



Vair Views

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Greetings Everyone,

Well, summer is certainly upon us. Roxanne has been spending a bit more time in the garage lately because her owner doesn't do well in hot, sticky weather on black vinyl seats. But she has been getting some exercise in the evenings and on cooler days. Also, she was thrilled to participate in the July 4th parade along Historic Main Street in St. Charles, along with Russ Neal's '66 and Don Hemwall's '63. Three beautiful red convertibles decked out for the occasion with their tops down. It was a lot of fun, and we received a very enthusiastic reception from the parade goers.

We have two fun 'new' events planned for August. On Saturday August 8th, please consider attending the Cars & Coffee in Arnold and/or the BBQ lunch in St. Charles. And mark your calendars for Saturday August 22nd, when we'll have a brief meeting followed by a couple hours of bowling. See the club schedule on page 4 for details on both events.

Plus, you may want to join Trevor, Mark Moyer and me at World Wide Technology Raceway on the afternoon of August 11th to watch us participate in an SCCA track day. I'll be instructing and driving Helga, my '87 BMW 325iS, but Trevor and Mark both plan to drive their Corvairs! Free admission to the paddock and infield areas. One of us can provide you with details if you're interested.

I hope to see everyone at one or more of our August events!

Kent



Did someone say it's hot. Here's some heat for ya'. Gotta' love a good flame paint job. Especially on a Corvair.

"Hot town, summer in the City." Back of my neck gettin' dirt' and gritty." The song, Summer in the City was released on **July 4, 1966**. What musical group sang it? See page 3 for the answer.

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Russell Neal Member Profile

Russ Neal is the owner of a 1966 Regal Red 140 Monza convertible with a spotless white interior and wire wheel covers. How much more classic does it get? Russ will tell you he loves the Monza and it gets driven “a lot”. He’ll also tell you he looked for a nice one for quite a while before he found his red beauty and that he likes that Corvairs are different and fun when you are behind the wheel.

Russ did have to replace the front nose trim piece because of a bad casting but was able to find one from John Tucker. Ask Russ what Corvair maintenance job he hates most and he won’t hesitate to answer. It is removing and replacing the steering column. “What a pain.”, Russ says. Well, at least he has never thrown a fanbelt.

Russ would love to own a ‘59 Impala and doesn’t care what body style because he loves them all. Wonder if he meant the wagon too? He’d love to have his ‘69 Impala 396 custom back again and we can understand why. A ‘66 Chevy C-10 pickup is the vehicle that generates the most memories for him though. However, he has also owned a ‘63 Pontiac Bonneville and a ‘60 Impala. We like your choices, Russ. In his spare time he collects old electronics and antiques so ask him about that at the next meeting. The photo above right and those below are the cars Russ mentioned as special to him.



Russ and his sweet Monza at the 4th of July parade.



Editors note: We’ve shown the red version of all the cars Russ mentioned in order to pay tribute to his red Monza.

SMCC member Trevor Monninger attended the Detroit Area Corvair Club’s annual Homecoming weekend in Ann Arbor with 50+ other Corvairs. Trevor competed in both the road rally and the people’s choice car show with his red ‘63 Spyder convertible, finishing in second place in the road rally. This is a great annual Corvair event bringing Corvairs of all kinds back to their Willow Run birthplace. Congratulations Trevor! Congrat’s also to SMCC member Rob Landers for finishing yet again among the top entries in the autocross. Rob has been an autocross aficionado for years and consistently finishes in first place or near it.





4th of July Parade



Thanks to Tom James for coordinating the 4th of July Parade and constantly encouraging participation. Russ Neal, Don Hemwall and Kent Goddard represented us well, along with some friends and family who joined the group and braved the heat. It was an all red and all convertible showing. Quite appropriate for the 4th. I wonder if anyone was singing, Summer in the City by The Lovin' Spoonful.



Russ Neal with his sharp '66. Looking good, Russ.



Above: Kent wasn't fooling around. He wanted everyone to know what day it was. Nice job Mr. President.

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Kent and his oldest grandkids, Houston on the left and Dylan on the right. Do you think he let them get behind the wheel and drive?



Don Hemwall (on the right) and his friend Keith Keiser. Come to the Immanuel Lutheran BBQ on August 8th and you can see them both behind the grill.

SMCC 2026 Calendar of Events

Some events and times are tentative. Other events, and options to those listed, are still in consideration.
See the meeting minutes distributed by Suzanne Cavagna.

