free meals, awards + \$\$\$ Piggott, AR

May 17-Wheels in Motion CharityCar Show~Church on the Rock,900 Birdie Hills Rd St. Peters, MO

May 17-Annual Corvette Show~Reg 8-10AM,8 Corvette Only classes, Poage Chevy Wentzville, MO

June 1- White Rose Café Cruz-in-25~ 12 PM, town square Union, MO

June 7-MO Rt 66 Festival~ Cruise-in and Rt 66 parade downtown Lebanon, MO

June 8-14-POCI Int'l Convt.~ Louisville, KY

June 15- Rt 66 Car Club Fathersday Carshow~reg 8-noon,29 classes,314-795-4700 St. Clair, MO

June 28- Pacific Car Show~ drive-thru judging, Rt. 66 Car Club will assist judging Pacific, MO

July16-19-OCA Nationals~ Holiday Inn Bowling Green, KY

July 20- Car Show- Owensville Threshers ~ 10-2:30 Rosebud, MO

Aug ??-SLICK Car Show-Harvester Lions Club, 4835 Central School Rd. St. Charles, MO

Aug 22-24- Auto Swap Meet~ Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Springfield, MO

Aug 22-23-Blue Oval Rally~ All Ford Gathering Herman, MO

Sept 6-Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show~Church on the Rock,900 Birdie Hills Rd St. Peters, MO

Sept 14- HCCM Car Show & Swap Meet~ location TBD (TBD),

Sept 19-21~Mo Rt66 tour missouri66.org/events/2025-motor-tour Lebanon, Spfgld MO

Sept 20-21- All Pontiac Show~ Courthouse Square at Pontiac Oakland Museum Pontiac, IL

Sept 20-Show-Me Regional Car Show~ Thompson Car Sales lot, reg 9-11,\$20 Springfield, MO

Sept 27-Mid- MO Old Car Roundup & Show~reg 8-10 AM, Broadway & Dunklin Jeff City, MO

Sept 28-Archway All Oldsmobile Fun Show~Frisco Hills Auto, Baumgartner Rd. Oakville, MO

Sept 28-Octoberfest Car Show~South Main Street, Stock only, Awards - 22 classes St. Charles, MO

Oct 4- K of C Car Show~ Immaculate Conception Church Columbia, IL

Nov 1-Collector Car Trivia Nite-American Legion Hall 312 St. Charles, MO