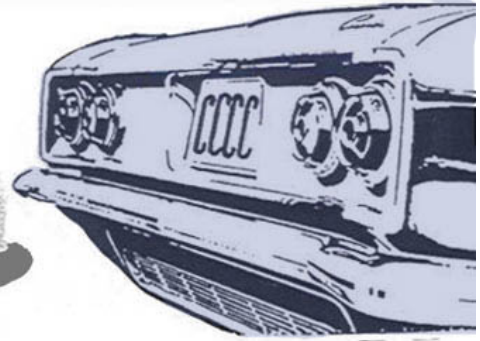


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# Exhaust



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The *Exhaust* is published monthly for members of the Capital City Corvair Club and other area enthusiasts. CCCC was formed in 1963 and became a chapter of the Corvair Society of America in June 1980.

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is our regular monthly meeting at Alt-n-Bach's. Back by popular demand; we are going to have another bingo night. We will have some prizes. We will have a meeting at 7:30. Stop in early for a nice dinner. We have the back room reserved. Directions: From the Interstate entering Madison, exit to the South Beltline (Hwy 12-14-18) and proceed west to Todd Drive. You will see American TV and their huge American flag flying at this exit. Exit Todd Drive to the stop sign and turn right. If you are coming from the West, exit Todd Drive and turn left under the bridge and turn right onto the frontage road (Todd Drive). On Todd Drive take the first left onto Whalen Lane. Alt-N-Bach's is located to the left at 2602 Whalen Lane.

May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> will be our Spring Tour to Galena, Illinois. We are booking a block of rooms at the Grant Hills Motel. The cost is about seventy-five dollars for the room. We will discuss more details at the meeting.

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is our regular monthly meeting. We have tentatively scheduled our car show for this meeting. We will be at Quaker Steak and Lube in Middleton.

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, MCC will be holding its 4th annual Parking Lot Beauty Contest from from 6 till 9 p.m. at the Cousins Sub Shop W189 S7827 Racine Ave. Muskego, WI. No entry fee, all makes and models welcomed. Free sub sandwich to the first 75 registrants. No pre-registration, register the day of the show.

July 13-17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is the CORSA International Convention which will be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Madison Classics Elkhorn swap and car show. This is also the weekend of the Illinois Railway Museum car show and transportation extravaganza.

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> is the Lion's Club Beloit Autorama.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 will be the Corvair birthday party hosted by the Milwaukee Corvair club. More details to come.

## A note from Joe

Last month's meeting at Alt-n-Bach's was well attended and very successful. We raised over three hundred dollars for the club. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual sweets and treat auction! I would like to thank Roger Ringelstetter, Sam Russell and Jim Langdon for accepting and continuing their positions as club officers. I would also like to recognize Curtis Henkin for his tireless efforts on our club web site. It is only through these individuals that we can function as a club. Thank you for your confidence in me as president. As always, if you are interested in contributing as an officer, or would like to help out in anyway let us know, we have lots that needs to be done and we can give you a cool sounding title like: comptroller, sergeant at arms or even executive and CEO. We also kicked off our membership drive at the meeting. Dues are eighteen dollars a year and prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. I will continue to remind everyone about dues in larger and larger type as the year goes on. Roger and I would like to get a good list of paid members and reconcile it to the mailing list. We also had a discussion and voted to spend one hundred and fifty dollars for door prizes for the Beloit Autorama. Out of that discussion was an interest to donate funds to CORSA. I would like to discuss this at the next few meeting to give everyone a chance to weigh in on this issue, such as should we, how much, etc. and put it to a vote. Maybe we could make a donation in October on the fiftieth anniversary of the Corvair. If you wish to express an opinion in confidence to me, I will respect your opinions and keep those opinions to myself. We had a great meeting and got a lot of things taken care of and the sweet auction was again fantastic. I was able to out bid everyone for Carl Lipetri's honey and regrettably the jar is just about empty. I sure hope his hives regenerate this year.

At next month's meeting we will discuss final details for the spring tour to Galena, Illinois. We will also discuss the possibility of donating funds from the club to CORSA. After the meeting we will have another Bingo night. We will have some small prizes for the winners. I will try to get the balls glued together so they don't slow us down this time. In June we will have our parking lot car show at Quaker steak and Lube. Everett suggests getting there early if you want to eat, as it is wing night and it is a popular night.

Last year I switched my Corvair to E-85 fuel. Towards the end of the year I was having hesitation problems. I parked the car for the winter and when I tried to fire up this spring, I still had the same problem. It turns out that the left carburetor wasn't working properly. I'm not sure if I plugged the carburetor up or if there is a part deteriorated by the fuel. I hope to take it apart and investigate. If I turn up anything interesting I will bring it in to the meeting. If not I will keep you informed of my trials and tribulations with E-85. I hope everyone can make it to the meeting this month. It was great to have such a nice turn out last month.

Respectfully submitted, Joe.

# 1961 Corvair

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Rear-engine cars are fun to drive and even more fun to crash. While rear-engine packaging offers enormous advantages, putting the vehicle's heaviest component behind the rear axle gives cars a distinct tendency to spin out, sort of like an arrow weighted at the end. During World War II, Nazi officers in occupied Czechoslovakia were banned from driving the speedy rear-engined Tatras because so many had been killed behind the wheel. Chevrolet execs knew the Corvair — a lithe and lovely car with an air-cooled, flat-six in the back, a la the VW Beetle — was a handful, but they declined to spend the few dollars per car to make the swing-axle rear suspension more manageable. Ohhh, they came to regret that. Ralph Nader put the smackdown on GM in his book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, also noting that the Corvair's single-piece steering column could impale the driver in a front collision. Ouch! Meanwhile, the Corvair had other problems. It leaked oil like a derelict tanker. Its heating system tended to pump noxious fumes into the cabin. It was offered for a while with a gasoline-burner heater located in the front "trunk," a common but dangerously dumb accessory at the time. Even so, my family had a Corvair, white with red interior, and we loved it.

[Another viewpoint from the 50 worst cars ever...coming in at number 17 is.....](#)

## \*7 Reasons Not To Mess With Children\*

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him.'

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honor' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill...'

## 7 reasons continued...

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.'

'Yes,' the class said.

'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?'

A little fellow shouted,  
'Cause your feet ain't  
empty.'

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

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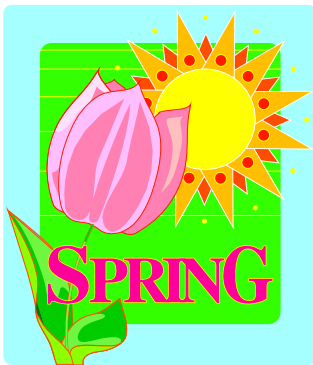
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