



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 37, No. 1

From the Prez

Hope you all had a great Christmas and stayed at least partially dry. The warm weather has been great, but all the water has really been a hassle. Denise and I went to Ft. Payne on the 23rd and stayed through Christmas. We got there early to babysit the boys while the parents were at work. Really wore us out! Luckily our son didn't have to work Christmas Eve and was on hand to help out. Christmas day was warm with torrential rain. There was widespread flooding in the Ft. Payne area all day. After a late Christmas lunch we headed back to Hoover in hard rain until almost to Springville. We got home just in time to hear the tornado sirens going off! Nothing happened at the house except more rain. Our little 6 inch rain gage was full this morning (Monday 12/28) when I emptied it. We have had about 3.5 inches more today.

Had a chance yesterday to get the Corvaire washed and vacuumed out. Scrubbed the convertible top and got it looking almost white. I also got a lot of the greasy handprints off from the suspension and brake work. With all the improvements it doesn't drive at all like it used to. The steering really tightened up with the suspension rebuild and its good to have all four brakes working again! Check out my photo post on our facebook page for a look at a nasty master cylinder!

Thanks to all for the great turnout at the Christmas party. Great meal with good friends and a lot of Corvaire 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 !

VCE November Minutes

These are the minutes from the abbreviated meeting/Christmas Party of Vulcan Corvaire Enthusiasts on December 19, 2015. After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 12:54 PM by President, John Cleveland.

Participants

With 27 regular adult members and 2 youngsters, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of November 20th meeting were distributed via the newsletter.

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January 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 15 January, 2016

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

Happy Birthday

Denise Cleveland - January 2

Wilma Siemans - January 27



VCE Christmas Party: (Above) The serving line. (Below) Steve is entertaining!



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Financials

Financial Report was not given with Joe Doughty's absence, we decided to defer 2016 dues collection to next month.

Old Business

Southeast Corvairs May 14th 2016 Picnic/Event

Howard Tutt gave a presentation on Barber Motorsports Park as a site. There is shopping available. There's a pavilion in Moody available for free. There are 3 motels in the immediate vicinity. Some have meeting rooms. All have breakfast included. Rates were between \$78 and \$110. We could do hot laps at Barber for \$15 per car with a minimum of 20 cars. We'd do this between 11-12 or 12-1. Registration price for this EVENT would be roughly \$50/person.

Clyde Cork researched Camp Sumatonga as a possible site for a PICNIC. It is \$150 for the day.

Motion made to poll the other clubs about this as an event or picnic was made, seconded, and passed.

New Business

Carol Keller moved we give to Children's of Alabama as a memorial gift. It was seconded and passed. The amount was \$218 at the time of the meeting.

Other Discussion

Richard Stolzmann was admitted to the hospital last night with internal bleeding. He said "See you next year!"

(Update..Richard had an attack of diverticulitis and is now home and ok.)

Joe Doughty is at the emergency room. He's had some pain the last few days.

(Update..Harold Hartline talked with Rozelle. She reported that Joe has cancer on his brain and a spot close to a kidney. They're going to start chemo but the Hartlines didn't know when.)

Wilma Siemens is also having some health issues.

Al Birks noted that current issue of Autoweek magazine had an article on the Corvair this week. (See Article on page 3)

Erica Cork was recognized for having the best car in Hayden HS junior class.

Election of Officers:

Due to absences, John Cleveland solicited a motion to defer election of officers to next month. That motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Door Prizes

Votive candles - Howard Tutt

Vulcan license plate - Leslie Thuleen

Corvair die cast model - Brian Cork

\$45 Gas money - Vicky Bolton

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 1:35 PM.

Date	Event	Place
1/15	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
2/26-27	Corvair Lovers Holiday	Days Inn Pensacola Beachfront, FL
4/22-23	Springfest	Helen, GA
7/12-16	CORSA Convention	Springfield, IL



VCE Christmas Party: Getting down to business with food from the best cooks in Alabama!



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



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[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)

Chevrolet Corvair; Economy, excitement, extinction....

DECEMBER 24, 2015 (reprint of the article written by Mike Bumbeck)



A Sidewinder rocket engine is one way to test stability

MOSTLY UNEARNED REPUTATION STOLE THE CHEVROLET CORVAIR'S PROMISE

In 1960 America, “compact car” meant a full-size car shrunk to fit on a 100-inch (or so) wheelbase. The 1960 Ford Falcon and slightly more revolutionary 1960 Plymouth Valiant, for example, both tucked the engine up front with a solid rear axle driving the rear wheels—just like their full-size Fairlane and Dodge Dart big brothers (yes, the Dart was a full-size car in 1960).

The Chevrolet Corvair was something else entirely. Hitting the road in 1959 as a 1960 model, the Corvair represented a sharp departure from domestic-automaker convention: An 80-hp, air-cooled aluminum flat-six engine ran behind a transaxle, way in the back, and the

car featured unit-body construction and swing-axle rear suspension.

The Corvair was the future, or at least it looked a lot like the future.

As “compact” was synonymous with “thrifty” in 1960, Chevrolet did a lot with a little. Cost for a two-door Corvair was about \$2,000 in '60 (which adds up to a little over \$16,000, adjusted for 2015 dollars), putting the Corvair then, as now, into economy-car territory.

Chevrolet opted for a rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive design to, in part, remove the intrusion created by the transmission tunnel in a conventional front-engine/rear-drive car (something the industry’s adoption of the front-engine, front-wheel-drive configuration would also solve), and Corvair’s versatile architecture was soon spun into a coupe, sedan, wagon and even van. Sure, cost factors—along with the gnashing of accounting and engineering—resulted in a car that could have been better, but the Corvair drove into the world as it was. And at the time, it seemed to have a long, successful road ahead of it; production numbers topped 250,000 in '60.

Except for one little thing: The Corvair, like any rear-engine car, could, in fact, oversteer enough to get a driver not familiar with rear-engine driving dynamics in some rear-first trouble. Combine unexpected oversteer with a swing-axle independent rear suspension, and things could get ... surprising.

A factory recommendation of 15 psi front, 26 psi rear tire pressure was issued, but tire pressure warnings, as they so often do, went unheeded. An unfortunate lack of a standard front sway bar—economy-car cost-cutting, naturally—didn’t help matters. And accidents happened.

Yet the public didn’t seem to mind—at first. Production neared 340,000 in 1961 and 1962, and remained relatively strong beyond that as Chevrolet continued to refine the Corvair and shuffle the model range.

The Corvair was not conceived as a particularly sporty car; four-door Corvairs were the first off the line in 1960, followed by the two-door club coupe. The majority of 1960 cars were equipped with the optional two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission. But the introduction of the Falcon/Valiant-analogous Chevy II economy car in 1962 gave the Corvair room to move toward performance—a direction it was already drifting toward with the successful debut of the Corvair Monza concept at the 1960 Chicago Auto Show.

And so what was launched as a versatile and economic platform for a new kind of economy car began to embody something different.



'64 Monza Spyder

This almost unintentional sportiness resulted in a more sorted Corvair suspension. A regular production option package with antiroll bar, stiffer springs and swing-axle travel limiters arrived in 1962. This became standard in 1964, along with a transverse rear-suspension camber compensator. Perhaps tellingly, a handling-improving camber compensator had been available via the aftermarket from 1960; aftermarket parts-giant EMPI likely foresaw the demand for this kit after manufacturing a similar setup for its sport-oriented customer base of Volkswagen drivers.

The sad end for the Corvair station wagon came in 1963, while the sport-packaged Corvairs continued to rise. But model-year improve-



1962 Covair 700 Series Station Wagon

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ments were more or less evolutionary until a major redesign for the 1965 model year—which came not long before the Nov. 30, 1965 release of a book, “Unsafe at Any Speed,” that notoriously called out the car by name. The first chapter of self-styled consumer advocate Ralph Nader’s text, titled “The Sporty Corvair—The One-Car Accident,” stated, in part, that the car was a public tragedy resulting from the supposedly secret world of automotive engineering. But was the unsafe, widowmaker reputation of the Corvair wholly deserved? No—or at least, not entirely. For one, any early ‘60s American compact car shared economy-class road dynamics with the early Corvair. Nothing from the Big Three in 1960 that was both compact and economical was built to travel nimbly at any great velocity; in 1972, a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study found that the Chevrolet was on par with its economy contemporaries in the handling department.

(This was as much an indictment of the era’s cars as it was an acquittal of the Corvair: With four-wheel drum brakes, bias ply tires and thrift-spec suspension damping, early 1960s compact-car handling could be described as downright frightening compared to even the most beat-up, last-pick, mismatched-tire economy-class car left standing in a modern airport rental-car-fleet pickup lot.) Moreover, economy-oriented imports—to say nothing of the Porsche 356—shared the Corvair’s initial rear-engine, swing-axle configuration, and along with it, the same oversteer and fold-over potential.

Having experienced a swing-axle, rear-wheel fold-over behind the wheel of a Volkswagen Beetle shortly after getting a driver’s license, this writer can attest that the experience is a bit crazy—but certainly not isolated to the Corvair.

It’s true that swing-axle rear suspension-equipped import cars earned reputations as widowmakers for the same reasons as the Corvair—we’re looking in your direction, Renault Dauphine—but never to the extent of the much-maligned Chevrolet.

The VW Bug’s shortcomings (suspension and handling being just two of them) are even seen as endearing through the lens of nostalgia!

Tragically, and ironically, the Corvair’s greatest opportunity to turn a metaphorical corner (and to turn real-life corners safely and confidently) arrived just as Nader’s book debuted. A new-for-1965 redesign brought crisp, almost Italian styling to the Corvair formula, while the Corsa’s optional turbocharged—turbocharged!—engine now boasted peak output of 180 hp. A quad-car-bureted naturally aspirated version of the flat-six, meanwhile, was rated for 140 hp. The contentious swing-axle? Gone, in favor of a fully independent design.

Yet the fallout from bad press and muckraking lingered, and the Corvair’s reputation as an ill-handler stuck despite marked advancements. The Corvair offered more style, performance, refinement and, arguably, safety than ever before, but it was too late.



The storm created by the press, performance-oriented competition from the new Ford Mustang and internal corporate friction, combined with a brand battle with the far more conventional Camaro, was too powerful for even the well-equipped Corvair to survive. Sales crumbled: under 110,000 cars in 1966, barely over 27,000 in 1967, around 15,000 in 1968 and just 6,000 in 1969.

The Corvair evolved for nearly a decade, taking a few surprising turns along the way, as what may not have started life as a sporting machine grew into one. In an alternate timeline, Chevrolet might have continued to develop the Corvair, perhaps as its own brand un-

der the GM corporate umbrella, but orthodoxy combined with increasing production costs and public perception caused the demise of the Corvair more than any danger inherent in its design.

The last of the Corvairs were sold as 1969 models with a \$150 incentive toward any Chevrolet purchased before 1974—by which time, we imagine, there were at least a few freshly minted Vega owners wishing they could have had a brand-new Corvair to drive home in.

Late Model Front Suspension Removal by: John Cleveland

I'd recommend a lift, but this can be done with jack stands. If using jack stands the car will need to be high enough off the ground to allow the front cross member, springs and shocks, hubs and backing plates to be removed from under the car. To get the suspension out a garage jack (wheeled) can be used if the car is high enough, or a dolly of some kind can be fabricated and the suspension lowered on to it. Remember, safety first!

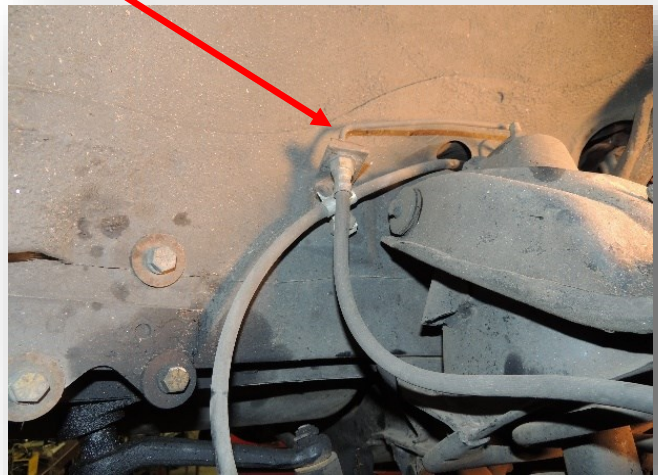
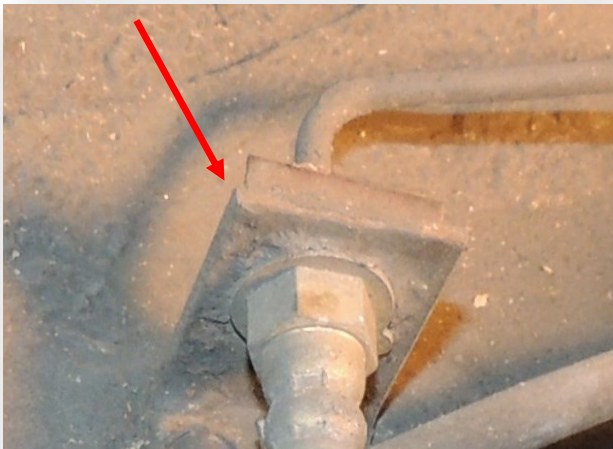
Get some good flare nut wrenches. I would recommend Craftsman or Snap On. You don't need a whole set to work on a Corvair, but a 5 piece set of Craftsman is just \$35 while a 6 piece set of Snap On will run you about \$200. Either set will be high enough quality you'll pass them down to several generations of Corvair mechanics. The two you'll use most is the 3/8 – 7/16 and the 1/2 - 9/16. No Corvair tool box should be without at least these two sizes. If your brake lines are in good shape, a good wrench won't round the nuts and you'll have a better chance of getting them off. Worst case is a pair of Vise Grips. If this is the case I am preparing an article on replacing brake lines; guess why!

I'm not going to go in to rebuilding a front suspension for the simple fact that after we got my suspension out and on the bench I realized I was totally out of my comfort zone. If you haven't don't this before, get someone to help. Removing the thing is the easy part and some of the steps, such as removing and installing the springs, can be downright dangerous. If you're not in a hurry to get this done, start looking around for a good used suspension that can be disassembled, blasted and rebuilt. This allows time to do the job and at the end, just take the old one out and put the new one in. Prices and quality vary widely, so take some time and look around. Sometimes you can trade your old one for their old one. Again, get some help if you're not sure what to look for. Also, you'll possibly need every tool known to man and it takes time to run some of those tools down. Severely rusted bolts may need a cutting torch to persuade them to come off and access to a press will be needed to remove and install bushings.

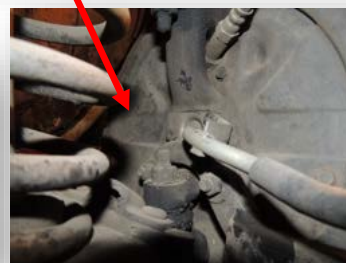
Whether you use your existing suspension or a different one, before the job starts clean up bolts and nuts and begin soaking them with penetrating oil to help loosen up the rust. Take a good look at it to determine what replacement parts you might need. All the bushings, tie rod ends, shocks and ball joints for sure, but look at things like the springs, upper control A Arm shaft and tie rod sleeves. My sleeves had been mauled by a pipe wrench and one of them actually had a twist in it! I opted for new ones with new clamps. The front suspension takes a pretty good beating over its lifetime and things can crack or bend. Get new bolts whenever possible. Grade 8 bolts are readily available and some shopping around can get you some pretty good prices. Tractor Supply sells grade 8 bolts and nuts by the pound which can really save you some bucks.

Good luck!

1. After the car is raised and secure, remove the front wheels.
2. Loosen and remove the front brake lines from the brake hoses on both sides of the car (photo at right). Have a rag handy to catch brake fluid.
Remove the clip that holds the brake hoses to the brackets (photo below).



3. Remove the speedometer cable from the driver's side backing plate.



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4. Remove the pitman arm from the steering box. You may need to drive a wedge in to get it loose.
5. On the passenger side remove the two bolts holding the idler arm to the frame.

At this point the suspension is ready to be removed from the car. The last step involves removing the 6 bolts, 3 on each side, that hold the cross member to the body. The photo at left shows the location of the bolts from the top of a suspension that has been removed.

OR



You can continue to disassemble the suspension by removing the stabilizer bar and steering linkages. This will make the final cross member removal easier.

All:

Just read the Oil Drop that Billy Cannon emailed this afternoon and wanted to endorse Estes Tires in Hoover as a go to place for tires, alignments, and general auto work. I have been a customer of Richard and Jerald Estes (the owners) for over 35 years and will attest to their workmanship, customer service, and friendliness. Every time I take one of my vehicles in for service, I am greeted by my name and just made to feel at home. And, over the decades, they have helped me with all sorts of mechanical/tire issues with over a dozen vehicles. Richard's son, also named Richard, now basically runs this store as both Richard Sr and Jerald are moving up in years.

FWIW

Joe Popinski



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The Detroit Area Corvair Club 2015 Homecoming Top 25



Best Of Show
'61 Rampside
Joe & Elsie Slagle
London, OH



2016 Corvair Calendar



'65 Monza
Craig Balow
Detroit, MI



'60 700 Sedan
Stuart Shuster
Birmingham, MI



January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 New Year's Day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	26	27	28	29	30
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The Detroit Area Corvair Club has put out a calendar again this year.

If you mail them a check here's the information:

John Allesee

DACC Calendar

PO Box 549

Saline, MI 48176-3549

Cost is \$15 plus \$2 shipping and handling. Make checks payable to John Allesee.

If you want to do it on line:

www.allesee.com/calendar

Click on the 'add to cart' button. You can use PayPal or a credit card.

CLASSIFIEDS

1961 Corvair 47,000 actual miles. Engine has been disassembled to replace all gaskets and seals. Body-VG. No rust-outs. Interior-VG. Includes 2 complete parts cars and many NEW and USED parts. \$4,000. Talladega, AL (205) 266-7675

Russ and I dropped by and talked with William and took these pictures. He wants them to go to someone that cares. (Price Negotiable)

He has the p'work to prove the mileage on this car.

A unique example...the original owner only wanted ONE option and she chose the PG.



This listing is also in the communique.

CORSA is now on [Facebook](#)

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For Sale: 1964 Monza Coupe. PG but no engine.

Body is straight with surface rust.

Drivers floor board will need to be repaired, otherwise solid. All glass is good,

Interior is gone. \$500 OBO

Email for pictures or call 256-839-1905

gtochief@gmail.com

For Sale: Corvair parts, many new in package. Various wiring harnesses, assorted boots and grommets, Shift tube bushings (plastic and bronze), front door switches, tie rod end seals, air cleaner J bolts and much more.

Email for a listing

monzajohn@charter.net

Half off vendor pricing.



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

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

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From the Prez

I'm writing this after a trip to beautiful, sunny southern California. Even though it is a work trip, I love going out there because I get an all-expense paid trip to see my grandkids. It's also fun to watch the local news to see what kind of stuff those wacky CA politicians are dreaming up.

The latest is a pilot program the state is implementing to see if they can generate more revenue by taxing miles driven instead of gasoline. Their current tax of over 40 cents/gallon is one of the highest in the nation and over twice the state tax rate of Alabama. They also have the greatest restrictions on air quality and increased gas mileage requirement, both of which drive down gasoline usage. It will be interesting to see if they actually get rid of the gas tax if the new program is implemented. It's rare to see a tax repealed.

Preparations for the 2016 show season are underway. You all have received information on the Corvair Lover's Holiday and Springfest and there will be more information on other shows soon. We are also in the planning stages for the Spring Picnic, so stay tuned for more on that and ways you can help us make it another great event.

Also, note in the newsletters the contact information for your 2016 officers and the address to send your dues if you can't make it to many meetings. Some of you are pretty 'far out' and it's difficult to make it a lot of time.

Thanks to everyone who made it to the Cub Scout pinewood derby show down by Alabaster. The last couple of years it has been an almost all Corvair show. This year Corvairs were the best represented, but there were quite a nice looking water pumpers there also. Looks like this show might finally be taking off.

Take care, and keep that Vair out there!

John

VCE November Minutes

These are the minutes from the meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts on January 15, 2016.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President, John Cleveland.

