

Vair Views

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Prez Says,

Greetings Everyone,

We had two great “new” events in August, and we have two tried-and-true annual events planned for September. On August 8th, we had 6 Corvairs (and Mark Moyer’s Corvette) attend a Cars & Coffee at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Arnold. Afterwards most of us drove to St. Charles to enjoy an awesome BBQ lunch at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you, Tom James, for coordinating this event. Then on August 22nd we had a meeting at the historic Tropicana Lanes (opened in 1960, the first production year for Corvairs). Following the meeting, 4 of us hung out and bowled. Tip: If you ever bowl against Dean Meyer, he needs to spot you at least 30 pins! Thanks, Suzanne, for coordinating this event.

Please confirm your calendar is marked for the two annual events in September, both of which are always big hits. On Sunday September 13th, let’s have a strong showing at the All-Chevy Car Show at the Museum of Transportation. This is a well-run event that always has a food truck and great raffle items. Then, on Saturday September 26th, we’ll gather for lunch at the St. Louis classic Chuck-A-Burger on St. Charles Rock Road, followed by a meeting.

Please consider supporting our Club in 2027 by serving as an officer. Nominations (including self-nominations) are currently open for President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elections will be held in October. We also need folks willing to fill the roles of Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, Historian, and Facebook/Instagram Manager.

I look forward to seeing you at our September events.

Kent

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Cars n' Coffee n' Bar-B-Que

Or, If somebody gives you lemons, make lemonade! (Paraphrasing Elbert Hubbard)
By Tom James

If Hubbard had been a member of the Show-Me Corvair Club, he would have appeared on the roster between Jack Holahan and Shawn Hughes. No, Hubbard's not there, but maybe he should be. The club was handed lemons and made lemonade on the second weekend in August.

Show-Me Corvairs was originally scheduled to attend the Faith Church car show in Sunset Hills on Friday, August 7. The Memories Car Club produces that show, and they changed the rules about "featured car" status. The change prevented Show-Me Corvairs from attending the event as a group and displaying their cars together. Bob Bauer did his best to open a dialog with the Memories club, but they were as uncooperative as the annoying fly you couldn't shoo out the window of your Corvair while you were in rush hour traffic on I-70. Factor in the heat of an August afternoon in St. Louis along with the possibility of pop-up thunderstorms, and the project was scrapped like a wrecked Corvair.



A motley crew. Minus our two photographers, Mark Morgan and Tom James.



Jack's trunk wouldn't quite close. Got a body in their Jack?

Luckily, there was a Plan B. St. John's Lutheran Church in Arnold was having their annual Cars and Coffee on Saturday, August 8. The Show-Me Board of Directors approved this activity as a substitute for the Faith car show, and Tom James sent a shotgun email to the members to get them signed up. Don Hemwall replied that he would be unable to attend because he would be working at the Men's Club barbecue on that day at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles.

Wait...what?

Why not combine the two events into one activity for the club? The St. John's Cars and Coffee ended at 10:30, the Immanuel barbecue started at 11:00, and the drive between the two venues was about a half hour. Free donuts and coffee for breakfast at St. John's; barbecue for lunch at Immanuel. Two favorite food groups of the American male car enthusiast. Win-win!



Shawn's really nice '63 Spyder

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Cars n' Coffee n' Bar-B-Que Continued



Thanks to Tom you couldn't miss that we were the SMCC



The morning of Saturday, August 8, dawned bright, sunny, hot, and humid. Tom was there at 7:00 to set up the club sign and to reserve the best parking spots at the front of the show along Jeffco Boulevard. By the time he had finished, the classic cars had found the place and were flying in like four-wheeled homing pigeons.

The first Corvair club member to arrive wasn't even driving a Corvair! Mark Moyer rolled in like thunder driving his bright red 1995 Corvette coupe. Turns out that his Corvair was having technical difficulties. Welcome to the wacky, wonderful world of Corvairs! Trevor "T-Man" Monninger was next to arrive in his white 1963 Corvair Spyder coupe featuring a 1965 180 engine with a Weber DCOE 45 setup. Trevor's coupe attracted a lot of attention at the event. Next one in was Jack Holahan, proud of his gray 1964 convertible. Jack brought along his son-in-law James Walch and his friend Jim Roth to keep him company. Surprise! Shawn Hughes showed up unexpectedly in his black-over-gray 1963 Spyder convertible, and it was good to have him there. Kent Goddard pulled in driving Roxanne, his 1966 black-over-red Corsa convertible. Russ Neal's 1966 white-over-red Monza convertible rounded out the pack.

The turnout was great for the St. John's Cars and Coffee in its fourth year. They even ran out of donuts! Apparently the word finally got around about this sweet little car show, and the weather helped. There was a lot of interest in the Corvairs and a lot of easy conversation with a lot of folks. There were several interesting cars, including a rat rod with clear plastic valve covers, a Studebaker Lark, and a beautifully done 1931 Chevy sedan street rod. St. John's lead Pastor Jeremy Schultz did a brief devotion which cleverly used classic cars as a metaphor to mirror our spiritual lives.

As the cars and coffee was winding down, Chris James joined the group in a Ruby Red 2018 Mustang GT 5.0 coupe to make the barbecue run to St. Charles. Mark Morgan showed up to document the event with his camera. Mark Moyer and Trevor pitched in to help Tom pack up the club's stuff, and the Corvair Caravan was on its way to barbecue heaven. Jack's crew and Shawn took a pass on the barbecue and went about their own business while the rest headed north. Continued>>>

Cars n' Coffee n' Bar-B-Que Continued

Trevor got kinda frisky along the way and wanted to flex that Weber-enhanced muscle in his early Spyder. T-Man pulled up next to Roxanne and challenged Kent to a race. These two members of the unofficial Show-Me Corvairs racing team shot up I-270 like a bullet from an antique rifle until Kent decided to shut it down so the rest of the group could keep up. Traffic was moderately heavy, anyway. "Magic" Mark Morgan was waiting to immortalize the crew with his camera when the caravan exited I-70 at Fifth Street in St. Charles.



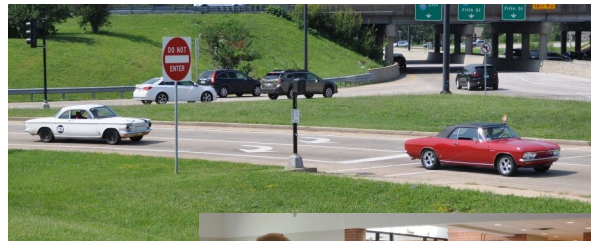
Don's friend Keith Keiser welcomed the group when it arrived at Immanuel Lutheran, and Don moved his white-over-red 1963 Monza convertible next to the other Corvairs in the parking lot. Gene Buescher showed up with his blue Toronado-powered 1966 Corsa coupe and completed the Show-Me Club lineup.

The Show-Me Corvairs were well-received at Immanuel. The Men's Club was very welcoming and made everybody feel at home. And the barbecue was even better than Don had bragged about! Lunch at Immanuel was a perfect closure to the morning, and the air conditioning was a welcome respite after enduring the sun, heat, and humidity at St. John's. Thanks to Don for hosting. Who knew that Lutherans made great barbecue? That's like saying you can get great soul food in Bangladesh.

Everything about Saturday morning's last-minute adventure was positive and upbeat. Everyone said that they had enjoyed themselves, and the consensus was that Plan B had really worked! The Board should consider adding one or both of these events to the club calendar again next year. The Faith Church car show will be just one of our "Memories".



Thanks to Mark Morgan's planning we have some "on the road" shots.



BBQ was delicious! Way to go



Left: Hey, Don! Did you tell them we were coming?

Right: The Pit-master himself



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
September 13	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	
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

You can read about the August Tropicana Lanes meeting when the minutes are published. In the meantime here is a shot of Murderer's Row, the SMCC bowling team., Larry Pratt, Dean Meyer, Kent Goddard and John Mackiewicz.



