

VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS
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1974 ROSTER

Pat Rooney has prepared a 1974 membership roster which will be available to all members at the next meeting.

CORVAIR CARDS READY

Bill Ennis has reported that our club cards will be ready by the September meeting. These cards can be used by the members to help put out the word about our organization.

CHECKING ACCOUNT NOW OPEN

You can make your checks payable to the "Vulcan Corva'ir Enthusiasts" now as we have a checking account.

CORVAIR ENGINE OVERHAULS

We now have a person who will do work on your Corva'ir engine. His name is Dave Richardson and can be located at 323-6551 ext. 195 or at 655-2657. He has agreed to do the work on two conditions: It must be a complete engine overhaul and; the engine must be delivered to him. If anyone is interested but has fears of taking the engine out themselves, call Lee Miller. Dave is a good and qualified man. He had owned a Corva'ir from 1965 until 1973 when he sold it to Lee Miller. He has been rebuilding Corva'ir engines for several years now and also races, so he has aquired a sound background in the automotive field.

RALLYE OF THE 'VAIRS

"Hey! Here's an "X", should we turn? Naw, he wouldn't do that." (5 miles later): "Yes he would; turn around!" Conversations such as the above could be heard from at least five cars as the Vulcan Corva'ir Enthusiasts staged their first event: "Rallye of the 'Vairs. Even though club participation was terrible, those who did come out and entered had a ball.

Of the five cars who attempted the 92.7 mile, four hour event, three finished. The only "bad luck" case of the day came when the Baldone's, who appeared to be ahead at that point, caught fire. Fortunately no one was hurt and damage to the car was only slight.

Although normally in an event like this the first car in is not always the winner; that's how Sunday's rally turned out. James Ray and Don Godfrey came chugging in followed closely by Neil Patterson and Bill Mitchum. Almost an hour later the "I'll be damn if we give up" entry of Pat and Jim Rooney rolled in. All in all those who ran really enjoyed themselves. Butch and Rita Baldone have the honor of being the only people in the world to have found a place they called "Fungus Valley".

There was also a pre-rally party August 23rd put on by Butch and Barbara Wadsworth. With the choice of either talking, drinking, swimming, or playing tennis you couldn't go wrong.

OFFICIAL MILEAGE: 92.7

James Ray and Don Godfrey,	1966 Monza	114.6 Miles
Neil Patterson and Bill Mitchum	1965 Monza	132.0 Miles
Pat Rooney and Jim Rooney	1963 Monza	135.0 Miles
Butch Baldone and Rita Baldone	1964 Monza	DNF
Bill Dowling and Joan Harvill	1969 Monza	DNF
Frank Ranelli and Shelia Ranelli	1966 Monza	DNS
David Bibby and Linda Bibby	1962 700	DNS



SEPTEMBER MEETING ON THE 15th

Our regular meeting will be held on September 15th at the First National Southern Natural Building in Birmingham at 3pm. Besides giving the "survivors" of the rally their trophies we also should have a film report by Norman Rogers on the CORSA National Convention. We're sure James Ray and Don Godfrey will tell us how to win a rally and Pat and Jim Rooney will tell us how not to!

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET SET

The Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts will hold their first annual Christmas banquet on December 13th, at 7:30 pm. The place for this activity will be the Rodeway Inn located at the Oxmoor Road Exit of I-65 in Homewood. The \$7.00 per person cost will offer you a dinner and set-ups (BYOB) followed by a dance/party type of affair. We also are planning to have a guest speaker. This price is based on 25 people and since we'll only have it once a year you ought to come if at all possible. Guests are invited also. Reservations may be obtained by giving Kathy Miller your check as soon as possible. Last day for reservations will be December 9th. This will be a coat and tie function. A committee composed of the ladies in the club will be in charge and will decide what we will be eating.

CORVAIRE HOTLINE WILL WORK FOR YOU

Thanks to the dedication of James Ray, the Corvaire Hotline does what it can for our members. Pat Rooney tried it out. She called to see about locating some Monroe shocks for her Corvaire. Unable to find any in this area James called the factory direct who in turn gave him three other companies to contact. We don't know if Pat got her shocks or not. We do know however, that the Corvaire Hotline works!!

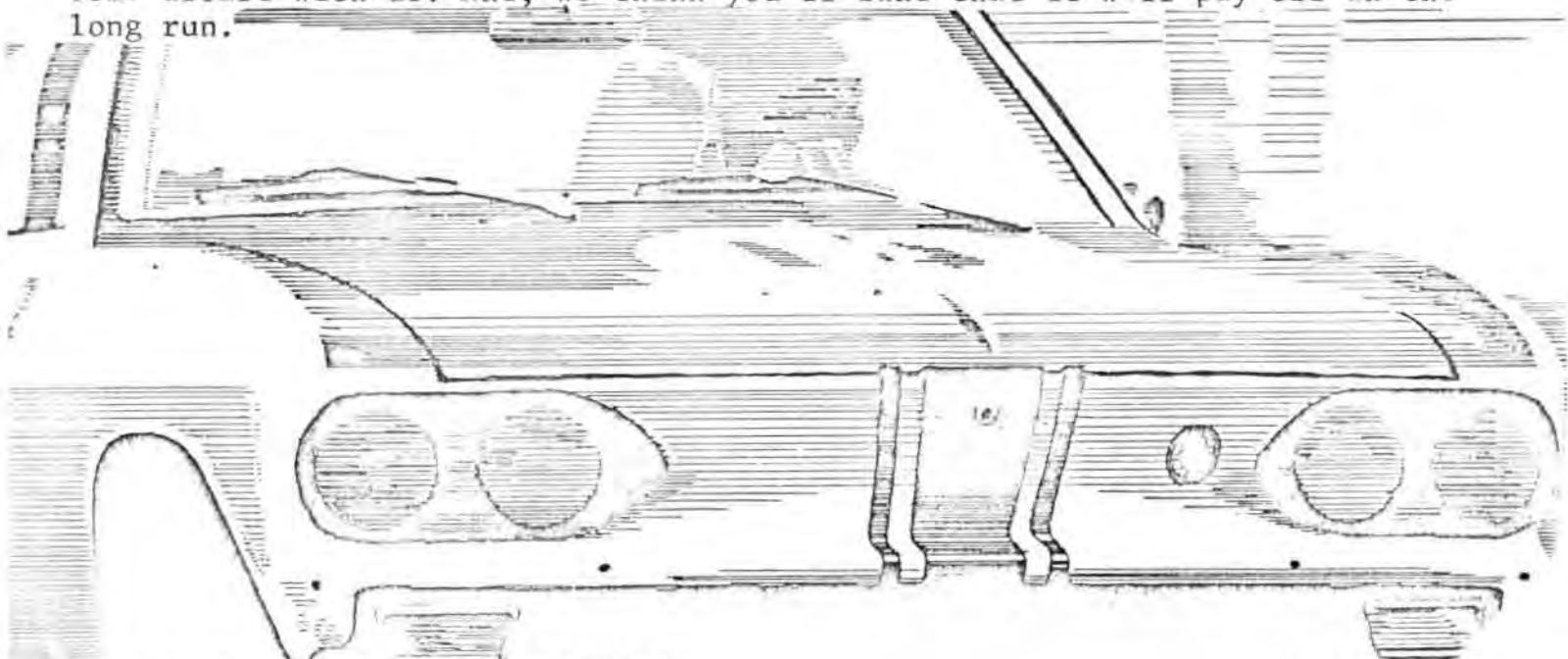
NEXT ACTIVITY IS OCTOBER 26th

Halloween will be celebrated by this club in the form of a rally-dinner-party event on October 26th. It should be a lot of fun and we hope that all members will attend. All participants must be in costume which should be wild. A separate flyer and registration form are attached. Please try to enter as soon as possible to help us out in determining how much food we will need, etc. Let's make this our best event to date. We think you'll enjoy it.

BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL ARE GROWING

After three months of existence our club has grown to 28 members. Not bad for a new club centered around a controversial automobile. We will have over 30 by our next meeting, and we won't be stopping there either. At the beginning of this year, Alabama was ranked 36 out of 50 states. By next year we should be in the top twenty! We at present rank second to last in the Southeast with Florida leading the list with 90 members, followed by Georgia with 36, Kentucky 30, Tennessee 27, Louisiana 15, Alabama 10, and Mississippi with 4 members.

CORSA National is growing by leaps and bounds also. We've had over 400 new members in two months and are now over the 3000 mark. CORSA has 40 clubs in 26 states and 6 countries. We also rank in the top ten in the single car organization category in the United States. So you can be proud that you've come aboard with us. And, we think you'll find that it will pay off in the long run.



.S. HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEWSLETTER?
WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?
SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!



VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS

PRESENT

GOBBLIN'S GAMBOOL



WHEN: Saturday, October 26, 1974
 Rally begins at 5:30 pm
 Dinner begins at 7:30 pm
 Party begins at 8:00 pm

WHERE: Rally begins at the Shades Valley High School Parking Lot. Those wishing to attend the dinner or party only call Beverly Striplin, 879-5028

ENTRY FEE: \$7.00 per car (two people) for rally, dinner, and party
 \$6.00 per car (two people) for rally, dinner, and party if you enter before October 26th.
 \$1.00 per person for the dinner and party.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER:

	CORSA MEMBER	BYOB	HALLOWEEN COSTUME	CORVAIR	FLASHLIGHT
RALLYE	X		X	X	X
DINNER	X		X		
PARTY	X	X	X		

AWARDS: Trophies will be presented to the driver and navigator of the top three finishing cars, based on ten entries. A prize will be presented to the best male and best female costumes. (No, a male wearing a female costume can't win both prizes).

TYPE OF RALLY: A lime run in which you follow marks on the road. Very easy; lots of fun. Car with the closest mileage to the official miles wins. Flashlight needed to aid in finding the marks on the road. Costumes will be worn all thru the rally except the masks, (for obvious safety reasons and, it's against the law).

TYPE OF DINNER: Informal; hot dogs, potato salad, bake beans, etc.

TYPE OF PARTY: WET!!!!!!

NOTE: This event is for Vulcan Corvaair Enthusiasts members only. This is your activity and so please try to attend if at all possible.



BIRMINGHAM TO HOST '75 CONVENTION

You heard right! The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts of Birmingham, Alabama will host a convention for the Corvair Society of America on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at the Admiral Benbow Inn. Plans are underway by both our club and national to make this one of the best conventions yet. We have been advised to expect from 250 to 400 members. The national convention will be in July in Seattle and so this may help us draw more from the East. The real bonus for the convention may be our guest speaker. At the present time Mark Corbin, President of CORSA, is inviting Don Yenko of the Corvair Yenko Stinger fame to be our guest for the weekend. This will be his first appearance at a CORSA event.

Although not all things are firm yet, this is how our schedule of events is shaping up: Friday May 2nd, there will be registration and a hospitality party from 5pm until 2am. Saturday, registration will continue from 8am until 12noon. We will have a parts swap meet, NASCAR movies, and manufactures display from 8am to 3pm. At 12 noon a lime run will begin thru the city of Birmingham stopping at Vulcan and Arlington. From 6pm to 7pm we will have a poolside cocktail party. From 7pm to 9pm we will have a buffet dinner during which time we will present the rally trophies and guest speaker. From 9pm until ?? we will have a party with a live band.

Sunday, May 4th, we will proceed at 9am to the Alabama International Motor Speedway via a police escort. At about 12noon we will be announced as the guests of NASCAR and take a tour lap around the track in our Corvairs. Then we will go back to our specially roped off area and watch the running of the Winston 500. During this time we will hold a concours. All in all it should be a very good convention. A press release has been sent to the Communique and in that it says that the two main items that we are striving to perfect is the convention itself and the lowest possible prices.

There should not be a whole lot of work involved for us IF we all participate and work now on what we have to do. Each of you will be assigned a certain committee to work on. During the actual convention we will work on all aspects of the event together. Lee and Kathy Miller and James and Louise Ray are the ones so far who have decided to stay at the Admiral Benbow Inn during that weekend. All members may do so if you so desire. We as hosts have the pick of the rooms. Admiral Benbow Inn is brand new and located just off I-65 at the Oxmoor Exit. It is directly accross the street from the Rodeway Inn where our Christmas banquet will be.

Publicity wise we should look real good and at a small expense. The registration flyers will be sent to the Communique instead of being mailed individually. Our event will appear on various calenders such as Auto Week. NASCAR is going to put out a big press release for us plus a write-up with pictures in their official program. The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is supporting us. Upon receipt of a registration form here, they will mail out a brochure of Birmingham and a letter of welcome from Mayor Siebels. They will also be issuing press releases plus offer assistance to television stations should they wish to make on-the-scene reports. We will also call on several members to appear on various television programs and radio shows. There is no need to tell you what is going to happen to this club with all that publicity. You can be proud you are a member!!!!

RUMMAGE SALE??

It was discussed among the women members at our last meeting to have a rummage sale for our club, the proceeds of which would go toward our treasury. Alyce Godfrey was all for it claiming she had alot of junk Corvairs she'd like to contribute. Don Godfrey, her husband, gave his remarks about that matter and the conversation ended quickly...

HISTORY MAKING RACE NOVEMBER 3RD

Every year the Sports Car Club of America holds races for all types of cars including Corvairs. Several CORSA Club Corvairs have been running throughout the U.S. winning trophies and money and even setting new track records. At the end of every year the top cars in each division go to Atlanta to compete for the National Championship. This year there will be two Corvair Stingers! A Corvair has not won a National Championship since 1967. History may be made in 1974! Those of you who would like to group up and go over to cheer them on, call Lee Miller, 879-2814 or the Corvair Hotline, 798-4391. The particular race they will run in will be on Sunday, Nov. 3rd around 2pm and so a one day excursion can be undertaken. Road Atlanta is about one hour's drive north of Atlanta near Gainesville, Georgia. Tickets are \$6.00 per person for the day.

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to Richard Stolzmann and his wife. They are our latest members. They are presently building a house in Springville; must be nice. That runs our membership up to 29. We've also added eight names to our mailing list who inquired about our club. We hope to see them at our next meeting.

GOBLINS GAMBOL OCTOBER 26TH

Our next event, the Goblins Gambol rally/dinner/party will be held Saturday night, Oct. 26th. Because there is a meal to be planned for this affair all reservations must be in by the Oct. 20th meeting. Also, due to the time, effort and expense involved, the lime run will be cancelled should there be less than ten entries. This should be alot of fun and so try to make it if you can.

CHECK YOUR HEATER HOSE

At our last rally, Butch Baldone suffered damage to his Corvair when it caught fire. Although it could not be determined definitely, it appeared that the fire was caused by his heater hose touching the starter wires. It has been brought to our attention that many Corvair owners have had problems of either shorted out starters, discharged batteries, or worse yet, fires: all caused by the heater hose occasionally hitting the wires. For a fool proof way of staying away from this problem, not only check your hose but coat the starter wire connections with a plastic sealant. This will also prevent them from vibrating loose.

BANQUET PLANS UNDERWAY

Our first annual Christmas Banquet is set for Friday, Dec. 13. 7:30pm at the Rodeway Inn. Besides the dinner there will be a party afterwards. Our guest speaker will be well known sports commentator Tommy Charles. Door prizes will be given away plus an award for the most outstanding member for 1974. Invitations will be mailed out forthcoming. Frank and Shelia Ranelli will be putting things together for this event.

CORVAIR HOTLINE GETS INTO PAPER

Below is an article which found its way into the Birmingham Post Herald's "Action Line". Needless to say it did bring many calls to our hotline, however quite a few were people who thought they could get gold for their garbage. They know better now though. By the way, we have close to 20 Corvairs in our hotline parts department so if you need anything, call.

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By Bill Mylius

Staff Writer

Action line

Corvair Hotline: For those who own the automobile which, along with Ralph Nader, brought the consumer movement to the headlines, there is now a hotline which offers help in obtaining parts and service. Formed by the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts—a chapter of the Corvair Society of America—the hotline also serves as an outlet for those wishing to sell parts, or a Corvair itself, at reasonable prices. If you have a Corvair and need help with repairs at reasonable fees, call the hotline at 798-4391. It's faster than Nader.

MEETING OCTOBER 20th

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be October 20th at the First National Southern Natural building downtown. For the benefit of our new members and prospective members, we hold a monthly meeting and, unless otherwise stated, will be the third Sunday of every month at 3pm at the above location. Everyone please try to make this meeting as we will discuss the convention as well as hopefully show some films on the 1974 CORSA national convention which was held this August. We want to take this opportunity to invite our prospective members to a meeting. As you may have noticed, we do not send out membership forms in the mail. The reason for this is that we want a strong club! A lot of members who do not participate are of no use to the club and so we feel that if you are interested enough in our organization you will want to come down and take a look at us and then join.

Our membership dues work like this: National membership is \$8.00 per person or \$9.00 for family for one year beginning when you join. Local dues are \$4.00 per person or \$5.00 for family for one year beginning in January. Our dues are prorated so if you join now it will cost you \$2.00 or \$2.50 for family. What all this means is if you join at our club meeting October 20th, you will need a check made out to the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts for the amount of \$10.00 for yourself or \$11.50 if your wife wishes to join also. And, we might add that the wives are not left out of this club.

SAVE YOUR TIRES???

The following article appeared in a recent copy of Car and Driver:

Scrap Futures

Hot Flash from the Scintillating Scrap Department: According to figures released by Goodyear, 8 million worn-out tires have the potential of yielding 15 million gallons of oil, 73 million pounds of carbon black and 2 million pounds of steel . . . in other words, enough material to build 2 million additional tires, including the energy necessary to produce them. And when you figure that as a nation we generate over 200 million scrap tires a year, the possibilities are almost endless . . . or is it tireless?

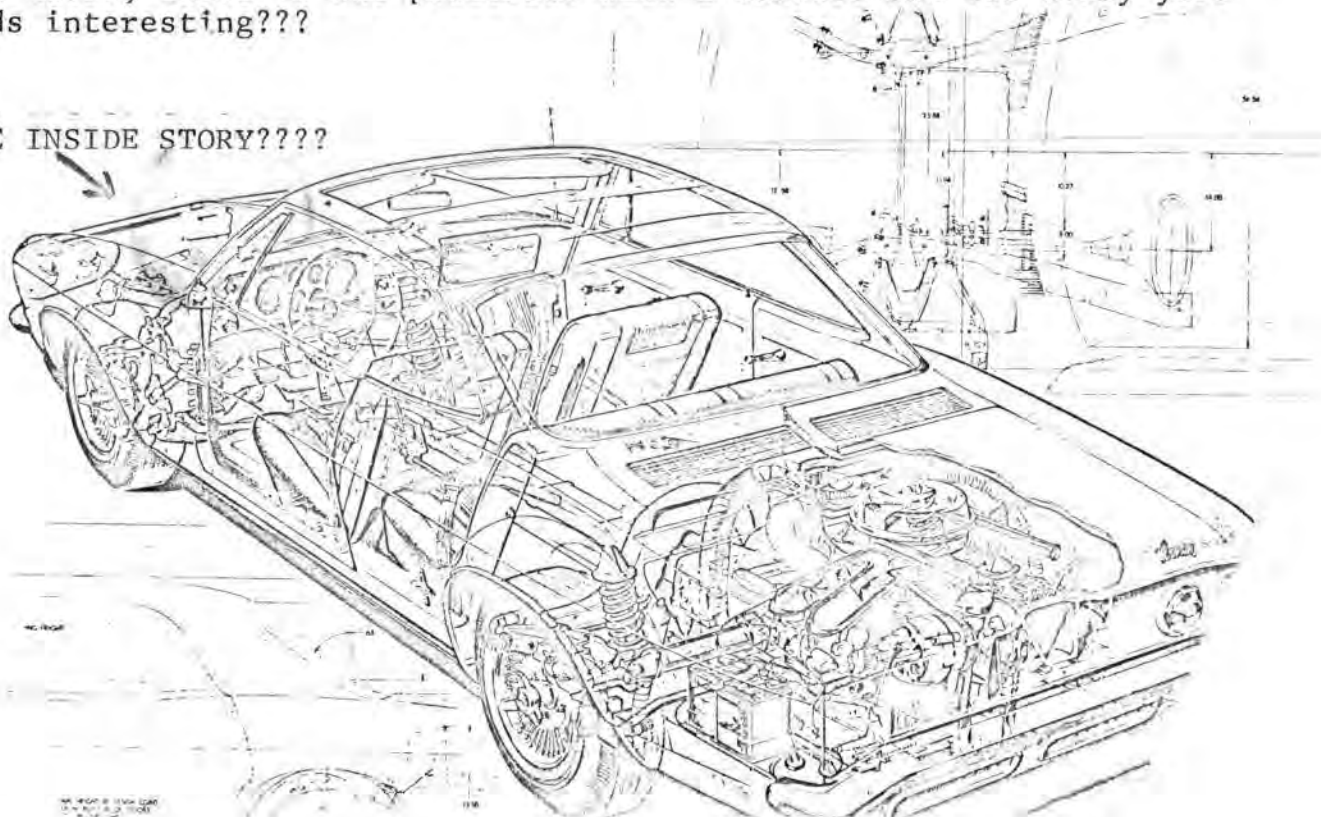
CORSA TO BE REPRESENTED AT CAR SHOWS

Our James Ray is, as most of you know, a professional car showman. His season begins in November and he will be displaying two or three Corvairs as well as the rest of his collection. Included will be his yellow convertible which won first place in the Southeast last year. We all wish you luck James during the 74-75 season. Needless to say, he is our convention concours chairman and presiding judge for next year. Fortunately for our visitors he will not be entering the event himself.

CLUB MAY HELP FORM NEW CLUB

The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts are working on the possibility of forming another CORSA Chapter in Alabama. We have been communicating with a Corvair enthusiast who is interested in our club. Since he is so far from us we suggest that he form his own organization in Auburn. Besides several other Corvair owners down there, there is one professor with a convertible for every year made. Sounds interesting???

IS THIS THE INSIDE STORY????



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Please excuse the small newsletter this month but everything seems to be happening at the same time. The Christmas invitations, convention registration forms, NASCAR press release and CORSA Communique press release had to all be made and ready to send out this month and so needless to say; time became valuable. We do however, want to let the members of this great club know about all the good things that are taking place around us. These items will be discussed in detail at our next meeting which is December 1st, 3pm, at the First National Southern Building, downtown Birmingham.

We now have our newest member: She joined us and the rest of the world on Nov. 9th, at 8:21am. Congradulations to David and Linda Bibby and also to their new 7lb 1oz daughter, Carissa Dawn Bibby. All are doing fine.

Speaking of new members, we've added some to our steadily growing club. Welcome aboard Johnie Hill, Dean and Carolyn Kock from Birmingham and also Charles Smith from Lacey Springs. It might be noted here that we now not only have 34 members but also 34 fine individuals who will all contribute to making this a super organization.

Our December 1st meeting is an important meeting and all should attend. This is our last meeting for 1974. It is also the last meeting for our "first" officers. Most importantly it is the meeting in which we will elect our 1975 slate of officers.

REMINDER: Our first Christmas banquet will be held on Dec. 13th, 7:30, at the Rodeway Inn. Hopefully everyone will attend. Please remember that confirmation of your reservation MUST be in by December 9th. No one will be admitted on the 13th unless they have already made reservations. Invitations have been mailed out and if anyone did not receive one but would like to attend, just call 879-2814. This is open to all members and visitors. Tommy Charles will be our speaker. It was decided at our last meeting that all members bring a gift costing not more than \$3.00 for someone of your own sex. Then numbers will be drawn and gifts will be exchanged on a "who in the hell brought this?" basis.

At our next meeting we will discuss the subject of decals for our club. It would really be nice to have some by the time the convention rolls around. Next time you see a van look at the back window. The newly formed Vulcan Van Club have sharp decals. We will probably have to think of a way to raise money for this since it will cost from \$100 to \$200 for the first 100 made. Ramage sale maybe?? Please bring your ideas and/or sketches to the meeting. We want people to know who we are!

The last subject of this newsletter is the most important; our convention. For a club that's only five months old "we've come along way baby". With a little work from all members we will present to the Corvaire Society of America, one of the best conventions yet. All plans are running very smoothly and everything really looks good. The two fantastic things that have happen to put us over the hump is that DON YENKO said that he would be "very pleased" to attend our convention, and Roy Buckner and Richard Kelly after all other chevrolet dealers gave us the thumbs down, have declared that they will give us \$500.00 for trophies!! The above plus NASCAR's great support and our own activities gives us the opportunity to really go at this convention in a first class manner.

You will find out, (if you don't already know it), that our convention as well as our club, has put Alabama on the map. People everywhere are talking about "that group from Alabama". As you will hear at the next meeting, James Ray and Bill Ennis spent a weekend in St. Petersburg talking to fellow CORSA members about us. You wouldn't believe it. Drexel Specher, noted designer and owner of the Modified Sportscars Inc. of Washington, D.C. called to say that he was planning on coming down and will probably be a speaker during the Mfg.'s display period. Dave Newell who just stepped down as CORSA president said he hopes to attend and he lives in California! So things look real good.

At our last meeting we asked that all members do one thing at the present time: To contact your favorite parts dealer and ask him to donate something to be given in his name as a door prize. Before you do this call James Ray, 798-4391 and advise him who you are contacting so that we don't have more than one person contacting the same place. We will find out how people are coming along at the next meeting.

