



# THE OIL DROP



P.O. Box 59071 - Birmingham, AL 35259-9071

JANUARY 1988

#### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1988:

President.....	Owen Miller (1-272-7085)
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Newsletter.....	Bill Andrews (663-5895)
Coffee Pot.....	Sheila Ranelli (798-3787)
Hospitality.....	Juanita Hathaway (833-5972)

#### NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, January 15, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Juanita Hathaway & Joyce Miller??

#### CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

February, 1988	World of Wheels Car Show
February 26-28, 1988	Corvair Lover's Holiday Navarre, Florida West Florida Corvair Club
April 15, 1988	!!@#\$%%&*****#\$\$^!@!!!!!!
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July 26-30, 1988	CORSA National Convention Asheville, North Carolina CORSA North Carolina

NOTE: Some of these are pretty far away, timewise; but, now is the time to start preparing and making plans. I plan on participating, with car, in at least two, attending a third, and I'll definitely send a contribution to a fourth.

If anyone is planning on buying carpets or a padded dash from Clark's and are unsure about the color, I'll bring their carpet and padded dash sample charts to the Jan meeting.

To make our newsletter worthwhile and informative to our members, we need input, i.e. technical articles, personal comments or experiences, or whatever! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE. -- Bill A.

GOING WITH OWEN

Greetings to you and yours in this the beginning of the New Year. I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration.

It seems that club membership and attendance at monthly meetings remained fairly constant during 1987 and we picked up a few new members. This is encouraging in that maybe we can build from here in 1988.

I would like to comment on the fact that our chapter has, over the past few years, become isolated in that we have not participated in other chapters' activities and we've been very limited in hosting activities that attract neighboring chapters. To do this it takes involvement on the part of the entire membership. I have personally always been in favor of a few (maybe three or four) well-planned activities as opposed to trying to have a monthly activity. Joyce and I are planning on attending, among others, the National Convention in Asheville, N.C. in August. We plan on going to Helen again also. I fully realize that we can't go everywhere but I do feel that we need to show support to other chapters' events whenever possible.

I encourage everyone to be present at our first meeting prepared to discuss the upcoming year and what we plan to accomplish. I know that I speak for every member with Thanks and Appreciation to Frank and Shelia Ranelli for hosting the Christmas Party in their home. For those who could not be there, we missed you and you missed a fine party. The food was delicious and the gift exchange was ... interesting. Bob Donley has made a New Year's resolution that I am going to have my car finished this year and I hope that you who have unfinished projects will be influenced by Bob's resolution.

See you all the 3rd Friday of January.

Best Wishes,

OWEN

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Do you know everyone that comes to the meetings? Can you give their first and last names and connect them to the correct faces? Neither can I! I've been a member of VCE for over a year now and it seems that at the meetings I'm always having to ask at least one person their name, etc. So, to help me out, I'd like to start a "monthly membership profile" in the newsletter. At each monthly meeting I'll ask someone to fill out a questionnaire about themselves for publication in the next monthly newsletter. I might even try to include a picture. In this way, I think we can become more attuned to who and what our membership is and in the end become a closer club. I'll even VOLUNTEER to go first!!

NAME: Bill Andrews

FAMILY:  
Wife - Jean  
Children - Billi Jean (12), Billy (10),  
Jason (7).

ADDRESS:  
708 Colonial Dr.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
663-5895

Occupation:  
MAJOR, U.S. Army - Medical Service Corps  
Sanitary/Environmental Engineer  
Presently graduate student at UAB  
pursuing PhD in Environmental Toxicology

CORVAIRS:  
63 Monza Cp, 102 hp, 4-sp.  
60 700 4-dr, 80 hp, auto.  
66 Monza 4-dr, 140 hp, auto.

COMMENTS:  
I try to do as much of my own work as I can, but I can't get too technical. In other words, I can tear anything down, clean it up, and, in most cases, put it back together again. Will it work? Sometimes! No painting or bodywork-yet! I drive Corvairs because I like their looks, the way they drive, and their overall concept/design. They're totally unique - each one has a personality. They're not just a stamped out vehicle that's different only in the plastic chrome trim or nameplate. Besides, they're a good conversation starter when you're trying to pick up a date.

FOR SALE:

Bill Andrews 663-5895

\* 66 Monza 4-dr, 140 hp, automatic, wonderbar(?) AM/FM, new O-rings, Sears battery, pts, plgs, condsr, wires, rotary cap, dist. cap, rebuild kits all four carbs. I need the \$1750 I've invested for the contribution I mentioned on the first page.

\* (2) 60 engines; (2) 62-63 chrome turbo intake manifolds; (4) 61 wheel covers; various other rare, hard-to-find pieces at GIVE-AWAY PRICES. Sell, trade, whatever! I need the space.

\* BATTERIES HATE COLD WEATHER  
by "Dave" Davis

I doubt that the premise in the title is news to any of our readers, but the seriousness of the problem may well be a surprise. As you probably know, the efficiency of an automotive lead-acid storage battery decreases as the battery gets colder. But we may tend to forget that, as temperatures drop, the engine also increases its resistance to being cranked, requiring the starter motor to deliver more cranking power as those temperatures drop. It's a sort of vicious circle.

Some figures published recently by Sears tell the story clearly:

<u>Temperature in degrees F</u>	<u>Battery efficiency</u>	<u>Power required by starter motor</u>
70	100%	100%
32	65%	155%
0	50%	210%

As the chart shows, at 0 degrees Fahrenheit your battery has to work more than four times as hard as it does at 70 degrees F.

Are your Corvair batteries, starting circuits, and engines ready for Old Man Winter?

\* (Borrowed From "VAIR MAIL" - Chesapeake CORVAIR Club, Nov 1987)



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Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Louise Hartline and Marie Drake

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\*\*\*\*\* NEWS FLASH \*\*\*\*\*

#### VCE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ALICE GODFRY AWARD

Congradulations to Jim Floyd, the 1987 recipient of the Annual Alice Godfrey Award given to the member who has been outstanding in his work for the club and in his support of the club President. Thanks Jim, for your dedication and service in helping to keep our CORVAIRS alive.

GOING WITH OWEN

It was great to see the good turnout for the January meeting. We hope that those who were absent will be able to attend in February.

We welcomed one new member, Richard Shepard of Prattville, and two visitors, John O'Neil and Ann Forest.

Its great to see that several members are already planning on trips to Navarre, Helen, and the National Association in July. I wrote to the Ashville, N.C., Chapter and received some brochures. Their responding letter lists several hotel/motels with daily rates. To avoid adding to our postage costs, I will make photo copies and bring them to the meeting. We are advised that full registration information will appear in a later issue of CORSA. (Hugh White, Pensacola, tells me that he has had several inquires from the folks up in Ashville concerning the Navarre trip. So, perhaps we will have a chance to meet and visit with them in Florida.)

We failed to secure volunteers for refreshments for the February meeting. Joyce and I will furnish them in February. Then, we can line up volunteers for future meetings.

Even though we are planning the aforementioned trips, we do need to be giving consideration to a Club outing for spring or early summer. Everyone give your suggestion to Charlie Drake so he can get ideas as to what the membership would like to do.

We need volunteers for tech topics in the upcoming meetings. All of you sharp mechanics be thinking of some unusual topics for these sessions.

See you all the 3rd Friday of February.

Best Wishes,

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1987 DUES ARE DUE  
\$15.00

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOURS  
PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING  
OR MAIL THEM TO ED KELLER  
2461 JANNEBO RD  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35216

## OUR MEMBERS

- Thanks to Sheila Ranelli for making the coffee and having it all set up for us at the Jan meeting even though she and Frank couldn't be with us.
- We hear that Bobbie Floyd was having some problems and was in the hospital for some tests. We hope everything is alright Bobbie; we send you our best wishes and our prayers.
- Curtis Hare tells us his friend Wilda Craig was getting over pneumonia. We hope you are feeling better Wilda and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.
- If anyone knows of any of our club members that are sick or in the hospital, please let Juanita Hathaway (833-5972) know so she can send a card or flowers.
- At our Jan meeting we had 29 men, women, boys, and girls present, including three new faces; Pat O'Neill, Ann Forest, and Richard Shepard, all of whom we wholeheartedly welcome to VCE. Not too bad a turnout, but we need to shake the rafters and get everybody out. If you know of someone who hasn't been seen at a meeting lately, give'em a call and remind them.

## FOR SALE:

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MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

NAME: Richard Shepard  
FAMILY: Wife - Barbara  
Children - Alan (3)  
ADDRESS: 112 Lori St.  
Prattville, AL 36067  
Occupation: Draftsman  
Metal Building Co.  
Montgomery, AL  
CORVAIRS: 64 Monza, 110, 4-sp  
62 Spyder Conv.  
COMMENTS: First Corvair was a 60 4-dr in 1964.  
Have had most models. Have been driving  
a 64 every day since 82. Have put about  
70,000 miles on Corvairs in the last 5  
years. Raced (autocross/time  
trials/hillclimb) 65, 180 Corsa in 67  
-68. Raced SCCA Formula C and Atlantic  
from 72 to 82 on westcoast. Ran with  
Rahal and K. Coagan.

FUDGE BROWNIE RING CAKE  
(JUANITA HATHAWAY)

1 pkg family size fudge brownie mix (approx 22 1/2 oz)  
1 pkg coconut almond or coconut pecan frosting mix  
(approx 9.9 oz)  
1 cup commercial sour cream  
2/3 cup milk  
2 eggs

In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Stir well. Pour batter  
into greased and floured 12 cup Bundt Pan. Bake 325° for 60-70  
minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan for 10-15 minutes;  
turn out on wire rack or serving plate to complete cooling.  
Sprinkle with confectioners sugar or serve with Cool Whip. This  
cake can be frozen.

## 1988 VCE ROSTER

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first name	last name	street	city	st	zip	phone
BILL & JEHN	ANDREWS	708 COLONIAL DR	ALABASTER	AL	35007	663-5895/000-0000
ALLEN & MARY	CRUMP	412 WINDSOR DR	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35209	879-6528/934-5176
BOB & ALICE	DONLEY	560 LAKEWOOD DR	MONTGOMERY	AL	36109	277-4308/284-7363
CHARLES & MARIE	DRAKE	RT 1 BOX 308	MORRIS	AL	35116	631-2121/000-0000
HOWARD & MARLYN	DRAKE	2054 HIGHLAND DR	GARDENDALE	AL	35071	631-7793/325-8035
FRANCIS	DRESSMAN	118 NORWOOD DR	GASDEN	AL	35901	442-5604/000-0000
ROY & ANN	DUTTON	1039 57th ST ENSLEY	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35228	000-0000/000-0000
ALLEN	FARR	1011 41st ST SOUTH	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35222	591-1709/251-2061
JIM & BOBBIE	FLOYD	800 BELLWOOD CIRCLE	FAIRFIELD	AL	35064	923-7968/000-0000
CURTIS	HARE	340 CARRIAGE DR	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35214	798-5957/000-0000
PHIL	HARTLINE	1566 APPLEGATE LANE	ALABASTER	AL	35007	664-8783/000-0000
HAROLD & LOUISE	HARTLINE	1920 LONGVIEW DR	HUEYTOWN	AL	35023	491-5253/325-7092
JOHN & JUANITA	HATHAWAY	812 CASTLEWOOD DR	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35206	833-5972/972-7568
BUCK	HINKLE	4142 TERRACE RD WEST	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35208	780-0549/000-0000
KELLY & ELIZABETH	HYCHE	2613 KINGWOOD RD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35226	822-0359/595-1131
JONATHAN	KEETON	3276 CHERRY AVE	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35214	674-3119/595-8331
ED	KELLER	2461 JANNEBO RD	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35216	823-5424/322-5431
BILL	KELLUM	6605 AVE K	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35228	923-6983/323-7785
JOHNNY & ANNA	LAIRD	1013 DELANEY DR	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35214	000-0000/000-0000
JOHN	LANKFORD	2924 MUNTE DESTE DR	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35216	979-9553/822-7100
WAYNE	LILLY	7990 RIVER RD	DORA	AL	35062	000-0000/000-0000
OWEN & JOYCE	MILLER	501 AVONDALE RD	MONTGOMERY	AL	36109	272-7085/264-6418
FRANK & SHEILA	MANELLI	1725 HENDRIX DR	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35214	748-3787/785-4192
NORMAN	ROGERS	408 S. BROAD ST	ALBERTVILLE	AL	35211	878-1810/000-0000
CHRIS	ROTHER	120 OLD HOLCOMB BR W	ROSWELL	GA	30076	000-0000/000-0000
GENE & LANETTE	ROTHER	3516 AVE F	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35218	787-6734/000-0000
RICHARD & BARBARA	SHEPARD	112 LORI ST	PRATTVILLE	AL	36967	000-0000/000-0000
ROBERT & WILMA	SIEMENS	RT 62 BOX 497X	GUNTERSVILLE	AL	35976	582-2175/878-3685
GRANT & MARY	SNEAD	4427 RIDGEWOOD RD E.	TUSCALOOSA	AL	35404	553-4210/972-7541
BILL & DOROTHY	SNIDER	5852 COURT Q	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35228	923-7316/000-0000
RICHARD & SANDRA	STOLZMAN	112 BURGESS DR	SPRINGVILLE	AL	35146	467-6444/972-7307
FRANK & EDNA	THOMPSON	3418 SAGEBROOK LANE	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35243	987-7464/325-7936
RANDY & KAYCEE	TUCKER	8008 RUGBY AVE	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35206	000-0000/000-0000
MORGAN	TUNSTALL	1124 PINEMONT DR	TUSCALOOSA	AL	35401	000-0000/000-0000
TERRY & MIGNON	WILKINS	822 BEACON DR	FAIRFIELD	AL	35064	923-1116/945-2466
DICK & BARBARA	WITKOS	3112 CLAYBORN RD	DOthan	AL	35228	792-8528/000-0000
CHARLES & STEPHANIE	WRIGHT	832 EUCLID AVE	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35213	000-0000/000-0000



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MARCH 1988

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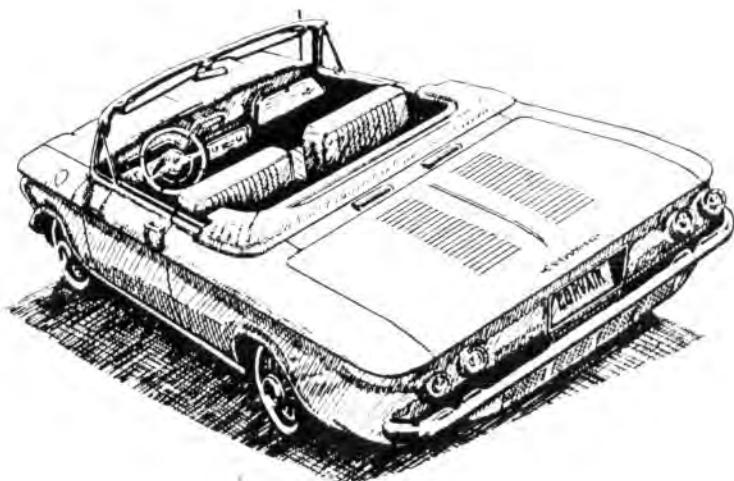
Date: Friday, March 18, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Ed Keller

#### **CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:**

April 15, 1988 ！！但井%%%%&\*\*\*\*\*+井事^~！但！！！！

April 29-May 1, 1988 Corvair Atlanta Spring Fest '88  
(A Date with Helen)  
Helen, Georgia

May 20-21, 1988      Dixie Corvair Classic  
                          Warner Robins, Georgia  
                          Heart of Georgia Corvairs



GOING WITH OWEN

Navarre Beach Holidome was the location for a "Corvair" gathering on the weekend of February 27th and 28th. The weather was almost perfect. (There were a few scattered clouds Saturday afternoon.) There was a seafood buffet Friday night, steak and lobster on Saturday night and the always great breakfast buffet on Sunday morning.

The Hathaways, Hartlines, Donleys, Kellers, and Millers made the trip and while I don't have any actual figures, we probably were second only to the host club in numbers attending. There were also people from Chicago, Detroit, Ashville, New Orleans, Orlando, Dothan, and Atlanta.

There were thirty-two (32) cars in the Peoples' Choice Concours. Vulcan's own Bob Donley drew the long straw and was the one designated to drive his corvair. As it turned out, he took first trophy in late open division. He's running out of shelf space. There was a very nice black late open that I started to vote for but Bob looked so pitiful that I just couldn't do it. His threat to put sugar in the gas tank of my company car had nothing to do with my changing my vote. It was really the look of absolute rejection that did it. Congratulations Colonel!!!

See you all at the "Corvair" place Friday.

Best Wishes,

OWEN

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At the February meeting, plaques were presented to the following members for service to the club during 1987. Congratulations to you all:

Bob Donley.....President  
Louise Hartline.....Vice President  
Richard Stolzmann....Secretary  
John Lankford.....Treasurer  
Harold Hartline.....Newsletter

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!! NOTE !! !! NEW ADDRESS !! !! PLEASE CHANGE YOUR ROSTER !!

Bill Kellum  
Olan Dr  
Rt 2, Box 192T  
McCalla, AL 35111  
477-9224

## OUR MEMBERS

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joe and Ann Steadman and to their daughter Carol Ann who was injured in an accident. Carol Ann is in the intensive care unit at the Childrens Hospital in Birmingham.
- We also send our prayers and best wishes to Grant and Mary Snead. Mary suffered a heart attack in Montgomery recently, but is doing well.
- Word is out that Bobbie Floyd is feeling better these days. You and Jim hurry on back to the meetings, we miss you.
- Rosemary is reportedly feeling better too.
- It seems that Harold and Louise Hartline will be skipping the meeting this month. Something about being in Washington, D.C. Him on business and her, well, on business too! Well, we'll expect a full report in April!??
- We want to welcome two visitors and hopefully new members to our meeting last month. Gary and Sars Smith who have just acquired a really nice, original '60' 4-door. Please come back.

## FOE SALE

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\* 66 Monza 4-dr, 140 hp, automatic, wonderbar(?) AM/FM, new O-rings, Sears battery, pts, plugs, condenser, wires, rotary cap, dist. cap, rebuild kits all four carbs. I need the \$1800 I've invested.

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Bill Kellum 477-9224

\* 65 coupe, 110 hp, 4-speed, good condition with good radials all around. \$450. Various other parts, motors, heads, etc. Excellent, made to sell prices.

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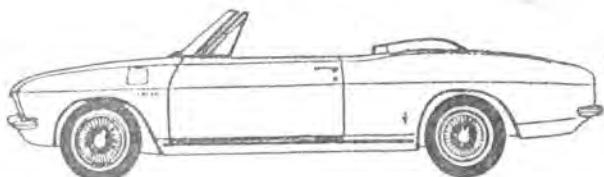
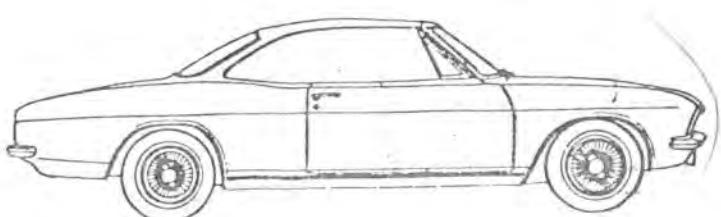
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## NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, May 20, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Bob and Wilma Siemens, Bob Donley

## CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

May 20-22, 1988	1st Annual Dixie Corvair Classic Radisson Inn 2725 Watson Blvd Centerville, GA Heart of Georgia Corvairs
July 26-30, 1988	CORSA National Convention Asheville, North Carolina CORSA North Carolina



May 5, 1988

- GOING WITH OWEN

Dear Fellow Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast:

The trip to Helen, Georgia, was great. The weather was clear but windy and COOL. Joyce and I left Montgomery at 5 A.M. Central Daylight Time and arrived at Alpenhoff North Motel at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time. Less than an hour later, the Hartlines, Hathaways and Drakes showed up. I still haven't figured out how Marie got Charlie out of Birmingham on Thursday no less, for this trip. Later, on Friday that is, other Vulcan members arrived-- notably Bill & Jean Andrews, Ed and Carol Keller, Frank and Sheila Ranelli and Grant and Mary Snead. Chris Rothe was also on hand, but was wearing a "Corvair Atlanta" jacket so I guess this precludes us from counting him.

Helen is growing. It is a far cry from the little village of six years ago at our first visit. Among other things there is an "Outlet Mall". I know, but will not name, several ladies who wore a path to the new mall. They must have walked fifteen miles shopping.

On Friday night Corvair Atlanta put on a spread out by the pool. They served up hot off the grills hamburger and hotdogs with all the trimmings and I do mean trimmings. If you didn't see it you didn't need it.

Saturday, the concours was held in the field behind Alpenhoff South. Bernie Weddle even arranged to have the area mowed. There were some beautiful cars displayed. The Corvair Atlanta folks are making competition tough. I still have some trouble accepting some of these beauties as "daily drivers" but I guess if you back them out of and into the garage four or five times a week, then they are "daily drivers". Who knows?

Grant Snead was the designated corvair driver so we did have one car representing "Vulcan". \*\*\*

I sincerely hope everyone returned home safely with no car troubles or accident.

I am enclosing copies of an article from May, 1988, "Car Collector & Car Classics" featuring the '62 Monza station wagon.

Lets be thinking about a good club outing. Activities VP Charlie Drake and I discussed a couple of possibilities but we encourage input from everyone.

See you all at the "Corvair" place Friday.

Owen

\*\*\* NOTES FROM JOYCE: If my memory serves me correctly, Bob Donley was going to motivate "Little Owen" and we were going to drive a Corvair to Helen this year. Am not sure what happened but I do want to assure you that Bob tried his best and I appreciate the effort. Oh Well!!!

## The '62 Monza wagon was nice — and unusual

For some people, thinking of rare old automobiles the likes of 1953 Skylarks or early Chrysler 300 letter cars probably pop up. Sure, that's the way it always goes — the glamour girls get all the attention. There were, however, some rare models produced that have been largely overlooked because they don't have the pizzazz of more glamorous nameplates. Can you, for instance, remember the last time you saw a Corvair station wagon motoring down the boulevard? If your memory draws a blank, don't blame it on poor power of observation. There just never has been very many driving around. Corvair nameplates were affixed to station wagons for only a year and a half, from 1961 until mid-'62. Production reached a mere 32,120 units or 1.8% of total Corvair output. The '62 Monza wagon totaled a scant 2362 examples for a final fractional percentage of (watch the decimal point) .13% of all Corvairs made! Now that is certainly unusual enough to cause some head scratching should one drive on by.

The Honduras Maroon Monza 900 pictured here has retired from years of mundane family duty to a life of pampered leisure as a member of Chet Kozlowski's growing Corvair family. The term "family" has a double connotation for not only do he and his wife love Corvairs, his children have learned to drive in them, and all used 'em for daily transportation. But the air-cooled darlings will never be lonely — nine Corvairs vie for space in Chet's driveway. It's another case of desire gone amok, as a need for economical transportation during the '73 gas crunch led to the initial purchase of a '64 Monza convertible. That one was pronounced too beautiful to drive every day and a \$100 four-door sedan was bought for yeoman's duties. When



Kozlowski joined the Milwaukee Corvair Club and people knew he liked the model, they kept giving him leads on cars for sale. In his own words, "Another car would turn up that was too good to pass up. I'd tell myself, 'You're stupid if you don't buy it because you can turn around and make some money on it.' What happened all the time was I'd end up liking them and saying I don't know if I want to get rid of it now."

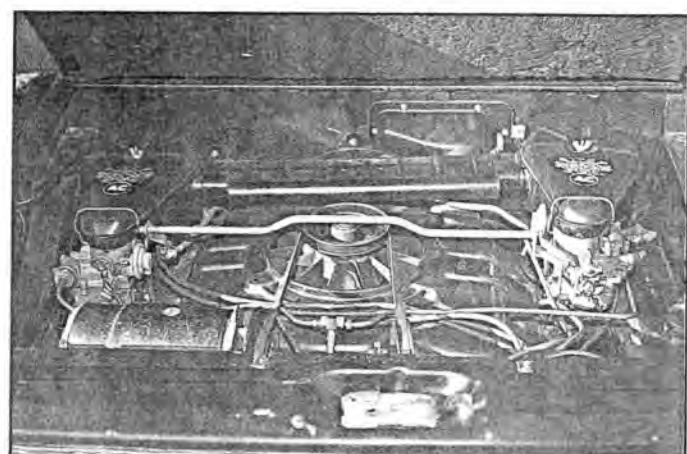
The end result of this penchant for purchase is a collection of one of every body style, at least, as well as an unusual one-of-a-kind camper converted in Texas from a 1964 Greenbrier window van. With that kind of history you'd expect Kozlowski to come up with at least one *rara avis* and the Monza wagon is that bird. The less spectacular models of a particular marque are usually the ones that get used up and thrown away. That theory alone would leave few wagons surviving 25 years of use. Chevy's decision to discontinue Corvair wagon production in favor of the more conventional (as well as cheaper to build) Chevy II station wagon resulted in the production figures mentioned previously. So Kozlowski's purchase in April of 1984 should prove to be a good decision. With only 67,000 miles showing, this is a beautiful example of what may be considered the first "sport wagon." The car's optional 145cid/102bhp

engine moves it around quite well, with an added bonus for collectors who like to drive their cars: because the engine is air-cooled, it was designed with hardened valves — perfect for today's unleaded fuel. The sport wagon concept is also reinforced by the handling imparted by the Corvair's famous, or infamous (depending on which side of the Nader fence you may be on) suspension. Yes, pre-1964 Corvairs could and did, flip over. There are various factors that can get you in trouble, but they all seem to ultimately point accusing fingers at the driver. Ignoring the owner's manual's tire pressure recommendations and cornering hard enough to lift the inside rear wheel off the ground, thus allowing it to tuck under the chassis, are the major offenders. In July 1972, the US Department of Commerce released its NHTSA report titled "Evaluation of the 1960-1963 Corvair Handling and Stability." Without going into details of the 134-page tome, suffice to say it vindicated the Corvair.

Which is not to say that Corvair handling didn't take some getting used to. The car that GM introduced in 1960 as an economy car was, nonetheless, perceived as a sporty car by the public. With weight distribution of 40% front and 60% rear, which changed to an almost perfect 50/50 with a passenger aboard, and a tendency to oversteer, the car could corner faster than almost



With the fold-down rear seat, there was plenty of room for light hauling duty. This car has been retired from menial work and gets only pampering from its proud owner.



Aided by twin carburetors, the 145cid Corvair six-cylinder engine was able to deliver 102 horsepower. That doesn't sound like much, but it made this light weight car quite peppy.

anything else produced in America at the time. But the tendency to oversteer was new to US drivers and probably got some people — who pushed past their abilities — in trouble. Both *Motor Trend* and *Car Life* magazines warned in their road tests that the driver should understand the Corvair before driving it at its limits. For everyday driving, however, *Car Life* declared their 1962 Monza test car to be "an absolute jewel."

Despite being shelved halfway into its second model year, the '62 wagon was treated to several updates. This was the debut year of the Monza designation for the top line wagon. The lower level 700 series survived also but the base 500 of '61 was no more. The Monza was distinguished by insignia on the lower front fender which denoted the upgraded interior with standard vinyl headliner, carpeting, rear armrests, and ashtrays, deluxe steering wheel and horn ring and a useful glove box light.

Like contemporary front-wheel-drive cars, the rear-engine layout of the Corvair made for more passenger foot room and a flat floor. This gave the car an edge over the Lark, Falcon, Valiant, and Rambler compacts of its time, and the wagon actually had more leg room than its larger competitors. The '62s also had a new master cylinder, pedal linkage, and an automatic choke. The front trim consisted of narrow twin ornamental grilles with a triangular emblem in the center (Kozlowski's wagon has the '61 trim design).

To this nicely appointed package



The Corvair wagons weren't built in large numbers when they were new, making them prized possessions of Corvair collectors today.

could be added various dealer installed items such as window visors and a bow-tie emblem tailpipe cover. While he would like to apologize to purists in the audience for his use of '64 style seat covers, credit should be given for the original T-3 headlamps and bowtie emblem rear view mirror.

For those whose interest in vintage rear-engined American cars has been frustrated by a scarcity of nice Corvair survivors, we offer encouragement. Ed Cole, the Chevrolet chief behind Corvair development and introduction,

was also responsible for other vehicles of rear-engined layout. His postwar Pontiac fastback with trunk-mounted Cadillac engine and dual rear wheels has probably been scrapped long ago. His preceding production vehicle, however, was produced in large numbers and was designed to be extremely durable so examples should still be around. Next time you're rummaging in an out-of-the-way salvage yard, ask the proprietor if he has any M-5 tanks. Just assume the "M" stands for Monza.

1961	Production	1962	Production
• Lakewood 500 station wagon	5591	• 700 station wagon	3716
• Lakewood 700 station wagon	20,451	• Monza station wagon	2362

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

NAME: Charles and Marie Drake

FAMILY: Children - Mary Rose, Jackie,  
Janice, Eddie, Dennis

ADDRESS: 6454 New Castle Rd.  
Morris, AL 35116  
681-7143

OCCUPATION: Milkman (Barbers)

CORVAIRS: 63 Spyder Conv.  
63 Coupe  
61 Rampside

COMMENTS: Bought my first Corvair in 1961, a 4-door 500 series. I traded it for a 62 Monza which I drove for about four years. I sold the 62 and was out of Corvairs for about 10 years. Then I came back strong! I now own several different varieties, some as just parts cars, and some excellent for restoring.

At our last meeting we welcomed a new member:

Charles Trotter  
3401 Stoneleigh Dr.  
Birmingham, AL 35223  
967-7856 (hm)  
933-3326 (wk)

At Helen,, we came across another recent new member whose address I had misplaced (carelessly lost):

Jerry Smith  
30 Browning Rd.  
Oenville, AL 35120  
640-6952

And finally, CORSA notified us of a prospective new member whom I have contacted:

David Willis  
5232 Old Mill Circle  
Helena, AL 35080  
988-5325

## OUR MEMBERS

- Juanita Hathaway recently had eye surgery. She reports that she is doing well and can now spot any Corvair in any mechanic's vacation-land (junkyard) at a distance of several hundred yards while passing at speeds up to 65 MPH. We now have to see if John will loan her out for trips through the countryside (he'll probably charge us a dollar and make us buy her lunch!!). We're all happy you're OK, Juanita.

- We're also relieved to hear that our esteemed president "Going With Owen" Miller is over his bout with pneumonia and was alive and well at Helen. However, this is no excuse for "Little Owen".

- Rosemary called to say that she was sorry to miss everyone at Helen but she and her husband, Greg, had an accident on the way and were not able to get their car fixed until the next week. She and Greg are alright. It seems that a grey rampside or loadside (she couldn't remember which it was) was in front of them on one of the back roads when its tonneau cover blew off and covered their windshield causing them to run off the road and spill hot Dr Pepper all over their seats. The Dr said the burns weren't serious and they healed right away.

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NEXT MEETING:      NOTE: SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE

Date: Saturday, June 18, 1988  
Time: 10:00 A.M. - til  
Place: Bob Donley's Home, Montgomery  
Refreshments: VCE. Bring a covered dish.

## CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

July 26-30, 1988

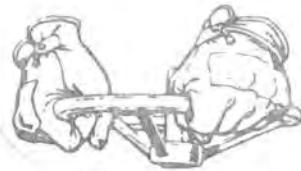
CORSA National Convention  
Asheville, North Carolina  
CORSA North Carolina

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## - NOTICE -

IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS A X ON IT, YOUR DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID FOR 88. PLEASE CONTACT TREASURER ED KELLER (823-5424) AND ARRANGE FOR PAYMENT SO THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER.

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GOING WITH OWEN

June 7, 1988

For those unable to attend the May meeting, and as a reminder to those who did attend, our June meeting will not be held on Friday, the 17th. Instead, it is scheduled as a working TECH SESSION on Saturday, the 18th, at the home of Bob and Alice Donley in Montgomery, during which we will install a new top on Bob's everyday '66 convertible. This car was a victim of the April 25th hail, and I do mean HAIL, storm. The top is wearing several duct tape bandages.

The plans are that the damaged top will be removed and frame preparations done prior to that Saturday. Work should begin no later than 10:00 am, so those making the trip down should plan their departure time accordingly. I am informed by the Colonel that the new top has arrived so that is no longer a question.

At approximately 1:30 - 2:00 pm, we will take our "lunch" break and enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers right off the fire. The club is furnishing the "fixings" and the side dishes will be brought by the members. Bob informs me that he has already provided Bill Andrews with a map to be included in the newsletter.

I feel the following comments are in order concerning the purpose and future of the Vulcan Corvair Chapter of CORSA. It has been said recently that your club has, for the most part, been regulated to a social club. I certainly agree. We have seen a number of good technically-minded people pass through the club. Obviously, there are job transfers and other valid reasons for some of these members leaving. However, we've lost a number of good people who are still in the area. The big question is, WHY?

Whether or not a campaign of calling and inviting some of these folks back will work or not, I don't know. It is possible that this has, to a certain degree, already been done.

I call to your attention the letter to CORSA, from Chris Nicholson, President of Music City Corvair Club, on page 4 of the May, 1988 issue. According to Chris, their Chapter almost disbanded a year or so ago and is now revamped and enthusiastic. Unfortunately, Chris did not reveal the secret of their newfound success. I am going to write Chris and ask for suggestions. In the meantime, I feel that, collectively, we are capable of revitalizing our chapter. First, of course, we must all decide what we want and expect "Vulcan Corvairs" to be in future years.

Bob and I found out here in Montgomery, that a few people, no matter how enthusiastic they are, cannot carry a Chapter.

Lets all consider carefully which direction we want to see this club go. Then we must decide what we have to do to make it happen.

See you at the "Montgomery Corvair" place on the 18th. -- OWEN



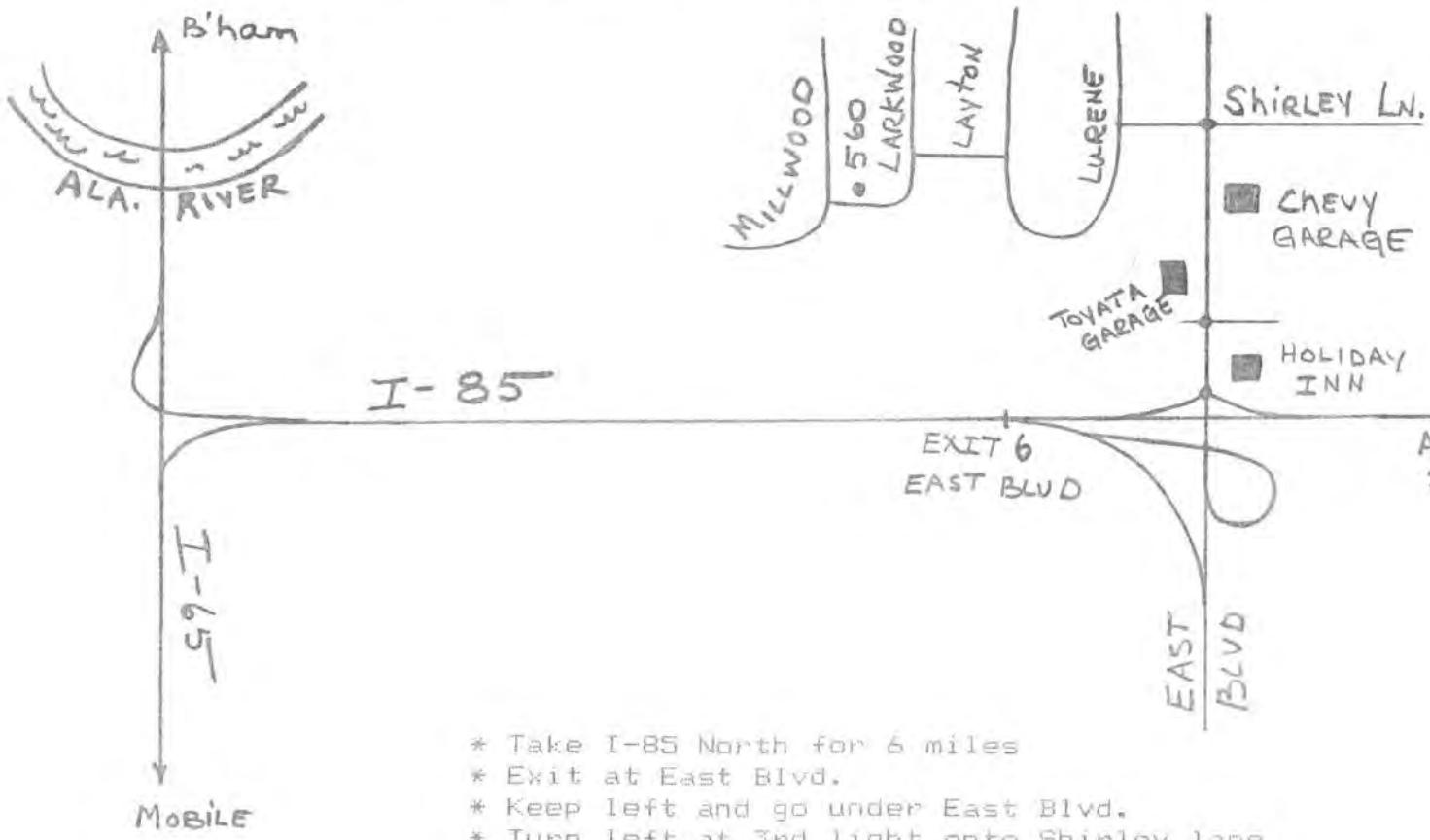
NEXT MEETING



TECHNICAL SESSION

CONVERTIBLE TOP REPLACEMENT

There will be no regular meeting this month. Instead, there will be a technical session on how to replace a convertible top at Bob Donley's in Montgomery on Saturday, 18 June. This will be a family outing/get-together and working technical session. Be sure and wear your working clothes. Shower facilities will be available if you want to clean up after the work is completed. If you don't want to clean up, that's OK too, just stay downwind! We plan to start about 10:00 am and stop about 2:00 pm for a picnic lunch. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH ( NO CHARLIE, IT'S GOT TO HAVE SOME FOOD IN IT! ). The club will furnish the hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks. There will be videos for the kids and nonworkers. The malls are about a mile from the house so the ladies can find plenty to do. B.Y.O.B.



MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

NAME: Bob and Alice Donley

FAMILY: Son Mike and Daughter Reagan

ADDRESS: 560 Larkwood Dr.  
Montgomery, AL 36109  
277-4308

Occupation: Enginer with Alabama Air National Guard  
and Commander of a 127 man Engineering  
Squadron.  
Alice is a French & English Teacher.

CORVAIRS: 66 Monza Conv. - show car  
67 Momza Conv. w/air - daily driven  
65 Corsa (Mike's car)

COMMENTS: Bought my first Corvair in 63, a 61  
Monza 3-speed. Crashed it on a boulder  
(??) that was twice as large as the car.  
Have owned about 10 Corvairs, a VW  
fastback, Mazda RX-2, 69 Dodge Charger,  
Audi 5000, and two Pontiac 6000s. Have  
been a member of Vulcan since 76.  
Served as newsletter editor for 3 years  
and president 1 year. Feel that  
Corvairs should be driven not hauled to  
shows on a trailer.

##### TEX MEX DIP #####  
Recipe from Navarre (West Florida Corvair)

1. (1) can bean dip
2. (3) ripe avacados (mashed together with 2  
tablespoons lemon juice)
3. (1) pkg. dry taco seasoning mix  
(1) cup sour cream  
(1) cup mayo  
mix together
4. Layer in order above and top with grated cheese,  
tomatoes and onions or any combination
5. Serve with chips or raw vegies

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#### NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, July 15, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Sheila Ranelli (chili), Joyce Miller (desert)

#### CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

July 26-30, 1988                    CORSO National Convention  
                                        Asheville, North Carolina  
                                        CORSO North Carolina

August 1988                        A summer party at the home of  
                                        John and Juanita Hathaway. More  
                                        details at the July meeting.

**NOTE:** If you like homemade chili, come to the July meeting! It seems there was some leftover from the June meeting at the Donley's and Sheila Ranelli will be fixing it up for us.

**NEWSLETTER:** Your editor sure could use some help in finding something to put in the newsletter. It could be technical, personal experiences with your corvair(s), or any little thing you might think would be interesting to the other club members. F-1-1-e-e-e-s-e.

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# CORVAIR Wholesale Prices



BODY STYLE	CODE	EXCISE	RETAIL*	WHOLESALE
CORVAIR 500 STANDARD				
Club Coupe .....	527	149.00	1984.00	1597.00
4 Dr. Sedan.....	569	153.00	2038.00	1641.00
CORVAIR 700 DELUXE				
Club Coupe .....	727	154.00	2049.00	1650.00
4 Dr. Sedan.....	769	158.00	2103.00	1694.00

The above Retail and Wholesale prices are F.O.B. Factory and include the Federal Excise Tax shown above. \*Retail prices include a Dealer preparation charge of \$25.00. To the above Retail or Wholesale price add \$ freight or destination charge from the Factory to your Area; this amount is found on the price sticker of every car at your Dealer.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT		
CORVAIR 500	80 hp. Engine, Dual Electric Wipers, Directional Signals, Gray Interior.	
CORVAIR 700	Corvair 500 equipment plus: Dual Horns, Automatic Front Door Light Switches, Three Colored Interiors to choose from, Exterior Chrome Trim around Windows, Top and Side.	

RETAIL NO.	ACCESSORY	WHOLESALE
	TRANSMISSION OPTIONS:	
145.80	360 Transmission, Automatic.....	118.80
	HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING:	
74.25	118 Heater, Gasoline-operated .....	57.69
	RADIOS:	
53.80	119 Radio, Manual Control .....	41.80
	TIRES:	
20.95	6.50 x 13 W.S.W.....	16.15
	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT:	
2.20	662 Axle, Rear, Ratio 3.89.	1.72
3.25	655 Battery, H.D., 40 amp-hr.....	2.53
32.30	Comfort & Convenience Equip.: Outside rearview mirror; pushbutton windshield wipers; backup lights; glove compartment light.....	25.10
10.80	669 Deluxe Equip.: incl. R. sunvisor; R&L front door armrests; cigarette lighter .....	8.40
18.30	668 Instrument Panel, Padded, All models .....	14.22
10.80	** Paint, Two-Tone.....	8.40
32.30	664 Seat, Folding Rear.....	25.10
10.80	122 Wheel Trim Rings .....	8.40

REAR ENGINE GIVES extra traction for hill-climbing as well as deep snow. This 110-hp test car climbed this steep hill in high gear with no strain.



## Owners Like      But Dislike

Sleek styling .....	(55.3%)	Excessive wind noise .....	(13.4%)
Easy handling .....	(47.3%)	Cramped rear seat .....	(12.6%)
Comfortable bucket seats .....	(25.2%)	Water leaks .....	(11.7%)

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

NAME:

Bill and Edith Kellum

ADDRESS:

Rt 2, Box 192T  
Olan Dr.  
Mc Calla, AL 35111  
477-9224

OCCUPATION:

Retired: Certified gemologist; jewelry  
appraiser - repair - store manager

CORVAIRS:

64 Monza Conv.  
65 Monza Cp. w/air  
65 Monza Cp.  
66 Monza Cp. w/air

COMMENTS:

Got my first Corvair in 1976 - a 65  
Monza Cp. that I still have. I have  
owned 12 - 15 Corvairs, a 1963 Buick  
Riviera, 1954 Corvette, 1963 Austin  
Healey 3000, 1946 Lincoln Continental V  
12 conv., 1952 Jaguar, a number of 65-66  
Mustangs, and a number of 29-30-31 Model  
A Fords - all in the last 25 years.

OUR MEMBERS

- Our best wishes and prayers go to Bobbie Floyd who had heart surgery at University Hospital last week. At last word, everything was good and Bobbie was doing fine.
- We also want to congratulate Jim Floyd on a big accomplishment. It seems he's misplaced some 70 pounds and is trying for more. Keep up the good work, Jim. By the way, if you run out of lbs to lose, I think I could scrape up a couple for you.
- Finally, we want to wish Janice Hathaway the best of things in her new teaching job at the University of Hawaii. Janice leaves the last of this month at which time someone else we all know will inherit a new cat to care for for two years. I wonder how John will look in a grass skirt!



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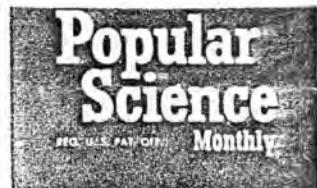
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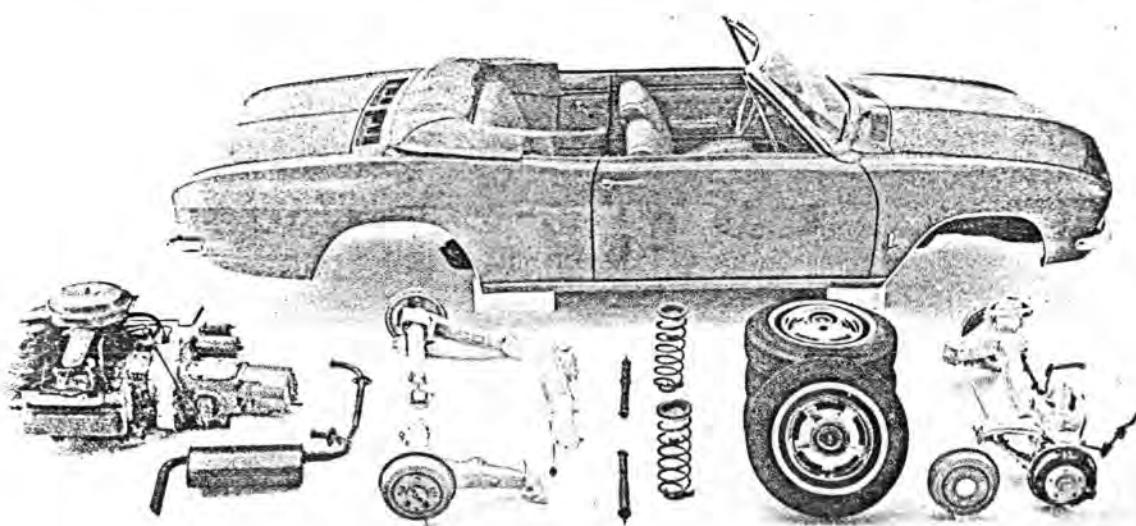
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## Taking the wraps off

# THE '65 CARS



Corvair gets a new body, adds new suspension, brakes, wheels to familiar air-cooled six.



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#### NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, August 19, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments:

#### CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

October 1, 1988 VCE Annual Outing at Cheaha. This will be discussed at the August meeting.

November 5, 1988 Veterans Day Parade, Jasper, AL. We've been invited to participate. This will be discussed at the August meeting.

From those I've talked to, it sounds like the National was very nice. I really had planned on going, but circumstances didn't allow it, so, I'll just have to wait until next year. By then, with a lot of good luck and help from above, I'll have one, or maybe even both, of my earlys ready to go. In the meantime, I'll just have to settle for looking at pictures that I KNOW SOME OF YOU TOOK AND WILL BRING TO THE MEETING FOR US ALL TO SEE!!!!

In September, I will include an updated membership roster in the newsletter. If you have any corrections that need to be made, please let me know at the August meeting.

By the time you get this, I will be thoroughly engulfed in my qualifying exams (wed - thurs). If I survive, I'll see ya at the meeting. Wish me luck.

BILL

GOING WITH OWEN

July 27, 1988

Dear Fellow Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast:

The Hartlines, Ranellis, Kellers, Sneads, Siemans, Millers and Chris Roth made it to the National Convention. The Andrews had to change their plans at the last minute and the Hathaways, likewise, did not get to make the trip. The North Carolina Corvair folks have obviously put in a lot of work. Many events and tech sessions have been planned into the schedule.

Except for a shower this afternoon, the weather has been beautiful but a lot hotter than I thought it would be up in the mountains, especially at night.

The trip to the Biltmore Estate was certainly everything we expected and more. The splendor of that mansion is very difficult to describe. I am sure it rivals many royal residences in Europe and other parts of the world.

Ed Keller and I attended the Chapter Officers meeting this afternoon. I stopped off there directly on returning from the Biltmore Estate and had neither pen nor paper for notes. Maybe Ed's memory is better and he can correct me in my summary of the agenda. Our new CORSA President and two new directors were introduced. Don't ask me their names. I can tell you they are all three Yankees but that's all.

In general, CORSA membership is down some five hundred members nationwide, but we were told that membership has held steady for the last six months. The aim, of course, is to regain these lost members and build from there. I get the impression that many other chapters are suffering for new and/or returned members, as are we.

One of the main topics discussed was a requirement that future sanctioned local chapter events require all registered participants to be members of CORSA as well as the local chapter. The "National" feels, and they have a valid argument, that the CORSA members are footing the expensive bill (\$4,000.00) for CORSA insurance. Those NON-CORSA members who participate in the sanctioned chapter events are protected by the insurance but contribute nothing toward the cost. The officers, in attendance at the meeting, seemed to be in full support of this new rule.

This paragraph is added at home following receipt of the August "Communique". On page five is listed the membership of all chapters as opposed to the total CORSA national members. Total Chapter membership equals 5,299 while total CORSA national membership is 3,658 or 69%. For VULCAN" we show 37 chapter members with 22 in CORSA national for 59.45%.

If I may be permitted to editorialize briefly, I personally feel that, without the National organization, we would be 122 separate clubs. I would certainly encourage total National members. The cost of National membership is certainly not prohibitive.

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Jim Floyd 923-7968

\* 68 Corvair, silver & black, 64,000 mi, I have had the car for 12 years, \$2500.

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John Hathaway needs an early model fan blower bushing. If you have one you'll sell, please give John a call (833-5972) or bring the bushing to the meeting.

TIME ARRIVAL:

Don't forget the VCE Picnic/Swim Party!!!!~!!!

WHERE? Sunday, August 28, 1988. 2 p.m. till?????  
(eating starts about 4 p.m.)

WHERE? The Hathaways (812 Castlewood Dr., B'ham, 833-5972)

WHAT? BBQ etc. Call Jaunita to find out what to bring.



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Coffee Pot.....	Sheila Ranelli (798-3787)
Hospitality.....	Juanita Hathaway (833-5972)

## NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, September 16, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments:

## CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

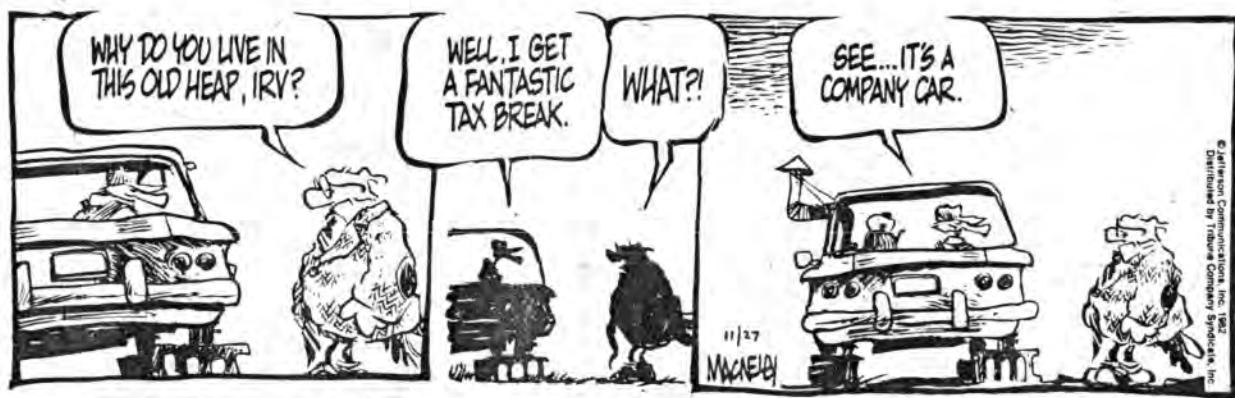
October 1, 1988

VCE Annual Outing at Cheaha. This will be finalized at the Sept. meeting. If you're planning on going and are going to stay the night in one of the rooms, please be prepared to pay Charlie at the Sept. meeting. This will make things a lot easier when we're there.

October 1, 1988

Harvest Festival, Boaz, AL. We'll take part in conjunction with our trip to Cheaha.

## Shoe



GOING WITH OWEN

September 12, 1988

Dear Fellow Vulcan Chapter Members,

If the amount of food consumed is any indication, then the party at the Hathaways' on August 28th was a success. There was a good turnout. Hugh and Sara White even came from Pensacola. As far as I know, Hugh has never turned down a free meal. Seriously, the food was delicious and the fellowship was great.

In the last meeting we discussed:

October 1, 1988 - The Harvest Festival in Boaz, Al. The Atlanta Chapter has this in their plans and it was agreed that we would put in five or six cars to add to Atlanta's in order to make up a separate Corvair Class. I have written to the Atlanta Club advising them accordingly.

October 1, 1988 - Cheaha will be held as planned. Check-in time is 4 p.m. Those participating at Boaz will drive to Cheaha after departing Boaz. In my letter to Atlanta, I issued an invitation to that group to come back through Cheaha. I enclosed Charles Drake's address and telephone number in the event any of them desired lodging.

I have written also, advising the Veteran's Day Group that we will not be able to participate in their Veteran's Day Parade in Jasper on November 5, 1988. Also dropped Dick Witkos a line advising him of the Cheaha conflict with the Dothan outing. Perhaps next year we can support them.

See you at the "Corvair" place Friday!

Owen

At the August meeting, we had 30 members, family, friends and visitors present. We welcomed back Kacey Saltsman (Tucker) whom we hadn't seen in some time, and we greeted a (hopeful) new member, Bob Bolton of Trussville. Seems that Bob has three Corvairs and is anxious to do some clubin.

A few days back, I was showing my 66 4-door to a prospective buyer in the local Wal-mart used car lot (no, he never returned!) when I was approached by a young lady looking for a Corvair mechanic for her early 4-door. Naturally, I sent her to Frank. I also told her about our club and invited her to the meeting. Let's hope we see Cheri Smith of Montevallo at the September meeting.

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THE

# OIL DROP



P.O. Box 59071 - Birmingham, AL 35259-9071

October 1988

### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1988:

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Membership VP.....Harold Hartline (491-5253)  
Secretary.....Richard Stolzmann (467-6444)  
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Newsletter.....Bill Andrews (663-5895)  
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### NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, October 21, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Marie Drake & Bob Donley

### CALENDAR OF COMMING EVENTS:

November 11-12, 1988	Annual Florida Corvair Affair Central Florida Corvair Club Sanford, Florida
December 1988	Annual VCE Christmas Party
April 1988	Adamsville Lions Car Show

### ELECTIONS:

At the October meeting, Bob Donley will present a slate of officers for the upcoming year. He has someone to take President, Membership, Activity, and Newsletter. He still needs someone for Secretary and Treasurer. We will vote on the slate at the November meeting.

### QUICK TECH NOTE:

If you're parting out a friend who's finally given-up on life, be sure to get all those little, unusual parts. This was brought to my attention as I began to replace the single master cylinder on my 63 with a late model dual version. Coming up with the brass fittings I needed under the dash was not an easy task. Visits to 4 parts houses here in Alabaster couldn't even come up with something pieced together. I finally had to go back to a junk yard that, because of attitude problems, I had sworn not to do business with again. Of numerous cars I've parted out, I've never taken those br...

BOAZ/CHEAHA 88 : I got up early Saturday morning and had to beat the wife and son out of bed so we could be in Birmingham by 8:00 A.M.. When we arrived just 10 minutes ahead of the departure time I figured I was late as the only one there was Chris Rothe. He had been there about 10 minutes and thought he had missed the convoy. About 15 minutes later Charles Trotter and wife pulled in in their big motorhome. A few minutes later Bill Andrews showed in his Chrysler (dirty word) van. I'm still the only Corvair driver. Where are the 6 Corvairs that were going to convoy? About 8:30 Frank and Sheila pulled up in their two Corvairs. I won't be the only Corvair.

We convoyed to Boaz without any problems. About a block from the show my car sputters to a stop in the middle of the street. Doesn't seem to be getting any gas. I yanked off the air cleaners and held my hands over the carbs while Alice cranked the starter. It finally started and ran fine the rest of the trip. Dirt in the carbs I guess.

We got set up in the show area and had 8 Corvairs in the lineup. Jack Allison was the only Corvair Atlanta Club member to show (besides Chris) and he seemed a little upset. It seems a group from that club went to Dothan for the Landmark Park show. Jack stated that he was giving up the newsletter editor job after 9 years. He certainly made their newsletter one of the best in the nation.

The guys shot the breeze, talked cars, and watched the girls while the gals do what women do best. No that's not having babies. They went shopping!

About 3:00 they awarded the trophies. Jack Allison won 3rd, Charlie Drake won 2nd and yours truly won 1st. Somehow they thought that a Corvair was a type of motorcycle because my trophy had "1900-1971 MOTORCYCLES" on it. Most moto's are air-cooled aren't they? About 4:00 PM I finally got Alice out of the shops and we headed for Cheaha.

Rain and Corvairs don't mix. I saw Marie Drake feverishly wiping Charlies window so he could see where he was going. No hoses on that heater Charlie? I understand Sheila had a similar problem. The carpets in Sheilas' car were also soaked when she arrived at Cheaha. My windshield didn't steam up but the leak across the top of the windshield sure let a lot of water onto our laps. Alice didn't want to use her new towels to soak up the water but a few minutes of wet pants changed her mind. The rain storm and heavy traffic made the trip to Cheaha pure hell.

We got there about 7:00 PM and the trip up the mountain had been a pretty foggy trip. I'm glad it wasn't completely dark. Since Harold Hartline had the nerve to show up in a Seville we made him go get two loads of wood in it. That should teach him a lesson. For our supper we threw together some really good chili, B-B-Q, potatoe salad, snacks and desert. We then chewed the fat the rest of the evening, watched the olympics, and played cards and BINGO.

Sunday AM the guys whipped together some Pancakes, bacon, sausage, and juice and coffee. Rumor has it that some people even had some eggs hidden back for themselves. Dirty pool Charlie.

Everyone helped clean up and we pulled out about 1:00 PM. All in all a very enjoyable weekend except for the rain.

Bob Donley

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November 1988

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#### NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, November 18, 1988  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Everybody (see later)

#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

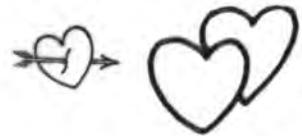
December 17, 1988	Annual VCE Christmas Party Harold and Louise Hartline
April 1988	Adamsville Lions Car Show

#### ELECTIONS:

At the October meeting, Bob Donley presented the following proposed slate of officers for 1989. We will vote on this slate at the November meeting. Please come so your vote will count.

President.....	Richard Stolzman
Vice-President Activities.....	Grant Snead
Vice-President Membership.....	Owen Miller
Treasurer.....	Ed Keller
Secretary.....	Kaycee Saltsman
Newsletter.....	Bob Donley

# CORVAIR LOVER



Well, it looks as if another year has come and darn-near gone!! Annnnnd, Owen still hasn't got his car on the road! I can say this because I just took my 63 Monza to Charlie fer a paint job! I've just finished completely rebuilding the front suspension, installing a dual master cylinder, and repainting the underside back to the engine compartment. When I get it back, it will get a new headliner, tinted glass, interior (new from several years ago), a padded dash, a 140 coupled to a 64 4-speed 327 positraction, complete rear suspension rebuild, Spyder dash and glovebox, rechromed bumpers with guards, new door and windshield rubber, new heater and clutch cables, and various other odds and ends. I've owned this car since the spring of '79' (I did about a 75% restoration then) and I've driven it, at the most, 500 miles. I've towed it from Orlando to Mobile to Lawton, OK; trailered it back to Mobile to Maryland; towed it back to Mobile and then to B'ham!! I've dry-rotted one set of tires, two or three fan belts, and one headliner; rusted out at least three mufflers and got a start on the floorboards; corroded four wheel brake cylinders and various pot metal emblems; gummed up and had to rebuild carburetors twice (from sitting over months at a time); wasted and weathered away a paint job, and cleaned out rat nests on many occasions. This car has been the object of many hours of pleasure and pain, and the subject of numerous family discussions concerning money and time. All crammed into 10 years and 500 miles!! AHHHH, but at last, this spring, I'll have it finished. I'll be able to drive and show it with pride. And then, about July, after I drive it for a couple of months and maybe a couple thousand miles, I'll be able to store it again for some three or so years while I go to Germany to defend my country and protect the environment. Guys and Gals, we've either got to love-em a whole bunch or be completely nuts! I have one opinion, my wife has the other (however, she has let me do it for these 15 years). Oh-well, I'll go off and do my thing and dream of the day I return home to my ~~MAMA~~ MONZA!

[P.S. There's already a 60 4-door, and possibly a 66 4-door, awaiting attention when I finish the 63]

Bill



TID-BITS:

The November meeting will be the last regular meeting of the year (the December meeting will be combined with the Christmas party) so we want to make it a little special. We're asking everyone to help with the refreshments by bringing something Thanksgiving or Christmaseee, like decorated cookies or cupcakes, etc. If everyone brings a little something, then no-one will have to bring a lot.

If there's someone you haven't seen at any of the meetings recently and you miss them, give-em a call and tell-em so! Remind them of the meeting and invite them to come back. Lets try to have a big turnout this month.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

THIS YEAR, OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE AT THE HOME OF HAROLD AND LOUISE HARTLINE, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1988. WE WILL BE EXCHANGING GIFTS - MEN BRING A MAN'S GIFT WRAPPED IN GREEN AND LADIES BRING A MAN'S GIFT WRAPPED IN GREEN. RICHARD STOLZMAN WILL AGAIN PROVIDE THE SMOKED TURKEY. OTHER REFRESHMENTS ARE STILL BEING PLANNED. WE'RE BOUND TO HAVE A REAL GOOD TIME. OK-OK, LADIES BRING A LADY'S GIFT WRAPPED IN RED.

At the October meeting, Bob Donley read the following letter from a recent CAR and DRIVER. We thought it was worth including in the newsletter.



**LOOK, MA, NO CLUTCH**

It was 1965. I was on leave after completing basic training. I borrowed a friend's pre-Nader Corvair for a date with the girl I left behind. The clutch cable snapped. The coach put me in. I remember making a lot of right-hand turns to avoid coming to full stops. I asked the girl if she could hop out of the Corvair in front of her house as I slowed to a crawl. She could. She did. The next day I fixed the cable and asked her if she could make this leave more memorable than the night before. She could. She did. Thanks, Bedard, for the memories.

Jay Malinowski  
Los Angeles, California  
*She's damn lucky you weren't driving a Kenworth—Ed.*

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December 1988

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NEXT MEETING

Date: Saturday, December 17, 1988  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Place: Home of Harold and Louise Hartline  
Refreshments: Everybody bring later!

December 17, 1988 Annual CSC Christmas Party  
Harold and Louise Hartline

February 24-25, 1989                      7th Annual Corvair Lover's Holiday  
West Florida Corvair Club  
Pensacola, Florida

April 7-8, 1989 Spring Fling  
Suncoast Corvairs  
Clearwater, Florida

April 1980 Adamsville Lions Car Show

## ELECTIONS:

The slate of officers for 1989 as presented in the November Newsletter was voted on and elected at the November meeting. Congratulations to our new officers.

December 9, 1988

Dear Fellow Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast:

As we near the end of 1988, I feel that, while we have not made any giant steps forward, the Vulcan Chapter has not fared too badly. I think that we can claim a net of one or two new members. We had a good representation at the National Convention in Ashville, N.C. and Cheaha was a success. As always Helen, Ga, was a fun trip and again we had good representation. I would certainly say that, meeting after meeting, we had the best refreshments of any chapter in Corsa. We now look forward to our Chapter Christmas Party which the Hartlines have so graciously agreed to host at their home.

If I may be allowed to inject a very personal thought, it is with a very heavy heart that I write of the tragic death of our fellow member Bob Donley. Beyond being a fellow member of Vulcan Corvairs, Bob was my best friend. While we did meet as a result of our mutual interest in the Corvair, our friendship transcended this common interest very quickly. We soon became "back door" friends and it is said that "back door friends are the best kind".

May I take this opportunity to especially thank John Hathaway, Harold Hartline, Grant Sneed, Bill Andrews and Buck Hinkle. They made a special trip to Montgomery on Sunday and completed putting the drive train in Bob's car so that it could be moved. Barbara and Dick Witkos were there from Dothan and Dick rolled up his sleeves and pitched right in also.

Some three or four weeks ago, Bob, Alice, Joyce and I went out to dinner and during the conversation, Alice injected the comment toward us, that "you're our family here in Montgomery". I think it struck Joyce and I that this was, likewise, our feeling but we had just never voiced it until then.

Joyce and I feel so fortunate to have made many friends through the Vulcan Club and never have we felt so aware, I think, of the true value of these friends in our lives, as we do following this sad loss.

I know all of you join with me in expressing our love to Bob's family.

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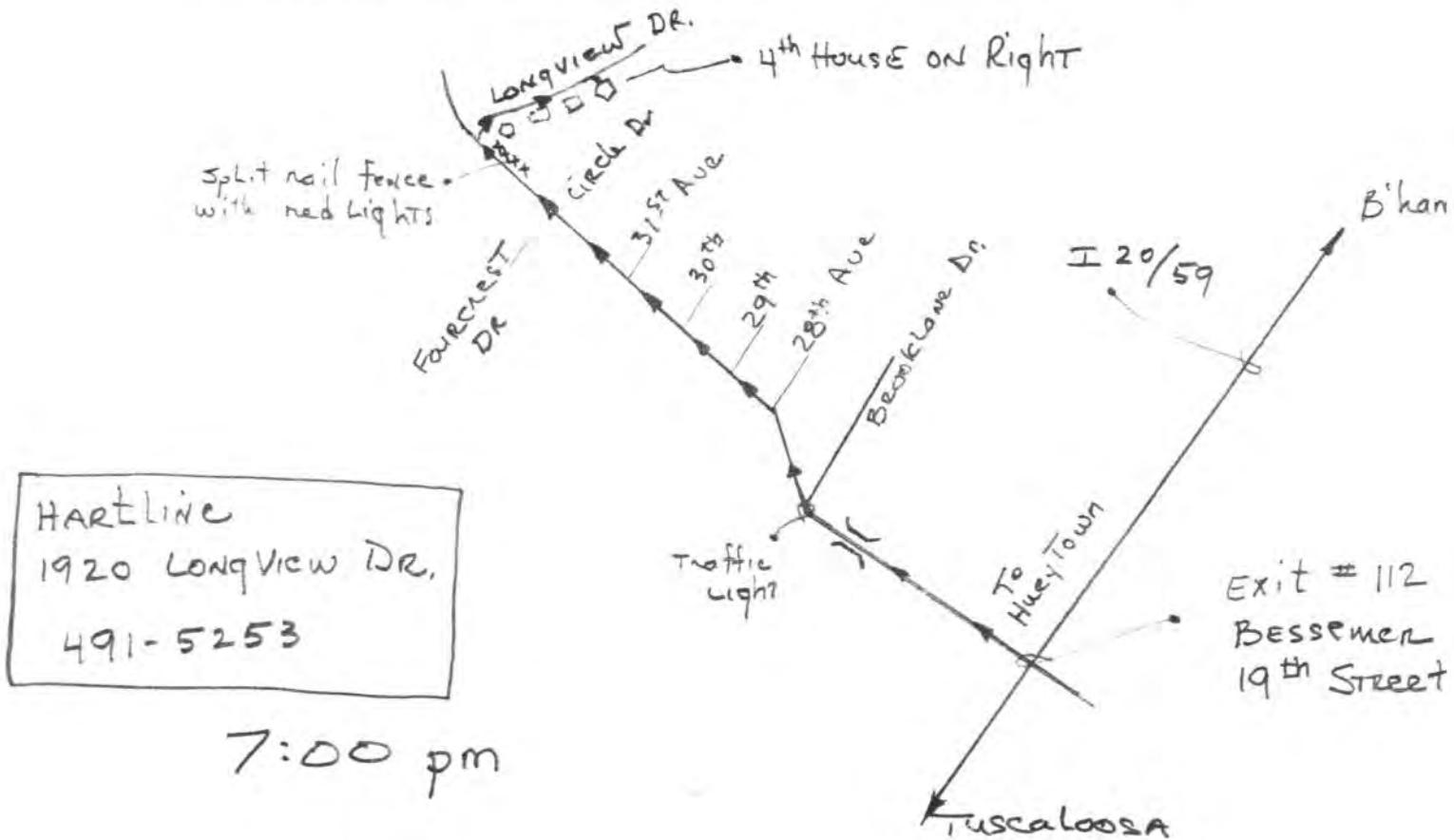
\* The Donleys request that any gifts or memorials for Bob be made to the Kings Ranch, P.O. Box 162, Chelsea, AL 35043. VCE has made a donation in Bob's name. Because of a fortunate mixup at the florists, I, too, have made a donation in his name and I invite others to do so. I've know Bob, Alice, and Mike for only two years and only through the VCE; but, I've come to know that this request is typical and but a small example of their concern for others, even in their own time of need. To the Donleys - We love you and we're praying for you.

\* Mary Snead recently had a routine stress test and is doing good.

\* Juanita Hathaway was in the hospital for 4 days but is now doing fine.

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