Participants

With 16 regular members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were distributed via the newsletter.

February 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 19 February, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

Happy Birthday

Louise Hartline – February 23

Financials

The amounts indicated at the bottom of this page do not include dues collected during this meeting. The motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed. Please note: "Dues are due." Please contact the treasurer for arrangements.

Announcements

See the Events section on the right.

Notes on Pensacola:

- Most of the membership is going
- There will be a drawing for a Corvair convertible, proceeds go to the Boy's & Girl's Club

Notes on Springfest:

- Chances on the engine will be \$10/ea., 6 for \$50, and 12 for \$100. VCE will receive 1/2 of the proceeds. There is considerable excitement on the raffle.
- Clark's is buying cores (See info in this issue) Maggie Valley in 2017 (not this year) will be re-scheduled so that it doesn't conflict with Vairs at the Fair.

Old Business

Southeast Corvairs May 14th 2016 Picnic/Event
 Sites under consideration are Barber Motorsport's

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Item	Date	Amount	Total
Balance on hand	12/31/15		\$231.90
Receipts since 12/31/15			
Dues		\$0.00	
Donations at Christmas Party		\$258.00	\$258.00
Expenditures since 12/31/15			
Donations at Christmas Party		\$258.00	-\$258.00
Balance On Hand	1/15/16		\$231.90
Unpaid, Committed Bills			
January Bank Fees	1/1/16	\$8.00	-\$8.00
Available, Uncommitted, Funds	1/15/18		\$223.90

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Park/Moody Picnic Pavilion and Camp Sumatanga in Gallant, AL (outside of Gadsden). Clyde is going to check on availability for Camp Sumatanga. Billy has received no feedback from the other clubs after soliciting their input.

The decision was that Billy, Clyde, and Howard would put together the program. The desire is to do something larger next year with more time available for planning and coordination. Motion made, seconded, and passed to book the facility at Camp Sumatanga for 5/14, pending its availability, and to authorize the treasurer to expend the funds for it now.

Donation

The club collected \$258 from it's membership and donated it to Children's Hospital in memory of our recently deceased members.

New Business

See the notes about Springfest in the announcements section.

Membership

Al Birks sent a message about membership. He had several ideas about getting new members. He told the story of 2 Corvair clubs (neither VCE). One had older members and offered little technical support. The other had younger members and offered lots of technical support. One had the same officers every year. The other had changing leadership. One is still in place. The other folded.

Al suggested rotating meeting locations. It was thought that may not be very practical due to how widely dispersed our membership is. On the whole Al's thoughts were well received.

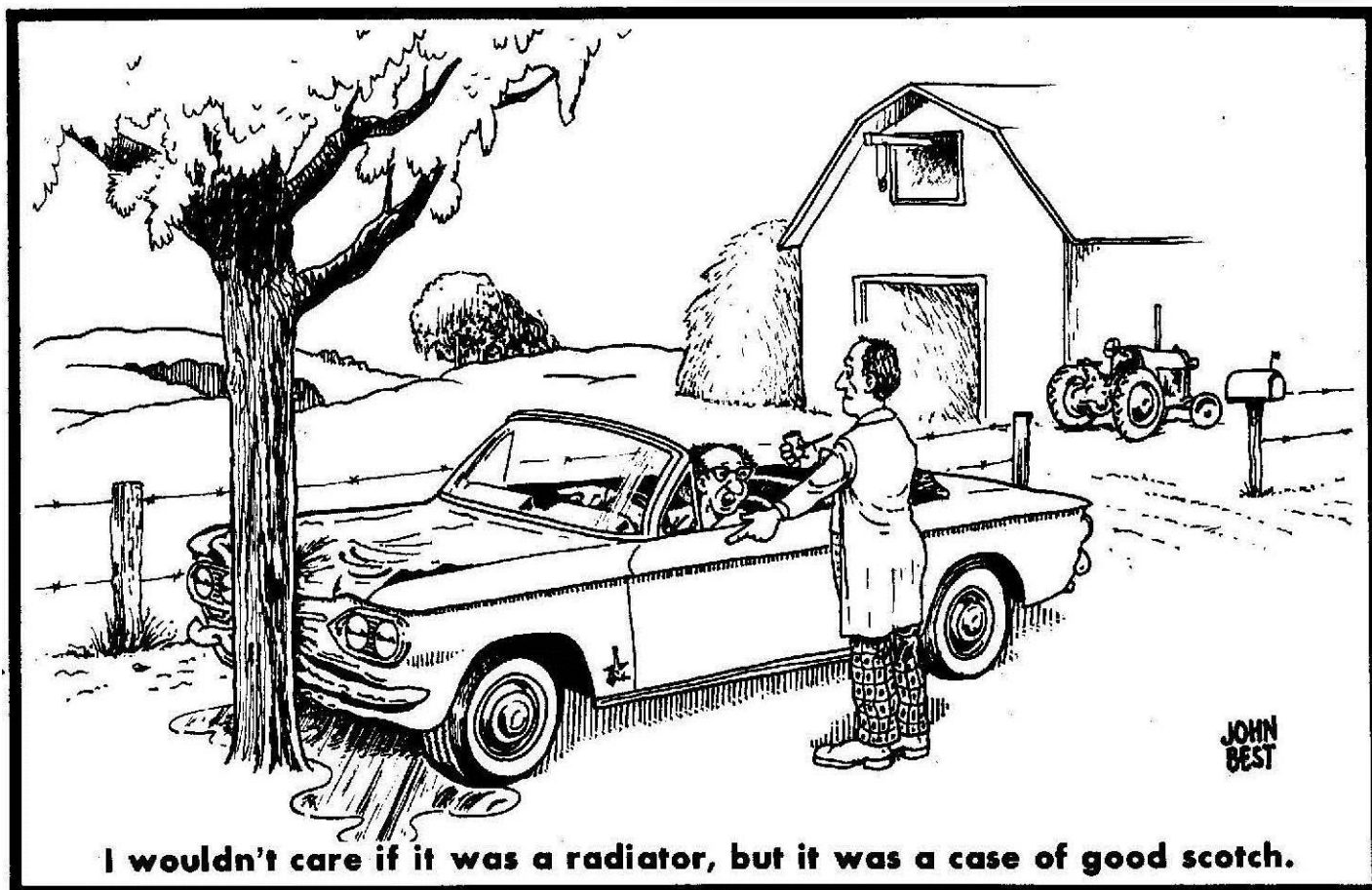
Door Prizes

Clyde won the \$21 Gas money.

Adjourn

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

Date	Event	Location
2/19	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
2/26-27	Corvair Lovers Holiday	Days Inn Pensacola Beachfront, FL
4/22-23	Springfest	Helen, GA
5/14	Southeast Corvair Picnic	Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL
7/12-16	CORSA Convention	Springfield, IL
8/12-13	Choo Choo Classic	Chattanooga, TN

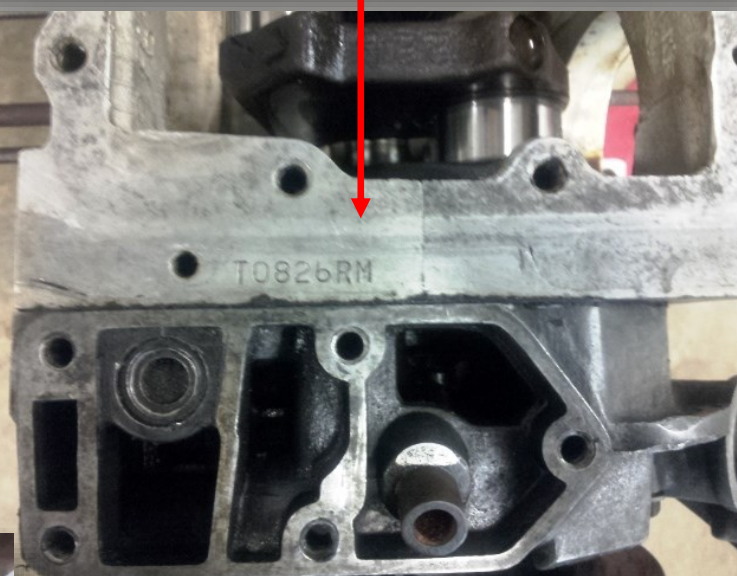


Win This Engine

RUSS THULEEN'S 140 ENGINE BUILD

Everyone knows that Russ is probably the most knowledgeable and talented Corvair Mechanic in the Southeast. Well, he happens to be very generous as well.

The Chevrolet Corvair quad-car-bureted naturally aspirated version of the flat-six was rated for 140 hp. Russ thought that the RM block (RM 6-164 with Manual Transmission, Special High Performance Engine used in 1965-67 cars) hanging around his shop needed to be built and DONATED to the Corvair community. So he set about getting the parts he needed and a build plan. Like the RM block, some of the rebuild parts (Gaskets, seals, etc.) were already in his stash. The 140 heads were transported all the way over to Georgia for a full rework. While there the valves were ground and refurbished. New valve seals were installed and the seats were properly 'peened'. But not all of the parts were available so a call to Clark's was in order. Upon receipt, Russ's labor hours continued to mount



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as he pushed towards his goal of having it running by 1 February. All along his idea was to graciously offer the engine as a raffle item at Springfest 2016, the perfect event for someone to draw the lucky winning ticket.

Well, the engine was fired up this past weekend and runs very



Standard Pistons and rings.



New valve springs and rockers.

well, sounds good and has plenty of oil pressure. We plan to have it loaded in the bed of my Rampside with everything attached and hooked up so that it can be fired up at a moments notice or occasion while at Helen. After the engine has been properly demonstrated, the lucky person or party that wins it will have to make their own arrangements to get her home.

When you next see or talk to Russ, please give him a clap on the back for another job well done for the betterment of our club and the Corvair community as a whole.



Refurbished valves with new seals installed



New fan bearing. Jugs have been polished and cross hatched.



Alternator here is used for start up. A brand new one will be installed.



Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Car Show

John mentioned in his article on page one that finally the car show may be catching on at the elementary school. Not only did we have other show cars join us this year, but the weather was an improvement from the last couple of times that the Corvair faithful attended. Unfortunately by this writing, none of the promised pictures by the Cub Scout leaders arrived. So here are the ones that I took. Thanks go to Howard for joining us this year with his Monza coupe.



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The Picnic committee is pleased to announce that plans are moving along nicely. Clyde has reserved the pavilion so we are a go for May 14th. We will start the festivities midmorning with thoughts that 2:00 should be the latest we eat as most diabetics must maintain a rigid eat schedule. We believe 30 - 45 minutes for the slow drag and maybe 45 minutes to an hour for the poker run. Al and Paula Hilderbran have agreed to coordinate the slo drag event and will bring all materials to properly conduct it. The Poker run will require a \$5.00 registration fee for all entrants. We plan to give every one a raffle ticket with registration and sell tickets 12 for \$10 , 6 /\$5 or \$1 each during the meal and award the poker money also. Thoughts from the committee is that if we officially start at 10:00AM, do the drag at 11:00 followed by the poker run, entrants would be back near 1:00 PM.

Now that when, how and ?why? Are answered, we will continue to plan for food, drinks and our usual picnic items to take care of along with solicitations for raffle items and ideas. Picnic discussions will continue at each regular VCE club meeting until the event.

Flyers will be distributed through our normal channels and will be available at the Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola and again during Springfest in Helen. Advertising in the Communique and the online forums will be taken care of this week so that maximum visibility can be achieved.

To encourage and promote our social media presence, we will ask interested folks to “friend us on Facebook, reply to the Event on May 14th and receive an extra raffle ticket for the drawing!”

The committee is open for any suggestions and comments from all VCE members. Please contact us at the following:

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Also during our visit I came across this drawing hanging in the 'Corvair Room'. The license plate has the iconic 'What Would Jesus Do (WWJD)' acronym but I was informed that it also means "What would James Do". I do not remember getting a straight answer on who is depicted in the passenger seat.



Springfest 2016 shirts are available NOW. Contact Lillian Law on ways to get them before April.

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From the Prez

I'd like to thank everyone who made it to Joe Dougherty's funeral last Sunday. It was evident by the number of members attending how much Joe meant to the club over the years. We will be hard pressed to find as thorough a treasurer.

The new treasurer for the club for the remainder of 2016 will be Russ Thuleen. Be sure to thank Russ for allowing us to railroad him into the position! Also, all of you be prepared to step up next year for the treasurer's spot, or any other office.

Pensacola is behind us and it looked like a good time was going to be had. The weather was certainly co-operative.

Denise and I didn't stick around, arriving Thursday afternoon and leaving late Friday afternoon. The motel had water problems which ended up affecting us directly. After being moved in to three different rooms on Friday and ending up in a room with no water pressure, I'd had enough. The high stress turn-around work I did in S. Carolina on Tuesday and Wednesday; the 300+ mile trip from S. Carolina back to Birmingham on Wednesday night and the 200 some mile trip Thursday morning down to Pensacola I was looking for some relaxation, and it just wasn't happening.

The second room we were moved to busted a water pipe while we were out. The motel staff was great and went the extra mile for us, but on arrival at the third room and having to fill the toilet with the ice bucket, gathering drips from the tub faucet (30 minutes), we checked out and went home.

I did get a chance to look in to what's going on with my convertible Saturday and Sunday. A compression check netted good results, which was a relief. I replaced all the vacuum lines and put new gaskets in

March 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 18 March, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center



Joe and his beloved ALABAMA cap at last years Southeast Corvaire Picnic.

Date	Event	Location
3/18	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
4/22-23	Springfest	Helen, GA
5/14	Southeast Corvaire Picnic	Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL
7/12-16	CORSA Convention	Springfield, IL
8/12-13	Choo Choo Classic	Chattanooga, TN

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one of the primaries which had started leaking internally again. The test drive resulted in no back firing, stalling or idle problems, so maybe I have it fixed. The next few days will tell.

Remember, keep that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John

Item	Date	Amount	Total
Balance on Hand	1/15/16		\$231.90
Receipts since 1/15/16			
Dues	1/20/16	\$260.00	\$260.00
Expenditures since 1/15/16			
January Bank Fees	1/25/16	\$8.00	-\$8.00
Balance On Hand	2/19/16		\$483.90
Unpaid, Committed Bills			
February Bank Fees	2/25/16	\$8.00	-\$8.00
Available, Uncommitted, Funds	2/19/16		\$475.90

The payment to Fullness Christian Fellowship for \$75.00 for the 1Q2016 room rental was inadvertently left out of last month's meeting notes. It was paid on 1/4/16.

The \$20 in dues collected 2/19 from new member Danny Robertson were not in this report.

Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

Russ Thuleen
147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

In memory of Joe Doughty

Nov. 20, 1926 - Feb. 18, 2016

Joe P. Doughty Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama went to be with the Lord on Thursday February 18, 2016. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Joe was a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a member of the Allied occupation forces in Japan. After discharge from the Army, Joe was employed by American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO). He remained with ACIPCO for forty one years and retired as Vice President of Finance and Treasurer. He was a member of various boards and professional organizations prior to his retirement from ACIPCO. After retirement he was a member and treasurer of the Vulcan Corvair Club, was an avid tennis player, an accomplished musician and a wood work enthusiast. Joe was an active member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church and served as a member of the Son Shine Singers and the Meadowbrook Five Band. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rozelle Parker Doughty, pictured above with Joe at last year's Vulcan Corvair Picnic. Visitation was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday February 21, 2016 at Meadowbrook Baptist Church followed by a memorial service at 3:00 PM. There were 32 members of the VCE present.

Joe will be sorely missed!



VCE November Minutes

These are the minutes from the meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts on February 19, 2016.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, John Cleveland.

Participants

With 19 regular members in attendance, a quorum was present. We also welcomed two guests: Danny Robertson from Huntsville and Bob and Kay Hill from south central Tennessee.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were in the last Oil Drop and also made available in draft via email after the last meeting.

Financials

The info following did not transpire during the meeting. It is being provided with the minutes based on Joe Doughty's records. Rozelle Doughty gave the briefcase with the club's financial info to Steve Daniels, who transferred it to new treasurer Russ Thuleen on Monday, 2/23.

Based on a brief review of Joe's records, below is a financial report as of 2/19/16.

Announcements

Long-time member and Treasurer Joe Doughty passed away unexpectedly last night after a brief illness. Please keep Rozelle and their family in your prayers. Arrangements were sent to the members via email.

Election of Officers

By acclamation, the club decided to have Russ Thuleen fill the vacancy at Treasurer. After discussion, it was decided to have John Cleveland, VCE President, as the 2nd name on the account.

Old Business

Southeast Corvairs May 14th 2016 Picnic/Event

Clyde and Howard checked out the pavilion and deemed it more than suitable for our purposes. Joe sent the \$100 reservation check to Camp Sumatanga. Billy presented a draft flier for membership review prior to sending out to the public. Howard provided discussion points on how the events would be conducted and preliminary menu items. Clyde is going to talk with the Camp administration to ensure our liability cause will be sufficient for their insurance requirement. Al & Paula Hilderbran have agreed to set up and conduct the 'slo-drag' event.

New Business

There was no new business but lots of discussion about the upcoming Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola.

Membership

Danny Robertson joined the club and paid dues at the meeting and was presented his club patches. Welcome to the VCE, Danny!

Door Prizes

Lelslie won the \$40 Gas money.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:30 PM.



2016 Corvair Lovers Holiday



Finally we had a weekend in sunny Pensacola, Florida that was absolutely perfect. Our VCE caravan started on Thursday morning meeting Russ in Shorty and Richard in his '65 convertible. Judi and I decided to join forces this time and consolidate all our 'junk' into her '66 coupe. All of our previous Corvair trips have always been at



least two cars and/or car and trailer tow rig which gave us plenty of room. I know that other folks do it all the time but we just can't seem to get everything into one vehicle. So at the Peach Place in Clanton, we moved the Cornhole game equipment over into Shorty which gave us quite the relief from being cramped.

Next was a nice leisurely drive down Hwy 31 to Montgomery where we met up with Molly, Chris and 'Turl'. Now there is a Corvair that has LOTS of



room for 'stuff'! The thing is that a Corvair Ultravan on a windy day such as it was, can only be motivated to do 50-55 mph. So our little Vulcan Caravan headed south at a very fuel conservative pace and lots of time for onlookers to get their eyeful of Corvairs as we moseyed along the countryside. Meanwhile other Vulcanites were gathering their belongings and also heading south. Howard decided to trailer his red and gold coupe but was delayed due to wiring problems. Harold and Louise got about 40 miles but the Corvair wasn't feeling up to snuff so they turned back and got the GMC and followed Ed and Carol's '64 the rest of the way.



You read in John's Prez Sez article that his convertible had some problems so he and Denise arrived Thursday night in her truck. Friday morning happened and some very early risers got their morning bath before the hotel water pipe burst in the kitchen area. The rest of us had to suffer the morning without water while the plumbers/lawyers (inside joke) worked diligently to correct the problem. By early afternoon water was restored but not without heartache for some (again, read John's article).

'Snowbird' Pennsylvania Corvair parts

vendors arrived Friday morning to accommodate those looking for a deal. To my knowledge, this was the first time that we had vendors set up and ready to do business so early on a Friday. They were surprised that only WFCC and VCE cars were



in the parking lot. We had to tell them that we tend to be a little anxious and are pretty much always the first to arrive.

Through the day Corvairs and their owners began to pull into the Days Inn parking lot. Stewart Smith from Samson, AL drove down his Lakewood that had a couple of small problems (It quit on him in front of the Lakewood, FL road sign). And as usual Russ was there to help him out. Tony & Patti Ellison drove down from Anderson, SC in the '69 Coupe. He and I immediately started catching up on the disc brake conversion I am doing on 'Mango Monza'



using his well made and comprehensive kit.

By Saturday the VCE contingent consisted of Ed & Carol, Harold & Louise, Russ & Leslie, Judi & I, Bob & Kay, and Howard. Ed & June Lindsay are members of our club and because they did such a good job putting the whole event together we will include them in the roll call.



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Fun times were had by all on show day but I have to say that Judi and I really enjoyed the Corvair Cornhole tournament that Karl Setzer organized. We liked it so much that we were runners up to Karl and Betty's win. West Florida has always given away unique Peoples Choice Awards. This year top three class winners were awarded a nice Corvair engraved pen in a matching display case. Every Vulcan vehicle at the show brought home one of the pens...well done guys and gal.



New Members Rides (Bob Hill)

Since I have a 65 Monza coupe that is strictly a show car, I decided I wanted to find a nice driver quality Corvair. I have owned 23 Corvairs since the early 90s and 20 of them have been EMs so obviously I tend to gravitate towards the early ones and decided to limit my search to an EM. I wanted a coupe, preferably a 4 speed, and wanted to find something that needed minimal work. After putting out feelers with several clubs, a couple of Facebook groups as well as a couple of Corvair forums, I got a lead on a 63 Monza coupe in Decatur.

I got in contact with the owner and arranged to check the car out. The gentleman had owned it since 2000 and had installed a rebuilt late model 140 HP engine with the 4-into-1 Holley 390 setup, replaced the entire interior with a Clark's interior kit, repainted it back to the original white (well close enough) and installed aftermarket wheels with new tires. Being more of a Tri-five Chevy guy, he then parked it and drove it very infrequently for the next 15 years. Other than the aftermarket wheels (which I absolutely hated), the car was nice. We agreed on a price and I had it delivered to my house.

After getting it home, I began a search for the correct stock wheels and club member Billy Cannon came to my rescue. After ordering new tires and using a nice set of three prong spinner wire wheel covers I picked up at the Pensacola show, I now have the car I original set out to find. It's not a perfect car but I think it will become a nice driver and a fun car for club activities and other Corvair related events.



Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2016 Registration
Hosted by Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE) and Choo Choo Corvair
May 14, 2016 at Camp Sumatanga Park, Gallant, Alabama

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Club Affiliation: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate number of 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 or fee for the picnic but we ask that you complete the registration and get it back to VCE as soon as you can for event planning purposes. A \$5.00 entrance fee is required to participate in the fun run. (Winner takes all!)

Event details:

For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, there are hotels located within a 15 mile radius ranging from \$40-\$100/night. Camp Sumatanga operating hours are from 7:00 AM until sundown. You are welcome to plan your arrival for any time but be aware that the 1st event will kick off at 10:00 AM. We will have lunch ready around 1:00 PM. Corvair activities are planned throughout the day. We will have the "Darby 1" pavilion and will have signs and directions prominently displayed. (See directions on reverse side)

Although the 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 food & YOU bring the drinks. Designated club members will do the cooking. Coolers with ice will also be provided.

Raffle tickets/drawing

Everyone will receive a raffle ticket with registration. Additional tickets will be on sale; 12 for \$10, 6 /\$5 or \$1 each throughout the day. Completed Pre Registration forms received by May 7, 2016 will receive an extra ticket. Another ticket will be issued for each Corvair driver. Join and 'like' either the Choo Choo or Vulcan Facebook pages and you will be awarded another extra ticket by 'joining' the event that will be posted. Raffle items will be given away immediately following the meal and then we will award the 'Fun Run' money. Please RSVP in some way so that we will have some idea of a headcount and ensure that we have enough food for everyone.

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

Or mailed to:

Southeast Corvair Picnic, c/o
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147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, AL 35403



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I got this one at an estate auction in Tennessee back in February. It has a 140 and 3 speed but those are going away.

For sitting outside for probably 10 years it is in amazing shape.

There are a few rusted spots that will need new metal. Nothing very extensive, though. The bed had a couple of inches of decomposed leaves, but cleaned up and has no rust-through or soft spots. Only 2 small dents at the tailgate.

I have built a rotisserie and am taking it down to bare metal. I'll see then how much metal will have to be placed.

Finished removing parts from the body, including steering sector, clutch and brake pedals.



Now that the weather has warmed up, I have mounted the body on my home-built rotisserie and the blasting and priming has begun. sheet metal replacement and work on the tailgate continues at least 2 hours every day. Progress is slow, but it is happening!

Ed. NOTE: This is taken from Danny's own account as he posts to the Corvair Center Forum.

Stay Tuned...I will coerce Danny into doing tech articles as he progresses.

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Claudia Tutt – March 21

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Talladega, AL (205) 266-7675
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From the Prez

April is hard upon us and Springfest is not far away. I've made a list of things to get done to the car before going to Helen, so now the work begins. There's also the list of what I need to find when I get there, either from Clarks or one of the other vendors. May will bring the Picnic, the School of Technology car show and other shows and cruise ins will be getting started. It should be a great year to get out and show off the Corvair.

With summer almost here, my next 'big' project will be a steering box overhaul (Corvair and Model A), with several smaller projects to accomplish throughout the year, including getting several carbs rebuilt and my spare engine running. I've got all the parts to rebuild the differential that failed last year. This one will have a 3:27 ring and pinion.

Another big project will be to clean out my garage! I've been dragging in engine parts, blocks, heads, transmissions as well as light fixtures, shelving, wood, tools..... where does it all end? I've been all set to build another electric guitar for several months, but don't have room to use any of my woodworking tools without tripping over something, or things that are stacked in the way. This will definitely be one of those 'What I did on my summer vacation' jobs!

Remember when you are getting ready to do your summer Corvair projects to try and let people know. A lot of these projects are great tech sessions and will benefit others who might be thinking about doing the same job but are unsure. Spreading the knowledge around is a benefit to everyone.

Our next meeting will be held at the church on April 15th, the Friday before Springfest, so we'll see you there.
 John

VCE November Minutes

These are the minutes from the meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts on March 18, 2016.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by President, John Cleveland.

Participants

With 15 members and 1 youngster in attendance, a quorum was present. Earlies beat the Lates tonight 3 to 2. Congrats to the Earlies! Bob Hill drove roughly 120 miles to be here. Way to Go, Bob! .

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved as amended for an error on the month in the section title in The Oil Drop .

April 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 15 April, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

Date	Event	Location
4/15	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
4/22-23	Springfest	Helen, GA
5/7	Shelby County SOT Car Show	Shelby County School of Technology, Columbiana, Al
5/14	Southeast Corvair Picnic	Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL
7/12-16	CORSA Convention	Springfield, IL
8/12-13	Choo Choo Classic	Chattanooga, TN



Happy Anniversary

Molly & Chris – April 27

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Financials

The balance reported in the previous meeting minutes was incorrect but wasn't known at the time. The correct account balance was \$415.90.

Item	Date	Amount	Total
Balance on Hand	2/19/16		\$415.90
Receipts since 2/19/16			
Dues	various	\$60.00	\$475.90
Expenditures since 2/19/16		βSee Note	β See Note
Feb Bank Fees (\$8.00 incl. above)	2/25/16		
Balance On Hand	2/19/16		\$475.90
Unpaid, Committed Bills			
March Bank Fees	3/25/16	\$5.50	-\$5.50
Available, Uncommitted, Funds	3/18/16		\$470.40

The numbers above do not include dues collected this evening.

Russ Thuleen reported that current expenditures and membership dues are exactly equal on an annual basis. That will be problematic going forward. The largest expenditure is room rental.

There was a suggestion to publish names of inactive/dues-delinquent members in The Oil Drop. There are many people who are inactive. Billy Cannon said he would make some calls to encourage people to become more active.

It was agreed the surviving spouses of members who have passed away would remain on the roll and continue receiving communications. Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

Russ Thuleen
147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

Following is a list of members that have NOT paid their 2016 Membership

Dues:

Bizzoco, Bruce & Cathy
Bolton, Art & Vickie
Cassimus, Marcus

Gulsby, Larry & Linda
Miller, Joyce
Popinski, Joe & Carol
Rothe, Chris & Josh
Snider, Floyd
Wasson, Forrest (Doc)
Witkos, Dick & Barbara
Wood, Pete

Events

Springfest is our next event. Eight members are going Thursday and two are going Friday. The Thursday crew will meet Hardees (aka The Oil Slick) in Heflin. The Helendorf has rooms. The Best Western is sold out. Clarks is buying cores at Springfest but you must notify Clarks in advance.

Our next meeting is 4/15. It was discussed whether to meet here or defer the meeting to Springfest as we sometimes do.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have the April meeting at Fullness Christian Fellowship on 4/15 as normally scheduled.

Pensacola

The winner of the raffle car at Pensacola donated the car back to the Boys/Girls Club to auction. The Boys/Girls club netted \$1600 from the car.

Shelby County Technology Show

The auction portion will be slimmed down. The car show will remain sponsored by the Technology schools, 701 Hwy 70, Columbiana, AL. Entrance fees are \$15 for cars and trucks and \$10 for motorcycles. Admission is free

Old Business

Southeast Corvairs May 14th 2016 Picnic/Event

Howard Tutt reported on the picnic. It is progressing. He has been acquiring small door prizes. We could use a big prize to raffle. A TV, microwave, Amazon gift card, and set of Corvair books were suggested as possibilities. There was a motion later on the gift cards.

We discussed food for the picnic. VCE will pay for the meat this year. We need people to bring coolers with ice. We need people to bring side dishes, condiments, etc. Billy Canon will distribute a list to the membership so we can sign up for what we wish to bring.

People need to register so we can handle insurance with Camp Sumatanga and CORSA.

A request was made to Howard for him to present the estimated budget for the event.

New Business

A motion was made to authorize the treasurer to purchase \$100, \$50, and \$25 gift Amazon gift cards to auction off at the Southeastern Corvair Picnic. The motion was seconded, discussed, and passed.

Tech session

John Cleveland has a source of gaskets from a place in Tarrant. They are made of Buena and are heat tolerant to 130 degrees. Viton gaskets are more expensive and more tolerant.

Russ Thuleen gave a tech session on axles.

Judi Cannon and Richard Stolzmann modeled vintage VCE jackets.

Door Prizes

Box of 1157 Bulbs: Billy Cannon
Gas money \$37: John Cleveland

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:28 PM.

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Jacking Up Your Car by John Cleveland



If you work on your car in the driveway like I often do, you get used to getting the floor jack out and getting the car off the ground enough to safely work under it.

In the past I always stuck the jack under one side, jacked it up high enough to get a jack under the back on one side, then went to the other side and did the same. Once the rear jacks were in place I positioned the jack under the front cross member from the front of the car and raised the front. Doing this would twist my convertible so much that the doors would always get out of alignment, adding one more

thing to do when the real job was completed.

While cleaning the garage one afternoon I came across a pressure treated 4X4 from my deck



rebuild and the idea was formed. Why not make a support to put on the floor jack and raise the rear of the car in one step and not twist it?

The length of the 4X4 is 1 inch shorter than the distance between the weld seams of the frame. I took my router and hogged out a circle in the center that fit the pad on my jack to keep the 4X4 from slipping side to side.

The position under the car is just behind where the tunnel cover meets the back cover. Your floor jack must have a low enough profile that it will go under the car with the 4X4 on it. You could take an inch or so off the 4X4 to make it fit



Cruise in season starts this weekend

1st Saturday – Alabaster Dairy Queen, Promenade Shopping Center, Alabaster, exit 238 off I-65

2nd Saturday – McCalla Tannehill Mall, McCalla, exit 1 off of I-459

3rd Saturday – Nino's hwy 31 in Pelham in front of Speed South & Moody

4th Saturday – Ashley Furniture in Fultondale

1st Friday—Broad Street in Gadsden Alabama

1st Friday—Old town Helena

1st Saturday of each month - Alexander City, Alabama, Arby's Hwy 280 Hosted by The Lords Cruisers (April-October) Info: Rod Siggers 256-794-3846, John Hammock 334-703-5437

1st Saturday of each month - New Hope, Alabama, Cruise-In at Hardees on 431, hosted by North Al. Street Toys, 6-9, Info: Billy Vann 256-723-6431

1st Saturday of each month - Selma, Alabama, Cruise-In at the Glass House just before you cross the Pettus Bridge, Beginning October 7, 6-?

2nd Saturday of each month - Clanton, Alabama, Cruise-In downtown Clanton, 2nd Avenue and 6th Street (March – September)

2nd Saturday of each month - Opelika, Alabama, Cruise-In at Home Depot in Tiger Town, Exit 58 off I-85, Sponsored by Deep South Cruisers (all year), Info: John Hammock 334-703-5437

3rd Saturday of each Month - Tallassee, Alabama, Cruise-In at Tallassee Shopping Center, 6pm, www.talisi.com (Year Round)

3rd Saturday of each month - Pelham, Alabama, Mustang Only cruise in at Cardinal Restaurant (5-10) Hwy 31 in Pelham across from Susan Shein Dodge

3rd Saturday of each Month Centerville, Alabama, at Advance Auto Parts, 4-8 (March – November)

4th Saturday of each month - Historic Talladega Square, Talladega, Alabama Info: Ed Walker 256-493-5318 or Stan Gallahar 256-375-3822

4th Saturday of each month - Arab Customs & Classics sponsored Sons BBQ Restaurant Parking Lot North of Arab on Hwy 231 Arab, Alabama

Candid Camera by Louise Hartline

Corvair Lovers Holiday pictures of people. Well....there may be a Corvair or two!





Russ sez;
"I gots my eyes on you.....See you next month."

VCE IS on Facebook...Click on the link:
[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)

Happy Birthday
Billy Cannon – April 21



Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2016 Registration
Hosted by Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE) and Choo Choo Corvair
May 14, 2016 at Camp Sumatanga Park, Gallant, Alabama

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Club Affiliation: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate number of 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 or fee for the picnic but we ask that you complete the registration and get it back to VCE as soon as you can for event planning purposes. A \$5.00 entrance fee is required to participate in the fun run. (Winner takes all!)

Event details:

For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, there are hotels located within a 15 mile radius ranging from \$40-\$100/night. Camp Sumatanga operating hours are from 7:00 AM until sundown. You are welcome to plan your arrival for any time but be aware that the 1st event will kick off at 10:00 AM. We will have lunch ready around 1:00 PM. Corvair activities are planned throughout the day. We will have the "Darby 1" pavilion and will have signs and directions prominently displayed. (See directions on reverse side)

Although the 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 food & YOU bring the drinks. Designated club members will do the cooking. Coolers with ice will also be provided.

Raffle tickets/drawing

Everyone will receive a raffle ticket with registration. Additional tickets will be on sale; 12 for \$10, 6 /\$5 or \$1 each throughout the day. Completed Pre Registration forms received by May 7, 2016 will receive an extra ticket. Another ticket will be issued for each Corvair driver. Join and 'like' either the Choo Choo or Vulcan Facebook pages and you will be awarded another extra ticket by 'joining' the event that will be posted. Raffle items will be given away immediately following the meal and then we will award the 'Fun Run' money. Please RSVP in some way so that we will have some idea of a headcount and ensure that we have enough food for everyone.

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

Or mailed to:

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



**The Shelby County
College and Career Center's
Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show
*ANTIQUE & LATE MODEL VEHICLES***

Our 6th Annual Car Show will be the event of the year for the Entire FAMILY. Show is FREE to the public. There will be a Large Variety of Vehicles, Oldies Music, Contestant Door Prizes and Many Unique Trophies!

Entrance Fees:
Cars and Trucks: \$15.00
Motorcycles: \$10.00

Saturday, May 7, 2016
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

(Gates open for contestants at 7:00 am/Awards 12:30)

**At the Shelby County College and Career Center
701 Hwy 70, Columbiana, AL 35051
For More Information call 205-682-6587 (Rain Date: May 21th)**

Visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/schooloftechcarshow/home>
Or look us up on Facebook @ Shelby County College and Career Center Annual Car Show.
All proceeds benefit our students in the Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, and Welding department directly.





Please consider my application for membership in the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Car Club
A Chartered Chapter of CORSA (Corvair Society of America), Chapter 352

Date of Application: _____

Submit application to:
Russ Thuleen
147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

Or better yet, come to a meeting the third Friday of each month at Fullness Christian Fellowship at 2575 Columbiana Rd., Birmingham, AL 35216!

Information About You							
First Name				Last Name			
Address							
City				State			
Zip				Phone			
Email address							
Family Member(s) to be listed with the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Membership							
First Name		Last Name			Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Anniversary							
Information about your Car							
Year		Color		Type		Engine CI	
Horsepower		Other					

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR PER FAMILY, DUE JAN. 1

Initial Dues Pro-rated by Quarter (Jan-Mar: 100%, Apr-Jun: 75%, Jul-Sep: 50%, Oct-Dec: 25%)

Are you a member of Corsa? Y / N

Signature: _____

SPRINGFEST 2016
Celebrating 32 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 22-23, 2016

Clark's will be attending selling parts and buying cores, first time ever at Springfest

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 activities, rally, slow drags, 50/50, raffle for prizes.

Valve cover races (Youth under 14 free)

Hospitality party Friday night

Friday Autocross, test and tune 9:00 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 & 7:30 a.m. Saturday

Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates): available April 21-23
Helendorf River Inn: phone 1-706-878-2271 \$168 (\$208 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

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 for other lodging

This year you will be able to pre-order t-shirts. This will assure that you get your shirt even if you are late arriving. We will have some available on site. The men's shirt is a very nice old gold and the ladies is a very nice purple.

Sizes: Men's – Small to 3XL \$20.00 Ladies – Small to 3XL \$20.00

We have planned a Rally this year, please pre-register so that we will have enough packets printed.

Outside spaces are limited, each space will be 2 parking spaces

SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR A REBUILT 140 ENGINE BUILT BY

RUSS THULEEN AND DONATED BY VULCAN CLUB

TICKETS WILL BE \$10.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$50.00

Note: Winner must arrange to get engine home

Event check-in is at the Festhalle.

Information: contact Lillian Law 1-229-883-4123 or 229-291-0567 lawjandl@aol.com

Autocross information: contact Al Hilderbrand 678-807-8848 hilderbrandal@aol.com

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If you did not get the catalog in 2013 or 2014, you can get one **FREE** on your first **\$50 order** during 2015. (Additional catalogs \$3 with an order)

Over 100 new repro parts in the past 3 years.

Clark's Corvair Parts®

400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

(413)625-9776 www.corvair.com

For Sale: 1964 Monza Coupe. PG but no drive train.
Body is straight and solid with surface rust.
Drivers side floor boards will need to be repaired. All glass is good, and everything is here except interior. \$500 OBO

Email for more pictures or call 256-839-1905
gtochief@gmail.com



For Sale: Corvair parts, many new in package. Various wiring harnesses, assorted boots and grommets, Shift tube bushings (plastic and bronze), front door switches, tie rod end seals, air cleaner J bolts and much more.

Email for a listing
monzajohn@charter.net
Half off vendor pricing.

William Browning has lowered the sale price to \$3000 for his cars and parts. (See the ad in January's edition of the Oil Drop)

Talladega, AL (205) 266-7675
Email: corvair700@cloud.com



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

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



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 147 Crossbrook Dr.
 Chelsea, AL 35043

From the Prez,

April and Springfest are now behind us with May and its events just ahead. If you haven't registered for the Picnic on May 14 please do so as soon as you can and let Billy or Howard know if you can bring anything on the needed food list. We went through the list at the April meeting and there are some in the club signed up to bring a lot more than they should be asked to.

Check out the pics on the Facebook page of the Shelby Iron Works car show attended by some of the members. It looks like a beautiful place to have a show and the club had several cars there. Look for pics in the newsletter also.

Denise and I didn't make it to Helen this year due to a lot of personal issues going on in our family, and the fact that her truck totally bit the dust the Sunday before Springfest. Since we were planning on buying a new vehicle anyway it wasn't too painful of an occurrence, it just sped up our decision making on what to buy. She ended up getting a Ford Edge, which is just below the Explorer in size.

Her truck had over 200K miles and was 15 years old, so it was probably time. The worst thing was that we planned to give the truck to our youngest son who is now living with us. He has ended up with a loaner vehicle from our neighbor as thanks for him and I getting the neighbors 68 Pontiac Firebird 400 running. The neighbor is not a car guy, but has the car. He was going to have it towed to a shop, but after looking at it we decided my son and I would do the work for him. I've been wanting him to get the car going for a long time so I was eager for the chance.

Russ brought me back a load of parts from Clark's at Helen so there will at least be a steering box rebuild and several carbs rebuilt. If there is any interest in learning how to rebuild either of these items maybe we can schedule a Saturday tech session. I only have one steering box but I have enough carbs for at least four people to practice on.

