

# Vair Views

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## PREZ SAYS

Greetings Everyone,

September is a great month for classic cars! The heat of summer is mostly over and there are many car events to enjoy. Plus, our air-cooled engines just love operating in these cooler temps. So take advantage, and take your cars out for a spin.

We had another great SMCC turnout at the All Chevy Car Show at the Museum of Transportation on Sunday 9/14. There were also three Corvairs in attendance whose owners are not currently SMCC members (including 1 past member). Several of us talked with these owners about their cars and SMCC, and shared contact information in case they decide they have interest in joining.

This coming Saturday 9/27 is our annual lunch and meeting at Chuck-A-Burger on St. Charles Rock Road. Come enjoy a burger and some onion rings sitting outside at this classic drive-in. Lunch is at noon followed by a meeting at 1 pm. The current forecast calls for a high of 82, sunny, and dry!

**Lastly, we have two very important Club activities in October: election of 2026 officers and nominations for the 2025 Cavagna Award. Please read the important information in this newsletter.**

Happy air-cooled motoring!

Kent

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Was this monster a "Rampy" earlier in its life?

## SHOW ME CORVAIR CLUB 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

**Don't miss the September 27th meeting at Chuck-A-Burger!**

**Address is 9025 St. Charles Rock Road, 63114. Have a burger and fries and shoot a photo of your car in front of a classic St. Louis drive-in burger joint.**



**Lunch at Noon. Meeting at 1pm. Not a burger fan? Get a fish sandwich, chili-mac, or a chicken sandwich. And a shake, of course.**

**Look for them on Facebook.**

| Date           | Event                                               | Coordinator and other information                                |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 27th | Chuck-A-Burger lunch and meeting                    | Coordinator: Kurt Arthur                                         |
| October 11th   | Cruise the river road to Grafton                    | Coordinator: Glenn Hulse                                         |
| 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, |

## **Jack Holahan—Member Profile**

Vair Views asked Jack Holahan some questions about his Corvairs and cars from his past—and maybe future.

**Jack, what Corvairs do you currently own?** I still own the 1961 Monza 900 four door automatic red “Fire Chief Buggy” that runs most of the time. I also have a light blue Monza 900 convertible that is my favorite to drive.

**So, Jack, when and why did you buy them?** I acquired the Chief car to go with my 1931 Chevy Pumper. I added the lights, siren and decals. I prefer the early model styling. Since it was a four door I could get six more people to participate in parades. I’ve had it about twelve years and got it from the Springfield, Illinois area. The drop-top we got labor day 2024. I had always wanted a convertible and I’m not getting any younger. I wanted something differ-



That’s Jack leaning on the Chief’s fender at the Easter Parade earlier this year.



A pumper similar to Jack’s

ent and the color was not RED. Seems like most of the ones for sale are red (known as resale red). It came from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**What is it you like most about Corvairs?** It’s the design. Reliability is not a big concern for me.

**How about an interesting story about one of your Corvairs?** It took eight attempts over the years for the Fire Chief car to complete a parade. There used to be four parades each year, St. Patrick’s, Fourth of July, Firefighter’s in September, and then one at the Holidays, and the car just would not finish for numerous reasons. I finally got the bugs worked out. Turns out the car didn’t like to be hot. This summer it has made it to Pawnee, Illinois (215 miles round-trip), and St. Clair, MO (100 miles round-trip). So, reliability has improved.

**Describe your dream Corvair for us.** Easy, one that does not leak! It would be reliable to go on a two week cross-country trip without spending time on the back of a tow truck.

**What Corvair job do you hate most?** Spending money to have parts delivered.

**Ever thrown a fan belt?** No. So far I have been lucky.

**What other classic cars or trucks would you most like to own?** A 1950 Mercedes 180 two-door convertible and a 1922 Samson truck would be a close second.

**Name one car you would like to have back?** 1931 Model A Tudor mechanically rebuilt so I could take off for Yellowstone.



Jack’s sweet ‘64

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## **Jack Holahan—Member Profile—continued**



You can imagine Jack driving a Model A like this one all the way to Yellowstone.



Jack's dream 1922 Samson truck

**What is your fondest car related memory?** People admiring the corvair and giving the “thumbs up”.

**Have you owned any other classic cars or trucks?** I've had more than eighty over the years. A few favorites are a 1931 shop-built pumper from Plaistow, New Hampshire that I have owned since 2001, a 1959 MGA Fix-Head coupe, a 1923 Ford Speedster, and my first car, a 1951 Ford Crestliner.

**What other hobbies or interests do you have?** I've been a member of the Gateway Fire Historical Society and am a member of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America.

**Anything else you would like to add, Jack?** I'll be feeding the addiction and will buy another one or two Corvairs after I sell the Fire Chief car and pumper.



Jack owned a Speedster (left) and a Crestliner (right) like these. Cool, Jack! Way cool.



### SMCC Officers and Advisors

#### Officers & Board Members

President – Kent Goddard  
Vice President – Ron Karl  
Treasurer – Ron Karl  
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

**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. Send the completed form to [markmoyer1@gmail.com](mailto:markmoyer1@gmail.com) and your profile can be in the next issue.**



## The SMCC Needs You!

By Kent Goddard

Nominations are needed for 2026 officers and Board members. Currently, Suzanne Cavagna is willing to continue as Secretary and Ron Karl is willing to continue as VP, but please throw your hat in the ring if you have interest in either of these roles. I'm willing to continue as President or become the Treasurer. **So, at a minimum, we need 1 person willing to fill the role of President or the role of Treasurer.**

The Club has 2 additional elected positions: at-large Board Members that do not otherwise serve as club officers. The responsibility of these roles is simply to participate in a couple of meetings per year, typically via Zoom. **Doug Riser and Larry Pratt have completed their 2-year terms.**

I'll be reaching out to the folks that hold appointed positions to see if they're willing to continue in 2026: Trevor Monninger (Membership Chair), Mark Moyer (Newsletter Editor), Tom James (Historian) and Nick Raeber (Facebook Page Manager). **If any of these folks are unable or unwilling to continue, then this role(s) will also need to be filled.**

"Many hands make light work." It takes a lot to keep our club operating smoothly, but none of the above roles is particularly demanding. **Please be willing to nominate yourself to keep SMCC alive in 2026. Call me at 314-258-6472 with questions about the roles and/or to self-nominate.**



## 2025 Cavagna Award Nominations

By Kent Goddard

Each October we seek nominations for club members who, during the current year, have significantly contributed to advancing the mission, goals, activities, and ideals of the Show-Me Corvair Club, and who have displayed the exemplary personal qualities of the award's namesakes, John and Joan Cavagna. On or about October 1<sup>st</sup>, I'll be sending all club members a request for nominations that includes additional details. Then the SMCC Board of Directors will meet in early November to review the nominations and select the 2025 recipient. The recipient will be announced, and a presentation will be made, at our Christmas luncheon on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. **Please submit your nomination in early October in response to my request.**

## 2025 Museum of Transportation All Chevy Show



Many of the usual members and cars were in attendance along with some prospective members. Whether it is a front shot, rear shot, side shot, Early or Late, these cars are good-looking.



Above and below left: Past member Mike Meyers showed up with one of his V8 cars mounted on a G-body frame (Chevy Monte Carlo used that frame). Check out the vanity plate on this convertible — “to see d sun”.

Above: A fellow named Tony showed up with a nice 140 EM and may become a member.



Above right: A newer member, Glenn Hulsey brought his Toronado V8 car for the first time. The louvered rear hood is a unique touch.

## 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  
**1<sup>st</sup> Fri Memories Car Club Cruise**~ 4 to 9 pm~ 1979 & Older ~ 417-700103 Fenton, MO  
 @ Faith Church, Corner of Hwy 30 & Rahning Rd. ~
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri Hardy's Restaurant**~ 2850 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri April-Sept-Hotshots Bar**-1239 S. Laclede Station Rd. 314-755-1550 Webster Groves, MO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Rolla Cruise-In** ~Big Lots Parking Lot, 1001 S Bishop~ 573-634-0865 Rolla, MO  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Apr-Oct JJ's** ~1215 S. Duchesne~ 636-946-3500~ St. Charles, MO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Apr-Oct~MO Moonshiners Cruise-in**~Thriftway Parking Lot 5-8PM Linn, MO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Apr-Oct**~Owensville Cruisers,meet @ Snowensville @4PM,573-999-7998 Owensville, MO
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat-May-Oct ~ (new)Cloverleaf Sports Bar**- 6070 Telegraph Rd., 314-293-1815 Oakville, MO
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat-May-Sept Gearheads Cruise-in**~ 5-9PM, downtown Ste Genevieve Ste. Genevieve, MO
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed every month**- 7 PM, First Capitol Classics Auto Club meeting, Sports Café,  
 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044 [firstcapitolclassics@yahoo.com](mailto:firstcapitolclassics@yahoo.com) Bridgeton, MO
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:chriswinslow@charter.net)
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:St.louisstreetrods@gmail.com)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs every month**- 7PM,Rt 66 Corvette Club meeting,Old Hickory Golf Club St. Peters, MO
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat every month**-Cars-n-Coffee,Immanuel Lutheran Church,214 W.5<sup>th</sup>,8am-10amWashington,MO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month**-7PM, Archway Olds meeting, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO  
 3579 Pennbridge Dr. Bridgeton [archwayoldclub.org](http://archwayoldclub.org)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month**-7PM, Original Corvette Club meeting, Dogwood Social House,  
 15682 Manchester Rd.63011 Ballwin, MO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month**-5:30 PM, Gateway AMC, Bandanas, 11750 Gravois Sunset Hills, MO
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri most months**~HCCM of STL, email [perschgs3@gmail.com](mailto:perschgs3@gmail.com) for time & place(variousSTL location), MO
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs every month**-6 PM, Mid-Mo Old Car Club, location varies ck midmooldcars.club Jefferson City, MO
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fri every month**-7:30 PM VCCA(GMC also),WestCtyEMS, 223 Henry Ave,VCCA.ORG Manchester, MO

**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](https://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

SMCC Member Profile: Please complete and return to Mark Moyer at [Markgmo-  
yer1@gmail.com](mailto:Markgmo-<br/>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: