



Vair Views

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PREZ SAYS

Greetings Everyone!

*First off, please note that I've added a meeting to our calendar of activities: **Saturday, August 23rd at 10 am in our club meeting room at the Jefferson Underground.***

We've had several fun activities over the past few months, but our last actual business meeting was back in April.

A big "thank you" to Bob Bauer for coordinating our participation in the Memories Car Club Show on August 1st at Faith Church in Sunset Hills, where Corvairs were the featured car. We were provided reserved up-front parking. The weather was magnificent. And we ended up showing off 9 beautiful Corvairs!

Remember, we have two events in September: Sun 9/14 is the All Chevy Car Show at the Museum of Transportation and Sat 9/27 is lunch and a meeting at Chuck-A-Burger on St. Charles Rock Road. Let's get our cars out while the weather is still warm and nice!

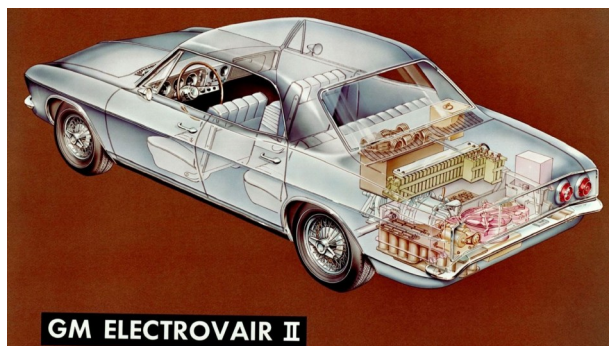
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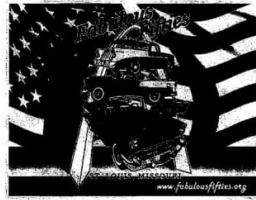
In the era before **Tesla** and the **Leaf**, most people thought electric cars were little golf carts. Automakers and engineers had already built electric vehicles decades earlier, but their work faded into the background. In the mid-1960s, a handful of projects tested the limits of battery power at the time. They showed what was possible – and what still held them back. One machine rose above the rest. It stunned the press with its speed and its promise. It ran on a battery pack that cost more than a house. It still drew crowds when it appeared at GM's technical campus. Yet almost no one remembers its name today. Click the link below to learn more.

[This Was The World's Fastest Electric Car In The 1960s](#)



GM ELECTROVAIR II

SHOW ME CORVAIR CLUB 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE



Sunday, September 14, 2025
No Rain Date



The National Museum of Transportation
2933 Barrett Station Road, St. Louis MO 63122
314-965-6212 http://tnmot.org

PLEASE
"NO ALCOHOL"
Permitted on
Museum Grounds

"ALL CHEVY SHOW"

Registration 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon -- \$25.00
Dash Plaques to 1st 100 Chevys
Awards presented at 3:00 p.m.

OPEN TO ALL CHEVROLETS
CARS - TRUCKS - STOCK OR MODIFIED
1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards

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CLASSES

A. 1954 & Older Cars
B. 1955, 1956 & 1957 Chevrolet-Car
C. 1958 and Newer - Full Size
D. 1967 - 1969 Camaro
E. 1970 - 2002 Camaro
F. 2010 & Newer Camaro
G. All Trucks STOCK
H. All Trucks MODIFIED
I. 1964 - 1967 Chevelle & El Camino
J. 1968 - 1972 Chevelle & El Camino
K. 1973 & Newer Chevelle, Malibu,
El Camino & Monte Carlo thru 1988

L. 1953 to 1967 Corvette
M. 1968 - 1996 Corvette
N. 1997 - 2004 Corvette
O. 2005 - 2013 Corvette
P. 2014 - 2019 Corvette
Q. 2020 - 2025 Corvette
R. Nova, Chevy II
S. All Corvairs

**SHOW CARS
MUST ENTER
FROM
Old Dougherty Ferry Rd.**

T. All Chevy's not covered in above classes & ALL FWD Chevy's
SPECIAL AWARDS:
Best of Show
Ladies Choice - State Farm Insurance Special Chevy Award

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"NEW" this Year
A Food Truck
will be on site!



For Info. Call - Ray Lorton at 636-227-1386 or
Wayne Steinbeck at 314-580-5183
Host club members cars are not entered in this show

Our goal is to raise money for H.E.R.O.E.S. CARE

**Don't miss the August 23rd
Member Meeting, 10 am at
Jefferson Underground!**

Date	Event	Coordinator and other information
August 23rd	SMCC Member Meeting, 10 am at Jefferson Underground	Kent Goddard
September 14th.	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 Pa- rade, downtown St. Louis	Coordinator: Tom James
December 26th	Christmas Luncheon: Noon to 4PM, Rich and Charlie's	Coordinators: Suzanne Cavagna. Need two addi- tional coordinators,

Charley Geiler—Member Profile

I own a 63 Monza 2Dr with a 110 motor and PG trans. I bought it because I had some money saved up and was looking for a project. I considered several options but really wanted something unique and odd-ball. I remembered that my dad had owned a (non running) EM Corvair when I was a child and they certainly fit the “unique” category. So I went looking and found the one I have today.

The guy I bought it from had worked on it a bit but was not the best mechanic. Among other things, he thought it was a positive ground system and had been running the car with the battery connected backwards! Apparently the starter doesn't care which way the battery is connected. It will still crank the motor over in the right direction. And since there's really no electronics to speak of, the motor will run happily (for a while at least) with the battery backwards! He couldn't get it to start when I went to look at it, but the body was pretty solid, the car was pretty complete, and the price was where I wanted to be, so I took it home.



I've been slowly going over the car from nose to tail and to date it has a freshly rebuilt 110 motor, PG, generator, and starter. New brake lines, tie rod ends, cleaned gas tank and a host of other small stuff that I'm forgetting. I try to drive it every weekend. Old cars don't like to sit for too long. I've never tossed a fan belt but I have had one roll over in the groove. Future plans include some basic interior work and electronic ignition. I get asked about the wheels a lot. So in case you're wondering,

they're 17x7 +35mm offset with 5mm spacers wrapped in 215/45 rubber. Yes they will rub if you're at full lock and hit a bump (like dropping out of a parking lot)

The thing I like the most about this car is that it's a guaranteed conversation starter. It seems like everybody over a certain age either had one, learned to drive on one, or had a neighbor that owned one. While everybody under a certain age has no idea what it is. Either way, folks always want to talk about it.

The worst Corvair job has got to be wrestling the gas tank in and out. The clamp on the filler tube hose is impossible to reach at any angle! My forearm was all scratched up for a week! A close second is trying to get the thermostat rods hooked onto the damper doors.

I love cab-overs and wagons (I've owned both), so my dream Corvair would be either a Greenbrier or a Lakewood. Although the Rampsides are pretty cool too!

I've owned many different cars over the years, I don't know how many would be considered “classics” but the ones that stand out to me are a 74 Datsun 260Z with some motor work done. That thing was an absolute rocket!



A 260Z like the one Charley says was an absolute rocket

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Charley Geiler—Member Profile—continued

The 68 Ford Country squire wagon stands out too. I was in a rock band in high school and that car held all of us plus all our equipment and never broke a sweat.

Then there was the 71 VW bus. I never could get it to run more than 20 minutes without overheating!

Best car memory. I was in my early 20's driving home from work in my 88 Honda Prelude. It



was a warm summer night, my favorite band playing on the radio, windows down, the sound of the wind rushing over the open



A wagon like the one Charley hauled the band in

sun roof. It was this moment where everything just seemed to perfectly align in my life. And I remember wishing that every night could be that ideal. That's probably the car I'd want back too. Not

because it's the most exciting, but because it was the perfect car at the perfect time.

If I could have any car, it would probably be another Datsun Z car with a well-built (but era correct) motor and trans. The 260 I had was a lot of fun and as much as I love 60's Detroit iron, there's something really magical about those early Japanese models. A close second would be another wagon. Maybe an early 70's Olds Vista Cruiser. And yes, I've liked that model even before "That 70's Show" made it popular!

Other hobbies include electronics design/repair/modifications and woodworking. I play electric guitar and bass (and saxophone). I also run a side gig where I specialize in fixing obsolete/forgotten technology. Like vacuum tube based equipment, or 70s-80s era computers, pinball, arcade machines, etc.

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Send in your own profile so your fellow members can get to know you better. You will find a copy of the profile form at the end of this newsletter. Look for Jack Holahan's profile in the September issue.

Memories Car Show Photos



Rose Bauer accepting another compliment on her awesome Monza



Jack Holahan's "other car". It's not the Fire Chief



Gotta' start 'em young.



Eye-catching car. Haven't been able to get the owner to join the club—YET.



Thanks to Bob Bauer for coordinating and holding our spots early. See next page for more.



Corvairs were the center of attention..

Can you find Bob Bauer in this photo? He's camouflaged with the Monza.



Trevor Monninger arriving without wheel covers.
He doesn't want to risk losing the perfect NOS Spyder caps on the road. Can't blame him.



Bryan Monninger with the spinners on his show-quality early convertible



Who knows what they were talking about. Must have been important.

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



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.

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: