



# THE OIL DROP



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

JANUARY 1989

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 Newsletter.....Bill Andrews (663-5895)  
 Coffee Pot.....ANY VOLUNTEERS??  
 Hospitality.....ANY VOLUNTEERS??

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, February 18, 1989  
 Time: 7:30 P.M.  
 Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
 Refreshments: Juanita Hathaway and Carol Keller

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS:

February 24-26, 1989	7th Annual Corvair Lover's Holiday West Florida Corvair Club Pensacola, Florida
April 7-8, 1989	Spring Fling Suncoast Corvairs Clearwater, Florida
April 1988	Adamsville Lions Car Show

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DUES FOR THE YEAR 1989 ARE NOW DUE

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY YOU E DUES AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

OR CONTACT THE TREASURER, ED KELLER (823-5424)

ANNUAL DUES ARE STILL AT THE 1988 RATE OF \$15

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## FLACK FROM THE ACTIVITIES CHAIR - GRANT SNEAD

Already the year is flying by. It's time to start planning another year's activities. We talked about several possibilities at the January meeting. Now, we need to try to turn some of those activities into plans early enough to give us all time to plan our schedules. -SO-O-O-, how about giving some thought to a few things before the February meeting so we can be ready to talk about planning activities for the year. Also, be thinking about what activities you might like to host or help out with. To get you started, here are a few ideas from other club members.

- Rallying to a specific site, i.e., Palisades Park in Blount County for a picnic and to see the covered bridges. This could be an all-day Saturday or Sunday event.

- Having a monthly road trip in the local area just to get our cars out and to be seen by the public. This could be similar to the West Florida Club's "Chicken Run." Maybe we could schedule the club meetings earlier during the spring/summer months and then go out for a sandwich afterwards to a local drive-in (remember car-hops?).

- Car Shows - should we try to put one on? How about a mall show? What about getting club representation (more than one lone Corvair) in some of the closer shows put on around the area?

- Workshop get-togethers. Setting aside a day or so to help members get their cars on the road.

- Tours - are there any sites, i.e., museums, historic, gardens, production plants, within a reasonable distance where we could go as a club and take a tour?

Put your thinking caps on and lets see what we can come up with.

Another point of discussion that came up at the last meeting was the low turnout of Corvairs at events. It can be a dissappointment to plan and put on an activity and have only 4 or 5 cars show up. Think about why we have the low turnout.

Continuing with the above thought, we need to get our cars back on the road!! Everyone needs to have at least one car Corvair in good enough condition to be driven and shown (not necessarily concours, but decent). This is where we can help each other. We can set up work sessions to get the cars going again. Think about your cars and make a list of the things that need to be done and bring it to the meeting. Spring and summer are close!

For a start, Mary and I will offer to host some sort of activity in September. Initial requirements would be an automobile (Corvair preferred) capable of getting to Tuscaloosa (or further) and back, and driver and passengers with an appetite. More details later, if the membership likes the idea so far.

## TECH SESSION

Harold has agreed to put on two (2) tech sessions at the Feb meeting. One on LUBRICATING REAR WHEEL BEARINGS and the other on RUST PREVENTION FOR ROCKER PANELS AND INSIDE OF DOORS.

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILE - John and Juanita Hathaway

I was sent to St Louis from Minneapolis by IBM where I met Juanita who came home from California to visit her parents.

We have three children: Barbara, married to Larry Doss, living here in Birmingham; son John, married to Mary Jane, living here also; and Janice, teaching at the U of Hawaii whom we hope to visit this summer.

Barbara and Larry have given us two grandchildren, Brian 14 and Lesly 10.

Grant Snead started me on Corvairs. At one time too many had followed me home so Juanita started giving them away and I sold three. Now I have one 64 convertible in restoration. It has been painted and re-topped, so the remaining work is mostly re-assembly. I had stripped it to the bare frame.

I also have a 67 Volvo P1800 roadster and a 62 Volvo Sport. Both quite rusty.

## TID-BITS

Grant Snead took the idea seriously about helping to get Corvairs on the road. He and Mary and Buck Hinkle came the next Saturday after the January meeting and spent the day getting the interior back into John Hathaway's 64 convertible.

Louise Hartline has been under the weather but is feeling much better now. She and Harold were going to join the restoration party that Saturday but had to cancel.

Juanita H. had her last bit of eye surgery January 31. She is fine now, but John has trouble explainihg her black eye to people.

## QUOTES (or near-quotes)

Dick Whitkos, upon having sold a recently purchased K-car, "I can't get use to a car with the engine in the wrong end!"

John H., on mechanic-ing, "Always do it the wrong way first just to learn how."

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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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Date: Friday, March 17, 1989  
 Time: 7:30 P.M.  
 Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
 Refreshments: Bill Andrews

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS:

April 7-8, 1989	Spring Fling Suncoast Corvairs Clearwater, Florida
April 27-30, 1989	Spring Fest '89 (8th Date with Helen) Helen, GA Corvair Atlanta
April 1988	Adamsville Lions Car Show
May 1989	Lime Run - Richard Stolzmann
June 23-25, 1989	Choo Choo Corvair Classic Chattanooga, TN Choo Choo Corvair Club
July 26-29, 1989	CORSA International Convention Kansas City, MO Heart of America Corvair Owners Association

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HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES?? THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

**RIDING WITH RICHARD - A MESSAGE FROM "THE PRESIDENT"**

As most of the regular attendees of our Vulcan Corvair Club know, I accepted the nomination for President this year and by vigorously campaigning, I was elected. (What am I saying, there were no other candidates for President!). I guess everyone decided that someone else needed to be in the driver's seat. I can say that being President is an awesome responsibility, even if it is just for our club. Before, as a member sitting in the audience, I kind of expected the President and other elected members to get the ball rolling as far as activities and other club doings. Sitting on the other side of the fence, if you will, I can see that the President and other elected positions can't do it by themselves; we need your support and help in planning and carrying out club activities.

I would like all members to try and help out in some planned activity, no matter how small it might seem. Another matter that concerns me is that when I arrive at the library, I no longer know if any other member has arrived yet. **DRIVE YOUR CORVAIRS!** Especially with the weather turning warmer, I would like to see some vaurs in the parking lot. If you drive your car regularly, you will keep it in running condition ready to go to some planned activity.

Well, let me get off my soapbox, have to leave something for next month. When Bill called me up on the phone and twisted my arm for a message from the President, I guess he knew what he was doing.

I hope to see you all at the coming meeting.

Fres. Richard ~~Stolzmann~~ Stolzmann

P.S. Can't keep it up? Does it let you down when you need it the most? Come to the March meeting to find out how to fix it!

P.P.S.S. NORMAN ROGERS, NORMAN ROGERS - Don't forget my tow rope! Richard.

**Forms and Instructions**



**State of Alabama  
Department of Revenue**

Form 40NR  
Nonresidents  
Only

**1988 Form 40NR**  
Alabama Income Tax  
Forms and Instructions

**MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING - Harold Hartline, Asst. Sec.**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Stolzmann. Visitors Laura and David Malone, 1500 Big Bear Circle, Birmingham, Al. 35215, ph 854-6908, were introduced and welcomed to the group.

Richard Stolzmann read a request from Corvair Underground to run an add in our newsletter. Motions were made and passed to approve the add and to grant Richard authority to work out the details.

A motion recommending that the \$4.00 credit for new member Phil Hartline be given to Corvair Museum was made and carried.

Club activity for the year was discussed at length. The emphasis this year will be to encourage members to get more cars road worthy. Some specific events were discussed.

- Richard Stolzmann agreed to stage a lime run in May. John Hathaway will help lay out the course.
- Frank Ranelli agreed to conduct a hands on tech session at his garage on wheel bearings or some other subject.
- Chris Rothe will help. (Chris has the part number for late model wheel bearings if you need them).
- Grant Sneed will prepare a questionnaire to determine what activity seems more likely to be supported by the members.
- Members were asked to give some thought to just how often the club should schedule an organized event. With regional meets such as West Florida, Chattanooga, and Helen and all the others, the calendar fills rather quickly.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and informal tech sessions.

FLACK FROM THE ACTIVITIES CHAIR - CHAPTER II - GRANT SNEAD

Well, I didn't get beat up for anything in the last newsletter, so here goes again.

Several offers and suggestions for things to do came up at the last meeting. For instance:

- Richard Stolzmann offered to do a lime run in May. Richard says on the third weekend. Which day will be best? Saturday? Sunday?
- Frank offers to have a workshop on anything the club would like. Who has an interesting project that would be of interest to most members? Don't expect an engine rebuild!
- Carl Kellner asked for a scenic tour in late fall when the bright foliage colors are out, and has offered to figure out routes, destination, etc.
- We are still planning something that will involve a trip to Tuscaloosa in September. Plan on the third weekend.

I was asked more than once if we could get a schedule set up and distributed for the year so folks can mark their calendars and plan for the time. So, lets try to get some dates firmed up at the March meeting and we will get them in the next newsletter.

Here are a few questions I suspect will come up. Please give them a little thought before the meeting and lets see if we can plan a great year.

- Best day for weekend events? Saturday? Sunday?
- How many driving events (tours, rallies, etc.) would you attend during the year? 1? 2? 3? 4? More?
- Should we hold one or more car shows? Yes? No?
- Where? Malls? Shopping center parking lots?
- Should we consider combining some meetings with events and eliminate some Friday meetings? Would you be more likely to attend a third weekend activity if there were no meeting that Friday? Yes? No?

I'm sure there are a lot more, but that should do for a start. See you at the meeting.

Grant Snead



Last meeting, Ed Heller put an idea before the group which he felt would be good for the club and fun at the same time. Essentially, his thought was to make an effort to get Corvairs on the road more often. One specific idea was to drive to some interesting place for dinner once a month and group the Corvairs in the parking lot. A group of shiny Corvairs would surely draw some attention. The drive would be relatively close to home so if your state-of-repair is not just what you want, you can still drive the car. This would be a good way to do a shake down to get the car really road worthy.

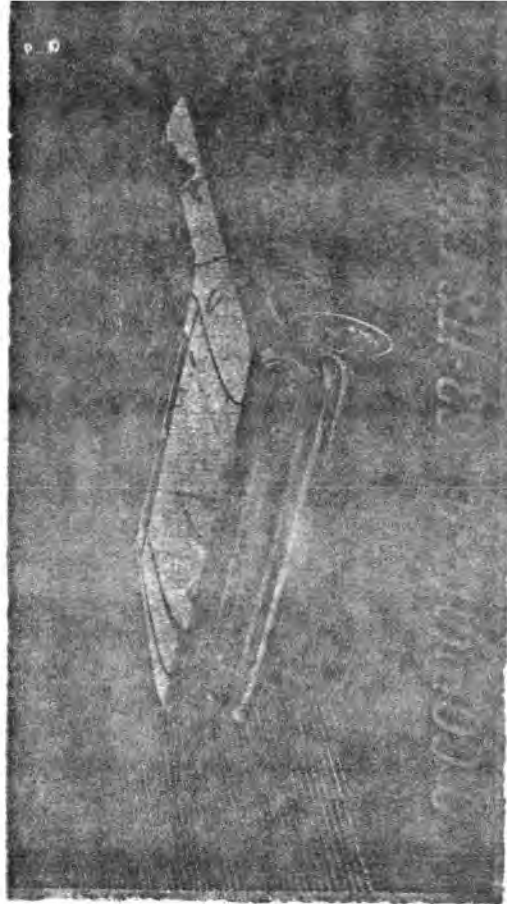
The idea would be to select a restaurant at the monthly meeting and then who ever wants to and can make it, just show up, preferably in a Corvair. It would be informal, no reservations, so if one or 20 show up its no problem.

It seems that Ed's idea has already stimulated some interest. Rumors are circulating that long dormant projects are being revived. Owen Miller's convertible has an appointment with Frank Ranelli, John Hathaway and Grant Snead have spent a weekend or so on Juanita's blue convertible, Ed himself has some new paint-and tops, Harold Hartline's pickup has been moved back to the work station, Bill Andrews continues on his coupe, and surely there are others quietly working.

Ed's idea is worth perusing. It will encourage us to get our cars back on the road and would promote club growth. There are lots of Corvairs in our area and many owners who would enjoy being in the club.

Next meeting, club President Richard Stolzmann will ask members to give a status report on their cars. Is it road worthy? What needs to be done? When do you expect to have it on the road? Can you spell P-R-O-C-R-A-S-T-I-N-A-T-I-O-N?

Harold Hartline



REPORT: 7th ANNUAL CORVAIR LOVER'S HOLIDAY - FEB 24-26, 1989  
WEST FLORIDA CORVAIR CLUB

The West Florida group moved this year's meeting to the Holiday Inn at the University Mall in Pensacola. I understand that the main reason for the move was to get the girls closer to the shopping malls. Don't know what the consensus of opinion was about the move, but I can say that shopping reached epidemic proportions so maybe it was a good move. Personally, I enjoyed the early morning and late evening walks on the beach at the old site, but the new place was better for car activity and access to restaurants, and since I didn't drive a Corvair, my opinion don't count.

Planning and staging these events requires many hours of work by the sponsoring club and the West Florida Corvair Club deserves our thanks and congratulations for their efforts. The meet was well planned and everything went off smoothly and everyone I talked with really enjoyed the weekend. A hospitality room, stocked with food and drink, was open Friday night and all day Saturday, so there was plenty of grazing around the food trays between excursions through the cars and parts displays. The program included two technical sessions which were particularly interesting. One was on the subject of tires. The session was presented by a wholesaler and a retailer from Pensacola. I guess the best summation of the session is that the higher the performance rating of a tire, the shorter the life. So, like anything else, selecting tires is a compromise between two extremes. One of the presenters made a comment that was thought-provoking. He predicted that within a few years, wheels and tires will be sold as an assembly; mounted, balanced, and ready to put on the car. He thinks they will be distributed through centers such as Sam's Warehouse. Take-offs, including the wheel, will be scrapped. Handouts from the seminar will be available at the meeting Friday night.

The other tech session was on rebuilding aluminum heads. Bob Savon Sr., who has some 30 years' experience as a mechanic and automotive machinist, has recently started a specialty business in Pensacola - rebuilding aluminum heads. Don Richardson, with the West Florida group, has Corvair heads reworked by Bob and has been completely satisfied with his work. He worked for General Motors (GM) when the Corvair was on the market so he is knowledgeable about the car. His presentation included procedures he employs in working Corvair heads. Valves are not ground as commonly done because he feels that as the grind stone wears, the shape of the valve seating area changes. They use a cutting tool which does a better job of holding all three angles true. The same procedure is used on the seat. Once the valve job has been completed, they perform a vacuum test on the heads to be sure of the fit. Bob uses silicon bronze valve guides, the full guide - not sleeves, because he says he sees heads which failed because the sleeves did not hold. Also, he uses a nickel alloy valve seat which he feels is more durable than the original stellite seats since leaded gasoline is no longer available. Bob went through procedures he used to rebuild heads and it was

apparent that he is an experienced machinist who knows his business. If you need head work, I think it would be worth the time to send them to Bob Saxton's place. Cards with his name and address will be available at the meeting.

Other activities included a concours with a good turnout of beautiful cars. There seemed to be more airconditioned cars than I remember seeing in one place. All were factory or after market units. One of particular interest was on a 1960 sedan. It was an after market unit which had been installed by the GM dealer when the car was new. The location of the condenser was interesting. It was mounted where the early model battery normally goes - drivers side engine compartment. All of the air to cool the condenser was supplied by an electric fan. The owner said it worked fine.

If you had to guess, how long would you say a Corvair engine would run on one liter of gas? A contest was held to see who could guess the closest. Gary Knecht brought an engine mounted on a trailer for the test. It turned out to be quite an attraction. Guesses covered a wide range. Maybe we can see how close you can guess at the next meeting.

If you have guides like Ed and Carol Keller, Pensacola is an interesting place especially if you enjoy gulf waters and sea food. Our group went to a particularly interesting restaurant for one evening meal. It was somewhere way back in the boondocks, back toward Alabama from Pensacola. The drive went through a grove of water oaks draped with Spanish moss and just when it seemed we had left all civilization, the restaurant, called The Point, I think, showed up in a clearing. The menu included any kind of sea food you could imagine, from raw oysters to mullet, as well as a wide variety of wines and beers - at least four different kinds of draft including a red Irish ale. One member of our group asked the waitress if any of the fish was frozen and immediately a good-ole-boy in the next booth volunteered that such a thought was blasphemy and that any fish served in this restaurant slept in the bay last night. Considering his degree of ugly, we took him at his word. He was right, the food was really good and the evening was most enjoyable. I would recommend the restaurant to you but the truth is, you can't get there from here.

Another side trip in Pensacola is the Naval Air Station and Museum. If you are interested in old aircraft and engines, you would enjoy spending some time there. The engine display included, as far as I know, two versions of the only engines ever made where the pistons stay still and the block moves up and down. That is a bit over-simplified, but the crank shaft does stay fixed and the rest of the engine rotates. These radial engines were said to run very smoothly, but you can imagine how difficult it would be to control oil, gas, and exhaust leaks.

Again, let me say thanks to the people of the West Florida Corvair Club for their good work. With the car activity, restaurants, shopping, and other attractions in and around Pensacola, it made a really nice mini-vacation.

Harold Hartline



## TECH TIPS

### (1) OIL PAN GASKETS - Plagiarized from Frank Ranelli

Have you ever wondered how, at times, the most simple sounding task turns out to be much more complicated than you ever dreamed? Take for instance the installation of an oil pan gasket. Surely, that is about as simple as any maintenance item on a Corvair, but, the trick is to do it so that it does not seep oil when you have finished. You can believe that there is more to it than just wiping surfaces clean and installing a new gasket. Through trial and error, Frank Ranelli has come up with a procedure which seems to work.

**Materials:**

- Cork pan gasket
- Permatex Ultra Blue (silver tube)
- Brake cleaner or lacquer thinner
- Sand paper
- Wire brush

**Procedure:**

- Remove pan and inspect for deformation - straighten to original contour if needed.
- Clean and wire brush gasket surface of pan to bright metal.
- Clean gasket surface of block and scuff with sand paper.
- Clean gasket surfaces of pan and block with brake cleaner or lacquer thinner - surfaces must be completely free of oil.
- Coat both sides of gasket with Permatex Ultra Blue (silver tube) and position in the pan.
- Return pan to block and torque as described in the GM manual - be careful not to over tighten and squeeze the gasket out.
- Allow to sit overnight before adding oil to crankcase.

### (2) UNLEADED GAS, BURNT PISTONS, AND VACUUM ADVANCE - Gary Knecht, West Florida Corvair Club

Gary depends on his Corvair pickup for daily transportation in addition to driving to various Corvair events and entering it in the concours. Gary said that as the lead level in gas became less and less, he began to experience a problem with burned pistons. It usually happened when he was up to speed - 70 mph - on an interstate. He discussed the problem with a mechanic he knows who maintains race car engines. The mechanic suggested that the vacuum advance system be plugged and not used and the mechanical advance be set at 5° below what is called for in the GM book. To do this you must set the engine speed at the point where all of the mechanical advance is in (GM book will show the proper rpm), then back the distributor down 5°. Gary says that this has cured his piston burning problems, he has

no pinging, and can't really tell any difference in the performance. Sounds like it might be worth a try. Don't know exactly where he set the initial advance. If you want to follow up on this, you can call Gary at (904) 243-6344, in Mary Ester, FL.

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NEXT MEETING:

Date: Friday, May 19, 1989  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Hoover Municipal Library  
Refreshments: Wilma Siemens & Sheila Ranelli

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS:

May 27, 1989 1989 Point Mallard Antique  
and Classic Car Show  
Decatur, Al  
Tennessee Valley Region, AACA

June 23-25, 1989 Choo Choo Corvair Classic  
Chattanooga, TN  
Choo Choo Corvair Club

July 1989 VCE Swim Party (Hathaways)

July 26-29, 1989 CORSA International Convention  
Kansas City, MO  
Heart of America  
Corvair Owners Association

RIDING WITH RICHARD - A MESSAGE FROM "THE PRESIDENT"

In my March message, I was telling everyone that when I drove up to the Hoover Municipal Building for the monthly meeting, that no one would know that Vulcan Corvair was holding a meeting (no Corvairs!). I'm proud to report that maybe it was my message from the president that did it or else the weather got better. What ever it was, it's terrific to see around eight Corvairs or more in the parking lot now for the last couple of meetings. As you who were at the last meeting know, the swim party at John and Juanita Hathaways was postponed until July as the water will then be about freezing, according to John (he should know). We tried to get Wyde Park for a picnic May 21, but Sheila reports that the first date available is June 25. We will have to decide at our next meeting what we want to do. I hope that all the members that went to Helen, Georgia last month took lots of slides and pictures and will bring them to our coming meeting. Hope to see everyone at the May 19th meeting.

Vulcan President

Richard Stolzmann

VCEs SEEN AT HELEN

Bill Andrews\*, Charlie & Marie Drake\*, Roy & Ann Dutton, Harold & Louise Hartline\*, John & Juanita Hathaway, Ed & Carol Keller\*, Owen & Joyce Miller, Frank & Sheila Ranelli\*, Chris Rothe, Bob & Wilma Seimens, Grand & Mary Snead\*, Dick & Barbara Witkos\*, Jerry Smith\*. (\* in a Corvair)

As in the past, Corvair Atlanta did a fine job, the weather was great, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Jerry took a Third Place, Early Closed, Concours Division with his unrestored, beautiful 60 4-door.

Charlie took a Third Place, Early Open, Display Division with his 64 Red/White Convertible.

Bill took a First Place, Early Closed, Display Division with his 63 Black/Red Coupe.

Carol won a nice car cover for demonstrating her 60's music memory at the get together friday night.

Congratulations to all these winners and to VCE for having such a big turn out.

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Ed Keller 823-5424

\* 65 Monza Conv, pwr gld, \$1500. (Belongs to someone Ed knows).

\* 65 Monza Conv, 4-sp, Maroon with black top and black int., overall fair condition, needs paint, runs ok, belongs to Vic McCarn, Huntsville, AL.

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS

This is my first try at writing the monthly newsletter in a long, long time. It is thursday the 8th of June and I still do not have the layout from Bill Andrews that Richard Stolzman was suppose to get converted to a three and one half inch disk, so I could use them with my computer. I also do not have the mailing labels or a current paid up member list, so I guess I will just wing this edition.

## THE CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

This information was furnished in part by Grant Snead.

Next meeting June 16th at seven thirty at the Hoover library.

June 23-25, The Choo Choo Corvair classic.

July 21st, Pool party at the Hathaways. Club will provide Bar B Que and probably plates, etc. Veggies and dessert up to you.

September 15th. Tour, rally or something to Tuscaloosa. Destination-Sneads. Details-later.

October ?th. Scenic tour thru Alabama woodlands and scenic areas. Exact date to be determined by Mother Nature.

December 16th ??? Cheaha Christmas Party

Don't forget the Corsa National in Kansas City this July 26-29. Chris Rothe and Myself are planning to go and would like to know if anyone else would be interested in joining us. If we get enough we could take my Greenbrier. We will be leaving on tuesday afternoon and drive all night. If interested please contact one of us. We will be back on Sunday morning.

## THE PREZ SEZ

I did not hear from Richard this month, maybe next.

## HARMONIC BALANCER REBUILDING PROJECT

FROM GRANT SNEAD

The harmonic balancer rebuilding project we have been talking about is getting off the ground. We have all the goop to replace the hardened rubber. We have a (I think) figured out how the new rubber can be gotten into place. The thing that is missing now is defective ( seperated ) harmonic balancers. We need to try to

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I know I promised to get a new list up of where to go for parts and or services. I also promised to get up my list of substitute parts for the first newsletter but I just haven't had the time, but I am still getting my notes together and I promise I will deliver at a later date.

This is all I have for this newsletter maybe I will be better organized next month. If only I can get caught up on all my other doin's.

#### RECIPE for the LADIES

##### ITALIAN DREAM CAKE

1/2 cup margarine  
1/2 cup vegetable shortening  
2 cups sugar  
5 eggs, separated  
2 cups flour (plain)  
1 tsp. soda  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 small can flaked coconut  
1 cup chopped pecans

Cream margarine and shortening; add sugar, beating until smooth. Add egg yolks; beat well. Combine flour and soda; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk. Stir in vanilla, coconut and pecans. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into 3 greased 9 inch pans. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 25 minutes or until done.

##### CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup margarine  
1 lb. box powdered sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 cup chopped pecans

Beat cream cheese and margarine until fluffy. Blend in sugar gradually; stir in vanilla. Spread frosting between layers, over top and around side. Sprinkle pecans over top.

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## CHATTANOOGA TRIP AT THE CHOO-CHOO

The annual trip to the CHOO-CHOO was another great time for all who made it. The Chattanooga club did its usual great job of planing some good fun. We had some club members take home some concours trophys. John laird got third in late open and Jerry Smith got second in early closed. John also got peoples choice best of show. In attendance were the Hartlines, Kellers, Keatons, Trotters, Ranellis, Seemans, Rogers, and I think a couple of more but I can't remember. Sunday we had breakfast at the Brainard Optimist raceway and afterwards a rally in which John and Sara keaton came in secound place. While in Chattanooga the annual Riverbend festival was in progress and we went Saturday nighth and saw Restless Heart along with in excess of 100,000 people. It was some spectical.

## CALANDER OF EVENTS

July 16th swim party at the Hathaways

July 21st monthly meeting at the Hoover Library 7:30 pm

July 25th thru 29th Corsa National Convention Kansas City.

August 18th Monthly meeting Hoover Library 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 15TH TOUR, rally or something to tuscaloosa. Details later.

October ? Scenic tour thru Alabama woodlands and scenic areas. Exact date to be determined by Mother Nature.

December 16th ??? Cheaha Christmas Party

Don't forget the Corsa National in Kansas City this July 26-29. Chris Rothe and Myself are planning to go and would like to know if anyone else would be interested in joining us. If we get enough we could take my Greenbrier. We will be leaving on tuesday afternoon and drive all night. If interested please contact one of us. We will be back on Sunday morning. John Keaton has plans to go



but we still have room for more.

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### MONTHLY OUTING AT THE HATHAWAYS

This month we will have a swim party at the home of John and Wanita Hathaway. We will have dinner consisting of pulled Bar B Que pork. Side dishes are to be pot luck as well as dessert. The club will furnish plates, forks, and drinks. The rest is up to you folks. Swimming is from noon on with food at 2pm. Please all try to make it.

### TECH TOPICS

I am going to try and cover a few tips for corvaair parts and services.

For most mechanical parts I find that Westwood Auto parts main store on forestdale blvd is the place. The number is 798-2260. They have all forms of gaskets, original 44ffs spark plugs, plug wires with proper boots, carb kits, pistons, rings, bearings, blower bearings, oil pumps, oil pressure switches, seals for all applications, and their machine shop is second to none. They can work heads including installing guides and seats. They can bore cylinders and turn cranks.

For alignment work and tires I recomend SAAB tire co on airport highway. Their phone number is 323-1051. The same mechanics who used to work at J&J tires now work here. They have a computerized 4 wheel alignment machine that will give a print out on your car. If doing an early you need to bring your own shims for the rear.

For paint and body work our own Charlie Drake is hard to beat. Charlie stays very busy and you need to get in line but its worth the wait. Another excellent shop is Dans auto repair in west end, his number is 923-1517. If you are looking for an inexpensive but decent quality paint job try Mickeys paint and body at 2018 ave E. Ensley, the number is 787-3605.

For Carpets try Birmingham Auto trim Supply. I do not know the current address but it is in the phone book. The early's are from original paterns and the late are molded and very high quality. American Corvair used to buy from them.

For bumper rechroming I recomend Auto Paint Supply on eight ave south and 23rd street. They do them in three days and great quality at \$75.00 each.

For clutch and flywheel repairs its Clutch and Brake Spec. on 6th ave south. They can repairs loose flywheels and weld them for life for \$37.50. They can reline brakes and clutch discs also.

For aluminum welding as in valve seats, John Chambers is the best in town. He lives in Forestdale behind Rumores Car wash, his number is 798-1257. He can weld up the head so Westwood can reinstall a new seat. By the way Westwood can also furnish new valves.

For Viton tube seals I usually have them in stock at \$8.00 a set. I usually have cork oil pan and vavle cover gaskets too.

The following are some part numbers Chris Rothe and myself have come up with as good substitutes.

The Vega point plate is a great improvement over the original and is an exact replacement. GM part number is 1846456 and can be ordered at any GM dealer or at Westwood or Southern Dist.. I persnally recomend the Clarks electronic cornversion called the Ignitor. It replaces the point plate and has a Hall cell as in GM's HEI ignition. It has no moving parts an fits entirely inside the cap. It will fire down to 0 rpms. Cost is \$54.00 but you will never buy points or condensor again. Also you can set your timing once and forget it.

The rear wheel cyclinders are no longer available for forward controlls. Bendix has an exact replacement for it but it requires replacement of the rubber hose. Part numbers are 33005 for the cylynder and 88237 for the hose. It makes a real neat job.

A couple of great and cheap bearings are available from BCA bearings. The late blower bearings can be replaced by a 885802 but you have to cut off the shaft on the top side. Any machine shop can do this for you. Also a great idler replacement is a 885152 and requires no modification.

This past week I found out that Harmonic balancer for the corvaire is a good number because it also fits the 230 and 250 cubic inch Chevy 6 cylinder engines and is still very much available at your dealer.

A great substitute muffler for our cars is the Western Auto #5537. This muffler is for the Chrysler K Car with the 2.6 motor. The corvaire motor is about the same size, but the muffler is more free flow due to the catalytic converter ahead of it. It is round and compact and will fit most anywhere right or left. John Keaton has them on his 140 and says they are not as quiet as stock but I have one on my greenbrier and can tell no difference.

#### FOR SALE

65 MONZA CONVERTIBLE 110 hp 4 speed, very good condition. \$1850.00  
Vic McCarn huntsville. Al. 837-7980.

65 MONZA COUPE, 110hp automatic, good shape, \$1100.00 or best offer. Jim reed, Empire Al. 648-6325.

65 CORSA COUPE, 140 hp 4 speed, good condition, 8000 miles on rebuilt engine and transaxle, brakes, new adj. shocks, car was repainted with new carpets, fuzzies, and window reseals about 5 years ago and has been driven very little since. Asking \$2500.00. Harvey leydecker 477-6342.

1954 chevy 1/2 ton pick up late with one piece windshield. rebuilt 348 ci with turbo 400 and 12 bolt posi rearend. Power brakes and set up for a/c. Has power split seats very sharp. \$3250.00. Harvey Leydecker 477-6342.

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## CONVENTION UPDATE

The CORSA national convention was great. About 200 cars were present and about 500 people. The selection of cars was impressive. Everything from ragged out street cars to race cars to flawless show cars. One of the things that left a real impression with me was their prices people were asking for cars. The prices were pretty steep. The people in attendance didn't seem to be bothered by the prices either. Kansas City was a really nice place. We enjoyed going into the city and seeing the sites. It appeared to be a clean city and we were suprized at the fact that we hardly ever saw a policeman. We visted the Grand Emporium a night club that was supposed to be famous and an area that claimed to be the first shopping center in america built in 1929. It had all been redone and had some exclusive shops such as GUCCI's.

The slaloms were great fun too! Warren laveque ( I don't know if thats spelled right) brought two cars. One was the Corsa coupe that he had in Ashville that was Turboed but was running a four barrel with out the turbo and a mid engined paxton supercharged home built car. He did well but a fellow in a 66 Corsa conv. that was fully prepared for SCCA solo 2 beat them all. Chris, Jon and myself of course forgot to bring a hat and since there was no shade on the parking lot got roasted to say the least.

As some of you may already know we drove my 62 Greenbriar to the convention. We made it to the convention with out a hitch and got 20.40 miles to the gallon to boot. On saturday we started home at about 2 pm and about 250 miles from K.C. the generator light came on. We were on highway 63 which is two lane and was out in the country. There were little community's every 15 miles or so. We stopped in a combination restuarant convience store and asked if there were any parts stores around thinking we could fix the thing. She dirtected us to Willow Springs about two miles back. On arrival there everything was closed it being saturday night. We then drove to a house we heard of that was supposed to have 400 cars around it. There was one corvaire there but it was a 65, no good. It was almost dark and we wondered if we would have to sleep

in the van allnight. We drove south again on 63 and about a mile we spotted a 64 coupe under a tree along with some other makes. We pulled in and no one was home. We waited a while and finally looked under the hood and the generator was still there. The car hadn't run in a long time so as darkness came upon us and no one was around so we removed it and after installing it got back on the road to come home. We travelled 516 miles on the generator to my house and the next time I drove it it went 46 miles and the generator failed.

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Slides of convention.

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Destination-Sneads.

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We finally have a few details on the "whatever" scheduled for September. First, Change your calenders, it isn't the 17th, we moved it up a week to the 10th. We will leave from Western Hills Mall ( in front of Penny's ) at 12:30. The destination will be our house in Tuscaloosa, with an intermediate stop for a tour of the Bryant Museum. (brochure enclosed) We will have barbeque and  
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beverages ready. Everyone bring something to go with barbeque. (also recomend emergency backup on beverages in case ours runs out.)

Getting there will be a tour (guided by us) thru rural Alabama. We think there is a route to Tuscaloosa we hanvn't sent the club over, but we got lost the last time we tried to find. (thats why we decided not to try a lime run.) But never fear, we will have it all figured out by the 10th. See you there.

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#### ABOUT THE SWIM PARTY FROM JUANITA HATHAWAY

John and I enjoyed having all of you here for the swim party. It was a good turnout in spite of the wind and stormy looking weather we had earlier in the day. It turned out to be a beautiful day. I can't think of anything better for a party than good friends and good food and Charlie's homemade ice cream. I wish all of you could have been here.

For those of you that missed the last meeting you missed hearing about a lot of good things coming up in the future. It may seem early to think about Christmas, however I want everyone to keep December 16th open. We will be having an old fashion Christmass party at Cheha. This will be our yearly Christmass party. Our club will furnish baked ham, smoked turkey and the breakfast. I will be in charged of the food and with your help and suggestions for the rest of the dinner, it will be something to look forward to.

The breakfast will be country Style. The men have been volunteered to cook. So far, Charlie, Ed, Harold, Grant and John will be in the kitchen. I have heard that we will have home-made bisquits, bacon and ham, eggs and grits, and maybe some sawmill and red eye gravy. It would be worth the drive to Cheha to see so many men in the kitchen at one time.

There has been a lot of enthusiam shown for this party. Several members have made room reservations in the lodge already. Call Grant Snead to make your reservations, which is a first come first served. Be sure to use 1-553-4210 to call him as the number on the last list is not correct or see him at the meeting.

See you August 18th.

## TECH TOPICS

Last month I forgot to tell you about A very important topic. For Starter, generator and alternator repairs and just about any charging problem you should see Southern Armature Works at 226 south 22th street B'ham, Al. 35201 Phone 324-6529. They also do work on air conditioning . There very reliable and very fair in pricing.

## SLIDES OF THE CONVENTION

FROM JON KEETON

Don't miss the next meeting if you want to see some convention highlights. Jon Keeton will be bringing the slides he shot in Kansas City.

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### Spinach Dip

1 (10oz) Pkg frozen chopped spinach  
1 cup mayonaise  
1 cup sour cream  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 (8oz) can water chestnuts, chopped  
1(1-5/8oz) pkg. vegetable soup mix

Thaw spinach, place on paper towels, and press until barely moist. Combine all ingredients, stir well. Cover & chill for several hours. Serve with crakers or raw vegetables- makes 3 cups.

Jan Trotter 7-21-89

### Cabbage salad

In large container arrange the following ingredients in layers.  
1 large head cabbage shredded  
1 green bell pepper, sliced thin

2 med. onions, thin sliced (seperate rings)  
1 med. jar pimento grained

Do not stir vegetables

For the dressing mix together the following ingredients and boil for 2 minutes.

1 cup salad oil

1 cup sugar

3/4 cup white vinegar

1-1/2 teaspoon celery seed

Pour hot dressing over vegetables. Cover tightly and refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Will keep indefinitely in refrigerator.



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## TRIP TO THE SNEADS IN TUSCALOOSA

On September 10th we all met at Western Hills Mall for our yearly lets find a new way to get to Tuscaloosa. Let me tell you that Grant and Mary did not lets us down! I had no idea where we were but sure enough we ended up in T town. After a visit to the great Bear Bryant Museum we went to the Sneads home for some great food. Grant gave us a demonstration on how to pour the goop into the gap on a harmonic balancer and allowed us to go through his parts and even sold a thing or two. Grant held an informal little contest giving prizes for naming some of the towns we passed through. The prizes were donated by Walls Corvaire Underground.

In attendance were the Hartlines, Kellers, Smiths, Hathaways, Keetons, Seimens and the Ranelli's.

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### TECH TOPICS

I have just a quick tech tip this month. If you need to replace Your rear strut rod bushings on late models don't wast your time installing the rubber ones from clarks. These will simply not hold up any lenth of time. The oringinal were poured and GM never offered a replacement. You had to replace the entire rod. The nylon ones from Clarks work great but if you install them on both ends the ride is harsh. Some people have also said it is to rigid and will break the brackets. I have used them for years on my 66 monza and installed them on customer cars with no problems. I have found that in most cases the outer bushings are in great shape so I just repalce the inner ones with the nylon bushings. In most cases you also don't need to get a professional alignment if you follow Calrks instructions although it is probably better to get it checked. If you just have to have rubber get the rods that have had the ends poured with urethane these should hold up well.

Also from the Houston News letter a word about AC fuel pumps. AC has finally admitted that a batch of Delco fuel pumps are defective. ( no joke ) The pumps are tagged #6022. You should take them back to your dealer.

FROM JUANITA HATHAWAY

Juanita asks that you please come to the next meeting if your planning to make the covered bridge tour. She would like to coordinate the food and beverages. We also should finalize all plans.

FROM ED KELLER

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Can you believe Christmass is almost here? We meet this friday Oct. 22 and then we have one more meeting in November. Then our old fashion Christmass party at cheha is planned.

I'd like to start planning the menu this month in case some of the ladies miss the meeting next month.

We will want to have a Christmass tree -live if possible to match th "old fashion" theme. Perhaps some of our children would like to decorate it. We could string popcorn and cranberries and cut out paper figures like was done when you couldn't buy ornaments.

If you have any ideas to expand on this, please tell me.

Congratulations to Jerry Smith who won a trophy Semptember 16th. There were three trophys for best in show and he was awarded one. John Laird also won.

Ed Keller recieved an award for his red late model along with Dick Witkos at the meet in Dothan. The Smiths, Kellers, Millers, Whites, Hathaways, and Mike Donnely went to the show in Dothan on October 7th. There were 147 beautiful entries, seven of which were corvairs.

Barbra and Dick Witkos invited us all to their house for a cook-out after the show.

We enjoyed being with them and meeting their Dothan freinds. We also inspected his fleet of corvairs and his work shop. We appreciated their hospitality.

Don't forget the covered bridge and picture tour on Sunday October 22nd.

See you Friday at the meeting. The door prize was won by Sarah Smith last month when her name tag was drawn at the end of the meeting.

Barbra Witkos asked for the recipe for the cake I took to Dothan. Here it is Barbra.

### GOOEY BUTTER CAKE

#### STEP ONE

One package of yellow cake mix  
2 eggs  
1 stick of margerine at room temperature  
mix together and form into a 13x9 inch pan

#### STEP TWO

1 8oz package of cream cheese, softened at room temperature.  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs  
beat together and pour over top of mix prepared in step 1  
Bake in 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until brown.

### PINA COLADA CAKE

1 pkg. pineapple supreme cake mix or yellow cake mix  
1 can Borden's Eagle brand condensed milk  
1 sm (8.5 oz) can cream of coconut  
1 (12oz) container of Cool Whip  
1 (7oz) can coconut

Bake cake according to package directions in 9x13x2 inch glass baking dish. Cool completely. With a wooden spoon handle, punch dents into top of the cake about 1/2 inch deep. Spread can of cream of cocnut over top of cake, then spread can of condensed milk over cake. Mix 1/2 can of coconut with Cool Whip and spread over cake in thick layer. Top with remaining coconut. Store in refrigerator. Serves 8-12. From Joyce Miller.

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TRIP TO DOTHAN'S  
LANDMARK CAR SHOW

ON SAT., OCT. 7, 1989, WE GOT UP AT 4:00 AM!!! AND GOT TO THE HOOVER LIBRARY AT 5:00, WHERE WE MET THE SMITHS AND HATHAWAYS. THE PLAN WAS TO MEET THE MILLERS AT SHONEYS IN MONTGOMERY AT 7:00 AM, AND PROCEED TO DOTHAN; PLANNING TO ARRIVE ABOUT 10:00, TO REGISTER JERRY SMITH'S '60 AND MY '66 RED CORSA CONVERTIBLE.

EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN UNTIL ABOUT CLANTON, WHEN THE "INFAMOUS RED ROCKET" SUDDENLY REVERTED TO HER OLD TRICKS: NO ACCELERATOR, SUDDEN CUT-OUT, NO POWER, POPPING, BACK-FIRING, ETC. WE WERE FACED WITH THE DECISION TO RETURN HOME, OR TRY TO MUDDLE DOWN TO MONTGOMERY. (CAROL SAID SHE WANTED TO GO BACK AND GET A "REAL CAR") JERRY CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE AS CLOSE TO MONTGOMERY AS WE WERE TO BIRMINGHAM, SO WE FIDDLED WITH THE POINTS, ETC., AND WENT GAMELY ON, PLANNING TO PARK THE CAR AT OWEN MILLER'S HOUSE AFTER BREAKFAST AND GO DOWN TO DOTHAN WITH THE HATHAWAYS IN THEIR NEAT RED CAMARO. AFTER BREAKFAST, I HAD SECOND THOUGHTS AND DECIDED WE MIGHT MAKE IT IF WE DROVE SLOWER, SO WE STRUCK OU DOWN 231 TOWARD DOTHAN. WE ARRIVED ABOUT 10:30 AM, STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO REGISTER.

THIS IS A NICE PARK, AND ALMOST A PERFECT PLACE FOR A CAR SHOW. PLENTY OF NICE, GREEN GRASS, GOOD FACILITIES, ETC. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) CORVAIRS; (3) LATES, AND (4) EARLIES. DICK WITKOS GENEROUSLY DIVIDED THE 'VAIRS INTO EARLY AND LATE SO THAT (6) CARS GOT A TROPHY. CHARLIE AND ANN JOHNS TOOK 1ST AND 2ND WITH THEIR EARLY COUPE AND CONVERTIBLE. THESE ARE SUPER CARS, AND IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THEM, YOU HAVE MISSED AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL. GREAT WORK, CHARLIE!

*From  
Brewton  
Ala.*

THERE WERE (140) CARS ENTERED, RANGING FROM EARLY ANTIQUES TO LATE VETTES, ETC., SOME BEAUTIFUL MUSTANGS, 50'S CHEVIES, HOT RODS, ETC. IT WAS A HOT, HUMID DAY AND THE ONLY FAULT I FOUND (AND A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE) WAS THE LOUD, BLARING MUSIC AND THE LOUD MAN TRYING TO BE FUNNY.

DICK AND BARBARA WITKOS GRACIOUSLY INVITED OUR GROUP OVER TO THEIR HOUSE, AFTERWARDS, FOR A COOK-OUT AND I THINK EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. THE LADIES EVEN FOUND THAT "SPECIAL STORE" AND RECEIVED SOME OF THAT GREAT DOTHAN HOSPITALITY WHILE THE MEN WERE CAR SHOWING.

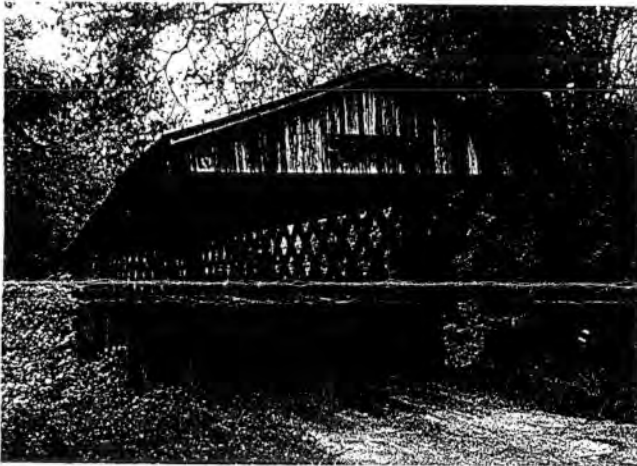
WE EASED ON BACK SUNDAY, FOLLOWING THE HATHAWAYS AND MADE IT OK.

**Horton Mill Bridge**

the highest covered bridge above water in the U.S., 220 ft. long, the structure is located 5 mi. N of Oneonta on AL 75.

**Easley Bridge**

95 ft. long, located 1.5 mi. NW off US 231, 3 mi. NW of Oneonta.



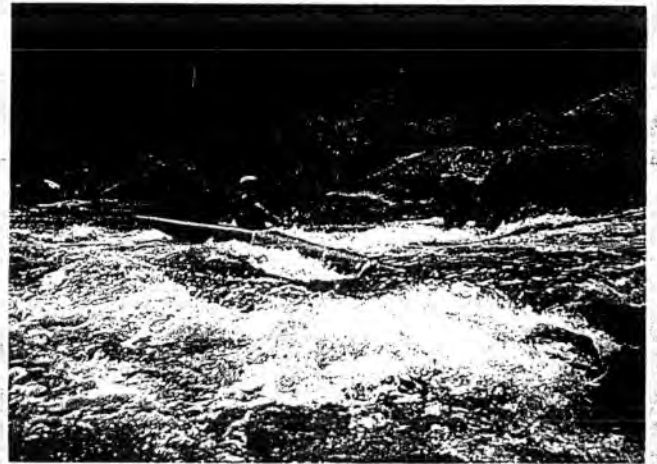
*Easley Bridge*

**Swann Bridge**

spanning 324 ft., is located 1.5 mi. W of Cleveland, a mile off AL 79.

**Nectar Bridge**

its 385 ft. spans the Locust Fork of the Warrior River, one mile E of Nectar off AL 160.



*Canoeing/Warrior River*

**Palisades Park**

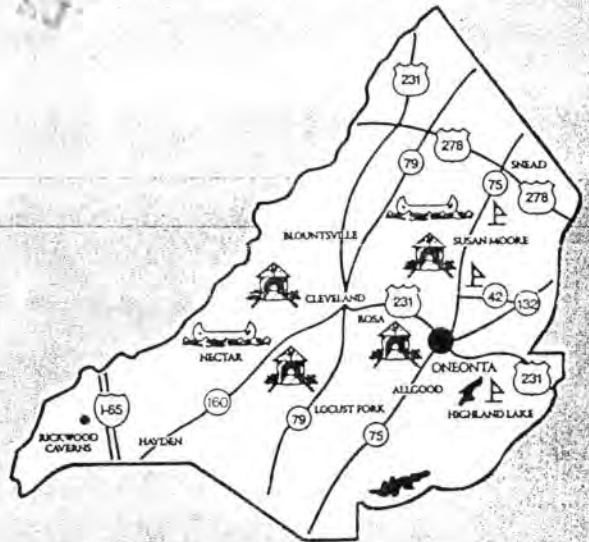
Nationally acclaimed for its design, the popular day-use park features a 1300 ft. elevation, nature trails, historic log cabins, meeting centers. A perfect location for business use, family enjoyment, the park is located 5 mi. NW of Oneonta off US 231.



*Palisades Park*

**Canoeing & Kayaking**

whether you're looking for a lazy drift down a shady river or thrilling white water action, you'll find it on the Locust and Mulberry Forks of the Black Warrior River, winding through the county.



B L O U N T C O

COVERED BRIDGE RUN - PICTURE DAY

DATE: OCT. 22, 1989 SUNDAY

MEET AT PALISADES PARK - ENTRANCE OFF 231 BETWEEN ONEONTA AND CLEVELAND - PAVILLION #2 IS RESERVED FOR VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS AT 12:00 NOON. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH - SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED



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# OIL DROP



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS

## THE CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

This information was furnished in part by Grant Snead.

Next meeting november 17th at seven thirty at the Hoover Library.  
slide presentation of the covered bridge is planned.

December 16th Cheaha Christmas Party

## THE PREZ SEZ

I did not hear from Richard this month, maybe next.

## HARMONIC BALANCER REBUILDING PROJECT

FROM GRANT SNEAD

If you still have some bad harmonic balancers bring them to the meeting and give them to Grant Snead. For five bucks its the deal of the year.

FROM GRANT SNEAD

## ACTIVITIES

The Christmas party is set for December 16 at Cheha. Rooms at the lodge are going on a first come, first serve basis and are going fast. Get your reservations in early. We don't have a firm price yet, but it will be either the same as last year or just a tad higher. More details later.

FROM JUANITA HATHAWAY

It's hard to believe another year has passed. It has really gone by fast. We have had good meetings and a lot of fun times. This next meeting will be the last one for the year as our Christmas

party at Cheaha December 16, will serve as the December meeting. If you haven't made your room reservations, please do so. This will help us to know how many to prepare food for.

The club will furnish the ham and turkey. The members will furnish the rest of the dinner. Breakfast will be paid for out of the club treasury, and the men will do the cooking. Isn't that great?! Coffee and orange juice are planned. If you want any other drinks, please remember to bring them.

As usual, each of us is bringing a small Christmas gift. Be sure to mark it Man, Woman, or child.

At the last meeting a nominating committee was appointed. They are Charlie Drake, Harold Hartline, Sheila Ranelli, and John Hathaway. They have come up with a terrific slate, all of whom have agreed to serve.

This will be my last news note as hospitality volunteer for the year, as we have another person who will serve next year.

See you Friday night!

Juanita

#### DRIVE TO PALISADES

No matter how tied we are to the city, there seems to be something drawing us back to the countryside in the fall of the year. Guess that's one reason for the turn out of so many shiny Corvairs for the Sunday afternoon drive to Blount County for a visit to the Palisades park and some of the county's covered bridges. The outing started at Hardie's on the eastern side of town where members gathered to form a convoy. Louise and Harold Hartline were first to arrive, with John and Juanita Hathaway soon to follow. John and Juanita were sporting a beautiful little convertible which we were very proud to see! Ed and Carol Keller, Charlie and Marie Drake, Roy and Ann Dutton, Jon and Sara Keaton, Charlie and Jan Trotter, Grant and Mary Snead, Jerry and Sara Smith, and bringing up the rear, as usual, were Frank and Sheila Ranelli. A caravan was formed and left more or less on time for the drive to the park. At the park we were joined by Bill and Nancy Cantrell, Bob and Wilma Siemens, and Larry and Kay Vann.

Palisades Park is just east and north of Oneonta on the brow of a mountain overlooking a scenic valley. Blue October skies and brilliant fall foliage made the view spectacular. The park provided a place for a really nice picnic. After an hour or so of eating, talking, looking at trees, and listening to passers-by say "I used to have one of those cars, sure wish I had it now, must be worth a fortune now", the caravan moved out in search of the covered bridges.

The first bridge was on a dirt road in the Blount County

countryside in a quaint and scenic neighborhood. Folks were friendly and everyone waved as we passed by. The second bridge was the Horton Mill bridge north of Oneonta. It provided a beautiful place to walk through the trees, admire the handiwork of the craftsmen who built the bridge and just enjoy a scenic spot. Cameras were snapping, or is it clicking, everywhere so we should have some good slides for next meeting. Cars and drivers were photographed emerging from the bridge and many random shots of people, scenery and cars were taken. If you were there and made slides, please bring them to the meeting. The projector will be furnished.

Let us say a huge THANK YOU to Ed and Carol Keller for all the work they put into this event. It was a roaring success.

See you soon.

Harold Hartline

#### CLASSIFIEDS

64 MONZA COUPE, 110-4 SPEED. PAINTED CHARCOAL WITH BLACK INTERIOR. NEW EXHAUST. VERY GOOD OVERALL CONDITION. ED KELLER PHONE 823-5424 ASKING \$1200.00

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No regular monthly meeting in December, the Christmas party will take its place.

The January meeting will not be on the 3rd Friday of the month due to a previous booking at the library. The meeting will be held on the third Saturday instead which will be the 20th. All other meetings will be held on the third Friday.

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child. The cost of gifts usually runs about \$5.00 each. The children will be making homemade ornaments and decorations for the Christmas tree which will be live and provided by Sheila Ranelli. If you have ideas about decorations or supplies for such, please bring with you. Sunday morning breakfast will be provided by the club treasury. I hear we have several qualified chefs hired on a volunteer basis for the task of preparing this food.

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VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS  
TREASURER'S REPORT

SINCE I HAVE BEEN YOUR TREASURER FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS  
AND SOMEONE ELSE WILL BE SERVING IN THIS OFFICE, I THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE YOU A YEAR-END REPORT.

BEGINNING BAL. - JAN., 1989	\$1,011.33
TOTAL SUM OF CHECKS WRITTEN THROUGH NOV. (18 CHECKS)	<u>572.33</u>
	\$ 439.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS MADE IN '89	<u>510.00</u>
	949.00
BANK SERV. CHGS. THROUGH NOV. (11 MONTHS)	<u>-19.50</u>
BALANCE	\$ 929.50
CHECKS WRITTEN IN DEC. TO DATE:	
HOOVER PUB. LIBRARY	-60.00
PALISADES PARK	<u>-15.00</u>
BALANCE	\$ 854.50

THE ABOVE BALANCE WILL BE OUR YEAR ENDING  
BALANCE LESS DEC. SERVICE CHG. AND ANY  
ADDITIONAL CHECKS WRITTEN.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ED KELLER, TREAS.