Enough rambling for now; enjoy the pics from Helen in this newsletter as well as news of car shows and upcoming events. Sign up for the Picnic.

Take care and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 John

VCE April Minutes

These are the minutes from the meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts on April 15, 2016.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President, John Cleveland.

May 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 20 May, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

Date	Event	Location
5/7	Shelby County SOT Car Show	Shelby County School of Technology, Columbiana, AL
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Happy Birthday

Sherri Daniels – May 22

Molly Bacon – May 29

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Participants

With 13 members, 1 youngster, and 2 guests in attendance, a quorum was present. Please welcome our guests, Kristen & Gene Williams. We hope to see them again in the future!

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved as amended for an error on the month in the section title in The Oil Drop.

Financials

Below is Russ Thuleen's treasurer's report. .

Item	Amount	Total
Receipts since Last Meeting		
Dues	\$60.00	
Donation	\$30.00	\$90.00
Expenditures since Last Meeting		
Church Rental (Apr-Jun)	\$75.00	
Bank Fee	\$7.00	-\$82.00
Account Balance		\$483.90
Unpaid, Committed Bills		
Bank Fees	\$7.00	-\$7.00
Available, Uncommitted, Funds		\$476.90

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed. As info, the numbers above do not include any dues collected this evening. Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

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Cruise-Ins

Cruise-Ins started the first weekend in April with Alabaster, followed by McCalla, Moody, and Fultondale. The Oil Drop has a large list of those and other cruise-ins. .

Springfest

Springfest is next weekend in Helen, GA. The meet-up to go up together will be at exit 199 in Heflin, AL, at 10AM on Thursday. The engine for the raffle has developed a noise and, as a result, the raffle of the engine has been cancelled. There are rooms at the Super 8 and the Helendorf.

Shelby County Technology Show

The show is May 7 and is sponsored by the Technology schools, 701 Hwy 70, Columbiana, AL. Entrance fees are \$15 for cars and trucks and \$10 for motorcycles. Admission is free

Old Business

Southeast Corvairs May 14th 2016 Picnic/Event

There was a Picnic committee meeting just prior to today's club meeting. Billy and Howard presented a report on the event.

An earlier communication caused some misunderstanding about what the club is paying for the gift cards (\$100, \$50, & \$25, for a total of \$175) and the rental of Camp Sumatanga's pavilion (\$100). The total to VCE itself will be \$275. The meat has already been committed to be paid for via donations from

individuals. We appreciate the generosity of these people.

After discussion tonight, the food items we asked for people to bring were taken care of.

The material for the fun run has been created. We need 3 people to staff the locations.

There will be a brief meeting at Springfest with VCE and Choo Choo to finalize arrangements and get synched up on status.

It was requested and agreed to provide an accounting of the items funded outside the VCE after the event for planning purposes for next year.

New Business

Emily Woods' cousin works with blind veterans at the VA Hospital. One thing VA Hospital residents miss is driving cars. The idea is to have club members give rides to the patients as it is therapeutic. The members expressed enthusiasm at the prospect of participating.

Tech session

There was no tech session tonight.

Door Prizes

Barbecue Sauce: Russ Thuleen

Gas money \$23: Russ Thuleen

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:22 PM.



Cruise In	Date/Time	Location
1st Friday Gadsden	1st Friday night	Broad Street, Gadsden
1st Friday Old Town	1st Friday night	Helena
Alabaster	1st Saturday night	Dairy Queen, Promenade Shopping Center, Alabaster, exit 238 off I-65
McCalla	2nd Saturday night	Tannehill Mall, McCalla, exit 1 off of -I459
Moody	3rd Saturday night	Nino's hwy 31 in Pelham in front of Speed South & Moody, AL
Fultondale	4th Saturday night	Ashley Furniture, Fultondale, off Walker's Chapel Rd Exit I-65

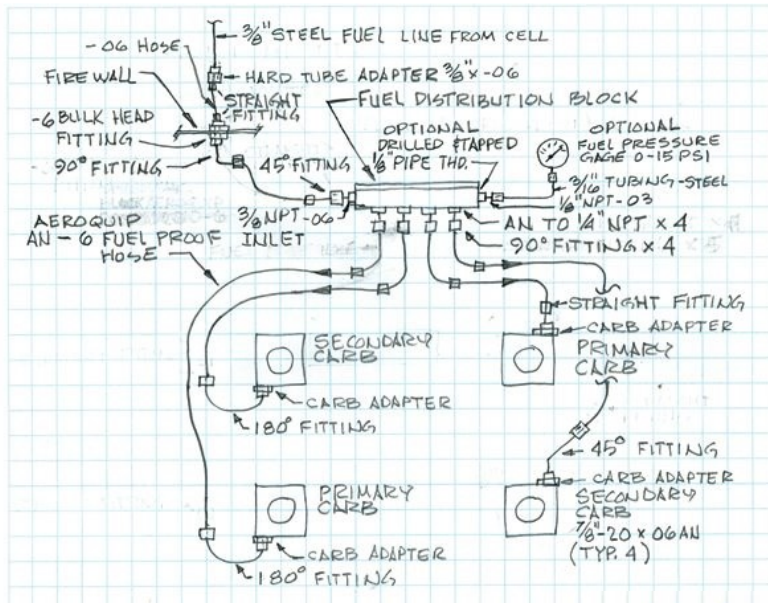
Alternative Fuel Lines by Billy Cannon

I have been slowly getting the '62 Rampside that I bought from Wilma 'road worthy'. One of the requirements of driving a 140 equipped rampside is modifying the engine compartment in order to mount aftermarket air cleaners. Russ had freshened up a set of secondary carbs for the truck but I wanted to assemble the engine bay 'tins' and give it a good coat of paint before installing the fuel system. After seeing Rick Norris's race car fuel

system it made perfect sense to me to do the same setup on the truck. The stock copper flared fuel lines and fittings on the 140 tend to leak after they are tightened a couple of times. The flare is designed to 'crush fit' the hard line to the fitting and once installed and then removed

for reuse after a carburetor replacement, leaks will develop and the brass nuts tend to 'round off' even with the best of flare wrenches.

Rick's design utilizes AN-6 fittings assem-



bled with Aeroquip hose cut to length. (Remember to measure twice and cut once.) Once installed, these fittings can be reused over and over with absolutely NO leaks. I recommend purchasing at least a couple of the -6 size aluminum wrenches. They do not damage the appearance of the fittings if used properly. With the electric fuel pump mounted to the front of the truck and below the fuel tank, the 'bulkhead' fitting works great with getting the lines into the engine compartment. The only deviation to the drawing above is the use of two fuel blocks (each with 2 outlets) rather than the 4 outlet version that Rick used. The cost of this system is comparable to what Clark charges for a complete 140 fuel line set. I plan to use this for ALL my future projects.



APPROX. 9' REQ'D. FOR THIS ARRANGEMENT OF -6 AN HOSE				
* SPEEDWAY PART * EARLS				
		JEG'S		JEG'S
2	HARD TUBE AN-6 ADPT.	555-110550	1	STRAIGHT -6 PUSH ON
10	AEROQUIP HOSE -BLK-6	FBN0600	4	CARB INLET 7/8\" TO -6 AN
1	BULK HEAD FITTING -6 AN	555-110242		555-110051
1	" " NUTS (PAIR)-6	555-110292		555-110500
5	90° ELL - PUSH ON -6	555-110071		
2	45° " " "	555-110061		
1	FUEL DISTRIBUTION BLOCK	550-6152		
4	-6 AN TO 1/4\" NPT FITTING	555-110104		
1	-3 AN TO 1/8\" NPT FITTING	555-110100		
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Candid Camera by Louise and Phil Hartline

Springfest 2016 pictures of people. Well....there may be a Corvair or two!



Springfest 2016 was another great event for twenty nine members of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts. In attendance were:
Howard Tutt, Russ Thuleen, Richard Stolzmann, Bryan and Erika Cork, Danny Joe Robinson, Louise & Harold Hartline, Chris Brown & Molly Bacon, Leslie & Jessica Thuleen, Phil Hartline, Robin, Mickey & Daniel Hunter, Chris & Joshua Rothe, Carol & Ed Keller, Brenda & Clyde Cork, Judi & Billy Cannon, Joan & Al Birks, George Miljus, and Kay & Bob Hill.

Richard, Ed, Russ, and George 'hamming it up'!

VCE IS on Face-book...Click on the link:
[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)

Daniel is tasked with washing his mom's car!



Robin and Phil posing for the obligatory 'Bro & Sis' picture!

Judi is proud of her 'Amelia Bedilia'!

Howard has no name for his coupe!



Ed & Carol show off the '64!

Erica is proud of her 'Most Popular car in the school'!

Richard has been named 'Club Photographer'!

Louise and Carol are inseparable!





Congratulations

VCE's own Al Birks – '63 Spyder Convertible
SILVER AWARD
94.625 points

2016 Springfest Results People's Choice Winners

Early Open 1960-1964:

1st Patti Jenkins 64 White Monza Con-
 vertible
 2nd Ed McClintock 63 Palomar Red
 Monza Convertible
3rd Ed Keller 64 Blue Monza Convertible
 4th Al Rich 64 Maroon Monza Converte-
 ble

Early Closed 1960-1964:

1st Joan Couch 64 Silver Blue Monza
 Coupe
 2nd Chris Condrey 64 Red Spyder Coupe
 3rd Richard Payne 64 Silver Monza
 Coupe
 4th Harold Davenport 64 Black Spyder
 Coupe

Late Open 1965-1969:

1st David Clamp 65 Danube Blue Corsa
 Convertible
 2nd Tom Rabb 65 Turquoise Corsa Con-
 vertible
 3rd tie Cameron Gribble 65 Red Monza
 Convertible
 3rd tie Kim Murrell 68 Ash Gold Mon-
 za Convertible
 4th Dante Bernidini 66 Aztec Bronze
 Monza Convertible

Late Closed 1965-1969:

1st Travis Jenkins 69 Green Monza
 Coupe
 2nd Ben Carey 65 Black Corsa Coupe
 3rd Van Neal 65 Turquoise Monza Coupe

4th Mickey Hunter 66 Maroon Monza Coupe

Forward Control All:

1st Dee Charest 64 Green/Green Ramp-
 side
 2nd Jerry Wells 63 Gold/Beige Rampside
 3rd Dean Gemberling 62 Orange/Cream
 Rampside
 4th Jerry Murray 63 Red/White Rampside

Four Door All:

1st Keith Burkinstock 64 Red Monza Se-
 dan
 2nd Shirley Smith 67 Blue Monza Sedan
 3rd Glenn Kelly 60 Black 700 Sedan

Lakewoods All:

1st Cecil Triplett 61 Blue Lakewood
 2nd Sandra McClintock 61 Blue Lake-
 wood

Specialty Modified All:

1st Keith & Louise Henline 61 Peach
 Lakewood
 2nd James Cheek 63 Silver Fitch Sprint
 3rd Chris Wiley 66 White Corsa Yenke
 4th Chris Law 64 Black & Gold Corvair
 Trike

Ultra Van All:

**1st Chris Brown 68 Bronze & Beige Ultra
 Van**

Valve Cover Races Kids:

1st Grant Philips
 2nd Khori Mann
 3rd Pierce Haddad

Participants:

Mikey Burkinbine, Cameron Gribble,
 Aiden Mann, Hudson Haddad

Valve Cover Races Adults:

1st Gary Greenwood
 2nd Mike Callahan
 3rd Cole Adcock

Slow Drag Race:

1st Glenn Kelly 0 Feet
 2nd Joan Couch 63 Feet
3rd Judi Cannon 68 Feet

Rally:

1st Dick & Amy Mohr
 2nd Jamie & Lauren Cheek tied
 2nd Glenn & Deanne Kelly tied
 3rd Ed & Janie Kelly tied
 3rd Cliff Tibbitts & Scott Trunkhill tied

Longest Distance Corvair Driven Jim
 Allen 720 miles

Hard Luck Award Chandler Bishop

Early Registration Chris Brown

50/50 Friday Joe Ratledge
 50/50 Saturday Bill Rudolph

14 in. Tires Chuck Wofford
 13 in. Tires Wesley Knowles

Data: 217 Registrations, 355 Adults, 10 Kids, 248
 Banquet, 17 States, 25 Clubs, Corvairs on the Show
 Field: 11 Concours, 55 People's Choice, 20 Display
 (Several Corvairs did not register for anything)

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama
Corsa Chapter. 352

Springfest 2016



Corvair

Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2016 Registration
Hosted by Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE) and Choo Choo Corvair
May 14, 2016 at Camp Sumatanga Park, Gallant, Alabama

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Club Affiliation: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate number of 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 or fee for the picnic but we ask that you complete the registration and get it back to VCE as soon as you can for event planning purposes. A \$5.00 entrance fee is required to participate in the fun run. (Winner takes all!)

Event details:

For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, there are hotels located within a 15 mile radius ranging from \$40-\$100/night. Camp Sumatanga operating hours are from 7:00 AM until sundown. You are welcome to plan your arrival for any time but be aware that the 1st event will kick off at 10:00 AM. We will have lunch ready around 1:00 PM. Corvair activities are planned throughout the day. We will have the "Darby 1" pavilion and will have signs and directions prominently displayed. (See directions on reverse side)

Although the 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 food & YOU bring the drinks. Designated club members will do the cooking. Coolers with ice will also be provided.

Raffle tickets/drawing

Everyone will receive a raffle ticket with registration. Additional tickets will be on sale; 12 for \$10, 6 /\$5 or \$1 each throughout the day. Completed Pre Registration forms received by May 7, 2016 will receive an extra ticket. Another ticket will be issued for each Corvair driver. Join and 'like' either the Choo Choo or Vulcan Facebook pages and you will be awarded another extra ticket by 'joining' the event that will be posted. Raffle items will be given away immediately following the meal and then we will award the 'Fun Run' money. Please RSVP in some way so that we will have some idea of a headcount and ensure that we have enough food for everyone.

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

Or mailed to:

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



Grand Prizes

Amazon Gift cards valued at \$100, \$50, and \$25

The Shelby County
College and Career Center's
Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show
ANTIQUE & LATE MODEL VEHICLES

Our 6th Annual Car Show will be the event of the year for the Entire FAMILY. Show is FREE to the public. There will be a Large Variety of Vehicles, Oldies Music, Contestant Door Prizes and Many Unique Trophies!

Entrance Fees:
Cars and Trucks: \$15.00
Motorcycles: \$10.00

Saturday, May 7, 2016
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

(Gates open for contestants at 7:00 am/Awards 12:30)

At the Shelby County College and Career Center
701 Hwy 70, Columbiana, AL 35051
For More Information call 205-682-6587 (Rain Date: May 21th)

Visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/schooloftechcarshow/home>
Or look us up on Facebook @ Shelby County College and Career Center Annual Car Show.
All proceeds benefit our students in the Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, and Welding department directly.



HOT IRON AT THE IRON PARK

SHELBY IRON PARK'S CAR SHOW
SAT, APRIL 30TH, 2016

The logo for the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts is a circular emblem. It features the word "VULCAN" at the top, a stylized "C" in the center, and "Corvair" in a script font. Below the "C" is a four-pointed star. At the bottom, it says "ENTHUSIASTS", "Birmingham, Al", and "COSA Chap. 352".

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- * SE Corvair Picnic (Candid Camera)
- * SE Corvairs Picnic (Fun Run)
- * SE Corvairs Picnic (Slo Drag)
- * The Cars
- * Union Car Show

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MORE Picnic Pictures on pages 5 - 7!

Date	Event	Location
6/17	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
6/25	Vandiver Church of God Car Show	13456 Hwy 43 Vandiver, Al
7/12-16	CORSA Convention	Springfield, IL
7/16	Park In The Park Autofest	Avondale Park
8/12-13	Choo Choo Classic	Chattanooga, TN

Happy Anniversary

Howard & Claudia Tutt – June 1
 Phil & Carroll Hartline – June 1



Billy says: "What am I gonna do Jess? I just don't have enough articles being submitted for the Oil Drop."

VCE April Minutes

These are the minutes from the meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts on May 20, 2016.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President, John Cleveland.

Participants

With 14 members and 1 youngster, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. They were

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Send Oil Drop submissions to:

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Office: 256-839-1905

Cell: 256-404-5998

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

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approved as presented in The Oil Drop.

Financials

Below is Russ Thuleen's treasurer's report.

Item	Amount	Total
Receipts since Last Meeting		
Dues	\$55.00	\$55.00
Expenditures since Last Meeting		
Bank Fee	\$7.00	-\$7.00
Account Balance		\$532.90
Unpaid, Committed Bills		
Bank Fee	\$7.00	-\$7.00
Available, Uncommitted, Funds		\$525.90

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed. Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

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Cruise-Ins

Cruise-Ins started the first weekend in April with Alabaster, followed by McCalla, Moody, and Fultondale on successive weeks. The Oil Drop has a large list of those and other cruise-ins.

Southeast Corvair Picnic

There were 55 people and 17 Corvairs. The day was great, the turnout was better, and the food was excellent.

Thanks to Howard for the great food. We appreciate Clyde for finding the facility at Camp Sumatanga. Thanks to Billy for the organization. The youngsters who came with the group from Huffman United Methodist Church who rode in the convertibles were thoroughly pleased.

John Cleveland decided to defer further discussion on the picnic until next month when Billy can participate and there can be a final accounting of the expenditures by and on behalf of the club.

Old Business

Rides for the VA Hospital

Please contact Emily Woods to register for giving VA Hospital residents rides in your classic car.

New Business

Rozelle Doughty wants to sell Joe's 1961 coupe. The car is in pristine condition. The interior remains to be done. There are scores of parts, all labeled and packaged. Every maintenance record is there down to the record of when he aired the tires and how much pressure was in each tire. All the original parts are there. A primary interest is getting a fair price for the car. Bob Hill expressed an interest in the car.

Tech session

Harold Hartline presented info on ethanol gas. He showed examples of parts that had been exposed to ethanol. They were badly worn and had holes in them. Sta-Bil will help. The current standard for ethanol in gasoline is 10% ethanol. The government is pushing regulations to force 15% ethanol in fuel. John Cleveland described his experience removing the gas tank from his Model A. Results were similar.

There are several stations in the area that sell non-ethanol gasoline.

Announcements

The Steak-Out car show is at the Mineral Springs Baptist Church in Clanton.

Our Helping Hands of Alabama Car show is Clanton as well July 30.

Wilma Siemens had a set of books and magazines on restoring old cars. Harold brought a sample. Contact him if want the material.

Door Prizes

There were no drawings tonight.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:23 PM.

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 17 June, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center



VCE IS on Facebook...Click on the link:

[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)



Cruise In	Date/Time	Location
1st Friday Gadsden	1st Friday night	Broad Street, Gadsden
1st Friday Old Town	1st Friday night	Helena
Alabaster	1st Saturday night	Dairy Queen, Promenade Shopping Center, Alabaster, exit 238 off I-65
McCalla	2nd Saturday night	Tannehill Mall, McCalla, exit 1 off of I-459
Moody	3rd Saturday night	Nino's hwy 31 in Pelham in front of Speed South & Moody, AL
Fultondale	4th Saturday night	Ashley Furniture, Fultondale, off Walker's Chapel Rd Exit I-65

'Turkel' is VW Clubs Show Choice by Molly Bacon

From another car show last fall we were invited to attend a VW club's annual show, which was this weekend. Most car shows in our area are for all makes and generally only have 30 or so cars. Most of the time, even less than that. We arrived about 20 minutes after they opened at 8AM. When I registered, we were number 39. When registration closed, there were over 100 registrations. I don't think I saw anything else that wasn't either VW bodied or VW powered except for small display of a couple vintage Jeeps and a few large military vehicles. But, then we are also only 10 miles from Ft. Benning, the largest infantry installation in the US. In the pictures, you can see us amongst a sea of VWs. Out of a 100 cars, the sponsoring club picked Turkel as their club's show choice. WOW, a VW club liked an Ultra Van better than any of the other VWs there. They made all of their trophies out of VW engine parts. Ours is a VW fan.



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama
Corsa Chapter. 352



Candid Camera by Louise Hartline, Richard Stolzman, and Steve Daniels

3rd Annual Southeast Corvair Picnic pictures of people. Well...there may be a Corvair or two!



