



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 36, No 1

**THE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN:**

The club had a strong finish for 2014 with a well attended Christmas party, officer elections and the club was well represented at the Chelsea Christmas parade. As we go into 2015 we have the Corvaire Lovers Holiday at the end of February with Helen soon after. I’m still waiting to hear about a show sometime in January sponsored by the Cub Scouts in conjunction with their pinewood derby event. We were supposed to go last year but since I started travelling for work earlier than usual I forgot to tell anyone about it. I actually forgot about it myself. They did have about a dozen cars show up.

I would like to thank Richard for holding down the President’s job for so many years. I’m going to go through all the old newsletters just to see how many times and for how many years some of our ‘old timers’ have held officer’s position. I’ll let you all know the numbers!

I was disappointed that nobody volunteered to take the Secretary’s position from Russ. He has held that spot for several years and it’s up to the membership to step in when someone feels they have been an officer or newsletter editor for too many years. I have been just as guilty, coming up with excuse after excuse as to why I can’t do it. What woke me up was the series of newsletter articles I did at the beginning of 2014 to celebrate the club’s 40th anniversary. Going back through the first twelve months of newsletters, a lot of familiar names kept showing up. A look at the December or January issues for the last forty years shows the results of the election of officers. Look back and

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Saturday, 16 January, 2015  
 Time: 7:00 PM  
 Place: Fullness Christian Center

*January 2015*

you’ll see a lot of familiar names. These people have done their time and I’m sure they wouldn’t mind a bit if some of us newbies stepped up once in a while. I’ll get off the soap box now and Denise and I want to wish everyone a great new year in 2015. See you at the January meeting!

**VCE December Meeting Minutes**

The last VCE meeting for 2014 was held on Saturday 13th with the annual Christmas celebration. The business end of the meeting was preceded by the annual Christmas feast with all of the trimmings. The first order of business was to nominate and elect new officers. Those nominated and unanimously elected have agreed to serve as VCE officers for 2015. The new officers are:

President -	John Cleveland
Vice President -	Richard Stolzman
Treasurer -	Joe Doughty
Secretary/Newsletter -	Billy Cannon

Joe gave a Treasurer's report. VCE is ending the year with a balance of \$330. Dues for 2015 were then collected. The annual charitable giving was discussed and it was decided to donate this year to

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# Upcoming Events!

## February 27 & 28, 2015 “30th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show

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Choice “Top Three” Awards Given Out on Saturday

Afternoon! Special awards: Best of Show! Longest

Distance! Hard Luck Award! Sarah White Ladies

Choice Award!

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All of the usual events as we celebrate our 31st year.

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Saturday Concours, People’s Choice, and more.

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per night 2 nights, \$74.00 per night for standard rooms

2 nights minimum for all rooms. Best Western 800-

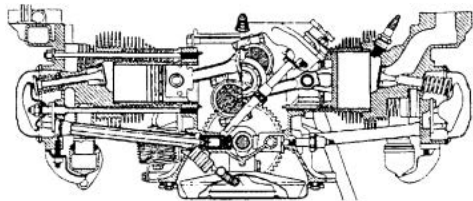
435-3642, \$ 69.00 standard rooms, \$89.00 suites. Super

8, 800-535-1251 \$59.00 per night, Saturday night

only \$69.00. All reservations should be made before

March 15, 2015. Information Lillian Law,

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the Make A Wish Foundation. A total of \$240 was collected. Custom VCE plates are available for \$10 each to put on club cars, see Billy for more information.



A Southeast Corvairs picnic is being planned for May 9th this year, again at Lake Guntersville. The picnic will be held at the same spot, but there will

be a



Above: Buckeye Pavilion with inside and outside picnic tables  
right: View of Lake Guntersville from the Pavilion, Paved area for Corvair Display.



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## Happy Birthday

Denise Cleveland – Jan 5

Bob Siemens– Jan 12

Wilma Siemens – Jan 27

Our Birthday and Anniversary list is 2 years out of date! If you would, please send your information to me so that I can update our roster.



# Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast Christmas







## *Chelsea Christmas Parade*

Vulcan Corvairs contributed once again to the outstanding Christmas Parade put on by the town of Chelsea Alabama. This year produced six Corvairs and John Cleveland's Model A. Russ Thuleen's Shorty, early, and late verts. John's Corsa. Judi Cannon's purple Porsche eater. Lelslie Thuleen's late coupe. Sherri and Steve Daniels along with Bill and Judi's grandkids, enjoyed throwing candy to the kids! Mike Levine came over from Georgia to help out. Thanks to all that contributed.



*John Cleveland is confused about which car is a Corvair.*





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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: John Cleveland, 205/834-3120 Vice President: Richard Stolzmann, 205/467-6444 Secretary and Newsletter Editor: Billy Cannon, 256/839-1905 Treasurer: Joe Doughty, 205/995-0131 Hospitality: Harold Hartline Arrangements: Judi Cannon



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**THE PRESIDENT’S LETTER:**

The WOW Factor:

There have been several times since owning my car that some upgrade or improvement has been made that just makes me say WOW! I’m sure you all know what I mean.. I think my first WOW was when I got the car back from the mechanic I hired to make the car ‘dependable’. I hadn’t driven the car more than 50 miles after I bought it before I gave it to him to do his magic. I knew several things though; the brakes were shot, it smoked like a freight train and steered like a Minneapolis Mo-line tractor! That first WOW was when I took it home from his shop.

The second memorable moment was when I put the stabilizers back in the car. Convertibles have stabilizer weights that mount in the corners to aid in handling. Most times these have been removed; I guess by drivers wanting to get rid of that extra weight. I thought the car handled really well before I put them in, but the difference was like night and day. The car actually handled better with the weight in, especially in the front.

WOW number 3 was after new rear springs and shocks were installed and WOW number four was a new convertible top. No more raining INSIDE the car!!!!

A couple of weeks ago I got my WOW number 5. Denise bought me a new windshield for Christmas and Russ helped me install it. The old one was badly pitted, and to top that off last summer I tried one of those polishing kits that are supposed to take most of the shallower pits out. All I can figure was that I didn’t get the windshield clean

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*February 2015*

enough and drug some of the crud under the trim into the polishing compound. It wasn’t so bad until the time change in November and I started driving home from work with the sun in my face, then after dark with oncoming rush hour traffic coming at me. It was like looking through a million prisms. It was pretty, but I couldn’t see anything else; like traffic, stop lights and some of the other important things you should see when you’re driving.

There are several things that have to happen to make these WOWs happen. You have to be committed to continuously improving your car. This is an investment in money and time. I also believe a big part of it is sharing the experience with others. As people teach me about my car and how to work on it, I need to be showing others as well.

In the club, the tech session is a valuable tool to make this happen. Our club has a wealth of Corvaire experience and that knowledge is waiting to be tapped. Us younger and newer members can carry on by showing others what the Corvaire can do and how they can get it to make it happen. Even if you don’t work on your car you can learn a lot by attending tech sessions. At the least you may learn something about your car that will help you some

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*Registration and Info Papers on pgs. 7&8*

## **Happy Anniversary**

**Doris & Richard Cleveland – Feb 5**

Our Birthday and Anniversary list is 3 years out of date! If you would, please send your information to me so that I can update our roster.

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time when it leaves you on the side of the road (it will, trust me).

But more than that you get to know your fellow club members. Who in the club that can help you when you need it, and more importantly who you may be able to help when they need it. Don't worry if you don't keep a garage full of parts, we have enough people in the club who do, and parts can be found. And there's that old southern ingenuity. I've walked (several miles) into a hardware store and bought an assortment of bolts, washers, nuts, a file and a hacksaw and got my accelerator linkage put back together. It ain't pretty but it's been in there about five years now and works fine.

Hopefully when the weather warms we can plan some tech sessions and get some WOWs spread around to our members cars. Be thinking about what you need on your car and how to make it happen. I'm sure we can find someone in the club who's done it before and is willing to show you and us how it's done.

Drive safe and keep those Vair's out there!

## VCE January Meeting Minutes

### Submitted by Secretary Billy Cannon

**Call to Order:** President John Cleveland called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

**Roll Call:** 16 members present with 2 visitors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Joe Doughty presented the financial report and it was accepted as read.

**Monthly Drawing:** This month's 'gas' drawing for \$27 was won by Pete Wood. Brian Cork won the drawing for the calendar that John Cleveland graciously donated.

**Sick Members:** Bob Siemens was visited in the hospital by Harold and Louise Hartline. Please keep Bob and other members who are not quite 'up to snuff' in your prayers. If anyone knows of any other sick members that we may have and I am not aware of it, please let me know so we can add them to our Prayer List.

**Old Business:** Custom VCE plates are available for \$10 each to put on club cars, see Billy for more information.

A Southeast Corvairs picnic is being planned at

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Lake Guntersville for May 10th this year. The picnic will be held at the same spot, but there will be a change in hotel. Billy is conducting follow up with the host hotel.

John reported that CORSA fees have been raised to \$35.00

**New Business:**

President John Cleveland emphasized the importance of recruiting for VCE membership. Several ideas were brought up and started much productive discussion. Implementation of a few of the ideas were tabled for another meeting.

After discussion and voting it was decided to take down the VCE website and stay with the Facebook Group and Page. The Membership Application and Information Files will be loaded to Facebook by Steve Daniels.

Russ Thuleen reported that he and Harold visited Buck at his home in Jasper and found him as well as can be expected. Russ also gave a report on a planned visit to Ann Steadman's stash of Cars and Parts.

It was a pleasure to have Howard and Claudia Tutt visit with us and asked for membership applications. (To the right is a couple of pictures of their car)

**Upcoming Corvair Events:** A small car show to support the local Cub Scout troop is planned for tomorrow. (See article on pg. 6)

Lot's of discussion about the upcoming Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola, April's Springfest in Helen and of course the National Convention in Knoxville June 24-27.

There was a motion and second to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

**EMILY'S PICS**

During our January meeting we discussed the possibility of making a club jigsaw puzzle to add to the 'activity property' like John's Corn Hole Game. Because of copyright laws and limitations, we decided to plan for a photo shoot of club members cars and create our own poster that would also be good for the making of our puzzle. Emily provided some of her creations to the newsletter as examples and can be seen throughout this and upcoming issues of the Oil Drop.





**Part 2 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair** (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 35 #12)

Now that the front kick plate is removed we can clean it out. There is not room enough to stick your head in and look at all the crud, (#1) but my camera can take pictures. One of the things I do on my cars is to drill a 1/2 inch hole on the bottom of the door opening. As you can see it is very inconspicuous (#2), but is an effective way to check later for leaves and other crud in the bottom. It is also a great way to flush it out using a hose in the front opening forward of the window. As you can see, (#3) shows the location of the drill bit in the bottom. (#4 & 5) shows the bottom door hinge reinforcement plate and the leaves and crud between it and the body. It can

be cleaned out using a small screw drive about 6 inches long. The opening gets smaller but with persistence it can be cleaned out. It opens in to rocker panel, the panel that runs the length of the car. I also use a concentrated spray of water to clean every thing out. the large opening goes in to the rocker panel, so make sure the front of the car is higher. After I'm finished with the water I use a high pressure air hose to help get rid of most of the water. After a week of letting every thing dry I use POR-15, or if it isn't too badly rusted I use a anti-rust enamel. I used white as it shows easily where I missed painting.





## Part 2 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair (cont.)

Now that we have cleaned it out and painted, we can take some more picture to see how good a job we did. Again I inserted the drill bit so you can see the orientation of the 'drain hole' in the picture on the right. This rust proofing can be done without really doing anything to the outward appearance of the car. The small hole can be touched up with some touch up paint after the inside of the kick plate opening is painted. Any paint that comes out the hole by the door can easily be cleaned up with some paint thinner, preferably mineral spirits, it won't hurt the original paint. This series of rustproofing will be continued in future issues of the OIL DROP. Richard Stolzman



### BEFORE



### AFTER





*Cub Scout Pack 220*



Vulcan Corvair members were invited by Cub Scout Pack 220 to the Pinewood Derby meet and race held at Creek View Elementary School Saturday 18 January in Maylene, AL.

Cub Master, Bill Woodall had this to say about our participation: "Thanks so much for bringing your "cool cars" to our event. We had a great time and the boys (and the parents and leaders!) were as impressed with the cars on the outside as they were the ones they built. We would love to have you return to our event in 2016."





# SPRINGFEST 2015

## Celebrating 31 Years of Corvairs in Helen

HOSTED BY

Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvair Club, and  
Queen City Corvair Club  
at The Festhalle in Helen, Georgia  
April 24-25, 2015

To our Corvair friends please pre-register, save money, help us plan and have a chance to win \$35.00

Concours, people's choice, car display, tech session, ladies and girls activities, drive around north Georgia. 50/50, raffle for prizes.

Valve cover races (Youth under 14 free),

Hospitality party Friday night,

Friday Autocross, test and tune 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Autocross (must register for show and pay \$15.00 entry fee)

Car Show and a banquet prepared by our famous cooks on Saturday.

### Festhalle open at 8:30 a.m. Friday & 7:00 a.m. Saturday

Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates): available April 24-25  
Helendorf River Inn: phone 1-706-878-2271 \$148 (\$198 for riverfront)  
for 2 nights (2 night minimum).

Best Western: 1-706-878-2111, \$69.00 (\$89 for suites) per night  
Deluxe continental breakfast included.

Super 8: phone 1-706-878-2191, \$59 per night (\$69 for Saturday only).

Country Inn and Suites: phone 1-706-878-9000, 2 Queen Beds \$89.00

**Make reservations by March 30, 2015 to get Corvair rate**

Check [www.helengeorgialodging.com](http://www.helengeorgialodging.com) for other lodging

**Event check-in is at the Festhalle.**

Information; contact Lillian Law 1-229-883-4123 or

229 291 0567 [lawjandl@aol.com](mailto:jawjandl@aol.com)

Autocross information also contact Al Hilderbrand 678 807 8848 or  
[hilderbrandal@aol.com](mailto:hilderbrandal@aol.com)

For those arriving on Thursday, I have reserved a large dining room at  
Western Sizzler for Thursday night at 6:30 pm.

#### FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2015

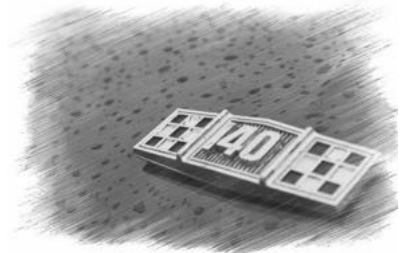
Registration	8:30 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Vendors	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Festhalle
T-shirt Sales and Ticket Sales	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Coral & Car Clean Up	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Hotel Parking Lot
Test and Tune	10:00 am - 11:30 am	*City Parking Lot*
Autocross	1:00 pm - until	*City Parking Lot*
Safety Inspection	2:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Hotel Parking Lot
Line up Valve Cover Racers	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Festhalle
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality Party	6:30 pm	Festhalle
Valve Cover Races	8:00 pm	Festhalle
50/50 drawing		Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Best Western
Visit Helen Merchants	All Day	

#### SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015

Registration	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Clean Up	7:00 am - 9:00 am	Hotel Parking Lot
Parts Vendors	8:00 am - 5:00 am	Festhalle, outside
Safety Inspection	8:00 am - 9:00 pm	*show field*
Concours Participants Meeting	8:00 am - 9:00 am	*show field*
Judges Meeting	9:15 am	*show field*
Concours	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	*City Parking Lot*
Participants Choice	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	*City Parking Lot*
Staff only Lunch	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Festhalle
Children & Youth Activity	2:00 pm	Festhalle
Technical Session	1:45 pm - 3:45 pm	Festhalle
Ladies Activity	2:30 pm	Festhalle
Car caravan around the area	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	*City Parking Lot*
Entertainment & Cash Bar	6:00 pm (chips & dip)	Festhalle
Banquet and Awards	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Best Western
Car Coral	All day	Hotel Parking Lot
Visit Helen Merchants	All day	
Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing	All day	Festhalle
Ticket and T-Shirt Sales	All day	Festhalle

#### SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2015

Farewell until 2016!



FROM Car Craft March 2015 Issue

This is Charlie Friend's open-racing Corvair that has already hit 200-plus mph. He's also crashed it once at speed — the result of a blown tire — but the damage was minimal and he wasn't hurt. If that's not enough, he also flies an F-100 fighter jet in his spare time.





**SPRINGFEST 2015 Registration Form**  
**Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, and Queen City Corvair Club**  
**April 24-25, 2015 in Helen, Georgia**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any young children in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must be registered to take part in any event.**

Registration Fee: \$15 per person or \$30 per Family\* / Friday through Sunday (pre-registered) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$20 per person or \$35 per Family\* / Friday through Sunday (On-site) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$8 per person or \$16 per Family\* / Saturday only (pre-registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$10 per person or \$20 per Family\* / Saturday only (On-site registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Family = 2 adults and their children under 18**

Vendor Fee: \$10 per table inside / \$12 per outside space \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Valve Cover Racing: \$5 per racer \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Autocross: \$15 per driver with show registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (limit to 4 timed runs, Corvair only)

Corvairs Display: \$4 per car (Displayed cars that are not in Concours or People's Choice) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Non-judged cars) \$5 per car (On-site registration) permission to park in City lot \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Concours: \$12 per car (Show Division) (pre-registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$15 per car (Show Division) (On-site registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$8 per car (People's Choice) (pre-registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$10 per car (People's Choice) (On-site registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet & Dinner Buffet (Saturday night) \$15 per Adult (pre-registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$18 per Adult (On-site registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$6 per Child under 12 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration deadline: Tuesday, April 7, 2015. **Please make checks payable to Springfest.**

**There will be a drawing for \$35 for those who pre-registered.**

Concours Information: (Early means 1960 – 1964, Late means 1965 – 1969)

Vehicle description: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check all that apply\*\*:  Early Closed  Early Open  Late Closed  Late Open  
 Forward Control  4-Door class (includes Lakewoods)  Specialty-modified  
 Senior class\*\*\*  Ultravan

Show Division (Concours)  People's Choice

**If you are coming in on Thursday and wish to join us for dinner, we will be at the Western Sizzler at 6:30 pm.**  
**Check here if you wish to attend this dinner** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Concours Chairman has the final decision about the class your car will compete in during the show.

\*\*\* Senior cars will be judged.

Liability Clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Corvair Atlanta Inc. (Members and Officers), Heart of Georgia Corvairs (Members and Officers), Queen City Corvair Club (Members and Officers) 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 participant to his or her personal property (including family members or friends).

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Registered Guest

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Pre-registration Mailing Address:

Date  
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 Leesburg, GA 31763

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Half off vendor pricing.

### Wanted:

A Corvair owner from the Huntsville area, Bob Hill ([miatas@mchsi.com](mailto:miatas@mchsi.com)), posted a request for assistance on our FB group page. Bob has an AACA Senior '65 110/PG. Here's the post.

"I am looking for a recommendation of someone to do an R&R of an engine for my 65, 110HP/PG. Long story but the engine currently in the car is shot and I have a replacement but need someone to do the R&R. I don't really have the time, equipment or expertise. I am just outside Huntsville but can carry the car a reasonable distance to have it completed. I want someone with Corvair experience and will take care of the car while in their care as it is a AACA Senior Car so it is basically in immaculate condition (minus the engine issue). Thanks"

If any of you have a suggestion of someone who could do the work for Bob, please contact him directly. He is copied on the email.



### INFO:

This from Russell Noble;  
Hi, my name is Jim Vose and I just started a new national registry for Car Clubs. I see that you manage a Car Club, hence the reason for my email. The website is called CarClub-Hunter.org. The service is completely free for everyone to use and this is not just a typical directory of Car Clubs. You can search for Car Clubs by state, name, and distance from a Zip Code.... I wanted to send you an early invite to add your Car Club to the Database and get any feedback you may have about the site and what should be improved.

To add a Car Club you need to create an account password with your email address. This only needed so you can edit your Car Club info at any time in the future. We do not ask for any other information, just your email address and you create a password, that is it. Your email address is not shared or used for any type of marketing purposes.

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AND:

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Dedicated to the memory of Bob Siemens,  
 January 12, 1935 - February 13, 2015  
 Buck Hinkel, September 11, 1924 - March 9, 2015

## Spring 2015

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 17 April, 2015  
 Time: 7:00 PM  
 Place: Fullness Christian Center

As soon as I heard that Bob had passed away I went through all the Oil Drops in the Archive looking for pictures. And then unfortunately and way too soon, we went through the same picture scan for Buck.



Bob and his '60 at Pigeon Forge Feb. 2006

**I MET THE MAN WHO PAINTED YOUR CAR!  
 (Prez Sez)**

It's always interesting to see who you meet in a parking lot that wants to tell you about their Corvair experience. Since I drive my car almost every day and in several states, I have had hundreds of such encounters. Some very interesting and some not so much. It is amazing the number of people who still remember the Corvair and has had one in their lives at some point; either owning one, having a family member who owned one, or just a friend.

About a month ago I was coming out of the Wal-Mart near our home and there was a couple sitting in their car, parked next to me. As I was unlocking the door and putting my items inside the man got out and told me he had been waiting for me to come out. Then he started asking questions. Rather, he started by telling me about my car. He knew the year, model, what was stock and what was not. His first question was whether I knew about Willow Run. I replied that I knew it and that my car came from there. He asked if he could see the tag in the engine compartment, and I raised the lid for him. He

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Buck's '64 Spyder is the embodiment of VCE

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**Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts**

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*Birmingham, Alabama*  
 Corsa Chapter. 352

*Presidents Letter (Continued from page 1)*

could decipher the tag correctly and told me my car was originally white with a black interior. I told him that was correct. Then he told me his story.

He had worked at Willow Run starting in 1964 and was moved to the Corvair section in mid '65 right after the body style change. He worked at various positions in the paint department, finally settling in at priming cars in early '66. He stayed there until the end of the run in 1969 and was transferred to another line. He admitted he hadn't primed every Corvair that came down the line, but laughingly he said it seemed like he primed most of them. Most times he did the initial spray and some time he was further down the line doing touchup before the car went to paint. He worked at GM for thirty five years and retired. He and his wife moved back to Alabama to be near family.

In most of these encounters I never get a name and never offer mine, it's just a visit between two people who have a common bond, the Corvair of their past brought to the present by my Monza. Sometimes the conversations are ridiculous, sometimes funny and sometimes very educational. In all cases the stories I hear and the conversations are warm and friendly.

This is a good opportunity to inform people familiar with our cars that the Corvair is still out there and available; that there is a club close by where they can get support, friendship and a good meal once a month. Remember this the next time you come out of the store and someone wants to talk about their Corvair experience.

On another note, Car Show and Cruise in time starts full swing next month. Get your car cleaned up and ready to go. We almost always have a presence at Alabaster the first Saturday of the month. There is Krispy Kreem in Hoover and others. Until we get a list in the newsletter, talk to Russ or Billy as they seem to be the cruise in/car show experts. Also, Springfest is a month away. If you haven't made reservations, motel rooms are going fast or already gone. You might have to stay at a motel that doesn't have the Corvair rate. The VCE Spring Picnic at Lake Guntersville is set for May 9. The itinerary includes a cruise in that evening in Albertville and motel accommodations there.

Take care and drive that VAIR!

#### **VCE February & March Meeting Discussions**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Joe Doughty presented the financial report for both months and they were accepted as read.

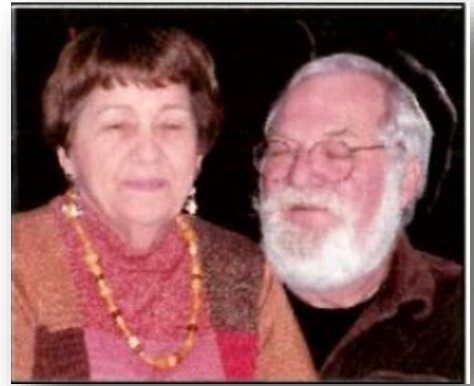
**Highlights:** The combination of two months of meeting notes combined for this special 'Spring Issue' precludes a formal presentation of minutes. Along with help from Steve Daniel's smartphone notes, I will attempt to give you an idea of what is happening the next few months.

**Old Business:** Custom VCE plates that were ordered were delivered to Pete Wood. Russ Thuleen and John Cleveland each requested a plate at \$10. Billy will order and deliver when they come in. Buck's funeral was well attended by VCE with seven members serving as pall bearers. A total of 15 members were present at the service and then several went out for lunch and talked of all the good times with Buck and Bob.

The Southeast Corvairs picnic plans are firming up nicely. Reservations have been made at Lake Guntersville and the long awaited event is scheduled for May 9th this year. Once again the picnic will be held at the BuckEye Pavilion. The host hotel will be the Microtel by Wyndham in Albertville for \$65.00 per night for those that want to come up for the weekend. The rooms have been blocked at the hotel for Friday and Saturday night. Just mention "Corvair" for the special rate.

**New Business:** Planning for the upcoming events for this year was discussed and a headcount of all that would attend Springfest in Helen the weekend of April 24-26. The Corks announced that they will not be able to attend the whole event because their grandson is getting married. Congratulations! There was a showing of 6 hands that indicated they were definitely going. As usual some will leave Thursday in order to attend Friday's autocross. Clark's Corvair parts questioned the club about advertising fees and/or exchange for gift certificates. It was voted

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*Wilma and Bob, June 2006*



*Buck and Jewell, Christmas 2012*



*Buck and Bob will certainly be missed, especially at our annual Christmas party!*



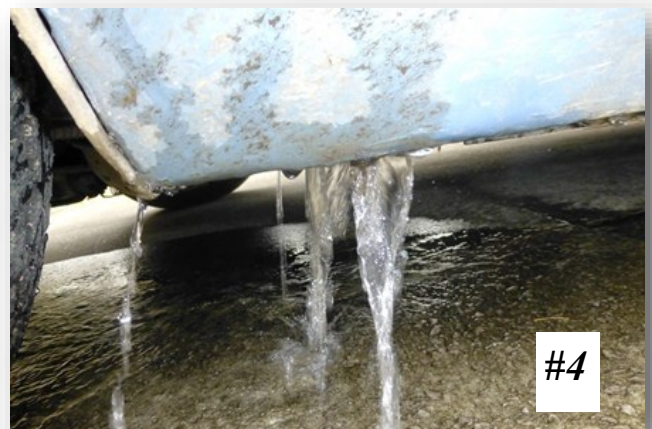
## Part 3 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 36 #2)

In this issue, Richard has ADDITIONAL PICTURES FOR PART 1 & 2.

These are three additional pictures that should have been in parts 1 and 2. First one is a picture of front panel with AC installed in part 1, showing that panel can be removed and installed with AC installed.

Second picture is the drilling of the hole at the bottom door opening with door installed, notice protective metal plate.

Flushing out the rocker panel in picture #4



Now that we have cleaned it out and painted, we can take some more pictures to see how good a job we did. Again I inserted the drill bit so you can see the orientation of the 'drain hole' in the picture on the right. This rust proofing can be done without really doing anything to the outward appearance of the car. The small hole can be touched up with some touch up paint after the inside of the kick plate opening is painted. Any paint that comes out the hole by the door can easily be cleaned up with some paint thinner, preferably mineral spirits, it won't hurt the original paint.

This series of rustproofing will be continued in future issues of the OIL DROP. Richard Stolzman







**Pensacola Beach 30th Annual Corvair Lovers Weekend 2015**

My first outing with true Corvair enthusiast and I couldn't be any more impressed. It consisted of the greatest, friendliest people who are like minded and willing to make every person feel at home and welcome. I wasn't sure of what to expect of the valve cover race but believe you me, there will be a new racer next time and the new guy will be a contender. There were Corvairs of all types and conditions and everyone was just happy and proud to have a Vair.

The only change I could offer up is to have designated entrances for the public to gain access to see the Corvairs up close and personal. When I returned home my first issue of CORSA Communiqué was waiting in the mail stack. I was sad when the first few pages was devoted to dwindling membership and hoped there were none who were offended or felt excluded at the show. That is the last image people need to be greeted with.



I would also like to see a driving part with lots of Corvairs in a file showing our cars and trucks to the public.

Just a simple drive, even to a Walmart, with a rest stop where people could see the cars and remember back in the day and we could promote the Corvair life one on one. I was also glad to see so many classes and multiple awards for each class. Almost everyone won some sort of award. As for us, WE won the People's Choice Award Late Model-Closed Division. Never mind there were three winners and no real ranking. If you weren't there you wouldn't know the difference.







**WFCC's Corvair Lover's Holiday**

This was an event to remember. The weather cooperated and it did not rain on us at all. As usual it was a little

cold and very windy. WFCC had some meeting room issues that I think was handled very well. Although a little cramped with the new room setup, it only caused us to be cozier than we already are. As Howard has already reported in the previous page, he and Claudia trailered their '66 in the caravan of VCE folks on Thursday. With our new enclosed trailer I was able to bring down the buggy and bikes. Clyde and Brenda drove their 64 and Judi took 'Aponi' for one last ride. Chris and Molly drove over in their awesome 'Turkle'. Russ has one of those unique problems; "Which one do I drive this time?" He decided on 'Ole Blu'.



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by members to accept gift certificates, but brought up the subject of advertising rates which Billy provided to the group. John plans to review the club by-laws and then send to the membership for review. We will then vote to accept

**Upcoming Corvair Events:** The Columbiana Tech school show will be in May, Russ will research and get back to us on the scheduled date. There is possibility that it will conflict with our picnic. As mentioned, Springfest in Helen and of course the National Convention in Knoxville June 24-27.

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Cell: 256-404-5998

**NOTE: PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH.**



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**Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2015 Registration**  
**Hosted by Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE) and Choo Choo Corvair**  
**May 9, 2015 at Lake Guntersville State Park, Alabama**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Any young children in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

**Corvair Display**

Vehicle description: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check all that apply:  Early Closed  Early Open  Late Closed  Late Open  
 Forward Control  4-Door class (includes Lakewoods)  Specialty-modified

**There is no registration deadline but we ask that you complete the registration and get it back to VCE as soon as you can for event planning purposes.**

**Event details:**

For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, the Albertville Wyndham has rooms for us blocked at \$65.00/night. Lake Guntersville operating hours are from 7:00 AM until sundown. You are welcome to plan your arrival for any time prior to Noon on Saturday. We will have lunch ready around 1:00 PM. Activities are planned throughout the day with a Corvair and their owners photo opportunity scheduled for 3:00 PM. The park rangers will have the paved area adjacent to the pavilion roped off from general parking. We will have signs and directions to the display area prominently displayed for the public.

There will be a cruise-in at the Albertville Farmers Market Saturday night starting at 5:00 PM.

Although the 'Buckeye Pavilion' is covered and has picnic tables inside and out, we suggest that you bring your own lawn chairs. Clubs are encouraged to bring your banners for display.

**VCE and Choo Choo will provide the cooking grills, charcoal, condiments, and ice. Designated club members will do the cooking.**

We ask that each attendee bring your own picnic type food.

Please indicate below what you will be bringing so that the cooks will have some idea when to start the charcoals.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**There will be a \$1.00/ticket raffle drawing for 'Gas Money'**

Vulcan Corvairs has the tradition of conducting a raffle at each monthly meeting. Buy as many tickets as you want. Winner takes all to put gas in the tank of their Corvair. We will hold a similar drawing at the picnic.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registered Guest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registered Guest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For convenience, completed registrations may be emailed to: [Gtochief@gmail.com](mailto:Gtochief@gmail.com)**

Mailing Address:

Southeast Corvair Picnic, c/o  
Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, CORSA Ch. 352  
147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, AL 35403

## Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2015 Supplemental Information

**Directions:**

The park is only six miles northeast of Guntersville on Highway 227. Guntersville may be entered via highways 431, 79 and 69. Should you choose to use an internet mapping service and it tells you to take Martling as your route into the park, we encourage you to stay on the main roads of Highways 431 and 227 instead. The roads through Martling can be confusing and cause you to become lost if you are not familiar with this community.

From outside Alabama:

*Atlanta* - Take Interstate 20 towards Alabama. Take the Oxford, Alabama exit at Highway 431. Follow Hwy. 31 North through Anniston, Gadsden, & Albertville, into Guntersville. Follow Alabama Highway 227 South into Guntersville State Park.

*Atlanta* - Take GA. Highway 20 towards Rome. Follow Hwy. 20 into Alabama where it becomes Alabama Highway 9. Follow Hwy. 9 to the intersection of Hwy. 9/AL. Hwy. 35. Turn left onto Hwy. 35 and follow Hwy. 35 North to Rainsville. Turn left in Rainsville onto Alabama Highway 75 towards Fyffe. Turn right onto County Rd. 400 and follow until it merges with Alabama Hwy. 227. Stay straight on 227 and follow into Guntersville State Park.

*Chattanooga* - Enter Alabama from South Pittsburg and follow Highway 72 West towards Scottsboro. Take Alabama Hwy. 79 into Guntersville. Merge left onto Hwy. 431 South to a left on Hwy. 227 South into Guntersville State Park.

*Chattanooga* - Enter Alabama via Interstate 59. Follow I-59 to the second Fort Payne exit #218. Turn right onto Alabama Hwy. 35 and follow Hwy. 35 North to Rainsville. Turn left onto Alabama Highway 75 towards Fyffe. Turn right onto County Rd. 400 and follow until it merges with Alabama Hwy. 227. Stay straight on 227 and follow into Guntersville State Park.

*Tupelo* - Take U.S. Hwy. 78 into Alabama and merge onto U.S. Hwy. 278 towards Cullman. Take Hwy. 69 just outside of Cullman into Guntersville. Take Hwy. 227 into Guntersville State Park.

*Meridian* - Follow I-59 into Alabama towards Tuscaloosa. Stay on I-59 North to Birmingham and into Gadsden. Take the Hwy. 431 exit and follow Hwy. 431 North to Guntersville. Turn onto Hwy. 227 South into Guntersville State Park.

**Lodging:**

Although the picnic is a one day affair, you are encouraged to come and spend part of the Mother’s day weekend with family and friends. For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, the Albertville Wyndham has rooms for us blocked at \$65.00/night here: Microtel Inns & Suites, 220 Highway 75 North, PO Box 1516, Albertville, AL 35950

If you will be staying at the Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge be aware that there is a 2 night stay minimum. Please call the reservationist at 256-505-6621 to make reservations. After business hours, or on weekends, you may call the front desk at 256-571-5440.

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**State Park Pet Policy:**

Dogs are permitted in designated day use areas and dog friendly facilities if on a leash and attended to at all times. Other than the designated ‘dog-friendly’ units, dogs are not allowed in any other building, at the beach, or by the swimming pool. Pet owners are required to clean up after their pets and are responsible for their actions.





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**Prez Sez!**

Another Springfest has come and gone. VCE had a good turnout and had a winner in the bunch. Russ won something for Buck's car, I'm not sure what as I was wrestling with my 3 year old grandson most of the evening. The weather was perfect even though there was a pretty good rain Friday night in to Saturday morning. It stopped shortly before the show so all the cars had the 'wet look' except for the ones who thought to bring a shammy.



I didn't get pictures of the auto-cross as I was looking for parts among the vendors. I did get pics of everyone's car and some of the pre banquet preparations. Also got pics of Russ' tech session about early model wheel bearings. He had a good crowd and had a lot of questions from the group. It was a very good session overall.

I wanted to get to the vendors early so I could find some of the treasures I was wanting. Came up empty, which was really a surprise.

If anyone has one, I'm looking for a late model tail light lens that has the thinner chrome around the center circle of the lens. I thought I had a set but when I went to put them on the car I had 3 backup lenses and only one NOS tail light lens. All were NOS of Clark's, still in the bag. I'd be willing to trade the spare backup lens, which has the thicker chrome on it. I'm also looking for some front suspension parts. If you have any new/good parts for a LM front end, give me a call.

The next event for the club is the Shelby County School of Technology show on May 2. This is a good show and the entry fee goes to a good cause. Most of us meet at Russ' house first thing in the morning and start ferrying cars to the show. I'm sure Russ will have at least two of his and I plan to have the Monza and the Model A entered. Billy and Judy should have at least one also.

Also, don't forget the picnic on May 9. It looks like there will be a good turnout and should be a good time for all.

**VCE April Minutes**

Called to order 7:30 pm by president John Cleveland with 17 members present

**Activities**

Tomorrow: Scout Pinewood Derby district: 4 members going

*May 2015*

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 15 May, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

Next weekend: Springfest. meet 8:30AM Thursday at Hardee's at Heflin exit 199. 10 members going

5/2: Shelby County Tech School car show. Forms available.

Register at show.

5/9: SE Corvair Picnic at Guntersville

Ladies coordinating the food.

Some will meet at 7am to set up signs at the park. Same pavilion as last year. Russ has directions from hotel in Albertville.

It's a 30 minute drive.

Picnic: eat at 1pm

Cruise ins have started. John Cleveland has a list.

1st Friday. Gadsden

1st Saturday. Alabaster

2nd Saturday. McCalla

3rd Saturday. Moody

4th Saturday. Fultondale

Last Friday: Anniston

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## Springfest 2015

We were close. A new set of tires and one day's work and the old '66 Monza would have made another trip to Helen. But one day short and a fear of no tires along the route took over the adventurous part of our nature. So, Thursday morning we all headed out in modern transportation appliances. I rode with my sister Robin and my nephew Daniel, we took the interstate through Atlanta. Mom and dad took the back roads, and met up with the Keller's in Cave Springs. We all made it to Helen in time to do some walking before dark.

It has been several years since my last trip to Springfest, and I can say it was as much fun as ever. I got to continue my traditional breakfast and lunch indulgences, and finish off the day with that marvelous ham. I got to catch up with old friends, play music by the river with Billy and John, browse the parts bins and bring home a few treasures. I got to see Russ get a People's Choice award for his Spyder, and watch Billy run the autocross. I saw the very first '62 Loadside I've ever seen, and particularly enjoyed seeing Erika Cork's '65 Monza. I remember when that car sat beside the chicken house out in Blount County, it sure was good to see it on the road again.

The quality of the cars has gotten better than ever. It was a full weekend, and a good one. Even the weather cooperated. Now I've just got to get those new parts I bought installed, and get mine back on the road. After all, it's never too early to get ready for next year!

Phil Hartline  
4/28/15

Russ, John, Judi and I left early Thursday morning for our annual trek to Helen Georgia.

The usual and convenient meeting place for those of us down south to meet with those coming from the west, is the Hardee's in Heflin. John was the 1st to arrive at 8:15 but was concerned that we had gone on without him. Russ pulled in right behind him and Judi & I brought up the rear. It is amazing how a plan comes together when Corvaire people put their heads together. After we had a bite to eat the caravan moved out with Russ in the 'Buck Mobile', Judi in 'Ole Blu', John in his little yellow 'Road Warrior' and I trailering my autocross car in

the back. Trip was uneventful but as usual the Atlanta traffic was a bit of concern.

We always enjoy the excitement of Springfest but the most joy for me is getting my old heart pumped up by driving the autocross on a beautiful 'weather perfect' Friday. Once again Al & Paula Hilderbran put on a great event and Tony Ellison designed a technical course that was fun for every driver.

Billy Cannon  
4/30/15

Just a few thoughts on our recent trip to Helen. I would like to thank all of you who went and enjoyed themselves.

Those who went were the Corks with their red '64, Bryan & Erika who is now driving her late model. The Cannons, Billy with his autocross car & Judi with somebody else's car.

The Hartline's with Robin, Phil, and Daniel.

The Kellers with their '64 convertible.

The Cleveland's with their kids & Grandkids & 66 Convertible.

Me with Buck Hinkle's Spyder on a trip for the 1st time in at least 15 years.

We were joined by the Lett brothers Ray & Randy who drove the 64 Corvaire powered Dune Buggy.

For a total of 20 folks. This is a great showing of what the other clubs call "The Alabama Gang".

I think that we made ourselves proud with the work we did. We provided music, cooking, meat cutting, tech session and a lot of shopping.

I hope that in the future we can continue to support these events in this way so that they can continue to be held.

**DRIVE YOUR CORVAIRS!**

Russ Thuleen  
5/02/15



***Buck Hinkle's '64 Spyder took 3rd place in Early Open. Russ drove it after 15 years with NO issues. Buck's Smiling***



April Minutes (Continued from page 1)  
Smith Lake: June 7

John Cleveland will email the bylaws to members for review 5/1. Discuss in May meeting. Send bylaws for approval 6/1. Vote by email or call.

**Old Business**

Tags available. Billy delivered the ordered plates to John and Russ. Auto Zone has Corvair alternators.

**Minutes of last meeting** presented. Approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance last meeting: \$561.40

Received since: \$0

Expenditures since: 2Q room rental to church: \$75 bank fee: \$8

Balance today: \$478.40

We owe Russ Thuleen \$137.50 for the Guntersville picnic.

One set of dues \$20 was paid tonight.

Financial report approved as read.

**New Business**

Billy Canon proposed we do 4" patches instead of t-shirts. He had pricing info from one vendor.

Bill Sweet suggested AB Emblem. Billy will research.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to do an oval design similar to Corsa.

The motion to do the purchase tonight was tabled.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to give \$50 to a charity of Myra's choosing in memory of Buck. It was more than offset by the \$85 collected from the membership.

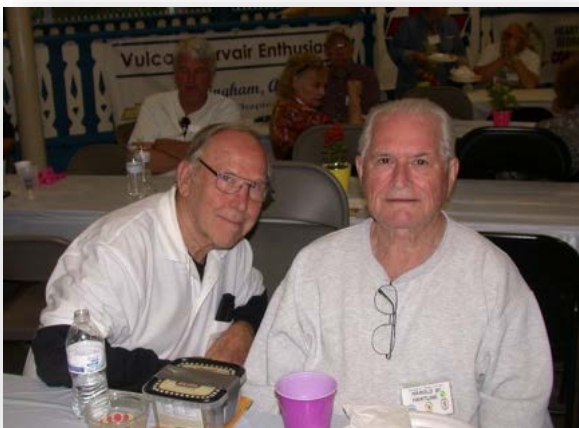
Harold Hartline said Wilma Seimens wants to have Bob's Corvair items. sold/removed in June.

4 Lakewoods around trees, 1 Lakewood in good shape except for a broken spring, White 1965 coupe that ran, Rampside in good shape. Lots of engines and parts, 62 convertible parts car, 60 sedan, early Honda auto.

John Cleveland offered to take pictures to help move the inventory.

We'll find a date in June. Harold will communicate with Wilma.

Drawing. Ed won the gas money.







*Springfest 2015 cont.*



**Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts**

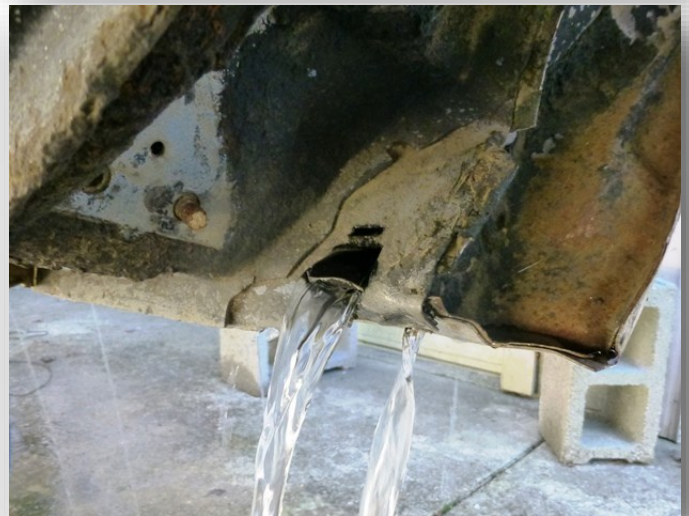
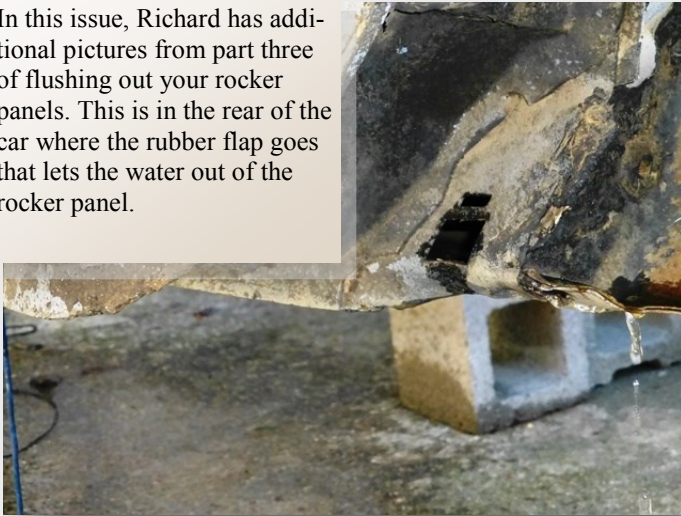


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**Part 3 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair** (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 36 #4)

In this issue, Richard has additional pictures from part three of flushing out your rocker panels. This is in the rear of the car where the rubber flap goes that lets the water out of the rocker panel.



**PINIC UPDATE**

Hopefully by the time you read this you would have made plans to attend the VCE and Choo Choo picnic.

There are still rooms available at the special rate of \$65.00 / night all weekend. OK to come just on Saturday!

Location of the cruise-in has changed: Tractor Supply parking lot at 2085 US HWY 431 BOAZ, AL. Only 5 miles south from the host hotel.

Please double check the food list to see if we have forgotten anything.

If you have any questions CALL ME: 256-839-1905 or (CELL) 256-404-5998





The story of 'Shorty' was recently published in the April edition of the CORSA Communique. As is usually the case, there is "The Rest Of the Story".

At the last monthly VCE meeting Russ handed me the picture that is below and asked if I could scan it and add to my write-up. It shows our own Buck (center) and Ray and Rudy (Russ took the pic) with Shorty just before it was trailered to sweet home Alabama.

The picture above was taken by Russell Noble at this past weekend's Alabaster Cruise-in.

Russ asked if I would like to drive it down since he was going to drive his Red truck.

Let me tell you...Shorty is not only something to look at, He is absolutely a pleasure to drive. An experience any Corvair lover should have. Russ, you outdid yourself!

(Sorry Judi, I gotta have a truck!)





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*June 2015*

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 19 June, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

**VCE May Minutes**

The May meeting of the Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts club was called to order 7:35 pm by president John Cleveland with 19 members and one quest present. (Chris Rothe brought his friend Marty) The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Billy Cannon and approved by all attending. The treasurer, Joe Doughty, was not present but mailed John a very detailed financial report from the last two years. The report was summarized and read to the members.

**Activities**

The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby district meet was attended by 3 members and each were presented with a club patch for their

*(Continued on page 4)*



**Prez Sez!**

April and May were busy months for VCE. There were events happening every weekend, starting with Springfest and ending (for me) with the club picnic at Gunterville lake. Didn't make the Union Church car show in Westover on Memorial Day weekend. After so much traveling for work

the wife wanted me at home. Good thing too, as I was beat. Cruise in season is well under way with Alabaster coming up on June 6. There's a cruise in somewhere every weekend, so try to make one or two a month and show those Vairs off!

I have a couple of projects in the works besides remodeling the wife's bathroom. Finally got a couple of decent 140 heads cleaned up and ready for a rebuild. It'll be nice to have some spares, just in case. I have a block, crank and cam ready for when I can complete an engine rebuild for a spare. Also need to get a front cross member rebuilt and on the car. I don't think I have a good bushing on the front end at all. Took the car in for an alignment before Springfest and the shop refused to work on it. I didn't realize bad it had become. Also have a 3 speed and differential to do before I have a complete spare drive train. That's just the Corvaire! I'm also getting the brakes working on the Model A so I can safely drive it to a show or two. 'A' brakes and the heads will be my June project. Will put something together on head rebuilding for the newsletter, and maybe an article about running new fuel lines, which is a project Russ and I want to do on our convertibles. I bought the material almost a year ago, so it is time to get it out, dust it off and put it on. If anyone has a tight radius 1/4" tube bender, let me know. I really don't want to buy one.

Also, several of us have been helping Wilma sort out Bob's cars and parts for a sale in June. I finished a draft of a brochure this week, and after Harold reviews it we'll send it out. Any members who may need some parts or a parts car contact Harold Hartline to set up a time to look it over before the sale. There are also 4 Lakewoods looking for a good home. One is restorable with parts from the other 3. It'll be quite a job but there will be a really nice car at the end.

Summer is here so get the car out, clean it up and get on the road! I'll see you out there! .

**Happy Anniversary**

**Howard & Claudia Tutt – Jun 1**

**Phil & Carol Hartline– Jun 1**

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# Southwest Corvairs Spring Picnic 2015



**Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts**



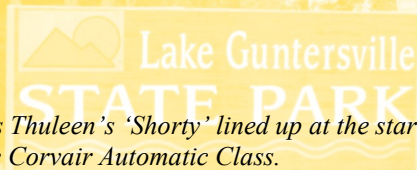
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The second annual Southwest Corvair Picnic was held once again at Lake Guntersville State Park on Mothers Day weekend. Co-hosted by VCE and Choo Choo clubs, and attended by members of Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia clubs. We also had Corvair owners that attended that were not yet members of a club.

The weather was absolutely perfect the whole time and the food provided by the ladies was even better. Steve Daniels and I enjoyed cooking the main course that everyone brought on our grills but next year we may do things a little different.

This year we added the 'Slow Drag' event to the activities and thanks to Al and Paula Hilderbrant, it went off without a hitch. The host hotel for those that wanted to stay the weekend did a fabulous job of providing a very affordable rate and great hospitality. Many thanks to Liz Brothers and her staff at the Wyndham in Albertville.



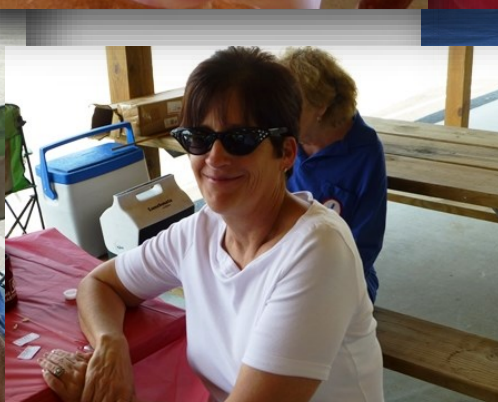
*Ken Arnold's V8 Rampy and Russ Thuleen's 'Shorty' lined up at the start of the 'Slow Drags'. Ken went on to win in the Corvair Automatic Class.*





# *Southeast Corvairs Spring Picnic 2015 cont.*

*Richard Stolzman and his '65 Corsa 'vert demonstrating his skills at the 'Slow Drags'.  
He must have practiced—Richy Rich won the Corvair 4 Speed Class.*





May Minutes (Continued from page 1)

participation.

Springfest report was given and discussed.

The Shelby County Tech School car show was well attended by VCE (see report pg 7).

The SE Corvair Picnic at Guntersville co/hosted by VCE and Choo Choo was also well attended (see report pg 2&3).

A brochure for the annual Bethel Baptist Church car show was passed around and there was discussion about it and the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday and Parade.

Ed and Carol reported that there will be Vintage Car racing and British Car Show at Barber Motorsports park the following weekend.

John Cleveland discussed the review of the club by-laws and will email them to members for review 6/1. Discuss in June meeting. The final draft of the by-laws will be out by the 3rd of July and will be finalized for approval 1st of August. Voting will be by email or call.

### Old Business

Follow on discussion about the club patches was addressed and the members voted to pay the \$65 deposit for a sample to be made and reviewed upon receipt.

Harold Hartline reported that the cars at Wilma Seimens have been pulled out of the woods and that the preliminary inventory of the cars and parts will be conducted Frida, 22 May. Harold continues to communicate with Wilma.

Drawing. Leslie won the \$27 gas money.

Next Meeting will be held June 19th at Fullness Christian Fellowship

Meeting was adjourned. At 8:30pm



Throughout my career as a government contractor I have been fortunate enough to be required to work in and around the Aberdeen Proving Ground close to Edgewood, Md. Because of this, I have had the opportunity to visit Jeff and his crew at the nearby [Corvair Ranch](#) located in Gettysburg, PA. on several occasions. This time my business trip coincided with the Ranch open house that was held on Sunday, May 17th. The rain held off in the morning and it turned out to be a great day and was well attended. I am pretty sure that I was the one that travelled the farthest to attend. Most folks were from the Northeast clubs and were able to drive there Corvairs to the event. Lots of great food and of course, LOTS of Corvair parts and cars. I was able to pick up steering parts that Russ needed for his coupe and won a door prize that I REALLY needed.



*I have been tracking the build of the 'Cavalier' Corvair at the ranch for the past 3 years. It is almost ready for the customer.*





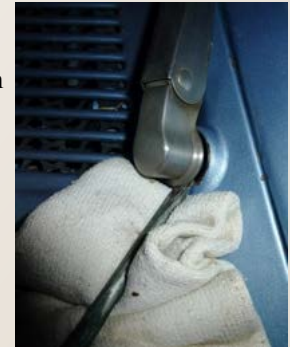
## Part 4 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 36 #5)

Now that we have the removed front vent panel, cleaned it out, reinstalled it, painted the area behind it, flushed out the rocker panel, we need to prevent the influx of leaves again. This part 4 will remove the front panel below the window, install a gutter guard panel to prevent the influx of leaves and reinstall it. So far we have did the rust proofing without altering the appearance of the Corvair.



We now will remove the front panel below the front windshield. There are 5 hex headed screws that hold it in place. With the trunk open we can use a 1/4" socket to remove the five screws that hold it in place. First the windshield wiper arms must be removed.

With padding between the screwdriver and the panel we can remove the windshield wiper arm. After the screws are removed the panel can be moved forward to release the five tabs that go in slots in the panel. Then by lifting up and over the windshield wiper arm shafts the panel can be removed by moving it toward the windshield. Now we can cut the



gutter guard in half, lay it on the panel which is upside down, and take heat gun and heat it till it forms to the panel. Now the openings for the windshield wiper shafts can be cut out of the gutter guard. Now with some weather strip glue on the panel, press it down on the panel. After about 15 minutes we can re-install the panel on the car. The middle screw must be put back in, preferably with some caulking around the screw hole as it has a entry for water into the trunk. Now the rocker panel and in between will be kept free of leaves so the air flow will dry the rocker panel out. Chevrolet in their advertisements advertised a flow through to keep the rocker panels dry. I will try to find it in my literature.



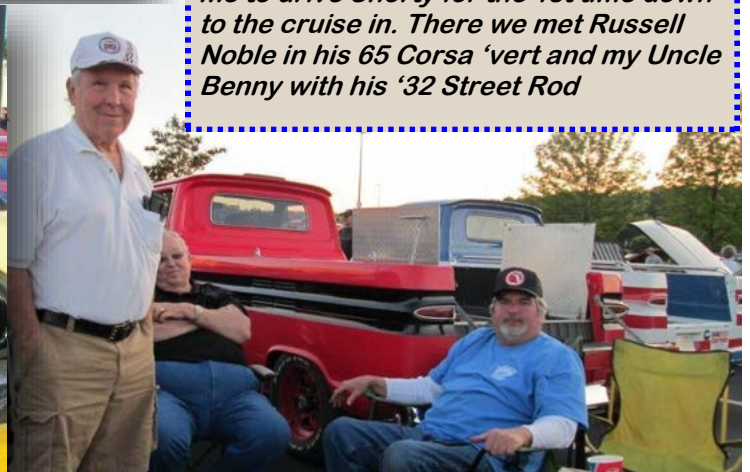
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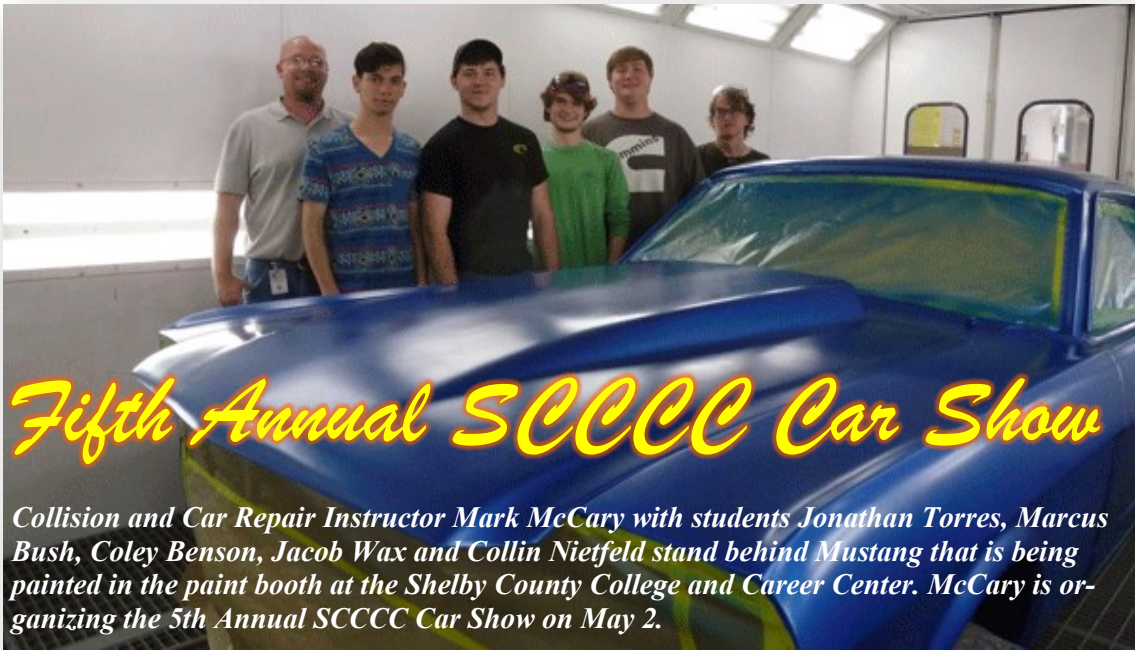
## May VCE Meeting & Tech Session

It has been a very long time since I have posted any pictures of our 3rd Friday monthly meetings. So here are a few of the ladies 'kitchen staff' and some of the tech sessions conducted by Richard and Chris. Richard's continuing articles on 'Rust Proofing' were demonstrated with hands-on of his gutter guard vents. Chris brought in his '67 steering shaft for observations of how the factory assembled the 'collapsible' assembly.



**1st Saturday Alabaster  
CRUZ IN**  
After the SOT show on Saturday morning, Russ was gracious enough to allow me to drive Shorty for the 1st time down to the cruise in. There we met Russell Noble in his 65 Corsa 'vert and my Uncle Benny with his '32 Street Rod





## *Fifth Annual SCCCC Car Show*

*Collision and Car Repair Instructor Mark McCary with students Jonathan Torres, Marcus Bush, Coley Benson, Jacob Wax and Collin Niefeld stand behind Mustang that is being painted in the paint booth at the Shelby County College and Career Center. McCary is organizing the 5th Annual SCCCC Car Show on May 2.*

Published in the Shelby County Reporter Monday, April 27, 2015

By PHOEBE DONALD ROBINSON / Community Columnist

The Fifth Annual Shelby County College and Career Center Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SCCCC, 701 Highway 70, Columbiana, Ala. 35051.

The rain date is May 17. This family friendly event is free and open to the public.

The annual car show is a fundraiser for students' expenses to attend National SkillsUSA. Each career technical school competes in district skills competitions.

The state winners have great expenses to attend national competitions as travel, food, materials for projects and lodging at approximately \$1,000 per student.

This car show helps meet those costs! All proceeds benefit our students to compete within their trade; many will participate in the National SkillsUSA competition June 1915 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. for contestants. Entrance fees are cars and trucks, \$15, and motorcycles, \$10. Antique to late model vehicles wanted!

Prizes given at 1:30 p.m. Trophies will be given for: Best of Show; Student Choice; Most Unique; Most Original; Classic Car Best in Class; Classic Car Best in Class Runner-up; Late Model Best in Class; Late Model Best in Class Runner-up; Classic Truck Best in Class; Late Model Truck Best in Class; Antique Truck Best in Class; Tractor Best of Show; Motorcycle Best of Show; Best in Class (4); and Corvair Best in Class.

**The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Club of Birmingham and Shelby County is scheduled to attend.**

**The Corvair club has been very supportive over the years to the SCCCC car show.**

Other activities available this year are: Arts and crafts vendors; business vendors; space bounce; Pucker Powder; Kettle Korn; Steel City Pops; Big Man's BBQ of Chelsea; music with Dale Scott DJ and more.

There will be a silent auction and items are needed! Please contact A.J. Miller with items to donate at (205) 541-9844. Mark McCary, collision and repair instructor, and A.J. Miller are organizing the event.





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**Prez Sez!**

By the time you read this the 2015 convention is in the bag and the newsletter should be full of pictures and stories of convention adventures. Congrats to Chris and Josh for their plaque; it's great to see a father and son sharing

something in common and also great to have some youngsters getting into Corvairs. I got to spend the week of the convention in Augusta with the heat, humidity and gnats. There was an abundance of all three.

I'm not sure who all got to go this year. Russ, Judi, Harold and Louise, Chris and Josh, Ed and Carol for sure. Denise saw Ed while shopping today and got the convention update. Sounded like everyone had a good time.

Ed reported that Harold had a fainting spell and was taken to a hospital. Haven't had an update on what was wrong or how he is doing.

Now I'm going to rant a little bit, so you can stop reading here if you want. Is it just me or have any of you noticed a marked downturn in the quality of drivers since school got out? I've had more close calls in the last month than I can remember having for a long time. It has almost got to the point of one close call per day. I'm not blaming youngsters; almost half of the incidents I've been involved with wouldn't qualify as school age.

Coming home from the grocery store last Sunday afternoon an older gentleman ran a stop sign coming out of the Hoover Country Club. A couple of inches and that would have been it for the convertible! I happened to notice a glint of sunlight from behind the hedge beside the road and let off the gas. That quickly changed into slamming on the brakes when he shot out of the driveway. I don't think he ever saw me even though there couldn't have been 6 inches of air between us.

Cell phones, texting, dash displays that keep drivers more occupied than looking at the road; they are all out there. Plus the fact that summer is here with all that brings. Get your Vairs out there, but pay close attention to the road. Nobody wants a smooshed Vair or anything else!

**VCE June Minutes**

From the regular meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts of June 19, 2015.  
After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President John Cleveland.

*July 2015*



**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 17 July, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

**Participants**

With 17 regular members and 3 younger family members, a quorum was present.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes were read and approved.

**Financials**

\$478.40 on hand at the last meeting.

\$85 was given for Buck's memorial

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**Happy Anniversary**

**John & Denise Cleveland – July 29**

**Happy Birthday**

**Ed Keller – July 2**

**Leslie Thuleen – July 6**

**Russell Noble – July 17**

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June Minutes (Continued from page 1)

Dues Collected: \$40.

Choo Choo Corvair contributed to the Guntersville Picnic

Total Expenditures: \$195.50

\$467.90 on hand as of today.

There are 2 rental fees remaining and another payable of approximately \$61.

That would leave \$261 remaining for future expenditures.

### Old Business

#### Patches

Patches were reviewed. One is 100% embroidered. One is 75% embroidered. Due to the much higher cost of the 100% embroidered patch, the recommendation was to go with the 75% embroidered patch. Some corrections were noted and the vendor has committed to making them.

It was discussed to pre-sell patches to raise funds for the patches. This was not the same as in the email sent on 6/8. Due to Billy's absence for the discussion, it was decided to table the decision until the next meeting.

#### Cruise-Ins

Both Russ and Russell took their Vairs to the Alabaster cruise in (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday).

Moody is tomorrow.

Fultondale is the 4th weekend.

#### Bob Siemen's Cars and Parts

Bob Siemen's cars and parts are for sale. Get in touch with Wilma or Harold Hartline soon. Wilma is ready to have this finished with any remaining items crushed. As one of Bob's cars is thought to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Corvair sold in Birmingham, John Cleveland plans to write an article for the Communique.

#### By-Laws

John Cleveland received several responses. Those are appreciated. The members present discussed the changes and decided by general consensus which to include and remove from the By-Laws. The officers will incorporate the changes into the revised draft of the By-Laws, which will be distributed by email for a vote.

#### Discussion Summary

Change of purpose: There was a question about including Corvair-powered planes, tanks, airplanes, bicycles. The suggestion was to add "Corvair trucks and related vehicles." Accepted.

Change to article 1 section to remove "and authorized" by the IRS. The text will still recognize the non-profit status. Accepted. Article 2, Section 2: The fee from CORSA never materialized. It was suggested to remove the CORSA reference. Russell

Noble moved to strike that sentence and that was agreed to.

John Cleveland added a sentence to add that dues cover a member and family.

Accepted.

It was decided to pro-rate dues on a quarterly basis.

Section G: The date of joining was defined to be the date dues were paid.

Section 3, Non-Payment of Dues: There was a request to add that the Board must accept the explanation and promise to pay for a member delinquent in dues to avoid suspension. Accepted.

Section B: Change the heading to "Suspension." Accepted.

There was a discussion of what percentage of Board Members would be required to suspend or expel a member and if there should be an avenue of appeal of a suspended or expelled member. It was agreed to set a 2/3rds vote of the board of Directors for suspension or expulsion with no option for appeal to the general membership.

The proposed section on conflict of interest on discipline was accepted as proposed.

The clarification of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents role was read and approved.

The clarification of the Treasurer's and Secretary's role and who keeps the roster was clarified. Accepted.

Article IV, section 3, It currently reads that we cannot expend more than 1/2 of the club's fees on hand. It was agreed to remove section A on major expenditures, and change Section B (now A) as follows:

Expenditures: Any expenditure that would require more than 50% of the club's current balance to be spent requires a majority vote of the membership in a regular meeting provided a 30-day notice is given prior to the vote.

Article 4, Fiscal Responsibility: Under 2, B, "Checks can be issued to the Treasurer or his designee." Agreed.

Article 5, Voting: Section 3b allowing proxy voting was removed. Agreed.

Article VIII was changed to read by-laws could be changed by 2/3rds of the eligible members present with 30 days' notice.

#### New Business

There was no new business.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.



**Corvairs @ Work**  
*As most club members know, VCE president, John Cleveland drives his little yellow 'vert' everywhere. The epitome of the 'daily driver'. John took these shots while on a recent working trip to Augusta, Ga. The picture on page one in John's "Prez Sez" article is the vert next to some crankshafts at the Augusta plant. Picture at top is of the car barely seen behind a turbocharger and 3 more crankshafts. Next picture is the engine that the crank goes into.*







The convention this year was held in Knoxville Tenn. and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1965 model year Corvair.

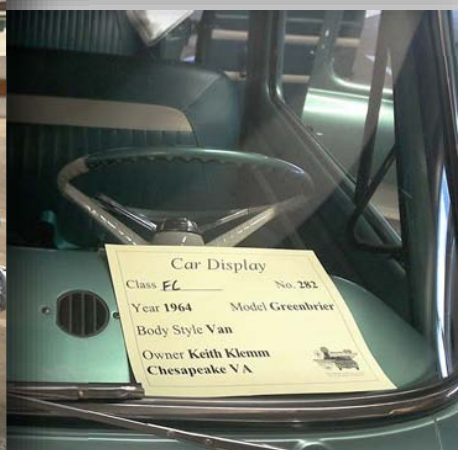
Several VCE members were able to attend at least one day of the 5 day celebration activities. As previously mentioned on page one, John did a pretty good roll call but I need to add that I was able to attend Friday and Saturday, and Chris and Molly were

able to make it on Tuesday. Ed and June

Lindsey were also there for the whole 'shebang' and did very well with there vendor spot on the parking deck.

The deck was also the location of the VERY popular Saturday's Peoples Choice display and was the perfect venue in light of the unpredictable weather. As usual Russ's 'Shorty' showed well and was the talk of the whole FC line.

Unfortunately this convention took it's toll health wise on a few of our beloved Corvair friends. As already mentioned, Harold had to take an un-scheduled trip to the local hospital where he was treated and observed overnight. Saturday morn-ing he was his usual charming self. Our thoughts and prayers are with 'Papa J' and the whole Jen-kins family as they go through this difficult time.





CORSA Convention 2015 cont.





## Part 5 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 36 # 6)

Now that we are finished with part 4 of rust proofing your Corvair, I want to add some additional information. Chevrolet advertised that the late model Corvair had a flow through rocker panel so the air pressure in front of the front window would flow through the rocker panel and dry them out. Now that we removed all the crud and fixed it so no more leaves would clog up the air flow,



let us measure the air pressure in the rocker panel. I took a manometer and taped the end of the hose into the outlet, ( the square hole in the back with the rubber flap covering it) From the pictures you can see the hose taped to the car leading to the rear square hole. The picture I took of the manometer was at about 40 mph, where the pressure had pegged it at over 1/2 inch of water pressure, which equals around .02 pounds of pressure. The pressure pegged the manometer at over .5 inches of water with the door open and air flowing into the car the pressure was reduced to .3 inches of water. From the looks of it the pressure was not proportional to the speed, as the speed of the car doubled it increased the pressure 4 times as much. I will try to get a gauge that measures in the 2 to 3 pound range and try it again.



Ok, lets continue on with doing things to rust proof your Corvair with out messing with the appearance. As you can see from the

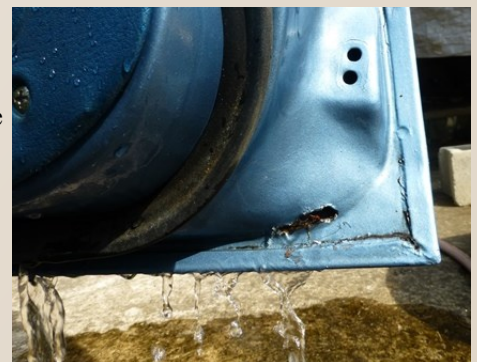


first picture what the doors of my convertible looked like from being stored outside and the front lower then the rear. GM has a drain in the doors but even under the best conditions it lets a 1/4 inch of water sit in the bottom of the doors. Imagine what happens if it sits either up hill or down hill for many years. There will be around 2 inches of water sitting either in the front or rear of the door.



Combined with the normal accumulation of dirt it will cause the door to rust through. As you can see from the pictures we will drill 3 to 5 1/4 in holes in the lower part of the door front and rear. Then we will take a dremmel tool and cut out the metal to make 1/4 by 3/4 in slot. This can be done with the door on the car as the pictures show. You will be surprised how much fine dirt will come out of the slot while you are drilling

and making the holes in the bottom of the door. Once we have the slot cut out, put a hose into the outside with the window rolled up and then take a small wire and poke it up into the slot and move it all around to clean out the bottom of the door. The pictures should show you what we want to accomplish. Some of the pictures show GM's original drain slot and the new slot we have added. You can touch up the slot with some touch up paint with a Q-tip or a small paint brush with similar color paint. The slot is in a inconspicuous spot so you could leave it as it is. The pictures are from 2 different cars. Notice that one show the water pouring out of the slot.



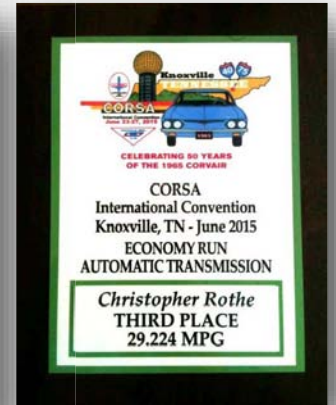


# Vulcan Corvair Happenings

Chris and Joshua Rothe attended the 2015 CORSA Convention in great style! Judging on the smile they had on their faces as they walked by Judi and I at the awards banquet, they had WAY too much fun. Joshua drove in both the Economy Run and the Road Rally in which Chris navigated.

John and Steve were both instrumental in sorting out the club bylaws. Well done to everybody concerned.

Russ and Russell at the D-Day Cruise In Alabaster on 6/6/15



*A scene along the route of the 2015 CORSA Convention Economy Run. As seen from the windshield of Chris & Joshua Rothe's '67 Coupe.*





Howdy Y'all,

Please find on the next page the registration form for our event coming up August 14 and 15 at the Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo. Since last year the hotel has been doing a lot of renovations and upgrades, so expect to see some new sites. We are having basically the same schedule and show as last year with the main event being the People's Choice Show in the Garden at the Choo Choo.

Below is a list of some of the other activities planned:

Drive to Coker Tire Friday afternoon and have a tour of Corky Coker's fantastic car/motorcycle/ auto memorabilia museum. ( even if you have been the last 2 years, it is never the same as they seem to always be moving different displays in and out!)

There will be a Ladies Tour again on Friday afternoon.

One item still being looked into is a tour of the Tennessee Stillhouse which is the first legal distillery in Chattanooga since Prohibition. Before Prohibition there were 20 distillers and 80+ distributors. This is the first one to open in Chattanooga since that time. There is a fee for this and more info will be coming out on it as we have it.

One thing that we want to remind folks is the free concert at 7:00 at Miller Plaza, MLK and Market street. There are food and beverage trucks and booths set up and it is just a fun time down town. The free Shuttle from next to the hotel will take you down there or you can walk as it is only 4-5 blocks down there. The opening band starts at 7:00 and the headliner comes on at 8:00 and usually play till 9:00-9:30. Several attendees last year went down for this and had a great time. This is every Friday night from May thru September!

We will also be having our door prizes again. There will be another Pigeon Forge Weekend drawn for as well as a 40+<sup>''</sup> Smart Flat Screen TV.

We look forward to folks coming back and hope you bring some new folks as well. Just fill out the form and mail it and your check to the Choo Choo PO box noted in the form.

We will send out updates at we get them.

We hope to see you in August in Chattanooga!

The Officers of Choo Choo Corvairs, Chattanooga!!!



# 2015 Choo Choo Corvair Classic Registration Form

Hosted by Choo Choo Corvair Club  
August 14-15, 2015

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 24, 2015 \*\*\***

You must be registered to take part in any event

<b>Registration Fee:</b>	\$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)	\$ _____
	<i>*Family = 2 Adults and their children under 18</i>	

**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** \$33.00 per Adult (pre-registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**and Choo Choo**

**Dining Room** \$36.00 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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm Yes  No

Ladies Tour: Friday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm Yes  No

Hot Chocolatier Tour: Saturday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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:**
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Open      | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Closed (including wagons) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Open       | <input type="checkbox"/> Late Closed                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forward Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty                       |

*Note- Choo Choo Member's Cars will be on display but not judged in People's Choice.*

**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.  
Box 9222  
Chattanooga, TN 37412

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Email for a listing  
[monzajohn@charter.net](mailto:monzajohn@charter.net)  
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 36, No. 7a

**My Sincerest Apologies!**

In my haste to publish the July 2015 edition of the 'Oil Drop', I left out an important reference to the Knoxville Convention.

Joan and Al Birks certainly attended the whole week of activities and I didn't even mention them at all in the newsletter.

I apologized to them twice in person and now I want to apologize to them in front of the rest of the Corvair World and dedicate this special edition to them.

First and foremost, the photo is of the plaque they received for participating in the Convention Concours. The Convention committee this year didn't award "Classes", only the scores resulting from judging. Al and Joan's '63 Spyder convertible received a 95.11 score. Al says; "I was hoping for a 96 which would have put my car in First Place. 95.11 is close, but still short!!" The scoresheets were given to the participants to point out areas of the car that the owner could work on where low scores were noted. Al goes on to say; "Of course you always find a couple of scores that were judged unfairly low, but I guess that's how it goes. As you might expect there were very few scores 96 and higher - judging was pretty tough!" Joan has always impressed me as a VCE club member that goes all out to represent us as often that can be humanly possible. And she does it in a classy way. Her activity at Knoxville was no exception. She worked very hard at the registration booth for several full days, where she represented and promoted Vulcan's contribution to the Conference. Joan & Al attended the welcome party and Banquet, where Joan called out "Vulcan" to make sure we were represented when they got to our table during the club 'roll call'!

The couple also entered the Economy Run and experienced one major problem trying to follow the course directions - the turn into Route 35 did not exist until they discovered it as a result of turning

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around two times. Route 35 was marked correctly when going in the opposite direction, but was marked "335" in the direction the Birks were going. Joan said; "Obviously we did not score too high on the Economy run!"

But in my book, Joan and Al Birks score extremely high in Personality, Perseverance and Comraderies! My heart felt THANKS for all that this vibrant couple do for Vulcan Corvair and the whole Corvair community.



Al & Joan Birks 1963 Spyder Convertible



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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIRE ENTHUSIASTS Vol 36, No. 8**

**Prez Sez!**

By the time you are perusing the invaluable information in this month's Oil Drop you should have received the final draft of the new club by-laws for review and a voting decision. I want to thank everyone for their time and effort in putting these together, especially last year's board who put up with me consistently pushing on this. Steve and Sherri Daniels and Bill Sweat were also very helpful with the early drafts, helping with the wording of much of the document; getting it out of my Oklahoma-ease and into a more understandable form of the English language.

There are some things in the by-laws I hope the club never has to use, but there is also guidance in there for the day to day running of the club. Hopefully they are put together so that all members have an equal say in how the club is run, and will help get us over any rocky places that should come up in the future. Please take the time to read, review and vote to accept or reject them, as you see fit.

This last week was my annual week of vacation to celebrate my birthday (27 Years) and our wedding anniversary (38 Years). No, the birthday is not a misprint, that's just when I stopped counting!. It was also a week to catch up on work around the house and work around the cars. In preparation for starting up the engine I recently purchased, things were gathered up from the boxes of parts in my garage and Russ' shop, and things were ordered from Clark's. I got some carbs cleaned up and ready for rebuild also. All the needed parts should be here this coming week so we'll see what happens when we fire it up in a week or so. More to come on that, and hopefully an article on carb rebuilding, something I haven't seen a lot about in the few years I've been involved with Corvairs.

Also, if you read my rant last month about the sorry state of drivers on the road, there will be an article in next month's Oil Drop about sites that offer safe driving training and advice.

School is starting back up soon, so get that Vair out there and watch out for school busses and the increase in traffic.

**VCE July Minutes**

From the regular meeting of Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts of July 17, 2015.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by President John Cleveland.

**Participants**

With 16 regular members and 1 younger family member, a quorum was present.

*August 2015*

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 21 August, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes were read and approved.

**Financials**

Balance on hand at the last meeting 6/19/15: \$467.90

Receipts since 6/19/15

Dues \$20.00

Expenditures since 6/19/15

Bank Fee: \$8.00

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**Happy Anniversary**

**Louise & Harold Hartline – August 1**

**Sarah & Jerry Smith – August 8**



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June Minutes (Continued from page 1)

Rent on Meeting Room for 3Q2015:  
\$75.00

Balance on hand as of today: \$404.90

Committed, unpaid, bills:

One room rental fee of \$75.00 for 4Q2015

Six months' bank fees: \$48.00

Available uncommitted funds: \$281.90

## Announcements

### Membership

The club lost two members in the last 2 weeks. Jerry Smith, one of the earliest Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, passed away, as did Elsie Pemberton. Our prayers go to their family and friends. The club will look into how to make a donation in their honor.

Molly Brown has had back trouble and sciatica. She had surgery and is recuperating. We wish her well.

Roger Shaner's 1964 Monza is for sale in Fayetteville, AL. It seems to be in good shape. He's asking \$700 for it. Also, there's a Corvan for sale in the Alex City area.

### Knoxville CORSA Convention

Several members went to the Convention. It was the largest convention in years. A total of 860 people attended. Over 300 Corvairs were there. Billy Canon apologized to Al and Joan Birks for leaving them out of the Oil Drop, and he'll make amends in the next edition. The Birks got a 95.11 in the Concourse for their 1963 Corvair. Joan worked registration. Chris Roth and his son Joshua participated in the road rally, the autocross, and the economy run. A good time was had by all.

Next year's convention is in Springfield.

### Old Business

#### Patches

Patches were reviewed. Some corrections were noted and the vendor has committed to making them. The quantity proposed is 100, which works out to \$2.19/patch. The remainder is \$173.00. Five members donated the up-front fee, and they declined the suggestion that they be reimbursed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase the 75% embroidered patches: 100 patches at a total cost of \$219 (\$173 balance due) with 1 patch to go to each of the 22 member families, other patches to be sold at \$5.00 each, and some reserved so each new member will get a patch upon joining.

#### Bob Siemen's Cars and Parts

Wilma would like Bob Siemen's cars to be gone by August 1. Everything outside has to be gone or it will be crushed. The small parts will go back into storage and then be sold. There was considerable discussion of how to help Wilma dispose of the cars and parts w/o crushing the good pieces still there. Billy and Russ offered to take the 4 station wagons so they can be taken off-site and sold later. There was a discussion of contacting the Corvair Ranch.

#### By-Laws

John Cleveland has received the updates from the last meeting. John will compile a new version incorporating the changes and distribute it to the membership by August 1. There will be an email vote based on that distribution.

### New Business

#### Choo Choo Show

The Choo Choo show is coming up August 14-15 in Chattanooga. Registration deadline for the hotel is Tuesday. Pre-registration deadline for the show is the 24th.

#### Other Events

The Moody cruise-in is tomorrow (18 July). The Fultondale Cruise-in is on 31 July. The Great Plains Roundup is in North Little Rock Arkansas the last week of September and the Warner Robbins, Vairs at the Fair is the 1st week of October.

#### Adjourn

Brenda Cork won the \$16 in the gas money drawing. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.



### Papa J

*Richard will be missed by his Corvair family and friends. He was very loyal to our hobby and his many Corvair friends. It seems like it happened so fast. Reminds all of us to be thankful for each day that we have and our health.*

*Lillian Law*

*Below is the funeral arrangements for Richard Jenkins. Please notice the family is asking everyone that can to PLEASE drive your Corvair to the funeral. Richard loved all of our cute little Corvairs and all of his Corvair family and friends and I can not think of a better way to honor him this Saturday and all that he did for the Corvair world.*

*Dee Charest*

*Saturday, August 8, 2015  
Greene's Funeral Home North-west Chapel  
2133 Ebenezer Rd. Rock Hill, SC, 29732  
803-366-2051*

*Visitation will be from 12 noon-1:30pm  
Service will be from 1:30pm-2:30pm  
Graveside service to follow at Grandview Memorial Cemetery at 3pm  
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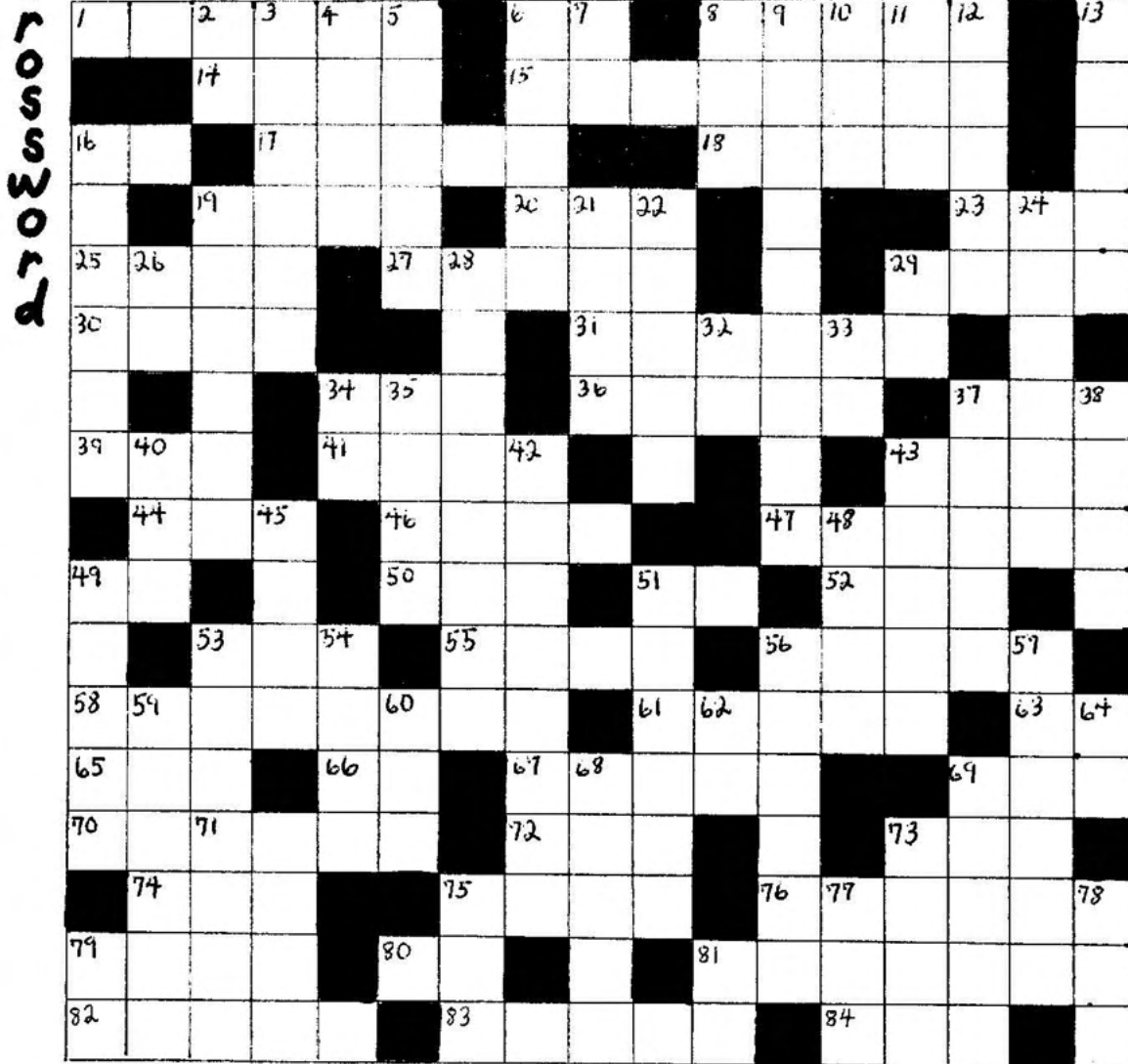
1965 CORVAIR MONZA COUPE by Robert C. Lidby

EDITOR: *Allen LaDriere*



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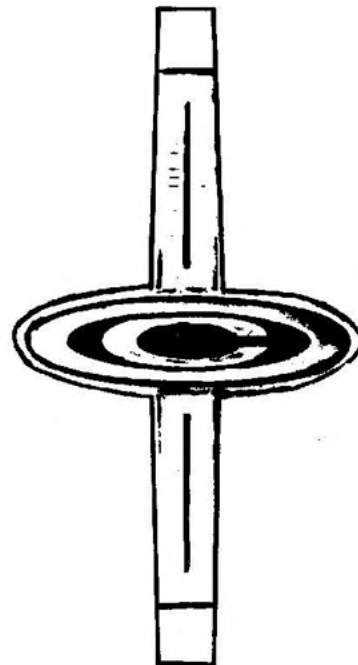
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Puzzle by:  
David Newell  
Hayward, California



**Part 6 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair** (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 36 # 7)

**O**k, here is some more info on rocker panel pressure. I got a gauge that will measure up to 60 inches of water, that's just over 2 lbs. I installed the gauge hose in the square hole that has the rubber flap installed over it to keep water out. I of course had to duct tape it in place.



I went on the freeway and went at the wrong time, it was quitting time and it was jammed, so I could only do the speed limit of 70 mph. The gauge showed about 4 inches of water, which converts to around .3 lbs of pressure with the front vent door closed, with it open it was about 1 1/2 inches of water. I will try it next around 80 or 90 mph to see what the pressure is.

Hose going into slot, in rear of rocker panel.



**C**ontinuing on I have taken the door panel off of my 67 and have some pictures of the substitute door panel lining that I made out of heavy plastic. By now most original door panel linings made out of waxed paper are beginning to fail, the symptoms will be that the door panel itself will start to curl at the bottom or worse yet the screws will pull through the vinyl. I made mine out of heavy plastic and used caulking to make a bead around the edge like Chevrolet did.

This is picture of 67 front door with wire to show where slot is in front of door.

New plastic door liner and old wax coated paper, Chevrolet original, as you can see original is about gone, could probably save if you sprayed it real heavy with spray paint and reinstalled it.



*Corvair*



# Vulcan Corvair Happenings



**A**labaster Cruise-in provides 'open air' cruising with Russ Thulene, Russell Noble, Joshua Rothe and Steve & Sherri Daniels.

Along with the Corvairs in attendance, Joshua drove his Dad's 'suicide doors' Lincoln over for everyone to see. Chris had this car while he was in high school. VERY COOL!

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*Birmingham, Alabama*

Corsa Chapter. 352

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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 36, No. 9**

**Prez Sez!**

**CHECK THE OIL!!!**

A couple of weeks ago I was headed down to Tuscaloosa for work. On the way out of the driveway I dropped my registration for the Great Plains Roundup in the mail box. I have wanted to attend this for several years and finally got the chance.

By the time I was down near Tuscaloosa the car was making a noise. I thought at first it was missing but when I got to the job site the engine sounded strong. My drive home after work began on a rural two lane road at lower speeds and I got a good chance to hear the noise, a tap, tap, tap that increased and decreased with changes in speed. It also was stronger when the car was pulling than when it wasn't. It disappeared completely when the clutch was in. This wasn't going to be good.

Fast forward to this last weekend when I pulled the engine/drivetrain (Thanks Russ, for your lift and advice!). When the differential top cover was removed two things were discovered. #1: There was hardly any lube in the differential. #2: There were several teeth broke off the pinion gear, probably from heat stress due to lack of lubricant.

Now for some history. I have owned my car for about 8 years, and one thing I have always done, until last year, was to check the differential and transmission levels at least every six months. About a year ago, when it was time to check them, I didn't do it. The reasoning? They have always been full. The spot on my driveway and my parking space at work isn't any larger or wetter.....THESE ARE NOT GOOD REASONS (see the beginning of this article for why).

The manual transmission and differential share a passage that allows lubricant to flow between them. This is designed so the differential will empty first, then the transmission, which protects the transmission. I would guess because the differential is cheaper and easier to repair than a transmission, but that's just my guess. There was only about 1/2 inch of lubricant in the differential, along with the broken teeth and other bits of metal.

Bottom line: The repair is going to cost a couple of hundred dollars. It's that low because I have another differential with a good ring and pinion that can be rebuilt. The cost would more than double if I had to go out and get another ring and pinion. All because I didn't take the time to jack up the car (15 minutes) and check the oil (5 minutes). I'm telling this story because stupid comes in all shapes and sizes. An onset of stupid can affect anyone, at any time and in an infinite number of ways. This was absolutely avoidable and I don't want to see it happen to anyone else.

Take care and keep that Corvaire out there. Check the oil first! .

**September 2015**

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 18 September, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

**VCE August Minutes**

These are the draft notes from the regular meeting of Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts of August 21, 2015.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President John Cleveland.

**Participants**

With 18 regular members and 1 younger family member, a

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**Happy Birthday**  
**Judi Cannon – September 10**

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Phil & Carol Hartline – September 22**  
**Ed & Carol Keller – September 27**

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August Minutes (Continued from page 1)  
 quorum was present.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes were read and approved as amended. The correct dates for ‘Vairs At The Fair are October 9-10th.

**Financials**

Balance on hand at the last meeting  
 7/17/15: \$404.90  
 Receipts since 7/17/15  
 Dues \$20.00 (From Al & Paula)  
 Expenditures since 7/17/15  
 Bank Fee: \$8.00  
 Balance on hand as of today: \$396.90  
 Committed, unpaid, bills:  
 Two room rental fees of \$75.00 for  
 4Q2015 & 1Q2016  
 Five months’ bank fees: \$40.00  
 Available uncommitted funds: \$206.90  
 The motion to accept the financial report  
 was made, seconded, and approved.  
 Russ Thuleen received a communication  
 from CORSA that the annual fee of  
 \$35.00 is due 9/30/15

**Announcements**

**Membership**

Paula & Al Hilderbran joined VCE at the Choo Choo classic this month. Welcome!

**Choo Choo Classic**

The Choo Choo show was August 14-15 in Chattanooga. About 30 cars were there. Howard and Claudia won the big screen TV in the raffle. Brenda won the 50/50 for \$104. Paula won 1st in Early Closed. Russ got 2nd in Forward Control. Billy got 2nd in the Specialty Class although his award says “1st” and Howard was awarded second in the Late Closed class. The Coker Tire and Honest Charlie’s Speed Shop tour was fun. Some events were dampened by the rain. As usual, It was a good event.

**Old Business**

**Patches**

Patches were distributed. Those who provided the down payment received additional patches. Every club family member gets one patch free and patches are available for \$5. As Billy made the final payment of \$173 to the vendor, the Club will need to reimburse him after he makes a proper accounting.

**Bob Siemen’s Cars and Parts**

Harold Hartline reported that the red station wagon has a commitment to be bought. People have been by to look at parts and cars. There are a lot of NOS

parts. Wilma says everything will be gone after next weekend.

**By-Laws**

The By-Laws were approved by email vote. Ten people voted by mail and all approved. There were 3 minor changes: two spelling corrections and included Ul-travan as a Corvair model. A motion to approve the By-Laws was made, seconded, and passed.

**New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**Adjourn**

Howard Tutt won the \$22 in the gas money drawing. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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1st Friday	1st Friday Downtown	Broad Street, Gadsden
1st Saturday	Cruise-in	Alabaster
2nd Saturday	Cruise-in	McCalla
3rd Saturday	Cruise-in	Moody
4th Saturday	Cruise-in	Fultondale
8/29	Cars by the Creek	Montevallo
9/4-9/5	Tennessee State Corvair show	Kingsport, TN
9/19	Joint Club Picnic	Indian Springs State Park (South of Atlanta)
9/25-9/27	Great Plains Roundup	Little Rock, Arkansas
10/9-10/10	Vairs at the Fair (early party 10/8)	Warner Robbins, GA
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# Choo Choo Corvair Classic

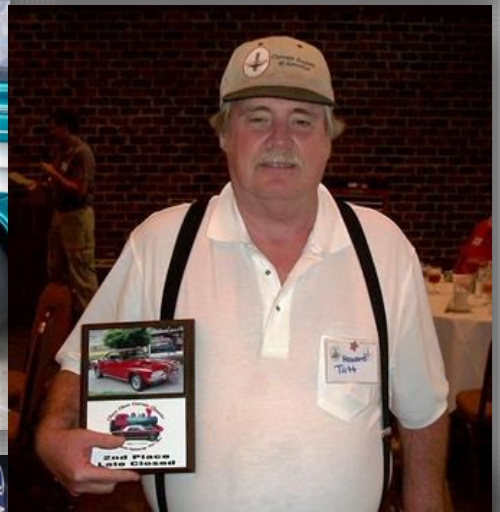
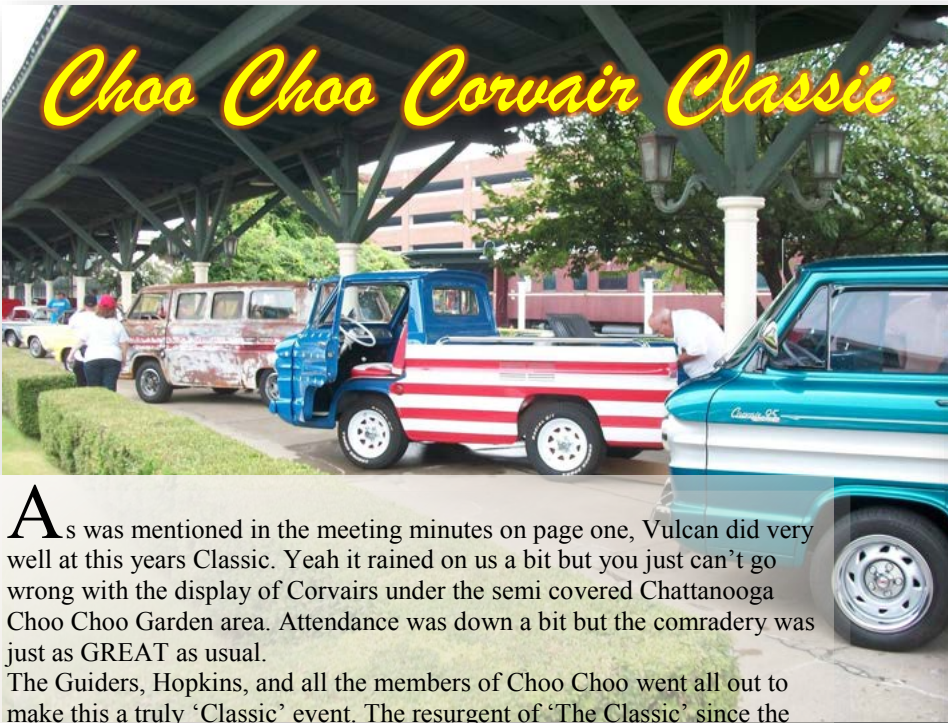
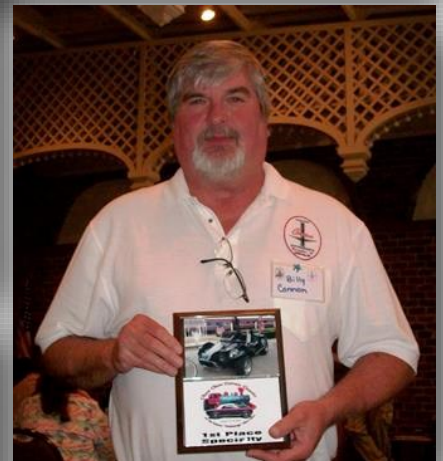
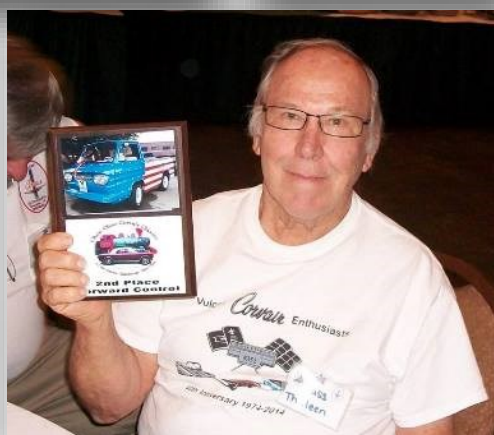
As was mentioned in the meeting minutes on page one, Vulcan did very well at this years Classic. Yeah it rained on us a bit but you just can't go wrong with the display of Corvairs under the semi covered Chattanooga Choo Choo Garden area. Attendance was down a bit but the comradery was just as GREAT as usual.

The Guiders, Hopkins, and all the members of Choo Choo went all out to make this a truly 'Classic' event. The resurgent of 'The Classic' since the late 1980s is now into its third year and is quickly grown into one of the much anticipated and finest of the south east's Corvair events. Attendees were afforded a guided tour of Honest Charlie's Speed Shop and Coker Tire on Friday with the local downtown Market Square live entertainment and motorcycle cruise-in that evening.

After the Saturday night awards banquet everyone enjoyed the drawing for door prizes, 50/50 and Grand Prize tickets. Two of our own ladies walked away with great big smiles. Claudia Tutt won the 42 inch 'Smart TV' and Brenda Cork won the 50/50 prize.

Thank you Choo Choo Club for another great show! We are all looking forward to 2016!

*Photo credits go to Kelley Hopkins & Howard Tutt*





# Emily's Vulcan Corvairs



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Corsa # 352

**L**ong time member, Pete Wood recently married a very talented lady named Emily. I first published some of her photographic skills back in Oil Drop Vol 36 #1. At the last meeting she told me that she was working on some other pictures that the club should see. So here they are.....!





# 2015

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**Part 7 on how to rust proof your late model Corvair** (cont. from Oil Drop Vol. 36 #8)

This session we will look at the rear fender well, it applies to both sides. I've seen a few Corvairs with the lower area below the rear fender rusted through. Looking at the rubber plug, you will see a slot below it to let out any water that accumulates in this area. Normally water sitting in this area is caused by a rear tail light gasket shrunken from age, letting water from a heavy rain into rust out the area, with the accumulated dirt holding the moisture to cause it to rust. The slot can be so small or non existing that any amount of dirt will clog it up. Also when this area is inspected you will probably find 40 years of dirt. First the insulation has to be pulled out and folded back under to free up this gap so it can be washed out with a nozzle on the end of a hose. First the rubber plug needs to be removed. You might have to aid the water with a piece of wire or a screwdriver to help remove the dirt. The pictures show the area with the rubber plug removed and it washed out. The ink pen is for reference to the rubber plug area. Finally the picture shows it painted with white rust enamel paint. White is used so the area would show up well in the pictures. I used a long brush and used enough paint so it flowed out of the hole where the rubber plug goes. Finally the picture shows a slot cut in the rubber plug to aid in the water if any accumulated to run out. The slot in my 65 4 door was almost not present. It was just an indentation in the metal.





*And now... For something completely different ???*



At top is the concept drawing and then the actual car which is owned and built by a fellow down in Tampa Florida.



To the right is one that is similar in looks to a Corvair. The NSU TT 1200cc which produced 68hp. The TTS was 1000cc and gave 82hp. How do I know? Ask Billy Rudolph, he owned one while in the USAF. And still carries a picture in his wallet.



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28th ANNUAL  
**CLAY COUNTY**  
**CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET**

November 1st, 2015 9 am - 4 pm  
Always the first Sunday in November!

**ADMISSION: \$2.00 Under 12 Free**  
**Car Show - Sunday Swap Meet - Sat & Sun**

**CASH PRIZES - \$2500+**  
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Last Year \$ 27,000 was raised and donated to the Shrine Hospital!

**No Pre-registration**  
**No Judging**  
**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 goody bag, dash plaque and registration number.  
Having correct change or completed check will help speed the process.  
**Worked Great Last Year!**

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**Prez Sez!**

I'm sitting here looking at the calendar wondering where September went. I know part of it involved rebuilding the differential for the convertible (more on that in a bit), but the rest is just a blur. I should be in Little Rock for the Great Plains Roundup, but as usual problems at work or issues with the car came up and prevented that from happening. I think it is a positive that I did send my registration in! Vairs at the Fair is coming up fast and I hope we have a good club showing for that. My original plan was to drive the convertible to Macon a week before and pick it up on my way back through, then down to Warner Robins for the weekend. The route was working in Jacksonville, FL, then over to Dothan, AL, back to Macon. However, as usual, somebody else needed something 'right now' so from Dothan I have to go on to Montgomery to fix a computer problem there. With that much driving in five days and ending up that close to home, my own bed will be looking pretty good!

Differential update: I was cleaning up the differential to store it and noticed the yoke seal on the driver's side was pretty badly damaged. That prompted me to take some time and take the thing apart and look around. The bearing on that side was in pretty bad shape, with some enough pieces missing to cause that side to sag. When we were removing the drivetrain there was a lot of oil under the car on that side. I think the bearing failed on the way down to Tuscaloosa and that's how the lubricant got out. If it had been a slow leak I would have seen it in the driveway and at my parking place at work. Anyway, that's my story and I'm sticking with it. There is still no excuse not to get under there and check the lube level once in a while. You can even schedule a reminder on your phone to go off a couple times a year!

Cold weather is coming, so get your car winterized. Remember that with colder weather the air pressure in your tires will go down a little. Check the antifreeze; I have a full bottle in the pantry for those cold winter nights! Take care, and get the Vair out there!

**VCE September Minutes**

These are the minutes from the regular meeting of Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts of September 18, 2015. After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by Vice President, Richard Stolzmann. John Cleveland was unable to attend.

**Participants**

With 12 regular members, a quorum was present. Five Corvairs were driven to the meeting.

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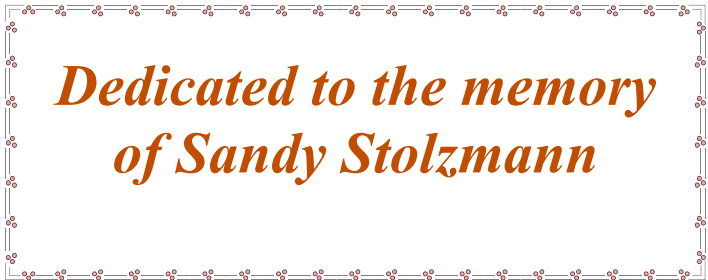
**October 2015**

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 16 October, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center



**Happy Birthday**  
 Phil Hartline - October 8  
 Shawn Cannon - October 9  
 Rozelle Doughty - October 10  
 Debbie Noble - October 14  
 Howard Tutt - October 23

**Happy Anniversary**  
 Pete & Emily Wood - October 17  
 Billy & Judi Cannon - October 30

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### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were read and approved.

### Financials

Balance on hand at the last meeting

8/21/15: \$396.90

Receipts since 8/21/15

Dues \$40.00

Expenditures since 8/21/15

Bank Fee: \$8.00

Annual CORSA chapter fee: \$35.00

Meeting room rent for 4th qtr: \$75.00

Balance on hand as of today: \$318.90

The motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and approved.

### Old Business

#### Patches

More patches were distributed to members that had missed previous meetings. Every club family member gets one patch free and patches are available for \$5. Billy is 'floating' the \$173 paid to the vendor; Once he has recouped his money, further sale of patches will be put in the club account.

#### Bob Siemen's Cars and Parts

Harold Hartline reported that Wilma has made arrangements for the remaining cars and parts to be disposed of.

### New Business

#### Veterans Day Parade

There was a motion for the club to support the Anniston Veterans Day parade on November 11 on a volunteer basis and fly the banner. Seconded and passed by a majority vote.

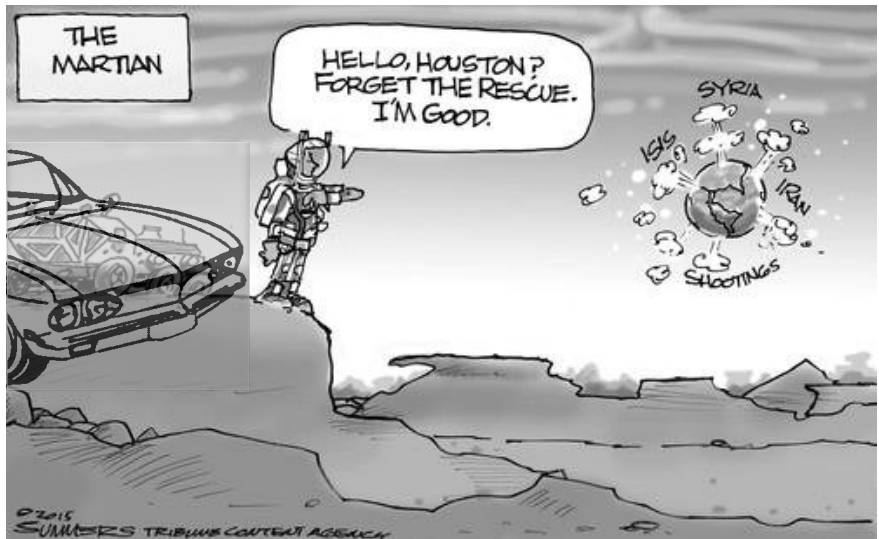
#### Oxfordfest

There was a motion for the club to support the Oxfordfest on October 3 on a volunteer basis and man a food trailer to raise money for the Alabama Veterans State Homes. Seconded and passed by a majority vote.

#### Adjourn

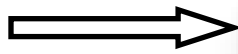
Judi Cannon won the \$22 in the gas money drawing and Bill Sweet won the Chevrolet wall thermometer. Russ Thuleen displayed the variety of lifters available for Corvairs after the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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**C**an you identify the object in the picture below? I will give you a hint.....It was taken at this year's National Convention in Knoxville Tennessee!

*The answer can be found elsewhere in this issue*



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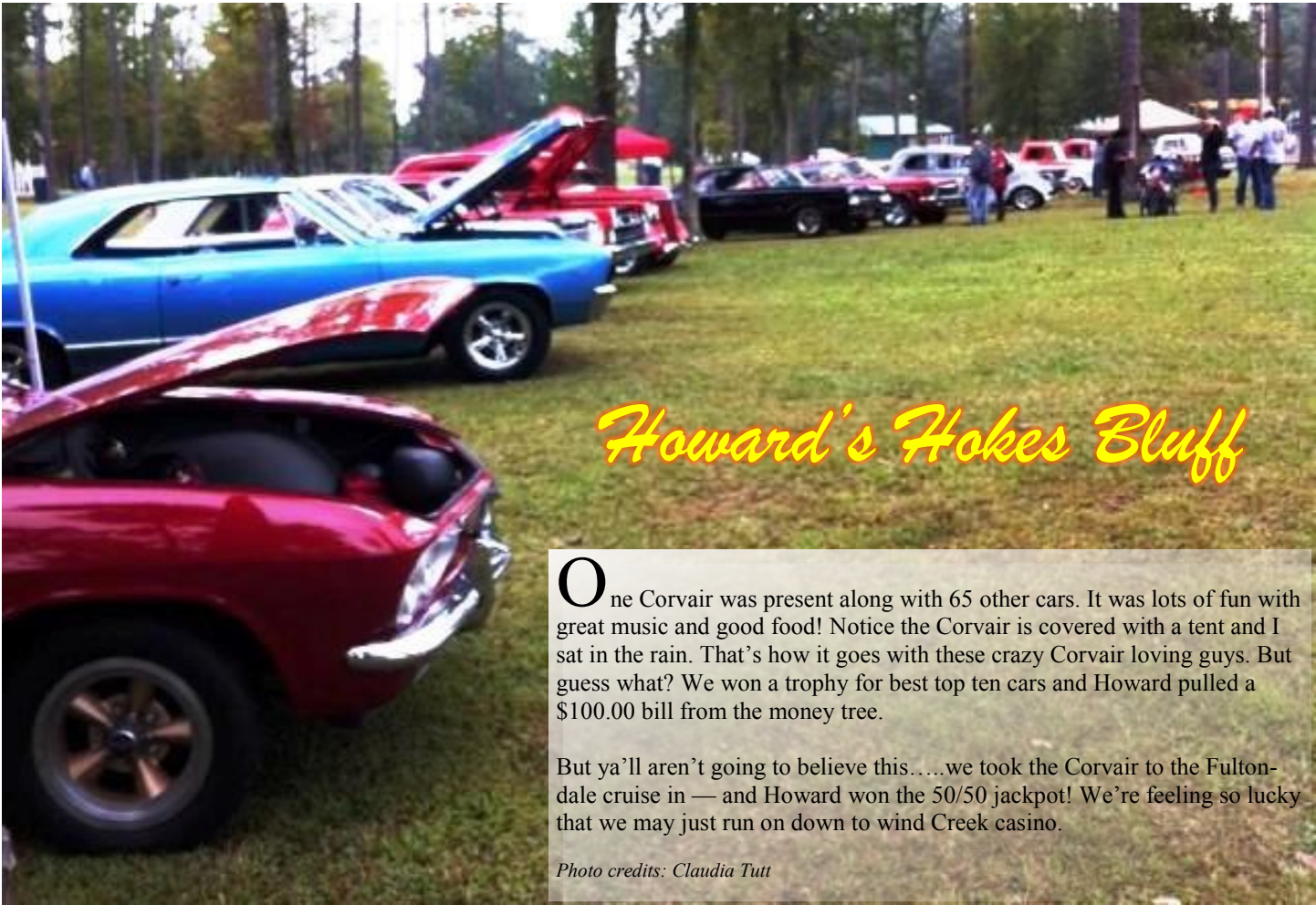
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*Corvair*







# Howard's Hokes Bluff

One Corvair was present along with 65 other cars. It was lots of fun with great music and good food! Notice the Corvair is covered with a tent and I sat in the rain. That's how it goes with these crazy Corvair loving guys. But guess what? We won a trophy for best top ten cars and Howard pulled a \$100.00 bill from the money tree.

But ya'll aren't going to believe this....we took the Corvair to the Fulton-dale cruise in — and Howard won the 50/50 jackpot! We're feeling so lucky that we may just run on down to wind Creek casino.

*Photo credits: Claudia Tutt*







February 2013

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.

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

## 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.**

Work continued on the car as time permitted. After paint, Russ and I moved it from Mark's shop to the building to start reassembly. A new starter was installed so that we could move it again under it's own power. Next was installing the side windows and registers and realignment of the doors. For an appearance mock up for Judi's approval, I temporarily mounted the wheels, laid the carpet and the white upholstery. She decided that the color scheme was good so on to the bumpers, emblems and trim.

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February 2013

The car in Mark Wood's paint shop here in Goodwater. Originally I asked him to paint it Forest Green (See the Dr.'s Orders article)



Mark sanded and smoothed on the car during his spare time while I was still deciding on a color. (Mark also painted my Black Corsa, and Clyde's Red Spyder)

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**!** *s coming along, albeit kinda slow! Most VCE folks know a little of the history of this car. It has been a member of the club for eleven and a half years and is still waiting to hit the road.*

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You will see that the color I decided on was a copy of my Dodge Daytona tow truck, 'GoMango', paint code PPE and white. (Hence the 'Mango Monza' nickname)

Once it was running again we found that the push rod tube seals were leaking pretty bad but while letting it run at idle the A/C belt slipped off and jammed between the pulleys. Russ came to the rescue again and installed new Viton seals for me while I was on the road with work. While reassembling and set up for static valve lash timing, we discovered that the harmonic balancer had suffered catastrophic failure. (Probably a result of the belt jam) The balancer was replaced and now that we could turn the engine, I commenced with the valve lash procedure under Russ's watchful eye. After a little priming, she started up with no leaks but quite noisy with lifter clatter.

As some learned at last month's meeting, it takes quite a bit of periodically running at idle to get the lifters pumped up.

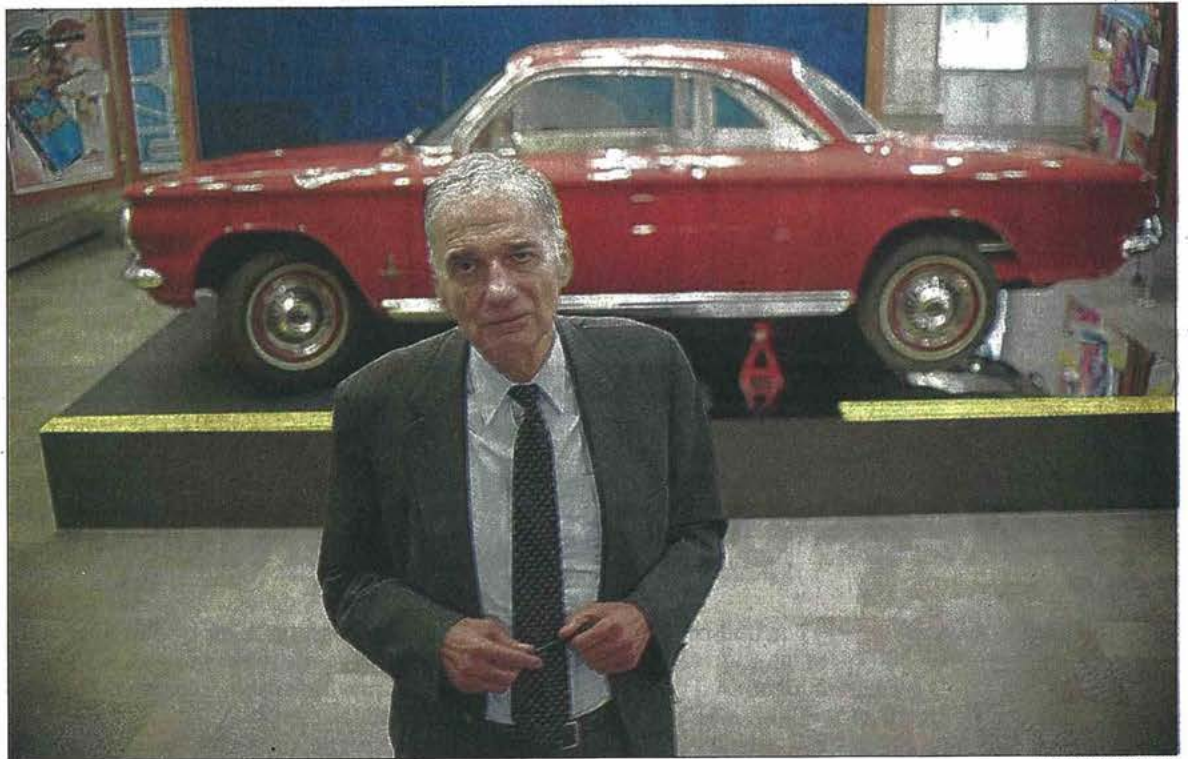
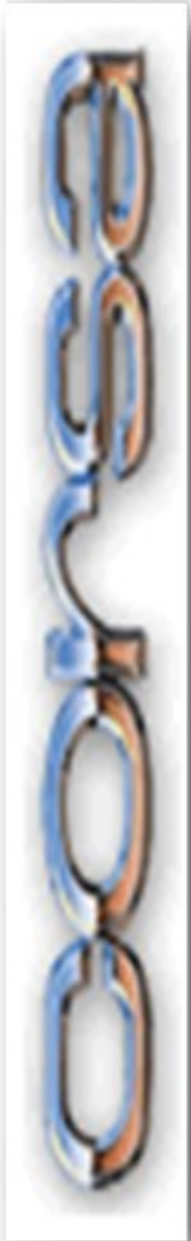
I am happy to report that the little 110hp starts right up and sounds very good.

With the onset of winter weather project time, I plan to get her finished and ready for Corvair Lovers Holiday 2016.

But there is still lots to do...headliner :-), interior, sound, dash, new A/C components and the final steps... windshield and back glass. STAY TUNED..







THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ralph Nader stands in front of a Chevrolet Corvair on Friday in The American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn. The museum, which opens today, has been developed by the consumer advocate and two-time presidential candidate as a kind of ode to the jury system. Nader featured the Corvair in his 1965 book on the auto industry's safety record, "Unsafe at Any Speed."

# Nader to open law museum

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Ralph Nader is the first to say his new museum is not quite like any other.

The American Museum of Tort Law, which opens today, has been developed by the consumer advocate and former presidential candidate as a kind of ode to the power of the law to achieve triumphs over corporate America.

The museum inside a former bank building in Nader's western Connecticut hometown of Winsted tells the story of landmark cases through exhibits and graphic-novel type illustrations.

There's a Chevrolet Corvair — the car featured in his 1965 book on the auto industry's safety record, "Unsafe at Any Speed" — and even a room for children, dedicated to all manner of dangerous toys.

Nader hopes high school students will re-enact famous legal cases and the museum, which so far has raised \$2 million, is pursuing more to support other programs including touring exhibitions around the country.

Nader, 81, spoke in an interview

about the museum as a fulfillment of his longtime vision, its exhibits and why he thinks it appeals to a wide audience:

**Question:** Why was it important to build the museum?

**Answer:** There's only one law museum in the Western Hemisphere, Nader said, and the American Museum of Tort Law is it.

"It's an amazing commentary isn't it? There's supposed to be rule of law? I don't know where the lawyers have been or the judges, but this is a first," he said. "But more important, it relates to almost everybody's daily experience. Who hasn't been in a motor vehicle and watched a crash or been in a crash? Who hasn't taken drugs, medicines? Who hasn't been treated by a doctor or a hospital? Who hasn't had their property damaged wrongfully?"



**Question:** What exhibits are most meaningful for you?

**Answer:** "There's a Corvair in the museum itself with the story of GM and its detectives following me because I was criticizing the Corvair,"

he said. "There are historical cases that students read in law school that broke new ground in the 1800s and 1900s and expanded, for example, the right to claim pain and suffering, compensation for punitive damages."

Nader said some exhibits include questions intended to make people think about how they would have handled certain cases.

"It's encouraging people to think about these cases because the whole system rests on public understanding and usage, and there's very little understanding of jury service duty. A lot of people want to get out of it. It's a great innovation in the world," he said.



**Question:** What kind of audience do you expect?

**Answer:** "Anybody who's interested," he said. "There's even a dangerous toy room. It's for kids because kids have been burned, they've been exploding chemistry sets, they've had little things that they've swallowed. The little eyes of a doll fall out for example. It's serious actually."







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This 1965 Corsa came to my attention while on a business trip in Maryland a few years ago. It's name is 'Stinky'! It was for sale and when I contacted the owner I learned of the nickname and that it was originally from Alabama. Because it was my favorite color and had (almost) every option available, the 'gotta have' meter needle was pegged. Because of an impending winter storm, I was not able to go and see the car but talked at length with the owner who is the son of the doctor that bought it from the Dominey showroom floor down in Ozark, Al.

**D**id ya ever order parts from these guys?  
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The 'ANSWER'!  
 Did you guess it?

He sent the pictures and invoice to remind me of the 'one that got away'. Ed.



**S**cene from Auburn University on January 4, 1964, when Harold Franklin became the first black student to enroll.....!



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**CLAY COUNTY**  
**CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET**

November 1st, 2015 9 am - 4 pm  
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**Worked Great Last Year!**

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



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.

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**From the Editor**

What a whirlwind of activity during this past month of October!

The 1st weekend was spent at the annual Oxfordfest celebration that VCE supported by flying our banner and attempting to raise funds for the Veterans Home Christmas Program. I want to send out another personal Thank You to Howard Tutt for providing the concession food trailer that he designed and built himself. He also donated a lot of time and expertise to the effort and was simply a lot of fun to be around during a wet disappointing day.

Only 5 days later and we were headed to Warner Robbins GA for the 13th 'Vairs at the Fair' where Vulcan made a great presence with 7 of the 30 Corvairs that participated in the parade.

The following Friday was our monthly meeting where another 5 Corvairs were in the parking lot.

A lot of planning and preparation were put into the Clay County Car Show and Swap Meet but Mother Nature just didn't feel cooperative and the resulting rainy weather kept us all indoors this last weekend of October.

A couple of more significant events are coming up concerning parades and a Party. Look out for these upcoming 'vairy happy and fun' events. If not already in the works, get your winter projects going so that we can get MORE VCE Vairs out there!

**VCE September Minutes**

These are the minutes from the regular meeting of Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts of October 16, 2015.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, John Cleveland.

**Participants**

With 12 regular members, a quorum was present. Five Corvairs were driven to the meeting.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes were read and approved.

**Financials**

Balance on hand as of the last meeting 9/18/15: \$318.90

Receipts since 9/18/15

Dues \$20.00

Expenditures since 9/18/15

Bank Fee for September: \$8.00

Balance on hand as of 10/16/15: \$330.90

The motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and approved.

**Old Business**

**Vairs at The Fair Report**

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**November 2015**

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Friday, 20 November, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

**Happy Birthday**  
Joe Doughty - November 8

**Happy Anniversary**  
Al & Paula Hilderbran – November  
Russell & Debbie Noble – November 29



*'Turtle' aka UV #328 with owners Molly & Chris.*

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Several of the members that were in attendance gave a first hand account of the weekend. Of particular note was Howard Tutt's telling of the side excursion that he, Richard Stolzman, and Billy Cannon took to the Air Museum and Local Chevrolet dealership (see article on page 4)

**New Business**

**Clay County Car Show (Lineville)**

There was a suggestion by Russ for the club members attending the show on Sunday, 1 November to meet up at the Jacks Restaurant in Lineville at 7:00 AM. This will allow plenty of time for a little breakfast and preliminary lineup of the Covairs. It is important that we all go into the park at the same time so that we can park together as a club. Following some discussion it was decided to do so by a majority vote.

**2015 VCE Christmas Party**

There was a motion for the club's Christmas Party to be held on December 19th at the Fullness Fellowship meeting place with Everyone bring 'Potluck' for dinner. John was pretty confident that the room would be available but he will confirm. Seconded and passed by a majority vote.

**November meeting cookout**

Billy suggested that for the next meeting we would have a cookout with Hamburgers and Hotdogs. He would do the cooking, and others would bring the other 'fixins. It was agreed by those present to do that.

**'64 convertible club event**

By proxy Harold asked the feasibility of using Robin's car as a club project to perform phases of restoration at different times based on members availability. There was some discussion but was tabled until Harold could attend in person.

**2016 Springfest raffle**

Russ Thuleen has offered a complete running 140 engine to be offered at Helen next April. Billy will advertise with the other clubs.

**Adjourn**

Billy won the Backpack door prize and gave it to Leslie to present to Jessie. Leslie then won \$21 in the gas money drawing. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Date	Event	Place
11/07	Dean's Open House	Box Springs, Ga
11/11	Veterans Day Parade	Downtown Anniston
11/20	VCE Meeting/Cookout	Fullness Christian Center
12/19	VCE Christmas Party	Fullness Christian Center
TBD	Chelsea Christmas Parade	Chelsea, Al
02/26-27/16	Corvair Lovers Holiday	Pensacola, Fl



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If you have not watched 'The Muppet Show' recently, you will note that the character, Fozzie Bear, drives a '63 Spyder in the show. Here are a couple of screen shots. The 30 minute comedy is on ABC Tuesday's 8/7central.

And then at the top of the page there is Gotham, on FOX TV which shows on Monday nights. Russell Noble snapped these while watching a couple of weeks ago. The bad guy arsonists were using a Corvan as their getaway vehicle of choice. The show is set in what looks like the late 70s or early 80s.







This year the caravan to the fair started Thursday morning where Richard Stolzman joined Howard Tutt and met Russ Thuleen on their way down hwy 280. Judi and I waited for them at the Corvair Building in Goodwater. It was music to my ears as the three Corvair engines rumbled in the morning air as they approached. What an unmistakable sound. The plan was to drive into Georgia on Hwy 50 so that we could meet up with Chris and Molly near their home in Pine Mountain. Communication wires got crossed and the caravan was a day early for the Ultravan to join us. We all enjoyed the drive through the countryside however and other than Judi's 'Amelia Bedelia' having some hiccups, we arrived at the hotel in time to hang the banners and get settled for the evening.

On Friday Howard, Richard and I decided to take a cruise down to the Robins Air Museum and show off the 'Late Models'. Howard got a wild hair and thought it would be neat to drive through the local Chevrolet Dealership and show the youngsters what was available on the lot in the mid 60s.

While we had the Chevy salesmen scratching their head, the rest of the Vulcan crew were arriving at the hotel. Ed and Carol drove in with their powder blue convertible and Harold and Louise drove over in Rob-in's gorgeous maroon '65 coupe. Not far behind was Chris and Molly in Ultravan #328.

Friday evening lended an opportunity to go over to the cruise-in at Steak 'n Shake. Some walked and others drove over to again show off the Corvairs.

On Saturday we dodged rain drops in the morning but by parade time it was a wonderful day. VCE folks enjoyed the fair as usual but by the 3 o'clock 'depart the fair' time, we were ready to go.

Saturday night BBQ dinner was provided by Joe Gleaton and his son at his hanger in downtown Warner Robbins. After we over indulged in cooked pork, VCE took home the bacon by winning the majority of the door prizes that were offered by Heart of Georgia. Thanks Guys.

An uneventful caravan home Sunday morning wrapped up the weekend and I, for one, had a GREAT time (as usual).



*"The Crew" at the Steak'nShake cruise-in.*



*Red, White and Blue parked in front of the 'BBQ' Hanger Saturday night.*



*Richard, Howard and I at the Air Museum.*



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**From the Prez**

It was my intent this month to write the definitive article about late model front suspension removal and rebuild. I started off with good intent, taking pictures and notes to assist with the article, but a couple of hours after the removal Russ and I were fighting almost every part we tried to remove and it became clear that it was going to be more of a job than I had expected. There will be some articles to follow in the next couple of months, but they will be more geared to what to expect and some lessons learned. I try to never forget they are old cars and every job can become an adventure; I just don't realize how big an adventure you can get yourself (and friends) in to. The car finally came off the lift after 6 days and was slowly driven home since only an eyeball alignment was done. The alignment came the next day from Estes Tire in Hoover. They did a great job, front and rear for just under \$90 and provided a printout of before and after settings for my records.

Next to alignment shops. The mechanics we are using to align our cars are getting fewer all the time. Like everything else, they are getting older and retiring. I've been using the NAPA shop on Hwy 280 for the last 2 or 3 years. When I took the convertible there last spring the 'seasoned' alignment guy was going to teach his replacement about Corvaire alignment. When they saw what shape my front suspension was in, they refused to do the work (I don't blame them!). Now the gentleman who did the work retired to the parts department and at the end of this month will retire from that. Denise told me she had heard Estes did alignments on old cars, so I thought it would be a good test to take them one that was totally out of whack and see what they could do. While I was checking my car in a guy came in with a 68 Chevy pickup and we struck up a conversation. He told me he had used Estes for years and they did all his tire/suspension work and that he was very pleased with their service. I felt a lot better about what to expect.

If there are any of you that use other shops for Corvaire service work and are satisfied with their service, please share them with the other club members. I think it would be a good idea to get a list together for the club of shops that are familiar with Corvaire so we all have proven places to take our cars.

We have two new members in the last couple of months, Dick Stumb, from Chelsea has expressed interest in joining. He contacted member Russell Noble by email and Russ, Billy and I visited him and his wife and checked out his early model yellow convertible. He hopes to make the Christmas party and join up. Bob Latham joined in November, but was

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**December 2015**

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Saturday, 19 December, 2015

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

**Happy Birthday**

**Carol Keller – December 18**

**John Cleveland - December 20**

**Paula Hilderbran – December**

**Russ Thuleen – December**



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unable to make the November meeting. I hope to get over to his place near Birmingham this month for a visit and to look at his car. I was approached by a gentleman with a '65 Corvair who is considering joining. The conversation started at a stop light when I was taking my car back from Russ' house. We pulled in to a gas station and talked further. He is going to check out our Facebook page and Corsa and let me know.

Remember the Christmas party on December 19 at the church. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and we'll go from there.

Billy should be providing updates as we get closer. The only major change I know about is that Denise and I will provide a ham instead of Harold and Louise. If the weather is nice, try to bring your Vair to the party.

Take care and keep that Vair Out There!!!!!!!!!!!!

John !

**VCE November Minutes**

These are the minutes from the regular meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts of November 20, 2015.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President, John Cleveland.

**Participants**

With 18 regular adult members and 1 youngster, a quorum was present.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes were read and approved.

**Financials**

Treasurer was not present so the financial report was not provided.

**Old Business**

**Anniston Veterans Day Parade**

7 VCE cars participated in the parade. The organizers were very pleased with our entry. Of particular note was Harold Hartline giving a wheel chair bound veteran a ride in the Corvair pickup. Molly and Chris even came over from Georgia. (see article on page 4)

**2016 Springfest raffle**

Springfest directed that half proceeds from the raffle of the motor that Russ Thuleen is donating will go to VCE.

Motion to keep 1/2 of that and donate 1/2 to the Alabama Veterans Home. Seconded and passed .

**New Business**

**Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party is Saturday, 12/19, at Fullness Christian Fellowship, 11am - 3pm. John & Denise will do a ham, Billy & Steve will each do a turkey. The donation at the Christmas party will be made in honor of the recently deceased members. Motion made,

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12/19	VCE Christmas Party	Fullness Christian Center
12/19	Chelsea Christmas Parade	Chelsea, Al
02/26-27/16	Corvair Lovers Holiday	Pensacola, Fl
04/22-23/16	Springfest	Helen, Ga.

seconded, and passed. The charity will be picked at the Christmas party.

**2016 VCE Spring Picnic**

May picnic planning needs to start soon. There was some feedback about the location and date.

Barber race is last weekend in April

Talladega race is 5/1/16.

Mother's Day is 5/8

Target for picnic is 5/14

Members will scout options

**Other Discussion**

Billy Cannon showed some chrome powder coating done by Anniston Powder Coating. There was a discussion of a quilt from Corvair t-shirts.

The membership gave guidance for Steve Daniels to admit people to the Facebook group if they were legitimate requests by people with a Corvair interest even if they had no VCE connection.

We lost 3 members recently: Elsie Pemberton, Jerry Smith, Sandy Stolzmann.

**Door Prizes**

\$26 'Gas Money' won by Carol Keller

Extra mile gift pack won by Howard Tutt.

Differential fluid. Judi Cannon

Torque wrench. Billy Cannon

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:20 PM.



Staging & Preparation for Veterans Parade, Goodwater, Al (See Story pg 3)

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Vulcan has wanted to do a Veterans parade for quite a while. This year three opportunities were offered to us.

The club ultimately decided to participate in the Anniston parade organized by the Calhoun County Veterans Organization (CCVO). As some of you know by now, my other organization is the MG Gerald Watson chapter of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA). The chapter also wanted to participate in the parade so it was destined that VCE & CCRA join forces. The Corvairs provided rides to the Chapter members, a means to fly the national and service flags, and of course, invite other veterans that would like to come along.

As you can see in the pictures, the weather turned out to be absolutely perfect. Chris & Molly were able to drive 'Turkel' over from Pine Mountain, Ga. and we were able to hang both the VCE and CCRA banners on #328's nose and sides. Following (in order of service flag) was US Army veteran, Richard's '65 turbo convertible with the US Army flag and our chapter's namesake, Major General (retired) Gerald Watson.

Harold & Louise drove their '62 Rampy which provided the unique ability to accomodate Eric Trull, a wheelchair bound veteran, and his dad Chuck & fellow CCRA member. In honor of Harold's USMC service, Chuck & Eric's USA service both the Marine Corps and Still Serving US Army Retired flags were flown on the Rampy. Next in, order of service, my wife Judi, driving her '66 Monza Coupe and presenting our US Navy flag. The US Air Force flag is flown next on Howard's car, also a '66 Monza Coupe.

Shorty is a tribute to Russ's uncle who served and died just before the WWII 'Battle of the Bulge'. The red, white, and blue 'ol Glory theme was the hit of the crowd and flew the US Coast Guard colors with US Army vet and chapter member John Clark and his niece. In honor of all POW & MIAs, I flew their flag on the black '66 Monza convertible with chapter member Larry Hilton wearing his Viet Nam era 'field jacket'.

The VCE & CCRA entry was escorted by our own three motorcycle honor guard with MG Watson chapter president and retired US Army Colonel, Mike Lanphere and his wife Toni. Chapter members JC Crenshaw and Richard Hall rode as wingmen.



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Still Serving  
Retired



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*Veterans Parade (cont.)*



USCG



USAF



POW & MIA



Lots of preparation, planning, and coordination go into planning an event like this parade.

The CCVO met once a month prior to the parade for just these purposes.

Our CCRA chapter also met a couple of times for the same reasons. I would like to send out a personal thank you to all those involved. Those that provided the vehicles, the flags, their time, an especially the good ideas.

While we had some hiccups and folks that couldn't make it as planned, the Vulcan crew stepped up to the plate to keep the good image of our beloved Corvairs in the public eye. But better than that, you guys made a lot of veterans proud of the hardship and sacrifice that they endured in the service of their country.

"THE HEARTBEAT OF AMERICA" ....Corvair.

Thanks!

*Billy B. Cannon Jr. MMC (SW) USN (Ret.)*



Left- Chapter officers discuss line-up in parking lot staging area. Amelia Bede ilia proudly flying her NAVY flag.

# SPRINGFEST 2016

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Additional pictures from the parade.

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 Flag and vehicle staging in VCE storage building.  
 MG Watson really appreciated the ride in Richard's convertible.  
 Richard & Russ's convertibles in the staging parking lot.  
 Motorcycle escorts in front of 'Turkle' in final staging.  
 Harold's 'Rampy' with flags blowing in the wind....Awesome sight!

Bottom picture is a 'Blast From The Past'  
 Chelsea Christmas Parade 2012



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VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS 2015 Year In Review



*Chelsea Christmas Parade*



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## FEBRUARY

During our January meeting we discussed the possibility of making a club jigsaw puzzle to add to the 'activity property' like John's Corn Hole Game. Because of copyright laws and limitations, we decided to plan for a photo shoot of club members cars and create our own poster that would also be good for the making of our puzzle. Emily provided some of her creations to the newsletter as examples.

It was a pleasure to have Howard and Claudia Tutt visit with us and asked for membership applications.

Richard continued his tech series on "How to Rustproof your Corvair".

Custom VCE plates were designed and available for club members.

Vulcan Corvair members were invited by Cub Scout Pack 220 to the Pinewood Derby meet and race held at Creek View Elementary School.



## MARCH

As soon as I heard that Bob had passed away I went through all the Oil Drops in the Archive looking for pictures. And then unfortunately and way too soon, we went through the same picture scan for Buck.



Dedicated to the memory of Bob Siemens,  
January 12, 1935 - February 13, 2015  
Buck Hinkel, September 11, 1924 - March 9, 2015







**APRIL**

Once again over 20 members of VCE attended the premier Corvair event of the year. Of particular interest was the fact that Russ drove Buck's '64 Spyder for the first long trip in over 15 years. NO issues with the car and it took 3rd place in Early Open.



**MAY**

The second annual Southeast Corvair Picnic was held once again at Lake Guntersville State Park on Mothers Day weekend. Co-hosted by VCE and Choo Choo clubs, and attended by members of Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia clubs. We also had Corvair owners that attended that were not yet members of a club.

“The Fifth Annual Shelby County College and Career Center Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show was on Saturday, May 2. The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Club of Birmingham and Shelby County attended. The Corvair club has been very supportive over the years to the SCCCC car show.”





## JUNE

Vulcan Corvairs club patches were created and distributed to members. By-laws were reviewed, changed, and implemented. We have our monthly meetings every third Friday and are usually conducted at Fullness Christian Center with an average of 15-18 members. Many thanks to those that contribute some of the greatest food in the south to our potlucks.



The convention this year was held in Knoxville Tenn. and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1965 model year Corvair. Unfortunately this convention took it's toll health wise on a few of our beloved Corvair friends. On a happier

note, Chris and Joshua Rothe attended the Convention in great style! Judging on the smile they had on their faces as they walked by Judi and I at the awards banquet, they had WAY too much fun. Joshua drove in both the Economy Run and the Road Rally in which Chris navigated. Al and Joan Birks also participated in the economy run but unfortunately made a couple of wrong turns and had to turn around twice. But Joan went way above and beyond by working at the convention registration booth and was instrumental in 'calling attention' to VCE during the banquet. The Birks '63 Spyder convertible earned a score of 95.11 in the concours.



## JULY

The club lost two members in this month. Jerry Smith, one of the earliest Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, passed away, as did Elsie Pemberton. And Richard Jenkins, 'Papa J' will be missed by his Corvair family and friends.

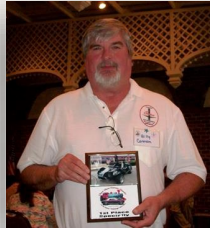
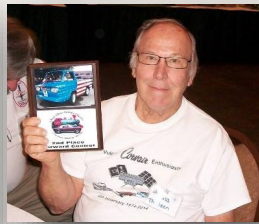
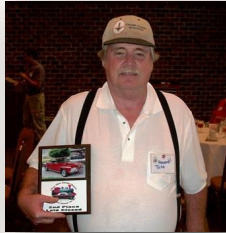
Summer is the time for Cruise-ins. The Alabaster event provides 'open air' cruising with Russ Thulene, Russell Noble, Joshua Rothe and Steve & Sherri Daniels.





August was time for the Choo Choo Classic and Vulcan did very well in 2015. Yeah it rained on us a bit but you just can't go wrong with the display of Corvairs under the semi covered Chattanooga Choo Choo Garden area. Attendance was down a bit but the comradery was just as GREAT as usual.

After the Saturday night awards banquet everyone enjoyed the drawing for door prizes, 50/50 and Grand Prize tickets. Two of our own ladies walked away with great big smiles. Claudia Tutt won the 42 inch 'Smart TV' and Brenda Cork won the 50/50 prize.



Long time member, Pete Wood married a very talented lady named Emily. I first published some of her photographic skills back in Oil Drop Vol 36 #1. She has been working on some other pictures that the club should see. So here are a couple.....!



September proved to be another sad month for VCE as Richard lost his wife Sandy.

*Dedicated to the memory of  
Sandy Stolzmann*

October was a whirlwind of activity month for VCE. The club supported the Veterans Christmas Gift program by raising money by vending at the Calhoun County Oxfordfest. Five days later we were headed to Warner Robbins GA for the 13th 'Vairs at the Fair' where Vulcan made a great presence with 7 of the 30 Corvairs that participated in the parade. A lot of planning and preparation were put into the Clay County Car Show and Swap Meet but Mother Nature just didn't feel cooperate and the resulting rainy weather kept us all indoors the last weekend.





## NOVEMBER

Vulcan Corvairs has wanted to do a Veterans parade for quite a while. 2015 offered three opportunities to us. The club ultimately decided to participate in the Anniston parade organized by the Calhoun County Veterans Organization (CCVO). The Corvairs provided rides, a means to fly the national and service flags, and of course, invite other veterans that would like to come along.



## DECEMBER

Our club president, John Cleveland, sent his 'Prez Sez' and a 'Tech' article to me as I was compiling these few pages. Each will be published in the first issue of Volume 37 of THE OIL DROP that should be out by New Years Day, 2016. Meanwhile here is one of John's paragraphs from his letter.

"Thanks to all for the great turnout at the Christmas party. Great meal with good friends and a lot of Corvair talk made for a good time. Since the election of officers was postponed until January, please make an effort to attend the January meeting. I am not actively seeking reelection as president for 2016 but if no one wants the position I will serve again. Give some thought to holding an office in the club. It's not really time consuming but we do need some guidance from time to time. Keep Richard and the Doughty's in your prayers. Take care and keep the Vair out there!" - John

I will close this year in review issue by stating that I am proud to be a member of the only Corvair club in Alabama. I cherish each and every one of my fellow club members, family and other Corvair lovers, and want to thank you for allowing me to publish this newsletter. I encourage you to continue to promote the education and visibility of our little vehicles any time that you can. Believe me The Future is BRIGHT!

*Billy B. Cannon Jr.*



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