

Central Pennsylvania *Corvair* Club

MARCH 2016

The Four Wheel Independent

In Memory of Leon Hooper

August 11, 1929 - January 23, 2016

Submitted by
Joe Darinsig



You have read my past Nostalgia articles on the Hooper family in previous newsletters. The highlight of the family and the club to me was the historic meeting we had on February 14, 2015 at Steve & Susan Hooper's house. With the whole family there: Leon, Dena, Cindy, Debra, Steve and past President Gary Bannon it was a nostalgic event. I joined the club the year it was formed in 1973. After meeting Leon and the family the Corvair friendship bonded through all these years!

In later years Leon had attended a few Corvair Days shows. In the past 5-10 years I had kept in touch through phone calls. Checking on him and the family. We would have conversations about his wood working hobby and Corvairs. Occasionally we would chit-chat about the Marine Corps. I was deeply touched by his recent passing. We sat together at the club's Holiday Party at Perkins along with Steve and his wife. And now he is gone, but will always be remembered as a close personal friend to me. He was a dear husband and father. He was to all us club members the founding father and family of the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. Like I mentioned many times before, without Leon and the Hooper family there wouldn't be a club. We owe them that "thank you" and remembrance.

In 1983 the Club published these Member Profile Questionnaires in the newsletters. A sheet that had many questions on it. As the members answered the questionnaires, they were published in future monthly newsletters. Just for reference in 1983 the Officials were: President: Steve Stefanowicz, Vice-President: Jesse Wright, Club Librarian: Joe Darinsig, Secretary: Kathy Stefanowicz, Treasurer & Membership: Charles King, Editor: MiLana Wright. Board Members: Dan Lefever, F. Harold Zimmerman, Bill Bikle.

To shorten the full page of questions I will show the answers, as they speak for themselves. Please realize that this information WAS FROM 1983. But it still shows Leon's and the family's interest and dedication to CORVAIRS and the club !

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It's not too late!

2016
DUES
ARE
DUE!



*If you have any questions regarding your dues,
please contact Sandy, Club Treasurer.*

March Club Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2016



2175 White Street, York, PA.
Dinner at 6 P.M.



TECH TIP

When changing your distributor points, be careful when reinstalling the wire from the coil back on to the "Quick Disconnect Terminal" on the points (see Figures 1 and 2 below). The lug on the end of the coil wire has extra long prongs which, when pushed all the way down, can touch (ground out to) the contact plate, which can make your engine miss intermittently or worse, cause your engine to stop dead! To play it safe, cut off about 1/16-inch from each prong, as shown in Figure 2.

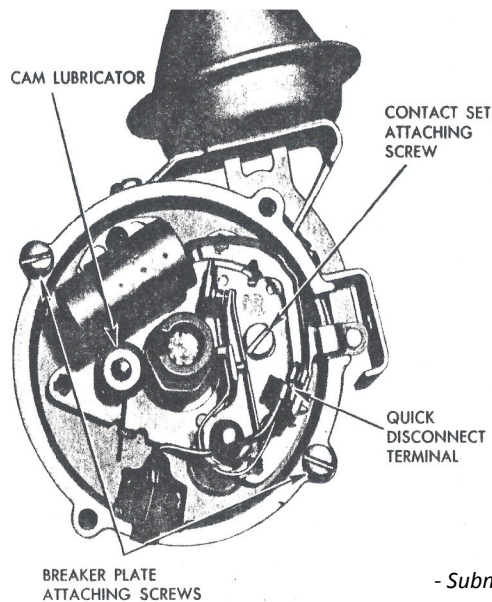


Figure 2

- Submitted by Lou Trimper

Corvair **Cooks** Corner



Cocoa Raspberry Muffins

Submitted by Sandy Holmes

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder, unsweetened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/3 cup applesauce
- 1/4 cup raspberry jam
- 3 egg whites
- 1 tsp vanilla flavoring

Directions:

In a mixing bowl blend the first five ingredients; in a separate bowl blend the remaining ingredients. Combine ingredients from both bowls and mix well. Spoon into muffin cups and bake at 350° for 18-20 minutes (or until muffins spring back when tapped).

Makes 8 muffins. Each 104 calories, 3g protein, .7g fat, 23g carb, 2g fiber, 128 mg sodium.

If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please email it to Carol at lcl@pa.net.

UPCOMING CAR EVENTS

Capitol City Cruisers **1st SATURDAY** at the **Roadhouse**

Capitol City Cruisers are HOSTING a MONTHLY CRUISE in 2016

APRIL thru October **4 to 7pm**

1031 Eisenhower Blvd
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Café is open!

APRIL 2nd MAY 7th JUNE 4th JULY 2nd
AUGUST 6th SEPT. 3rd & OCTOBER 1st

DOOR PRIZES ↓ FREE REGISTRATION ↘

Call Charlie Roberts at 805-1650 or Rod Murray at 579-5440

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Music by Harry Loranzo

Capitol City Cruisers

ANNUAL SPRING CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 2016

CROSSPOINT CHURCH
430 COLONIAL ROAD
HARRISBURG PA 17109

1st LIGHT PAST BOSCOV'S, TURN LEFT

9:00 am – 12:00 noon CAR REGISTRATION
12:00 noon – 12:30 PARTICIPANT JUDGING
1:00 pm AWARDS

\$12.00 PRE-REGISTRATION / \$15.00 DAY OF THE SHOW
Participants are asked to bring a food donation
Dash Plaques for FIRST 75 Vehicles
Participants Judging for TOP 25 Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles including BEST of SHOW, PASTOR'S CHOICE, CLUB PRESIDENT'S CHOICE
(Capitol City Cruisers Members' Cars Will Not Be Judged for Awards)

50/50 RAFFLE and DOOR PRIZES

\$100.00 DRAWING FOR PRE-REGISTERED VEHICLES
COFFEE, DONUTS, HOT DOGS and HAMBURGERS

BE SURE TO "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK!!!
NO ALCOHOL *** NO BICYCLES**

Contact: Rod Murray 717-579-5440 or Charlie Roberts 717-805-1650

Pre-registration Deadline is April 9th
Please return to: Capitol City Cruisers, P.O. Box 126752, Harrisburg PA 17112

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Street _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____ We will NOT share your address with ANYBODY!

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SHOW? Mailing _____ Flyer _____ Cruise News _____ Friend _____ Online Site _____
Cap City Club Member _____ Facebook _____ Paxton Herald _____ Other _____

Please make checks payable to: **Capitol City Cruisers** Total Enclosed _____

Capitol City Cruisers & CrossPoint Church **will not** be responsible for any known or unknown Damages, Injuries, Losses, Judgments and/or Claims from any cause to persons or property while attending the Car Show.

SIGNATURE _____

Music by Harry Loranzo



1965 Corvair Monza convertible. Automatic Trans/110 engine. The interior, trunk and engine compartment need some work but the engine was worked on and the brakes have fairly new linings. I have some extra parts that go with the car. Asking price: \$3,500. Interested people can contact me, Keith Koehler, at kpissant@comcast.net or they can call me at home (215) 703-0644. Feel free to leave a message. (Keith is a member of LVCC).



Newsletter Deadline
APRIL 20, 2016



Due to weather conditions, the February meeting was cancelled.



Submitted by
Joe Darinsig



Steve Hooper sent me this..... Check this website:

Open: <http://www.ynzyesterdayparts.com/catalog/>

Click on: 1958-1982 GM Wire Harnesses (Late Model; including AMC, Pontiac, Olds, Buick & more !) (in red print).

Then click on: 1962-1969 Chevrolet Corvair

Corvair has 15 pages of miscellaneous items!

Thanks Steve for submitting this!

Take a trip Down Memory Lane



The Chevrolet Corvair

- Submitted by Joe Darinsig

CLUB CLIPS

Clipped by Gerald Perschbacher LL.D.

Little tips for Corvair enthusiasts

Dave Silvia of Bay State Corvairs shared a small idea with big impact in a recent edition of the club's publication *VAIRFORCE* (David McMillan, editor).

Silvia says it is common knowledge that many old car owners carry a spare fan belt for obvious reasons. But there are some teeny-tiny parts that can be just as important to carry as spares. "Even if you cannot work on the car yourself, having the parts to fix it can be very important as a mechanic could make the necessary repairs and get you on your way," says Silvia.

He suggests a few parts every Corvair owner should carry. "I am thinking small parts; small enough to fit in your glovebox. In fact, parts that are small enough to fit in an Altoids Mint tin," for example. "So to start, get yourself some Altoids Mints, the ones that come in the little metal boxes. Eat all the mints. If you don't like mints, find someone that does or give them to your dog. Dogs love mints and this gives them nice fresh breath. Next, wipe out the tin to get all the mint powder out and fill it with the following parts."

Silvia lists nine little things to include. Since ignition points have not been used in cars for 40 years, he suggests carrying a spare set (contact an auto parts store). Second on the list is "a point screw — the one that holds the points in

place. If you drop the one on your car while changing the points, it is likely you will not be able to find/retrieve it. Get this from a used distributor or a Corvair parts supplier."

Next: a point file. "Break it so it fits in the tin. If your points are burnt, this can get you going fast." He also suggests a few fuses since "the old glass tube fuses are getting harder to find." These items should be available at your local auto parts establishment.

Corvair owners should have a "rubber toothed accelerator linkage bushing" and "E-Clips — these are tough to find and are used in a key place on your Corvair's accelerator linkage." He adds nylon bushings and washers to augment the accelerator linkage bushing and "a couple of front cotter pins and a big e-clip (1965-1969) for the left-hand-side wheel."

Rounding off the list for Corvairs with manual transmissions is a steel cable connector ("if your clutch cable snaps you can tie it together with one of these, then readjust the clutch and get home").

He concludes that owners should keep the parts in one place for easy access: "So, think small and build yourself your own Corvair First-Aid kit."

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North Providence, RI 02911

*Birthdays
of the
Month*

John Johnson
March 27th

We would love to wish you a very Happy Birthday in our newsletter. Please submit your birth date to lcl@pa.net.

IF YOU WANT
THE WORD
ON CORVAIR, ASK
1,500,000
OWNERS

IF YOU WANT A GOOD DEAL, ASK YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER

We think we know what you'll hear when you ask around about Corvair. Praise for Corvair's independent four-wheel suspension. Comments on how Corvair turns, parks and maneuvers. Compliments for Corvair's one-of-a-kind styling. Awe for its great rear-engine traction. Buy one now and you'll like it so well you might want to buy another one in '67!



The Corvair Monza Sport Sedan with eight safety features like seat belts, front and rear row standards. Always buckle up.



Submitted by Lou Trimper



Daylight Saving Time
begins at 2:00 AM on
March 13, 2016



Did You Know?

In Dillsburg, PA they have streets named "Corvair" and Greenbrier".





PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*Submitted by
John Berkheimer, CPCA President*

Today was beautiful, close to 60° outside, BUT hearing rumors about snow mid-week. I only have two words for that "THINK SPRING".

Since we missed our February planning meeting for 2016 events, I guess that means, bring your ideas along to the March 8th meeting at Hoss' (new location, see last newsletter). Everyone had an extra 29 days to come up with some great ideas.

Anyone out there working on their cars? Please let Carol know and do a short or long story for the newsletter. Jim and Linda did some nice articles on the restoration of the wagon last year. Pictures really added a nice touch to the

articles, thanks Jim and Linda. Information from your project may give others the idea they should also check out on their cars. I know if you start a project and need help, someone is always willing to lend a hand or supply you with needed information. Remember, we have a few sets of repair manuals for all years, I have a set and Dave Steigauf has a set. They are available for all club members to borrow at no cost.

I saved the most important thing for last. We must keep all our fellow members in our thoughts and prayers that have had medical problems in the last month or two. It seems I hear about someone new every week. I hope by now everyone is on the road to full recovery.

Happy Corvairing



The 27th Annual Orphan Car Tour Saturday, June 4, 2016 Anne Arundel County, Maryland

(near Annapolis)

*Submitted by
Jon Battle, Orphan Car Tour Publicity Coordinator
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**Mark Your
Calendars!**

What is the Annual Orphan Car Tour?

The Orphan Car Tour is an annual afternoon-long driving tour for antique "orphan" (i.e. discontinued make, not models) automobiles held every June in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. area. Each year since the tour began back in 1990, the tour has taken place in different locations in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The tours purpose is to encourage the driving enjoyment of independently produced antique vehicles.

Who is Eligible?

The Tour is open to "orphan" antique cars defined as automobiles at least 25 years old, which were produced either by now-defunct manufacturers, or by the discontinued divisions of still existing companies.

Update

At the moment they are still involved in planning, so they can only furnish the date and locale. A full press release and a flyer (with all details) should be ready by early March.

Meanwhile, they will be adding additional details to their website, <http://www.orphancartour.org/>. You can check the website for more information. The website contains a history of the Tour as well as other information about it, should you be interested.

Help Needed

If anyone lives in or are acquainted with Anne Arundel County, they can help us. Each Orphan Tour usually includes stops at points of interest along the route, and we need to know of any interesting private collections or museums (of automobiles, antiques, historical events, etc.) and whose owners might consider allowing us to visit them. Please contact Jon Battle if you can help!

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CPCC MEMBER PROFILE

This month's CPCC profile is on Honorary member Leon Hooper and wife Dena, both 54 years old. Living in Dalmatia, Pa. They have one daughter, Cindy, living at home.

Leon is a toolmaker with 20 years service at the Alvord Polk Tool Co. in Millersburg. Dena has 36 years of service at Puritan Fashions, Millersburg, as an inspector in the shipping department.

The 1963 Monza convertible is Leon's favorite. He has owned eight Corvairs in all: (2) 1960 4 Dr. 500, (1) 1961 4 Dr. 700, (1) 1962 4 Dr. 700, (1) 1963 Monza Convert., (1) 1964 Monza Spyder, (1) 1966 Monza Sport Coupe, (1) 1967 4 Dr. 500. He has performed major and minor repairs on all his cars.

Leon also is a member of the Volvo Sports America Club. He is presently in the final stages of restoring a 1966 1800S Volvo.

The following are some of Leon's experiences in his own words. My first Corvair was also my last one I have owned - the 1963 Monza convertible ! I bought it in very sad condition, it was to be used as daily transportation - but after considerable restoration, it was too nice to see that type of use.

Approximately 3 years ago I sold it to a collector in the Harrisburg area. Other Corvairs were reduced to my parts inventory - some were put back in running condition and driven as they were excellent automobiles. They were reliable and also fun to drive (it's hard to find anything today that is fun to drive). My 1966 was driven daily. My youngest daughter Debra used it for transportation while attending nursing school in Harrisburg.

At the present time I do not own a Corvair - but still stop and look if I see one that looks interesting in car lots or one that is privately for sale.

I never did find the Corvair I really was interested in and in the condition I wanted it - a 1960 Corvair 2 Dr. Coupe. Over the years I owned and drove Corvairs, it was the only hobby I ever had that has paid for itself.

Leon Hooper

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Editor's note: (MiLana Wright) As many of you know, Leon was one of the founders of the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. He has seen many changes through the years in the club. Leon has offered to show slides at one of the upcoming meetings of the very early CPCC events.

Joe Darinsig note: Leon mentioned to me again at the club Holiday Party at Perkins that he had these slides. Maybe through the family or Steve Hooper, we could borrow them and convert to a DVD to show at a future meeting. Maybe more information on this in a future newsletter.

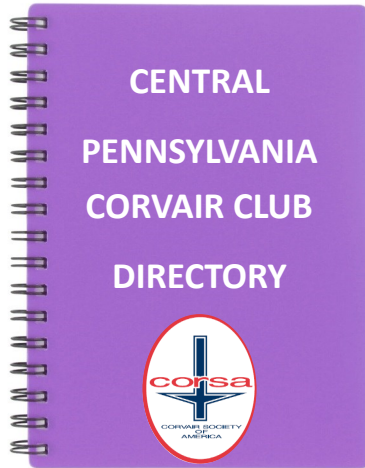
*Rest in peace,
You will not be forgotten.
Semper Fi*

**TREASURER'S REPORT
AS OF JANUARY 2016**



*Submitted by
Sandra Holmes, CPCC Treasurer*

	Check #	Check Amounts	Deposits
Beginning Balance			\$1929.04
Total Deposits			
Expenses:			
1/29/16 JDRF - Memory of Leon Hooper	1191	\$50.00	
Total Expenses			\$50.00
Total in Bank			\$1879.04
Cash on Hand \$16.00 and five checks totaling \$122.00			
<i>Submitted 2/8/16</i>			



Do you ever wish you had a Corvair members phone number or address at your fingertips? I would like to put together a directory for our club, but every members help is needed. If you would like to be included in the directory, please send me the following information. The information will be used in the directory. Photos will be used in future newsletters and CPCC Directory:

1. Name (Husband and Wife Name)
2. Address (City, State Zip)
3. Phone Numbers (Home and Cell)
4. Birthdate(s) and Anniversary
5. Model(s) of Corvair(s) (Year, Color)
6. Four Photos (1. Photo of member, 2. Photo of spouse, 3. Photo of couple and 4. Photo(s) of covair(s) . Please submit single photo of each corvair separately..

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Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club

The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (CPCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair and Corvair powered vehicles. We provide knowledge about the Corvair to our members and other car enthusiasts, as well as hold monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings for the enjoyment of our members.

CPCC is Chapter #170 of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Dues for CPCC are \$16.00 per year or two years for \$30.00, which must be sent in the form of a check or money order payable to "CPCC" and mailed to CPCC Treasurer, Sandra Holmes, 1511 Hicks Drive, Dauphin, PA 17018. It is suggested that CPCC members also become members of CORSA, the national organization. CORSA dues are \$45.00 per year. Dues may be sent to CORSA, P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60439-0607 or online at <http://members.corvair.org>.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Carol Trimper at lcl@pa.net. Mailing address is 30 Wheaton Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340.

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