SMCC Officers and Advisors

Officers & Board Members

President – Kent Goddard

Vice President – Phillip Kost

Treasurer – Don Hemwall

Secretary – Suzanne Cavagna

Additional Board Members

Past President – Bob Bauer

Elected from membership:

Bill Hutchens and Charlie Geiler

Advisors

Newsletter Editor – Mark Moyer

Historian – Tom James

Membership Chairman - Trevor Monninger

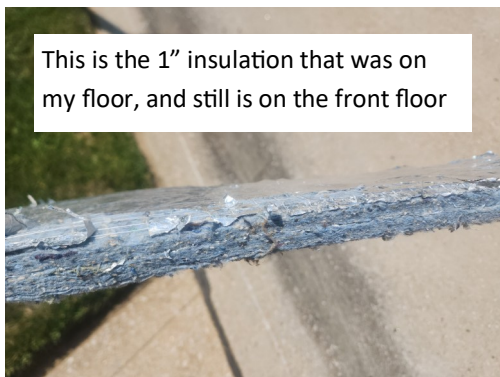
Facebook Page Manager – Nick Raeber

Sounds like an easy project, update.

Last month I began reporting on the installation of KILMAT sound deadener (along with some Amazon knock-off deadener) on the rear floor, firewall behind the rear seat, package shelf, rear side panels below the quarter windows, and the inside of the doors in my '65 Corsa coupe with AC. I haven't finished the driver door yet because it it has just been too darned hot. First off, let's compare the products.

The 80 mil KILMAT and Amazon products are identical as far as I can tell. Both are butyl rubber 80mil thick and come in rectangular pieces covered with an embossed aluminum foil and a peel off backing that exposes the sticky butyl. The sizes are not identical, but close and what I purchased from both sources covered thirty-six square feet. *Biggest difference?* The Amazon product is about 30% cheaper. The KILMAT was *slightly* easier to roll out, but if I were to do this again I would go with the Amazon product. Of course I am not doing decibel sound tests to measure reduction in noise, but as I said, both products are nearly identical.

Next, this job is WAY harder than expected and much harder than it looks in the videos. My rear floor and rear seat area was covered with a 1" aluminum backed insulation that had been glued to the floor in several places. I can't believe it helped much with sound but think it may have been added for heat insu-

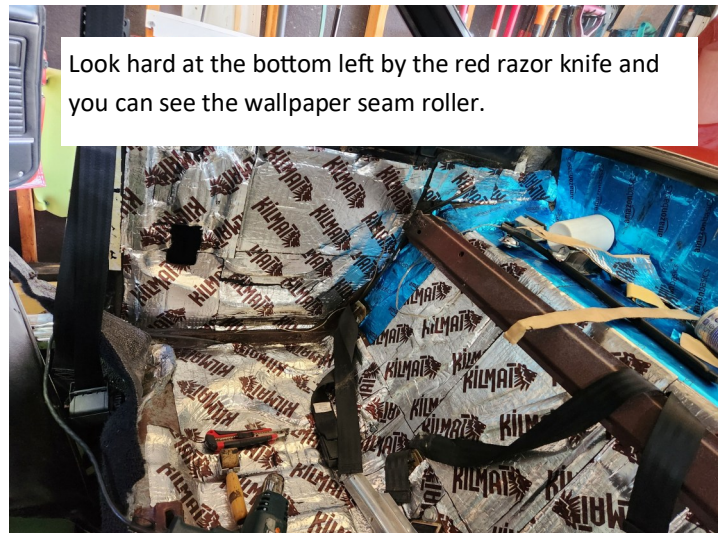


This is the 1" insulation that was on my floor, and still is on the front floor

lation when the AC was added to my car. You may not have this issue, but I spent several hours scraping and wire brushing the sheet metal just to get it clean enough for the sound deadener to stick well. Be prepared to do some serious clean up before you attempt this type of project. I removed the back seat, cardboard, and the speaker box installed by the previous owner. FYI, all together all that weighs over seventy pounds so I won't be reinstalled until after I go to the track in October (less weight means I go faster). Had I removed the front seats it would have been easier

to install the product but even then it requires lots of bending, kneeling, and working at difficult angles in a cramped space

So what else makes it difficult? Well, each piece has to be rolled out using a small wallpaper seam roller that is about 1 1/2" wide and the instructions say to roll until you flatten the embossing on each piece of deadener. That's a lot of pressure, rolling, and a lot of hand cramping, and it takes more time than I expected. Sure, a wider roller would work but it would spread out the pressure needed to flatten the embossing. I did not log the time I spent on the project, but I would expect it would take at least three full days to remove the seats, package tray and upholstery panels, install the deadener and replace the seats and panels. I took lots of breaks to give my hand a rest and to wipe the sweat from my brow. Continued>>>

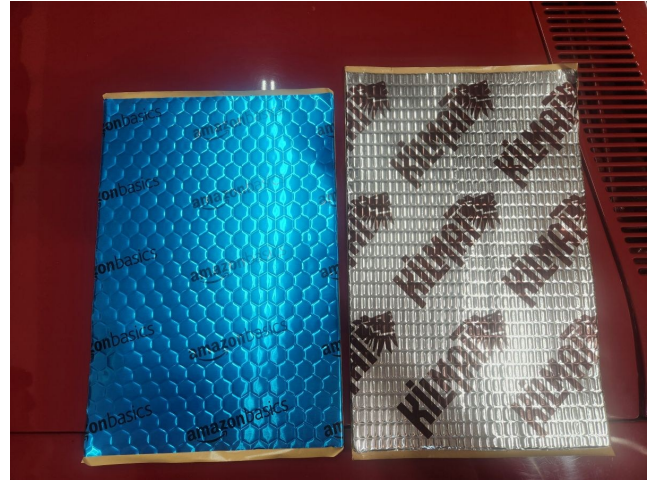


Look hard at the bottom left by the red razor knife and you can see the wallpaper seam roller.

Sounds like an easy project—continued

The product is easy to cut with a razor knife and a heat gun can be used to soften the butyl to make it easier to roll flat. But, that can also make the aluminum more susceptible to rupture which allows the butyl to squeeze out and end up making a mess.

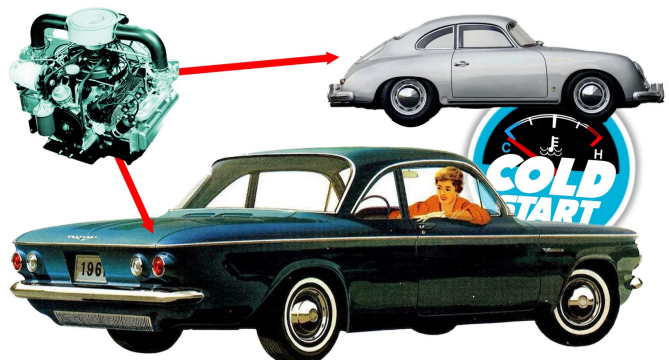
Is it worth it? I bought 46 square feet total between the two vendors and think I have just enough left to finish the driver side door. Cost was about \$115 not including throw-away razor knives and a seam roller I already had. I won't know if it is worth it until I reinstall the seat some time in late October and will report then. It won't be scientific, but I'll know if the engine noise has been reduced. If it helps reduce the noise I can see myself doing the front floor. That should be easier to get to. Still, If my Corsa wasn't an AC car I don't think I would bother with this project. Stay tuned.



KILMAT and Amazon sound deadener side-by-side

Some “Other Stuff you might find interesting

1. Interesting article sent in by our own Mark Morgan about the Solar Automotive Cavalier. Yes, it is Corvair related. No it is not EV related. [1 of 42: 1965 Solar Automotive Cavalier | Barn Finds](#)
2. Kent Goddard sends in this cool Yenka Stinger video from Youtube: https://youtu.be/P64mOT_4uzE
3. Did Chevrolet inadvertently push Porsche to release the first 911 with a six-cylinder engine? Pretty good argument in this article. [In A Way, Chevrolet Made The First Porsche 911 - The Autopian](#)
4. See the last page of the newsletter. Whether you are a new member or a long time member, if you haven't filled out a member profile now is the perfect time. We need more member profiles. Only takes 10-15 minutes.



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: