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The Christmas Banquet was a huge success by any standard. We had 40 people present, some great slides by Jim Black and guess who won the wood wheel?! Harold Hartline. There was talk that he sweet talked Sheila Ranelli who did the drawing, but no proof! The food was great, the people superb and the good time memorable. P. S. Grant and Mary Snead showed up so maybe we got them back. Let's hope so.

By the way, I have moved, along with the rest of my family. It's only five blocks from the old house and very easy to find. My new address is 731 Cherry Hill Drive, B'ham, Al. 35214. My phone number has not changed.

I have been asked to mention the flower fund. It's broke! Don't forget every member is supposed to donate a dollar to the fund during the month of his or her Birthday. Please try to remember.

Bobbie Floyd wants me to advise you on dues payments. Our club can no longer accept payments on national dues. Please mail them directly to Corsa. Club dues are still payable to Bobbie. Please pay these dues on time. We need the money to stay alive.

The meeting this month will be on the 20th. There will be no activity this month. The officers will get together this month to plan some activities. If you would like to participate please call me and I will inform you as to when and where. Your help and ideas will be welcomed.

TECH TIP

Recently my brother's heater fan motor went bad. I remember reading somewhere that a late model fan motor for a G. M. car would fit and blow about twice as fast. We got one out of a '73 Chevy. It bolted right in and really puts out some air. It's as fast on medium as the old fan was on high!

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'63 Greenbriar 3 speed. Drives anywhere \$750.00 631-3761

'67 Coupe 500 - 110 hp, auto, factory air, good shape \$550.00. call Don Godfrey 798-1446.



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Parts, Parts, Parts- Due to fact that it took five trips of full truck loads to clean out my garage when I moved, I need to sell some parts. Heads, cranks, cams, dashes, cowlings, lenses, almost anything. Call Frank Ranelli 785-4192 or 798-3787.

WHAT KIND ARE YOU? (Reprinted from Airhorn, Chicago, Ill. Newsletter)

Are you an Active Member - the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name be on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock?
Or do you just stay home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be one to just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick?
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?
Come out to the meeting, and help with hand and head.
Don't just be a member, take an active part instead.
Think this over, member, you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member? Do you really belong?



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ON THE NATIONAL FRONT! by Frank Ranelli

I'm going to try and condense all I've heard and read into a couple of paragraphs. There's something rotten in Denmark, and CORSA! There has been trouble for several months but I've been waiting for some real facts before trying to tell you about it. I've read so much on the subject that up until now, I didn't know exactly what to put in the 'Oil Drop. Here goes! Back sometime last fall our Treasurer, Bill Klotz started questioning some practices of Tony Fiore and Allen Martin. There was some question of missing dues to the sum of \$5-6,000. Also, Klotz started refusing to send Tony Fiore money to run his office without vouchers. He also asked to set up a checking account with two signatures, as rules have stated, but Allen said he wanted to put three on it; Fiore, Allen and Klotz. This would enable a check to be written as long as two people signed it. This would enable Allen and Fiore to write checks without Klotz's knowledge and he opposed the idea. Allen then accused Klotz of opening an account under false pretenses, of which the bank president denied. The feud continued between Klotz and Fiore. Klotz found no actual system for keeping our books. It was sort of an out of the pocket deal. Our budget runs about \$85,000. Klotz also noted that Corsa never filed for an I.R.S. tax exemption, which he felt was not exactly legal. In December, the Corsa board of Officers arranged for a conferece call. This was to be a telephone call where all the officers are tied into one line from all over the country. It cost Corsa close to \$2,000. It went on for about five hours. During this call it was voted and a motion passed to ask for Klotz's resignation. Klotz said he would resign only after a complete audit was performed by a C.P.A. and after filing for an I.R.S. exemption. The Board said no and for him to turn all monies over to a new treasurer which they would appoint. Klotz said no. He quoted the constitution as saying they could not oust him as they did. He later hired a lawyer to verify his point. Meanwhile, Fiore requested all dues be sent to him, a new computer program set up, and no more paying dues to local chapters. But Klotz still had the money and all records. His biggest gripe was that only the treasurer could collect and disperse funds, not the "Executive Secretary". Allen Martin accused Klotz also of hiring a C.P.A. who was a friend of his and who was in partnership with him to cover his tracks. The



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C.P.A. was from a firm picked at random out of the yellow pages. He had never met him before in his life. I have all the literature I have received from Klotz and the other clubs. You are welcome to read it. It appears to me that Klotz really just wants what is best for the club. He wants the books straightened out and to get all actions of the treasurer worked out. I believe that once he gets this done, he may resign. I received a note the other day that Tony Fiore has resigned as Executive Secretary. All this is sad because he is probably the one fellow who has worked the hardest for Corsa. They have tried to pass all of this off as a personality conflict, but it has to be more than that. Maybe next month the truth will finally come out. If it does, I'll let you know. I think that when you have as many members as we do and a budget as big as ours, it should be handled as a business and not as a club. It has been my feeling to operate our club as we want to and not be concerned with Corsa too much. Already a number of clubs have threatened to drop out of Corsa if these problems are not resolved. This would be sad. Let's hope this would fail to happen. We need a national organization!

ON TO BRIGHTER THINGS!

ACTIVITIES OF 1978! by Dave Sanders, Activities V.P.

This years activities should have something to appeal to everyone. The variety of events are geared to up club turnout. In the past, only a few have taken time to come out; this year we are hoping for a greater response.

This Years Events:

February: Car Show at B'ham-Jefferson Civic Center; Feb. 17,18,19.
March or April: Parade lap at B'ham International Raceway; exact dates will be stated in a later newsletter
May: Weekend trip to Huntsville Space Center; Saturday and Sunday
June: Annual meeting with Atlanta Club
July: Rally
August: Southeastern Swap Meet
October or November: Eastwood Mall Car Show
December: Annual Christmas Party

In Addition to these events, we have scheduled four tech sessions. The first will be given by Jim Black at our March meeting.. He will rebuild a turbo charger step by step. At



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our May meeting Payton Lawley will show us how to synchronize our carbs, something we all need to know. In July, I will show how to rebuild a head, and in September, Hatton Sanders will show how he rebuilds his engines.

In all I think this year will be better than ever before and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Dave Sanders
Activities Chairman

LADIES AUXILIARY: by Sheila Ranelli

At the officers meeting held at my home Dave Sanders brought out something I had not thought of. He suggested that the wives of the corvair husbands should form a ladies auxiliary. This way, when the husbands are working at the tech sessions, we could have something planned in advance for the ladies. I think we should elect a Chairperson! at the next meeting and pursue this idea. Please have suggestions ready and lots of support built up for February meeting. I already know that several of you women out there play bridge, needlepoint, crochet, bake bread, etc.!! Let's get together and have fun and learn something in the process.

Henry Snider has come up with an idea for your consideration. His family has started a picture album of his adventures in Corvairs. He has pictures of his cars and other cars at club events. He would like for everyone to maybe do as he has done. There are people in our club whom we may know only by sight. Also names on our roster, but no faces to associate with them. If everyone would take a picture of his family standing in front of his prize car, and get enough prints to swap with other members for their album, it would not only serve as a treasure, but also as a handy reference. Think about it.

Due to the Car Show falling on the same night as our meeting, some of our members will be requested to be there with their cars. The meeting will be kept brief. I hope all of our members will go to the show this year and lend us some support.



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Our clubs sympathy goes out to Jim, Bobbie, and Robert Floyd on the death of Jim's stepfather. Also, Bobbie has been ill in the hospital, but is doing quite well now. Let's remember them in our prayers.

TECH TIPS

A recent discovery of mine taught me that if you have the idea about buying a 140 compressor mount for your car, (be it a 110 or 140 horse engine) be sure it is of 1966 or later manufacturer. The mount will not bolt securely to a motor of earlier vintage. Also, only 66 140 carbs and linkage will work with the mount on a 140 engine.

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For Sale--

63 Greenbriar 80 HP 3 speed, excellent shape, drive anywhere,
\$750 Payton Lawley 631-3761.

67 500 Coupe 110 Auto. factory air, good shape \$550
Don Godfrey 798-1446

WANTED

65 or 66 4 door with factory air, Leo O. Hedley, 40 Maple Ave.,
Shalimar, Fl. 32579

P.S. I forgot to mention that I have received the 1978 ASCC and SCCA slalom schedules. First SCCA slalom will be held the third Sunday of March. The first ASCC slalom will be held on April 9, 1978. As far as I know, events will be held at the usual places. UAB parking lot at 4th Ave. and 12th Street South for SCCA. Century Plaza upper level parking lot for ASCC. If you don't care to run, it is great fun just to watch. Dave Sanders plans to run his racing buggy some with himself and Sam Ranelli doing the driving.



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Sorry about the goof! At the time of the printing of our last newsletter, it was our understanding that we were to be in the World of Wheels Car Show at the Civic Center Feb. 17, 18, and 19. There was some question about not having enough space, but anyone who visited the show might question this. I have decided that next year we will appoint a committee to assure us a spot in this show by starting work on it as early as October, 1978.

We NEED You!!!! Someone that is who would like to be treasurer of our club. Bobbie Floyd has resigned because of illness in her family. If you think you would like to hold this office, or if you have someone to nominate who you think will accept, please be prepared to do so at the next meeting. Do not take this matter lightly. Myself and Sheila are now holding the office of Pres. and Secretary and are also taking care of all duties of Treasurer, not to mention editor and typist of the Oil Drop. We are not complaining, but we do have a lot of members and think that someone could do a good job as Treasurer.

Don't miss the meeting this Friday night, March 17, 1978. Afterwards, we will have a tech session given by Jim Black on how to rebuild turbochargers. He will actually assemble a turbocharger. This should be of great interest to all of our members. Also, we need everyone there to participate in the election of a new Treasurer.

There are a couple of conventions coming up of particular interest. One is the national convention in San Diego, and also the Corvair Roundup in Dallas-Ft. Worth. This one is of particular interest to us because several members have shown an interest in going. Myself, Dean Koch and Don Godfrey are planning to make it. Jim Black and a few others have also said they would like to go. Anyone else who has a desire to go and maybe travel in a caravan, please contact one of us. The dates for this convention are May 25-28, 1978. Please see the add for each of these conventions at the end of this newsletter.



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Dave Sanders reports that he has found out that his buggy will be able to run on the asphalt track at Montgomery International Raceway. He is now installing a VW Fastback body on it in order to be legal. As far as we know, he will be the only Corvair powered vehicle running. His first race will be on April 1 and I am hoping to attend. Please try to attend and boost our only Corvair entry to victory. Also, Sam Ranelli has acquired my old dune buggy and has it running. He plans to try and turn it into a slalom winner. Club member Cuz Rollen plans to help with the project. First slalom of the year for ASCCA will be on April 16 at Sayre Speedway, a quarter-mile banked oval 20 minutes from Birmingham off 78 highway West.

Congratulations to Lee and Kathy Miller on the birth of their son. Congratulations also to Dean and Carolyn Koch on the birth of their son. Now if Sharon Black has a boy we will have three little Corvair mechanics.

Our activities V.P. has acquired the "t. Cheha lodge for our Birmingham/Atlanta meet. Our only problem is that we will have to take it in September. This will probably work out better because last year it was terribly hot and judging of the Concours entries was quite hard and tiring. The lodge will accomodate 50 people and we will have to discuss at a future meeting whether to take all the rooms for our club, or allow Atlanta a shot at some.

Plans are being made for our parade lap at BIR for the month of April. More on this later....

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64 Monza Conv. 110 Auto. rebuilt engine, new rear window, excellent interior, very good condition Butch Baldone 251-0844 or 822-9442.

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1978 CORSA CONVENTION REPORT by Marline Holloway

FUN THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO



Are you interested in golf, tennis, bicycling, swimming and surfing, or deep-sea fishing? Too much activity, you say? Well then, may we suggest art galleries and museums, the world's largest zoo, or a walk through old Spanish Missions? How about a scenic drive in your Corvair to North San Diego County to visit the wineries with their wine tasting rooms, vineyards and avocado and orange groves. Or how about a leisurely drive out on Point Loma with its historic lighthouse, offering a spectacular view from Mexico to the Los Angeles coastline.

Still not interested?? Well, how about a walking tour of San Diego's Old Town with its many antique shops and attractions or a visit down south to Mexico with its many shops and bazaars and colorful old-world charm.

As you can see, San Diego offers a wide variety of sights and activities for all. Plan now to arrange your vacation around San Diego's CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION, July 20-23, 1978.

Send now for your pre-registration information package by sending your return address and \$1.00 to cover postage and handling to:

The San Diego Corvair Club
P.O. Box 23172
San Diego, CA 92123
Attention: Registration Committee



May 25-28

DALLAS • FT. WORTH

Ask someone who has seen the Roundup information packet what he thinks of it. It is a trend setter. Get yours immediately so you can register early and gain points toward the Edward N. Cole Memorial Award. It is the super Texas-size overall trophy to be given for overall excellence in event participation at the Roundup. Get all of the details in the Roundup information packet. Send \$2.00 to:

(214)
234-3636

CORVAIR ROUNDUP
402 High Brook Dr.
Richardson,
Texas 75080



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(Pictured Left to Right) Frank Ranelli, Chief Mechanic; Dave Sanders, Owner and Ace Driver; Chester Braune, Racing Advisor. See accompanying story "On The Racing Front".

April's activity was a big success. We had 19 cars show for our Parade Lap around Birmingham International Raceway. Two of the cars were those of guests. We hope these fellow Corvair friends will become members. Afterwards, we all met at Ranelli's Deli. We hoisted many glasses of brew and whoofed down a few pizzas and sandwiches. It was truly a great evening.

CONVENTION PLANS

As you know the Corvair Roundup in Texas is this month. As a result Dave Sanders says no activity is planned. Myself, Dean Koch, Don Godfrey, Norman Rogers, Owen Miller and Hatton Sanders are planning to go. Myself, Don and Dean are planning to leave on the 25th. We have one space in the car available. Hatton Sanders also has room. If you think you may be interested in going, please let me know. Also if you are going and wish



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to drive in a group, please let me know.

DUES

Several members are behind in dues. We don't want to loose you, so please pay your dues. Local Dues are \$8.00 single membership, \$9.00 family membership. We are getting a lot of new members but loosing a lot of old ones. Lets get on the ball!

CORRESPONDENCE

I would ask that any and all club correspondence directed to the club or myself be sent either to P. O. Box 5771, Birmingham, Alabama 35209 or 731 Cherry Hill Drive, Birmingham, Al. 35214 Please do not send it to the address in the quarterly.

ON THE RACING FRONT

The Corvair powered Mini-Stocker of Dave Sanders is really doing well since our last newsletter. The new engine has stayed together and is running strong. Dave has finished second twice, third twice, and on May 12th took FIRST. The competition has really taken notice. They are building new engines and spending tons of money to try to stay ahead of the attacking Corvair. Dave is not sitting on his laurels either. He has some new tires ordered and is putting on a set of trick heads. If you want to see some great racing, come to Montgomery International Raceway any Saturday night at 8:00 P.M.

SUPER FIND

Yes, they are still out there. Jim Floyd recently went out to look at a Corvair. A fellow called and said the car had a blown engine. When Jim got there it was a '66 Monza Convertible 140 Auto with Factory Air. The car was in super shape other than the engine. After a little dealing, he bought the car for \$350, so you see there is still hope for all of us.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Air conditioning was a planned option for the '62 Greenbriar. It was option #FOA 136. Unfortunately, it was dropped Dec. 31, 1961. Also, front cross member in '68 and '69 model cars are prone to rust due to a poor grade of steel G.M. used. After many complaints, G.M. made 300 more replacements to please these owners.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

No, I don't want your money, but I would still like to have some other members contribute some articles to the OIL DROP. Any interesting story or tech tip would be greatly appreciated. It gets to be quite difficult to find new materials month after month. You may turn these articles in to me at the meeting or drop them in the mail to our P. O. Box any time before the tenth of the month.

STILL A CHAMP!

Ray Coffee recently purchased a new Oldsmobile Omega with a V-6 engine. He says its really a shame to pay that kind of money for a '78 and have a '66 Corvair that could out run it hands down. Now that's progress!!

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'63 Spyder Coupe, Complete and Runs, Turbo not boosting \$450. For information call Jeff Horton 878-1937 long distance.

Tires - four Firestone 195 R70-13 RWL Steel Radial 500's less than 4,000 miles. \$120 complete with four radial tubes.
Don Godfrey 798-1446

PARTS, PARTS, PARTS- Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-4192



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June, 1978

Summer vacation is here and lots of good sun for going out in our Corvairs. Truly great weather for those of us lucky enough to own a ragtop. The meeting this month is on Friday, June 16, and it's one you don't want to miss. We will be showing slides from the Corvair Roundup in Dallas. As you know myself, Dean Koch, Rick Ranelli, Norman Rogers and Hatton Sanders made the trip. There are some really nice photos of some nice machinery. Don't miss it!

Activity of the Month

On June 24 we will Corvair down to Montgomery International Speedway to cheer for Dave Sanders in his Corvair powered mini-stocker. Plans are to meet at Ivan Leonard Chevrolet in Hoover at 5:30 P.M. for the trip down. Please be advised that the races will be over at approximately 10 P.M. (that's if the limiteds don't try to end their race in the first turn). Arrival in Birmingham will be at 12:15 A.M. provided you don't stop for a bite to eat. We promise you an evening of exciting fun for the whole family. Let's try to make it.

On the Racing Front

Yep, it's broke again! Thanks to Cuz Roland and Hatton Sanders we got the fan belt problem fixed, but the engine went out. It had a case of bearing failure so a total rebuild is on the bill of fare. Seems we didn't get all of the aluminum shavings out of the block the first time it blew. The car will be ready next week. By the way, we will also be running at Sayre Speedway on Thursday nights starting June 22nd. It's only a 20 minute ride up Highway 78 West. Try to come out and support our efforts.

Just Plain Fun

by Frank Ranelli

I recently went 1350 miles in a Corvair in only 3 days! I have only one thing to say, it was great. I notice a lot of people in our club wouldn't drive their Corvairs to Montgomery, much less to Dallas, Texas. Now I know you think I did all kind of prevention maintenance before leaving, but you are wrong. The only thing I did was change the oil, check the tires, wash it and gased up! Then I drove! I had two problems on the trip. One a tire went bad, and two I developed a small oil leak (really it was there before I left!) around the seal behind the Harmonic Balancer. It used two quarts of oil. Other than that it was just smooth driving all the way. We averaged 22 miles per gallon round trip and we stayed in the seventy to eighty miles per hour bracket. The moral- Just get out and drive your car on the highway just as you do in



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the city.

You Never Know

On my trip to the convention I had a tire go bad. It was a Charlie Saab special (my name for his take off tires) and also a Firestone Steel Radial 500, you know, the ones they are having all the trouble with. We put my 13" spare on the left front (I run 14" tires) and was worried about how the car would ride, but you really couldn't tell any difference! Once in Texas, I looked in the phone book for a take off dealer and found one. He didn't have Firestone tires and told me to call another dealer. When we got there he couldn't help either, so he sent me to yet another place. When we got there, the guy asked what he could do for me and I told him. He then noticed the tag on Hatton's wagon. He said he grew up in B'ham and was really glad to talk to us. After looking around we found a tire just like mine with better tread. He sold it to me mounted and balanced for \$20.00. So you never know where you'll find those Alabama boys!

RACING FROM A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW by Sheila Ranelli

Let me first say, in the beginning I was very skeptical and disinterested in the whole racing situation. And then, two races and I am hooked! I even find myself interested in the mechanical part of racing. I find myself asking about the car and what Frank and Dave will do the next week to make the car a little better. I am learning about Corvair engines and what it takes to make them operate. This has helped on the home front, because what does Frank Ranelli like to talk about more than Corvairs?!!

Seriously, women and men in our club would really enjoy watching a Corvair powered mini-stocker out there making time around the track against several VW's. And the funniest part of all is when the engine is really running strong and you overhear a couple of bug drivers remark "if he ever gets that thing to handle"!!!

If you want a good time on any Saturday night, take a couple of hours and drive to Montgomery. You will be very proud of a little white car with a big #1. Take it from a skeptical, disinterested woman, it is the best!! Oh, by the way, if you're sitting in the stands and you are having trouble seeing how the race is coming out, Just look for a wild screaming lady in the pits, she'll give you some clues!!



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Tech Tip

Recently, I discovered a new and easier way to clean shrouds. Take them down to your local machine shop and have him put them in his chemical tank. This will clean all paint and grease from the shrouds as well as, devour any rubber parts. They will come out shining and clean. Just hose them down, wipe them, prime and paint.

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'63 Greenbriar 80 horse 3 speed. Excellent condition. Drive anywhere. \$650 or trade for '64 Auto Coupe in good condition Call Payton Lawley 631-3761.

'63 Monza 4 door factory air. Very good condition. Pat Rooney 956-0609

'63 Monza Conv. New Top Auto. Very good condition. Dean Koch 942-6235

The V.C.E. ambassadors smoked into Dallas at approximately 5 p.m. Friday and the Ranelli luck held again. We were able to find economical rooms nearby at the Value Inn. As luck would have it, the TV in the room didn't work so we were moved into a kitchenette suite at no extra charge. Things were off to a fine start. Roundup headquarters were located at the Inn of the Six Flags. As we arrived, the group was just leaving for the tour of the General Motors Assembly Plant. Hatton Sanders reported it as very interesting as the machine was completely built right before your eyes. G. M. builds Monte Carlo's, Olds Cutlass, and ElCamino's on the same assembly line by the way.

At approximately 8 p.m., the famous "Untechnical Session" began before a capacity audience. These two gentlemen were hard charging and direct. I'm confident their reputations were unapproachable! They delightfully went thru a junk box recounting with glee how each owner had created the masterpieces within. Items such as broken motor mounts, welded harmonic balancers, bent push rods, and cracked pistons brought cheers and howls from those with keen insight in the audience. Rare new hard to find parts were given out along with the debris. It was an enjoyable session as well as informative. I hope we can repeat it at an upcoming club meeting in a slightly different flavor.

Immediately following, we toured the vendor room where new Corvair parts and literature were on sale. NOTE - Four (4) spinners only for late wire hub caps now go for \$125! Bargains were available and I for one am glad there are folks willing to earn their living hunting up those rare parts for us. A cool Coors nightcap finished off the day 650 miles from home.

Saturday's sunrise brought the swap meet and preparations for concours (or was it Coors?) A modestly sized parking area was filled with air conditioners, 140 hp heads, body parts and entire cars (including a midengine job). As can be imagined prices followed the sun (high in the morning and down as the sun began to set). Norman Rodger's Spyder Tags were unique and created a lot of interest. Norman finally found himself a 1960 Monza Coupe after about four years. Oh yes! There was a very interesting Oldsmobile powered Corvair pickup in the swap area complete with four (4) extra gallons of coolant in the front seat.

Saturday afternoon brought out a lot of interesting bodies to be looked upon. The concours entries were few but the quality was high. Most unique were the three Yenko Stingers. They're just awesome. I even get goosebumps listening to them roar. The group from Atlanta entered some sharp cars which we are looking forward to seeing in September at Cheaha.

Sunday A.M., the autocross was held at the Police Driving Academy. Hatton Sanders attended and reported that the approximately 15 cars put on a good show. Oddly enough, the Stingers were outclassed by the drivers of non-Stingers!

All in all, the convention was very enjoyable and the Texas weather and hospitality was fine. I would estimate a little over two hundred persons were in attendance. The North Texas club worked hard on preparation and execution and it was obvious. The advance publicity was abundant and I can only attribute the modest attendance to the fact that there was a convention in Houston last year.



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Let's start this month's newsletter on a serious note. Dues! Why have so many people forgotten to pay their dues, or is it they don't want to? I hope it is not a case of not wanting to renew membership. So many of our members don't come to any meetings or activities, but did always pay their dues. This is fine too. Some people just want to be contacted with a club, but don't want to associate in outings. Others want both. I'm just afraid we have a lot of people loosing interest altogether. I hate to see it come to this. Please check and see if your dues are behind. If you don't know your anniversary date, call Hatton Sanders 663-0184 or Sheila Ranelli 798-3787. You may also look at your club roster, it should be there. We have been putting a reminder on the newsletter, but I'm not sure it's doing any good.

Night at the Races

VCE's night at the races was great. Dave's car only finished fourth in the feature (not bad in an eleven car field). We made some last minute suspension changes and the fact that the engine was fresh had a lot to do with it. We had nine corvairs show up. We had two parade laps and the announcer really talked it up. They really liked the cars too. Bobby Allison, Donnie Allison and Neil Bonnet were on had also that night, along with the usual local hot dogs. What a bargain for free!!

Cheha 78

It's coming!! BE READY!!!! Don't plan anything for September 16 and 17. The second annual Vulcan Corvair-Corvair Atlanta joint meet and micro-mini convention will be held. This year it will be better than ever. Not only will we have our mini-concours, but also a parts swap meet. So clean up your car and dig out those tradeable parts. As you know, we have reserved the lodge for Saturday night the 16th. Reservations for the 25 available room will be taken on a first come first serve basis at the July 21 meeting. Rooms will be \$6.00 each, payable in advance. Make plans to attend.



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ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

A trip to Huntsville to the Space Center is planned for Sunday, July 30. Departure will be at 10:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn Civic Center. Dave Sanders has called ahead and gotten groups rates which will entitle us to a discount on admission. Please try to attend.

TECH TIP

Grant Snead recently told me of a great tech tip. When putting new bushings into that worn out shift linkage of yours, Grant suggests using 3/4 inch copper tubing. Cut in 1 inch lengths and then cut long ways. Slip into each end of shifter tube and replace shift linkage. Works great!! Thanks Grant!

Interesting note! Ever wonder why when you go out and buy a new Corvair battery, the posts end up on the wrong side! This is because on a 60 model the battery was on the right side of the engine compartment and in 61 and later, it was on the left. Rather than have an odd ball battery for the 60's, Delco decided to keep the same battery for all years.

Jim Floyd would like to know how many 140 air conditioned Conv. were built. Anyone having information may call him at 923-7968.

CLASSIFIED

'65 Corvair 4 door completely customized by James Ray of Birmingham, Alabama. Previously owned and shown by him. 4 shows, 4 firsts. Trophies plus electric turntable included. Reason for selling! due to health problems, I am not able to show this little beauty known as the Sweet Thing. Ready to be shown off. Car is 110 4 speed Corsa dash electric doors mag wheels in perfect condition. Dr. R. F. Williford, 1537 Woodward Dr., Gullman, Al. 734-9325.



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'60 model 4 door 80 horse automatic. New Paint, Gas heater.
Very good condition. \$550 Frank Ranelli 798-3787

Payton Lawley needs set of red interior for 62 Coupe. 631-3761

MT. CHEHA CONCOURS CHAIRMAN is Jim Black. Anyone interested in
entering a car in the Concours September 17 should contact him.

63 Monza Spyder 900 Convertible Turbo-charge 4 speed--not running
62 Conv. Parts Car, 4 speed, not running
65 4 door sedan, automatic, Parts car, not running
Make me an offer on these cars. Royce Lambert 755-0922-Clanton



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August , 1978

As we hit the middle of August, I realize that summer is almost gone. It seems hard to believe but the kids have to be back to school so early it really cuts the season short. The V.C.E. had a great summer outing at the Space Center in Huntsville. What a bargain! For only a buck seventy-five we got in the space museum, got to ride all of the rides and saw all the demonstrations. We even got to go on a bus tour of the Marshall Space Flight Center where we saw both Skylab and the space Shuttle Enterprise. What a day! We had eleven cars present with plenty of folks and a picnic in the park. Hats off to Dave Sanders.

ON THE RACING FRONT

Racing season is over and in a way I'm glad! It was somewhat disappointing but then for two first timers it wasn't really too bad. A rules change for next season will require us to run stock. Only a roll bar, welded doors and the removal of glass is required. Even street tires will be required. We have a 65 Corsa to campaign. This change should be much to our favor and we are looking forward to being in the winner's circle much more after next year.

Cheha is Coming

Due to the full page ad for Cheha at the end of the newsletter, I only want to say that deadline for room reservations is August 18. After this date any leftover rooms will be offered to Corvair Atlanta members. Also, don't forget the concours. Jim Black is Chairman, I want all of you to make a big effort to insure this outing's success. Let's dig out those unneeded parts for the swap meet. As a result of Cheha no activity will be held for August. Please try to attend.

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'65 Corsa-180 Turbo Coupe, Fresh motor, clutch, transaxle, shocks, paint, tires, battery, tinted glass. Very, Very good. Frank Ranelli 785-4192 or 798-3787

'60 4 door auto, new paint, very good shape. Drive anywhere \$550.00 Frank Ranelli.



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The Second Annual Vulcan Corvair--Corvair Atlanta Joint
Meet at Mt. Cheha State Park! SEPTEMBER 16-17, 1978!!!!!!

This is our great Micro-Mini Convention with Mini-Concours
and Southeast Swap Meet. Swimming, Hiking, Tanning and
lots of CORVAIRS. All Corvair Enthusiasts Welcome.
Mt. Cheha is located off I-20 near Anniston, Alabama.
Motel rooms available close by.

Joint Meet Chairman
Frank Ranelli
205-798-3787

Concours Chairman
Jim Black
205-822-5933

Swap Meet Chairman
Dave Sanders
205-798-3982

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CHEHA 78

Time is getting close, only a couple of weeks left until the big event. All of the rooms are rented. We only have six beds left for men only in the upper room. Cost is \$4.00 per bed. My family and Dave Sanders went up to Mt. Cheha to look the place over. The lodge is really great. This could be the best event we've ever put on for our members. If you wanted a room, but didn't get one, you might still be able to rent a room at the Mt. Cheha Motel. If you would like, you might call 488-5115 at Mt. Cheha to check availability.

Don't forget, the club will put on a Hotdog and Hamburger feed Saturday night at sundown. Myself and Dave Sanders will be doing the cooking. It's all free, so just come hungry. We'll have beans, chips, and cokes, too!

Since we can't move into the lodge before 1:00 Saturday, we have moved up the departure time to 11:00 A.M. Saturday, September 16th at Eastwood Mall. We hope to pull out sharply at 11:00, so try to be prompt. Don't miss our next meeting which is September 15th at 7:30 P.M.

P.S. The correct name for the lodge is The Bald Rock Lodge. It is to your right as you enter Mt. Cheha Park, on the very top of the mountain.

CONCOURS AND SWAP MEET

Jim Black, our Concours Chariman, has decided on a Peoples Choice concours. That is, it will be decided by peoples vote only. This will give more people a better chance. There will be classes for early, late, etc. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Let's all try to compete.

Don't forget the parts swap meet. I have bragged to Atlanta so don't let me down. Dig out those unwanted parts and bring them on up. Someone may have something you want. There are some tables in the dining hall, but you may want to bring a card table or just work out of your car.



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MEALS SUNDAY

Just a word about meals. There is a fully equipped kitchen at the lodge for our use. You can cook there Saturday or Sunday or you may eat at the Restuarant. Any food left over from Saturday will be cooked Sunday. First come, First serve. There is plenty of refrigerator space, also. Special Note: All LINENS ARE PROVIDED.

Dues Due !!

As decided at the July meeting we will now publish the names of those people whose dues are due, past due and those who are dropped every month.

Dues Due: Donald Ferguson, Matt Kirk, Wayne Lilley, Owen Miller, Grant Snead, L. M. Stewart

Dues Past Due: Dave Holder, Kelly Hyche, Moody Jacobs, Lee Miller, Norman Rogers,

Dropped from Roster: Ronald Davis, R. W. Moore,

Spyder is Coming!!

Ray Coffee says the Spyder is coming so don't get bit!!!

Jim Black has painted and refurbished his '65 Monza Coupe for Cheha!!

Dean Koch broke down and painted a Corvair. That is he had it painted. This is a first for Dean as far as I know since he started buying the things. So, he'll have a pretty car at Cheha too!!

Corviars in Print

Old Car News did a two page article on the Corsa Convention in San Diego, Cal. It appeared in the August 29th issue. It had a full page of pictures that included a seven door Lakewood used as an Airport Lemo.

The Perfect Corvair

Frank Ranelli has found his. It is a 1966 Corsa Coupe with factory air. The original bill of sale shows it is equipped



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with positraction, extra heavy duty suspension, quick steering, tinted glass, four speed and deluxe air. It's just about the way he would have ordered it. Look for it soon.

On The Racing Front

This will be the last in our series on this subject for the year. The season's over and Dave Sanders is building a new car for next year. It will be all Corvair based on a '65 Corsa Coupe! Dave and Frank want to thank you for your support all year.

SUNDAY DEPARTURE FOR CHEHA

People wishing to come to Mt. Cheha on Sunday, Sept. 17, be advised that you should meet at Eastwood Mall at 8:30 A.M. Sunday morning. Call Alyce Godfrey at 798-1446 for any other details.

CORSA CONVENTION

Craig Klotz of New Orleans left some info on the convention with the Houston Club. Swap meet items: 140 head, no valves, no guides, no springs \$250; Telescopic Wheel \$400; Spinner Caps \$225. Sounds like gold in those garages! WOW!

CLASSIFIED

'65 Corsa 180 turbo charge coupe. Fresh engine, flywheel, clutch, transaxle, shocks, tires, battery, brakes, paint. FAST very, very good. Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-4192 \$1895

Please forgive misspelled words and bad typing. It's past my bedtime!

Frank



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October, 1978

CHEHA '78! Simply great! I don't believe anyone had a bad time. I heard nothing but good things from everyone who attended! Attendance for overnight was 47, for the whole event close to 75. Only had a few from Atlanta though. Bob Myracle, new President of the Atlanta club brought his family Saturday. Two more cars showed up Sunday. Swap meet was interesting and a lot of people said we should do it more often. I saw some members needed parts and green stuff changed hands. Before leaving we reserved two days in October of 1979, the 12th and 13th. Hats off to Dave Sanders!!

The people's choice concours was a huge success thanks to Jim Black. First place Late model went to Louise Hartline, with a tie for second between Jim Black and Dr. Woody Jacobs. Early model first place went to Donald Ferguson and second to Norman Rogers. Thanks again Jim!!

October meeting

The meeting this month is on the 20th and its an important one. We will be selecting a nominating committee and also accepting nominations from the floor for next years officers. If you want to be on the committee, please speak up. Also, if you have a nomination, please speak up. We need to have some opposition for the spaces and not shoe in a new slate unopposed. Please give this some thought before the meeting and try to attend.

Christmas Banquet

The date is Wed., December 20th. This date should be left open, and please try to attend. It will be at Leo's Seafood Rest. again. We will have our usual Member of the Year Award, Year End Review by Black and Hartline, as well as initiation of new officers. Good drinks and fine food. Be There!!

Tech Session

In November I will conduct a tech session on stripping a car for painting. The project will be on Sheila's '63 Spyder convertible. (Yes, I'm finally going to restore it.) Exact time will be given later. If interested, please keep it in mind.



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We feel great sympathy for Jim Floyd's family on the death of his mother.

CLASSIFIEDS

'64 Monza Convertible, 110 4 speed. Triple white. Good condition
\$650.00 Dean Koch 942-1393.

DUES DUE

Jeff Horton
Frank Thompson
Harold Treasure

PAST DUE

Matt Kirk,
L. M. Stewart

BEING DROPPED FROM THE MAILING LIST

Dave Holder
Kalley Hyche
Moody Jacobs
Lee Miller
Norman Rogers

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald R. Wright
3516 Madison Ave.
Gadsden, Al. 35904
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IMPORTANT MEETING

Please try to attend this month's meeting on November 17. It will be a very important one. We will hold elections for our new officers. Already nominated are Jim Black, President; Dean Koch and Ben McCracken for membership V.P. (Dean was nominated for Activities VP, but he asked to be switched); Donald Ferguson for Activities V.P., Bobby Floyd for Treasurer, and Alyce Godfrey for Secretary. Nominations will be taken from the floor once more before voting takes place. Remember if you would like to run for office or nominate someone else, please do so. Also, please be at the meeting to vote.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Plans are now in the final stages. Looks like the meal will either be Prime Rib or Seafood latter. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Set ups will be included. We need to discuss whether or not to approve money to be used for door prizes or maybe get some donated. Let's try to be at the meeting to decide this. The date once again is Dec. 20 at 7:30 P.M. at Leo's Seafood Rest.

EDITOR NEEDED

After much discussion, it was decided at the last meeting that we need an editor for the Oil Drop. This does not mean you have to write all the articles in the newsletter or lay it out and get it typed or to the printer. It might take 8 hours a month. If you think you might like to do it, please let me know. Another idea Sheila has is to appoint club members at each meeting each month to contribute an article to the next months newsletter. This way no one is responsible all the time for coming up with ideas and articles. This will make the newsletter more interesting and if everyone will do their part, it will work out just great.

WORLD OF WHEELS CAR SHOW

The World of Wheels Car Show will be here in February '79. It will be vital that we start on this now if we want to make sure we get in. If you would like to show your car, or just



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help. We need a Chairman to head this project. It is our best form of recruiting new members. Give it some thought.

NEW MEMBER

Let's welcome new member Tom Wynan. He has a '65 Monza Coupe.

TECH SESSION

Sorry folks, but I'm going to have to put my tech session off until Dec. (Forty lashes I know). I have been in the process of getting my '66 Corsa running and I'm just covered up with work. I promise I'll have it in December.

DUES DUE

This system really works. We collected a lot of Dues last month.

Dues Due

Butch Baldone, Jim Black, Jim Floyd, Dean Koch, Hoyt McClellan, Dave McGuire, Cuz Hollan, Pat Rooney, Floyd Snider, Richard Stolzman, Dr. Robert Williford.

Past Due

Harold Treasure

Being Dropped

Matt Kirk

TECH TIPS

If you are rebuilding your engine, be sure you don't try to put a 140-145 cubic inch cam shaft in a 164 C.I. engine. The rods won't clear the wide holes on the short stroke cam. This is what happened to the engine that was in my Corsa.

Grant Snead advises that if you'll soak your accelerator pumps in Armorall they will work just as good as new. That Grant always has a way to save a buck.

Payton Lawley advises that if you want to use one of the high volume fans out of an air conditioned car, be sure you have an alternator. He says the generator just won't carry it. He's an aircraft electrician and knows his stuff.



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If you are having trouble finding shocks for your early model corvair, the following are the same and will work perfectly. All of these are front shocks and work on all four covers on a Vair.

63-75 Corvette-Front
55-57 Chevrolet-Front
69-70 Olds-Front except Toronado
57-64 Ford Front
58-60 Edsel-Front
57-59 Ford-Front Ranchero
59-60 T-Bird-Front

Courtesy of Walt Moore, West Penn. Corvair Club

Corvair Houston says the best belt for the Corvair is the Gates belt. They have proven to last the longest in members cars. Also, they have a chemist in the club who says after testing, the 20 W 50 motor oil is best suited for our air-cooled wonders. They've been using it for the better part of 5 years.

CLASSIFIED

65 Monza Coupe, 110-4 speed, runs good but smokes, Chevelle bucket seats, tach, 14" wheels on back, body fair, needs transaxle. Great parts car or could be made into good running around car. Has new clutch, Selling for Charges due on repairs \$150 Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-4192

Want to trade 65 telescopic wood wheel for 66 telescopic wood wheel. Willing to trade only. might be willing to trade for complete wood wheel assembly and some cash or other rare accessories. Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-4192

PARTS, PARTS, PARTS. Please help me. My basement is filling up. Shrouds, blocks, cams, carbs, heads, transaxles, starters, generators, alternators, wiring harnesses, glass, almost everything. Corsa dashes. Don Godfrey 798-1446 or Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-41920

64 Monza Coupe, as close to new as possible. Every component either rebuilt or replaced. 110 Auto, factory air, radials, new



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motor, transaxle, brakes, shocks, springs, carpets, paint,
Excellent Shape \$2895 Hatton Sanders 663-0184

'76 Suzuki RE-5 Motor Cycle. Rotary Powered, 9000 miles,
new tires, Perfect Shape. Black. Very smooth, no vibration.
Took in trade on Corvair. \$995.00 Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-4192



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December, 1978

Holiday greetings to all! It's the Christmas season again. Let's try to finish off the year at the Annual Christmas Banquet. It will be held at Leo's Seafood Restaurant on December 20th at 7:30 P.M. Happy Hour will be from 7:30 until 8:15. Dinner will follow. Menu choices are Seafood Platter and Top Sirloin steak (sorry about the mistake at last meeting over the prime rib.) Cost will be \$11.00 per person and all are asked to bring a gag gift (almost anything, worn car parts, ect.) There will be a door prize for the men and ladies. Set ups will be provided. BYOB!!! Let's all try to attend. This will take the place of our regular monthly meeting! Call Alyce Godfrey to make reservations at 798-1446. Payment for the banquet will be made at the door.

NEW OFFICERS

As decided at the last meeting we have a new slate of officers:

Jim Black President
Ben McCrackin Membership Vice President and Club Correspondent
Donald Ferguson Activities Vice President
Bobbi Floyd Treasurer
Alyce Godfrey Secretary

We also have an Editor for our newsletter. Dean Koch has accepted the post. Any items for the newsletter should be sent to him through our post office box or call 942-1393. We have a good slate here and the new year looks very promising.

DUES DUE

Payton Lawley
Ben McCrackin
Henry Snider

BEING DROPPED

Matt Kurke

PAST DUE

Dr. Robert Willerford
Harold B. Treasure
Richard Stolzmann
Floyd Snider
Vernon Rollan
Pat Rooney
Boyt McClellon
David McGuire
Butch Baldone



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DUES CONT'D

Once again let me try to explain the dues system. Corsa will no longer accept payment of local chapter dues. The notice you receive from Corsa is for national dues. Vulcan Corvair dues are payable to VCE only and are \$8.00 for single membership and \$9.00 for family.

WORLD OF WHEELS CAR SHOW

Harold Hartline is the Chairman of this project. He will be contacting the promoter and trying to get us in. If you would be interested in showing your car, contact Harold at 491-5253.

THE OIL DROP

Starting next month the newsletter will be handled by Dean Koch. I have taken care of it for the last two years and I named it the "Oil Drop". This was never voted on by the club. It will be up to Dean whether or not to continue to call it that. I plan to write a series of articles for the newsletter about club members and their cars. Also, tech tips and whatever. I hope you will support our new Editor and help write a few also!!

IN CLOSING

This is my last newsletter and my last month of office. Let me say I enjoyed it and I appreciate all the people who gave me their support and help in planning activities and getting things done. Special thanks go to Jim Black whom I pledge my help and support to during his term. Special thanks also to Don Godfrey and the others who helped make Cheha a success the last two years.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A VERY HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

P.S. Special thanks to Sheila who fought my scribble to type these things the past two years. "You're Welcome"

Classified

'65 Monza Coupe, fair, needs transaxle, runs good but smokes.
Best Offer Frank Ranelli 798-3787 or 785-4192.



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San Diego Corvair Club would like to introduce you to their annual technical booklet, "Vair Tips". These booklets consist of technical tips for the serious restorer and for the persons that use their Corvairs daily. These booklets are printed on quality material with the cover in color. They are guaranteed to save you money, time and heartache. The 1974, 75, 76, and 77 issues are available now. Prices are as follows: \$2 each, \$7 for a set of four, or \$20 a dozen in any combination.

Make checks payable to: San Diego Corvair Club and mail to San Diego Corvair Club, P.O. Box 23172, San Diego, CA 92123, Attn. Vair Tips.

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