

THE OIL DROP

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 34, No 1

January 2013



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

The start of another year!

I want to report on Russ's Christmas party. We had over 30 people and Russ provided fabulous food. The traffic on 280 was a bear, but I left early so I got there in plenty of time. WE had quite a few members present that I haven't seen in the last year. Buck and Jewel, Hinkle, Jerry and Sarah Smith. Our long distant members that were present were Al and Joan Birks from Corinth Mississippi. Chris Brown and Molly Bacon from Georgia. After a short club meeting, where we voted to keep the same officers' except for the newspaper editor, which Billy Cannon took over. We then adjourned to Russ's shop where we tackled some technical issues.

Don't forget club dues of \$20.00 are due in January.

On another note we took up our yearly donation, and got a total of \$200.00. We voted to donate it to *Generosity Water*, a charitable organization that is trying to raise enough to dig a well for a village in Guinea, Africa. All those who wanted a receipt should get a e-mail receipt. If any of those who wanted it and don't get it let me know.

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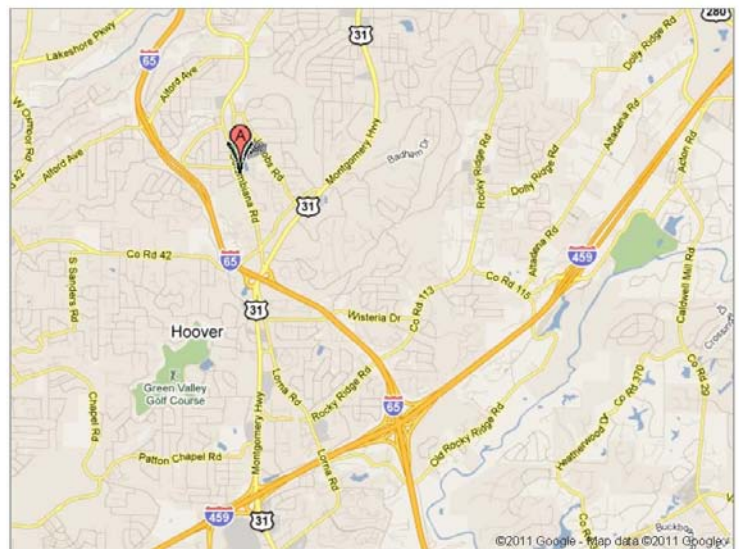
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Date: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2013

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: FULLNESS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Upcoming Events!

Jan 11-13 Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Hosted by E. TN. Corvair Club
Best Western, 3810 Parkway, Pigeon
Forge, TN 865-453-0625 and mention the
Corvair event.

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800/732-6478, mention 699837 for the room rates \$44-
\$60.

April 19-20 Springfest, Helen Ga.

Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs,
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Hospitality party, concours, people's choice, valve cover
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December VCE Meeting Minutes & Attendance Roster

The Christmas party meeting was very well attended,
with members, family, and friends in attendance listed
below. All the officers were re-elected by acclamation
(including Billy Cannon as editor of the Oil Drop). For
our traditional club gift to charity, we collected \$200 to
donate to Generosity Water, a charity that drills wells
for communities in Africa. Richard Stolzmann had a
family member familiar with their work. For the tech
session, we had an extensive tour of the famed Thuleen
garage and restoration facility along with a discussion
of cylinder bores and long and short skirt pistons. Russ
had some old copies of the Corvanatics newsletter that
were not in that club's archives, and Molly and Chris
took those to be scanned: a good contribution to the his-
tory of the Corvair.

**Russ Thuleen, Leslie Steckler, and Gary Cosby
Jewel and Buck Hinkle, with Don and Myra
Pete Wood**

Richard Stolzmann

Carol and Ed Keller

Bob and Wilma Siemens

Molly Bacon and Chris Brown

Harold and Louise Hartline

Bill Sweet

Albert and Joan Birks

John & Denise Cleveland

Chris & Joshua Rothe

Sherri, Steve, and Patrick Daniels.

Jerry and Sarah Smith

Larry Gulsby

Pics of the Christmas Party are located on Page #4

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Corvair

From the Editor:

I want to thank my GOOD friend and previous newsletter editor, John Cleveland first for serving as editor the past few years and second for trusting me with taking the reins of the 'Oil Drop'!

John has passed over the archived issues of the OD (Oil Drop) along with the materials needed to get it out to the members each month. However, with all things new there is always one of those 'AhHa' moments where you discover that something could, and should, have been done better.

As we move through this transition phase, a couple of good and bad things have popped up. Periodically club members are asked to update their personal information. As a result we have already received address, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. changes and certainly welcome any and all at any time. On a sad note we have learned of one members withdrawal from the club because of unforeseen 'life' changes.

Since accepting the role as your editor, I have been going through other club newsletters looking for ideas that I would like to incorporate into ours. I will take any and all suggestions that you may have as well to make this publication as informative as possible. For instance...some of you may know that I enjoy cooking (and eating), therefore I am considering adding a members cookbook of recipes, one or two per month. I would also like to add a column patterned after the old "This Is Your Life" TV Show, where we will learn more about each member of the VCE club. Might be a lot of fun. You will notice in this January issue of the OD, I have included a 'VCE Year in Review' on page 5, which will be changed to a monthly format during the subsequent ODs. I think that it is important to include a 'review' section. As Bill Sweet correctly pointed out; "There were several (members) at (The Christmas Party) who do not make it to the meetings so to me the newsletter is very important for them... it is their only contact with the club other than individual contacts." Which also brings up the well known point that many of us must travel a long distance to attend the monthly meetings. I personally appreciate and applaud your efforts to attend as many as you can.

Of course what would a Corvair newsletter be without articles about the cars we have grown to love. So, PLEASE send them as often as you can. I will not impose any restrictions as to length or number of pictures, but remember that there are still a few club members that will receive OD hard copies through the mail. The non-digital version incurs a bit more cost and effort when there are more pages to print and mail. And speaking of articles, look forward to 'Blast from the Past' as we will provide access to archived material from the early years of the Hobby.

FINALLY, I congratulate our newly reappointed officers and staff. You have served VCE well this past year and we have no doubt you will continue to do so. There are also the unsung heroes within our organization: John and Russell, who receive and forward other clubs newsletters. Steve keeps us informed and entertained through our group presence on Facebook. And especially those that bring the fabulous food and goodies each and every month.

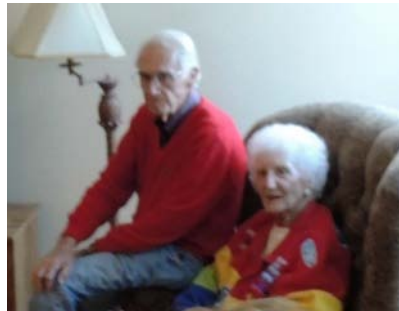
GOD bless and drive those Corvairs!



1st Annual Pickle Patch Open Car Show Sylacauga, Alabama



Christmas Party 2012



VCE Year in review 2012

January

Molly and Chris's Hard Luck award
Thermostat Tech Session



February

Pensacola Corvair Lovers Holiday.

March

The club officers met to review the first draft of the new by-laws. Performance Workshop at Indy.
Comments on the CORSA membership report.

April

Springfest in Helen, GA. Al and Joan Birks early closed got first place in Concourse.



May

Shelby County School of Technology car show



June

Updated membership roster. A drawing was held for door prizes provided from the model car collection of Buck Hinkle.

July

Pool party at Richards house cancelled because of his unfortunate accident. Molly elected secretary of Corvanatics.



August

New VCE club logo distributed, new banners obtained.

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama
Corsa Chapter. 352

September

East Tennessee Show and Banquet, Kingsport, Tn.
Molly & Chris presented a slide show and report from the Detroit Homecoming.

October

Vairs at the Fair in Warner Robins
Vairs in the Valley in Maggie Valley



November

Lineville Car Show and Swap Meet
Pell City car show to benefit Toys for Tots



December

Rockford, Goodwater and Chelsea Christmas Parades. Christmas Party

My 1st "Teaching Session"

Blast from the past Mar, 2008

John Law

Last night we had some furniture delivered to our house while I was working on my '65 Monza with my son. I had the garage door open because the weather is nice. We had just finished cleaning out all of the old and decayed rubber weather seal from the 'hood' when the furniture guys looked in.

"What the heck is that?" the big one said.

I loved it. I told them it was a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair. "What?" I smiled and told them about the engine placement and asked them where they thought the radiator was. "Heck I don't know." Direct and to the point, I had hoped they'd start pointing. I gave them a quick history on the engine and the car and showed them some of the other 'oddities' they aren't likely to find in any other car.

When I was done I could tell I had one new fan of the Corvair standing in front of me. The other guy? I could tell by the way he looked at the car that he was a big block water pumper kind of guy. Still, he commented on the body lines and was impressed with the suspension.

The best thing of all? My wife, who has picked up the phone a few times to call the local insane asylum over my decision to purchase the Corvair and repair it, was impressed by the car and the interest it generates. I think she's starting to understand.

John Dailey

We were babysitting my grandson, yesterday and he was outside with me when I was working on the Corvair. I popped the trunk and he looked in and said "where's all the stuff?" I told him it was in the back and proceeded to open the decklid and he looked in. I'm still not sure if he believed me because it still doesn't look like an engine to someone so young (he's 5).

Jeff Aronson

Good for you John (both of you)! No one will ever learn about Corvairs if they never see them, hear them, or try and keep up with them on the road. It's great that you left the garage door open so as to invite inquiry; how much better it will be when everyone who stuffs their car away in the winter brings them out.

For totally different reasons the EM and LM models' styling attracts attention and interest to the car. Remember, for millions of Gen X, Gen Y and Millennials, all cars have looked like Camrys, Explorers, F-150's or Silverados. They've never seen a stylin' automobile in their lives - once we have their attention, we have a "teaching moment."

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OK; its going on to February as I type this Presidents Message. We had a good turn out at our last month's meeting. We discussed our February 15th club meeting and decided to hold it at Pensacola as that's where most of the members would be attending the Corvair Lovers Holiday. So do not go to the usual meeting place as there will not be anyone there!

I was looking at a possible place we could hold a picnic and a club get together this summer near Birmingham and found a state park by the name of 'Rickwoods Cavern State Park'. It is on I 65 N at exit 284 which is north of Warrior. As the name implies, it is a park which has a cave as the main focus. It also has a picnic area, hiking trails and a pool, so we could make a day of it. I will get the details and let everyone know at the next meeting.

Don't forget that club dues of \$20.00 are due! Please catch up as soon as you can.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

"Always drink upstream from the herd."



Next Meeting:

Date: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Time: To Be Determined

Place: Days Inn Hospitality Room



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Open Cruise-In

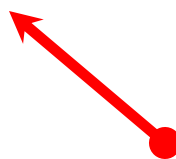
Classic Cars, Hot Rods, New Cars,
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Harold Hartline and Russ
Thuleen's Rampys at the
2004 WFCC Corvair Lovers
Holiday

January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of VCE was held on Friday, the 18th at Fullness Christian Fellowship. There were 30 members present. The meeting was proceeded by the usual potluck supper brought by the membership.

Report was given on the December meeting, which was held during the Christmas party in December at Russ Thuleen's house. Members present who had not been seen lately were Buck and Jewel Hinkle, as well as Sarah and Jerry Smith. It was great to see them again!

Members Molly Bacon and Chris Brown brought a Corvair decorated Christmas tree to bring the Corvair spirit to the holiday party.



REMINDER!!! 2013 dues are currently due. Dues were received from Dick and Barbara Witkos in Dothan, AL. Some of our older members might remember them. They sold their Corvairs due to health issues, but still want to be part of VCE and stay in touch.

Joe Doughty gave the Treasurer's Report. The club has a total of \$459 in the bank.

Carol Keller gave a report on the trip to Pigeon Forge.

It was discussed and voted on that the February meeting would be held at the Corvair event in Pensacola Beach and April's meeting would be held at Springfest in Helen, GA.

Pete Wood is putting together a spring road trip - further details to follow. Richard Stolzman moved to ad-journ. A tech session was held on setting up and posting to a Facebook account.



CHEESE STRAWS

1 block of (8oz) Cracker Barrel extra sharp cheddar cheese
1 stick real butter (I use salted)
1 - ½ cups self rising flour
½ tsp salt
1 tsp cayenne pepper (I use heaping...adjust for taste)
1-2 tsp water (this sounds ridiculous, but it helps it flow out of the cookie press)

Put cheese and butter on counter for at LEAST 4 hours. Add first 5 ingredients to mixer (KitchenAid with dough hook attachment), cutting cheese and butter into small chunks. If you grate the cheese, that is better but it means you have too much time on your hands! Mix on low until it looks pretty homogeneous – about 2-3 minutes. Shift to the next gear if you need to – briefly. Add the water about halfway. Load into cookie press and squeeze out long rows on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 13-14 minutes at 350F. Let cool a couple of minutes, then use a dull knife to 'chop' the straws into 3" or so sections. Store in non-airtight container like a tin.

Bon Appetite!

Hints:

Do NOT use an 'air bake' cookie sheet. Use a flat, darker type, old fashioned sheet.

A kitchenAid is a Must! While one sheet is cooking, press the next batch of rows onto a second sheet.

Beware of overcooking!

Russell Noble

Web Links 4 U!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_keCJUvFrY

“Several interesting things about this one. First is the sound of that turbo engine throughout. Next, look close as the man shifts gears. When making fast changes, he grabs the shift lever instead of the ball. This will be immediately familiar to all who own early 4 speeds without a quick shift kit. And lastly, this is the only promotional or commercial video I've seen where they show the speedometer as they run it up to 110 mph! What fun! “
Phil Hartline

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Blast From The Past:

Scanned Archives
John Cleveland

As I'm sure most of you are aware of by now I have been scanning old issues of the Oil Drop and emailing them to the club members. This has been something I have wanted to do for several years, and every time I get to look at one of the old issues.

Now I need help from the club to complete this task. Russell Noble got me started by providing newsletters from 1978 to 1992. I should have all those scanned by the end of next week and now I am looking for the remainder.

I need 1993 to 2002, 2006 and 2007. That will give us an archive of 34 years of newsletters. The harder part will be finding anything prior to 1978 if there are any. I don't know when the newsletter was started and am looking for guidance from our members who have been in the club from the early days. I've seen the Hartlines, Kellers, Siemens, Hinkles and Rothes in many of the early issues and hope you can give me information and/or copies of anything earlier than 1978.

When this task is as complete as I can make it there will be CDs available for members who don't wish to receive the emails and who don't have computers. If you don't wish to get the email, please let me know and I'll stop sending them to you.

While I haven't read all the old issues as I scan them I do a quick check of the files to make sure I got all the pages correctly. While doing this I read whatever catches my eye. There are many good articles, tech tips, jokes and cartoons in these issues, but what is most enjoyable is to get to see the history and the story behind the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts.

Thanks in advance for your help in getting this task done, from myself and from a club that many of you have devoted many years of your lives to.

NEW CAR IN THE STABLE

By Mickey Hunter

While Harold and Louise were in Mobile for the Azalea Run, they contacted Blake Moore about his '66 corvair coupe. I advertised the car in last months Oil Drop. Harold told me the car was sound but will require complete reassembly after painting. The car has had all bodywork done and is ready for paint. Brakes have been completely redone with new tires. The engine will run but it needs a starter bendix and one carb needs an accelerator pump. There are new carpets and headliner with the car. It is a 2 door coupe with auto and A/C! I was afraid the car might end up in the scrap yard so Harold and I are going to get the car Tuesday March 13. I'll let everyone know how the trip turned out and keep you updated on restoration.

Reprint from April 2004 Oil Drop. Ed.



Here is a shot of Mickey and Harold unloading the car at the Hunter household, June 2004

I bought this car from Mickey and Robin back in the middle of August 2012. Russ rebuilt both carbs (still needs the starter bendix) but it will start and run under it's own power. My son Shawn made arrangements to have it painted for me as a Christmas present. I am happy to report that, as of this writing, it is at the paint shop and being prepped to roll in the paint booth. STAY TUNED..Ed.

Corvair

VCE Tech Tip

Sure it is February and 'Old Man Winter' is in full force, and yes we will be going to Pensacola Beach for the Corvair Lovers Holiday. But just around the corner, I for one, will be looking for some A/C in my '66 coupe.

Corsa chapter 004 is a 'Virtual' club that is solely dedicated to Air Conditioning the Chevrolet Corvair. Hence the name of the club; "AIR VAIR GROUP". They can be found on the web at :

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/airvair>

For those who receive only the printed Oil Drop, following is for your reading pleasure: *Ed.*

Chevrolet took another big gamble when they developed and offered the Air Conditioning system for the Corvair. Unusual design was required by the need for sufficient air movement thru the condenser and the result was a very strange looking installation, to say the least.

When the Corvair was first made available with A/C in the Spring of 1961 the base price of a Monza Club Coupe was \$2201.00 So the Air Conditioning added around 16% to the cost of the car!! About 1% of the buyers stepped up - about 3000 Air 'Vairs in 1961. The percentage increased in 1962 to a whopping 2.5% ! This was the Corvair's best sales year with 306,000 cars sold, so around 7,650 Air 'Vairs were created. 1963 was also a great year for the Corvair with over 254,000 made and again about 2.5% or 6641 had cool drivers and passengers.

1964 saw some major mechanical changes to the Corvair with the engine displacement stroked to 164 cu. in. with the result of about a 20% power gain and the rear suspension revised to improve ride and handling. But Americans were used to a *New Look* every year, and Corvairs were in there fourth year with only minor trim variations to tell the cars apart - Why buy a new car when your neighbors can't tell?? As a result, another 50,000 drop in sales to under 200,000 but the increased power brought out more A/C buyers at 3.2% produced, 6401 more cool ones added to the pool.

The Nova, the boring compact introduced to take over the 'econo market' for Chevrolet after they realized they were making a sports sedan, not a economy car, * was re-skinned in much the same fashion a Falcon was de-feathered and made into a Mustang. The result was of course the ever popular Camaro. This meant that the Corvair was on the way OUT!! on April of 1965, GM management declared "no more development of the Corvair model, except to meet safety and emissions regulations."

Fortunately lead time was in our favor, for the engineers had already been at work improving an already great thing. For 1966 several changes in the mechanics took place. and Lo and Behold the 140 sprouted A/C !!! The even bigger news to A/C fans is - they finally got the darn condenser off of the engine!!! It was moved to its final resting place in the front of the engine compartment, where it received all of the incoming air. Finally - you could actually change a belt without a mechanical degree. As an additional benefit, the C-64 option became available on the top of the line Corsa model in its final year.

**In 1963 the Corvair Monza beat the Chevy II and all others in the class for best mileage!!*

But time was working against our wonder car - no amount of glowing reports in the motoring press would turn the tide. Just 103,743 Corvairs were built in what many believe to be Corvairs finest year, but again, A/C percentage was up - this time to 4.61% - adding another 4,780 air 'Vairs.

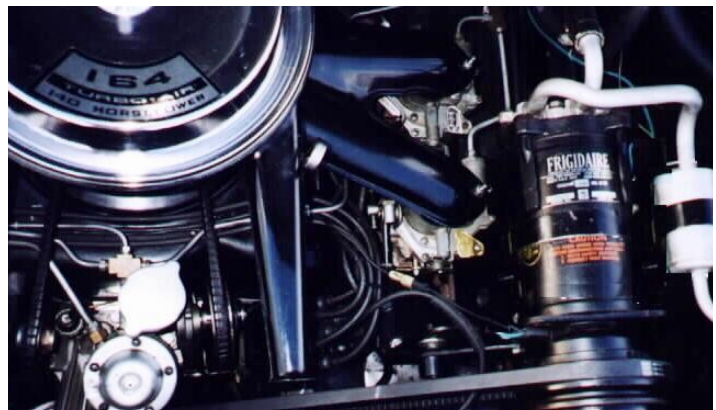
This brings up the subject of Rare Corvairs - The Air 'Vair fan has one of the rarest - only about 150 were Corsas!

1967 was the beginning of the end. The Corsa was no more - The Camaro needed no competition from inside! A few more safety modifications were about it, and to start the year, the 140 was dropped from the options list. Corvair fans clamored and GM listened. So the RPO L63 140 hp engine was again available - until the end. A mere 27,253 Corvair tokens were produced - just using up the tooling and sticking it to Ralph, no doubt. The cool ones stepped up at 5.12% to add another 1,396 to close the list.

In all there were 36,555 Corvairs produced with RPO C64 Air Conditioning. A mere 2% of the total production of around 1.7 million Corvair cars. A few more were installed by venturesome mechanics at Chevy dealerships and those wild and crazy Corvair enthusiasts have added their talents to the pool. Bottom Line is, however, it is rare to see air conditioning in a Corvair

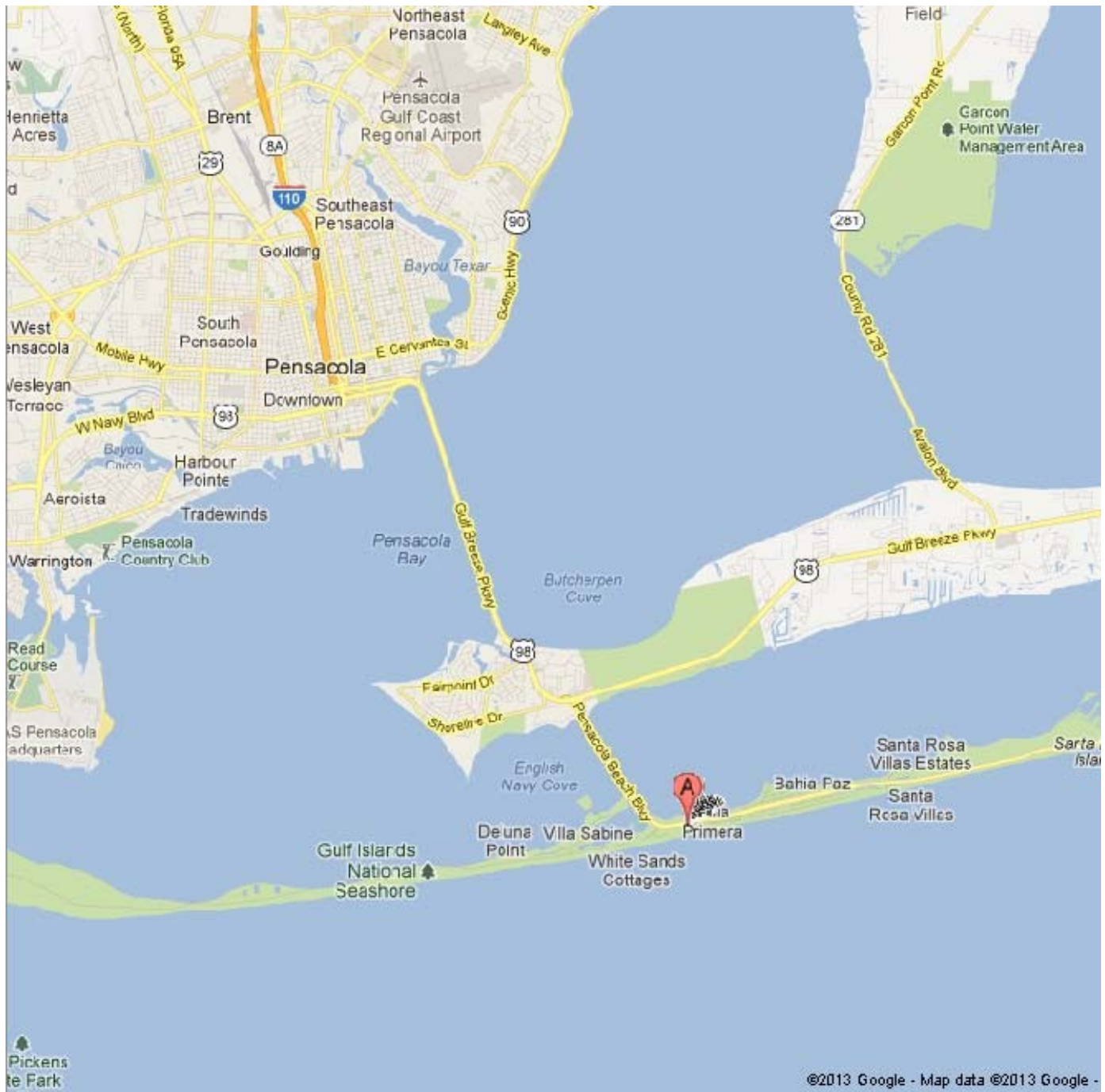
Especially when they had to retool the body metal for the side marker lights and add a bunch on engineering changes to deal with tightening emissions and safety standards!

Just for comparison - Chevrolet built about 6000 full size Chevys a DAY in 1969 !



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Announcement of the 1st 'Corvair Lovers Holiday', VCE Newsletter, Jan '81 (Oil Drop was not adopted until May 10 1981)

“NAVARRE BEACH OUTING

The Florida Corvair group has planned what appears to be an excellent weekend outing . It will be held at the Navarre Beach Holiday Inn on February 13,14 and 15. The package price for the room includes enough extras, sea food buffet, brunch, etc., to make it look like a bargain. I understand a fairly good size group from our club is planning to make the trip , The details were published in the last communiqué. More on this at the meeting you might want to consider it.”

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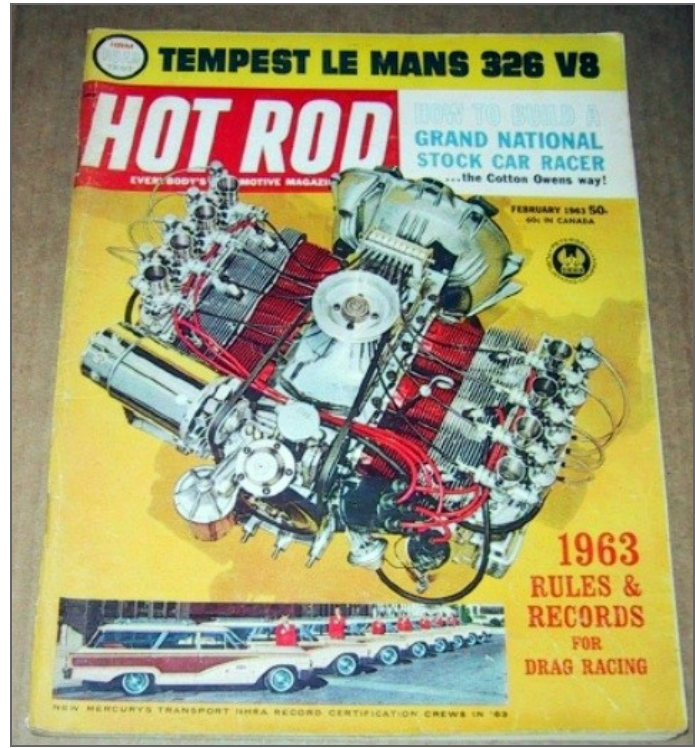
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 34, No 3



March 2013



THE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN:

I hope everyone that went to Pensacola this last weekend; Feb 15,16 &17th had a great time. I know I did. We had 20 club members, 8 cars and we got SEVEN awards. Read later on in the newsletter for the specifics. The turn out for cars and people was over whelming. I was planning on going with everyone on Thursday, but our group that is going to Hawaii in March decided to have a planning session on Thursday night and to keep the peace in the family I decided I needed to be there. I left on Friday at 8 Am for Pensacola and arrived there around 1:30. I tried to keep my speed under 74 mph as blue light specials were occurring regularly in I65, both coming and going. For those who missed Pensacola, we had our meeting in the banquet room. We discussed our club by laws for one thing, and I believe they will be voted on by the membership at large in the meeting in March. One other function that was mentioned was Helen in April. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Don't forget that club dues of \$20.00 are due! Please catch up as soon as you can.

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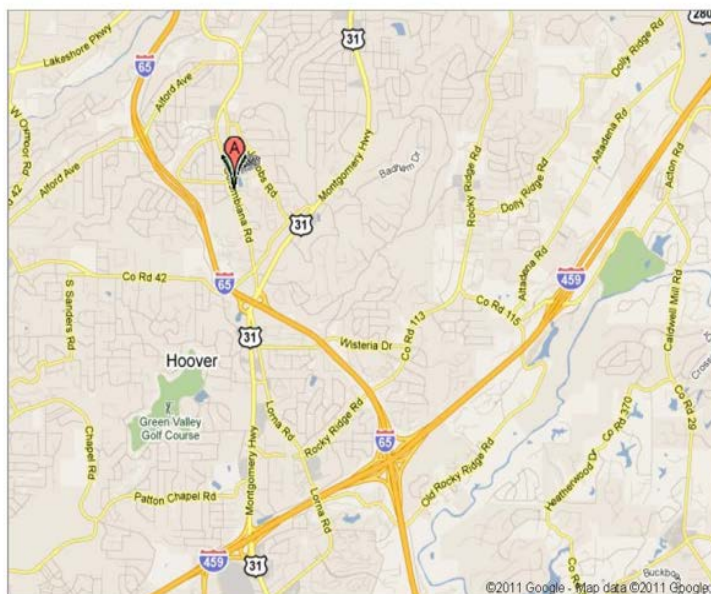
“Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.”

A special note of thanks to Richard for providing the majority of the pictures for this issue. Many more of his Pensacola pictures can be found on the VCE Facebook page. Ed.

Next Meeting:

FRIDAY, March 16, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

A. Fullness Christian Fellowship
2575 Columbiana Road, Vestavia Hills, AL
(205) 822-3070



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Upcoming Events!

March 8-10 Spring Warm-Up in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Elvis will entertain at the awards banquet. Valve cover race, bingo, poker run, car corral, and swap meet. Sea Mist Resort, 1200 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach SC, 800/732-6478, mention 699837 for the room rates \$44-\$60.

March 15-16, 2013 Corvair Performance Workshop Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Workshop will be held at:

Freelance Graphics

4 Gasoline Alley, Speedway, Indiana

More info at:

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/pcg/>

April 6-7 Spring Autofair at Charlotte, NC

Hosted by Queen City Corvair Club

Giant flea market, manufacturer displays, auction, individual make and group car shows, and surprises. Car display open to all Corvairs and Corvair-powered vehicles, not just show cars. People's choice trophies. Tickets and parking passes provided, dash plaques for all entries.

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Hospitality party, concours, people's choice, valve cover races, autocross, swap meet, banquet, and more. Motels: Helendorf River Inn, 706/878-2271 \$138; Best Western, 706/878-2111, \$64, suites \$84 breakfast included; Super 8, 706/878 2191, \$55; Country Inn and Suites, 800/456-4000; other lodging helengeorgialodging.com; make all reservations by March 20 and ask for Corvair rates.

Some cars
travel best on 4-lane
superhighways with lots of
gas stations

(Let this one take you away
from all that)



Open Cruise-In

Classic Cars, Hot Rods, New Cars,
Tractors & Motorcycles

**Saturday
April 13th
10:00am-2:00pm**

**No Entry Fee!
Door Prizes
50-50 Jackpot**

**Pickle Patch
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February Meeting Minutes

The Feb. meeting of VCE was held on Saturday, the 16th at WFCC Hospitality Room during the Corvair Lovers Holiday. There were 10 members present for the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Richard Stolzman.

John Cleveland lead the discussion on the VCE by-laws and how they will be distributed for review. John also reported on his progress with the archived OD Newsletters and other material.

Members discussed possibilities for an upcoming spring get together and/or drive. Locations included Callaway Gardens and Rickwood Caverns. Location and time-frame will be determined at a later date.

REMINDER!!! 2013 dues are currently due.

It was reconfirmed that April's meeting would be held at Springfest in Helen, GA.

A motion was moved and seconded to adjourn. Members rejoined the Corvair Lovers festivities.



Members Rides by: Russell Noble

CORVAIR steals the show at Krispy Kreme Doughnut cruise-in on Groundhog Day over two lame Mustangs!

Yes sir. Ed Keller was there today in his 64 ice blue vert with the blue/grey top. I live on Rocky Ridge just down from Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in Hoover and Ed lives about 3 blocks from me. Actually, I went there in the water pumper at 8 and came home and ate d-nuts w/coffee and then took a shower and went back in the Vair. Same cars as usual but there was a 70 Buick GSX and a Willis that was unusual. I saw 3 guys from work that was also unusual.

Mine is a 65 with a 66 RB motor with the 65 transaxle. I like the 65 tranny better than the Saginaw. I had a 66 Corsa in high school and the 65 tranny is much sweeter, IMO.

I would be going to 'Cola, but my nephew is a starting pitcher at Auburn and opening weekend is the 15th. He is a 6'5" lefty and may make some big bucks someday.

Tell Everyone Hi and Happy Vairing



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Web Links 4 U!

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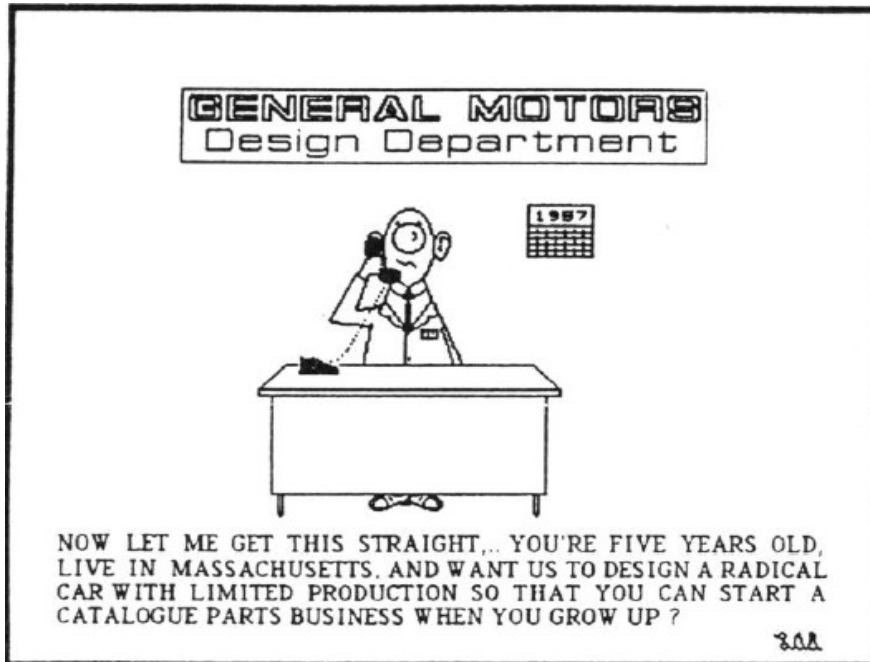
“Today we’re taking you back to an era when the future of the Chevrolet Corvair was bright with the optimistic promotional film *The Corvair in Action*.”

Article in ‘Autoweek’ By: Graham Kozak on 2/01/2013

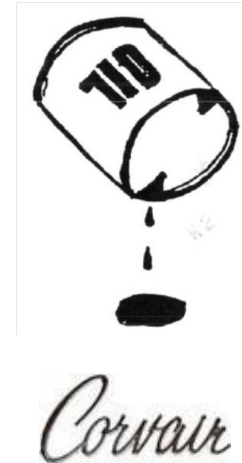
Blast From The Past:

John Cleveland

This was in the Oct. 1992 OilDrop.
Cal Clark is the 5 year old.



And this started showing up in the early 90s on the mailing label page.



VCE History – 1992

VCE meeting at Cheaha, September, 1992 – Background from the September newsletter. Story reprinted from the October issue. The club planned to have their September meeting in the lodge at Cheaha. Juanita Hathaway wrote the reminder article in the September issue; “This has become a tradition with VCE members and friends. John Hathaway will pay for the lodge when he picks up the key so thanks to those who have already sent in a check.”

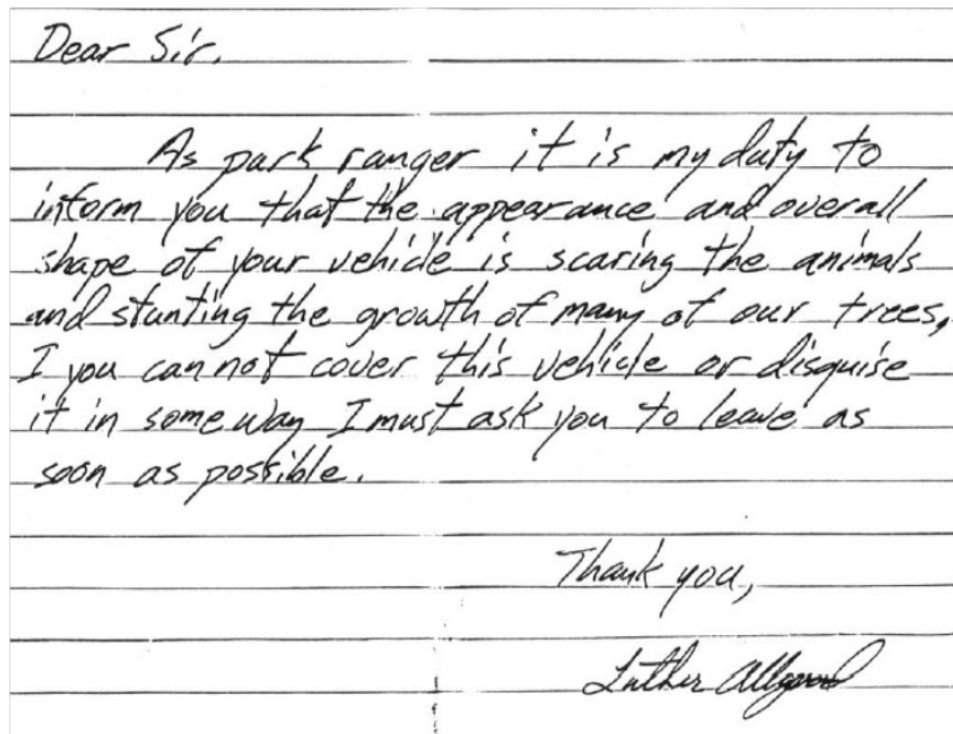
Louise Hartline was signed up for turkey, potato salad, 1 doz. eggs and Cherry Crunch. Wilma Siemens brought green beans, corn, cornbread and grits and jelly. The Kellers brought ham, pancake mix and syrup. Others were signed up as well and it looks to me like no one went hungry.

In the October newsletter there is this small article:

DID YOU KNOW....

All the cars looked so pretty parked out by the side of the Bald Rock Lodge. All had been washed and shined and were just about to be judged. Lo and behold, Bob Siemens found a note on his windshield from a Park Ranger. (See Rangers note to the right)

Editors NOTE: Turns out the 'Ranger' was Norman Rogers



VCE Tech Tip

This tip from Richard Stolzman:

STOLEN FROM OLD CARS WEEKLY; Adding four to six ounces of diesel fuel to every 10 gallons of gas stops vapor lock (From fuel engineers at MobileOio Corp). and does not foul spark plugs!

Corvair Lovers Holiday



A VERY good turnout for VCE at the annual WFCC Show at 'Sunny & Windy' Pensacola Beach!

Molly and Chris got an early start from their home in Ga. to meet with Judi, Raven, Shawn and Billy on Hwy 280 in Alex City. From there we started the caravan to the Peach Park in Clanton. There we met with John and Russ (Denise went on ahead) and after a quick bite of lunch headed south on I65 towards Florida. As usual, Russ led us on another safe and uneventful ride that our little Corvairs made with pride. Lot's of thumbs up, pictures and videos were made by other



travelers lucky enough to see "that many in one place"! Ed & Carol and Harold & Louise pulled into the hotel right behind us after taking the scenic route down hwy 31. On Friday it was a joy and surprise to see Clyde and Brenda drive up in the 64 'vert. Richard made the trip by himself and then Leslie, Gary, Joyce and Linda joined our merry little group. Making a grand total of 20 VCE family and friends in attendance. We also did very well in the Awards Presentation with the following results:

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| Judi Cannon | * Ladies Choice |
| Shawn Cannon | * 1st Place Modified |
| Russ Thuleen | * 1st Place Late Closed |
| Ed Keller | * 1st Place Early Open |
| Clyde Cork | * 3rd Place Early Open |
| John Cleveland | * 2nd Place Late Open |
| Richard Stolzman | * Engine Contest |



CLASSIFIEDS

Russel Noble is looking for a set of rebuildable LM rear bearing spindles!

Estate sale: March 19-23.

Numerous Corvair parts, many original GM parts.

Held at 1220 Millers Mill Rd, Stockbridge GA 30281

The guys name is Spenser Grant.

Contact Al Hilderbrand at hilderbrandal@aol.com for more information.

1964 white 2 door Monza Hardtop For Sale that appears to be in very good shape outside of Blackshear Ga. Body is straight with one noticeable dent and surface rust in the dent on the hood above the lock. 110 hp not running. Owner says it was rebuilt before it sat. It appears to be missing a carb, fuel pump is present but not installed, automatic transmission, rear window is not installed / owner has a replacement, bumpers not installed. The owner has them but I didn't see the condition Missing door panels and interior needs work. It was painted white and most of the trim has not been reinstalled.

Original color appears to have been an off white (underside of hood not repainted)

The owner says that the floor pans have been replaced, I believe him

The owner is asking \$500.00 as is.

I looked for rust and really could only find just the spot that I noted earlier, which to me is a huge plus.

CORSA Member, David Harwell davharw@darientel.net

FROM The Heart Of Georgia Corvairs Club

Here's a car show in Gainesville, GA the weekend after Springfest. Those of you who live closer might want to go show off your cars two weekends in a row.

The foster and adoptive parents of Hall County 3rd annual car show on April 27th, 2013! The show location is the Hayes Dodge dealership, 3115 Frontage Rd in Gainesville GA from 11:00 to 5:00 with trophies awarded at 4:00.. All the money we collect goes to benefit the children in foster care in our county. We provide care bags when a foster child comes into foster care with all the necessities like a tooth brush and tooth paste and things like a new toy, a blanket... We also provide Christmas gifts for every child in care and we are looking to start up providing a birthday gift for their special day. We need your help to be able to take care of the 130 or so Hall County foster children. Registration is \$15 per vehicle. We also welcome venders. Check out our website and see pics of our other car shows at www.lovehopehealing.com!



John and Russ waiting for their door prizes.

Chris waiting for the pink Corvair "Heater" to fire up and keep him warm.



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit club dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Corvair automobile.

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

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*Vice President: Pete Wood
205/956-6832*

*Secretary: Russ Thuleen
205/678-7979*

*Newsletter: Billy Cannon
256/839-1905*

*Treasurer: Joe Doughty
205/995-0131*

Hospitality: Harold Hartline

Arrangements: Judi Cannon

Web: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter352/>

To you drivers who really love driving, '67 Corvair
this could be the most welcome
new car of the year

The rear-engine road car



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Well Helen time is almost here again. I'm looking forward to the event on the weekend of April 19th - 21st.

Even though a few members were out of town and absent from our March meeting, we still had a good turnout and better yet good eats and a good meeting.

Included in this newsletter are a couple of pictures from a project John Cleveland is working on. He brought them to the meeting for all to see. It is evident that he is an expert in other areas other than Corvaire repair and restorations.

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"Good judgment comes from experience and a lotta that comes from bad judgment."

From the Editor:

I was not afforded the privilege of meeting the late VCE member Norman Rodgers. From what I have heard from other fellow Corvaire lovers, and seeing the collection he left behind, I wish that I could have met him. I was pleased to read that Norm's Ramp-side is now a member of the Queen City Corvaire Club and owned by Dick and Dee Charest. I know Norm would be proud to see it back on the road.



Next Meeting:

Will be held during the festivities at Springfest. Time, date and location will be announced.



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Upcoming Events!

The Weekend Cruise End Season Begins this month.

1st Saturday

Alex City Arby's in front of WalMart Hwy 280 : Rod Siggers 256-794-3846, John Hammock 334-703-5437
Sports Car Cruise-In, Hamburger Heaven Hwy 280 Birmingham Info: Alan Thacker (205) 663-9299
Hoover Krispy Kreme on Hwy 31.
Alabaster Wal-Mart Shopping Center, 4-9 pm

2nd Saturday

Springville OneEighty Campus (next to Burtons) 5770 U.S. Hwy 11. Contact Sam Latino at (205) 789-0017
Heflin Papa's Pizza Info. Jakie 256-463-2836.
Clanton 2nd Avenue and 6th Street

3rd Saturday

Gadsden Sonic Hwy 278
Hueytown Winn Dixie Shopping Center

4th Saturday

Fultondale Colonial Mall (Target Parking Lot) 5-9 pm
Info: Anita Rogers 205-841-8311
Rainbow City Charlie & Casey's Pit & Grill 3225 Rainbow Dr. Info: Steve (256) 492-2950

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May 3-5 Virginia Vair Fair, Leesburg, Va

Hosted by Northern Virginia Corvair Club
More info at <http://www.vairfair.com/>



John's Toys

During the March meeting John Cleveland displayed some of his recent woodworking projects.



February Meeting Minutes

Twenty one adults and youngsters turned out for the March dinner and meeting of the VCE. After dinner the meeting was called to order by President Richard Stolzmann.

Old business: John Cleveland gave a report on his efforts to electronically archive all the past issues of the club newsletter. There are only twelve missing issues from 1981 to present. He thanked Richard Stolzmann, Russell Noble, Bob Siemens and Buck Hinkle for letting him use their newsletter libraries. John is still looking for anyone with issues from June 1974 through the end of 1980 to complete the project.

John also reported on the club by-laws. All officers have reviewed them except for Pete Wood. Now that we have Pete's correct email address a copy will be sent to him for approval, then submitted to the membership.

New business: There was a show of hands of who was going to Helen in April and it was announced that the April meeting would be held there. Time and place to be determined.

Richard mentioned the possibility of a club trip to the Dismals in May. No action was taken at this time.

Pete reported on his efforts to organize an overnight club trip. Due to his busy schedule no progress had been made. He will continue to work on it.

New members present were Doc and Karen Wasson (see Docs article on the right) from Calera, AL, Russ and Billy recently helped get their Lilith ('64 coupe) running.

Also present was Ann Steadman, a long time VCE member. She is looking for someone to work on one of her Corvairs. She will get some help.

There was a motion to adjourn, which was passed.



Buck Hinkle's Spyder

Members Rides by: Doc Wasson

Hello, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Doc Wasson. I was born in Scotland and was in the Navy for many years. I am married to a wonderful woman named Karen (you will probably hear me refer to as "Sparky")

and we have been together for many years. When I am not painting or model building, I am working on my '64 Corvair coupe "Lilith"! I saw my first Corvair when I was a kid; my next door neighbor had a '64 Spyder convertible.



I am a 2nd Corvair owner, my 1st was a '63 auto 110hp named "Mercy" that I purchased in Leeds, AL., but, after removing the paint to the metal, saw that the body damage was too extensive. I purchased Lilith in Gainesville, GA. and I am the 3rd owner. This Corvair was built one week before I was born. The 1st owner purchased her new from Wellborn Chevrolet in Honea Path, SC. On 11/16/63 to take his new bride on their honeymoon! I hope to have Lilith on the road soon.



I am proud to be in the club, from our first meeting I have felt welcomed and that I have known you for many years. Hope to see y'all again real soon.

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Blast From The Past:

The story of "Rescue #921" (a reprint from the San Diego Corvair website)

On Jan 29, 1992, a group of individuals called the OF's (known by some as the "Old Fellows") from the San Diego Corvair Club (SDCC) met for breakfast as they always did on Tuesday mornings at the Country Comfort Restaurant in Spring Valley, CA. This was an activity that was started sometime ago by some of the SDCC members whereby some of the old timers would get together and talk about Corvairs and how the SDCC could improve itself with various types of activities for the members of the SDCC. Those present were: Harold Hilton (deceased), Ray Moore (deceased), Larry Scrivener, Marsh



Hesler, Will DeMastes, Clarence Halvorson, John Evans, Mickey Chiara and Jim Stansbury (who was president of the SDCC at the time). The subject of activities came up and they felt that they had to have an activity that would bind the club together and let the younger members learn about the Corvairs. There were quite a few young Club members at that time. They discussed getting a convertible and restoring it for the 1994 Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, which is held in Palm Springs every year in November. Someone at the meeting threw out the subject of using a specially converted Corvair Van for road trips that would have parts, tools and information to help anyone with a Corvair that was having trouble on our Club trips. That idea sounded good and imaginations starting going wild and the birth of Resq921 (which had not been named yet) was born. There were three vans donated: a blue one from Larry's Corvairs in Gardena, Ca; a black and white one from Marsh Hesler and an orange one (donor unknown). The Van from Larry's Corvairs was selected as the one to restore and outfit with various tools and parts. The Van from Larry's was parked in the back lot of his establishment in Gardena, CA and was use for shelter for a homeless man. Larry indicated that he had other vehicles the man could be moved into. On April 7th, 1992 the OF's headed for Larry's Corvair Parts, trailer in tow, to pick up the 1964 Corvair van. Those in attendance moved the homeless man to another vehicle and the Van was loaded and transported back to San Diego, CA.

The van was taken to Larry Scrivener's house in El Cajon, CA, and put on jack stands to start the renovation process. A name had to be decided on for the van and after much discussion, the van was named "Rescue 921". The "921" in the name was used because the SDCC is Chapter 921 of CORSA (Corvair Society of America) of Lemont, IL. By May 1992, most of the bodywork and preparation for paint was completed. During this same period, the interior was gutted and the under carriage was stripped of various parts to be overhauled. In addition, an engine was rebuilt to replace the original engine that was in the van. The Van was moved to Jim Stansbury's house in Chula Vista, CA, until such time it could be taken to the paint shop. The van was taken to "All American Paint & Body Inc in San Diego, CA the end of Jun 92. It was decided to paint the Van white with blue trim at the bottom and red and blue pin stripping. The Van looked superb. After getting the van back from the paint shop, all of the exterior items that were removed for restoration had to be re-installed. That was completed in Sep 92 and the next chore was to install the interior that had been impeccably restored to like new condition. The interior cabinets were make by Trent White and donated to the club. By Oct 92, the interior of the van was complete. In Nov 1992, Rescue 921 was ready for the road. A successful road test was completed and Rescue 921 went into service. There were so many people to thank for their efforts, money and sweat that the only way to show our appreciation was to get the Van on the road and show it off. Rescue 921 was first shown at the 1994 Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet in Palm Springs, CA. Strange as it may seem, the first car that was rescued by Resq921 was a Corvette no less. At least it was a General Motors Vehicle. The names of all the businesses, members, and persons that donated parts and money are on a placard located inside the Resq921. The Van carries a variety of parts, new and used, and a variety of tools. The van is used at all functions of the SDCC and other functions such as local area conventions and other local club activities. The van has rescued many disabled Corvairs that have broken down in one way or another. Rescue 921 is admired wherever it goes by all car enthusiasts and even the public. The OF's are to be applauded for completing such a task, knowing that the van would be a "one-of-kind". The OF's still meet on Tuesday morning to have breakfast and then go to work on a Corvair that needs some loving care. They still do the required maintenance on Resq921 and repair any problems that may be necessary to keep Rescue 921 in top performance and ready to go at any given time.

Editors NOTE: As Russ and I were returning from the Corvair Performance Workshop, we were discussing FCs and their various configurations. While out west, he remembered the Rescue 921 story. We agreed it would be good to "retell" it in this month's Oil Drop.

Corvair

SpringFest Merchandise

Jerry Brown, CORSA Eastern Director, will be at Springfest this year providing CORSA Merchandise. A new style Rampside t-shirt will be available in silver gray, gray, white, and brown with a blue Rampside on each. Also CORSA has introduced a new t-shirt for the ladies in a Ladies V neck style. the colors are white and meduim blue with the 64 Corvair coupe on them. Men's and Ladies White t-shirts in selected sizes will be on sale that have the 64 Corvair on them at \$6.00 each.

Corvair Performance Workshop and Mississippi 'Treasure Hunt'

This past month it has been 13 years since my Dad passed away. I still miss him of course and I know that he would have loved, as I do, being a part of the VCE family. Everyone knows that Russ and I hang out a LOT together and he has often said; "Billy, I'm almost old enough to be your Father!" and then he always adds; "Heck! I'm old enough to be Leslie's Father!" Everyone also knows that he can keep all of us laughing. Well, this past month we have had the chance to go on two different 'Corvair adventures', both out of the great state of Alabama. While Richard was driving back from Pensacola, a man saw his red convertible and struck up a conversation. Seems he knows a neighbor over in Mississippi that has 'a bunch' of Corvairs and gave out his name and number. Richard passed it on to Russ who promptly calls the guy and finds out that; "Yes! I do have Corvairs and one is a 69 convertible." Knowing that I am in the market for a 'vert body, Russ asks if I am ready for a short road trip. Early next morning we are on the way to Mississippi on another 'treasure hunt'. Sure enough, we get there and lots of Corvairs are strewn throughout the pine trees. Along with many other makes and models of classic cars and 'other' collectibles in various states of condition. An American Pickers dream! Well the 69 'vert was there (#1990) but was in pretty bad shape. Dave Leonard from the 69 group added the car to the registry and thanked us for the find. The only other Corvair that would be salvageable was a 1960 2 door so we passed on both and headed back home. This was the first time that Russ and I came home empty handed (NO treasure).

Indianapolis and the Corvair Performance Workshop was next up for us. This was our third year in a row with an opportunity to attend and it did not disappoint. Always the chance to do the Indy Speedway tour. This year we took in the Dallara Indycar Factory tour which offers visitors the chance to explore 23,000 square feet of interactive and hands-on exhibits centered around the engineering and technology of the world's fastest sport! The workshop was held again at Freelance Graphics at #4 Gasoline Alley. We heard briefings and were given information by Ryan Counterman on this years Nat'l Convention Autocross track event; Seth Emerson NECC at VIR, Ken Hand's New One Piece Clutch for Corvair, Suspension Set-up ; Track vs. Autocross by David Clemens (His racecar was one of those on display), and many more performance related topics for the Corvair. The weekend was topped off with the wedding for Michael and Tracy LeVeque and the traditional Mexifest buffet dinner. I encourage all to make plans to join Russ and I for next years event

A special note of thanks to Rick Norris for providing the pictures of the event. Many more of his Corvair pictures can be found on his website @ www.corvairalley.com Ed.



Members Input

Molly and Chris were able to attend the Spring Warm-Up in Myrtle Beach SC. Their luck hasn't changed much since Pensacola last month and last year's Warm-Up. Vaigon got twice as far this year (80 miles instead of 40) and had to be loaded on the rollback for the trip back home. Molly reports that it was less windy, but not much warmer than the Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola. Although the little yellow station wagon didn't quite make it to SC, it was well presented at last weekend's West Point Lake car show. So now that nothing major is scheduled, Vaigon is running like a champ. That's why we LOVE our Corvairs!



Linda Miller provided this scan from the Nov. 2012 Reminisce Magazine. After reading the article she says; "The poor Corvair doesn't come off so great but it did remind me of my Brother maintaining my Dad's 1st Corvair, a '64 coupe. He kept a kitchen towel between the seats in case he needed a defroster and, as I recall, with every left turn, the horn beeped."

CORVAIR WAS A BIT RUSTY

1960 CHEVROLET CORVAIR
FEROZ KHAN • TROY, MICHIGAN

In 1966, I saw a 1960 Chevrolet Corvair in the classifieds at a bargain price, so I called the seller and arranged to see it the next day. After I took the car for a ride, we agreed on a price of \$450.

For the first month or so, my Corvair was great. I drove it to work every day and loved listening to pop songs on the radio. Then one day it rained. When I got home, I noticed that one of my pant legs was wet, which puzzled me.

The next day I looked down and saw a small hole next to my right foot, near the accelerator pedal. My buddy Joe said, "Man! You're in trouble. Your car has rusted through!" That shocked me at first, but as far as I was concerned, the car just had a little rust problem.

Then one day the windshield wiper on the driver's side quit working. My friend Vakar went to work with me, and since the wiper on the passenger side still worked, he would guide me if it rained hard, giving me hints like "Move over to the left—you're not in your lane."

Not long after that, the engine began revving even when I took my foot off the gas. The hinges on the accelerator pedal had rusted and it wouldn't come up. So I started driving with both feet. To slow down, I put my right foot underneath the accelerator to lift it up and used the other to brake.

A friend offered another brilliant suggestion: Drill a hole in the gas pedal, slip a string through it, tie a handle to the other end of the string and hang it near my window. That way I could use my left hand to lift the gas pedal and my right hand to steer as I applied the brakes. Using all my limbs to drive felt like something out of a Three Stooges routine.

When I quit my job, I no longer needed a car and tried to give the Corvair to friends, but no one wanted it. In 1968, the car was towed away after a snowstorm. I still have fond memories of that Chevy, though. Who can ever forget their first car?

Parting Shots



Corvairs lined up in front of 'FreeLance Graphics', site of the 2013 PW (Performance Workshop), Indianapolis, Indiana



Molly took these shots of the 'Confused' Corvair Powered Camaro at this years Myrtle Beach Spring Warm-Up.



David Clemens SCCA SPU (Super Production Under 1999cc) Racing Corvair. One of the display cars at the 2013 PW, Indianapolis, Indiana



At least the owner of 'Confused' got the motor in the right place. Now we know why the little guy is crying on the rear fender.

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THE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN:

Well, Springfest 2013 has come and gone. We had a good showing at our meeting in the banquet hall around 5:30 Saturday, around 18 club members were present. Brian Cork was going to look at the planned outing at The Rickwood Caverns State park near Warrior. It has a cave, swimming pool, hiking trails and pavilions we can rent. Also Russ talked to a member of the Chattanooga Club and maybe we can hook up with them for a picnic this summer.

John Cleveland had some bad luck. At our planned stop at Hardee's, John's car developed a major oil leak and we had to trailer it to Helen by swapping it with Shawns car that Billy Cannon had on the trailer. Lucky for John the problem turned out to be easily fixed once Billy and Doc got it back to Russ's. The cork pan gasket decided to have a major split and it looked like the oil was coming out of the bell housing. Also on the trip up, we got involved in a major slow down on I20 before we got to I285 and my car decided to foul the #6 plug, so from Atlanta to Helen I ran on 5 cylinders. I pulled the plug and cleaned it at the hotel in Helen and it ran on 6 cylinders the rest of the weekend. Other than the rain on Friday the weather was really nice in Helen. Hope to see everyone at our May meeting on the 17th.

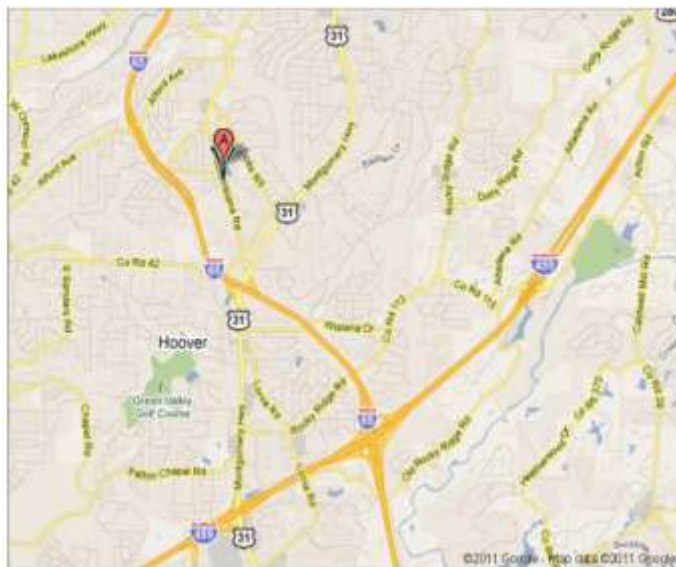
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Entrance Fees: Cars & Trucks \$15.00

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Support Vehicle

We have to face the fact that our beloved Corvairs are now half a century in existence and that 'Murphy's Law' will quite often apply. Such was the case during the recent VCE caravan to Springfest 2013. It is not that I don't trust a 45 year old car on the open road. It is just that I feel better if I am prepared. So I always have peace of mind if there is a 'Support Vehicle' in our Corvair caravans. I am not one to brag, it just seems that my '97 GMC Yukon is best suited for the task. Great towing capacity, plenty of room, comfortable and gets very reasonable gas mileage with a Corvair on the trailer. Shawn's V8 Corvair has been driven to car shows and cruise-ins in the local area since we built it. But nothing over an hours drive away. So we loaded it on the trailer because 'you never know!' Because of what happened to John's car (Wasn't so bad after all) it got a pretty good road test up to Helen and back. But back to the support. Tools and spare parts, a couple of hydraulic jacks, luggage, and still room for things to bring back with us. While at Helen the old Yukon was called to service again. New Corvair owners, Larry Treadaway and his wife from Villa Rica, Ga. needed transportation back to Cleveland because there EM axle had to be replaced. Up go the back seats and Russ and I were able to accommodate them back to their hotel. The other added bonus is that if your Corvair(s) are parked on the show field, 'support' is standing by so as not to disturb the 'pretty ones'!



'Support' with my '65 coupe at "The Tail of the Dragon"

April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the VCE was held in the Festhalle of Helen, Georgia. Several members traveled to Helen to attend Springfest 2013. President Richard Stolzman called the meeting to order with 17 members present.

Those in attendance for Springfest 2013 were:

Clyde & Brenda Cork & family
Harold & Louise Hartline & family (grandkids)
Ed & Carol Keller
Russ Thuleen & family
Billy & Judi Cannon
Shawn Cannon and Raven Roebuck
Doc Wasson
Richard Stolzman
Chris & Josh Rothe
John & Denise Cleveland & family (grandkids)
Bob & Wilma Siemens

Discussion was held about pictures of woodwork made by John Cleveland. A motion was made and approved to update the list of members owing dues. John Cleveland had car trouble on the road to Helen and it had to be trailered the rest of the way. There is a prospect of new members - Don Towery and Roger Shaner.

Ed & June Lindsey from WFCC have joined our club. There was discussion on upcoming Cruise-ins and Local Car Shows.

There was a motion and second to adjourn to the Awards Banquet, which was passed.



*VCE at festhalle tables 6,7 and 8
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Members Rides

I would like to give an update on ongoing projects that I am aware of within the club.

As was reported last month, Doc Wasson's '64 coupe, 'Lilith', is now running and continues to make progress. The brakes have been fixed and it is now road worthy. Doc continues to work on her appearance as he enjoys driving her around.

Shorty (Russ's shortened Loadside), body work is near completion (just gotta do the tailgate) and is now in primer. The proposed red, white, and blue paint scheme is going to be done VERY soon.

Harold's Air Conditioning project is still in progress. Look forward to a tech article on using the club's tool that makes up professional hoses at home.

Richards LM 4 door continues to progress.

Robin Hunters '64 vert has shiny new spoke wheels that will soon be mounted and see the light of day.

Chris Rothe's '67 coupe continues to move along. Josh even drove it all the way to Helen and back.

Clyde and Brenda Corks '64 Spyder is showing much improvement while at Russ's shop. (So Bryan, who is teaching, who is doing, and who is supervising?)

Still work to do on my Reverse Rotation 140hp autocross buggy (Wiley). Was able to take my grandson on several rides in Wiley while he spent the weekend with us. Something about tooling down the road 50mph in a very light vehicle with no windshield. Don't know who enjoyed it more, Malakai or GrandPa?



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WEB Links 4 U:

Video from the SpringFest autocross.

<http://youtu.be/vH4sVUq3eb4>

Courtesy of Scott Trunkhill, Please visit ALL his Corvair Websites at:

<http://corvaircentral.com>

<http://wtbrt.com>

<http://corvair.us>

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Blast From The Past:

DAY CAME TOO SOON, TIME POOR, BABY 'BEAUTIFUL'

(a reprint from the April 1976 Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Newsletter article, 37 years ago this month.)

The pickup truck was barreling down I-59 Tuesday night, but Mrs. Sandra Stolzmann knew she and her husband would never make it to the hospital. "There was no way we could make it in time," she recalled. "The pains got so frequent and severe by the time we got to the Trussville exit I knew it was time."

Mrs. Stolzmann groaned as she slumped in the seat. Her husband glancing one moment at the road, the next at his wife telling her "You can do it honey, I know you can."

She was having a baby – her fourth. Earlier that day, Mrs. Stolzmann's doctor had told her it would be at least two weeks before the baby would come.

But Tuesday night I began having pains as if something was going to happen and it did happen – just as he was calling the doctor," recalled Mrs. Stolzmann. "I told him something like 'this is it' and we jumped into the pickup and headed for the hospital. The Stolzmanns live in Springville in St. Clair County and were headed for St. Vincent's in Birmingham.

Mrs. Stolzmann, telling herself, "I can do this" turning around in the narrow seat of the pickup as it sped down the highway through the night. She leaned back against her husband and put her feet up on the door.

I pressed down about three times real hard, and it was over in probably less than a minute," she said. "Richard started to stop and help, but I told him to keep driving – keep heading for the hospital.

Mrs. Stolzmann laid the baby, a little girl – the doctor had predicted a boy – on her stomach. But the baby lay very still. "It was so quiet it scared us," said Mrs. Stolzmann.

Richard Stolzmann touched her head and gently ran his fingers up and down her back and suddenly, she began crying and she didn't stop until we got to the hospital.

Antoinette weighed six pounds and 14 ounces. Baby and mother are doing great. Father probably still is a little shaky.



Corvair



Editors NOTE: On the left is a scan of the original dash plaque that was found in Norman Rogers collection. Many know that our club was formed so that the 1975 Mini-Convention could take place. Harold Hartline has 35mm slides of over 200 Corvairs doing a 'pace lap' around the Talladega Superspeedway during this event. There is no doubt that this mini-convention was the most successful of the few that have been conducted. During this year's Springfest, I mistakenly mentioned to several that this would have been our 40th anniversary. I realized during the writing of this newsletter that it is actually 2 years from now. That leaves lots of time to organize and try to have some sort of special event in honor of this historic occasion. Let's put our heads together at the next meeting and explore some possibilities.

PORK & BLACK BEAN CHILI VERDE

This month's recipe submitted by John Cleavland

(6 to 8 servings)

The recipe uses habanero chile. You can substitute one Scotch Bonnet or three Serrano chiles for the habanero, or omit it altogether. (I don't use any of them)

- 1 ½ cups dried black beans (about 10 ozs.), picked over and rinsed.
- 4 medium poblano chiles
- 4 medium cubanelle chiles (I have never been able to find these chiles. I substitute dried chiles, which I will list below)
- 3 medium green bell peppers
- 1 medium habanero chile (Caution: If you use any of the very hot varieties of chile, use rubber gloves to handle them. Rubbing your eyes or skin with juice from these chiles can put you in the emergency room. Be Careful!!)
- 1 pound fresh spinach, stemmed
- 10 medium tomatillos – husked, rinsed and quartered. (If you don't like the tomatillo taste, only use 8. They will influence the final chile)
- 5 scallions, coarsely chopped
- 1 meaty ham hock
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil (vegetable, olive)
- 2 pounds trimmed boneless pork shoulder or butt, cut into 1 inch cubes. (I use boneless pork cutlets. You will get a better quality of meat and it cuts down on the prep time tremendously)
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon sugar (I don't use this)
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin (I use two or three)
- 1 cup finely chopped fresh coriander leaves (cilantro)

1. Place black beans in a medium sauce pan and add 6 cups of water. Bring to a boil over moderately high heat and boil for 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand for 1 hour.
2. Meanwhile, roast the poblanos, cubanelles, bell peppers and habanero under the broiler as close to the heat as possible or over a gas flame, turning frequently, until blackened all over. Transfer them to a paper bag and let steam for 10 minutes. Peel the chiles and peppers under running water and remove the cores, seeds and ribs. Drain and pat dry. Place them all in a food processor or blender with the spinach, tomatillos and scallions and puree until smooth. (NOTE: If you are using dried chiles, soak them in boiling water in a covered pot, off the heat, for 10 or 15 minutes until soft. Remove the stems and seeds and add to the blender)
3. Drain the black beans and return them to the saucepan. Add the ham hock, bay leaves and 6 more cups of water. Bring to a boil over moderately high heat. Cover and simmer over low heat until the beans are tender, about 1 ½ hours. Drain the beans, reserving 1 cup of the liquid; discard the bay leaves. Remove the meat from the ham hock, cut it into ¾ inch pieces and set aside.
4. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large enameled cast iron casserole (or whatever you make your big batches of stew or soup in). Season the pork cubes with salt and pepper. Add some of the meat to the casserole in a single layer and cook over high heat until well browned all over, about 5 minutes. Transfer the cooked pork to a plate and brown the remaining meat in batches.
5. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil in the casserole. Add the onion and garlic and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 3 minutes.
6. Return the browned pork to the casserole with the chile and spinach puree, sugar, cumin and 1 teaspoon alt. Bring to a boil over moderately high heat. Lower the heat and simmer gently until the meat is very tender, about 2 hours. Stir in the black beans and cubed ham with the reserved cooking liquid.

My modifications:

Since I can't find cubanelle peppers anywhere, I substitute a variety of dried peppers from the market. If you have access to a market that specializes in Mexican products, they usually have a better selection of both fresh and dried varieties. I use dried chipotle for heat instead of the habanero. They provide more flavor to the finished chile, besides adding heat. Dried poblanos are called anchos, and I use them in my chile also. They are common in most markets, and they provide a smoky flavor to the chile without adding much heat. You can also find other dried peppers to try in the chile. Test them for heat first by tasting, and after a while you'll come up with a mixture of fresh and dried chile to suit your taste. I don't use Anaheim chiles, though you can. They will add heat, so adjust accordingly. I also add a dried spice mixture called Menudo Mix. It is available in most grocery stores in the Mexican food section in the dried spices. It will add some heat, but its mixture of spices provides added flavor. It is also good in soups, stews, taco meat, eggs and just about everything else that needs a punch. I use between a teaspoon and a tablespoon, depending on how many wimps will be eating my chile. Enjoy.

SpringFest 2013

A beautiful Thursday morning in Alabama as the VCE caravan left for the much anticipated annual pilgrimage to Helen, Ga. with plans made and meeting places arranged. Doc probably got the earliest start so that he could meet up with Russ and ride with him from Chelsea in the 'optioned out' coupe. Richard and John met in Pell City with the two red and yellow 'verts. The Cannon family left Goodwater with the purple 'vert and the Crown V8 on the trailer. As Richard stated in his 'prez sez' article, our last meeting place for the drive up to North Georgia was the Hardee's in Heflin where the luck started going bad. John's daily driver has a complex about going to Springfest under its own power and this trip was not going to be any different. The decision was made for Shawn to drive his V8 and we put John's car on the trailer. (see the 'Support Vehicle' article on page 2). We arrived in Helen without further incident and checked into our hotels. Russ and I had made arrangements with Billy Rudolph to bring some 'Treasure Hunt' parts to place in his vendor booth. The rest of the day was spent setting up vendor space for Judi and unloading John's car. Friday was almost a complete washout with lots of rain showers through morning and into mid afternoon. The rain held off enough so that we could get in a few autocross runs for those brave enough to risk the rain slick track. Shawn's Crown V8 proved to be too much power for the small, wet track but I managed a 3rd place best run with a time of 42.625. Shawn was right behind me in 4th with a time of 43.184 in the 'Specialty' class. Saturday, however, was a much different day! We awoke to bright sunshine and cool temperatures. A perfect day to show off our Corvairs. The concourse field was light this year but 'Peoples Choice' showed an abundance of great looking cars. Russ took home another trophy placing 4th in the 'Late Closed' division. Soon it was time for the Hartline Ham Hackers (HHH) to break out the knives for VCE's annual contribution of carving the smoked hams and turkeys. New VCE members Doc Wasson and Brian Cork joined HHH this year to bring the total number of 'knives' to five. Vulcan Corvairs was well represented at the awards banquet filling three tables this year. As always, good food, fun and camaraderie was enjoyed by all as another successful Springfest came to a close. Sunday morning was checkout day and VCE once again caravanned south to sweet home Alabama.

A special note of thanks to Richard Stolzman and Doc Wasson for providing Springfest pictures this year Ed.



Members Input

"Once in a lifetime thrill, better than a trophy"

The first beautiful day for this year's Car Show season was Saturday, 6 April. VCE members Chris Brown and Molly Bacon drove their Yellow Corvair Station Wagon (Vairgon) down to Plains Georgia, the home of Jimmy Carter and lots and lots of peanuts. Molly says; -Chris was absolutely thrilled as he's never even seen a president except on TV (nor have I). Almost didn't get (the picture) it. The man next to us was there by himself and so wanted his picture with him (former President Carter) for his grandson, so he showed me how to use his phone. I snapped his pic and Carter moved on quickly. I grabbed my phone from Chris and told him to go get him.

Chris couldn't think what to say, and said, Mr. President, can I get your picture. It was really neat. We were at the far end. They had lined the main street with the cars, so he was quite tired by then (88 years old!). The secret service rushed him off shortly after."

Molly went on to say; -They even had peanut ice cream. Didn't try any, not a big peanut fan."



Fan Belt Removal Tool. On page 4 of Clark's Tool catalog you can purchase the special tool. Pictured is a way to make your own.

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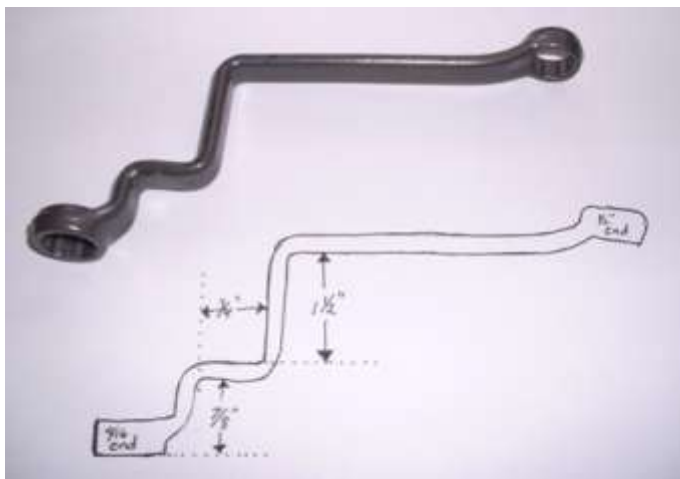
Use a "shorty" 9/16's / 1/2 inch offset combo wrench.

1) Use a 3/8" fine-thread coupling nut instead of the standard nut. A coupling nut is about 2" long so it's easy to access with normal wrenches.

2) Use a rocker arm stud in place of the standard nut.

Most who do this cut off the upper part of the stud.

3) If you can only find 3/8" coarse-thread coupling nuts, you can change the stud to coarse threads using a common exhaust manifold stud.



Parting Shots



Mike Levine's Crown V8 on display at Springfest one week before the 2013 Walter Mitty Challenge which will run at Road Atlanta this weekend (April 26-28)



Your author in my son Shawn's Crown V8 during The very 1st run on the very wet Springfest auto-cross course.

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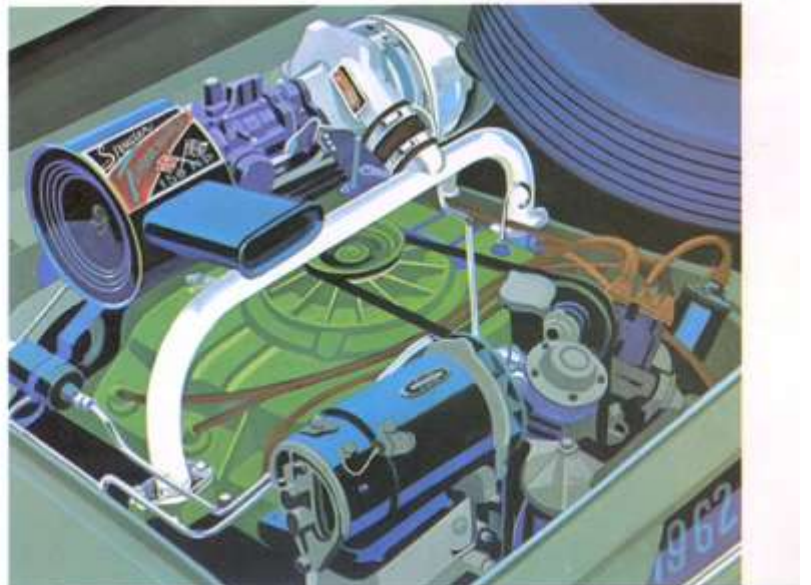
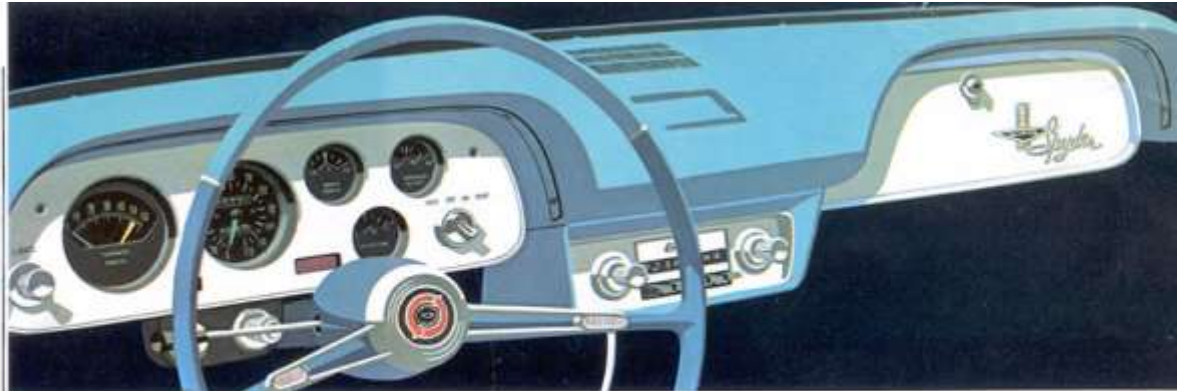
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THE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN:

Well we had a good turnout for the May meeting even though it was raining cats and dog. We had around 27 members present for the meeting. the food was outstanding.

We voted to have a picnic at Rickwood Caverns on June the 22nd ,but the pavilion was booked up for that day so we changed it to Saturday the 20th of July. We will have our meeting for July on that day at Rickwood Caverns so do NOT show up at Fullness on Friday the 19th. We will have our June meeting at the normal time and place. I'm creating this short message from Port Richey Florida. I drove down to attend my younger brothers wife's funeral.

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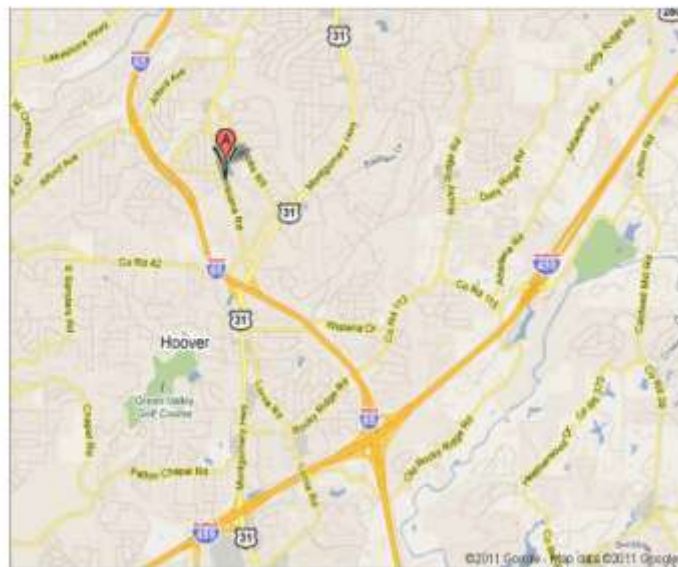
From The Editor:

As a point of clarification, I will expound on Richards note above. After we found out that the 22nd of June was booked solid, I sent out an electronic notice to the membership asking for suggestions for an alternate date. Rickwood Caverns (small) Pavilion had openings for the 29th of June and all weekends in July. The majority of responses that I received were for the third Saturday in July which is the 20th. The Caverns open at 8:00 AM but the small pavilion will not be available until 10 that morning. More details will be posted as they become available.

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July 20 VCE Picnic at Rickwood Caverns.

All day picnic at the small Pavilion. Park opens at eight in the morning. The Pavilion will be available for us starting at 10AM. Bring your usual pot luck goodies. We will hold our July meeting at sometime that is convenient for everyone. More details later!

Choo Choo Corvair will hold car show sometime in August.

It has been discussed and approved for both Choo Choo and VCE to get together for some sort of event. Choo Choo is planning a car show. As details are worked out I will try to inform everyone.



Union, The Church at Chelsea Park 8th annual Car Show

What a great little show this Church puts on! No Entry Fees for Show Cars. Plenty of Food, Live Music and lots of fun. This year was not as hot as last year and we had three VCE Corvairs in attendance. Russ's Rampside won 1st place in the truck class. Judi drove her convertible and was probably the most photographed car at the show. I drove Shawn's V8 Corvair and as always, lots of interest and even more questions. And we even heard some comments about Ralph Nader?



'Panorama shot from the stairs in front of Union Church



'VCE Corvairs (L to R) Shawns Crown V8, Judi's 67 Royal Plum 'vert and Russ's 1st Place Rampside



'Entertainment from the "I dunna Know" Band. Gospel, Bluegrass and oldies but Goodies



'A gorgeous Day with some mighty gorgeous Cars'

May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts was held at Fullness Christian Fellowship on Friday, May 17th with 27 members present. President Richard Stolzman called the meeting to order and called for business.

Bryan reported on the info he had gathered on Rickwood Caverns and a possible day outing to include a picnic for all interested members. It was discussed and a possible date for this event is Saturday, June 22nd, which would be the day after our normal meeting. This trip would be in lieu of our regular meeting that month.

Billy discussed the possibility of VCE putting together a gathering at Talladega in 2014 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of our club and our first mini-convention in 1975.

Billy and Russ Thuleen volunteered to look into getting the membership polo shirts with the logo from the club shirts worn in 1974.

Pete reported the trip he had been planning is postponed for now.

Joe gave the Treasurer's report - the balance is currently \$713.

The meeting was adjourned and Harold provided slides giving us the early history of VCE.

Dues paid so far this year (as of May 14, 2013):

Bolton, Art	Keller, Ed & Carol
Brown, Chris & Molly	Lindsey, Ed & June
Bacon	Mann, Hoyt
Cannon, Billy, Judi & Shawn	Miller, Joyce
Cleveland, John	Rothe, Chris
Cork, Clyde & Brenda	Siemens, Bob & Wilma
Cork, Bryan	Snider, Floyd
Daniels, Steve & Sherri	Stolzman, Richard
Doughty, Joe	Sweet, Bill
Gulsby, Larry	Wasson Jr., Forrest
Hartline, Phil	Witkos, Dick
	Wood, Pete



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Members Rides

Many of you know that Russ is working hard on Shorty and plans to have it ready for the Warner Robbins parade this fall. Now that it is in primer, here are some progress pics. Russ says; "I have been sanding and sanding! And when you think you are done sanding, you got to sand some more!"

Shorty will be sporting the Red, White and Blue of our nations flag....SALUTE!



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WEB Links 4 U:

Cars of Futures Past—Chevrolet Corvair.

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2013/05/09/cars-of-futures-past-the-chevrolet-corvair/?refer=news>

May 9th 2013 Hemmings Daily Magazine article written by Kurt Ernst (Thanks to Molly for the link. Ed.)

Blast From The Past:

The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE) Story

(Transcribed from cassette tape enclosed with 35mm slides, some of which are included below.)

At first the only reason the club was formed was so that a mini convention could be held in Birmingham. This is how the story goes:



In 1972, Lee Miller bought his 1st Corvair and like many enthusiasts, he also joined CORSA. At that time there was a National Convention every year, but only a few mini conventions. In fact, it is believed that the recent boom in mini events, was a



result of the successful meet that was held in Birmingham. Anyway, Lee also had connections with NASCAR and the governing body at the Alabama Motor Speedway at Talladega. He believed how great it would be for CORSA members and their cars down to do a parade lap of the speedway at one of the Winston 500 races at Talladega. In August of 1972 he made a request to NASCAR with no reply. Again during the summer of 1973 another request was sent and this time it was approved by the Talladega staff. Next, Lee wrote to Dave



Nuell who was then president of CORSA, for help in setting up the event. Dave's reply was, to attract members, a mini convention needed to be held in Birmingham with the main activity of course being the racing event. To have a convention of this type, one of two things had to be done. Either solicit help from nearby clubs, or form a club in Birmingham. Since there was no club in Birmingham, Lee began writing to the various organizations in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. All answers were the same; "Sounds like a fantastic idea, and we will surely attend, but we just don't have the time, and/or manpower to help put on the event. Not to give up easily, Lee took the only route available. He ran a seven dollar ad in the Birmingham News. The result was over 20 Corvair Lovers meeting at Lane Park on a Sunday afternoon in June of 1974. This was the beginning of the VCE. In August of 1974 the members approved the idea of setting May of 1975 as the date. As with any new club there was business to be transacted. There were dues to be agreed upon. Meeting dates. Places and times to decide upon and officers to be elected. One main thing agreed on was that the dues should not be overly excessive. The club was to be for people who owned or loved Corvairs and not for people that were rich and owned Corvairs. On August 25th 1974 the 1st event sponsored by the club took place. The "Rally of the 'Vairs" was in Lime Run laid out in some scenic countryside in and around Birmingham. The event was lots of fun and a great success, even though it is rumored to this day that there are some members still out there trying to spot the elusive 'X' marks on the road. On April 10th 1975, the VCE car club was officially incorporated. The articles of incorporation listed 15 charter members. They were:

Lee Miller, Cathy Miller, David and Linda Muelle, James and Louise Ray, Don Godfrey, Alice Godfrey, Frank Ranelli, Sheila Ranelli, Jim Bibby, James Parker, WB Ennis, Dave Holder and Pat Runey. From these officers were chosen to serve the club. They were Lee Miller (Pres.) James Ray (Vice), David Bibby (2nd Vice), Alice Godfrey (Sec), Kathy Miller (Treas). From this 1st slate of officers and hard work of charter members, the club grew and prospered. In May of 1975, the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication paid off. The 'Heart of Dixie' mini convention was held in Birmingham with some 200 cars and their owners in attendance. Some from as far away as California. (continued next page)

Blast From The Past:

(The VCE story cont.)

A parade lap was held at Talladega before the race and the Concourse was held in the infield during the race. The mini convention was such a success that today it serves as a measuring stick in judging other mini conventions. The VCE had succeeded in doing what no other club had been able to accomplish. Put on a successful mini convention and make money. With this very large feather in its cap, the club members set to work again to make certain that the convention was not to be an end, but rather the beginning from which to build an even better club. A club design was developed and decals made of this design for members to proudly display on their cars. Later a new design was approved and jacket patches were made using the new design. This has now become a proud symbol for a dedicated group of Corvair Enthusiasts. As it states in the constitution of the club: "The purpose of the club will be to encourage the preservation, ownership, operation, and enjoyment of all Corvair cars, trucks, and related vehicles. And to act as a source of technical information to establish rules and regulations covering all activities of the club. To provide and regulate events and exhibits of Corvairs and their owners. And to encourage careful and skillful driving on public thorough-



fares. With these purposes in mind, the club has been very active from the very beginning. With untiring efforts and dedication the members have conducted many events through the years. The club is family oriented with all members of each family encouraged and allowed to enjoy the activities. From the original 15 members the club has grown to over 50 members in just 4 short years. From the continued good efforts of our members, our club will continue to grow and prosper for many years to come. The mini convention is long over now, but the memories have stayed as well as one of the better organizations for Corvair owners. We salute The VCE!

Corvair



School Of Technology Car Show 2013



The Shelby County School of Technology's Car, Truck, Motorcycle & Tractor Show was rained out on Saturday the 4th of May. It was almost the same on the proposed rain date of May 18th. VCE members braved the rain storms and were the 1st cars to show up at the school. We did get a little wet but the rain went away by the scheduled 9:00 AM start time. All proceeds from the show were to benefit the students who participated in the National 'SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, Mo. this month (June).

Last years event sported 10 Corvairs, but because of the weather we were only able to muster seven. Russ shuttled his three vehicles from his shop (truck, 'vert and coupe) with the help of Leslie and John. John and Judi both drove their convertibles, Doc showed up in his EM (Lilith) and I drove my coupe.



Corvairs were so dominate at the show that the organizers created our own class which Russ won with his black '66 'vert.

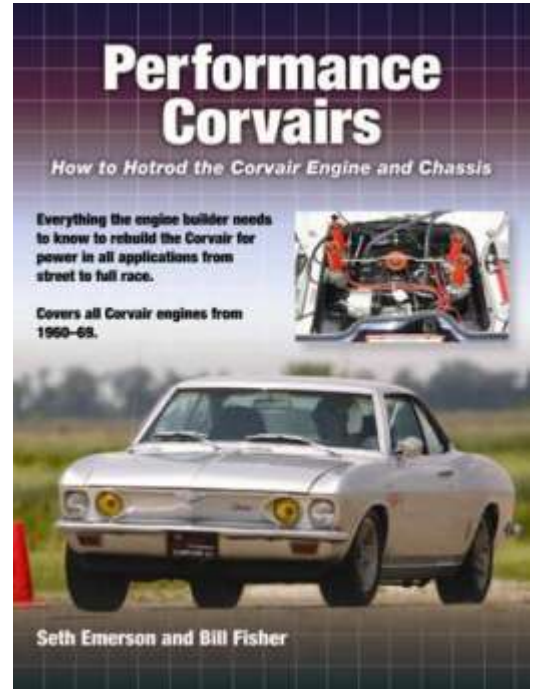


Classifieds

Now that the Memorial Day weekend has passed, the next upcoming (Hallmark) holiday is Father's Day, June 16th. This is a chance to replace that dog-eared, possibly grease "impaired" copy of "How to Hot Rod Corvairs" with a copy of the newest version, "Performance Corvairs". This could be for your father, for your husband or even for you, and for every other Corvair enthusiast! I have plenty of copies available and I would be happy to autograph or dedicate it for you, and then US Postal Priority mail it back to you in plenty of time for Father's Day. My "Right-Hand-Man" here at Silicone Wire Systems assures me that I am the only source for these author-graphed copies.<grin> So drop me a check for \$35 - includes that US shipping - or Paypal me enough so that I end up with \$35, and provide your address for shipping. Canada cost is one US Dollar more, and the books go at a book rate. Paypal to the email address below the mailing address below. Thanks!

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San Jose, CA 95117

Sethracer@aol.com



FOR SALE

1965 Corvair Monza 140hp:

My daily driver which was originally a **2 door coupe with auto and A/C**. Previous owner removed the A/C components and fiber glassed the hole in the trunk. Very comfortable after market bucket seats with good interior. Shawn and I converted it to a 4 speed with a 66 Saginaw and the beefier U joints and half shafts. Needs rust repair in the usual places. Runs and drives very good. Will need a throw out bearing. (Installation negotiable)

Special price to VCE members. If no takers I will post on Craigslist, E-bay, etc. E-mail gtochief@gmail.com



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit club dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Corvair automobile.

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

President: Richard Stolzmann 205/467-6444 Vice President: Pete Wood 205/956-6832 Secretary: Russ Thuleen 205/678-7979 Newsletter Editor: Billy Cannon 256/839-1905 Treasurer: Joe Doughty 205/995-0131

Hospitality: Harold Hartline Arrangements: Judi Cannon



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From The Editor:

(Because Richard is travelling, I will post his column later when he is available)

At the June meeting Club President, Richard Stolzman provided info he received from Lillian Law concerning "Vairs at the Fair".

There will NOT be any judging. This is just a fun weekend for Corvairsters to get together and enjoy each other's company and not have to work on cleaning up cars.

On Saturday there is a parade and the Corvairsters always lead the parade. So everyone bring your Corvairsters and let's help lead in the parade with a line of Corvairsters two blocks long. The parade ends up at the Fair Grounds where we will park our cars for everyone to come by and see.

Saturday night there will be a banquet. The cost of the banquet will be \$16 per person. It is being catered and the menu will be "all you can eat" catfish and shrimp. The sides will include slaw, hush puppies, fries, tea, water and dessert. Everyone MUST pre-register for this show and they must have at least 50 folks there for dinner.

The host hotel will be the Ramada Inn located at 2024 Watson Blvd in Warner Robins, Georgia. Room rates will be \$55 for "Upstairs" and \$60 for "Downstairs". In the rooms you will have your choice of either one king size bed or 2 queen size beds. All reservations must be made by September 1, 2013. Tell them you are with the Corvairsters to get these discounted rates. These rates will also apply to Thursday, if you choose to come down early.

For more info you can contact Lillian Law, the show Chairperson at 229-291-0567 or lawjandl@aol.com. (See the pre-registration flyer on page 7).



Next Meeting:

Rickwood Caverns, Saturday, 20 July during our Picnic.



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Upcoming Events!

Weekly Cruise In Schedule.

1st Saturday

Alex City Arby's in front of WalMart Hwy 280 : Rod Siggers 256-794-3846, John Hammock 334-703-5437
Sports Car Cruise-In, Hamburger Heaven Hwy 280 Birmingham Info: Alan Thacker (205) 663-9299
Hoover Krispy Kreme on Hwy 31.
Alabaster Wal-Mart Shopping Center, 4-9 pm

2nd Saturday

Springville OneEighty Campus (next to Burtons) 5770 U.S. Hwy 11. Contact Sam Latino at (205) 789-0017
Heflin Papa's Pizza Info. Jakie 256-463-2836.
Clanton 2nd Avenue and 6th Street

3rd Saturday

Gadsden Sonic Hwy 278
Hueytown Winn Dixie Shopping Center
Pickle Patch on Hwy 280, in Sylacauga

4th Saturday

Fultondale Colonial Mall (Target Parking Lot) 5-9 pm
Info: Anita Rogers 205-841-8311
Rainbow City Charlie & Casey's Pit & Grill 3225 Rainbow Dr. Info: Steve (256) 492-2950
Talladega, Old Train Depot
Info: Ed Walker 256-493-5318

July 20th Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Rickwood Caverns Summer Picnic.

All day picnic at the small Pavilion. Park opens at eight in the morning. The Pavilion will be available for us starting at 10AM. Bring your usual pot luck goodies. We will hold our July meeting at sometime that is convenient for everyone.

August 16-18. Choo Choo Corvair is bringing back the Choo Choo Corvair Classic.

The Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel will be the host, rates will be \$99.00 per night. Vendors Welcome, Peoples Choice in the Choo Choo Gardens, Friday Hospitality, Saturday Car Show and Banquet, Sunday Continental Breakfast. See Registration forms on pages 8 & 9.

October 4-5 Vairs at The Fair in Perry Ga..

“24th Annual Dixie Corvair Classic, Vairs at the Fair”, in Warner-Robins, Georgia. The host club is The Heart of Georgia Corvair Club. Registration will be on Friday, October 4th from 12 Noon until 7pm and the cost to register will be \$12 per person. There will also be a “Swap Meet” from Noon until 7pm. The Hospitality room will be open to all Corvair folks from 6:30pm—8:30pm on Friday night. There will also be a Raffle and 50/50 drawing.!



Freedom Fest
July 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm
Hoover Met

FREE TO THE PUBLIC
Convenient and free parking
Gates open at 5:00 pm
Car Show from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Bring your antique, hot rod, muscle or show car to display in the show! (no registration fee!)

HUGE Fireworks Show at 9:00 pm

Entertainment
Steven Padia
Three on a String
Tbral Asses

Kids Zone with inflatables, games and more!
Vanity of concessioners food available for purchase.

For information: hooveralabama.gov • 444-7500



June Meeting Minutes

The June VCE meeting was held at Fullness Christian Fellowship on Friday, June 21st. The membership in attendance totaled 19, with Ann Steadman coming in for a long awaited visit. She brought with her a photo album for past VCE memories and a few of the "OLD" members flipped through its pages.

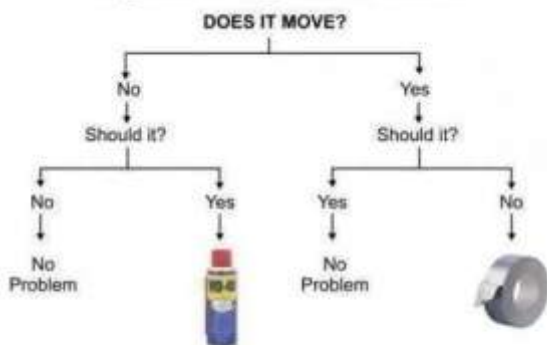
Richard called the meeting to order and the Treasurer's Report was given. Joe Doughty reported that the club has \$572.12 in the account. A report was given on the upcoming Choo-Choo car show in Tennessee in August. The show is to be held by the Choo-Choo Corvair club and is scheduled to be held August 16 thru 18. Look for more information to be forwarded soon.

Vulcan Corvair welcomes a new member - Roger Shaner. Dues have been paid and we look forward to meeting him at a meeting soon!

Russell Noble is looking into new shirts for the membership. He is checking into Polo shirts. Look for information from him soon. The T-Shirt he was wearing at the meeting is in the classifieds on page 7.

The July meeting will be a drive/event for the membership. The club members will meet at Rickwood Caverns for a picnic lunch and meeting. We have reserved one of the pavilions for the day and will start lunch and the meeting at 1pm. Look for more information on plans for the day to come soon!

Engineering Flowchart



Members Rides

Clyde and Brenda Cork's '64 Spyder was involved in a serious engine fire during a test drive at Russ's shop. Happy to report that the little Candy Apple Red Convertible is well on it's way to recovery. After tear down, it was discovered that the carburetor floats were completely separated from their actuating rod resulting in an extreme flooding situation and the subsequent fire.



Clyde says he is going to put the burned license plate back on it!

NOT so true for the battery!



She'll be running again SOON.

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WEB Links 4 U:

Traveling the Road to Hope in a 1963 Chevrolet Corvair.

www.roadtohope.info

Excerpts from the web page can be found on page 5 for those not able to access the internet. *Ed.*

Blast From The Past: The "Claymobile" Story

Pictured on the right is the "Claymobile" in all its purple glory, displayed at the Eastwood Mall, Birmingham Al. circa 1975. The Vulcan Corvair association with this car is that it was once owned (twice) by now deceased VCE member, Norman Rogers.

The Claymobile was the subject of some controversy over its origins, but also apparently of a theft that, to our knowledge, remains unsolved.

Jody Potter of The Birmingham News published this story and pictures, Sunday, June 28, 2009 and then updated the story after additional information on Thursday, May 13, 2010.

"The Claymobile has been stolen from its hiding place in Cullman County, Alabama! The customized 1965 Corvair convertible was rumored to have originally belonged to Cassius Clay. Clay, the boxing legend, changed his name to Muhammad Ali in 1964 so speculation arose as to why he would own the 'Claymobile' if his name had been changed. That being said, this one-of-a-kind car was taken from owner, Eric Lippert, off his property in Cullman, Alabama during the past week. Eric's father, Orville Lippert, collected Corvairs and left him the car when he died. Eric had plans to restore the car and eventually sell it, using the proceeds to fund his daughter's education and his retirement. He is desperately seeking help finding his car."

As mentioned in the article, "Claymobile" was a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa, that had been extremely customized and personalized. Even the tires had the words "Claymobile Corvair 1965". etched into the rubber .

Because of its name, and the legendary Cassius Clay (Muhammed Ali) the ad says it was built for the boxer and that surely was the sales pitch used by the "handyman" that advertised and offered the car for sale in the local press in Greenville, South Carolina for \$ 6,500. Note that it was then located in South Carolina, not Alabama, where it was rediscovered. Eric Lippert says that originally the "Claymobile" was canary yellow, and changed color after being acquired by his father, who painted it purple. He goes on to say that his father's car came to appear in the Playboy magazine, in a booklet of paintings and a TV Special on classic car collectors. (A cursory internet search for evidence of the claim was non productive. (Ed.)



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Completely redesigned metal body
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Partial trade considered
Delivery can be arranged

\$6,500

weekdays
other times
Greenville, SC



Traveling the Road to Hope:

(Brain Injury Association of America)

With the support of their wives, brother-in-laws, Mark and Steve, take a trip across Route 66 in a 1963 Corvair vintage car to raise awareness and support through realistic hope for the many brain injury survivors, families, and caregivers on May 13, 2013.

Steve Schlott is a retired banker from Flint, Michigan, who is currently a vintage car collector. Mark Plameris a retired businessman from Santa Barbara, California and founder of Realistic Hope. It is Mark's hope and desire to help other Traumatic Brain Injury survivors and their families to develop more realistic dreams based on acceptance of what is, and the realization that tomorrow can be better.

Route 66 is often referred to as the "Road to Hope." A road offering hope of a better life, and a chance to realize their dreams one mile at a time, which inspired Mark and Steve to raise money for BIAA. Their goal is to help others find a similar path to hope that enabled Mark to live a fulfilling life after a traumatic brain injury, 50 years ago.

We would like to invite you to follow us on our trip by checking our daily progress, in our blog, as we travel across the country. More importantly, we will like to ask for your support to help BIAA help create realistic hope for the millions of brain injury survivors, families, and caregivers in our country.

All donations go directly to the BIAA. If you have items that you would like to donate for auction, you can do that through the web page.



Purple is the Pickle Patch Color. 3rd Saturday cruise-in every month 6-8 PM



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Special Corvair Tool (\$2.00 Investment)

I have found the need for the use of a special tool. I have been cleaning Corvair oil coolers as I have built a couple of Corvair motors. The problem I have been trying to solve is cleaning the outside of the cooler – which can be pretty contaminated. It lives in the airflow of the motor and has many small areas that can be clogged

with various different types of crud. Any kind of bath or spray cleaner, if applied to the bare oil cooler, might contaminate the inside of the cooler, where (usually) clean oil has kept a clear path. What I needed was a tool that would cover the inlet and outlet on the cooler, allowing the outside to be cleaned off. As I removed the cooler, I noticed the standard Corvair part that the cooler bolts



onto. A pair of small, square seals are trapped in between. The adapter, in turn, bolts onto the driver's side of the Corvair case. It is casting # GM6255876 (I believe, hard to read). If you have had Corvair engines around your garage for a while, you will likely have one of these sitting around. If not, someone in your club will have one! In order to make the tool, I modified the casting by plugging up the casting on the side that bolts to the block. It is pretty simple. What you need is a pair of 1/4" NPT pipe plugs. (That is the \$2). The drilled holes on the back side of the adapter are about 7/16", perfect lead holes for the 1/4" NPT tap. I tapped both holes and screwed in the pipe plugs. That's it, but clean it out well before using it. Just bolt the oil filter on using the original seals and the original bolt (The bolt length depends on the size of the cooler – how many plates, etc.) Then you can spray or immerse the cooler in a cleaner without worrying about the inside of the cooler. Another use, this tool seals up the inside of the cooler as well. You could insert some kind of clean solvent into the cooler, shake it up and clean out the inside. - Seth Emerson



2013 Choo Choo Corvair Classic Registration Form

Hosted by Choo Choo Corvair Club
August 16-18, 2013

AT THE HISTORIC CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO, CHATTANOOGA, TN

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Email: _____ Zip: _____
 Club Affiliation: _____
 Names of Children in your group: _____

***** PRE – REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2013 *****

You must be registered to take part in any event

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 per family*
 Friday thru Sunday (pre-registration) \$ _____
 \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per family*
 Friday thru Sunday (on-site registration) \$ _____
 \$8.00 per person or \$16 per family*
 Saturday only (pre-registration) \$ _____
 \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family*
 Saturday only (on-site registration) \$ _____

**Family = 2 Adults and their children under 18*

Vendor Fee: \$10 per table (outside spaces only) \$ _____

People's Choice: \$8.00 per car (pre-registration) \$ _____

\$10.00 per car (on site registration) \$ _____

Awards Banquet \$30.00 per Adult (pre-registration) \$ _____

and Choo Choo

Dining Room \$33.00 per Adult (on-site) \$ _____

Buffet:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Choo Choo Corvair Club

Tour Registration: (pre-registration preferred to assure admittance for all)

Coker Museum: Friday, August 16th @ 2:00pm Yes No

Ladies Tour: Friday, Aug. 16th @ 2:00 pm Yes No

Railroad Museum: Saturday, Aug. 17th @ 2:00 pm Yes No

Hot Chocolatier Tour: Saturday, Aug. 17th @ 2:00 pm Yes No

-----Please complete information on both pages of this form-----

People's Choice Registration:

Vehicle

Description: Year _____ Color _____ Model _____

Check all that apply: Early Open Early Closed (including wagons)
 Late Open Late Closed
 Forward Control Specialty

Liability Clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Choo Choo Corvair Club, Inc., Choo Choo Corvair Club members and officers, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Inc. and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of this show from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and /or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participants to his or her personal property (including family members and friends)

Print Name

Print Name

Signature of Registered Guest

Signature of Registered Guest

Date

Please submit registration and payment to:
Choo Choo Corvair Club, Inc.
c/o Ann Guider
27 Park Street
Rossville, GA 30741

For online Registration: Submit completed forms to choochocorvairclub@gmail.com
and pay via Paypal by visiting <https://sites.google.com/site/choochocorvairclub/>

For more information, please contact:

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Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair

Registration Form / Entry Application October 4-5, 2013

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Registration Fee (each adult \$12.00) _____

Catfish and Shrimp Dinner \$16.00 each adult _____
(\$8.00 under 12) _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Will you be participating in the parade and
displaying your car at the Fair this year? _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate; entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge Heart of Georgia Corvair and the Ramada Inn, their officers and employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Dixie Corvair Classic of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature _____

Mail forms / checks to:

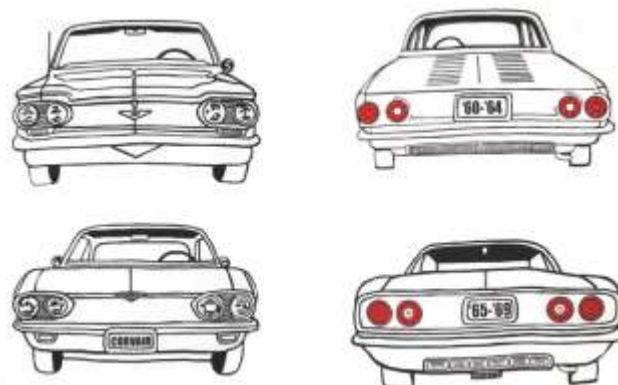
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Special price to VCE members. If no takers I will post on Craigslist, E-bay, etc. E-mail gtochief@gmail.com



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Prez Sez:

Well another month has gone by, missed last months Prez Sez as I was on the road taking a vacation on the beach at Hilton Head South Carolina.

Our last meeting was at Rickwood Caverns State Park, on July 20th with 22 + people attending the picnic on a beautiful day. As usual the attendees brought a good selection of food.

I drove my late convertible with the top down on the way to Rickwood and put it up before I left for the return trip. Was I glad I did, the bottom dropped out and it rained for a short time cats and dogs.

I arrived early enough to take the cave tour, which consisted of a guided one hour tour through the approximately mile long cave. I had taken the tour through the cave around 20 years ago. The cave is around 350 million years old, and it was a comfortable 60 degrees inside. Brian Cork reminded us of the up coming event at his church just down the road, on the east side of I65. I believe it is the weekend of August 10th. The specifics should be in the minutes of the meeting.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.



Next Meeting:

Choo Choo Classic, Chattanooga, TN TBD,



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Talladega, Old Train Depot
Info: Ed Walker 256-493-5318

August 3 Concord Baptist Church, Calera, AL 3rd Annual Jimmie W. Lewis Memorial Car Show.

Food, Fun, Music, Door prizes and lots of vendors! Registration starts at 9:00 AM Trophies, Dash Plaques, Goody Bags & T-Dhirts to the 1st Figty entries.
11215 Hwy 22, Calera, AL.
Info: Barbara Short (205) 451-2959

August 16-18. Choo Choo Corvair is bringing back the Choo Choo Corvair Classic.

The Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel will be the host, rates will be \$99.00 per night. Vendors Welcome, Peoples Choice in the Choo Choo Gardens, Friday Hospitality, Saturday Car Show and Banquet, Sunday Continental Breakfast.

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July Meeting Minutes

The July VCE meeting was held at Rickwood Caverns Stae Park on Saturday, July 20th. The membership in attendance were Clyde and Brenda Cork, Jammie and Bryan Cork and Ericka Jaeyon. Steve, Sherri and Patrick Daniels, Mickey, Robin, and Daniel Hunter with his friend Marc Pettus. Pete Wood, Michael Jacob and Karen Brazel, Harold and Louise Hartline, Richard Stolzman, Bob and Wilma Siemans, Joan and Al Birk, Ed and Carol Keller.

Richard called the meeting to order and Old Business was discussed. August 10th will be the car show at Hayden Methodist Church. 3-7 PM with free food and games. A report was given on the upcoming Choo-Choo car show in Tennessee in August. The show is to be held by the Choo-Choo Corvaire club and is scheduled to be held August 16 thru 18. Special Corvaire rate of \$99.00 at the Host Hotel.

New Business mentioned was that the next VCE meeting will be held during the Choo Choo Classic in Chatanooga. (more details later) It was reported that members Russ Thuleen, Billy Cannon, Chris and Josh Rothe and Molly Bacon and Chris Brown were attending the national convention in Kalamazoo Michigan. Ed Keller announced that the AACA National meet will be September 4th in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Sherri Daniels made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Joan Burk.



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- Log Off - Too much wood on fire
- Monitor - Keep'n an eye on the wood stove
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- Mega Hertz - When yer not keerfull gitten the farwood
- Ram - That thar thang what splits the farwood
- Hard Drive - Gitten home in the winter time
- Windows - Whut to shut when its cold outside
- Screen - Whut to shut when its black fly season
- Byte - Whut dem dang flies do
- Chip - Munchies fer the TV
- Micro Chip - Whut's in the bottom of the munchies bag
- Modem - Whatcha do to the hay fields
- Dot Matrix - Ole Dan Matrix's wife
- Lap Top - Whar the kitty sleeps
- Keyboard - Whar you hang the dang truck keys
- Software - Dem dang plastic forks and knives
- Mouse - What eats the grain in the bam
- Mouse Pad - That's hippie talk fer where the mouse lives
- Main Frame - Holds up the barn roof
- Port - Fancy flatlander wine
- Enter - Notherner talk fer "C'Mon in y'all"
- Click - Whut you hear when you cock yer gun
- Double Click - When you cock the double barrel
- Reboot - Whut you have to do right before bedtime, when you have to go to the outhouse



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A Vairiation in Kalamazoo:

2013 Corvair Convention

Believe it or not this was my very first convention. Other than the extremely hot weather it was very enjoyable. Mostly due to the great companionship shared with my buddy, Russ Thuleen. There were a total of six VCE members in attendance: Chris and Josh Rothe, Molly Bacon and Chris Brown, and Russ and I. Chris and Molly were in there Yellow Wagon, Russ in his 66 'vert and I drove the 65 Corsa. The Corvairs faired well throughout the 1600 mile roundtrip but not without a couple of glitches. Russ had to change out the Voltage Regulator on his car and we had to replace the failed electric fuel pump on the Corsa. Many know that there is strength in numbers but when you travel with Russ there is no need to worry. His "GO" box is well equipped and he maintains the reputation of always being able to drive them home. Special thanks to Gary and Mary Mierzwa from our sister club WFCC for their roadside assistance.(Ed.)



Rickwood Caverns VCE Picnic!

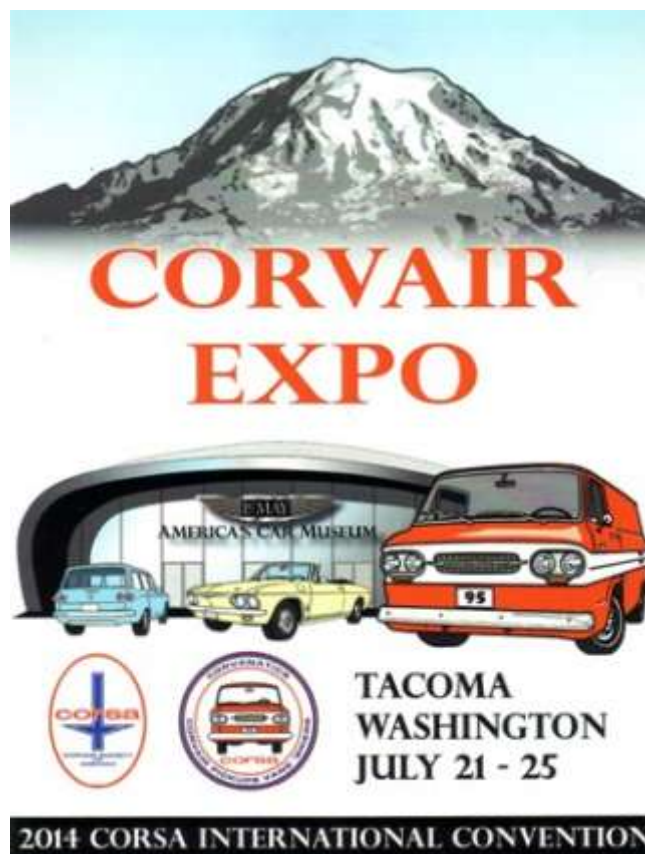


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Past Convention Locations

1971 – Chicago, IL
 1972 – Gaithersburg, MD
 1973 – Anaheim, CA
 1974 – Chicago, IL
 1975 – Seattle, WA
 1976 – Philadelphia, PA
 1977 – Minneapolis, MN
 1978 – San Diego, CA
 1979 – Detroit, MI
 1980 – Atlanta, GA
 1981 – Denver, CO
 1982 – Syracuse, NY
 1983 – Seattle, WA (Bellevue)
 1984 – Parsippany, NJ
 1985 – Houston, TX
 1986 – Grand Rapids, MI
 1987 – Chicago, IL
 1988 – Asheville, NC
 1989 – Kansas City, MO
 1990 – Ontario, Canada
 1991 – Washington, DC (New Carrollton, MD)

1992 – Atlanta, GA
 1993 – San Jose, CA
 1994 – Williamsburg, VA
 1995 – Dallas, TX
 1996 – Albuquerque, NM
 1997 – Lake Placid, NY
 1998 – St. Louis, MO
 1999 – Lake Tahoe, NV
 2000 – Daytona Beach, FL
 2001 – Chicago / St. Charles- Pheasant Run
 2002 – Flagstaff, AZ - Little America
 2003 – Carlisle, PA
 2004 – Lexington, KY
 2005 – Portland, OR
 2006 – Buffalo, NY
 2007 – Detroit, MI
 2008 – Ventura, CA
 2009 – Jacksonville, FL
 2010 – Cedar Rapids, IA
 2011 – Denver, CO
 2012 – Sturbridge, MA



1960 Corvair Super Monza or ‘Its Nice To Be The Boss’s Daughter’

Chevrolet Enthusiast and the writer would like to thank Dave Newell for providing the research and first hand information about the Super Monza. Mr. Newell is considered the ultimate expert on this particular vehicle as well as Corvairs in general.

It was the fall of 1959 and Chevrolet was getting ready to produce the new Corvair. Chevrolet’s designers had worked tirelessly to create a genuine small car and not just a shrunken big car. Not only was the Corvair a true compact car, it was Chevrolet’s first rear engine air-cooled compact car. Initially a 500 and 700 series two-door and four-door sedan were to launch on October 2, 1959, however due to delays in design and development, the two-door was put on hold, leaving the four-door sedan as the only model available to the public. While working on the coupe design, three two-door prototype bodies were built at GM’s Fisher Body division. The bodies were then sent to the Willow Run, Michigan plant for completion. One was to stay with Fisher in Warren for testing and hardware tryout. Another was sent to the GM Proving Grounds and the third was delivered to Chevrolet Engineering for a variety of testing. (cont. on Page 7)



One of the prototype vehicles was later used to build a show car scheduled to be sent to Turin, Italy for the Turin Auto Show. The exterior was similar to the upcoming production car but was painted a beautiful pearlescent fawn and included a set of Dayton wire wheels. The interior was the focal point of the car. Tan custom-made leather bucket seats were made by cutting ten inches out of a center of a bench seat. Door panels were stitched leather and included integral courtesy lamps. Plush carpeting not only covered the floor but also made its way into the trunk area. It was now ready for Turin but for unknown reasons, never made it to Italy. While it had no formal name, the car became known as the Turin Monza. After doing cost analysis on the car, GM needed to dramatically lower production costs. The custom interior was removed and replaced with low cost material similar to the production Corvair.

The lower cost Turin Monza was sent to the Chicago Auto Show along with a similar Monza in the same color but with the luxurious interior of the early Turin car. The pair were dubbed the "Masculine" and "Feminine" or "Mr. And Mrs." Monzas and were an amazing success. Bill Mitchell loved the look of the pair and decided to design a custom coupe for his daughter.

Mitchell's daughter Lynne was turning 16 years old on March 23, 1960. Being a good dad and in a position of doing almost whatever he wanted to at GM, he procured an early production (built during the second week of February) series 700 coupe to customize and give to his daughter for her birthday. With little time to spare, the car was delivered to Flint for updates. The reason for sending it to Flint was because development costs could stay under the radar of the accounting department.

When completed, the coupe known as the Super Monza, named by *Motor Trend Magazine*, was an example of Mitchell's vision. Dad knew his daughter's favorite color was blue, and a special pearlescent blue paint was applied to the body. The quarter panels included twin functional air scoops designed to cool the rear brakes. The scoops were accented with bright trim. A special Corvair script was applied to each quarter panel and each door included a hand cast chrome ring with the letters "NLM", for Nancy Lynne Mitchell, inside the ring. Custom-made rocker moldings and a special rear grille added to the sporty look. Special hubcaps were designed with her initials "LM" in the center. The interior received massive revisions based on the "Feminine" Monza. A power driver seat was added and the seats were covered in custom leather and deep pile carpeting gave the



car an upscale look. Even the trunk was upholstered. Many interior trim pieces were chrome plated. The ultimate feature was a custom designed sunroof. Special white texture paint covered the roof. Power was supplied by a much-chromed stock 80-horsepower engine and dual exhausts.

On March 23rd, while Bill's wife took Lynne for her driver's license, Ned Nickle, head of Advance One Studio and Bill delivered the car to the house. Unfortunately, because of bad weather, it was dirty from the trip. Bill and Ned grabbed the hose and rags and gave the car a quick car wash just before Lynne came home. She immediately fell in love with it.

Unfortunately Lynn was able to use the car for only a few weeks because it was set to appear at the New York Auto Show. After the show, the car was returned to Lynne, However unknown to Mitchell, Ed Cole, General Manager of Chevrolet, had other plans for the car. He wanted to give it

to Richard Reynolds, President of Reynolds Metal, and a good friend and fishing partner. Reynolds Metals was to supply a large amount of aluminum to the Chevrolet division and had invested many millions of dollars in building a new plant.

The car stayed within the Reynolds family for many years and was later given to the Central Virginia Chapter of CORSA. They later donated it to the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF). After restoration by Cecil Miller and Jeff Barrett the car was put on display at CPF's Corvair Museum at the Ypsilanti Automotive Museum in Ypsilanti, Michigan and was featured at the 2014 Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair

Registration Form / Entry Application October 4-5, 2013

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Registration Fee (each adult \$12.00) _____

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Amount Enclosed: _____

Will you be participating in the parade and
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Signature _____

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Here is your chance to win a brand new Corvair wrist watch to be presented at the next VCE meeting.

THE RULES are simple:

Be the 1st to respond with the correct number of Corvairs visible in this copy of the Oil Drop.

I will tell you that there are more than one picture of the same car...all pictures count as one! (For Example; there are 6 pictures of the Super Monza, therefore your total count should include those 6.

ALL Corvair pictures or graphics in all articles and pages qualify, The 'NAME' Corvair does not!

To be fair the contest is open to ALL VCE members in two categories: e-mail and 'snail mail'.

The 1st e-mail I receive WITH the correct number will receive the YENKO Stinger watch.

I MAIL eight printed copies on the 1st of the month. The 1st of those to CALL me with the correct number will receive the CORSA watch. 256-839-1905 or 256-404-5998



Classifieds

FOR SALE

1965 CORSA 140hp:



Black Interior with fair carpet, new headliner, new door panels with matching rear cards. Stock rear seat in great condition not hard or cracking. Front seats are aftermarket fabric seats with black and grey charcoal inserts..Corsa dash re worked with new wrinkle finish, clock does not work. Radio is a Sony CD player with front input jack for an mp3 player. Speakers are Alpine 6 x 9 in the rear window.

Chassis— is in good mechanical condition. Previous owner did some Autocrossing with this car and every suspension joint is either Nylon or Delrin. Front has been converted to Disk brakes and it has a dual Master Cylinder. (DOT 5 Silicone Fluid) Rear end has a Corvette sway bar and it

fits perfectly. All springs are stock... not cut down or modified in any way. Front end has Aftermarket Quick Steering arms and the shifter has a Quick Shift adaptor.

Engine / Drivetrain— Correct 65 transaxle is in the car. Drives and shifts nicely. Engine is not the proper Coded RB block. It is however a late model 140 engine. David Clemens internally inspected the engine and the rod bearings looked perfect. The heads were extensively rebuilt with a complete new valve job and had the chambers cut to raise the compression to 10 to 1. It has a bolted and balanced flywheel with a new clutch disc. No oil Leaks .. Dual exhaust is welded together and sounds good (not rusted out junk). Engine has 4 individual K&N air filters and has a CRANE Ignitor electronic ignition system with electric fuel pump.

Floor pans have all been replaced with new units from Clarks Corvair parts. I don't know how bad they were but the previous owner cut out the old and replaced them. Everything Mechanically is good and it was recently driven 1700 miles roundtrip to the Convention in Kalamazoo Michigan. Tires are worn, it will need them soon.

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.



President Richard Stolzman's 65 Sedan in progress.

Next Meeting:

Friday, September 20th, Fullness Christian Fellowship, 7:00 PM

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Do You Know When To Stop For A School Bus?

Motorists must always stop when they are traveling behind a bus with flashing amber or red lights. When they are approaching a stopped school bus with flashing red lights from the opposite direction, drivers must stop if they are on a two-lane road.

If motorists are on a multi-lane highway (four or more lanes) or multi-lane private road and meet a stopped school bus, they do not have to stop. However, drivers should slow down and proceed with caution.

South Carolina Highway Patrol

Schools are back in session this month. When driving your Corvaire (or any vehicle) pay special attention and watch out for the world's most precious commodity: Our Children!

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October 11-12 2013 Vairs in the Valley

Beautiful Maggie Valley, NC. Friday rally, celebration dinner, people's choice car show and more. The show is also held just down the street from the Wheels through Time motorcycle museum if any of you have been watching "What's in the Barn?" on the Velocity Channel. Registration is available online. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

[ncmountaincorvairs.com]



It has a twinkle in its eye

It flirts with you, that's what it does. But its come-hither looks aren't the only attraction. Corvair's got a practical side that makes as much sense to women as it does to mechanically minded men.

For instance, the engine's air-cooled so there's no radiator to add water to or buy antifreeze for. No hoses to check, tighten or replace. And you won't spend time or money getting brakes adjusted. They adjust themselves. Just nothing much for you to do but enjoy driving like you probably never have before.

The peppery standard engine's got almost 19% more horsepower this year. Its location in back puts extra weight on your rear wheels, gives them a surer grip on mud, ice and snow. And the easy-to-park size and easy steering make even downtown driving more relaxing.

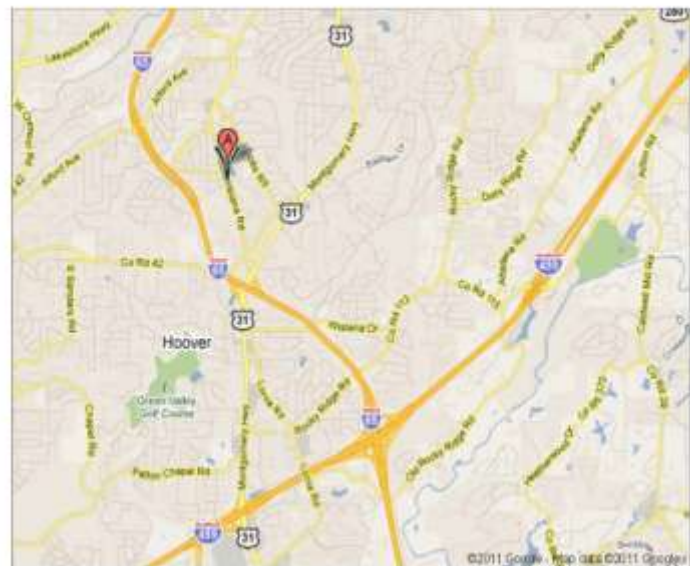
In fact, this is the kind of car it's a pleasure just to think about driving. Why not do just that—all the way down to your dealer's? . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.

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August Meeting Minutes

The August meeting of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts was held the weekend of the 16th thru the 18th at the Choo-Choo Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee with 11 members present. Also in attendance with the Corks, Cleveland's, Cannons, Russ Thuleen and the Birks were 2 guests. Friends of the Birks; Jake Ricken and Floyd Kershaw.

A possible new member attended this event; Bill Warren from Decatur, Alabama. Bill joined the VCE group at the event with his beautiful brown '65 Corsa and took First place in the Late Closed.

VCE members placed in the car show:

Judi Cannon – 3rd place Late Open

Birks – 1st place Early Open

Bill Warren – 1st place Late Closed

The members discussed last months trip to Rickwood Caverns and upcoming events and cruises-ins. Billy Cannon and Russell Noble are working on shirts for the membership.



Russell Thuleen has found several CORSA members in Alabama, that have not yet joined VCE. It was suggested that a committee be set up to contact these CORSA members.



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Choo Choo Corvair Classic:

August 16-18, 2013

VCE members joined people from, Florida, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, to attend the 1st Choo Choo Corvair classic since 1989. Among those, were two directors of the Corvair Society of America, Ken Hand and Dean Cumberling.

Lots of talk about next year and as mentioned in Richard's "prez Sez" VCE will assist in next years event which will be bigger and better.

The car display inside The Gardens was beautiful with cool weather and the slight hint of mist towards the end. But no one was complaining. The 'verts even kept their tops down because of the covered pavilions in the gardens. The awards banquet started out with some very tasty food, proceeded with recognition of the People's Choice Award winners (VCE results are in the meeting minutes) and was capped off by the fun of the door prize raffle and 50/50 cash prize drawing. A great effort by Choo Choo after so many years. Vulcan Corvairs Thanks You!



Blast From The Past *The Ernie Kovacs Corvair*

“Nothing in moderation – We all loved him.” Thus, the death of Ernie Kovacs some 50 years ago still rocks those in American film and television who view Kovacs as one of the greatest American comedians of all time. It was in the early morning hours of Jan. 13, 1962, that Kovacs, 42, was killed in a car accident while driving home from a baby shower given by Billy Wilder for Milton Berle and his wife, who had recently adopted a three-year-old boy. Kovacs and his wife, the singer Edie Adams, were driving home separately from the baby shower at about 2 a.m. when “a light southern California rainstorm hit, and Kovacs lost control of his Chevrolet Corvair station wagon while turning fast, and crashed into a power pole at the corner of Beverly Glen and Santa Monica Boulevards,” stated a page one report in all major U.S. newspapers at the time. Ironically, his daughter – Mia Susan Kovacs – died at the age of 23 on May 8, 1982, when she too was fatally injured after her car ran off the shoulder of a road and crashed in Los Angeles. Miss Kovacs was thrown through the sunroof of her car, a friend of the family said.

At the time of Kovacs death, his close friend and fellow comedian Lucille "Lucy" Ball said, "We lost a real genius."

Jan. 13, 1962 -- the fact that “Kovacs may have lost control of his car while trying to light a cigar,” fascinated his fans since Kovacs was as famous for always smoking a cigar as Jack Benny was for playing his violin. For instance, Hollywood newspapers pointed to a photographer who managed to arrive at Kovacs car crash scene. In turn, image



of Kovacs in death appeared in newspapers across the U.S., with “an unlit cigar laying on the pavement inches from his outstretched arm.”

As an example of his fame, Kovacs pallbearers were Lemmon, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Billy Wilder (director of “Some Like it Hot”), Mervyn Leroy and Joe Mikolas. Also on hand to comfort Edie Adams and other family members of Kovacs -- who were Hungarian Americans who immigrated to the U.S. “to make a better life for Ernie” -- were the who’s who of Hollywood: George Burns, Groucho Marx, Edward G. Robinson, Kirk Douglas, Jack Benny, James Stewart, Charlton Heston, Buster Keaton and Milton Berle.

At the same time, Kovacs had left instructions – in the event of his death – to keep things simple. Thus, when the pastor paid tribute to Kovacs during the funeral, he summed up his life in two sentences: “I was born in Trenton, N.J. in 1919 to a Hungarian couple. I’ve been smoking cigars ever since.”

The Evolution of 'Shorty'

1961 Corvair 'Loadside' or 'What Was He Thinking?'

Let me start right off by saying that the 'harm' done to one of only 369 Corvair 95 Loadside was performed by the first owner (who shall remain nameless) of this rare vehicle. During the 1990's, collectability of the Corvair 95 truck was not as popular as it is today and probably didn't even enter the mind of the person wielding the cutting torch.



A few 'Crampsides' have fell victim to this procedure by removing the 45 and 5/8inch ramp on the passenger side, the same amount from the bed and driver's side and then putting the whole thing back together. Certainly OK in some circles, especially since the 'Rampys' were more plentiful by 80%. But why would someone want to do that to a Loadside? Well, actually, they didn't! Only 25 inches was removed all around



the bed and then welded back together. And it wasn't because there was so much rust in the bed that surgery was required. This truck lived in Vegas and is very solid and rust free. Did I forget to mention that after all the cutting was done that the power plant was removed and a OLDS 215 V8 was stuffed in the original engine compartment. My only thought is that this truck was being built as a "Wheelie Machine". That never happened because the madness stopped right there. The project was abandoned and never moved under V8 power.

Let's move forward to May of 2003 where two very good friends from the Vegas Vairs Corvair Club got wind of this lonely 'little' truck. Russ Thuleen and Rudy Scheindt thought that the vehicle deserved to be rescued and made arrangements to buy it. Rudy likes to put V8's in Corvairs and Russ likes his trucks. The deal was done and Rudy kept the very desirable aluminum V8 with conversion pieces and Russ was satisfied with the very solid (albeit shortened) body. A couple of years have now passed and Rudy has moved back to Grantsville Utah and Russ has moved to Chelsea Alabama. True to form, the V8 remains with Rudy to this day and Russ towed the little truck to Alabama where he would get to it someday.



About six months ago that day arrived. Another trade was done and Shorty now has a brand new 'X' block replacement motor back where it belongs and is now moving under it's own power and into Russ's well equipped shop. As was mentioned before the body of the little truck is very solid with virtually no rust. A trip to the media blaster resulted in a 'bare metal' blank canvas from which to work. Many hours were spent getting the body as straight and smooth as possible. Some finish work was needed on the welds that joined the truck after the 25 inch chop. Once Russ was satisfied with the metal work, a coat of rust prohibitive primer was applied.



Russ is very supportive of the local Shelby County School of Technology and has enlisted the expertise of the paint and body Instructor, Mark McCary on this and other Corvair projects. Mark brought his paint gun to Russ's shop and laid down a sandable primer coat so that an 'all hands on deck VCE sanding party' could be arranged. After a full day and many sheets of sandpaper and sore muscles, Shorty was ready to be transported to the paint booth.

Plans for Shorty have always been to serve as a 'parade' vehicle and conversation



piece. Color schemes were discussed, debated, and experimented with on the computer. Three each, Red, White and Blue vertical stripes, were always in the back of Russ's mind with the intent of making the truck appear even shorter than it is. However the final decision to go with the 'Ole Glory' theme was solidified when he got the seats back from Bobby of Hills Upholstery Shop in Sylacauga, Al.

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(Evolution Of Shorty cont.)

The embroidery work with the eagle superimposed over the flag clinched the body color scheme for the body of the truck.



Once inside the spray booth, the whole truck was painted white. Russ and Mark spent all afternoon hand laying the masking for the red stripes which were sprayed and allowed to dry. The doors, bumpers and trim pieces were previously painted and back at the shop awaiting reassembly. The now red and white striped bed was masked so that the entire cab area could be sprayed blue. By this time, school had started and Mark needed to get back to his students so Shorty's paint patiently cured until 3 coats of clear could be applied.



I have never seen Russ more excited than when he got the call from Mark that Shorty was ready for pick up! Once again Mark had proved his mastery of the



paint gun and provided "Mr. Russ" with another Corvair with top notch looks and eye appeal. The picture to the left is of two very happy men and an awesome looking paint job. The enjoyable and most rewarding task at hand is to now put the truck back together. Hanging the doors is certainly a two man job and it was an honor to be able to help Russ with that job. But don't get me wrong....it was a nerve



racking experience for both of us because of the risk of damage to that gorgeous paint job. All went well due to Russ's careful and well thought out preplanning for door alignment.

As of this writing, Russ is methodically putting all the bits and pieces back together and working toward his goal of having Shorty ready for the parade into the Georgia State Fair Grounds the first Saturday of October. I can honestly tell you that he is smiling and enjoying each and every step as he checks off the days to that goal.

So now I hope that you can forgive the fact that a rare truck was put to the knife, and many will still say, "What was he thinking?". Sure, it was done but now the Corvair world has 'Shorty' and we can enjoy the little truck for what he is. A patriotic, eye-catching part of one mans dream to make people smile.

And by the way.....the stars WILL come out.....but that's a different story.



TRUCKS

In celebration of the rebirth of “Shorty”, here are a few pictures of other unusual Corvair trucks and the official 1962 Chevrolet Brochure for the Corvair 95.



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Black Interior with fair carpet, new headliner, new door panels with matching rear cards. Stock rear seat in great condition not hard or cracking. Front seats are aftermarket fabric seats with black and grey charcoal inserts. Corsa dash re worked with new wrinkle finish, clock does not work. Radio is a Sony CD player with front input jack for an mp3 player. Speakers are Alpine 6 x 9 in the rear window.

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October 2013

Prez Sez:

Well time to write the prez says column. The first thing is that we lost a life long member this September 18th. After a long illness Jewell Harris Hinkle went to join the Lord. We will miss her. One thing to note, she planned her own funeral and the minister had orders to keep it short. That was our Jewell, her personality as we knew her, it was her to the end.

We had a good turn out for our meeting on September 20th. The eats were fantastic. Even though some members did not stay for the meeting, after attending Jewells funeral.

Under old business; Russel Noble is going ahead with plans to find someone to print our 40th year anniversary shirts. Most members requested that they should be Polo shirts with pocket. The estimated cost will be around \$20.00.

Coming up is Vairs at the Fair on October 4 & 5th. By show of hands VCE will be well represented this year.

Included is another picture of my 4 door automatic with air project car. Here is a picture of the front suspension being removed.

Also included is a picture of Billy Cannon's Corvaair powered Dune buggy.

Next Meeting:

Friday, October 18th,
Fullness Christian Fellowship, 7:00 PM

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.



Upcoming Events!

Weekly Cruise In Schedule.

1st Saturday

Alex City Arby's in front of WalMart Hwy 280 : Rod Siggers 256-794-3846, John Hammock 334-703-5437

Sports Car Cruise-In, Hamburger Heaven Hwy 280 Birmingham Info: Alan Thacker (205) 663-9299

Hoover Krispy Kreme on Hwy 31.

Alabaster Wal-Mart Shopping Center, 4-9 pm

2nd Saturday

Springville OneEighty Campus (next to Burtons) 5770 U.S. Hwy 11. Contact Sam Latino at (205) 789-0017

Heflin Papa's Pizza Info. Jakie 256-463-2836.

Clanton 2nd Avenue and 6th Street

3rd Saturday

Gadsden Sonic Hwy 278

Hueytown Winn Dixie Shopping Center

Pickle Patch on Hwy 280, in Sylacauga

4th Saturday

Fultondale Colonial Mall (Target Parking Lot)

5-9 pm Info: Anita Rogers 205-841-8311

Rainbow City Charlie & Casey's Pit & Grill

3225 Rainbow Dr. Info: Steve (256) 492-2950

Talladega, Old Train Depot

Info: Ed Walker 256-493-5318

October 4-5 Vairs at The Fair in Perry Ga..

“24th Annual Dixie Corvair Classic, Vairs at the Fair”, in Warner-Robins, Georgia. The host club is The Heart of Georgia Corvair Club. Registration will be on Friday, October 4th from 12 Noon until 7pm and the cost to register will be \$12 per person. There will also be a “Swap Meet” from Noon until 7pm. The Hospitality room will be open to all Corvair folks from 6:30pm—8:30pm on Friday night. There will also be a Raffle and 50/50 drawing.!

October 11-12 2013 Vairs in the Valley

Beautiful Maggie Valley, NC. Friday rally, celebration dinner, people's choice car show and more. The show is also held just down the street from the Wheels through Time motorcycle museum if any of you have been watching "What's in the Barn?" on the Velocity Channel. Registration is available online. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

[ncmountaincorvairs.com]

VCE Vairs at the Fair 2004

Reprint from Oct. 2004 Oil Drop



The Peach and the Lemon



Typical fair scene.

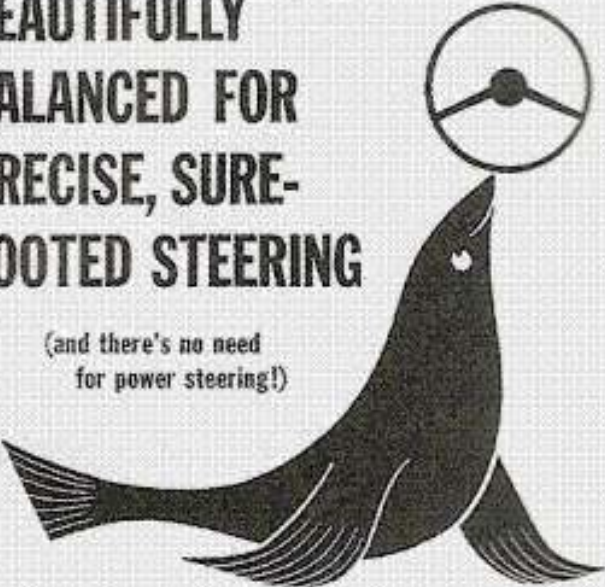
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September Meeting Minutes

The September meeting of the VCE was not a happy one for the members. Earlier that day we said our final good-byes to Jewel Hinkle. The family memorial and funeral services were held at Ride-Out's at Elmwood cemetery in Homewood. The graveside service was to be held in Hamilton, Alabama.

The meeting was held at the usual time and place with President Richard calling the meeting to order after a wonderful potluck meal provided by the members. Treasurer Joe Doughty gave the Financial report - the club has a total of \$438.12 in the bank.

Russell Noble discussed t-shirts for the membership and will follow-up with those interested via email at a later date.

Russ & Leslie volunteered to purchase a gift card for Jewel's niece Myra in lieu of flowers. Myra helped Buck take care of Jewel in the past few months and was a big part of Jewel's life.

John and Denise will pass out CD's they have put together of past VCE newsletters soon. They have taken lots of time to archive the past newsletters and download them onto CD's for everyone.

Russ reported on the following subjects:

1. New performance book for Corvairs
2. CORSA members in Alabama not in VCE, set up a committee to call them
3. Lineville show is set for 11/3/13
4. Information and cards regarding a good sandblaster

The meeting was adjourned.

DS-561 1961 CORVAIR DUALS

Say Steel or Glass

COMPLETE KIT

YOU PAY EXPRESS YOUR PRICE 19.95

1960 CORVAIR DUAL EXHAUST GLAS-PAC OR STEEL-PAC COMPLETE KIT

FOR LADIES TOO

DUALS, GO FASTER, FARTHER, SMOOTHER

Eliminates (Crossover Pipe). Easily installed. Kit includes matched mufflers (Choice of Glass or Steel Packed), with welded on brackets, two clamps, two gaskets, easy instructions.

The advertisement features two illustrations of dual exhaust systems. The left illustration shows a 1961 Corvair dual exhaust kit with two vertical mufflers and a crossover pipe. The right illustration shows a 1960 Corvair dual exhaust kit with two vertical mufflers and a crossover pipe. The text is arranged around these illustrations, providing product details and pricing.

In Loving Memory of
Jewell Harris Hinkle

Date of Birth: October 1, 1926 Date of Death: September 18, 2013



Jewell and her 'Buddy' at the 2005 Georgia State Fair.



Stolzman Pool Party, July 2006.



Jewell at the 2008 Christmas Party. She always managed to find time to 'strong arm' (suggest) to people the offices they should hold for the coming year.



2012 Christmas Party

Russell Noble's caption in the August 2008 issue of the Oil Drop was, 'She loves Corvairs so much it makes her giddy!'



Corvair

VCE 40th Anniversary Commerative Shirts

VCE members and Friends,

The 40th is approaching and I am working on setting up some commemorative apparel. I was thinking car carpets, duffle bags, flags, and purses. But, I think shirts will have to do. Since, the permutations are endless, and we can't afford to do that, please indicate interest in the following: 1. White polo with VCE graphic on BACK with a front breast pocket: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL 2. White T-shirt with VCE graphic on FRONT: Ditto on sizes. This is for a preliminary count to get pricing. I will check on other options such as 'VCE logo' on the pocket, etc. FOR NOW, just let me know number of shirts and sizes. I would assume \$20 for T's and \$25 for polo's, but I have absolutely NO basis for that assumption, PLUS I may have to back off on the number of colors to get a decent price. REPEAT: Just checking on interest for pricing (totally depends on number of shirts).

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Bug, Buggy and a little Buggy?

John Cleveland, Russ Thuleen and I went over to Georgia to pick up the latest project. A 65 Sport Sedan with factory air and PG. While preparing the car and trailer for transport back to Alabama, John and I found the bug pictured and of course, Russ had to see if it would fit in his mouth.



How many Corvairs can you find?

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Find all the Corvair related words in this puzzle by circling the right combination of letters or #'s. The words may be written horizontally, diagonally, frontward or backward. Letters and/or numbers may be used more than once. The letter "O" and the number zero are both designated the same. GOOD LUCK!

(Copied from December 1976 CORSA Communique)



Puzzle Key

Corsa	Spyder	Coupe	Spark	Rampside
Turbo	Wagon	Grease	Monza	180
Ralley	Sportyness	Lakewood	140	
Fan Belt	Quick steering	500	110	
Run	Viton	700	95	Air Cool
O ring	900	Auto	Hood	Ed Cole
Corvan	Manual	Oil	Nader	4 door
Greenbriar	Gas	Corvair	(6)	

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



TECH TIP(s)



This from Al Birks:

I thought the members might be interested in this e-mail by one of my (past) club members from Virginia, Richard L. Widman. He has had some interesting experience, some of which our club members might also have observed. He is commenting to another member, who has had problems in getting his '60 Vair running.

"I've never been a fan of mechanical fuel pumps, as those are what I used to change regularly on my Studebakers back in the 50's, and read too many Corvair complaints about the mechanical pumps. So I put in the Airtex electric at the tank. But since you've replaced yours, hopefully with a good one, lets hope that functions well.

Carburetor settings are tricky with duals. I learned that back in 66 when I tuned my Bugeye Sprite. At that time I had not heard of the balancers o figured out how to make them, and did it with a hose to my ear. My hearing was better and I think I did well since it got 54 mpg when I finished (I used to drive it from Silver Spring to Long Island and back on \$2.00 in gas). So always start with balancing the carbs. From memory (It's been about 3 years or so since I touched it), after making sure there was no play in the crossover (I made nylon bushings to eliminate that), You make sure both cabs are reacting at the same time, by bending the throttle rods until they are both touching and the movement is synchronized. At this point you can turn the screws to fine tune this to synch them completely. I originally used my ear, but maybe my hearing isn't what it was 45 years ago, since the little sync tool I made showed I was way off. That tool was a 15 minute project with bottles and hoses I had lying around. Actually you've got a great club there and I'm sure someone has a sync tool. It would probably be a cool idea to use it at a club meeting and re-check every member's car. Synching is probably the single most important step.

Remember that the idle mixture screws only affect idle. So you only need to set them (both same distances to start) for a smooth idle once warmed up and choke off, collar open)

And check the cooling fan collar. It should open completely when the engine is hot and close completely when cold (there is a distance in the manual). It will over heat if not opening all the way, and the little nut is easy to turn.

This becomes a good time to set the timing (assuming you have set the points). I put in a pertronix, so once set, it is basically forever. I recently bought a new timing gun, but haven't used it. I've set timing by ear since 1968 when I was traveling daily through the mountains and had to set it to the best point for the actual altitude, that could vary from 4000 ft to 16,000 feet several times in a day. You want it as advanced as possible without pinging, and with smooth idling. When I first set up my Corvair I had it running nicely at the office at 6300 ft above sea level, but it pinged at home at 5700 ft, so I had to set it back a touch for home. When I brought it here to Santa Cruz, I set it back further (after marking the previous point for when I take it back to Tarija). In the DC area you can safely set it to the book with a timing light and have most of the available power.

The fast idle is the last thing you set. Once it is running and idle mixtures set, and choke set (clean that out if you haven't), you turn that in to where it will run fast enough at idle when cold so as to not die. I'm sure there is an rpm, but I'm old school.

On oil leaks, a good pressure washer is the best start. Then I'd let it sit and see if it leaks and from where. Once it is running the possibilities increase and the wind brings all oil to the back in that little catchall. I have had a perfectly dry garage for at least a year now, but even with all the new gaskets I used originally, I had leaks. From what I read, the frequent culprits are oil cooler seals and push rod tubes. I had no problems with these.

My problems were in 4 places.

-- An oil pump cover bolt that sheared (not enough to leave the open hole, but enough to not put pressure on the plate. The oil migrated to the little catch-all. Had to drop the rear, pull the remaining part of the bolt, and put in a new one.

-- Valve covers. If you still have the original 60's, scrap them. Get a set of the stronger ones that use only 4 bolts and the spreaders. Make sure they are straight. After experiments with all the recommendations (dry, silicon, contact cement, etc.) I made my gaskets (can't buy them off the shelf here) out of 5 mm cork/rubber instead of the standard 3 mm, and installed them with gasket shellac on both sides of both surfaces, using bolts that are 1/4" longer than stock. I put all bolts in with the local version thread lock, and not too hard.

-- Oil pan. My oil pan looked like a piece of shriveled bacon. I straightened it and flattened the area around the holes, added the 5 mm gaskets, gasket shellac, and longer bolts. Making sure to put the gasket shellac closely around the bolt holes. I put all bolts in with the local version thread lock, and not too hard.

-- the oil seal on the shifter entrance to the transmission. Although my transmission was rebuilt in Kansas, it had been on the shelf for an unknown number of years. I pulled out the little seal, took it next door to the bearing store. He measured it and sold me a new one for a couple of bucks.

There is a lot more experience in the club, and I might have missed a couple of points. Other than solving the leaks, for the 3 years or so I've been driving it all I've done is fabricate the gas sender and replace the gauge with several donors until I found a NOS gauge at California Corvairs. With that I'm set. Last night the Governor dropped by our club meeting and fell in love with my car, so I guess it still steals the show."

Classifieds

For Sale

James (Ron) Quinn has asked me to sell his 63 Corvair Greenbriar. Van has been upgraded to a late model 140hp with a Power/glide. Has all the seats in poor to fair condition, body is in good condition with surface rust only. 14" Camaro wheels. Rolling condition. May run as is?? Have more Pic's.

The Van has been sitting for several years but was running when parked. It was parked due to the Torque converter acting up. When cold it hesitates to shift up. After it warms up, shifts normal. May also need primary carbs rebuilt. Asking \$1,900 Call Al Hildebrand for more details....(770) 974-3283



Richard Stolzman has the following items **FOR SALE:**

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Prez Sez:

Well I missed last months meeting. It was our 40th anniversary and we spent it at Outlook B&B lodge in the mountains of Georgia. It was funny to look out the window of the lodge in the morning and be looking down at the clouds. In the surrounding towns there was an apple festival and in another town a black bear festival, so between that and sight seeing in the near by state park of Fort Mountain we were busy.

Warner Robins: We had a good turn out for Warner Robins this year, the members that attended were Richard Stolzmann (yours truly) Mickey & Robin Hunter, their two children Daniel & Holly, Harold & Louise Hartline, Ed and Carol Keller, Russ Thuleen & his daughter Leslie and granddaughter Jessica, Clyde & Brenda Cork, and Billy and Judi Cannon. The weather could not have been better, Billy Cannon 'flat towed' his Corvaire engine powered dune buggy. He had a bit of trouble with the accelerator linkage during the parade, but used a bungee cord to fix it. Also as we were getting back to the shopping center to hook his buggy back up to his Yukon, he lost his brakes, but managed not to hit anything until he got it stopped. Russ trailered his shortened rampside (Shorty) & as far as I know he had no trouble during the parade. I went down Thursday and took the opportunity to go to the Warner Robins Air Force base museum. I spent 4 hours there and needed another 6 hours to see everything. They even had a A10 or Warthog plane they used during the Iraq war.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting.

Next Meeting:
 Friday, November 15th,
 Fullness Christian Fellowship, 7:00 PM



REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance .



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Upcoming Events!

November 2-4 Clay County Car Show & Swap Meet.

<https://www.facebook.com/ClayCountyCarShow>

26th ANNUAL Clay County Car Show / Swap Meet Lineville, Alabama

Sunday, November 3rd 2013 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

World famous pinStriper - Killer Designs
By Darin Allen will be here to stripe
anything from your truck to your turtle.

Always the first Sunday in November!



Car Show - Sunday Nov. 3rd - Swap Meet Sat. AND Sun.

ADMISSION: \$2.00 Under 12 Free

CASH Prize\$ - \$1500.00 PLUS
Home of the Famous Money Tree

The Lineville Recreation Park
Hwy. 9 North in Lineville, Alabama

No Pre-registration
No Jurling

All vehicles have your \$20 cash or check
made out to: Clay County Car Show

There will be 3 fast entry lines when you come
in the park (by the airplane)

You will receive your dash plaque and
registration number. Having correct change or
completed check will help speed the process.

Worked Great Last Year!



All show cars and vendors enter and exit park entrance at Hwy 9.

All spectators enter Hwy 49 parking lot. Shuttle transportation will be provided from parking lot to show area.

HOW TO GET THERE...

The car show
everyone has been
talking about for
26 years!
**Bigger and Better
every year!**
Listen to 100.7
for our
Live Remote!



All vendors - Parts - Arts &
Crafts will go straight up to their
setup spot.

We will have someone come by
to collect your entry fee.
Each 10' x 20' spot will be \$20.



Devotional 10:30 a.m. Main Stage - Sunday
Saturday & Sunday - Setup starts Friday

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"See Yall There!"

VCE Vairs at the Fair 2013



Vairs to the right of me...



Vairs to the left of me...



HERE I am!



Stuck in the middle with YOU!

October Meeting Minutes

The September meeting of Alabama's VCE was held on Friday, October 18th at the Fullness Christian Fellowship in Vestavia. Approximately 20 members were in attendance. After the usual delicious potluck supper the meeting was called to order by Secretary Russell Thuleen. President Richard and Treasurer Joe were not present for this month's meeting.

Russ reported that a Visa gift card was purchased and delivered to Myra and Don (Jewel's niece and nephew). Russ also reported that he and Billy had helped Myra and Don move Buck to his new home out in Jasper. If you wish to contact Buck, please give Russ a call for the new contact number. (*Ed. NOTE: since recording of the minutes we now know that Buck will keep his old phone number.*) Russ is now the proud owner of Buck's Corvair.

Several items for old business were discussed:

- 1) VCE Christmas party. Where shall we have it this year? Russ volunteered his house again this year, but left it open for discussion. The item was tabled to be continued next month.
- 2) The big car show in Lineville is coming up. The show is the weekend of 11/3 & 4
- 3) Billy brought some Tech Session Guides to share with the members
- 4) Russell Noble discussed the club t-shirt / polo shirt option. He has been doing the research and has found one company with decent prices.

The cost for a T-shirt (100% cotton) is \$14.00 for up to 2X.

It will be an additional \$1.50 per X size above that.

The cost for a polo shirt with a pocket is \$24.00 for up to 2 X.

It will be an additional \$2.00 per X size above that.

If you want to order a shirt (or shirts), please bring your money to the November meeting or get it to Russell by the Christmas party. Reminders will be sent out to the membership for orders.



5) Last month a drawing was held for a Corvair watch. Clyde Cork won the drawing, but had left before it could be awarded. He picked it up this month.

6) A vote was held on the flowers for Jewel's funeral purchased by Rozelle Doughty.

The meeting was adjourned.



Members Recipes

Pineapple *Corvair* Casserole

Denise Cleveland

Pineapple Casserole

(Serves 4)

1 (20 ounce) can of pineapple chunks (in its own juice)

½ cup sugar (we use half the amount)

3 tablespoons flour

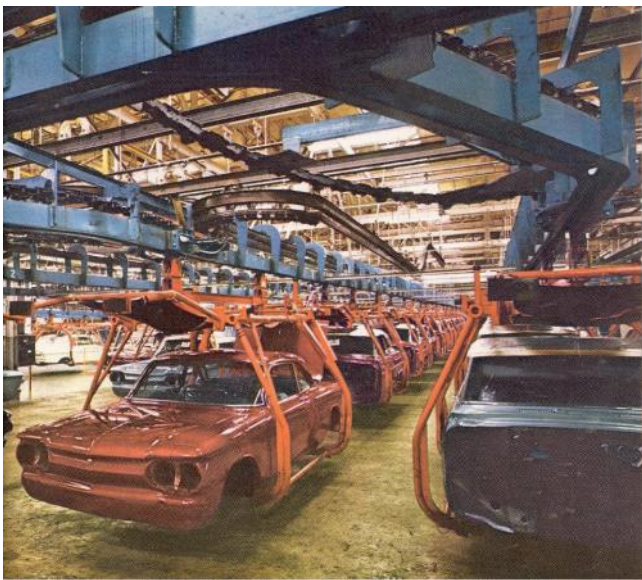
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

½ - 1 stick of butter

1 cup Ritz cracker crumbs



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drain pineapple, reserving 3 tablespoons of juice. Combine sugar and flour and stir in juice. Add cheese and pineapple chunks, mixing well. Spoon in to buttered 1 ½ quart casserole. Combine butter and cracker crumbs and sprinkle over pineapple. Bake uncovered for 20-30 minutes or until crumbs are lightly browned.



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The revolutionary Corvair... with the engine in the rear, where it belongs in a compact car.

Vairs at the Fair 2013 (cont.)

The 24th annual parade and showing of the mighty Vairs was again a great success! As usual the Georgia clubs did an outstanding job with the coordination and execution of a wonderful weekend. The weather co-operated and the entire event ran as smooth as silk. VCE members and some of their vehicles are pictured below, on page 2, and throughout this issue.



”The Buggy”



Clyde and Brenda Cork’s ‘64 Spyder



Russ Thullen’s “Shorty” staged and ready to go!



“Aponi”..with owner Judi Cannon with Robin Hunter.

Vairs at the Fair pictures on this page courtesy of David Clamp.

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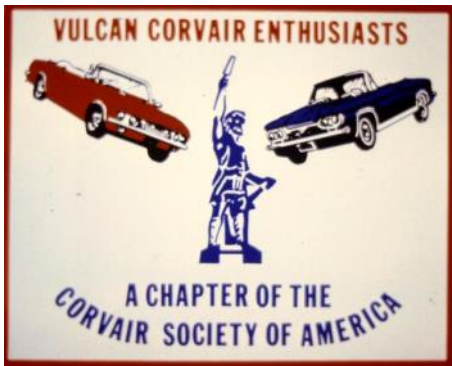


Blast From The Past



VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS – almost 40 YEARS AGO
Here are some highlights from the October 1974 VCE newsletter:

BIRMINGHAM TO HOST '75 CONVENTION



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

NEW MEMBERS

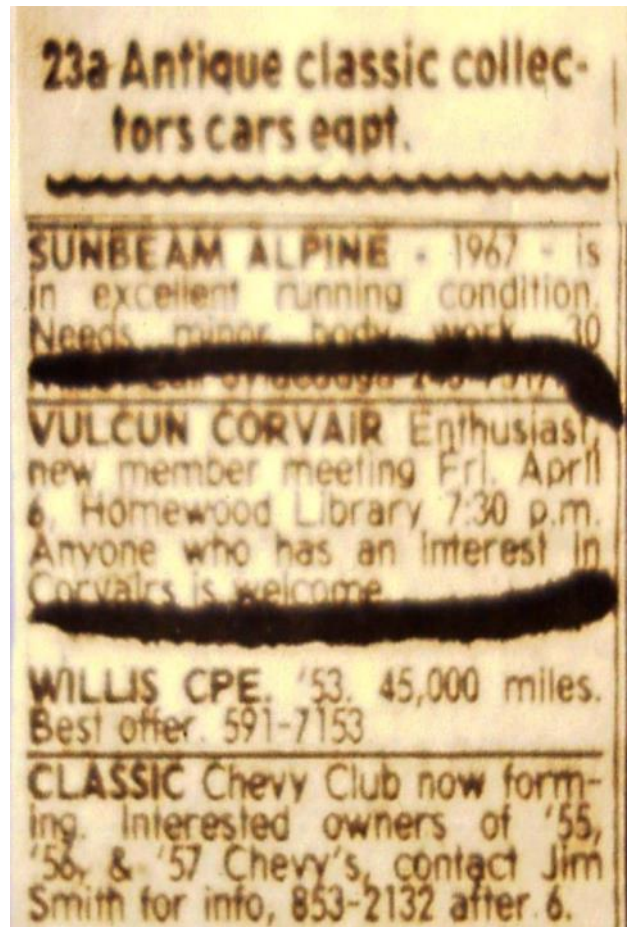
A welcome to Richard Stolzmann and his wife. They are our latest members. They are presently building a house in Springville; must be nice. That runs our membership up to 29.

BANQUET PLANS UNDERWAY

Our first annual Christmas Banquet is set for Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30pm at the Rodeway Inn. Besides the dinner there will be a party afterwards. Our guest speaker will be well known sports commentator Tommy Charles. Door prizes will be given away plus an award for the most outstanding member for 1974.

MEETING OCTOBER 20TH

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be October 20th at the First National Southern Natural building downtown. For the benefit of our new members and prospective members, we hold a monthly meeting and, unless otherwise stated, will be the third Sunday of every month at 3pm at the above location. Everyone please try to make this meeting as we will discuss the convention as well as hopefully show some films on the 1974 CORSA national convention which was held this August. We want to take this opportunity to invite our prospective members to a meeting. As you may have noticed, we do not send out membership forms in the mail. Our membership dues work like this: National membership is \$8.00 per person or \$9.00 for family for one year beginning when you join. Local dues are \$4.00 per person or \$5.00 for family for one year beginning in January. Our dues are prorated so if you join now it will cost you \$2.00 or \$2.50 for family. What all this means is if you join at our club meeting October 20th, you will need a check made out to the Vulcan Corvairst Enthusiasts for the amount of \$10.00 for yourself or \$11.50 if you wife wishes to join also. And, we might add that the wives are not left out of this club.





IDLER ARM LUBRICATION

Procedure and Pictures by: Richard Stolzman

Adding a zerk fitting to your stock idler arm is easier than you think. First punch two places on the arm then drill a hole suitable for a 1/4 by 28 zerk fitting. Use a bottoming tap and tap the hole to receive the zerk fitting. Insert the zerk fitting and depending on the condition of the arm and the ball joint, you might have to use a lot of pressure to get the grease in the joint. One arm I estimate over 200 lbs of grease pressure to get the grease coming out of the arm. Then the arm locked up, so I had to put it in a vise and use a large wrench to get it to turn and break the internal pressure locking it up. This will add additional years to your stock idler arm.



'Members Rides'

Chris Rothe is in the process of restoring his Spyder, and as is often the case, needed some parts. Recently he found a '63 Spyder Coupe at the local Pull-A-Part. He 'picked' the fuel tank & filler neck, 2 turbo heat shields, the complete turbocharger assembly which was dismantled and has the newer Rajay center cartridge Clark's used to sell, (now discontinued), all 4 wheels, rear axles, rear drums and backing plates and some miscellaneous brake hardware. Chris reported; "The car looks like someone started a project and just never finished it and gave up. Looks like it had been painted, body fairly straight as far as I could tell. From the outward appearance, it might have been worth saving, but after my picking it, maybe not so much." Following are some pictures of his (and I am SURE Joshua's) excellent restoration work. You can follow his and other's projects on our own Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Facebook Group and Page located at the link posted below.

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'Members Rides' (cont.)



Brake job in progress



New brakes on the front



Axels cleaned, painted and new wheel bearings installed



Getting ready to install axels



Painted backing plate



Axels in, drums painted and installed



Headlight Pocket details



Details of headlight fastening



Trunk detailed



Fuel tank, cleaned, acid etched and painted with POR15 clear. Next...coat the inside with POR's gas tank sealer.



Classifieds

For Sale

Richard Stolzman has the following items **FOR SALE:**

Four 13 inch hubcaps \$15.00 a piece or all 4 for \$50.00. Also a trailer that will carry approximately 100 bales of hay. It comes with a spare tire. \$350.00



1965 CORSA 140hp:



Black Interior with fair carpet, new headliner, new door panels with matching rear cards. Stock rear seat in great condition not hard or cracking. Front seats are aftermarket fabric seats with black and grey charcoal inserts. Corsa dash re worked with new wrinkle finish, clock does not work. Radio is a Sony CD player with front input jack for an mp3 player. Speakers are Alpine 6 x 9 in the rear window.

Chassis— is in good mechanical condition. Previous owner did some Autocrossing with this car and every suspension joint is either Nylon or Delrin. Front has been converted to Disk brakes and it has a dual Master Cylinder. (DOT 5 Silicone Fluid) Rear end has a Corvette sway bar and it fits perfectly. All springs are stock... not cut down or modified in any way. Front end has After-

market Quick Steering arms and the shifter has a Quick Shift adaptor.

Engine / Drivetrain— Correct 65 transaxle is in the car. Drives and shifts nicely. Engine is not the proper Coded RB block. It is however a late model 140 engine. David Clemens internally inspected the engine and the rod bearings looked perfect. The heads were extensively rebuilt with a complete new valve job and had the chambers cut to raise the compression to 10 to 1. It has a bolted and balanced flywheel with a new clutch disc. Dual exhaust is welded together and looks and sounds good. Engine has 4 individual K&N air filters, a CRANE Ignitor electronic ignition system, and NEW electric fuel pump recently installed.

Floor pans have all been replaced with new units from Clarks Corvair parts. I don't know how bad they were but the previous owner cut out the old and replaced them. Tires are NEW BF Goodrich Radial TAs.

\$7500 OBO Call Billy Cannon 256-839-1905 e-mail gtochief@gmail.com



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JINGLE ALL THE WAY

Next Meeting:
 Saturday, December 14th,
 147 Crossbrook Dr.
 Chelsea, AL 35043
 Come anytime, Meal at 2:00 PM



Prez Sez:

The end of the year is fast approaching, and I hope everyone has their Christmas shopping at least started. We are about finished with ours.

Our annual Christmas party for the Vulcan Corvairst Club is scheduled to be held a Russ's house on the 14th of December, which is a Saturday. We will be eating around 2PM and the gathering will start around 11AM.

If you didn't go to the Lineville car show, you missed a terrific day. There was 1,040 cars of every description, from cars that were a bucket of rust to immaculately restored. There was 13 Corvairs, ten from our club and 3 from the surrounding area. The entry fee was \$20.00 dollars and you were entered in the drawings. The money tree was just that a Christmas tree with around 25 envelopes on it. They contained from \$50.00 to \$500.00. Billy Cannon's ticket number was called and he picked a envelope containing \$200.00. What a lucky dog!!!

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party. Russ is supplying everything for the party. Last year we had 35 deserts, so this year I'm bringing apple cider and cranberry juice.

Bring your money to the party, as we are planning to donate what we normally give to charity to Billy Cannon's son in-law as he has fibromellar liver cancer, A very rare disease that affects the young (teens to mid 20 year olds) .

And again, I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party. Be safe!

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get not.



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'Tis The Season 2013

Upcoming Events!

Central Alabama Christmas Parades:

- * Alexander City - 2 Dec 6:00 PM
- * Altoona - 6 Dec 7:00 PM
- * Cullman - 6 Dec 7:00 PM
- * Goodwater - 6 Dec 5:00
- * Millbrook - 7 Dec 2:00 PM
- * Rockford - 7 Dec 5:00 PM
- * Vestavia Hills - 8 Dec 2:00 PM
- * Homewood - 10 Dec 6:30 PM
- * Westover - 14 Dec 10:00 AM
- * Weogufka - 14 Dec 5:30 PM (chili supper following)
- * Springville - 14 Dec 6:00 PM
- * Chelsea - 21 Dec 10:00 AM

Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge TN:

Hosted by East Tennessee Corvair Club
January 10th, through January 12th, 2014
3810 Parkway Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
ajkbates@gmail.com

Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola Beach FL:

Hosted by West Florida Corvair Club
February 21st, through February 22nd, 2014
16 Via De Luna Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
wwfcc@mediacombb.net



Chapter Newsletters!

The Tony Fiore Memorial Award:

Of the 125 CORSA chapters throughout the world, there were only 40 that submitted their newsletters for the 2013 competition.

Vulcan Corvair was not one of them and I would like to enter our Oil Drop in the 2014 judging.

Newsletters are judged on content and design.

To participate in the Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award competition for newsletters, all we need to do is send at least three hard copy issues of The Oil Drop from the 2013 calendar year to the CORSA office before February 1, 2014.

As your editor, I will ask that you provide your input as to which of the monthly issues you would like for me to submit.

A hard copy of all 12 issues will be available at the Christmas Party.

Please let me know your favorite over the next month and a half and I will make our submissions.

Thanks for your support. Billy



November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of VCE met on Friday, November 15th at the Youth's Recreation Room of the Fullness Christian Fellowship church in Vestavia. The gathering started at 7:00 PM with the usual delicious pot-luck provided by the sixteen members in attendance.

Russ Thuleen announced that Buck had finally gotten settled into his new place up in Jasper. Russ gave out Buck's new address and phone number and passed around a note received from Myra (Jewel's niece) thanking the club for the flowers and gift card.

Because of Russell's absence he asked Billy to discuss the club T-shirts. Topics included who had placed an order, the final price, additional orders, and the urgency of collecting the money. Several checks were given to Russ to pass on to Joe.

Russ mentioned the huge car show in Lineville, where several Corvairs were in attendance. There is also a car show in Myrtle Beach coming up. Contact Russ Thuleen for more information.

The Christmas party is coming up! This annual event will be held at the Thuleen household again this year on December 14th. The fun will start at 2PM, but come early and stay late! A midday meal will be catered. We will pass the hat at the party and all money collected will be given to Billy and Judi's daughter and son-in-law, Derick. Money will help to offset the cost of Derick's cancer treatments.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



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Clay County Swap Meet and Car Show (Lineville AL)

26 years ago two long-time car guys, Tommy Hicks and Bob Steele from Clay Co. got together on the way back from a car show and came up with the idea of having a Car Show in Clay Co. with the benefits going to the Shrine Hospital. VCE was proud to once again show off our Corvairs and enjoy the activities. Next year is promised to be even bigger. Make plans to join us.



2013





Members Recipes

Forward Control Chocolate Pie

Judi Cannon

Chocolate Pie

(Serves 6)

- 1 Stick of melted butter
- 1 Cup of granulated sugar
- 1/4 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1/4 Cup Cocoa
- 2 Eggs, well beaten
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1 Pre-Baked Pie Crust



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt the stick of butter on low heat in a medium sauce pan. Combine sugar and flour and stir in Cocoa, Eggs and Vanilla. If pie crust is frozen, thaw at least 20-30 minutes, then prick the bottom several times with a fork. Pour chocolate mixture into crust and bake uncovered for 40 minutes.



Blast From The Past

Excerpts from the November 1974 Vulcan newsletter:

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

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

REMINDER: Our first Christmas banquet will be held on Dec. 13th, 7:30, at the Roadway Inn. Hopefully everyone will attend. Please remember that confirmation of your reservation **MUST** be in by December 9th... Invitations have been mailed out and if anyone did not receive one but would like to attend, just call 879-2814. Tommy Charles will be our speaker...

At our next meeting we will discuss the subject of decals for our club. It would really be nice to have some by the time the convention rolls around. Next time you see a van look at the back window. The newly formed Vulcan Van Club have sharp decals. We want people to know who we are!

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

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

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

Thanks for being the swell people you are and for supporting this “dream” of having a convention here in Birmingham. And on behalf of the newsletter staff and all the 1974 officers, we wish you a very merry Christmas....



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ADDING A ZERK FITTING TO YOUR STEERING BOX

Procedure and Pictures by: Richard Stolzman

As you can see in the pictures, I first removed the lower plug in the housing. I then drilled it out and then tapped it to accept a 1/4 x 28 zerk fitting. There are various sizes you can buy but this size was in abundance in the zerk fitting kit I bought at Harbor Freight. As you can see in the pictures I ran a thin wire along the shaft seal to let the air, water and pressure out as I put grease in the housing. Don't ask how I know to let the pressure out with the wire. The pressure will blow out the shaft seal! I used regular wheel bearing grease and as you can see in the pictures some of the non red grease was contaminated with water. It took lots of grease to force the old grease and water out of the steering box. I'm assuming that the steering box is not too worn and that you can adjust the pittman arm slop out.





'Members Rides'



CORVAIRS AT WORK John Cleveland

Here's my car in front of a natural gas pumping station near Columbus, GA. I was down there this week replacing a computer system that operates the station.

Here's a picture of a container ship on the Savannah water way. I was installing computers at a LNG facility which has slips just off the river to unload LNG ships. This is on an island just south of Savannah.



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