

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association
Newsletter*

January 2019



THE PREZ SEZ

The first newsletter of the year, and I want to say "thank you" to our newsletter editor and to all who send her information to include in it. I also want to thank all who step forward and help with events and other things that keep this club going strong and interesting. We really had some great outings last year, from traveling great distances to Corvair shows and to also just staying local doing things like our spring picnic and our marshmallow roast. Our Christmas party was just superb, with great decorating, super food and a fun gift exchange, thanks to all! With the new year comes a few changes like some of our board members being replaced (due to term limits) and a new meeting place at the Ergenbright's Trippel Diamond Ranch, (still the 4th Saturday of the month at 10AM). We will have our first board meeting at the January meeting to start mapping out the events for the year, so get your ideas into the board as soon as you can. We have to collect the 2019 dues at this meeting, so please have the correct \$15 dollar amount, this makes it much less confusing for Ken to deal with. We have made some great strides getting cars fixed and running at Ken's (Coffee at Ken's) every Sunday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30 until 12 noon and beyond! Our most recent work has been parting out a 65 coupe, donated by Gail and starting work on Ken's latest buy, a nice little 63 Spyder also from Gail. We also repaired a lose passenger door window on a early convertible along with working on Ken's 8 door Greenbrier, always something to do at Ken's, even if it's just drinking coffee and talking Corvairs. Again, I want to say "Thank you" to all of our club members, and wish everyone a Great New Year!!

Remember our meeting will be at the Ergenbright's Ranch this Saturday morning at 10AM.



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H.O.T. 2019 Update

Hotel- Almost half the rooms are reserved already, so make your reservation sooner than later! There will likely be rooms available 'later', BUT once our "Corvair Group" block is gone, the price will be *much higher*, so don't wait too long! (you won't be charged if you cancel w/24 hr notice, and there's not any other local choices nearby).

If you want to add days before or after our 'block', I negotiated with them to have the same discounted price as Fri/Sat (\$129), BUT you will need to make the reservation for the extra days *separately*-just tell them it's part of the "Corvair Group" pricing.

Hotel Info:

Hampton Inn

499 Singing Oaks

Spring Branch, TX 78070

Rates: \$129.00—Includes breakfast

Reservations: 830-438-5007, #0

Group Code: "COR-Corvair Reunion"

Friday, April 12—Sunday, April 14, 2019

OR (easier ☐): → On Line: http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SATBUHX-COR20190412/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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LSCC 2019 HOT Chairman

COCA December MINUTES

An abbreviated club meeting was held on December 15, 2018 at the Embassy Suites. David Castiaux called the meeting to order prior to the annual Christmas Party. David welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no visitors.

Old Business- There were no changes to the previous month's minutes. Debbie Nels made a motion to accept and the motion was seconded by James Ergenbright, the motion carried. David asked for volunteers to be on the Board of Directors as there are some that are done with their board commitment. If you or anyone you know that might be interested please contact David. Elections for the same will be determined at a later date.

Treasurer's Report- The month's report was given by Ken Drye. James Ergenbright made a motion to approve the report as given

and the motion was seconded by Eldon Stephens. The motion carried.

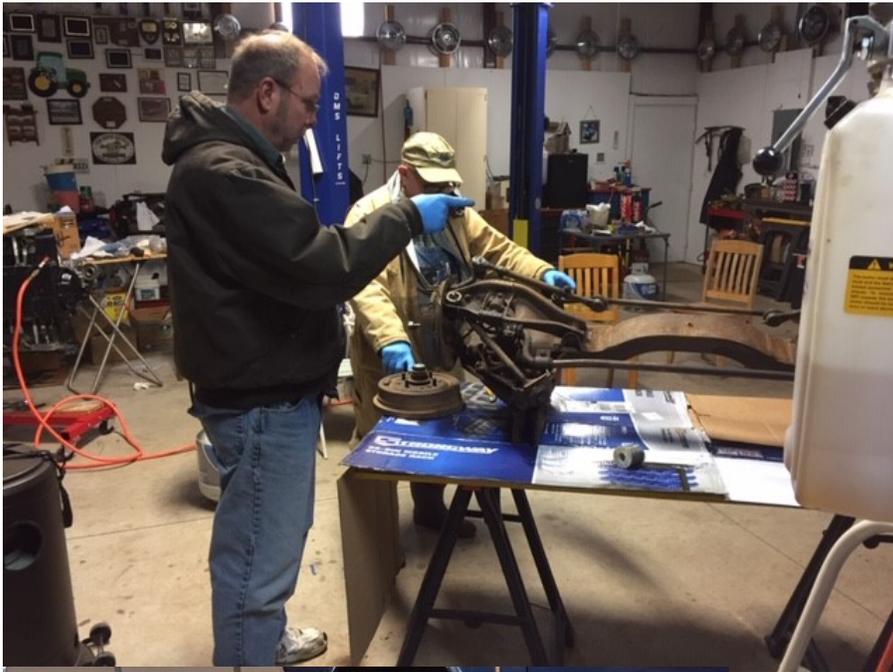
New Business- The new monthly meeting place will be the Ergenbright ranch. We will continue to meet Saturday mornings and meet about 10:00 am. James Ergenbright made a motion to close the meeting and that was seconded by Richard Law.





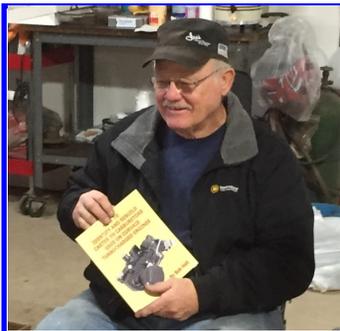
Coffee at Kens











Bob's Tech Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to COCA friends and members.

Dec was a fun filled and busy month for us all.

I have been gathering parts for my 3-liter build and have come across issues with the push rod tubes that I had saved over the years.

Mainly that the ones I had saved, were not removed correctly (with the correct tool) before. Thus, ALL have marks or are dented with pliers or other incorrect tool's teeth, from uncaring or uninformed would be Corvair mechanics, removing them!

NEVER! NEVER! NEVER, use pliers, channel locks or vice grips to remove a push rod tube from your Corvair engine!

The old push rod tube seals can/will get cooked! So some of them will not release easily and it would seem that more drastic measures are needed. However, there are several tools that you can purchase or build yourself to remove them without injuring yourself or distorting the push rod tube that you are trying to remove. That being said, simply grabbing the tube with your meat hooks or pliers etc... and twisting and pushing it usually gets you nothing more than skinned up knuckles and a distorted PRT, IF you are able to remove it at all.

Not to worry! There are several viable options in your tool box that will help you get them removed without resorting to those nasty pliers or channel locks!

The first option is of course a correct Push Rod Removal Tool made to remove them. They can come in many different configurations!

The simplest (non-tool), tool, is a worm gear clamp that you put on the tube close to the engine block then screw it as tightly as possible, with the screw gear parallel with the oil pan. The correct position on the PRT is easily determined as you get it in place. Once it is secure on the tube, you will use a flat blade screw driver to pry until the push rod tube is loose. By putting the blade on the screw gear and use the oil pan engine block flange as the fulcrum, push the screw driver handle toward the center of the engine you will be able to "pop" the Push rod tube out.

Another simple tool that you can easily make, is a metal strip with holes in it that you simply bend to go around the push rod tube from the backside. You can use a screw driver to force the tube out. Place the screw driver blade in the best position on your tool then use the exhaust manifold log as the fulcrum! Again pushing the screw driver handle toward the center of the engine, will force the tube out of its stuck position! You can also use a brass punch or drift to tap on the tool to loosen the seal and remove the Push rod tube. I use a small dead blow, or small brass hammer.

The tool offered by Clark's, used to be my go-to tool and works very well. It looks like half a PRT on a swivel attached to a long rod that you hit with a 16 oz hammer. It will remove the most stubborn PRT.!

There are other Corvair guys and vendors that have built removal tools and have them for sale. However, you can make your own tool at little or no cost!

In my research, I could not find any tech tips related to PRT removal AND repair. The CORSA Tech Tips, or the San Diego's Vair tips were not helpful.

After the Push rod tubes are removed, you will want to clean them. I started by soaking them in my

parts cleaning tub for 24 hours. Cleaning the inside of the PRTs with a SS brush attached to an extension and a manual handle was my next step. After a few tries, I found that attaching the long extension to my drill motor, I was able to clean them more thoroughly and much faster (see Photo). Running the SS brush through several times and from both ends, I was satisfied that the crud was removed and ready for the next step, removing the dents from the tubes.

Initially, I used a 1/4-inch drive 7/16 socket on a long 1/4 inch extension. Driving it through a few PRTs I found that the dents were not completely removed but there was an improvement. My next try was gleaned from Steve Goodman in the Corvaír Center Forum thread about PRT repair! I purchased a 5/8ths ball bearing to drive through the PRTs. Although the thread shows a ball bearing welded to a long rod to drive through the PRTs, I found that it was very easy to place the ball bearing in the PRT and then place my 1/4/in drive, 7/16in socket on top of the ball bearing and drive it through.

You can watch the dents being removed as you drive the ball bearing through the PRT. It was quite satisfying to watch as the dents began to come back into correct shape. You must realize at this juncture that the dents and deformities will not be totally removed. However, they are much more acceptable and usable, as you massage the dents and deformities out of your PRTs. BUT after repainting them or powder coating them, the repairs to the PRTs will be much less noticeable.

If any of your PRTs "Cylinder head" ends are bent in and out of round, you can fix them with a 17mm socket by driving the socket into the PRT and using your small brass hammer to tap around the circumference to get it back into shape.

To get the end result I wanted, I also filed down the distortions from the PRTs to make them smother and hopefully, look better. I know that no one will be looking at them, but I wanted them to be the best that I could make them before powder coating them with a "chrome" powder to help reflect the exhaust heat.

Below is a picture of the tools I made or used during the refurb of my PRTs.

If anyone has questions you are always welcome to contact me.

Good luck with your next project. B.W.

- There is however a three-page thread on Corvaír Center Forum. There you can find some



good information in regard to removing and straightening the Push Rod Tubes.

Good luck

Corvair Ladies Shared Recipe Corner

This Months recipe share is shared by Colleen Law



A meaty, cheesy, deep-dish lasagna is always worth the wait, and you can enjoy the leftovers all week.

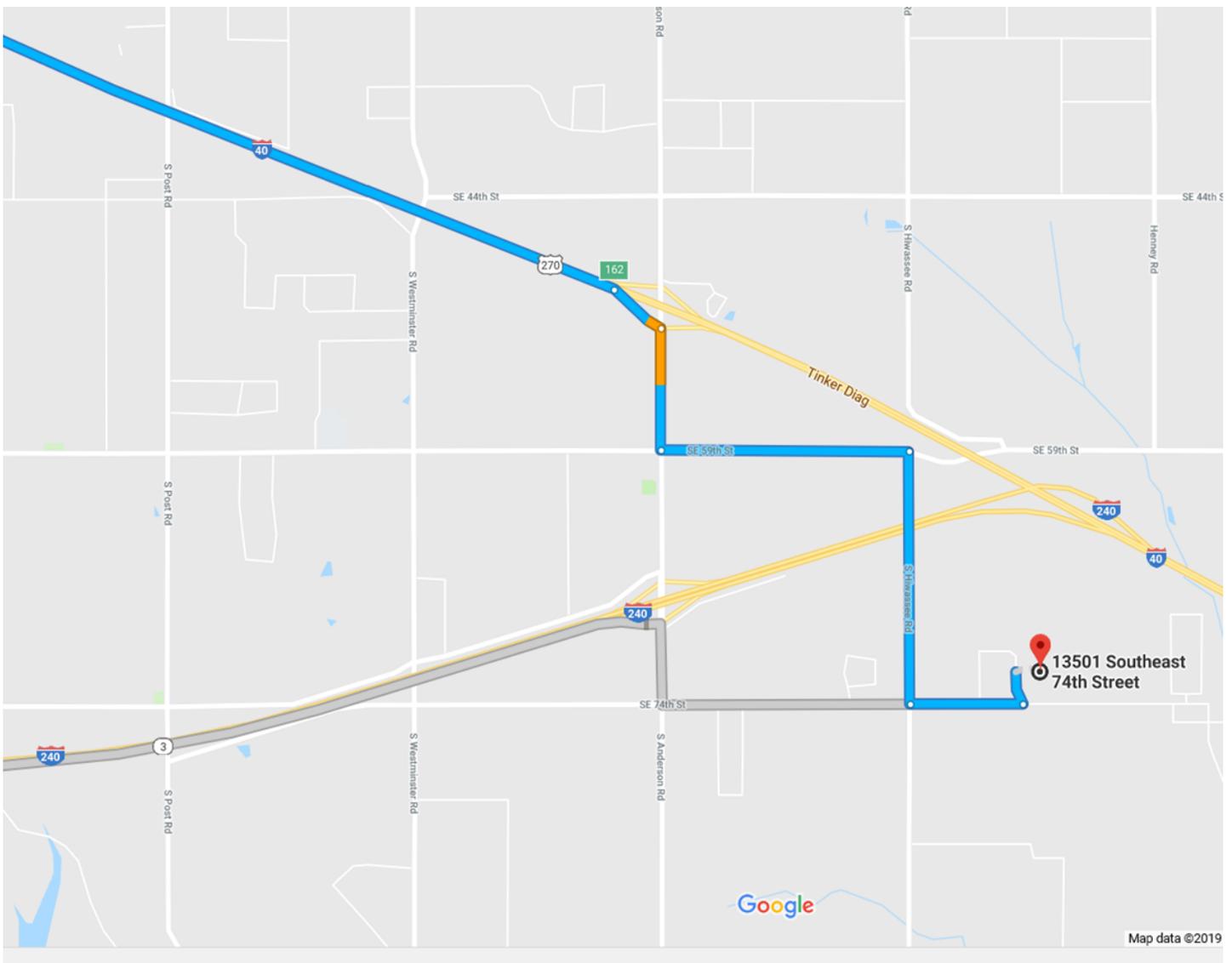


- 12 dried lasagna noodles (about 10 ounces), uncooked**
- 2 teaspoons olive oil**
- 1 large onion, chopped**
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning**
- 1/4 teaspoon red-pepper flakes**
- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed**
- 2 cans (28 ounces each) whole peeled tomatoes in puree**
- Coarse salt and ground pepper**
- 6 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 1 1/2 pounds)**
- 3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (about 3 ounces)**

Directions

- 1. 1. Fill a 9-by-13-inch baking dish two-thirds of the way with hot tap water. Add noodles, and arrange them in alternating directions to prevent sticking. Let soak while preparing sauce.**
- 2. 2. Make sauce: Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium. Add onion, garlic, Italian seasoning, and red-pepper flakes; cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add sausage, and cook, stirring and breaking it up, until just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and their puree, breaking up tomatoes with a spoon; bring to a boil. Reduce to a rapid simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened, about 20 minutes. (You should have about 8 cups of sauce.) Season with salt and pepper.**
- 3. 3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drain noodles, transfer to a baking sheet; dry dish with paper towels. Spoon 1 cup sauce in bottom of dish. Fit 4 noodles in dish (crosswise if using short noodles, lengthwise if using long), overlapping slightly. Cover with 2 cups sauce, 2 cups mozzarella, and 1/4 cup Parmesan. Repeat with another layer, then top with remaining noodles, 3 cups sauce, and the rest of mozzarella and Parmesan. Cover dish tightly with aluminum foil, and bake 1 hour.**
- 4. 4. Remove foil, and continue baking until bubbly and browned, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven; let cool 20 minutes. Cut and serve.**

Directions to the Diamond E Ranch
(The Ergenbrights) Meeting Place
10:00 am for our Monthly Meeting.
Doughnuts and coffee provided. The
ground is very wet so do not park on
the grass stay on the driveway... you
will get stuck...



The Annual International Convention of the Corvair Society of America, hosted by the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts chapter of CORSA.

Will include Concours d' Elegance, Rally, Autocross, Economy Run and much more. Stay tuned for details!

For hotel reservations, [click here](#) or call Pheasant Run at 800/474-3272 or 630/584-6300 and please mention the Corvair Society in order to receive the discounted group rate.

When

July 23rd, 2019 12:00 AM through July 27th, 2019 12:00 AM

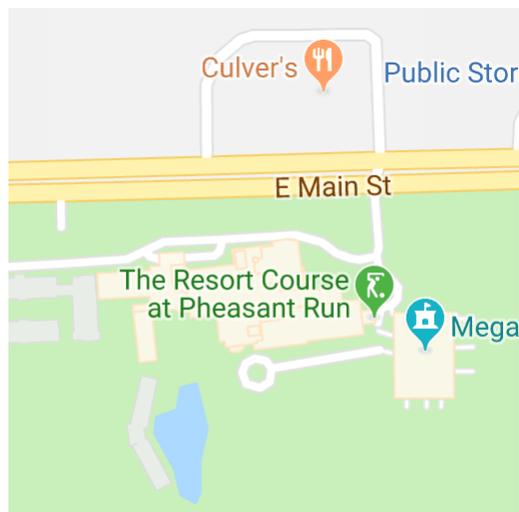
Location

Pheasant Run Resort

4051 E Main Street

St. Charles, IL St. Charles

United States



If you go onto the Corsa home page search events and you will find the convention. It is easy to follow the links from the web page that will re-direct you to the reservations for the resort.

https://www.corvair.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/info&Itemid=445&id=300&reset=1

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Club Stats:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	33	
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	22	
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	5	
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0	
NEW MEMBERS	1	

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January 26, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch Board of Directors voting DUES for the year are Due \$15.00
February 23, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch Cold Tuna—Wichita, KS
March 23, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch St. Patricks day parade - Downtown OKC
April 27, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch Heart of Texas – Spring Branch, Texas 12 April - 14 April
May 25, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch
June 22, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch
July 27, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch Corsa Convention - 23-27 July Pheasant Run Resort - St. Charles Il.
August 24, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch
September 28, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch
October 26, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch Corvair Round UP - Corvair Heritage Days
November 23, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch
December 28, 2019	Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch
1st Saturday	Cars and Coffee North Park Mall
2nd Saturday	Cars and Coffee Norman at Crest Foods W. Robinson
3rd Saturday	Cruise in for Coffee Midwest City Santa Fe Steak House parking lot Apr - Oct
1st and 3rd Thursdays	Thursday Night Cruisers - Mustang Apr - September
Sundays	Coffee at Kens