Date	Event	Coordinator
August 8	Cars and Coffee. St. John Church, 3517 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, MO 8:30-10:30, Followed by a BBQ at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 115 S 6th St., St. Charles., beginning at 11am.	Tom James
August 22	Meeting and bowling at Tropicana Lanes, 7960 Clayton Rd, 63117. Brief meeting at 10 am followed by bowling. \$21 for 2 hours of bowling. Please let Suzanne Cavagna know by August 17 if you plan to attend either the meeting, bowling, or both. Sjcavagna@gmail.com	Suzanne Cavagna
September Date TBD	All Chevy Car Show – sponsored by Fabulous Fifties Chevy Club at Museum of Transportation	Don Hemwall
September 26	Chuck-A-Burger lunch and meeting. May coordinate with one of the Corvette clubs	TBD
October Date TBD	Cruise the river road to Grafton with lunch at Fast Eddies or other location	Charlie Geiler
October 24	Tech Session at Goddard's Temple of Zoom	Kent and Kris Goddard
November 21 Date tentative	Ameren Thanks for Giving Day Parade, downtown St. Louis	Tom James
December 5 Noon—4pm	SMCC Christmas Luncheon and Celebration at Rich and Charlie's	Suzanne Cavagna, Kris Goddard

Sounds like an easy project —by Mark Moyer: From the “whileyeratit” folder comes the project to



soundproof my '65 Corsa. The Kilmat and Amazon soundproofing have been sitting in the project stack for almost a year. I decided to take the back seat out to lighten the car before running at the track 8/11 and realized it was a great opportunity to install the sound proofing. Lot's more work than it looks like and even more when I do the door and back seat side panels. See the full report, product evaluation and more tips in the next issue. Tip #1: Don't lay your arm on soundproofing you just treated with a heat gun. Ouch!

All activities, including monthly meetings, are subject to postponement or cancellation

2026 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 & Rahming Rd. ~

1st Sat-St Martins Church Cruise-in~ Dittmer, MO
 1st Sat-Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cruise-in~ 5th & Jefferson Washington, MO
 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
 Select Sats-Red Cedar Mini-Cruise-in~ 10AM-1, free, Red Cedar Inn Visitor Center lot Pacific, MO

2026 "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, 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 Pennridge Dr. Bridgeton archwayoldclub.org

2nd Tuesday every month-7PM, Original Corvette Club meeting, Dogwood Social House,
 15682 Manchester Rd.63011 Ballwin, MO

2026 Car Events

2nd Sunday every month-5:30 PM, Gateway AMC, Bandanas, 11750 Gravois Sunset Hills, MO
3rd Wed-AACA, 7PM, Sports Café, 3579Pennridge Dr, gharris7.wixsite.com/gateway Bridgeton, MO
3rd Fri-HCCMO- 7PM, Shrine Center,12545 Fee Fee Rd., HCCMO.COM, jhartm101@att.net 63146, 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

April 25-Springfest on Main Street~GTA, 8AM-4, food, music, rain date 4/26 Owensville, MO

May 1-2-Magic Dragon Car Show~ Lake Ozark, MO
May 2-Union Band Boosters Car Show~ Union High School Union, MO
May 3-Model T Swap Meet~ GCS Grizzly Stadium, 6AM -4 East St Louis, IL
May 9-Salute to the Troops Corvette Show~Poage Chevy,8-10 reg.,bene USO Wentzville, MO
May 9-Festus Car Show~1036 St. Pius Dr., 9-3, St Pius X High School Festus, MO
May 9- Loafers Car Show~ Reg 8-12, \$35,Downtown Hannibal, MO
May 15-17-Heritage Park Car Show~Sat evening cruise, 2 free meals 870-324-3270 Piggott, AR
May 17- Misfits for Jesus Car Show Warrenton, MO
May 30-Wheels in Motion Car Show~9-2, Church on the Rock, 900 Birdie Hills Rd. St. Peters, MO

June 6-Union Founders Day Parade & Car Show~Union City Park Union, MO
June 6-Rt. 66 Summerfest Car Show~ 9-12,entry \$25, Downtown on Pine St Rolla, MO
June 7-White Rose Cruiz-N-66 Display~ 208 E.Main St.,12PM-???. Free Union, MO
June 13-St Clair Historic Assoc Cruise in and Display~10-2, museum parking lot St Clair, MO
June 14-Shriners Car Show~2002 Arena Pkwy,reg 9-11, \$25,moolahyomo@yahoo St. Charles, MO
June 20-Great American Race~ overnight stop and display, Main Street, downtown Collinsville, MO
June 20-Donnie Wehmeyer Mem Car Show- GTA, reg 8-12,City Park Rosebud, MO
June 21- Rt 66 Car Show in the Park~ Reg 8-12, food vendors,29 classes,\$20 St. Clair, MO
June 26-27-28-Cave State Cruisers Car Show in the Park~W. City Park Waynesville, MO
June 27-Pacific Car Show~8 AM-12 reg.,food, dyno, Pacific, MO

July 17-19-Ames Performance Nationals~ Car show Sat-\$60,Pontiacnationals. Norwalk, OH
July 22-25-National Oldsmobile Club Meet~Wyndham Hotel Indianapolis, IN

SMCC Member Profile:

Member Name:

Corvairs you currently own:

Year, color, body style, drivetrain, running or non-running, how often do you drive it?

Send in your member 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 markg-moyer1@gmail.com and your profile can be in the next issue. Or mail it to: Mark Moyer 2220 Edge Wood Manor Ln. Wildwood, MO 63011

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: