

Vair Views

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PREZ SAYS

Greetings,

Is it hot and humid enough for you? The dog days of summer are certainly here. Very few of our classic cars have A/C, and putting the top down in the middle of the day sure doesn't

help, especially if you have a black interior like my darling Roxanne! But, all is not lost! Early mornings and evenings are quite tolerable heat-wise. Pull open those floor vents and life is good. Heck, I even got Kris to take a top-down cruise to Silky's Frozen Custard the other evening! A chocolate mint concrete hits the spot on a warm evening after dinner.

A big "thank you" to Dean Meyer for coordinating our trip to Fast Lane cars and coffee on July 12th. Such a fun event. There were a great cross section of rides, and checking out 3 showrooms packed with classic cars for sale was a blast. I could see doing this again next year (and I'm not typically one for early morning events!).

I hope to see many of you at the Memories Car Club car show on Friday afternoon/evening August 1st at Faith Church in Sunset Hills. They have food, music, door prizes, etc. Let Bob Bauer know you plan to attend so he can reserve the proper number of spots for us.

Kent

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Dog Days of Summer? Ever wonder where that phrase comes from? Here's the original poem:

Dog Days bright and clear

Indicate a happy year;

But when accompanied by rain,

For better times, our hopes are vain.

Check out this link for the complete answer.

[Dog Days: What Are the Dog Days of Summer? | July 3–August 11 | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

The photo above is the only one your editor could find of a Corvair and a dog. So shoot a photo of your pup with your Corvair and send it to markmoyer1@gmail.com and it will be included in the August Vair Views. Yes, cats, birds, snakes, guinea pigs, and other pets are acceptable as well. Goldfish? If they are still in the bowl, sure.

SHOW ME CORVAIR CLUB 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Contact the Coordinator to assist or for information

Date	Event	Coordinator and other information
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 Cavagna. Need two additional coordinators,



MEMORIES CAR CLUB

FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE

APRIL - OCTOBER From 4-9pm • 2025
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Memories Car Club Cruise night and show at Faith Church in Sunset Hills.

You don't want to miss this Cruise and Show. August 1st is Corvair Night. These folks love our cars so clean yours up—or bring it dirty—and cruise down to highway 30 to show your car and check out hundreds of others. And you won't get bored with what is there because many cars just cruise through to be seen. Bob Bauer is coordinating so call him if you have any questions. The brochure with directions is to the left and Bob's info is below. See you there!

Bob Bauer: robovair@sbcglobal.net

Cell: 636-575-4845

Cars and Coffee—Fast Lane Classic Cars

As if there wasn't enough automotive car candy at Fast Lane to ogle already, the July 12th Cars and Coffee event added even more with enthusiasts from across the area turning out on a morning that started out with a local downpour. But after the rain the cars began showing up, including six of our own club member's cars. Jack Holahan was there along with Charlie Geiler and his son. Of course, Dean Meyer coordinated the event but unfortunately could not bring his car. Don Hogan and Kent Goddard came and Mark Moyer was there with his oldest son and grandson who were visiting from Morton, Illinois. Bill Hutchens brought his original early model Monza and Ken Pick joined us with his yellow late model 500. Something about the simplicity of those 500 cars that gets the attention. The traffic was bumper to bumper and the crowd was nearly elbow to elbow but a good time was had by all.



Front row: Geiler's EM, Moyer's Corsica and Pick's attention-getting 500.



Back row: Goddard's Corsica, Holahan's EM and Hutchens all original EM.



Upper left: Somebody drove this nice looking blue Buick Gran Sport, and somebody just as fortunate drove the barely visible black Grand National in the background.

Upper right: There were a couple of these Shelby Cobra GT replicas on display. At least I think they were replicas.

Left: What's a classic car place without a license plate collection?



FOR SALE!

Who doesn't want a Lakewood?

Everybody we know would love to own one. This is your chance to own a stunning black Lakewood that has been in the SMCC family for a number of years.

Jim Koch is selling his sharp Jet Black with blue interior 1961 Lakewood Wagon for only \$8,500. Let's see if we can keep it local. Contact Jim for details.

Email or call Jim at: paintdr101@gmail.com Phone: (314) 402-1152

Something tells me this won't take long.



And Jack Holahan's fun Early Model Fire Chief car is still for sale. It's listed on Facebook at: [\(3\) Marketplace - 1961 Chevrolet corvair monza 900 | Facebook](#) for a mere \$6300.



If you know anyone who collects classic cars, firefighter memorabilia, or just wants a nice parade car send them Jack's way. Jack drove it all the way to Pawnee, Illinois and back with other club members just a few weeks ago so it is definitely a good runner.

Member Profile: Mark Moyer

Editor's Note: Submit your profile so your fellow members can get to know you. Takes no more than twenty minutes to fill this form out and we really would like to get to know you better. Write more or less than I have, or just write bullets and I'll flesh it out for you. A copy of the profile was attached to the email with this newsletter. Sorry if I lost a profile you sent. Please send it again.

Corvairs I currently own: Until selling the Spyder last week I owned three, a 64 Spyder Convertible that I have owned since 2008 when I first joined the club, a 66 Monza Crown Car with a 327, and a recently acquired 65 140 AC Corsa previously owned by Mike Hall and Bill Pierson, a past SMCC member. All are running. The fellow who bought the Spyder drove it home to Chicago and the Crown car is awaiting a fix to the clutch cross shaft and it will go up for sale. I drive the Corsa almost every day.



In the Spyder with my sons back in 2008

Why did you buy them? My Dad owned several Corvairs and I "bought" his 65 140 Corsa and drove it my junior and senior years in high school and loved it. Although I did some basic work on cars I didn't have the skills or knowledge to do a restoration but I did have the desire. After realizing as an adult that 60s Corvettes, Mustangs (sorry, had to say it), Camaros, yada, yada, were too expensive and that my poor skills might ruin the value of my investment I returned to my original love, realizing I could buy one for much less and that there was a huge following to help me be sure I did things right.



1971 Mark's Corsa almost ready for paint.
L to R: Mark, future brother-in-law, a friend

I was shopping for a Corsa when I came across the Spyder with solid floors and rockers, the original turbo equipment in the trunk, and \$600 worth of extra parts I could sell. I paid \$1000 and then got most of it back selling the parts. It was the perfect project for me to learn on. And learn I did, right up until I decided I don't like body work and am not good at it. And then the Crown car distracted me—and the Spyder sat another year or so in a storage unit costing me money.

I'd always wanted my old Corsa to be as fast as my friend's 70s muscle cars and admired the engineering and "sleeper" qualities of a V8 Vair. You can surprise a lot of people when you step on that V8 go pedal. When a guy asked if I was interested in a Crown Car (The Crown kit was a frame, suspension, and ancillary parts package offered in the late 60s by a California company) I jumped at the opportunity. It had been stored for over 20 years and needed a LOT of work. It is a blast to drive, but it is HOT and LOUD.



66 Monza 327 Crown car. These wheels are now on the red Corsa.

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I'd admired my current 140 Corsa coupe when it was owned years ago by Bill Pierson and told him I was a buyer when he was ready to sell. But I wasn't in the position to buy when he was selling and Mike Hall picked it up. Earlier this year Mike was thinning the herd and I was ready. Although I truly admire concourse cars I like to drive mine and the Corsa is a really nice driver quality car. The engine has had some improvements and Bill Pierson added air conditioning. I installed the 70s Camaro wheels I restored for the Crown car, and have the final carb linkage set made by Roger Parent ready to install. I'm leather wrapping the steering wheel to improve the driving feel and will add a front disc brake suspension with quick arms this Fall or Winter for drivability.

What is it that you like most about Corvairs? As others have said, they are unique, people are surprised by how well they handle, and the late model body style is not only classic, but timeless as well. I get compliments literally every time I drive it, from young and old. Older folks say something like, "Always thought that was a beautiful car." The younger admirers say, "That is one good-looking car. What is it?"

Any interesting story about your Corvair? My original 65 Corsa had glass packs and sounded rich and pretty loud. Joyce and I were dating and lived two blocks apart from each other in North County. Let's just say she could hear me coming to pick her up for a date. But, late at night when I dropped her off or left her house you could also hear me leave. Fortunately she lived at the top of a hill. To avoid waking her folks and mine at the wee small hours of the morning I'd roll the Corsa to the bottom of the hill, fire it up, drive almost to my house, shut it off and roll the last fifty yards and up into my driveway thinking I was being sneaky quiet. Years later our folks told us they'd appreciated my effort but it was for naught.

Describe your dream Corvair. That's easy. 65 or 66 Corsa Coupe. Steel Cities Gray (C3 Corvette Color). Four wheel discs. Quick steering and improved suspensions with sway bars. Black leather interior with modern seats and custom console. A modern GM aluminum V8 mounted in the rear and mated to a Porsche or VW five or six speed. Radiator in the original trunk. Custom shifter. AC with improved heat and defrost.

Corvair job you hate most. I hate brake jobs, but I despise replacing the fuel tank.

Have you ever thrown a fanbelt? Once. It was the wrapped style and it rolled, then came off. I've used the Gates unwrapped cogged belts successfully since.

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? 63 split-window Corvette because it is the most beautiful car ever to roll off the line. Close second—65 Buick Riviera because the lines are classic and I can't take my eyes off one when I see it. 63 and 64 would be good too. Close fourth or fifth, almost any station wagon from the late 50s to mid 60s. I love a wagon with a "way back". They just make me think about family, road trips and America. And my family never even owned one when I was a kid!



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Name one car you'd most like to have back. The dark green with black vinyl top 66 GTO 4 speed my parents bought when I was thirteen. I imagined it was going to be my car when I turned sixteen, but it was stolen from River Roads shopping center less than a year after we bought it and we never saw it again.

Fondest car-centered memory: Joyce and I just driving around North County in my 65 Corsa for hours on end with no special agenda or purpose. We would stop at a fruit and vegetable stand and buy a couple pounds of black cherries and spit seeds out the window as we rode. Some day there will be cherry trees all over North County.

Do you/have you owned any other classic cars and what are they? Not exactly a classic. I have a 95 Corvette that shares time as my daily driver if I am not behind the wheel of the Corsa. They are inexpensive and can be found with low miles.

Other hobbies or activities: I enjoy fishing and racing slot cars. We like to travel and will be cruising Iceland next year.



The GTO that got away



LM Corvair 1/32 scale slot car

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June 21-GTA Donnie Wehmeyer Mem. Car Show~Reg 8-12,\$15,30 classes Rosebud, MO
June 28- Pacific Car Show~8AM-noon, drive-thru judging, Rt. 66 Car Club will judge Pacific, MO

July 12-Moose is Loose Car Show~9-3, 50 & Koelling, \$20, food avail. 636-583-6444 Union, MO
July16-19-OCA Nationals~ Holiday Inn Bowling Green, KY
July 20- Car Show- Owensville Threshers ~ 10-2:30 Rosebud, MO
July 26-GTA Gasconade Fair Car Show~Reg 9-12, \$20-includes 2 free fair entries Owensville, MO

Aug 16-GTA Honor Flight Poker Run~ White Mule Winery, 12-6PM Rosebud, MO
Aug 22-24- Auto Swap Meet~ Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Springfield, MO
Aug 22-23-Blue Oval Rally~ All Ford Gathering Herman, MO
Aug 31-SLICK Car Show-Harvester Lions Club, 4835 Central School Rd. St. Charles, MO

Sept 6- Pontiac Car Display~ Early Times Chapter, Orchard Park, 9-3,314-795-4700 St. Clair, 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 20-GTA Fall Festival Car Show~Reg 9-1,Immaculate Conception Church, \$15 Owensville, MO
Sept 20-Ambassadors Fall Festival Car Show~Craft Fair,9-2,Sullivan Fairgrounds Sullivan, MO
Sept 21-All Ford Powered Car Show~Walmart,401 Supercenter Dr.,65101 Jefferson City, 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- Fall Cruise-in & Poker Run~10:30-1:30, 50 & Koelling, Benefits Camp Hope Union, MO

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

2025 Car Cruises, Events 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
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 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**, 3-7 PM at Capital Mall (New time) Jefferson City, MO
- 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, 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
- 1st Sat every month**-Cars-n-Coffee,Immanuel Lutheran Church,214 W.5th,8am-10amWashington,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 Fri most months**~HCCM of STL, email perschgs3@gmail.com for time & place(variousSTL location), MO
- 4th Thurs every month**-6 PM, Mid-Mo Old Car Club, location varies ck midmooldcars.club Jefferson City, MO
- 4th Fri every month**-7:30 PM VCCA(GMC also),WestCtyEMS, 223 Henry Ave,VCCA.ORG Manchester, MO

SMCC Member Profile: Please complete and return to Mark Moyer at [Markgmo-
yer1@gmail.com](mailto:Markgmo-
yer1@gmail.com), or mail to 2220 Edge Wood Manor Lane, Wildwood, MO 63011. We'd like to get to know you better.

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: