

THE

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 31, No 1

January, 2010



From the editor:

Welcome to 2010 and the second year of the Corvaair 50th anniversary!! Keep your cars out there in the public eye and keep looking for new members.

One of my early New Year's resolutions was to get all the parts I've bought for my car over the last 12 months on the car where they belong. Looks like I'm going to come up short the new fuel lines and a new lock for my glove compartment. Then there are those parts in the bottom of the parts box that classify as 'Why did I buy that?'. (Those don't count.) I might get the fuel lines on in the next couple of days which would only leave the lock. I have a steering box but am trading steering columns with Russ so maybe that doesn't count either. My column is adjustable, but I don't have the top parts at the steering wheel and he does. My column and steering box, along with his steering wheel, etc. will look good on the '66 convertible he's restoring. I did get the rest of the new weatherstrip on the car, but it still leaks. I gave it a good garden hose test and it didn't leak but the next time it rained it did! I've tightened up everything I can find and it's raining tonight, so we'll see if that fixed it. I've talked with Harold about welding the top down to see if that would fix it, or just trade it to someone for a coupe. Denise says to just buy a wet suit, it would be cheaper than all I've done so far. She may be right.

John

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Date: Friday, Jan. 16, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Vestavia Hills Library on Hwy 31

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Calendar of Events

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Contact Lowell Don Jessee @ 423-288-2044

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Pensacola Beachfront.

www.daysinn.com/hotel/21564

Contact June Lindsay @ 850-994-2161 or
wfcc@juno.com

March 12-14 Corvaair Warm Up, Myrtle Beach, SC
Sponsored by Central Carolina CORSA
Sea Mist Resort, 1200 S. Ocean Blvd.
Contact: Carol Harris (803) 236-2686



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December VCE Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting in December, but we had a whale of a Christmas party. Great food and a desert table that went on forever! I hit both tables twice. Thanks to everyone for bringing their favorite dishes.

There were elections for officers for 2010. I'm not sure when or where these elections were held, but was informed that I easily won re-election for the editor spot. I didn't even know I was running for re-election!

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Start getting the newsletter today via email. Drop me a line.

January

Birthdays

Denise Cleveland 1/2

Wilma Siemens 1/27

Bob Siemens 1/12

Anniversaries

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Go to Corvair.org for information, or see a fellow member for a Communiqué and/or a discount sign up form.



TECH TIPS

Editor: This caught my eye from the December West Florida 'Chronic Corvair' Newsletter. I'm just getting ready to attempt this very thing!

Re-Keying Lock Cylinders By Les Huckins, CORSA West

Page 4 Accessories of the CORSA TECH GUIDE SUPPLEMENT – 1996.

This is very well covered in shop manuals, but very few seem to try it, feeling it requires greater expertise than the average mechanic possesses. It doesn't. It is easy. I offer here only a few hints should you decide to take on the task from a cold start.

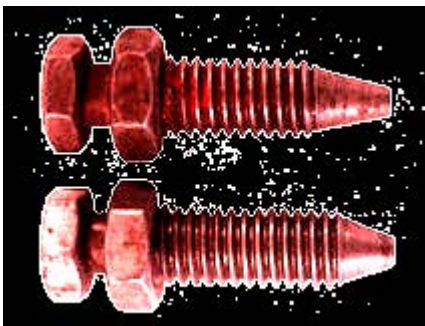
I've had several cars wherein the luggage compartment cylinder was either missing, or had been mangled somewhere along the line, and was now keyed to a non-original key. Where you have several cars (who doesn't?) and carry a lot of keys, the extras are not welcome. It is also nice to have the stock configuration of one key fitting all lock cylinders (for early models).

The first thing to do is to place your key against the key diagram in the shop manual to see what tumblers you need, using the YBNC coding. The next thing is to dig up some old lock cylinders and extract the tumblers. Per the book, you will note that there are four different tumblers (YBNC), the difference being in the height of the notch in the side. If you can pick them by eye, great, but I get one of each size by comparing notches. I turn one over and compare it to another I think is the same size. If it is, it makes a perfect little square. If it isn't, it's the next size up or down, and becomes the comparator for that size. When I have all four sizes separated into groups, I pick out those I need for my key and insert them in the cylinder. Put the springs and retainer in place and insert key to make sure that the locking bar retracts properly just below the surface of the cylinder. If all is well, stake lightly per the book.

Since you probably have a couple of spare cylinders by now, do one of two things: set up a practice cylinder to make sure of your keying, or better yet, set up the complete cylinder, so that you can slip it in your car when you get ready, that way you can save the old cylinder and keys for when you might need them in another situation.

Editor: I've seen this article in several newsletters as well as the Communiqué.

We are always learning new things about Corvairs – this concerns the fuel pump retaining bolt, which you tighten when installing the pump (and then tighten the lock nut). There were apparently two different designs of these bolts used, I have yet to determine why or when the change was made. This is the problem: one design (no marking on the head) has a longer,



slimmer taper and a sharper point. This design allows the point to contact the bottom of the hole in the pump before the sides touch the tapered hole, resulting in all the pressure being exerted against the thin bottom of the pump casting hole. Two problems are possible with this design bolt, the pump will loosen up and the steel bolt will wallow out the hole or the original attempt to tighten the bolt or follow up attempts to tighten it will punch through the casting and lock up the fuel pump push rod. The second design bolt has an "L" stamped on the head and appears to work perfectly. Check your bolt

head with a mirror; if the "L" is present, you are fine with normal tightening of the bolt. If you have the bolt with no marking, either find the other design bolt or remove your current bolt and cut about 1/8" off of the end. Dress up the edges and reinstall.

The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Christmas Party 2009!



This is an early shot of the desert table. There are more calories in that picture than fleas on a dog!

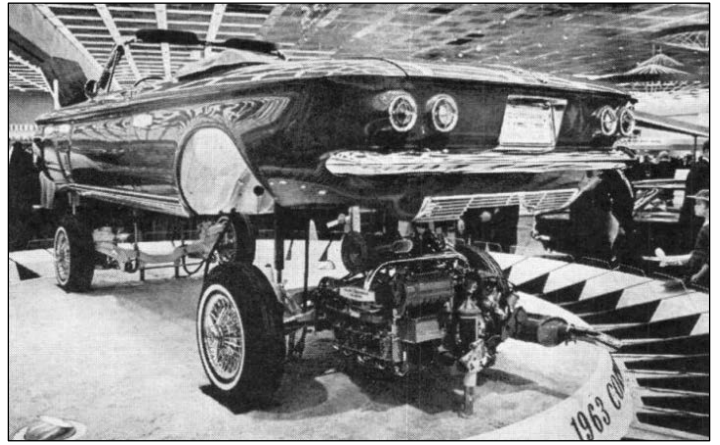
Santa (Bob Siemans) was a big hit with the ladies!



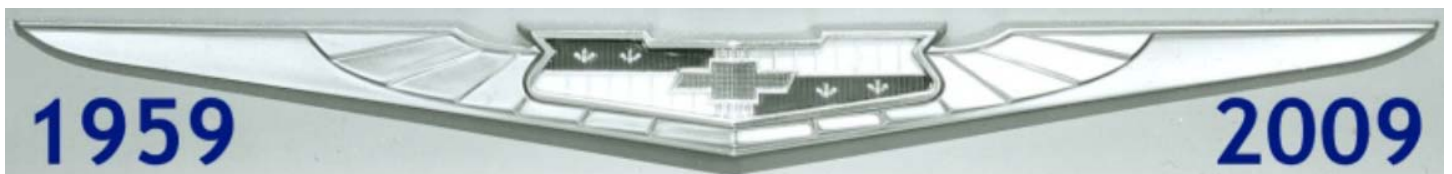
Russ was the December birthday boy, 39 and counting (down).

After everyone had a good visit, we got down to the business of the evening, trying to eat all the food we had brought!





1960 4-door Coupe. Vermont and Sunset Travel Lodge, Hollywood, CA



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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER:

This is my first attempt to write a President's Corner. First thing is the January meeting. With many of our members going to Pigeon Forge, I assumed that our January meeting would be very lightly attended. At five minutes to seven it looked like this would be true. Lo and Behold, by ten minutes after seven the meeting room was full of people! We of course got down to the most important part of the meeting, which was eating. We really had a fine selection of eats.

We then held our meeting and had a good lively discussion about everything and nothing too important. We had lots of people step up and pay their dues in December and at the January meeting, so our bank balance was in the black. I'm going to have to write this column immediately after the meeting so I can remember what went on at the meeting and comment on it.

On a personal note I've been rebuilding my 67 engine, the one that the crank broke on. Well, as they say, some days are good days and some are bad. I was in the process of torquing the head bolts and a bolt pulled out of the block at around 25 foot pounds. I now have to pull the pistons and rod so I can install an insert. You can probably see in the picture which stud it is as it had some threads showing before I tried to torque it.

For our February meeting I would like everyone to think of a place to go for possibly a one day trip, like Moundville, Huntsville Space Center, Oak Mt. State Park, Mount Cheaha, etc. Some place we can all drive our Corvairs to. I'm planning on having a swim party in August at our house, with a back road scenic route to it.

GROWN UP CORNER: You know you are grown up when your mother no longer sets out toothpaste for you when you visit.

SEE YOU ALL AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!

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NET SURFERS CORNER:

GM Concept Car:

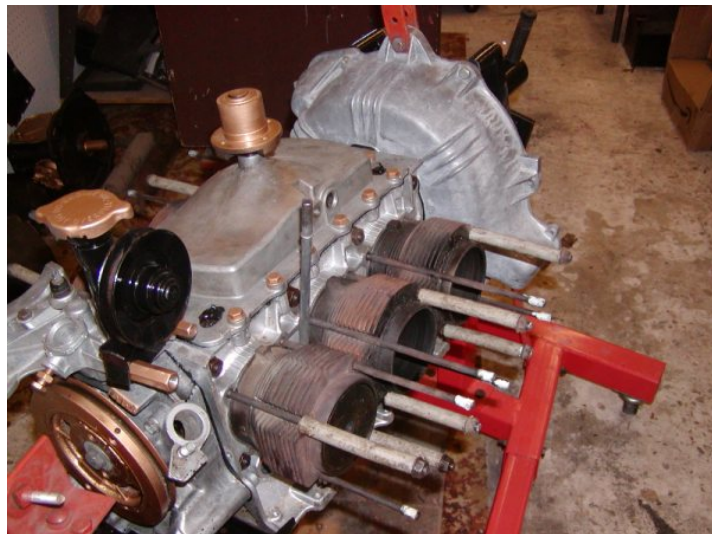
<http://video.aol.com/video-detail/top-gear-general-motors-hy-wireflv/3813732918>

Steam Powered Airplane: (not the John Hartford song!)

http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/the-besler-steam-plane_658.html

Amos Auto has several great email magazines you can sign up for.

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For Sale: 1966 Convertible. Bob Bentz Call: 813-716-1633 or email corvan8@hotmail.com. \$15K, but flexible. White w/blue interior, all the bells and whistles; telewood wheel. Email the editor for pics. This is one sweet car.

Hi, looking for a right fender for a 1965 up Monza. Can you help. Bill 315-796-5456 or 334-4629 Thanks

I was contacted by a gentleman in my area who recently purchased a 65 Corsa without a drive train. He is looking for a 180 Turbo motor for this vehicle, as well as differential and transmission, complete. He would take only a turbo motor as I can provide the tranny and diff. He is looking for something ready to bolt in, but let him know what is available, anyone got a spare in his garage?

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April 23-24
Friday night Hospitality, Go Cart races, 50/50 & Valve Cover races.
Saturday, Concourse, People's Choice. Clark's Corvair Parts will be there!
Hotels: Helendorph - \$138 (2 nites before March1) 706-878-2271
Best Western - \$59 per nite before March 30 800-435-3642
Super 8 - \$55 per nite. 706-878-2191
Contact Lillian Law 229-883-4123

Southern Hospitality - Queen City Corvair Club Car Show – May 14 – 16, Charlotte, NC.
Concourse, People's Choice, Autocross, Valve Cover Race, Worship Service
Sheraton, Charlotte Airport 704-392-1200
Contact: Tom Husley 919-876-1800 Please RSVP

The **Lawrence County Classic Car Club** and the **Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce** presents the 6th Annual "Cavalcade of Antique Cars", Saturday, **June 12, 2010** in Lawrenceburg Tennessee.

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February

Birthdays

Louise Hartline 2/23

Anniversaries

Buck & Jewel Hinkle

Feb. 5

Richard & Doris Cleveland

Feb. 5

I KNOW MOST OF YOU WERE

BORN SOMETIME, LET ME

KNOW WHEN! *(your editor)*

Dear Car Enthusiast,

As you know, The Alabama Antique & Classic Car Auction will be at the Talladega Superspeedway Feb. 26 through the 28. Billy Joe Chapman has asked Dixie Vintage to hose a car show in conjunction with this event. The car show will be our annual fund raiser for Travelers Aid of Birmingham. A car show flier is attached and preregistration is appreciated. Billy Joe is also asking all area car enthusiasts to support this important event by volunteering to work/help with parking. Parking shifts are in 3 hour increments and anyone completing a shift will receive a one day general admission ticket to the auction, car corral, vendor area and car show. Work two parking shifts and receive two tickets. Tickets may be for any day you choose. You must register with the parking coordinator to participate and this is on a first come, first serve basis.

This can be a premier car event for our area if all of us lend our support. Car club participation has been a key ingredient in the success of a similar event, the Charlotte Auto Fair, and we can do the same. Imagine an annual car event with thousands of collectors cars and thousands of car parts vendors' right here in Alabama! It can happen. Please review the attached parking shift work schedule and contact the parking coordinator, Gary Adams, to volunteer for parking gadams2@bellsouth.net 205-706-7614.

Dixie Vintage Auto Club

January VCE Meeting Minutes

The first meeting for 2010 was held on Friday, January 15th at the Vestavia Library. As always the business was preceded by a delicious potluck dinner provided by the members. There were 12 members and 1 child in attendance. Russell Noble made a rare appearance and the men gathered to hold a quick tech session.

The meeting was called to order by our new president, Richard Stolzman. Joe Doughty gave the Treasurer's report:

Balance as of 10/16/09	\$ 87.47
Receipts - Dues	\$380.00
Donation for Big Oak Ranch	<u>\$210.00</u>
Balance	\$677.47
<u>Expenditures since 10/16/09</u>	
Corsa annual filing fee	\$ 50.00
Donation to Big Oak Ranch	\$210.00
Library room rent	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Balance as of 1/17/10	\$342.47

John Cleveland gave a report on the cost of publishing the club newsletter. Cost for copies, stamps, etc. was \$147 which was paid by John and is his donation to the club.

The Corvair Lover's Holiday will be held Feb. 26th and 27th in Pensacola, FL. Springfest in Helen, GA. will be April 23rd and 24th.

Russell Noble gave a report on the new library. At this time there is no news on meeting cost or availability when the new library opens later this year. He will get in touch with his contact at the library and provide an update at the February meeting.

There being no other business, it was motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.



Bet you didn't know:

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man wasn't allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have the 'rule of thumb'.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the US Treasury.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow. (Contest at our next meeting!)

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From the Editor:

It's been a tough month to put out a newsletter. Lots of content, but little time. Finally have this lazy Sunday afternoon to finish it up. It's too cold to be outdoors and I'm too awake to sleep the afternoon away.

I've finally got the convertible top leaks down to a trickle. Many thanks to Tom in Pensacola, Fl. for emailing me with one of the final solutions. As soon as the weather warms up enough to use some silicone the leaks will be a thing of the past, then on to the next step, installing my Sebring bucket seats.

The seat cover vendor that I've decided on has a color close to what I need in a material I like and at a price I can afford. I can't wait to get them in (I'm only 8 months behind my schedule, which is not bad, considering my schedule!)

Your editor was in El Paso, Tx. last week and I saw a wild late model coupe low rider. I think the only thing stock on that car was the headlight bezels and the Corvair emblem. Didn't get a chance to take a picture.

Speaking of cold weather, I've noticed my back window is beginning to separate from the top. All I can figure is the shrinkage caused by the really cold weather we had in December.

So there are lots of things on the list for the day the weather finally warms up. If you have a project you need a hand with, give me a call. I can not only help, but we can get a tech article in a future Oil Drop!



TOTALLY NEW CORVAIR 95 MODELS

For 1961, Chevrolet has taken another giant step ahead of the industry, with three unprecedented-advancing Corvair 95 models! They're totally new from road to roof, in concept, configuration and components, and they're built to handle more payload for their size and weight than any other trucks on the road! Body and frame are "unitized," combined in a single assembly, featuring high strength, low weight, and lots of load space. The zero-axle Corvair 95 power team also reflects the unit design principle, combining engine, transmission and rear axle gearing in one package, tucked between the rear wheels. Further, Corvair 95 proportions create the bulk of the cargo and/or load, retaining near-perfect weight distribution, whether empty or fully loaded. And coil springs cushion the ride at all four wheels, with fully independent suspension, front and rear, for handling to conventional chassis can match.

SPECIFICATIONS

STANDARD EQUIPMENT
AXLE, REAR: Ratio 4.08
BRAKES: Hydraulic, front & rear 11" x 17", lining area 107 sq. in.
CLUTCH: 11" diameter
DIRECTIONAL: SWAYBAR Front & rear
ENGINE: Turbo-67 160 hp, 161 cubic displacement
FUEL TANK: Capacity 19 gallons
GVW: 4,000 lb., maximum
SPRING, FRONT: Coil, capacity 1,200 lb., each
SPRING, REAR: Coil, capacity 1,200 lb., each
STEERING: Rack and pinion
SUSPENSION, FRONT: Independent, capacity 1,200 lb.
SUSPENSION, REAR: Independent, capacity 1,200 lb.
TIRES: Five tubes, 7.00-14 UPR
TRANSMISSION: Manual 4-speed
WINDSHIELD WIPERS: Dual wipers, windshield.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT*
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CUSTOM EQUIPMENT: Interior and exterior appointments, metal
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MODEL 9550 LOADBOX PICKUP features an amazing 1,300 lb. payload capacity, with deep well bed having capacity to 16 cubic feet. Versatile three section bed has four tie-downs at extra cost.



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MODEL 9550 CORVAN offers good access for full-body loading on slippery surfaces. Big right-side double doors offer easy load, with an access to over 21 cubic feet of protected inside load space. Wide opening rear doors are standard and left-side double doors are optional at extra cost.



Reprinted from the April 2008 VairCor newsletter. Good information. Nobody likes to see a Corvair by the side of the road, especially yours.

The Preventative Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

The following list of items to check before taking a trip are suggestions for all Corvairs in general. Remember that even long trips are usually less than the mileage between a single oil change. Serviced properly, your Corvair will cruise to all of this summer's events and back - and be happier for it!

1. Check or clean & pack all four wheel bearing assemblies, and check & lube the 2 or 4 U-joints. Check front end parts and lube the fittings.
2. Have tires balanced and aligned if necessary. Before trips, check all five tire pressures and tighten lug nuts with the tool you use to change a tire.
3. Check or change all fluids: oil, transmission, differential, brake fluid, washer fluid and battery level if possible. Synthetic Powerglide fluid is a very good idea.
4. Check the oil pressure sending unit and change this inexpensive item if you do not know its history.
5. Check the engine tune, and include cleaning the crankcase vents. Check the breaker plate in the distributor, lube the distributor cam and inspect the electrical connections such as the primary coil wires, alternator wires (no generators allowed) and multi-connectors. Check carburetor inlet nuts for leaks.
6. Check the battery date, cable ends, ground cable mount and check the overall charging system with the lights and accessories on maximum.
7. REMOVE the belt and check the condition of the entire length. Spin all three pulleys and lube anything questionable. Tools are available to grease the fan and idler bearing.
8. Check all running lights, check the fuse block for rust, check the large connector in early model engine compartments, check warning light operation.
9. If air conditioned, blow out the condenser, check the mounts and belt, check the evaporator drain, and remove the lower shrouds for better cooling.
10. Check the harmonic balancer, and if it is original, replace it! Be sure to check the fuel pump mount, they do work loose. To be safe with the increasing ethanol additions, you should have a new Airtex pump with the green paint spot.
11. Lube your late clutch cable ball and look for frayed cable between the two pulleys under the dash on early models - also check parking cables in the same area..
12. Check brakes; wheel cylinders, shoes, master cylinder (push rod leak), and most important, the steel and rubber lines. Give your car the "stomp test" in the driveway. Steel lines above the gas tank and next to the transaxle are the most prone to rust, with tunnel lines next.

Be aware of any speedometer error you may have and know your oil consumption rate. Test drive 15 minutes on the highway on a hot day, pack up and head out!

If you have questions about the above items, call me. I have tech sheets, tools and encouragement free for the asking. Spares and tools? My favorites would be a belt, a new fuel pump, one rocker arm with pushrod and valve cover gasket, one 30 amp fuse, a set of points and condenser, oil as required, tools for these items, and a CORSA Travel Roster.

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We had Billy Cannon for our visitor. He has a 65 Coupe that he and his son are working on. He was planning on joining our club.

I had three people that I invited to our meeting, but for various reasons could not make it. I plan on contacting them before our March meeting and reminding them about it. Two of them have Corvairs and one is planning on purchasing one. We all need to make an effort to recruit additional members.

Glad to see Buck Hinkle at our meeting, he was sick during our January meeting. Jerry Smith, I understand, is recovering from surgery. Hope to see him at our March meeting.

We had four cars (two cars and two FCs) from the Vulcan Corvair Club attend the Pensacola WFCC event in Pensacola Beach. The weather looked like it was not going to be conducive for a nice event, but the rain was over with by Saturday morning, and by noon not too bad a day.

Billy Cannon was one of the cars. He drove his 65 Coupe, and he got the hard luck, on account of the fact that he had to buy four new tires, as two of his started separating, even though they looked new! He made out like a bandit on the door prizes.

I got first place in modified, also a plaque for the longest distance, 287 miles. Harold would have got the plaque for longest distance, but he was taking a nap and no one, including me, thought about the fact that he had about 50+ miles on me.

Next Meeting:

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DsGsuCQYbM>

Corvair powered Piranha and the Man from Uncle Click on 'The Piranha "Spy Car"' for the Corvair link.

<http://www.c-we.com/piranha>

THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES:

Harold did get a plaque for first in Forward Control though. Russ got second place in FC.

David Bailey from Wetumpka approached me about a picnic at the Montgomery Park in May. He said he was going to attend one of our upcoming meetings to pitch the idea.

GROWN UP CORNER:

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Sponsored by Central Carolina CORSA
Sea Mist Resort, 1200 S. Ocean Blvd.
Contact: Carol Harris (803) 236-2686

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10:00 am to 4:00 pm, No registration fee.
Food, Games, Arts & Crafts, Entertainment
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Registration form available from you editor.

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March

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Richard Stolzmann March 30

Anniversaries

Joe & Rozelle Doughty
March 19

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February VCE Meeting Minutes

The February 2010 meeting was held on Friday the 19th and was preceded by a delicious potluck meal. In attendance were 17 members – adults and children. We welcomed a new member, Bill Cannon. He and his wife Judi moved from Coosa County with their son Shawn. Welcome Cannon family!

The meeting was called to order by Richard Stolzmann and Joe Doughty gave his report:

Balance	\$342.47
Receipts - Dues	\$ 60.00
Balance	\$402.47
<u>Expenditures since 1/15/10</u>	\$ 0.00
Balance as of 1/15/10	\$402.47

Richard opened discussion for business items. He spoke of upcoming car shows.

It was brought to the members' attention that Jerry and Sarah Smith had been experiencing medical problems recently. Jerry had an operation on his foot and Sarah had gall bladder surgery. Keep them in your thoughts at this time.

Also under medical care at this time is Bob Siemens. He is currently being monitored for heart issues and wearing a monitor.

Bill Cannon shared photos he had brought with him of the Corvair Ranch.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Beginning in April, if dues are not paid, you will no longer receive the award winning Oil Drop!

If not paid by May, I'll come over, park in your driveway and work on my car!

From the Editor:

Is it ever going to warm up? Your editor spent the last two weeks commuting between Savannah, GA. and Anderson, SC. Mud and snow in Anderson, and mud and nice weather in Savannah. No wonder I have this cold! I had a nice rental car though, a Pontiac G6. It's a little 2 door sports car, so it made all that driving fun.

The '66 got a rest from her daily grind. She spent one week at the airport under her cover, then two weeks in the driveway while I was in the G6. Still haven't fixed the last of the leaks in the top, but it's supposed to be nice this weekend, so that job will get done.

I got my new seat covers in, and have moved the Sebring seats into the basement to start recovering them. I need to clean the tan seat belts I got and then get them installed in the seats first. I also have a Sebring back seat, and need to figure out how to get that to mate with the Corvair seat frames. Look for a tech article soon.

Here's a fuel pump tip for you. A fuel pump I purchased last July began to leak about a month ago. I had a hard time pinpointing what the problems was because it seemed to happen when it was dark, pouring rain or driving snow (or all three). It seemed to stop as quickly as it began. When it happened in the driveway the other morning I found the problem. The screws that hold the pump together had loosened. Looking back on the problem it happened when the car was cold. When cold, the pump would leak. When the car warmed up the metal expanded enough the leak stopped. The screws finally loosened up enough it leaked all the time. It might be a good winter/summer maintenance item to go around and tighten screws and bolts around the engine. Aluminum and steel have different expansion and contraction rates when affected by temperature. This is a practice I've done for years at work with instrumentation wiring, I just never thought about it happening on a car.

PENSACOLA CORVAIR LOVERS UPDATE!

Attendees at the Corvair Lovers Holiday were Pete, Russ and family, Harold and Louise, Ed and Carol and our newest member Billy Cannon and family.

And the winners are:

Harold Hartline – First Place, Forward Control

Russ Thuleen – Second Place, Forward Control

Richard Stolzman – First Place, Late Open Modified and Furthest Driven (Harold, you snooze, you lose!)

Billy Cannon – Third Place, Late Closed and the Hard Luck Award (purchase and mount 4 new 13 inch tires)

See the pics throughout the newsletter.



Harold's Rampside



Richard's Convertible



Billy's Coupe



I love the wagons!



Russ with his Rampside in the background

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Happy April Fool's Day

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Well, it's the end of March and finally perfect weather to get your Corvaire out, wash it and vacuum it out to get ready to drive to Helen at the end of April. Don't forget that to qualify for the \$35.00 drawing you have to have your Helen registration in by April 10th.

I'm planning on leaving on Friday morning the 23rd. Some members were leaving on Thursday the 22nd and some were planning on leaving Friday after work. Hope to see you all at Helen!

I will not be there for the meeting on April 16, as it will be a travel day for me coming back from Florida.

The first cruise in for 2010 will start in Odenville at the Piggly Wiggly on April 3rd at 4:00 pm. It will be on the first Saturday of every month and run through September. There are some new restaurants open there also, and there will be a Fair with rides, food, etc.

Everyone have a good April meeting; see you all at Helen or the next meeting in May.

Richard

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[Click here:](#)

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March VCE Meeting Minutes

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Upcoming trips were discussed and several members will be making the trip to Helen, Georgia for the annual Corvair Springfest.

The change of the VCE meeting place was discussed due to an increase for the rent. John Cleveland mentioned we could start meeting at Fullness Christian Fellowship starting in July.

Harold Hartline mentioned a '64 Corvan that was for sale and Ed Keller mentioned he had spoken to Frank Rinelli about John Keeton's cars.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

There was no treasurer's report.

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If not paid by May, I'll come over, park in your driveway and work on my car!

From the Editor:

Has Spring finally arrived? The last few days have been perfect spring weather. I've been catching up on the honey do list since I got back from my travels last Friday. Will soon get back to work on the car interior.

There comes a time in every vintage car owner's life where the vehicle they spend so much time fixing up and working on lets them down. It happened to me a few weeks ago when the '66 left me stranded in a parking lot I was lucky enough to be able to coast in to. I had noticed a problem with the accelerator, but didn't have the time to jack up the car and take a look during the week. Before the weekend came, the nut that is welded to the floor under the back seat came loose. It totally rusted out. This nut holds the bolt that holds the linkage that transfers the motion of the accelerator pedal to the next linkage on the side of the transmission.

The wife tried her hand at towing me home, about a mile, but when the rope broke, she was done. Thanks to Russ for coming in to Hoover and steering the car while I pulled it to the house.

That's about all the work on the car that I've done since the last newsletter, and the new seats are still waiting to be recovered. I put the top down when taking the back seat out to start cleaning up the frame. When I put the top back up, the back window split clear across. Looks like a new top is in my future also.

The club has obtained permission to use the facilities at Fullness Christian Fellowship church for their meetings after our rent at the library has run out, probably starting in July. The cost to the club will be the same as what we currently pay the library.

The church is located at 2575 Columbiana Rd. From I-65 take the Hwy 31 exit in Hoover. If coming from I-65 south, just cross Hwy 31 from the exit ramp and you are on Columbiana. If coming from the north on I-65 turn left on Hwy 31, go under the freeway and turn left at the light.

Once on Columbiana, go past the second light and the church will be on the right.

I'll arrange a meeting between any interested club members and the church so we can look at the facility to determine if it will meet our needs, probably the first part of May. I'll also put a map in the newsletter.



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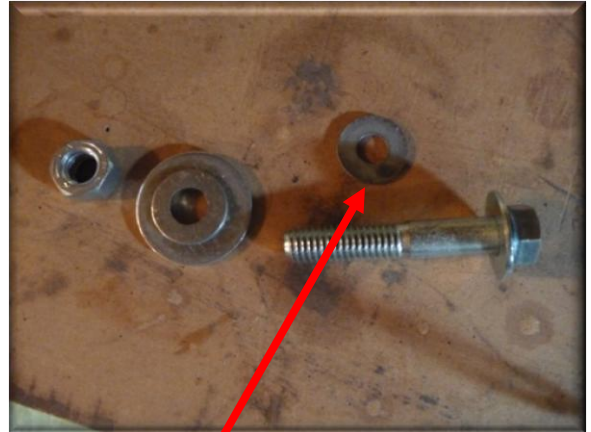
REPAIRING THAT RUSTED OUT NUT UNDER THE BACK SEAT (Accelerator bracket)



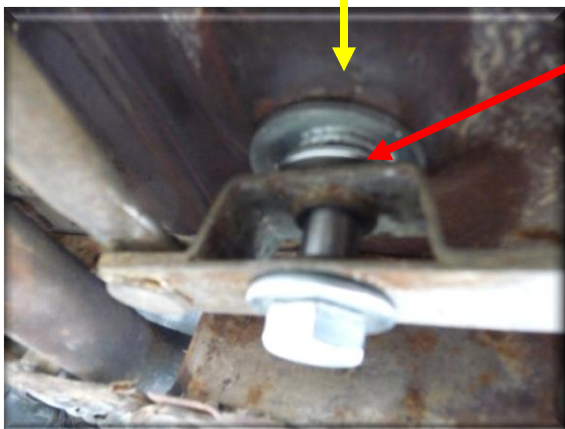
Here's the nut, and the bolt that screws into it. The weld on the nut is still intact. It had rusted around the outside of the weld. This nut is in a recess on the floor board; a natural place for water to collect. (Think convertible)

As you can see in the photo above, the bolt is 'special'. It has a 7/16" shank and a 5/16x 18 threads. It is 1 7/16" long.

My replacement is a grade 5, 7/16" bolt that is 2" long. I filed around the shank, just below the head so a washer would fit snug against the head of the bolt. The shank on the 7/16 x 2 bolt is the same length as the shank on the original bolt. This gives the linkage the same amount of space to ride on when installed.



Underside of Floor board



I used a 'threaded' washer to lock the linkage in place on the shank of the bolt. Use a washer a size smaller than the bolt, file it out a little so it will just start on the threads, then screw it down on the bolt to thread it. A half thickness nut would probably work better, and I'll do that to mine next time I'm under the car. (I didn't have another nut in my nuts and bolts can!)

The other washers are for spacers, and the large washer against the floor board is to give support around the rusted area.

The bolt was a little long, and I'll cut it off after I get the washer and bottom nut welded to the floor. I might leave the double nut on, just for that warm fuzzy feeling.

All the stuff can be purchased at any hardware store, so if you are stranded on the road by this, if you can get under the car, you can fix it and get on your way with only a couple of wrenches and a couple of bucks.

Top side of Floor board.
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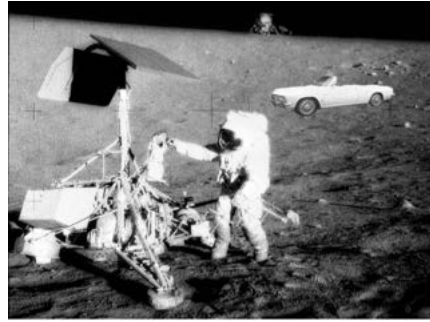
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***Just released pictures!
The astronauts were riding in style!***



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

It's the end of April already, another Helen come and gone. I think Vulcan Corvaire was fairly well represented. John and Denise Cleveland, Harold and Louise Hartline, Phil Hartline, Mickey and Robin Hunter, their son, daughter and friend, Ed and Carol Keller, Russ Thuleen, Jeff McCrary and wife, Joe and Rozelle Doughty, Richard Cleveland, Billy Cannon and wife, and of course yours truly were present at Helen.

The weather coming and going Friday and Sunday were great for driving. Saturday started out with a few showers before 8 am, then cloudy till about 2 pm when the rain got serious. All the judging and looking was probably over with before the rain started in earnest, we all headed in to the FestHall for refreshments and buying parts at Clark's Corvaire the main Vendor there.

I counted around 100 cars in the city parking lot and there were probably around 20 still at the motels. It looked like a good turnout for Corvaire.

Denise Cleveland won the 50/50 Jackpot. I took a picture of everyone who drove their Corvaire, so it should be in this newsletter.

See you all at the May meeting!

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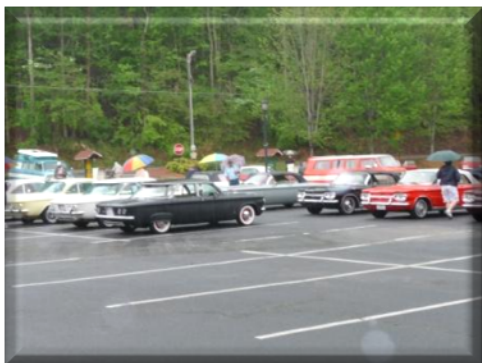
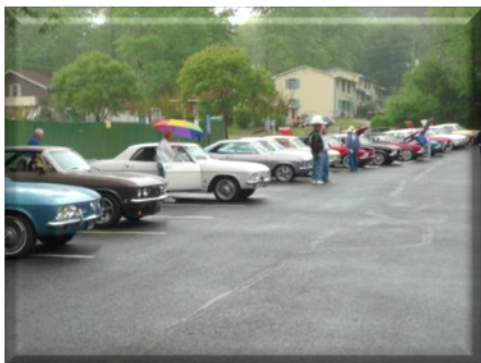
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Concourse, People's Choice, Autocross, Valve Cover Race, Worship Service

Sheraton, Charlotte Airport 704-392-1200

Contact: Tom Husley 919-876-1800 Please RSVP

Westview Baptist Church, Sylacauga, AL.

415 N. Merkel Ave. 256-245-7433

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More info: www.wherefriendsbecomefamily.com

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Starting in July the VCE meeting place will be changed. Due to a raise in the monthly rent, we will be moving from the library to Fullness Christian Fellowship. John Cleveland attends services there and connected us with a good deal. Rent will continue to be \$25 per month and we will have adequate meeting area with a kitchen available. A map and directions will be enclosed with the newsletter.

Member Roy Dutton has offered to make name tags for the club at a cost of \$5 each. Extra tags such as names of Corvairs you have, can be made at an extra cost. The tags are durable with magnetic clasps available, as well as pin clasps.

Treasurer Joe Doughty gave his report and the club currently has a total of \$427.00 in the bank.

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Russell Noble made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded.

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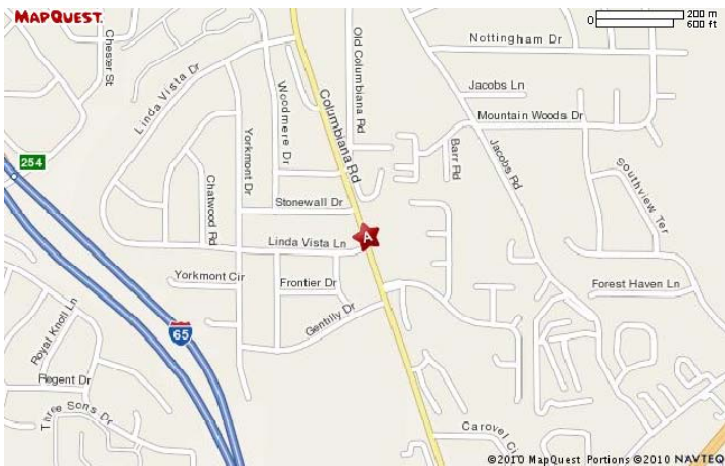


Banquet pictures from Springfest.



From the Editor: (You get a whole page of my ramblings this month!)

Just a few pics of my new seats. '96 Chrysler Sebring front buckets and back seat. Seat covers from Iggee, www.iggee.com. Didn't think I'd ever get this done, but it came together a couple of weeks ago. Our plan after Helen was to spend a few days hiking, but we got rained out and went home instead. The seats were originally blue, so I had to install brown seat belts as well.



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The editor's Springfest report:

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Saturday dawned with rain, which stopped briefly mid morning, then started up in earnest about 11:00 am or so. Just as I got out to look at the cars, here came the rain. Back to the Festhall until the rain stopped, then back out to try to look at the cars.

Finally we headed in to town to look for some lunch and found a pizza place that looked OK. I figured a couple slices and a couple of beers and the rain would be gone.

Boy was I wrong! Denise won the 50/50 on Friday night and donated part of the proceeds for a new set of rear springs for the car. She's my Corvair Baby! I got to see my first vale cover race. The construction of the racers was very interesting and bears some investigation. I raised three boys and became a pretty good pinewood derby engineer. There might be something to this valve cover racing.

The awards banquet was very well attended, and Richard S. and Russ T. winning plaques.

Thanks go out to all the people who made Springfest a success again this year despite the weather. We had a great time with a great bunch of people and look forward to attending next year.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

Details in the newsletter!!!

NET SURFERS:

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Many GM parts will interchange with your Corvaire. Here are some sites that have other GM models.

This site specializes in Nova, Camaro, Chevy II and Impala parts: <http://classicindustries.com>

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The VCE club t-shirt was discussed again, and Russell Noble volunteered to find out more about price, etc.

Billy Cannon gave a report on the Queen City Car Show.

It was noted to the delight of all in attendance that Russell Noble has been to 4 of the past 5 meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded; then Richard Stolzmann held a short tech session on leaks in a Corvair body.

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The questions are: DOES THIS CLUB HAVE ANY BYLAWS AND CAN I SEE THEM?



Underwood's BBQ, Amarillo, Texas

From the Editor:

There's one thrill I get from working on my car, and that's the WOW moment after you've done something to improve the performance, whether engine, suspension or safety. Another one of those moments came last weekend when Russ Thuleen and I changed out the rear springs and shocks on the convertible. I can't describe the difference in handling and just plain improved drivability the car displayed after the job was done.

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Before

After

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Carburetor Cross Shaft Rebuild – Richard Stolzmann

As you can see by the pictures, the carburetor cross shaft was terribly worn. The groove in the shaft holds a clip.



I heated the end arms, the ones at each end that are brazed on and removed them one at a time; they are 180 degrees from each other. I did one at a time so I would not lose the reference position.

I then slid the bracket off that bolts to the carburetor. Its hole was oval shaped. I brazed the hole about closed, then drilled it to the cross linkage shaft diameter.



I built up the worn shaft by brazing it; then sanded it with my inch belt sander till the bracket that bolts to the carburetor slid freely on the built up brass.



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I then brazed the fixed end arm, making sure it was 180 degrees out from the other end. I then did the other end the same way. Needless to say 99 percent of the slop was gone. Also the bearing surface area of the bracket that the shaft turns in was greatly increased.



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Us adults got in for a group rate of \$6.00 a person. It pays to ask about group rates. It was mighty hot, but not bad when the air was working, that meant for us non air conditioned cars at least 20 mph. The only exception was Russ with his air conditioned Rampside. We had three Corvairs out of the bunch. We need to drive these Corvairs, although I don't blame folks for driving these non Corvaire air conditioned cars.

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On a personal note, last week I cranked the engine I was rebuilding. It started right up but wouldn't idle or run when set for the correct timing. I thought the cam was out of time, so I rotated the engine 180 degrees out from number one cylinder on its compression cycle. At zero degrees both intake and exhaust are closed, but if you rotate it a few degrees either way one or the other would open, proving the

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Billy Cannon sent these links to the Nat'l

Convention: <http://tinyurl.com/2b69tns> (Greenbrier in an autocross)

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhBAC9lszo0

Bob Siemens sent this very stirring link to our National Anthem. How many of you know the second verse?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9_bp219ehQ&feature=related

cam was in time. I then suspected that when I had adjusted the valves, which I did with the engine stopped, I had adjusted them too tight and they weren't closing. Well I adjusted with the engine running and it didn't help.

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Grown up Statement: You know you're grown up when Bird watching doesn't sound like such a corny hobby after all.

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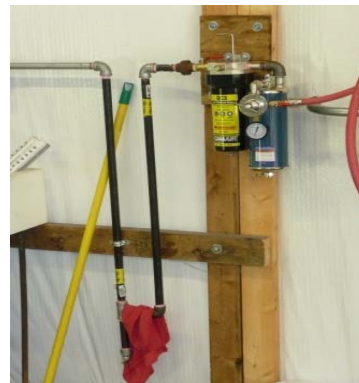
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REMEMBER OUR NEW MEETING PLACE IS AT FULLNESS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. SEE MAP IN THE NEWSLETTER!



When you absolutely, positively have to paint it yourself!

Russ Thuleen has built a paint bay in his shop. He has a dual tank air electric compressor with all the dehydration and filtration needed for a professional job.



He uses a low pressure, high volume gun and is currently practicing on his 1966 Monza convertible. The bay is partitioned off, with inlet air filtration and an exhaust system.

Detail lighting is provided by several 6 ft. fluorescent fixtures around the perimeter and more mounted to the ceiling.

Way to go, Russ!



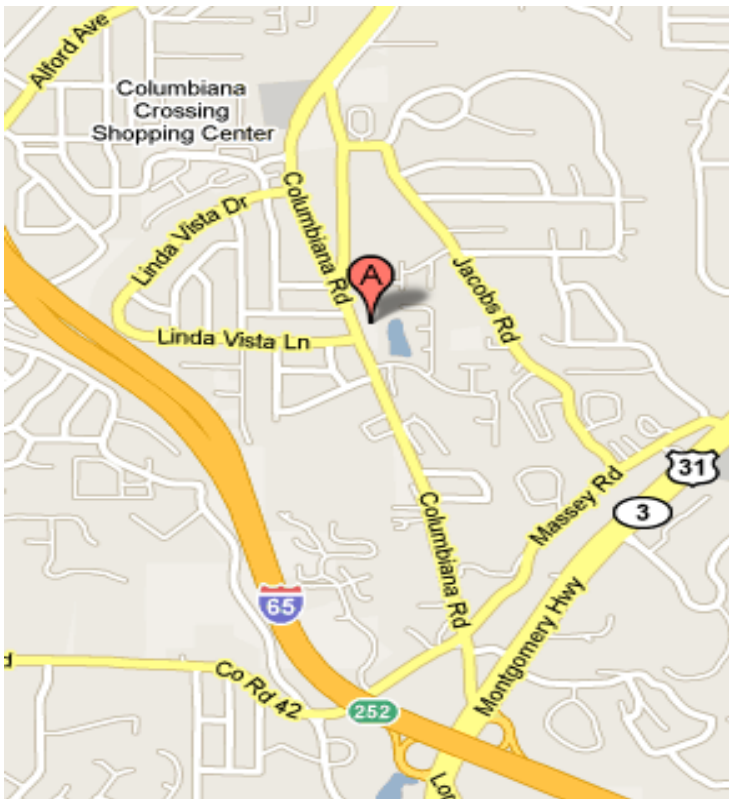
From the Editor:

The convertible sat in the driveway most of the month of June. I've been out of town every week this month, and didn't drive much on the weekends because I had been working outside in the Tennessee and Alabama heat and humidity. I was already pretty well cooked by the time I got home, so driving on the weekends without an air conditioner wasn't all that appealing. Didn't feel like going to the picnic for that reason, and also by the time I got home, and having to leave early Sunday afternoon to go back, just left time for washing clothes and my honey do list.

My upcoming projects include installing a new engine compartment wiring harness and installing a tachometer in my dash. Billy Cannon did a tach, and I'm hoping to tap him for expertise and to assist in writing up a new tech article for the process. Billy got an article from the N. Texas Corvair Association that is somewhat dated. I think we can update it and send it back to them with some modifications. Look for that in an upcoming issue of the Oil Drop.

Please note that I would like all articles submitted by the 25th of the month. I'm getting jammed up the last week of the month and need to get started earlier. It takes a good 8 hours to get a newsletter put together so please help me out.

Remember, it's hot out there, so drink plenty of fluids and keep cool. - John



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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Well, I missed the July meeting, as we were on our family vacation on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. We had rented a house on the beach and had a great time playing in the ocean and riding our bikes on the beach. And of course eating.

I'm looking forward to our October Warner Robins Vairs at the Fair. I'm going to try to go to Fontana Village, North Carolina to drive the TAIL FO THE DRAGON, October 29-31. Should be interesting.

Hope to see everyone at the August meeting.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE

LEARNED: No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

-Richard-

From June Lindsay:

There is an event listed in the CORSA Communique Calendar that needs to be looked at a little more closely. When I first read the event I thought it was an event to be held in on October 2nd and sponsored by the Vintage CORSA Corvaire Club of Orange County CA to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Corvaire. I was mistaken. This event is to be held by your local Corvaire Club and held in your town preferably on October 2nd.

All proceeds from this event are to go to CORSA. Vintage CORSA, at their own expense is handling the registration, ordering T-Shirts and providing the dash plaque stickers for your event. They came up with this idea to help CORSA because they heard that CORSA was having trouble financially.

You must register for this event by August 1st (August 15th will be ok) and your money must be turned in as soon as possible so that Vintage CORSA can order T-Shirts and dash plaque stickers in time for your event.

The registration fee is \$20 per person. There is an additional fee for shipping the T-Shirts, \$1 for sizes S,M,L,& XL, \$2 for XXL and \$3 for XXXL.

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Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship. If we're not in the youth room (furthest door to the right in the main building), we'll be in the Fellowship Hall which is in the lower parking lot on the left side of the main building).

Bring a dish for a pot luck dinner that can't be beat.

Here's a couple of totally worthless links, but they are good for a few laughs.

Here's a comedian spoofing aging rock stars.

<http://biggeekdad.com/2010/06/old-rock-stars/>

There are also some links on the page in the box to the right that are pretty good.

Remember Burma Shave?

<http://oldfortyfives.com/DYRT.htm>

This is the Statler Bros. song with some good graphics. If you're under 50 you probably won't get it!

Now for the bad news. Click this link to see how fast our national debt is growing, how much energy we use. Too much bad news.

[mind boggling website](#)

June continues:

Read this information in the CORSA Communique Calendar again and join us in celebrating the "Corvaire Heritage Day" to help CORSA and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Corvaire. Send your registration to Vintage CORSA Corvaire Club of Orange County, P.O. Box 1536, Brea, CA 92822. For more information contact Roger Becker at rabjab@cox.net.

Wanted and For Sale...

For Sale:

1966 Monza Coupe, needs a clutch. Restorable or parts car, \$800. Contact Richard Cleveland 256-287-2461

For Sale:



1963 Monza 900 2 door.
This car was seen on Hwy
49 near Mendenhall, MS.
Cook Portable Warehouses
Phone 601-847-0999

For Sale:

1963 700 4 door.
Call Technique Auto
Sales at 251-649-5550,
3180 Springhill Ave. in
Mobile, AL.



For Sale:



Your editor saw this car in
Tennessee while on
vacation.

1967 Monza Coupe
40,900 actual miles, new
tires, brakes, wheel
cylinders, shocks, battery.
New paint. \$6500 firm.

Call 931-954-0077 or 419-307-7482. Manchester, TN.

Name badges:



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Autofair in Charlotte, NC – Aug. 29 & 29
The Queen City Corvair Club. Corvair display at
Charlotte Motor Speedway, flea market, manufacturer
displays, auction.
Contact Spence Shephard 704-554-6769

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\$15 per person dinner w/Music City Corvair Club.

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for special rate.

This web site had some good information.

www.sumnercounty-aaca.com/expo.shtml

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Kingsport, TN. People's Choice with judging in 7
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June VCE Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts met at our new facility for the first time. Our new meeting facility, Fullness Christian Fellowship is wonderful!

The turnout for the July meeting was small, with 17 adults and 2 kids in attendance. The food was great! (editor)

Treasurer, Joe Doughty, reported that the club has \$467.00 in the club account.

Russell Noble sent information to follow up on getting club t-shirts. With a grayscale logo, a minimum order will be 25 shirts at a cost of \$7.50 each. In color, T shirts are \$17.50 and Polos \$22.50.

There will be a car show in Nashville, TN on Setp. 3rd & 4th. Discussion for those interested in attending will take place at the next meeting. Warner Robbins will be October 7th 7th this year. Discussion regarding this event will take place at the next meeting as well.

Russell Thuleen will write a letter to CPORSA regarding obtaining a copy of the VCE by-laws.

Bill Cannon has found another new member! Rod Rantner – he has two Corvairs and hails from Fayetteville.

- Russ Thuleen, Secretary -



See The Dish Shore Chevy Show in color Sundays. NBC-TV—The Pat Boone Chevy Showroom weekly. ABC-TV.



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From the Editor:

Denise and I just got back from a great vacation up in Kentucky, Bowling Green to be exact. We visited Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park for a day of hiking in 58 degree temps. I highly recommend the Grand Avenue cave tour, a 4 mile walk that takes 4 1/2 hours. It is rather strenuous, with over 650 stairs to go up and down, but is well worth the walk. After being underground for a day, we took to the river. A canoe rental got us an 8 mile canoe trip. Denise was a novice, but my extensive canoe experience (yuk yuk) got us through without mishap. The weather was perfect, overcast and in the mid 80's. It only rained on us 6 out of the 8 miles. We arrived at our destination soaking wet, but still enthusiastic. Problem was, Denise couldn't lift the weight of the canoe to help carry it up the hill. Luckily the guy from the rental place showed up. I was dreading having to carry that big canoe up the hill by myself! I didn't make the Corvette Museum. I called to see if the Corvair exhibit was still there. It wasn't, and who wants to see a bunch of old 'Vettes' anyway?

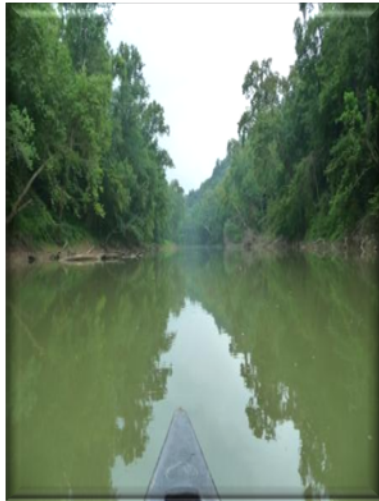
Then on to McMinnville, TN for a tour of Cumberland Caverns, a short 1 1/2 mile walk. There's nothing like going through caves when it's 95+ outside.

Saw a nice 67 coupe in Manchester, TN. See the For Sale add in the newsletter. The car is from Ohio.

After that is was head for home and rest up before getting back to the grind stone. No work on the car this month, but I have big plans for August!



Mammoth Cave



Green River Canoe trip



EXCLUSIVE CORVAIR MONZA FEATURES

The luxe Monza steering wheel features a smart, chrome-finished horn ring with convenient thumb buttons. Other special interior trim includes chrome moldings around the instrument cluster and glove box, chrome rearview mirror bracket and the distinctive Monza crest and nameplate on the glove box door.

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Russ gave a tech session on all years of carburetors and explained the physical differences and how to tell one year from another. I did a tech session on disassembling the 66 – 69 back up switch. I went beyond the new board with the new contacts and showed how to take the switch apart and take the plunger and springs out. I found out on the rebuilt switches that they might work a few times when reinstalled, but then again fail. It's because of the phenolic insert which is supposed to slide on the shaft after the plunger is depressed by the transmission being in reverse and takes up any over travel. Well years of accumulation of a varnish like substance on the shaft will cause it to stick in the retracted position and thereafter will not work. I found if I soak the inside of the switch with WD40 over night it will allow it to work OK most of the time. If it doesn't, it means the switch must be completely disassembled and the varnish taken off the shaft. In one case I had to enlarge the hole in the sliding part as it was still too tight on the shaft.

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Another link with some tech stuff on the same bike.

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1965 Shelby Corvaire

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Receipts as of 7/16	\$ 0.00
Expenditures	\$ 75.00
Balance as of 8/20	\$392.47

It was decided should a new member join VCE between this meeting and the end of the year –no dues would be charged.

Joe reported that Rozelle had a recent surgery to remove cancerous tissue from hew colon. She is now home recuperating and is doing well. Richard Stoltzmann will send a card from the members.

There was a report of a '64 Rampside for sale. If interested more information can be found by calling (205) 426-4765.

Pete Wood brought up a possible road trip to North Carolina in the spring. He will gather further information and report at a future meeting.

The discussion turned to car shows and cruise ins:
Sept. 25 – Harold reported about a car show to be held in Winfield
Oct. 29th – Tail of the Dragon in N. Carolina.

- Russ Thuleen, Secretary -



Coming your way—the nimble Greenbrier Sports Wagon.

From the Editor:

I can't believe how time flies! It seemed like our August meeting was only a week after the July meeting and here we are at the first of September!

Not much on the car front to talk about; Russ helped me get the shift rod lined up correctly and we replaced the shaft seal. Hope that cuts down on the size of the oil spot on my driveway! I also installed the correct parts on the accelerator linkage that attaches to the transmission. There used to be a handful of various sized washers and an e-clip holding it all together. While under the car we discovered the front stabilizer bushings were pretty well gone. Got those replaced also, as well as new battery cables. Just an indication of how bad the old cables were, I noticed my lights are brighter! Next on the agenda is a front brake inspection as I'm having some strange things going on there. I'm thinking of making a new Corvair movie – John's Convertible, The Never Ending Story. Just thankful it's little stuff.

I'm fixing to hit the road, work wise, the middle of September. I'll be working in Mississippi between Meridian and Bay St. Louis until the first week of October. Then it's off to Jacksonville, FL the week of Vairs at the Fair. Guess I'll drive the '66 to Jacksonville, then back up to Perry for the parade and fair.

Because of my schedule at work, I'd like any newsletter contributions as soon after our September meeting as possible. Once we start work on this project on the 13th it'll be 12 to 14 hour days until the end of the month. Time to work on the newsletter will be scarce, so I'd like all the information on my laptop. Thanks for your help.

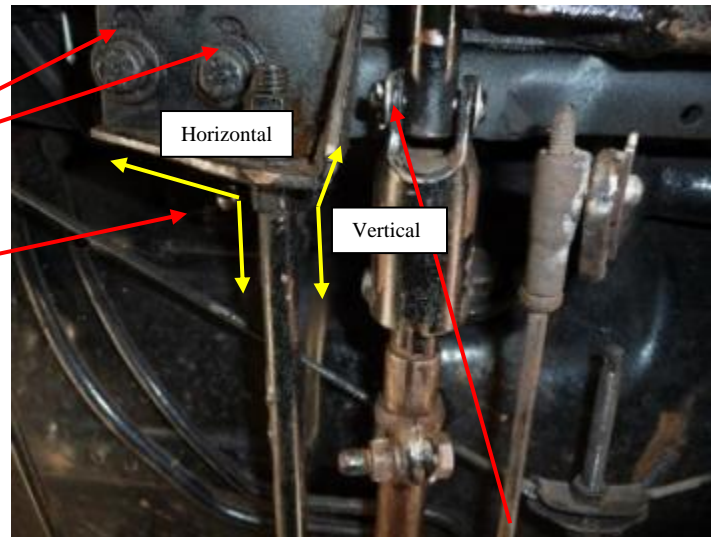
Remember; get those Corvairs out on the road. The public needs to know that not only are Corvairs are good looking, so are their drivers!!!

Shift Stabilizer Rod/Bracket Alignment
'66 4 Speed

Note the slots in the bracket for adjustment.

This bracket must be at a 90 degree angle to the shift stabilizer rod in both the horizontal and vertical planes. Shims may be needed if the bracket is bent from the 90 degree vertical.

This keeps the stabilizer rod aligned which prevents downward pressure on the coupler/transmission shaft. This downward pressure will prematurely wear out the seal in the transmission, as well as the pin that holds the coupler to the transmission shaft.



Pin location



CORVAIR 500 4-DOOR SEDAN in Seamist Turquoise. Family sedan room and comfort; dual headlights and electric windshield wipers are standard equipment.



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NEW 1961 CHEVY CORVAIR

NOW A COMPLETE LINE OF COMPLETE THRIFT CARS—INCLUDING TWO NEW STATION WAGONS AND TWO NEW GREENBRIER SPORTS WAGONS

Chery Corvair for '61... still the newest design, still the freshest style, now backed by a year of solid proof! And there are two new Lakewood Station Wagons and two Greenbrier Sports Wagons for '61. With these additions to the growing Corvair family, there are four more family-sized reasons for making the fun of driving Corvair a regular habit. Altogether there's a choice of nine models. And the Corvair is the only really complete thrill car in its class... steers and brakes so snaly that extra-cost power assists are not needed. For your convenience, the new Corvair features a larger trunk (12.6 cu. ft. in all Sedans and Coupes) and a new 14-gallon fuel tank. And for '61 there's a more efficient, more economical edition of the Corvair's air-cooled aluminum rear-mounted 261-h.p. Turbo-Air 8 engine. The 95-h.p. Super Turbo-Air is optional at extra cost. 2-Speed Synchro-Mesh transmission is standard. 4-Speed Synchro-Mesh* is optional with both engines, automatic Corvair Powerglide® is available with standard engine.



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LAKWOOD STATION WAGON

THE ONLY WAGON WITH PLENTY OF CARGO SPACE, PLUS A KEY-LOCKING TRUNK! The new Lakewood features the greatest combination of any wagon ever built! Thanks to the Corvair's rear-engine design, the new Lakewood combines the compressing capacity and versatility of a wagon with a 19-in.-x-31-in. front trunk. In addition, it's freshly styled, beautifully trimmed and 6-passenger big. The Lakewood comes in two models, both with 4-seat conversions, and features a one-piece 30-gauge. With second seat folded down the Lakewood has 58 cu. ft. of interior load space, and a load floor nearly 47 1/2 feet long. Rugged beveled steel deck and seat back are coated with easy-to-clean vinyl.

GREENBRIER SPORTS WAGON

MOST VERSATILE VEHICLE IN THE WORLD! Whatever your needs, from serious business to just plain pleasure, the Greenbrier Sports Wagon will rise to the occasion in great style. It's offered in two models: Greenbrier and Greenbrier The Lane. A low center floor gives the Greenbrier 17.5 cu. ft. of load space. An easy-to-move second seat, which faces either front or rear, gives plenty of room for the whole family plus a tentful of camping gear in the rear. A third seat, optional at extra cost, gives the Greenbrier full 3-passenger capacity. Access to the cargo area is through double doors in the rear side and at the rear. Double doors for the left side are optional at extra cost.

CORVETTE A NEW LOOK FOR AMERICA'S SPORTS CAR



The newest Corvair sports is dubbed the sleek new style for 1961. Its matchless new air sport features to any Corvair at the exhilarating level of 111 mph on the road. Corvair's great and authentic sports car performance—with greater handling, and deaerated engine ranging from 200-h.p. up to the 261-h.p. Corvair 8 with Turbo-Pad Injection. To team with these engines are three great transmissions: standard 2-Speed Synchro-Mesh, fully synchronized 4-Speed Synchro-Mesh* and optional Powerglide®. Corvair's bucket seats, downrigging, remote tire and wheel release—also excellent suspension and power steering—offer personal car luxury. A new rear transmission tunnel gives more foot room, and an all-steel and trunk position makes possible more leg room for '61.



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Thrift (a wonderful virtue) is compulsory in the compact Corvair

Turning up a dollar you forgot you had is always a pleasant surprise. Corvair's revolutionary design positively insures that you'll be surprised that way often. It's not just the way Corvair squeezes a gallon of gas. It's the antifreeze you don't buy for Corvair's air-cooled rear engine. The lower rates in many cases on insurance and license fees. The savings on tires. And all the while you're enjoying a car that handles like a quarter horse and rides soft as eider down. (All this talk of savings and we haven't even mentioned Corvair's low, low initial cost!)

See The Dick Shire Chevy Show in color Sundays, NBC-TV—The Pat Boone Chevy Showroom weekly, ABC-TV.



Corvair 700 4-Door Sedan



1. Corvair Monza Club Coupe

2. Corvair Lakewood 500 Station Wagon

3. Corvair 500 4-Door Sedan

FOR WORK—The Greenbrier's strictly business when you want service at low cost. It carries truck-size cargo, takes you where you're going with passenger car economy. Unobstructed windshield is over 8 square feet in size, Safety Plate Glass for the finest in safe viewing.

FOR PLAY—Greenbrier carries the entire family and a tentful of camping gear besides, takes rugged off-the-road driving with ease. Its rear platform makes an ideal buffet counter. Hinged outside door at the rear end allows easy access for normal engine service.

FOR FUN ALONG THE WAY—Family fun takes on new meaning with the versatile Greenbrier Sports Wagon. A variety of seating arrangements promises all sorts of added utility and pleasure. Many options are available* to adapt it to your own special wants.

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

At the last meeting we had 19 people attending. We had a visitor, Hoyt Mann from Alpine, AL. He has bought a 1964 coupe and is in the process of restoring it.

Russ gave a tech session on cranks. He showed us how to distinguish from a normal crank and a crank with a 4 degree retarded keyway, which was used on some late automatics to move the torque range to a different RPM. He also showed us the mark on the end of the crankshaft where the gear is, that showed that the crank was nitrate hardened. This was done on the 140 HP and turbo cranks. The mark to me looked like a little butterfly.

I'm looking forward to Warner Robins the 8th and 9th of October. We will have our normal meeting the following weekend. From the looks of it we will have two families at the Tail of the Dragon at the end of October.

Russ said that he had gone to Harold Hartline's and worked on putting air conditioning in one of Harold's cars.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person. – Richard-

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Corvaire College – Using Corvaire engines for aircraft power plants.

<http://www.flycorvaire.com>

Everything Corvaire

<http://www.corvairecorsa.com>

Here's a general purpose Corvaire information site

<http://www.corvaire.ca>

An old car site with lots of information. Click on Library for some Corvaire info

<http://oldride.com>



CORVAIRE MONZA STATION WAGON in Twilight Blue. Front and back loading, 6-passenger, rear-engine design, a family favorite.



'62 Corvaire

*Built for budget-minded people
who go for sports car driving*



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Birthdays

Shawn Cannon - Oct. 10

Steve Daniels - Oct. 24

Rozelle Doughty - Oct. 10

Harold Hartline - Oct. 27

Jewell Hinkle - Oct. 1

Debbie Noble - Oct. 14

Anniversaries

Billy & Judi Cannon - Oct. 30

Steve & Sherri Daniels - Oct. 18

Richard & Sandy Stolzmann - Oct. 20

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Swap Meet - Lanier Nat'l Speedway across from Road Atlanta \$3 Spectator entry fee, free parking, 8:30 to 3:00 I-85 exit 129, Hwy 53W, Braselton 706-367-1360
Oct. 2 and Nov. 6

Vairs at the Fair in Perry, Ga. - October 8 and 9.
Friday night hospitality, Friday swap meet in the hotel parking lot, Saturday parade and Display at the Georgia National Fair, Sat. night BBQ, Raffle, 50/50.
Contact Lillian Law & 229-291-0567

Vairs in the Valley in Maggie Valley, NC - Oct. 15-17
By CORSA/NC Friday parade & Birthday picnic.
Valve cover race, Sat. people's choice and other events.
Host hotel: Smoky Falls Lodge 877-926-7440
Travelowes 866-926-1732.
www.ncmountaincorvairs.com

Tail of the Dragon, Fontana Village, NC - Oct. 29-31
www.tailofthedragon.com 318 curves in 11 miles.
Contact Bruce Schug @ 364-268-2884 or

Corvair Affair in St. Augustine, FL - Oct. 29-31
Friday Dinner, valve cover racing and vendors. Sat. on site vending, car display, hospitality, afternoon autocross at First Coast Tech Institute. Sunday morning rally followed by awards brunch. Host hotel is Comfort Inn, 877-940-9501 \$77/night.
Contact Sarah Beltrami @ 386-256-0399

The Shoals Classic Auto Expo Collector Car Auction
Oct. 30, Florence Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Car show and swap meet. Located at the Highway 101 Dealer Auto Auction Facilities; off Hwy 72 at 2100 Hwy 101 in Rogersville, AL. www.highway101daa.com & click on Events or contact Mark Ward @ 731-225-6025



VERSATILE RAMPSIDE PICKUP

Talk about workers! Chevrolet's Corvair 95 Rampside pickup is a proved-on-the-job hauler that wallizes away with payloads of up to 1,900 lbs. thanks to four-wheel independent suspension, unitized body-frame construction, Unipack power team and much more. And, when it comes to play-time, this one takes to a camper body like it was made for sports and nothing else! Side gate drops to give an easy-loading ramp or handy camper door.

From the Editor:

Fall fell rather quickly in Alabama this year. After working out in 100 plus temps for a week, the last week of September brought highs in the 70s, and the first week of October promises cooler weather yet.

A week off from work will allow me to catch up on some work around the house, and to get the car ready to go to Warner Robbins, one of the two Corvair events your editor attends each year out of town.

The convertible has been sitting in the driveway, or in the parking garage at work since the last newsletter went out. I've been driving a couple of different Avis rental cars., a 2010 Ford Taurus which is really comfortable and great on the interstate, and a 2010 Toyota Prius, which is one of the weirdest driving experiences I've ever had! It was kind of fun, once I got used to it, but it is one of the most uncomfortable cars on a long trip. The Prius is a hybrid and runs on electricity when driven at lower speeds. One of the strange things about the car is that when you 'start' it, it is silent! I'd think the makers of hybrids would at least put some audio on that would go VROOM, VROOM when you press the Power button. (That's right, it doesn't have a key). It did get 50 miles per gallon from B'ham to Heidelberg, MS on the freeway at 75 MPH. Pretty impressive!

If you are going to Warner Robbins and want to caravan, meet up at the IHOP in Alexander City at 8:30 am on Friday morning, Oct. 8. Just in case my information is incorrect, you can contact Russ or Richard S. for more information. You should all know by now how bad I am with dates!!!!!!

September VCE Meeting Minutes

The September VCE meeting had an abundance of members in attendance! Twenty people dined on the delicious buffet supper provided by the members, and sat down to business. President Richard Stolzmann called the meeting to order and lead a discussion on rebuilding his back up switch. He has offered to rebuild others for member is needed.

An email was received regarding Roger Smith. His cancer has advanced and he is now in hospice. He is looking for a new home for his coveted Lakewood – anyone interested is asked to contact him. See Russ Thuleen for more information.

Jewel gave a report on Rozelle Doughty. At our last meeting, Joe informed us Rozelle had recently had surgery to remove cancerous cells from her colon. Jewel reported that Rozelle is doing fine and is back up and around.

Russ Thuleen will not be in attendance for the October meeting (he is running off for a couple of weeks to California) so Richard will have the key for the meeting room.

Dixie Vintage Car Show will be held October 30th at Avondale Park (5th Avenue South and 41st Street). \$5000 dollars in prizes are available.

Harold Hartline gave a report on the Hilton Head show to be held the first weekend in November.

Art and Vicki Bolton reported on their trip to the Cheyenne AACA show. Ed Keller gave a short report on the Panama City car show.

Pete Wood will be doing a test road trip to Talladega – look for an email for details when VCE will be making this trip for a club event.

NEW MEMBER ALERT! Hoyt Mann has joined VCE. Hoyt is a retired Deputy Sheriff and lives in Alpine, AL. His Corvair of choice is a '64 Spyder. **WELCOME HOYT!**

- Russ Thuleen, Secretary -



CORVAIR MONZA

MOST POPULAR WAY TO LIVE IT UP! When you see and drive Chevrolet's Corvair Monza, it's easy to understand Monza's booming popularity. Three appealing models – Club Coupe, 4-Door Sedan and now the new Monza 4-Door 6-Passenger Station Wagon. The plush interiors, jaunty styling and fun-to-drive qualities are the reasons why the '62 Monza's still without an equal, yet has so many imitators. See for yourself its authentic sports car flair, the added room from Corvair's practically flat floor and extra convenience of Monza's fold-down rear seat. Next thing you know, you'll find yourself considering how modest the price is for Monza's unique virtues!

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Another month about gone. We had four Corvairs at Warner Robins from the Vulcan Corvair Club. There was a total of 32 Corvairs in the parade. One was from Michigan. The weather was absolutely perfect.

At our last meeting we were a little slim on members, but we had good eats and a good time. Hoyt Mann, our newest brave member, drove with me to the meeting in my convertible with the top down coming and going. It really wasn't bad, as I had my Plexiglas wind screen installed.

I gave a tech session on balancing and truing the flywheel and pressure plate on my homemade jig.

I'm planning on giving the tech session at our November meeting, and I also plan on bringing a slide projector and screen to the next meeting. I have a tray of club slides.

CUTE SAYING:

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

— Richard

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, November 19, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship.

Bring a dish for a pot luck dinner that cant' be beat.

Web Links 4 U!

Corvair.US – This is a general Corvair link.

<http://www.corvair.us>

If you don't have enough Corvairs or are looking for your first one. Many show quality cars. (think \$\$\$)

http://www.olddrive.com/classic_cars/chevrolet_corvair.html

Need to know all the specs on your car? Try this site to find compression ratios, oil pressure, spark plug gap, dwell angle,

<http://carnut.com/specs/gen/vair60.html>

Billy Cannon got a chance to attend the N. Texas Corvair Assn. Corvair Heritage Day. Here's a link to their web site

<http://www.northtexascorvair.org/>

There are pictures from Warner Robins throughout the newsletter. Thanks to Richard and Billy for sending them to me.

Richard, Russ, John and company meeting up with Billy and Judi. Billy had donuts, so we let him come.



There was a lot of time spent at the motel in the parking lot visiting and looking at all the Corvairs.

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Jeff, what's your wife's name?
Bonnie White - Nov. 13

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Who's gonna ride the bike?
The Cannon's Corvair Stingray!



Who's your buddy?
Looks like Harold came out better than Russ!



Who's gonna eat the most?
Both meals by our hosts were excellent! Here are some VCE members pigging out at the banquet.



Who's in charge? After some initial confusion lining up to leave the motel parking lot, everyone got to the staging area without a fender bender.



From the Editor:

Thanks to Richard and Billy for sending in all the pictures from Warner Robins. Instead of running off at the mouth (keyboard) this month, I'm just going to show you what a great time we had!

The weather was perfect, and company was great and the food couldn't be beat. The cars were pretty good too. A special thanks to our Warner Robins hosts, the Heart of Georgia Corvair club. They did a great job this year. Drop them an email, they deserve a pat on the back!

Thanks also to Billy Cannon for his article this month on the N. Texas Corvair Association's Corvair Heritage Day. He was able to attend the event while on a business trip in the area.

Take care, and Happy Thanksgiving! - John

October VCE Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes submitted for the newsletter this month. Our illustrious secretary was off in California visiting relatives and attending the Great Western Fan Belt Toss.

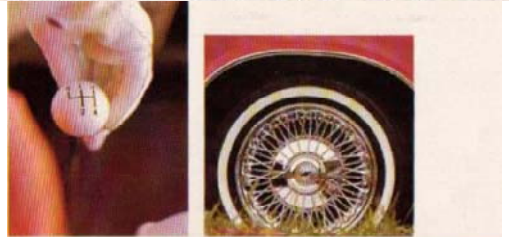
After leaving the motel, the cars were staged in a large parking lot closer to the parade site. I think they were going by year, but since I don't know the differences that well, especially with later, I just stuck mine in and hoped for the best. Nobody yelled at me, so all was well. - editor

Now the waiting begins. The cars were lined up in a bank parking lot close to the beginning of the parade route. As we waited, more people, cars, floats, marching bands and all the other parade stuff began to arrive. You could feel the excitement building!

Then the moment arrived, the parade started! Parades are great fun and this one was no exception. Off we went down the parade route, then on to the fairgrounds. Thanks to Heart of Georgia Corvair for a great time!



MONZA SPYDER



NTCA CORVAIR HERITAGE DAY

Corvaair lovers from around Texas gathered in Hurst (S.E. of Dallas) for a special concourse activity hosted by NTCA club members.

One of the benefits of my job with the government is the very common opportunity to travel. The past two weeks have found me at Ft. Hood Texas, located between Copperas Cove and Killen, TX.



NTCA banner proudly waves in the wind.

While in Texas I was able to attend the CORVAIR HERITAGE DAY IN NORTH TEXAS on Saturday, October 16th. The main event was the Christian Classic Cruisers car show, a judged event with trophies. The Corvaairs were grouped together and a special Corvaair presentation was made for the public's benefit. Members of the North Texas Corvaair Association (NTCA) also brought a toy to donate to the Christian Classic Cruisers Christmas toy drive for charities. Corvaair lovers from around Texas gathered

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Founded in 1975, the North Texas Corvaair Association is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the Chevrolet Corvaair in all its forms. The NTCA is committed to Corvaair enthusiasts throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex area and North Texas, and has about 100 currently active members. I arrived at the Birdville High School parking lot, which, by size, is on the order of a major college stadium with attached parking lot. HUGE! I took a few pictures and introduced myself

YS304 MIKE DOBIE

to the event coordinator, Robert Parker, who immediately welcomed me with that wide Texas grin and clap on the back. After Robert shuttled this Alabama boy around the 39 or 40 amazing corvaairs I had to talk with a few of the owners and their special rides .

Mike's 1966 Yenko Stinger was a huge hit at this show. I was trying to talk with him along with probably five other interested parties at one time . He did manage to give me the story of how his corvaair rightfully is tagged as a true Yenko Stinger. The "300 series" stingers were those built from parts ordered and

bought directly from Don Yenko's dealership in Canonsburg, PA. The Box of parts that Mike's Stinger was built from included ALL the performance and appearance parts necessary to modify a stock late model coupe into a true "Stinger". Mike stated that the box also included the documentation and drivers



Yenko Stinger 304 door sill plate.

side door sill plate YS 304. in this picture one can see the unusual silver color of the interior. Mike said he wanted a color scheme different than other Yenkos. His is White with Silver stripes, the aforementioned interior and, of course, the wheel rims and cove.



Chrysler Sebring seats fit well in Mike's Stinger



Distinctive Landau "sail panels" unique to the Yenko Corvaair.

UNRESTORED ORIGINAL 1961 MONZA

Larry Schultz and his wife are the proud original owners of this gorgeous unrestored 1961 Monza that was publicly recognized during the Heritage Day awards ceremony as one of the ones that "Started It ALL"! I spoke briefly with the Shultzs who are both charter members of the NTCA. Their Monza is an excellent example of what we all should have done with our pride and joy back in the day.



1961 Monza shows it's colors!

"One of the ones that started it all!"

HIGHLY CUSTOMIZED 1966 TURBO CORSA

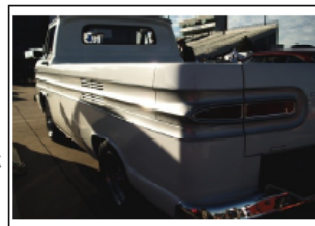
This turbocharged corsa owned by Mike Raley sports frenched head and taillights, hidden automatic radio antennae, complete ground effects, unibody paint scheme and more gauges than a 747 cockpit.



CORBIN TAYLOE'S (RARE) LOADSIDE

Chevrolet exploded the Corvair product line for 1961 with the addition of two pickup trucks, the Loadside and the Rampside. The Corvair 95 trucks' name came from their 95-inch wheelbase and featured a two-door cab. Because the load floor of the truck had to be raised to accommodate the rear-mounted engine, Chevrolet offered an alternative to the traditionally tail-gated Loadside with the

Rampside, which offered a hinged ramp that opened off the passenger side of the truck bed. Rubber trim kept the paint from scratching, and the Rampside was favored by anyone who hauled rolling cargo.



Corvair 95 Loadside. (I know, I took picture of the "wrong" side.)

Despite critical admiration, the Corvair failed to capture critical market share. Both trucks sold well in their first year, but plummeting sales caused Chevrolet to discontinue the Loadside after 1962, and the Rampside was only produced through 1965.



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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Update on our Cheaha run last month. Thanks to Pete Wood for making it happen!!

We had three Corvairs and two water pumper vehicles show up. It turned out to be a great day for a scenic drive. The route was around 100 miles. Hoyt Mann drove with me in my convertible with the top down, and about mid way through we had to shed some clothes. All in all we had an enjoyable time. I was hoping for a few more cars, but we had fun.

Billy Cannon broke his clutch cable right at the end, so he went home, around 20 miles, without shifting.

At the last meeting I gave the tech session on truing and balancing the flywheel and pressure plate for those who missed the previous meeting. Russ took home the homemade balancer to use on some flywheels and pressure plates he had.

We then watched slides from over twenty years ago and noticed we had pictures of members who were no longer with us. The meeting finally broke up around 9:30.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for our normal meeting time on Dec. 17th at 7 pm.

CUTE SAYINGS: I always wanted to be a procrastinator, but never got around to it.

– Richard



Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, December 17, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!! DON'T MISS IT!

Web Links 4 U!

Several good Corvair related videos and Christmas music to boot!

http://www.animationplayhouse.com/vid/xmas/tag_corvair.html

imcdb stands for Internet Movie Cars DataBase. You can look up whatever car you want to see what movies it was in. Don't ask me why.

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicles_make-Chevrolet_model-Corvair.html

imdb stands for Internet Movie DataBase. Everything you ever wanted to know about your favorite movie plus reviews of what's currently out there.

<http://www.imdb.com>

Wanted and For Sale...

For Sale: PRICE REDUCTION
1966 Monza Coupe, needs a clutch. Restorable or parts car, Other parts in the deal. \$600.
Contact Richard Cleveland 256-287-2461

Corvair Name Tags Available



Contact: Roy Dutton
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Name Tag - \$5.00
Extra Bar - \$1.00
Magnet Back - \$2.00

Birthdays

Carol Keller – Dec. 18
Jeff McCrary – Dec. 18
Richard Cleveland - Dec. 20
Russ Thuleen – Dec. 20

Anniversaries

Bob and Wilma Siemans – Dec. 17

November VCE Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was held on the 19th with 15 people adults and 4 children in attendance. Richard Stoltzmann held a short tech session on flywheel balancing.

It was announced that John Cleveland (our illustrious newsletter editor) had been hospitalized briefly while on a business trip, but is home now and doing well.

A BIG THANKS was given to Pete Wood for planning and leading our recent day road trip! Pete has planned our Spring road trip for the first weekend in April. This is a weekend trip through the scenic southeast up into North Carolina. We all look forward to this trip!

Jewel has sent a card from the club to Rozelle Doughty for a speedy recovery and a condolence card was passed to send to the family of Chuck Armer.

Plans for the club Christmas party were set. The event will be held on Friday, December 17th at the regular meeting time. Below is a list of who has spoken to bring food for the meal:

Ham	Harold Hartline
Turkey	Billy Cannon
Pumpkin Cheesecake	Judy Cannon
Pecan Pie	Carol Keller
Sweet Potato Cass.	Louise Hartline
Green Beans	Robin Hunter
Cranberry Salad	Jewel Hinkle
Bread	Richard Stoltzman
Mashed Potatoes	Sherri Daniels
Coffee	Russ Thuleen
Peppermint Cake	Leslie Steckler
Vegetable dish	John Cleveland

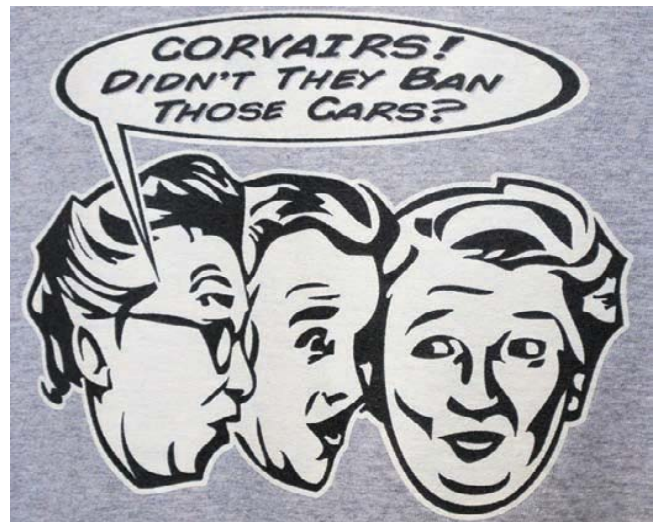
Harold Hartline brought slides from the club's past visit to a show at Talladega in 1975. The show was a great blast from the past, and enjoyed by all.

Russ Thuleen moved we adjourn and the motion was seconded.

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NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.



From the Editor:

Thanks go to Steve Daniels for sending me pictures of the Cheaha day trip. Wish I could have been driving my convertible instead of working. I had some heart issues while working in Jacksonville, Fl. the week before Thanksgiving. The doctor said it was stress and working too many hours (four weeks straight), and to take some time off. I got 6 days off for Thanksgiving, and am back on the road again! Hope to be at the club Christmas party, but it's 50/50 as of this writing.

Along with pictures of the Cheaha drive, I've included an article by my dad about his restoration of a 1931 Ford Model A. He got the car when I was in high school, and spent over 20 years restoring it. You have to see the car up close to believe it.

Let's talk dues...which are due in January. Start saving your allowance.

Take care, and Merry Christmas! - John

Model A Restoration by Loren Cleveland

Back in the late 1940s I saw this 1931 Model A Sport Coupe running around town. It belonged to Lile Hugaboom, a long time citizen of Buffalo (OK). He was a house painter and used it for a paint vehicle. The paint was faded as was the rag top, the fenders had big splits in them.

It disappeared for several years. Mr. Hugaboom's son, Bob, who lived in Ft Supply had it and he was driving it.

In the late sixties Bob Hugaboom moved three doors north of us and the Model A was in the back yard covered with a tarp. (Editor's note: It wasn't under that tarp much. I remember when I was little, playing in the car, and I know the neighborhood kids younger than I all used to play in it after I got too 'grown up'.)

It set there for about fifteen years and I started thinking about buying it and restoring it. Bob was not interested in selling it. About 1979 Mom and I were driving down the alley and I told her that I would sure like to have that car. We went by again in a few weeks and the car was gone. I said, "Well it looks like Bob had sold the car to someone else". I had missed the boat.

December first came along, my birthday, and lo and behold the car was dragged down to our house. Mom had talked to Bob and he had finally decided to sell it to her.

I put it in the garage and went through it making a list of parts it needed. It was a basket case. At that time there were several companies selling parts for it. There was not enough room in my garage to work so I bought an old building that had been a Ford dealership.

Twenty one years later, in my spare time I had it restored with a little help from my neighbor. I enjoyed restoring it. I could go down there and work on it for an hour or two, or several hours and there were times I did not work on it for weeks. I really enjoyed rebuilding it more than I do driving it. It is hard for me to drive with my bad feet and there is not much room in the cab.



Cheaha Drive, November 13, 2010 - Editor

THANKS, PETE!!



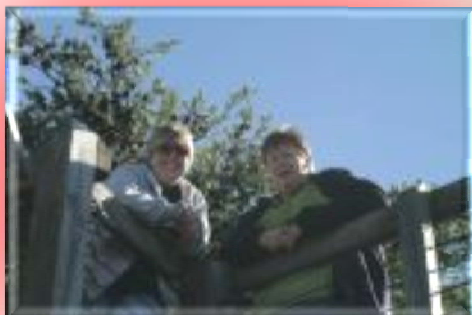
I wasn't there, but when I see a scene like this, I get worried!

Russ Thuleen's Rampside



Richard Stoltzmann's turbo convertible

Billy Cannon's coupe



Enjoying a beautiful day in the mountains.

Mt. Cheaha State Park
Bald Rock group lodge

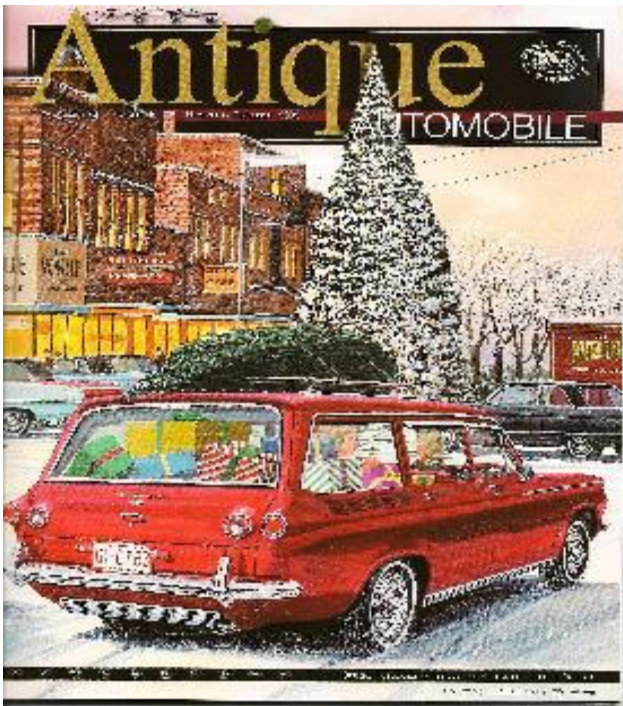


Corvair, mountain road,
fall foliage....



View from the top

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY. START SAVING THOSE NICKELS AND DIMES, OR ASK SANTA FOR A MEMBERSHIP! BENEFITS INCLUDE: ONE FREE MEAL A MONTH, A CHANCE TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE BEST FOLKS YOU'LL EVER KNOW. A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE VCE NEWSLETTER (WHICH IS WORTH THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT ANYTHING ELSE!)



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VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.

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Luke 1:35

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."



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