3rd Annual Southeast Corvair Picnic

Our picnic this year was a great success and proves that things get better the more times you do them. Or "Third times a charm!" comes to mind. As was stated at our last meeting. Howard went above and beyond with not only the door prizes but his wonderful menu that he planned and cooked. Thanks to Judi and her little helpers for the door prize drawing management. Clyde's idea to hold the picnic at Camp Sumatanga and his coordination efforts was spot on. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful location and the weather was absolutely perfect. Everyone in the clubs did their part and we had more than enough drinks and desserts. The Corvair attendance and participation in the events was well received and we are looking to continue the trend of an ever increasing number of entries. The folks that volunteered at our 'Waystations' during the Fun Run reported that they enjoyed themselves and would like to do it again at anytime. We may take them up on it for next year. Another thank you to our Prez, John Cleveland for manning the City Park location and much appreciation to Danny Robertson for the commemorative magnets that he made for the occasion. Speaking of events...let's get right to it:

The Fun Run

The announced winner of the \$75.00 'Winner take all' prize was Kayli Williams with an Ace High Straight which actually DID NOT beat Bob Hill's Four Of A Kind according to the rules. Many thanks to Bob for the gracious way that he resolved the situation by allowing Kayli to keep the money.



Russ and 'Shorty' on the run with Billy Rudolph and Lexi, Kayli, and Olivia Williams



Ed McClintock looks on as Sandra throws her dart for that elusive 'Last Card'

The 'Slo Drags'

Al and Paula Hildebrand organized and conducted this entertaining event. It was divided into two classes; Automatic (PowerGlide) and Straight Shift (3 and 4 Speed) Corvairs. Bob won the SS in his '64 and I won the PG in Judi's '66. (Al gave me the actual distances on a slip of paper and of course...I lost it)

Also pictured are Ed Keller in his '64 Convertible and Phil Hartline in his sister Robin's Monza.



The Corvairs

The display of cars and trucks from Vulcan and Choo Choo this year was a beauty to behold. The backdrop of the lake at Sumatanga was a photographer's dream.



The People and the Clubs

Many thanks to those that came out for our little picnic: Choo Choo Corvair, Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia, West Florida and of course...Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts.



Union Car Show

This well attended show is a favorite of VCE members. But this year was the first time it was not scorching hot. The sky was overcast and a few sprinkles of rain kept everyone quite comfortable! Russ drove out with 'The Buckmobile' and had to put the convertible top up a couple of times.

This was a somber event for not only Vulcan Corvairs but the entire congregation of the church. Ray Lett and his wife Linda (who passed away exactly two weeks after her husband) were members of this church. Ray participated in many of the Car Shows by bringing out his home built 'Horseless Carriage', his award winning '64 Monza and would often play his guitar with the group at the entrance to the sanctuary.

In honor of his passing a special song was played which got the emotions going. His son Jeremy and grandson, Michael drove the Monza and joined the other Corvairs under the Vulcan banner. Also in attendance were two of Ray's brothers, Wayne and Randy. Russ, Howard and I exchanged many stories with the family and folks that dropped by to see Ray's gorgeous Corvair.



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- * Dual Master Cylinder Installation
- * Choo Choo Classic (Registration Sheet)
- * Classifieds



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From the Prez,

One of my favorite song lyrics is by John Lennon when he said that life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. That has been true at our house the last few months. Here is July staring me in the face and I'm wondering, "Where did spring go?" Instead of my other plans I'm in one of life's cycles that comes around when everything starts breaking down. The lawn mower, Denise's truck, my car (clutch cable, continuing carb issues, trunk lock spring), basement tile coming loose... And then there are the projects you are trying work on in between all the break downs that you just can't keep from going south.

A case in point is my latest guitar project. I am modifying a guitar I've had for quite a few years but didn't like the body style and weight. I've taken it apart, stripped the finish and found the body is made of plywood! OK, keep going I say, so I get the body cut to the shape I want. While rounding over the edges the bit comes out of my no name laminate trimmer, while it's running, and gouges into the side of the guitar body. It then takes off across the garage and imbeds itself in a box of sandpaper. OK, keep going I say, so a little more body modification than I'd planned. When I get it sanded down and put on the first coat of sanding sealer the veneer starts lifting off. OK, keep going I say, so I get some epoxy wood filler and start filling in the voids caused by peeling off the lifted veneer. I've got the primer on and 6 coats of white paint. This helps but it still looks like a 6th grade science project. OK, keep going I say. Think I'll go for a wild paint job to hide all the blemishes. Just hope it sounds as good when I'm done as before I started!

Now for the Corvair stuff. Thanks to our club members who have been keeping the Corvair and the club in the public eye so far this year. We have been well represented at quite a few shows and cruise ins. Now that things seem to be settling down around the house, I hope I can get out and in the mix with them.

Thanks also to Russ for giving me an afternoon to learn carb rebuilding. I now have two primaries ready to go if I have any more difficulties and will soon have a couple of secondaries. Some investigation has brought to light at least one issue with the carb problems I've been dealing with: When I installed my fuel pressure regulator I used rubber 'gas line'. At least that's what the youngster at the auto

July 2016

parts store called it. Since I moved the fuel filter from before the regulator to the last thing before the stock fuel lines to the carbs, the idle circuit plugging seems to have gone away. I was seeing some blackening on the filter element that looked mysteriously like fuel line. Got some hose rated for fuel installed along with a new filter and there's no more discoloration on the filter.

Other Corvair projects I hope to get one this summer are getting the ring and pinion replaced on the differential I shelled last winter and the steering box rebuilt.

So those are my plans. Let's see what life has to say about it!

Take care and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John

VCE April Minutes

These are the minutes from the meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts on June 17, 2016.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President, John Cleveland.

Participants

With 16 members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. They were approved as presented in The Oil Drop.

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Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 15 July, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

Happy Anniversary

John & Denise Cleveland – July 29

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Financials

Below is Russ Thuleen's treasurer's report.

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed.

Item	Amount	Total
Balance as of 4/24		\$476.90
Receipts since 4/24		
Dues	\$55.00	\$55.00
Expenditures since 4/24		
Bank Fee	\$7.00	-\$7.00
Account Balance as of 5/24		\$524.90

There has been no activity since 5/24.

Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

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Date	Event	Location
7/15	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
7/12-16	CORSA Convention	Springfield, IL
7/16	Shelby County Shindig: BBQ, Blues, & Brew	Main Street, Columbiana, AL
7/30	Our Helping Hands of 'Bama Show	Clanton, AL
8/12-13	Choo Choo Classic	Chattanooga, TN

Billy Cannon distributed registration forms for the Choo Choo Classic. The Shelby County Shindig organizers asked if Vulcan Corvair would like to exhibit its cars. There are food vendors, beverages (adult and otherwise), and activities. General Admission is \$5. For \$10, you get to taste the BBQ that is part of the competition.

Cruise-Ins

Cruise-Ins started the first weekend in April with Alabaster, followed by McCalla, Moody, and Fultondale on successive weeks. The Oil Drop has a large list of those and other cruise-ins.

Southeast Corvair Picnic

Here is the financial report from the picnic.

Not all of this was spent by the club. Some was donated. Door prizes were donated. Billy Cannon is holding the \$141 in raffle receipts awaiting decision by the Club as to its disposition. The Poker Run was completely separate and is not included above. We over-provisioned for both drinks and ice. Richard Stolzmann took pictures of the special needs youngsters riding in the Corvairs. He'll send them to Billy for inclusion in *The Oil Drop*. Appreciation was expressed to Flowers (Grocery) for donating the bread.

Choo Choo Corvair had offered to chip in and had, in fact, brought the check book. As we did not know the amount to ask, we did not ask for a check that day.

Person	Item	Price
Howard	Food	\$55.65
Howard	Misc. at Dollar Tree	\$48.00
Howard	Charcoal	\$20.00
Billy	Gift Cards	\$175.00
Billy	Poster (price)	\$25.00
Billy	Miscellaneous	\$20.00
Clyde	Camp Sumatanga Rental	\$100.90
Clyde	Bread (donated)	\$0.00
	Expenditures	\$443.65
	Receipts (Raffle Tickets)	\$141.00
	Net	(\$302.65)

Old Business

Joe Doughty's Car

Rozelle wants a club member to have the first opportunity to purchase the car. Bob Hill is interested but can't do anything until the 2nd week of July due to summertime plans. Harold Hartline said he would probably go ahead and place an ad to try to generate some interest.

New Business

There was a motion to let Billy keep the \$141 from the raffle, with him donating the balance of what he spent out of pocket. Made by: Harold Hartline. Seconded by: Bob Hill. Passed. There was a motion to send the accounting of expenditures to Choo Choo Corvair and ask them to send whatever they think is appropriate. Made by Bob Hill. Seconded by Clyde Cork. Passed. Billy will send the email to Choo Choo making the request.

President John Cleveland solicited volunteers for the Picnic Committee for next year.

Chair: Billy Cannon. Members: Clyde Cork, Howard Tutt and Russ Thuleen.

Tech session

Russ had a camshaft and there was discussion.

Drawings

Gas money of \$28 was won by Howard Tutt.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:34 PM.

Happy Birthday

Ed Keller, Al Hilderbran, John Cleveland,
and Russell Noble

Cruise In	Date/Time	Location
1st Friday Gadsden	1st Friday night	Broad Street, Gadsden
1st Friday Old Town	1st Friday night	Helena
Alabaster	1st Saturday night	Dairy Queen, Promenade Shopping Center, Alabaster, exit 238 off I-65
McCalla	2nd Saturday night	Tannehill Mall, McCalla, exit 1 off of I-459
Moody	3rd Saturday night	Nino's hwy 31 in Pelham in front of Speed South & Moody, AL
Fultondale	4th Saturday night	Ashley Furniture, Fultondale, off Walker's Chapel Rd Exit I-65

'Dustless' Blasting by Danny Joe

When I put my Rampside on the rotisserie, I wanted to try an attachment for using a pressure washer to sandblast with.

I bought a kit from Northern Tool (\$69.00), it has a tip that plugs in where the regular tips connect. The tip uses the venturi effect to draw sand up the hose and



inject it into the water stream. It has a steel tube for the pickup end; the tube has a air vent pipe welded to the side that is supposed to help assist in keeping the sand flowing.

As it is dustless, it is possible to use silica sand without a respirator, which is less than half the price of non-silica medium. Using play sand from Lowe's (on sale \$2.50/50 lb, regular \$3.85), it was soon determined that it is not dry enough to feed

properly. Spread out the sand to dry (Luckily I have a concrete parking pad next to my shop that is big enough to hold a dozen bags easily.). It is kind of a pain and requires about 10 buckets to hold the dry sand, then store them in the shop to keep them dry.



Even with drying the sand, it still did not feed consistently. The sand would fill up the hose and stop flowing. The pickup hose is 12' in length, so I cut it down to about 6'. This improved feeding, but with the sand that close I soon found that the container

has to be covered to keep it dry. It doesn't take much moisture to gum things up! I have also done a couple of other things to help. I have an old Craftsman sandblaster kit, I am using just the hopper for its tapered bottom, also putting the hopper on a cart to raise it to waist height. When using the Craftsman hopper the probe is removed and the hose plugs directly into the bottom as they are the same size. A pressurized hopper would probably work much better!



Performance: probably about what you could expect for something that is intended for small projects. It does remove paint and rust, but is painfully slow if the sand isn't feeding properly. I have used 30 bags of sand so far and have done about half of the underside.

Positive: since it is dustless, no respirator needed! If you don't mind getting covered in wet sand, all you need is safety glasses (and remember to keep your mouth shut!). I get wet anyway, so just rinse off with a hose when done.

Flash rust: It shows up almost immediately. There is a chemical (HoldTight®102) to add to the water that prevents flash rust for 48-72 hours. There is no residue and the metal can be painted with no further preparation. As it is taking so long to remove the remain-

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der of the paint and undercoating, I am not using the Hold-Tight®102 at present. After the underside is completely cleaned, I plan to use the chemical to remove the flash rust with sand and rinse.

The HoldTight®102 is \$185 for 5 Gallons. Recommended mixing ratio is 7 ounces per 5 gallons of water. I have a 65 gallon tank, which would give me about 20 minutes of pressure washing for 3 quarts of the chemical.

After blasting, epoxy primer will be used to seal the metal.



Candid Camera by Richard Stolzmann

3rd Annual Southeast Corvair Picnic pictures of people. And YES....there may be a Corvair or two!

While we were enjoying our picnic back in May, the neighboring pavilion was occupied by a group from Huffman United Methodist Church out of Birmingham. The church ministry was providing a day outing for their special needs folks. Several of us thought it would be nice to give them a ride in our Corvairs.

Here is letter from the church after the pictures were sent to them;

"Hey Mr. Stolzmann,

Thank you so much for sending these to me! Your kindness and that of your Corvair friends was greatly, greatly appreciated. I know the kids will talk about it for years to come. What a cool experience!

Thank You again...

Haver Waller"

Well done to Choo Choo and Vulcan members that took the kids out in their 'open air' Corvairs. This is what the hobby is all about!!



Dual Master Cylinder Installation

John Cleveland

This is the first of a series of articles about a winter project I had installing a dual master cylinder, new brake lines, hoses and new front and rebuilt rear wheel cylinders. I had been having some braking issues and after getting in to this project I found out why.

The project isn't real difficult if you have the tools and can deal with some unexpected twists and turns along the way. Remember, your car is around 50 years old and the brake lines could be original. This is what I was dealing with on my car. When Russ and I rebuilt the front end I twisted off the end of the front passenger side brake line trying to get the hose disconnected. Since removing the gas tank wasn't part of the plan we drilled a hole through the fender well and ran a new line up into the trunk and over to another hole drilled to get under the dash to the brake line tee. You can see the temporary line held in place with white Velcro. Also shown is the original master cylinder.



Start by removing the brake line between the original master cylinder and the union that runs to under the dash. Then remove the two nuts

that hold the master cylinder to the trunk wall.

Here's what you'll have after the old master cylinder has been removed. Coming through the hole you can see the brake rod from the pedal inside the car. Clean it up and install the new gasket. I purchased



my new master cylinder from Clark's and just followed the directions that came with it. They tell how to bench bleed it before it is installed. Do not skip this step as it makes bleeding the brakes much easier when you're finished. The object just below the left mounting bolt is the brake line union that takes the brake line under the dash. The tubing seen to the far left is the temporary line I ran after twisting the end off the original line.



Here's the new dual cylinder mounted and ready for the brake lines to be installed.

If this is all you are going to do, the original line between the old master cylinder and the union can be reused. The kit includes the second brake line, a template for drilling the additional hole to get it under the dash and a union for connecting the new line to the existing brake line.

You'll need to make some adjustments to the brake rod that is connected to the brake pedal and actuates the master cylinder. Instructions for this are in the shop manuals and the tech guide.



When the installation is complete top off both chambers in the master cylinder and bleed the brakes. Begin with the rear wheels first (longest lines first). In a Corvair the passenger rear seems to be the longest run and the driver's side rear the next. Third, do the passenger front, then the driver's front. There are many good sets of specific instructions on the internet where you can get detailed information on performing this task.

Stay tuned next month for the really fun part; removing all the old brake lines and installing new ones.

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Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____
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Names of Children in your group: _____

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Registration Fee:	\$15.00 per person or \$30.00 per family* - Friday thru Sunday (pre-registration)	\$ _____
	\$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per family* - Friday thru Sunday (on-site registration)	\$ _____
	\$8.00 per person or \$16 per family* - Saturday only (pre-registration)	\$ _____
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	<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 and Buffet:	\$33.00 per Adult (pre-registration)	\$ _____
	\$36.00 per Adult (on-site)	\$ _____
	Total Amount Enclosed:	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Choo Choo Corvair Club

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

Chickamauga National Military Park Tour: Friday, August 12 th @ 1:30pm	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hot Chocolatier Tour: Saturday, Aug. 13 th @ 2:00 pm	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

People's Choice Registration: (All cars on display will be judged for People's Choice)

Vehicle

Description: Year _____ Color _____ Model _____

Check all that apply:

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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 _____

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Signature of Registered Guest _____

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Danny Robertson has been graciously providing signage to the club since he has joined.
 Here are some of his products and prices:
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- * **Classic Pictures**
- * **Classifieds**



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From the Prez,

Thanks to our illustrious newsletter editor I got my Prezletter in, a little late but definitely under budget! The big news around here is nobody heat stroked during July despite household chores such as stripping and repainting the wrought iron fence around the house. Glad we've got one of the kids here to help out.

Choo Choo is fast approaching, the week-end of August 12th. That will be the week-end before our next scheduled meeting so stay tuned to our facebook page for information on members who want to caravan to the event. Don't think Denise and I are going to make it as it looks like I'll be working in southern New Mexico the following week and will have to travel on that weekend.

I am tentatively scheduling a trip to the Great Plains Roundup in Tulsa the last week-end in September, but that is subject to change if a project in the Savannah area is ready for commissioning and startup around that time. Work is a drag but I do like the paycheck!

Haven't done anything on the Corvair in the last month except driving it which has freed me up to get the Model A back together. Have had some issues matching the paint so I can get the gas tank back in but it looks like that is coming together.

The guitar project is also making progress after several mishaps. I had to sand the clear coat off the body after several of the coats started bubbling. I think I was putting it on too thick. Now that the neck is complete I'll take it all to the painter along with the gas tank and have him clear coat them both. Might be able to show it off at the next meeting. Am already getting material for the next one, a reproduction early sixties Fender Tel-e-caster.

That's about all from the President's chair. Hope you all had a great July and have an even better August
 Take care and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 John

August 2016

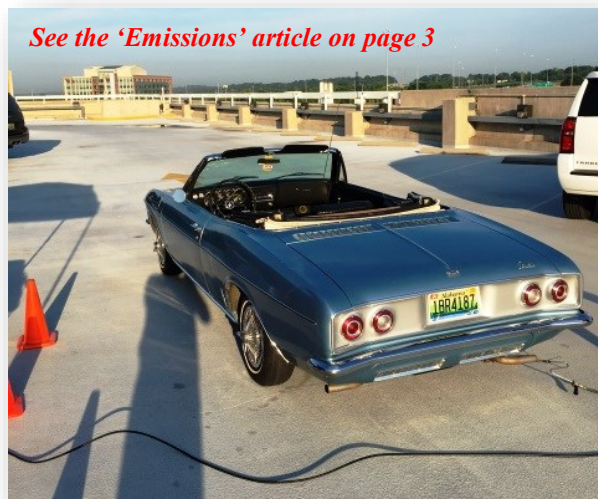
Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 19 August, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

See the 'Emissions' article on page 3



Happy Birthday

Chris Brown, Louise Hartline, and Sarah Smith

VCE April Minutes

These are the minutes from the July meeting of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts.

After a fabulous pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order July 15, 2016, at 7:38 PM by President John Cleveland.

Participants

With 19 members and one youngster in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. They were approved as presented in The Oil Drop.

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Financials

Below is Russ Thuleen's treasurer's report.

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed.

Item	Amount	Total
Balance as of 5/24		\$524.90
Receipts since 5/24 None		\$0.00
Expenditures since 5/24		
Bank Fee	\$7.00	-\$82.00
Curch Room Rental	\$75.00	
Account Balance as of 6/24		\$442.90

No expenditures have been made since the last statement. The \$35 annual fee to CORSA is due and will be paid this week. .

Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

Russ Thuleen
147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

Date	Event	Location
8/12-13	Choo Choo Classic	Chattanooga, TN
8/19	VCE Monthly Meeting	Fullness Christian Center
9/17	Joint Corvair Picnic and Swap Meet	Indian Springs, Ga

Cruise-Ins

The Oil Drop has a large list of those and other cruise-ins.

Southeast Corvair Picnic

Billy Cannon sent a reminder to Choo Choo Corvair about the request to share expenses for the picnic. If there is no response, it may be best to follow up next in person at the Choo Choo Classic show in August.

Old Business

Joe Doughty's Car

Joe's car is still for sale, parts and extraordinary documentation included. It could easily be an AACA senior quality vehicle. A brochure was put together to send out. The club will suggest an asking price to Rozelle and the family. The family will entertain reasonable offers.

New Business

Dave Stocks in Huntsville contacted Billy Cannon. Billy invited him to tonight's meeting, but he had a preexisting conflict. He's interested in coming. He also has a 1965 Corsa and mounds of parts.

Announcements

Al Birks was recently in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

If someone sees an ad for a 1967 air conditioned sedan, contact Harold Hartline as he had one stolen about 3 years ago.

Bill Sweet, now in Virginia, contacted Russell Noble. Bill passed along that he missed VCE's camaraderie.

Russell Noble just moved his youngest daughter to Augusta. He's very happy for her and looking forward to the raise going forward

Tech session

Russ presented a session on fuel stabilizers.

Drawings

Gas money of \$30 was won by Judi Cannon.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed at 8:09 PM.





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Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂):	13-18%
Carbon Monoxide (CO):	less than 0.5%
Oxygen (O ₂):	less than 1.5%
Hydrocarbons (HC):	less than 100 ppm
Nitrogen Oxides (NOX):	less than 100 ppm
Air/Fuel Ratio:	14.7 (ideal)

See schedule for free emission test dates and locations at:
www.AlabamaCleanAir.com

Thanks for doing your share for cleaner air!

APCA VEHICLE EXHAUST GAS ANALYSIS

PERFORMED BY WRATT FOUNDATION

DATE: 7.20.16

VEHICLE: Chev. Corvair

5-GAS RESULTS

CO₂ = 004.6

CO = 01.69

O₂ = 012.8

HC = 1240

NOX = 0014

AFR = 30.13

Accelerating towards a cleaner environment

CommuteSmart, along with Waste Reduction and Technology Transfer (WRATT), conducted free vehicle emissions testing for Alabama Power employees on the roof of the Corporate Headquarters employee parking deck on Wednesday, July 20.

'Emission' Testing by Russell Noble

Had emission check today at work for free, so I drove the Vair in. Only 16,900 ppm of CO! Blew HC out of the water at 1,240 ppm. BTW, carb rebuilds and plugs scheduled for this winter.

Some dude said he used to have one, but when I showed him the engine, he had forgotten it was in the back. How do you forget that??

Then on July 25 my company's magazine published the article!



2016 Convention by Molly Bacon

Chris, Molly and Turkel went to the Convention in Springfield. We had a good time and was one of three awarded in the Car Display on Saturday in the Specialty/Engineering class. Unfortunately, we only made it back to Cullman, AL and dropped a valve seat. Turkel got to ride home, too.



Unfortunate to see 'Turkle' on the hook!

Installing Brake Lines

John Cleveland

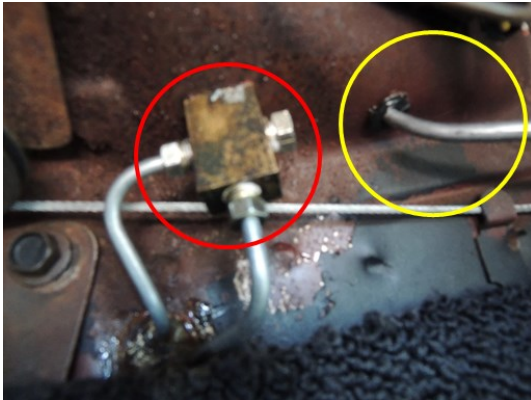
This article will focus on hooking up the lines to the dual master cylinder I installed in the car last November. The dual master cylinder provides separate braking circuits for the front and rear of the car which still leaves some braking available if there is a failure in either circuit.



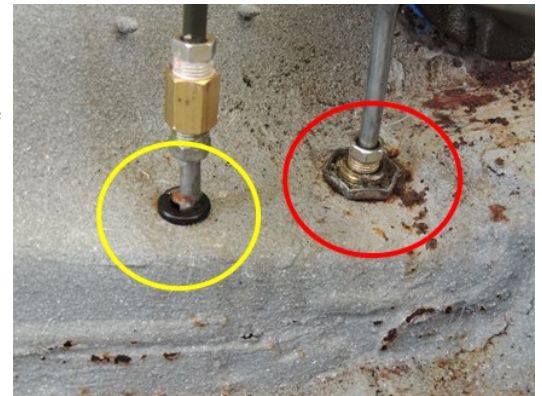
For tools you'll need a couple of good quality flare nut wrenches and the regular assortment of wrenches, screwdrivers, hammers, dynamite, nerve medicine, etc. I would highly recommend taking the lines apart instead of cutting them and then taking the fittings loose with vice grips. I purchased the brake line kit from a popular vendor and I had to use some of the original lines to get the new 'pre-bent' lines bent correctly. A good tubing bender would have been handy, but I've bent a lot of tubing and know some shortcuts, especially for correcting bends already made.

If you purchase the dual master cylinder kit it comes with a template for drilling the second hole in the trunk for the additional braking circuit. It also comes with a piece of pre-bent tubing and a coupling to tie in to the brake line going to the rear of the car. Since I had already drilled a hole for my temporary front passenger brake line the picture is not the same as the template in the kit.

In this picture the line on the right is going to the original bulkhead cross fitting that is under the dash. The line on the left is the new line that will feed the rear brake circuit. Note the coupling connecting the two lines. I also used my own grommet with some clear, paintable silicone to seal the hole in the new line since the hole I drilled wasn't the size the kit instructions recommended.



Here's a picture looking up under the dash at the original cross fitting (red circles) and the new brake line going to the rear of the car (yellow circles). The two lines coming out of the cross fitting go to the two front brakes. The plug on the right of the fitting went to the rear brake line. The line from the master cylinder comes in through the top (see picture above). The line shown in the yellow circles is the new line going to the rear brakes.



The long line going to the rear of the car was the most difficult to remove and install. You must remove the tunnel pan cover and I would recommend removing the heater duct from the tunnel. This is a good time to do any upgrades/repairs on the heating system since you are going to have most of it exposed on both ends.

On my car the hose between the back of the tunnel duct and the heater fan was in bad shape. The new hose was not that expensive and it made a huge difference in heater performance. I also cleaned out the duct that ran through the tunnel and installed a new foam gasket to the vent under the back seat.



Pay close attention to how the long brake line comes out from the front to the rear of the car. It has to go around the clutch and emergency brake cables, shift tube and the wiring that runs through the tunnel.



Carpet pulled back and heater/defroster duct removed.

Under the car, heater duct and connecting hose removed

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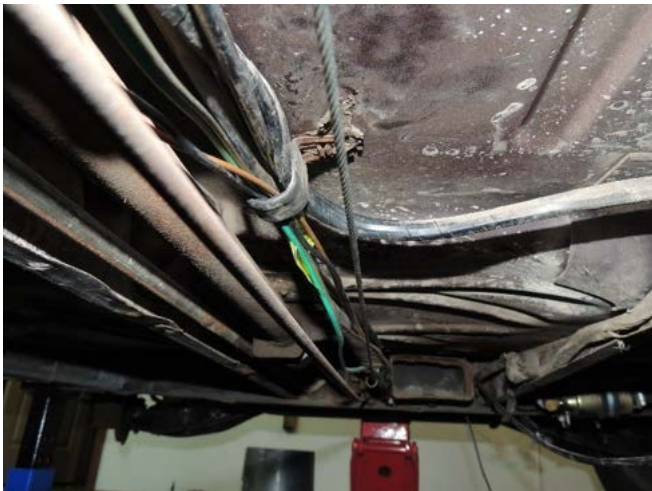
Take pictures to help you get everything back together correctly, especially detailed photos or video of the tunnel, front to back. It will greatly help getting it all back together correctly.



View of tunnel looking to the front of the car. Note the shift tube and clutch rod.



View of the old brake line after removal from the tunnel. You can see the pulley for the clutch cable.



Another view of the tunnel looking to the front of the car. All this has to go in there without rubbing together.



First attempt to install the line in the tunnel. Got the brake line twisted around the emergency brake cable. Remove and repeat (this is where the nerve medicine comes in handy!)



This is the picture that saved me. It shows the brake line in relation to the emergency brake cable, and how they properly cross in the tunnel to avoid rubbing together.

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These pictures are of the tee at the rear of the car (driver's side) where the long brake line from the front branches to each rear drum. The picture on the left shows removing the old brake hose. On the left the new lines are installed, waiting on installation of the new brake hoses and clips.

Most of the trouble I had was installing the long brake line. It seemed to be bent too short to go up into the cabin at the front and I had to rebend it in several places to get it to fit. If I had drilled the hole from the trunk according to the template the long line would not have reached without a lot of straightening of the 'stock' bends in the tunnel area.

New brake hoses and rear brake cylinders are available at local auto parts stores though I couldn't find front ones anywhere except Corvair vendors. The front and rear cylinders are different sizes internally. I bought two rear cylinders at Advance Auto. When I went to install them one had a metric bleeder fitting and one had SAE. The packaging and part numbers were exactly the same. Next month I'll conclude with installation of the front brake lines which involves pulling the gas tank. I'll also show never revealed photos of my original master cylinder and hopefully of the rear brake cylinders. You won't believe your eyes!

Eleven Websites for the Corvair Owner

by [Johnny Webber](#) (Submitted by our own Linda Miller)

1. howacarworks.com – Beautiful illustrations depicting how various parts of the car function.
2. carcarekiosk.com – Watch how-to videos and learn how to fix cars.
3. gasbuddy.com – Find the best gas prices near you.
4. fuelly.com – Track, share, and compare your vehicle's actual costs.
5. autotempest.com – Find your ideal car, wherever it might be listed.
6. tankonempty.com – Find out how far you can drive with an empty tank.
7. freeairpump.com – Find free air pumps around you.
8. imcdb.org – A complete database of vehicles found in movies and on television.
9. 3dtuning.com – Customize your dream vehicle.
10. carcomplaints.com – Tell people what is wrong with your car.
11. transfercarus.com – Free one-way car rentals.



Local Cruise-Ins

1st Saturday – Alabaster Dairy Queen, Promenade Shopping Center, Alabaster, exit 238 off I-65

2nd Saturday – McCalla Tannehill Mall, McCalla, exit 1 off of I-459

3rd Saturday – Nino's hwy 31 in Pelham in front of Speed South & Moody

4th Saturday – Ashley Furniture in Fultondale

1st Friday—Broad Street in Gadsden Alabama

1st Friday—Old town Helena

1st Saturday of each month - Alexander City, Alabama, Arby's Hwy 280 Hosted by The Lords Cruisers
(April-October) Info: Rod Siggers 256-794-3846, John Hammock 334-703-5437

1st Saturday of each month - New Hope, Alabama, Cruise-In at Hardees on 431, hosted by North Al. Street
Toys, 6-9, Info: Billy Vann 256-723-6431

1st Saturday of each month - Selma, Alabama, Cruise-In at the Glass House just before you cross the Pettus
Bridge, Beginning October 7, 6-?

2nd Saturday of each month - Clanton, Alabama, Cruise-In downtown Clanton, 2nd Avenue and 6th Street
(March – September)

2nd Saturday of each month - Opelika, Alabama, Cruise-In at Home Depot in Tiger Town, Exit 58 off I-85,
Sponsored by Deep South Cruisers (all year), Info: John Hammock 334-703-5437

3rd Saturday of each Month - Tallassee, Alabama, Cruise-In at Tallassee Shopping Center, 6pm,
www.talisi.com (Year Round)

3rd Saturday of each month - Pelham, Alabama, Mustang Only cruise in at Cardinal Restaurant (5-10) Hwy
31 in Pelham across from Susan Shein Dodge

3rd Saturday of each Month Centerville, Alabama, at Advance Auto Parts, 4-8 (March – November)

4th Saturday of each month - Historic Talladega Square, Talladega, Alabama Info: Ed Walker 256-493-
5318 or Stan Gallahar 256-375-3822

4th Saturday of each month - Arab Customs & Classics sponsored Sons BBQ Restaurant Parking Lot
North of Arab on Hwy 231 Arab, Alabama

FOR SALE - 1964 Corvair Convertible

Parts or restore , car has a few spots on rockers pans trunk quarters are solid. I have California papers, bought two for one in Georgia, keeping 4 speed car. Reason for sale is don't need two early converts. no motor or trans (was auto). will need deck lid but I do have doors. no front seats have back seat and will try to get front end swapped out.

I will do some trading \$500.00 or trade for garden tractor, mower etc., or Corvair engine, wheels.

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From the Prez,

Here we are going in to September. The cruise ins and car shows will start winding down now that school is starting, so get out there and show off our favorite vehicles! Alabaster is the first Saturday of the month, so maybe we can get several Corvairs to that one.

The convertible has been doing pretty good this last month with only a new battery and starter and some wiring upgrades making the repair list. Was pretty weird finding the battery bad one week then two weeks later replacing a bad starter. The starter was on the car when I bought it eight years ago, so there's no telling how long it's been on there. Thanks to Pete for having one at the shop ready to go.

Another thing that broke was one of the convertible top hold downs, the white plastic piece that screws to the side of the back seat arm rest panel. The plastic part is easy to make from UHMW plastic which you can get at any woodworking supply store. Ten bucks will get you enough to make a couple of sets of catches. I'll get an article ready for an upcoming Oil Drop.

Not much else going on except work. I hope to be at the September meeting, but it is going to be close. A lot is going to depend on the weather in Savannah the second week of the month. If weather is good I'll get my stuff done and get home. If not I'll have to stay until everything is complete and tested. I also am not going to make the Great Plains Roundup or my high school homecoming parade, also because of the importance of that paycheck. Maybe next year. Take care and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! John

Happy Anniversary

Ed & Carol Keller – September 27

Happy Birthday

Judi Cannon and Caroll Hartline

September 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 16 September, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama
 Corsa Chapter. 352

VCE Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

After a mostly chicken pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order August 19, 2016, at 7:32 PM by President John Cleveland.

Participants

With 20 members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. They were approved as presented in *The Oil Drop*.

Financials

Below is Russ Thuleen's treasurer's report.

Item	Amount	Total
Balance as of 6/24		\$435.90
Receipts since 7/24		
Choo Choo Picnic	\$200.00	\$200.00
Expenditures since 7/24		
Corsa Fee	\$35.00	-\$35.00
Account Balance as of 8/18		\$600.90

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed. Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

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Events

Date	Event	Place
9/17/16	Corvair Atlanta/Heart of GA Corvair Joint Picnic	Indian Springs State Park, Flovilla, Ga
10/7- 10/8/16	Vairs at the Fair	Perry, Ga
10/7- 10/8/16	Vairs in the Valley	Maggie Valley, NC

Billy Cannon, Russ Thuleen, Richard Stolzman and Howard & Claudia Tutt all gave positive reports from the Choo Choo Classic. Russell Noble gave an interesting report on results from his Corvair emissions test that was conducted at his company. A discussion of carbon monoxide monitors mounted in the interior of Corvairs followed.

Cruise-Ins

There was a discussion concerning cruise-ins. Specifically a new one is being held somewhere at Pelham. Russell Noble was going to check out its status. *The Oil Drop* has a large list of other cruise-ins.

Committee Reports

Southeast Corvair Picnic

As mentioned in the financial report, Choo Choo reimbursed VCE for their part of the picnic.

Billy Cannon and Howard Tutt reported their discussion with Choo Choo leadership about next year's picnic and received promising comments concerning our Barber Motorsports weekend.

President John Cleveland tasked the Picnic Committee with providing monthly reports as we go through the next nine months of planning and coordination. This will also be reported in *The Oil Drop*.

Old Business

Joe Doughty's Car

Harold Hartline gave an update on the car. Joe's son Alan got the car started and said that it ran good. John Cleveland's ad did not mention a price and it was decided that an asking price of \$9500 would be posed to Rozelle for approval. Harold is also going to check with Alan about permission to place the ad on the [Corvair Center Forum](#) web site and the Facebook [Corvair Trader](#) group page. Once granted permission, Billy will place the ads.

Harold brought up the subject of finishing the car's interior as a club project if it doesn't sell. It was agreed by those present that Saturday, September 10, may be a good time to do that function at the Doughty's garage.

New Business

There was discussion on the upcoming 'joint' Picnic at Indian Springs State Park in Flovilla, Georgia. The park is roughly 200 miles or 3 hours from Birmingham. Some expressed interest in going.

Announcements

Russell Noble showed pictures and gave a report on the Edwards Chevrolet 100th anniversary event which he and his Corvair attended.

Tech Session

Russ Thuleen had a bolted flywheel that he demonstrated with appropriate tools and how-to. Danny Joe Robertson showed his homemade 'Dustless Blasting' setup which was followed with a discussion.

Drawings

Gas money of \$28 was won by Claudia Tutt.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

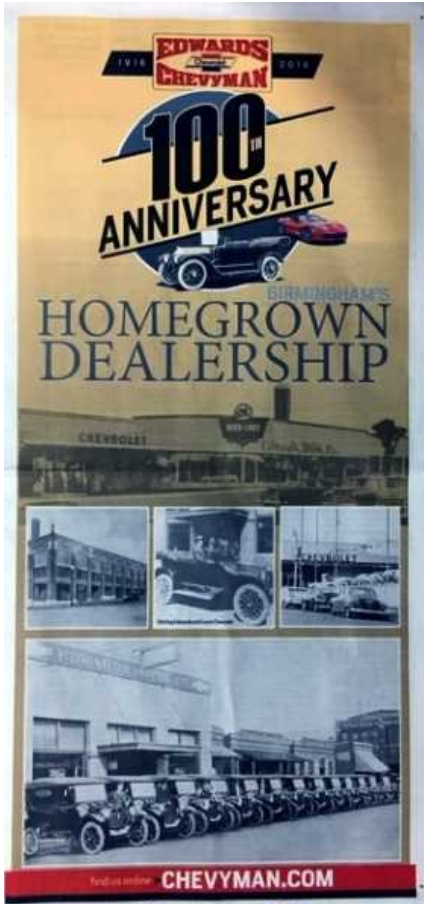
Unfortunate turn of events for Russell Noble's '65 Corvair at the Fultondale cruise in!



So on his way back from this past Saturday's cruise-in, Russell experienced a major blow-out on the passenger side rear tire. He was able to successfully get it to the side of the road but lost a hub cap and thankfully no other damage. Anyone have a 13 inch 3 prong wire hubcap?



100 Year Chevy Anniversary Celebration...with a Corvair!



Out of the blue a few weeks ago I received an email soliciting 'selected vintage' Chevrolet vehicles spanning the period of 1916-2016 for an event to be held in downtown Birmingham. Turns out it was a party for Edwards Chevrolet's century mark of being in business in the same location selling Chevys – cool. I have bought probably four new cars from this location on 3rd Ave North over the years, so I was interested. I emailed back that I had a 'fairly rare' 1965 Corvair Corsa convertible and asked if it would fit in their program. I told them it was a driver and not a show car. A couple of weeks later, I got back a resounding yes, bring it on, from the dealership and the planning began. Seems that they only wanted 20-30 cars and stressed they wanted various models (no big packs of the typical 55-57s, Vettes, and Camaros). I cleaned up the Vair and even got out the top boot and put it on – first time in probably 15 years. Turns out Edwards had rented the entire Regions Field 2A minor league baseball park for the event and the cars/trucks were parked on the concourse (no game scheduled). Well, it was fun and probably 400 Edwards invited folks showed up for a dinner and program. It was nice being the only Corvair among a 1916 roadster, 1934 coupe, and ... well you get the picture.

Russell Noble,
reporting



Choo Choo Classic

by Billy Cannon

This years Classic was another successful and enjoyable event for the Vulcan folk. Howard & Claudia Tutt, Richard Stolzman, Russ Thuleen and I met at the Huddle House outside of Gadsden for Friday breakfast. After a leisurely 'stroll' up the interstate we arrived in Chattanooga just in time for the line up to visit the Chickamauga Civil War battlefield site.

While Howard and Richard were reliving the War Between the States, Russ and I met up with Corvair friends from all over the southeast. Danny Joe drove his Spyder up from Huntsville and joined us on Saturday.

Attendance was down a little bit this year but as always the Choo Choo folks did an excellent job with 'The Classic'!

The weather cooperated and the garden venue Corvair display is always a favorite for visiting tourists to see our loveable little cars and trucks.

The pictures below and throughout this publication are courtesy of Kelly Hopkins. A special "Thank You" to her and her Dad, Melvin for all the work that was put into the event. And of course Jack, Jim and Travis (along with the whole crew) worked very hard to ensure that we had plenty of food, fun, and fellowship during the 2016 'CLASSIC'.

See ya'll next year....



Remembering Walt

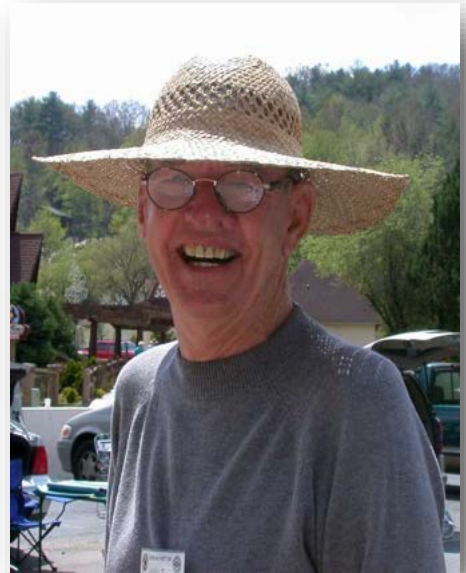
Scott Pilkington wrote the following on Thursday, August 18, 2016 10:27 PM

"I am sad to report that Walt moved in to the next realm this afternoon. He was 88. A constant student of art, automotive theory, aerodynamics and creative space usage and the application thereof to his beloved 366 that he put close to a half million miles on. He was a friend, mentor and confidant. I will miss him. I last talked to him a week ago. He was chipper and sharp witted even though he knew the end was near. His laugh was the same."

Famed UltraVan-owner (#366) and VCE member, Walt Davidson was the king of weight reduction. You had to see the interior of his coach to believe it. It was said he wouldn't paint his coach because the paint was 4 lbs. a can. Walty had no door on his bathroom - too much weight again. He got his coach down to weighing less than a Corvair passenger car and he had the weight slips to prove it. In fact I think the last time he drove it across the scales he had weight slips claiming just under 2400 lbs.

Walt was also very knowledgeable! On page 18 of the transmission section of the CORSA Tech Guide he wrote out the test procedure for a torque converter sprag using a spare stator support shaft.

"...Now with the torque converter still on the bench and the stator support shaft (SSS) in place: hold torque converter still with the left hand and grasp the SSS hard in the clockwise direction. If SSS wants to continue turning, that is, spin out of your grip, you have a bad overriding clutch (sprag.) Again, you should be able to twist the SSS while engaged with the stator in the torque converter and hold it while feeling the internal pieces continue to turn."



ALL pictures courtesy of Phil Hartline

Walt sets up his 'BLIMP' (as he called it) display at the 2007 Springfest



It's all about weight reduction. Note the 'bicycle speedometer.'



The Travelling BillBobery

A new series for the Oil Drop featuring Corvair visits around this great land of ours. This month's adventure features a 1963 Spyder owned by Dave Marshall who hails from Flat, Mo. Dave and his wife Paula (it is HER GTO) are the most friendly Corvair, Motorcycle, Hotrod Truck, and GTO enthusiasts I have ever had the privilege to meet. Thanks guys for being the awesome people that you are. See ya next trip!



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1961 Monza 900, 2 door. Restored one owner, purchased new in Birmingham, Al. Driven 106k miles then stored for restoration. Work was done by owner, a meticulous mechanic who kept detailed records of all routine maintenance and all restoration work. Unfortunately owner passed away recently when the project was about 95% complete. Interior and some trim remain to be installed. All needed items come with car as well as some additional new and used parts. This car has no rust.

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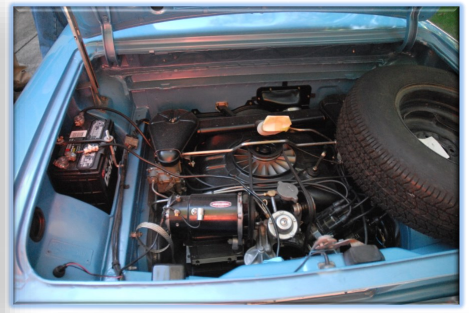
For details about the car contact Harold Hartline, Vulcan Corvair Club, 256-747-2308

Sale will be handled by the Family. Phone 205-452-2439 (call after 4:00 pm central and weekends)

With remaining details completed this could easily become a 'Senior Division' quality car.



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



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From the Prez,

October is fast approaching and along with October comes Vairs at the Fair. If you haven't made plans and registered, get it done soon. There are plans to caravan on Thursday, Oct. 6. All club members that want to caravan be at Arby's on Hwy 280 in Alex City. Contact Billy Cannon for the time.

I've made the decision to go back to a mechanical fuel pump after several years of trying electric ones with little success. My failure rate with the electric pumps is worse than when I ran mechanical ones and I'm getting tired of being stranded on the side of the road with a fuel pump failure. At least with a mechanical pump I can get going at least far enough to get off a freeway or busy highway and change the oil if I need to. A four month old electric pump left me on the side of I-65 last evening at rush hour and that was the straw that broke the back!

I'm not buying cheap pumps, but using ones that fellow Corvaire enthusiast recommend. It could be where it's installed, but I've talked with people who have them installed in the same place. The circuit is fused, then goes through an oil pressure switch, then to a switch under the dash before going to the pump. Both switches are wired to be bypassed in case of a switch failure, so I know it isn't one of those.

I'd be interested to know anyone out there who has had electric fuel pump failure from pumps purchased in the last couple of years. I wonder if we are going to go through a period of poor production like the mechanical ones did.

Thanks to Billy for running the meeting in September. All the other officers were off doing something else. I was stuck in Savannah, GA working on some new facility installations. The tropical storm down there caused us a couple of days delay so I didn't get home in time for the meeting. Better go for now as I have to REPLACE ANOTHER FUEL PUMP this afternoon.

Take care and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John

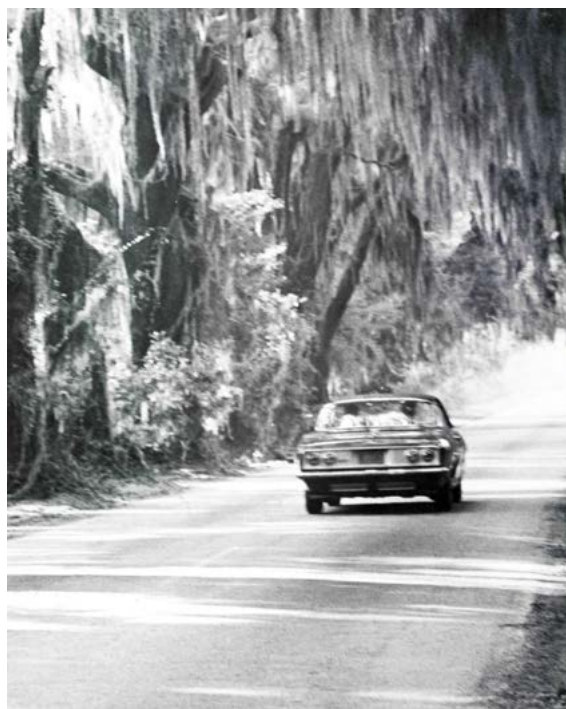
October 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 21 October, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center



Happy Anniversary

Pete & Emily Wood – October 17

Steve & Sheri Daniels – October 18

Billy & Judi Cannon – October 30

Happy Birthday

Rozelle Doughty, Debbie Noble,

Steve Daniels, Harold and Phil

Hartline & Howard Tutt

VCE Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

After an old fashioned southern pork roast dinner, the meeting was called to order September 16, 2016, at 7:36 PM by 2nd Vice President, Billy Cannon.

Participants

With 11 members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. They were approved as presented in *The Oil Drop*.

Financials

Due to the absence of treasurer, Russ Thuleen, no treasurer's report was given. A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, and passed.

Post-Meeting Update: Russ reports that the account balance is \$633.90 with no transactions since the last meeting.

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Events

Date	Event	Place
10/1/16	Moody Oktoberfest Car Show	670 Park Ave, Moody, AL
10/7- 10/8/16	Vairs at the Fair	Perry, Ga
10/7- 10/8/16	Vairs in the Valley	Maggie Valley, NC

Billy Cannon spoke of Russell Noble's unfortunate blow out while returning from the Fultondale cruise-in. Russell reported that his 1965 Corsa convertible is ok and now on blocks awaiting replacement of all four 13-inch tires. Billy has provided a 3 prong wire hubcap to replace the one that flew into the sunset.

Cruise-Ins

Cruise-ins are winding down for the season. Danny Joe Robertson reported that he may go to a couple more up in his area of Huntsville.

Committee Reports

Southeast Corvair Picnic

Billy Cannon and Howard Tutt reported their meeting with Brittany Perryman at Barber Motorsports went very well and received positive encouragement and support from them concerning our May 2017 event. Because of conflicting schedules in the area (Talladega NASCAR race, Barber's own event, and Mother's Day) we are pretty much regulated to the last weekend in May (5/26-5/27). Brittany has penciled us in for that weekend and informed us that they only need one week's notice for attendance numbers.

Howard reiterated and emphasized that the parade laps time frame on Saturday will either be 11-12 or 12-1 PM. Everything else for the weekend can be planned around these set times. From 1 to 6 PM on Saturday will be our time for lunch, shopping, museum tours etc.

A potential cost breakout of food items for Friday registration, Lunch on Saturday, and Awards/Dinner Banquet for Saturday evening was presented and brought up much needed discussion from those in attendance. These costs would be added to the registration cost to help recoup the Club's expenditure. The approximated price was \$25/person although that would vary by what was selected. Clyde Cork brought up the option of having the Saturday dinner catered by either "Bernie's" or "The Char House." This generated much interest from the group so Billy tasked Clyde and Brenda with checking into this and giving us a report next meeting. The catering option would be "pay as you go" for each participant.

A targeted registration cost of \$65 was discussed as it is comparable to other events like Choo Choo, and Vairs at the Fair.

There was a discussion of including a "People's Choice" competition. We have not done a "People's Choice" during the previous three SE Corvairs Picnics. Danny was asked to work on the People's Choice awards and he readily agreed to do so if it is determined to include it in the schedule of events.

There was also a discussion of dropping "Picnic" from the title because we are going on a larger two-day scale venue with an Awards/Dinner Banquet option. The "Corvairs at Barber Motorsports (formerly SE Corvairs Picnic)" was introduced and because we have time for the rebranding during advertising, "SE Corvairs Picnic" will eventually be dropped. With that in mind, Billy projected

an event flyer/registration and T-shirt design for the club's approval. Discussion followed and attendees of this meeting approved. The design will be publicized to ALL members for their approval/suggestions through follow on meetings.

Our projected Host Hotel for the event is the Hampton Inn located only two miles from Barber Motorsports. Howard and Billy did some preliminary coordination with the staff and were shown the available hospitality room that will be used for event registration and Saturday Lunch. Because the room capacity is limited to 50-65 people, discussion was brought up concerning having the catered Saturday evening Awards/Dinner at a larger venue. Claudia and Howard will speak with Leeds Baptist Church about using their Fellowship Hall and report back.

How to handle the participants' costs of items related to use of the Barber Motorsports Park and Museum - track laps, photographs of Corvair and driver on-track, museum packages - as well as ancillary items like t-shirts will be decided in a future meeting.

The group agreed that planning this far in advance is beneficial and agreed that choosing committee chairs would be a good idea as we move forward.

Old Business

Joe Doughty's Car

Harold Hartline gave an update on the car. Joe's son Alan, met with the prospective buyer, put gas in the car, and it started right up and ran well. The buyer reacted to the ad that Russell Noble placed in his company's classifieds. After a couple of email exchanges and seeing the car in person, an employee of the Southern Services bought the car.

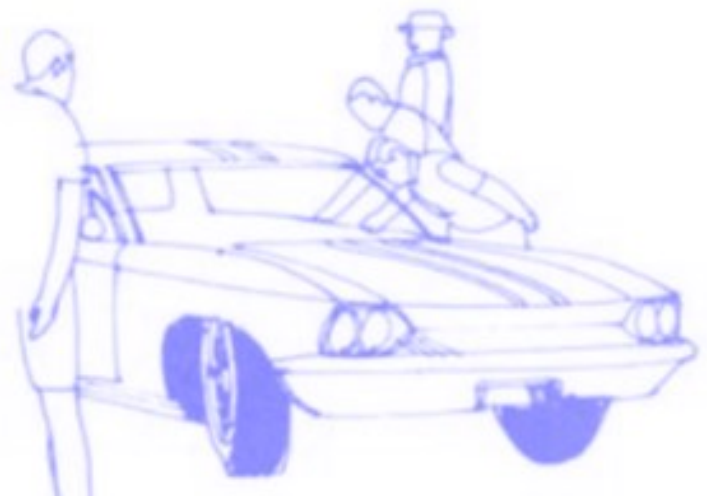
Harold did not know if the new owner planned to finish the car's interior himself. Some participants in tonight's club meeting offered to help as a club project. Russell will approach the new owner about joining the club. The selling price was not disclosed.

New Business

During many visits to the Doughty's home during the selling of the car, Rozelle mentioned to Harold and Louise several times that she would like to host this year's VCE Christmas Party at her home. All eleven members in attendance of this meeting were in total agreement with granting her request. Christmas Party planning will start immediately and be a major topic of the October 21st meeting.

Tech Session

"THE PURPLE WIRE" was the evening's topic of discussion and consisted of several symptoms and suggested solutions.



Drawings

Gas money of \$27 was won by Judi Cannon.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Corvair

Progress report on the Rampside!

The sandblasting was so slow I was not able to use the flash rust preventative. Because of this I used Rustoleum's Rusty Metal Primer on the underside so I could just spray it directly over the flash rust. The Harbor Freight HVLP sprayer did an excellent job, though I had some water in the air by the time I got through.

Did some research online, saw this air drier made from PVC pipe. It cost about \$30 to build. I put 2 inputs on it as the one small compressor I was using could keep up with the sprayer but not with the DA sander.



I got some ospho, found out that just spraying it on causes a mess. The best method is to wet a rag and wipe down. It really did show rust in places I was sure were clean.

Presently working on sanding, hoping to spray the epoxy primer this week. I need to get the body primed before the rainy season starts, the doors and other pieces can be prepped and kept inside the shop for a good time to prime them.

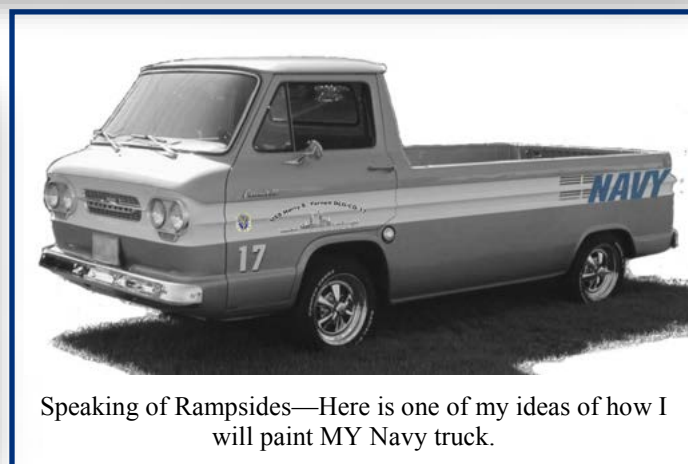
After the priming is done it will be time to go back to the metal work!

Danny Joe Robertson, reporting



It is supposed to work by giving the air a chance to slow down, cooling the air and condensing the water. It works perfectly so far, I have operated the DA sander for 2 hours at a time with no moisture coming through the final air hose. I get a good amount of water from the drain valve everyday.

I had already blasted all of the hard-to-reach places on the exterior, so I used a wirewheel to remove all the flash rust and also the old paint that wasn't blasted away. Kevin Told me that Bill Warren's painter was wiping down with ospho before the final sanding, that it seals and shows rust that would not otherwise be seen.



Speaking of Rampside—Here is one of my ideas of how I will paint MY Navy truck.

Installing Brake Lines

by John Cleveland

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama
Corsa Chapter. 352

This is the final article on replacing those pesky brake lines. The lines going to the front brakes require removing the stabilizer bar and gas tank so it is a good time to replace those old cracked and dry bushings and get that new sending unit you've been wanting. I would also recommend purchasing new gas



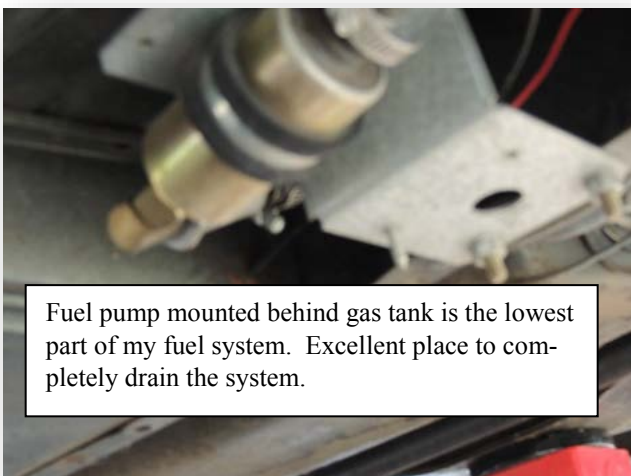
tank fill and vent lines as they will be soft and flexible which will make installation a lot easier.

The stabilizer bar come out pretty simply. Remove the bolts, nuts and washers from each side and spread the bottom part of the stabilizer link with a large screwdriver or pry bar. (Yellow Circle). Install the new bushing by spraying the bar and inner part of the bushing with you favorite penetrating oil. This helps the bushing slide on to the bar.

Now comes the fun part, removing the gas tank. Hopefully your've run almost all the gas out of the car before starting this project. Most of the remaining gas can be removed with a hose and suction pump from the fill spout. I got a hand pump from Harbor Freight that worked well. There wasn't much gas left in the tank so I only got about ½ gallon. It's best to do it outside or in a well ventilated garage. There will still be some gas left in the bottom of the tank and in the lines, so loosen a gas line from under the car and drain into a good gas can. I used a connection to my electric fuel pump which was at the lowest point in the system.



The wire to the sending unit should just pull off the sending unit and the gas line clamp can be loosened and the gas line removed. There will be a ground wire that should be attached to the underbody that will need to be removed. (Red Circle) .



Fuel pump mounted behind gas tank is the lowest part of my fuel system. Excellent place to completely drain the system.

I thought I had a shot looking up to where the filler hose and vent line connected to the tank, but couldn't find it. There are hose clamps on each one that need to be loosened and then they can be wiggled free of the tank. Best access is through the driver side wheel well, but if your arms are skinny enough you can reach up the side of the gas tank. Both methods may be needed. If the hoses have been there a while they will be dry and stiff and require some effort to get them loose. The fill hose may also be painted to the metal inside the access door and that may need to be scored with a knife to loosen the paint.

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Here is a shot of the cavity where the gas tank goes. The yellow circle shows where the front passenger side brake line exits to the wheel. I had no issues installing the passenger side line. The bends were all correct and it fit well.

Below is a shot of the driver side front brake line. This line came incorrectly bent and I had to do a lot of work on it. Because this line has a lot of bends, it is a complex installation. Note that in this picture it shows how far off the line was from the exit hole in the fender well. The grommet is installed in the hole prior to taking the picture (red circle).



On the next page you will see the front brake circuit connections under the dash (yellow circle). There is a two hole grommet the two front brake lines go through, using the existing hole. The old connection that went to the rear line is now plugged. The driver side front brake line was bent facing to the side of the car instead of to the block fitting. It was one of two incorrect bends in this line. It is connected to the left side of the block.

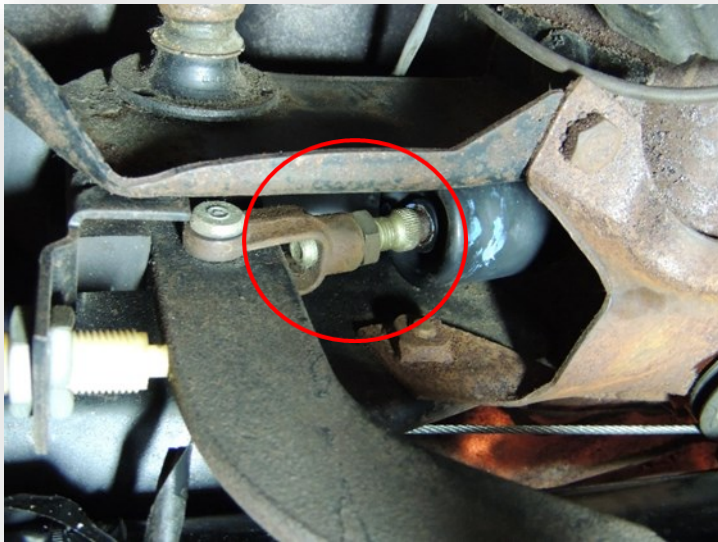
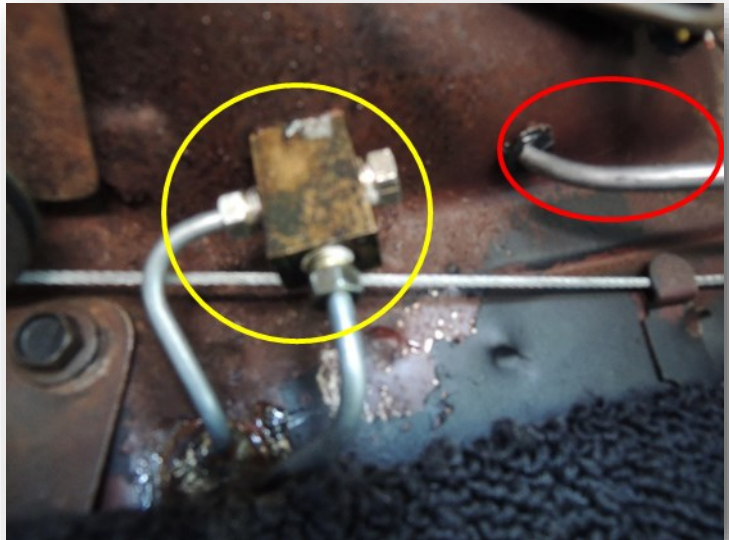
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You can see the new rear brake line coming in to the right and going to the tunnel (right circle).

Once you are done with the lines, the gas tank and stabilizer bar can be reinstalled. A couple of things I've found that make reconnecting the gas line fill and vent hoses are to use new ones because they are more flexible and to use a SMALL amount of light grease or oil on the inside of the hoses that are going on the gas tank to help them slide on. Another good tip is to put the hose clamps on before you put the hoses on. I mention this because I am really bad about not putting the hose clamps on....

Fill the system with brake fluid, bleed the system and check for leaks.



The brake pedal will probably need some adjustment after all these changes. The adjustment is shown in the red circle. It can be moved in or out to get the correct pedal movement.

Here are a couple of before and after bonus pictures of the old master cylinder before I drained it. I have no idea how my brake system got this way. I check my brake fluid quarterly and used a new gasket every time I removed the top of the master cylinder. This happened over a four month period. The fluid wasn't pristine when I checked it before, but it was nowhere near this.



Heart of Georgia Corvairs

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Dixie Corvair Classic
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October 7-8, 2016
In Perry, GA

Friday Night Southern Hospitality Party

Friday Swap Meet in the hotel parking lot

Saturday Parade and Display at the Georgia National Fair

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Registration Form / Entry Application October 7-8, 2016

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Please choose your preference, Chicken _____ Pork _____ Bar-B-Q Dinner _____

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Amount Enclosed: _____

Will you be participating in the parade and
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The Corvair Was Alleged To Be 'Unsafe at Any Speed'

In "Humans: Unsafe at Any Speed," Information Age, Aug. 22) L. Gordon Crovitz quotes Ralph Nader as calling cars "unsafe at any speed." Mr. Nader wasn't referring to cars in general, but specifically to the Chevrolet Corvair. Mr. Nader's accusations were later proved untrue. Unfortunately, the clearing of the Corvair's name came too late, and Chevrolet was forced to discontinue the model.

Richard A. Russell
Naples, Fla.



Russell Noble found this in the September 16th issue of The Wall Street Journal. (any relation?)

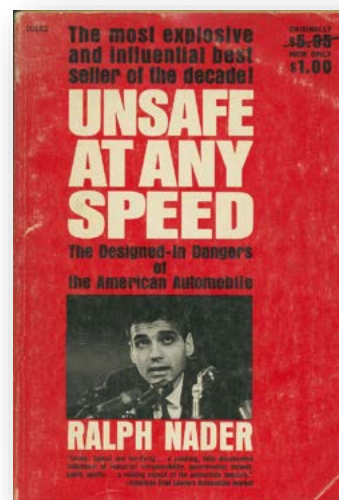
The Corvair Really Was An Unsafe Automotive Product

Richard A. Russell (Letters, Sept. 14) couldn't have read my 1965 book "Unsafe at Any Speed," which documents the absence of many safety features for all cars at that time. A focus on GM's Corvair for handling instability was based on the car's highway behavior and court evidence, later backed by the assertions of the company's own engineers including, subsequently, those of GM's vice president of car and truck production, John Z. DeLorean. Belatedly, in the late 1960s, GM also formally recalled Corvairs for carbon-monoxide leakage from its heater exchange system. Though lethal, the Corvair was a pretty car.

A shiny, red 1963 Corvair, securely fastened, can be seen on display at the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn.

RALPH NADER
Washington

And then this 'rebuttal' from Mr. Nader in the September 21st issue. I wonder what "securely fastened" means...



The Travelling BillBobery

This month's adventure was a quick trip over to Mike Levine's shop in Cummins, Ga. to pick up a set of Offenhauser aluminum valve covers.



These will match the Oil Pan I already have that will go on the NEW buggy.

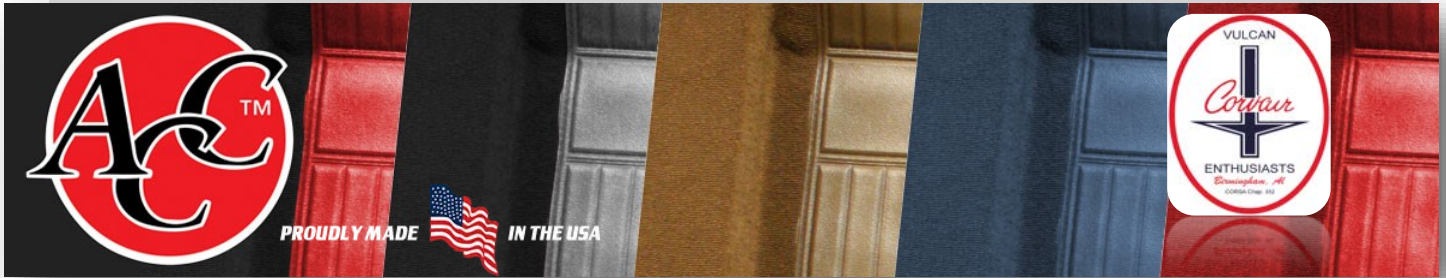
Mike also showed the 'BillBobery' some cool new internal parts for his race engine that will go into his '64 Monza. See yaw next trip!



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General consensus during the September VCE meeting was to use this design and choice of color scheme.

This would be a concept design for use with Auto Custom Carpet as sole sponsor. If it is decided to go with multiple sponsors, they would all go on the back of the shirt.



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From the Prez,

Isn't technology wonderful? I got me a new pair of hearing aids last week and it is amazing how much the technology has changed and improved. I don't go buying new hearing aids that often as they are quite expensive. I run mine clear in the ground before even considering laying out that kind of cash for a new set.

These have Bluetooth, so I can stream my Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray, et al directly into my brain without the need for earbuds, headphones or other things stuck on or in my head. Those don't work that well with hearing aids anyway. (Do you get some hint at why I may be hard of hearing?) They are also self adjusting, depending on the noise level in the surroundings. They have motion detection, so if I'm in the car, over 30 mph for 1 minute, they start shutting down.

It works in the wife's 2016 model, but in the 1966 model it seems to be too noisy for them to realize what's going on. As a result I'm hearing things from my car I've never heard before! And it's scaring the crap out of me!! This car cracks, pops and rattles so much it's a wonder people aren't staring at me driving down the road! OK, they do stare at me driving down the road, so let's move on.

Please be at our meeting on the 18th for discussion and the vote on amending the by-laws. Whether or not you can make it, if you have questions, don't hesitate to email or call

November 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 18 November, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

me so we can get everything clear on what we are trying to accomplish. This is a big opportunity for the club, but we all need to be on the same page. My phone and email can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Hope you are all ready for the show at Lineville coming up the first Sunday of the month. Looks like I'm finally going to get to a show this year after all! And on the 11th the club will be represented at two Veterans Day parades. If you can make one of those, go for it. Take care and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John

Happy Anniversary

Al & Paula Hilderbrand

Russell & Debbie Nobles – November 29



VCE Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

After dinner, the meeting was called to order October 21, 2016, at 7:27 PM by President John Cleveland.

Participants

With 12 members in attendance, a quorum was present. Please welcome new members Marshall McDuffie and Kevin Michaels to Vulcan Corvairs!

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. They were approved as presented in *The Oil Drop*.

Financials

Below is the financial report from treasurer, Russ Thuleen.

Item	Amount	Total
Balance as of 9/16		\$633.90
Receipts since 9/16		
McDuffie Dues	\$20	\$653.90
Expenditures since 10/16		
None	\$0	\$0
Account Balance as of 10/21/16		\$653.90

The \$8.00 Bank fee was discussed but was tabled until further investigation could be done.

Please note: "Dues are due." If you need to make a payment, please send your check to:

Russ Thuleen
147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

Proposed By-Laws Change

As mentioned later in "New Business," VCE has been asked to join the Committee of Clubs for SPRINGFEST. As part of that, the other clubs have requested we not publish detailed financials in our newsletter as they do not publish detailed financials for SPRINGFEST. That would require a By-Laws change for VCE to be voted on at the next meeting (November).

Post-Meeting Update: The proposed By-Law change sent to the membership 10/23 reads as follows:

Article III, Section 3, Duties, sub part e:

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have custody of all club funds and deposit/withdraw such funds as required by the board. The Treasurer will be responsible for filing the Club's tax return if required by law. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all the monies received and disbursed through the club. The Treasurer shall present a monthly report of finances at club meetings ~~and in the newsletter~~.

The change is the text to be stricken as shown above. Detailed financial info would always be available to the membership, just not published in *The Oil Drop*.

Events

Date	Event	Place
11/5-6/2016	Clay Co. Swap Meet & Car Show	Lineville Recreation Park
11/11/2016	Veterans Day Parade	Anniston or Hoover
12/17/2016	Chelsea Christmas Parade	Chelsea
TBD	VCE Christmas Party	Rozelle Doughty's home (324 N. Lake Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242)
5/26-27/2017	Corvairs at Barber	Barber Motorsports Park & Museum

Billy Cannon led the Veterans Day discussion and coordination. Russ Thuleen led the Lineville Car show discussion and coordination with reminder of daylight savings time change the night before. Louise Hartline informed the club that Rozelle Doughty would like our Christmas Party be at her house. Scheduling and discussion on ensuring that her wishes are met concerning food, time, appropriate gifts, etc. are ongoing.

Louise will get back with Rozelle with choice of Sunday at 3:00 PM on either December 11th or 18th. The membership voted for a Sunday afternoon because of scheduling conflicts (Church, Chelsea Parade, etc.).

Committee Reports

Southeast Corvair Picnic / Corvairs at Barber

Howard Tutt moved we hold the Southeast Corvair Picnic at Barber Motorsports on May 26-27. The motion was seconded by Billy Cannon, and, after discussion by the members, approved. Howard produced an estimated budget total outlay of approximately \$679, of which \$50 is refundable if the meeting hall is left clean and in good order.

The budget spreadsheet was presented on-screen by Billy Cannon and is available to the club as we proceed with details.

The meeting on Tuesday, 11 October with Ken Howell, president and owner of Auto Custom Carpets (ACC), went very well. Ken has approved our ad and will be contacted after the membership 'YES' vote.

He admired our enthusiasm and really liked the design of the flyer and the T shirts.

Auto Custom Carpet's involvement is as follows:

- Place a ¼ page ad in the CORSA Communique for the 6 months prior to the event. ACC will pay the \$600 ad fee to CORSA.
- ACC will provide prizes.
- ACC and VCE will have an option to continue primary sponsorship in the out years.

The ad MUST be submitted no later November 1, 2016, per CORSA deadline requirements. The 6-month ad will only mention that we will have the event at Barber Motorsports and from May 26-27 2017. .

Billy Cannon will let Ken know that we are a go and will set up a follow on meeting for any paperwork to be initiated.

Neither VCE nor Choo Choo will have any money outlay no matter which way we decide to conduct the event.

The members agreed to have follow-up discussions about which details for the event to work into the flyer and the Communique events calendar page within the next two or three months as those details are developed.

Clyde Cork voiced concern on contacting Choo Choo and updating them with status that we are a go.

Old Business

Purchase of Joe Doughty's Car

Marshall McDuffie, new owner and member of VCE, was present and gave a report on progress he has made finishing the car .

New Business

VCE Joining the Springfest Committee of Clubs Car

While at "Vairs at the Fair," 2nd Vice President Billy Cannon was approached by the SPRINGFEST committee (Lillian Law, Billy Bruce, and Al Hildebrand) concerning their desire that VCE join the committee as a full partner. The other club in the committee, Queen City Corvairs, did not have anyone in attendance but had given prior approval to make the request. Since we have already been providing volunteer work during past events, they felt that we should reap the rewards that the three other clubs receive. There is absolutely no financial requirement on VCE in order to join SPRINGFEST but we would receive ¼ of any profits realized after each yearly event to use as we so desire. The committee's only stipulation is that we no longer publish our financial reports to the public and that we attempt to have representation at any planning meetings required prior to the next event. President John Cleveland read the paragraph concerning public financials in our by-laws. The club will have to amend the by-laws to comply with SPRINGFEST request. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the proposed amendment be sent to the membership and acted upon within the required 30 days.

Tech Session

Due to the length of this important meeting, we did not have a tech session although Marshall McDuffie brought trim clips on his car for advice.

Drawings

Gas money of \$27 was won by John Cleveland.

Adjourn

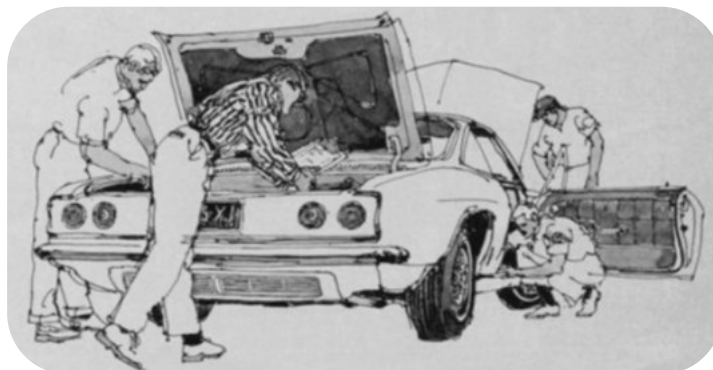
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Corvair

Progress report on Club Cars!

This month the Russ Thuleen VCE Corvair garage was certainly open for business!

First in the hopper was Howard Tutt's '66 Monza for a much needed oil leak fix. What everyone thought to be a complete push rod tube reseal turned out to be just a simple tightening of some oil pan bolts and a valve cover gasket replacement. An easy task with the car up on the lift. While up in the air a general safety and mechanical problem mitigation inspection was performed. A major problem was discovered on the drivers side front flexible brake hose. Apparently the previous owner had installed the wrong hose which was too long and caused it to rub on the tire when the car steering was all the way to the right. The protective outer lining was 'almost' worn completely through. Hose replacement and brake bleed was performed and no other problems under the car were detected. Howard's Monza is a very solid car throughout and is one of the best riding Late Model Corvairs that this reporter has ever been in.



This reporter's '62 Rampside was next on the lift for a gas tank replacement. You may remember that this is the truck that I bought from Wilma after Bob's unfortunate passing. Again, a solid example of a vehicle that has had the Vulcan loving touch applied to it. As per Bob's request, it is outfitted with new 140 internals, intake and exhaust on a truck block. It has a '64 4 speed transmission (Shifter in the floor—tube through the gas tank). Members of the club had previously installed a dual master cylinder, all new brake hardware and lines and rebuilt and refurbished the rear drive components. But the then reconditioned tank has sat these past several years and the gas in the tank along with the sending unit had gone BAD. Hence the need for the new tank.. After a 2nd day air delivery of the NEW sending unit, we installed the tank and thought we were finished. After installation of three different electric fuel pumps with miserable results (NO GAS to the carbs), Russ made the good decision to try a NEW pump. VOILA...the 140 sprang to life but was running like crap. You guessed it...the bad gas had gotten into the accelerator pumps and every component was stuck or plugged up. Russ once again instructed Howard and I on how to rebuild '66 Rochester carbs and now the old truck is running up and down the road like it should.

Next was Clyde and Brenda Cork's '64 Spyder. It would not go into reverse and was running pretty rough as well. The first problem was an improper installation of a quick shift modification. After returning the shift mechanism to stock, the car was brought down and test driven. It went into reverse a few times but then just said 'Nope...ain't gonna happen!'. So back in the shop and back in the air. This time it was the rear clamp holding the shift tube to the internal shift rod of the tranny. The clamp was too large and was not clamping with enough force to hold the tube as it should. After sourcing the correct clamp and installed she now goes into 'backards' all the time. It was told to me that Clyde will now have his convertible in the Veterans Parade. Good to hear!

If you have ANY stories or reports about Vulcan Corvairs and their progress status...please send them to me. I am ALWAYS looking for OD Fodder as Russell Noble is fond of saying.

Oil Drop Editor, reporting



In Last month's OD, Steve Daniels noticed that I had ideas about the paint scheme for my NAVY tribute inspired Rampside—Here is the rendering based on his excellent ideas. Thanks Steve...I'm going with this:



Vairs At The Fair

by Claudia & Howard Tutt

This past October 8th, Vulcan Corvairs participated along with 30 other Corvairs in the annual opening of the Georgia State Fair in Perry Georgia. As is the custom for the last several years, Corvairs LEAD the parade through the city streets, throwing candy to the onlookers as our gorgeous, beloved Corvairs slowly stream by.

Many smiles and 'thumbs up' are afforded us and soon the North Entrance is opened and we are allowed into the fair itself. The premier parking spot for us is right beside the fair's lake where we are welcomed by the cooling wind coming off of the lake. We would venture to say that thousands of folks walk slowly by our vehicles in the four hours that we are parked there. Questions, stories, and exclamations of surprise are heard by all of us and it is always a pleasure to accommodate them. Many thanks to the Georgia Corvair clubs that arrange for us to always participate in this mind boggling Corvair event! What a PLEASURE.



Pre-staging for the Parade



Harry Corvairs? (Introduction by frequent contributor, Russell Noble)

A co-worker was in Cleveland a few weeks ago taking in an MLB game. While snapping some shots of the field, he noticed this sign. He knows I have a Corvair, so he sent the pics to me not knowing what it meant. I did some digging on the web and found it is a defunct restaurant near the Indians stadium. Turns out it was a funny name derived from food – see excerpt from an old dining review from a Cleveland paper, 1/7/99:

Bean There, Done That

Otherwise-worthy Harry Corvairs has garden-variety problems.

By Elaine T. Cicora elaine.cicora@clevescene.com

Harry Corvairs. East Ninth Street and Bolivar Avenue. 216-830-BEAN.

Wild Mushroom Baklava: \$7

Roquefort and Walnut Pierogi: \$6

Chèvre Tart With Heirloom Tomatoes: \$7

Lobster, Escargot, and Oyster Mushrooms in Puff Pastry: \$12

Tournedos of Beef: \$25

Lobster Wellington: \$29

Crispy Glazed Duck: \$20

Dessert Soufflé: \$12

The sun glinted off my minivan's windows like flames bouncing off Xena's shield, as we dodged the boisterous hordes overflowing the streets and drove into the very belly of the beast.

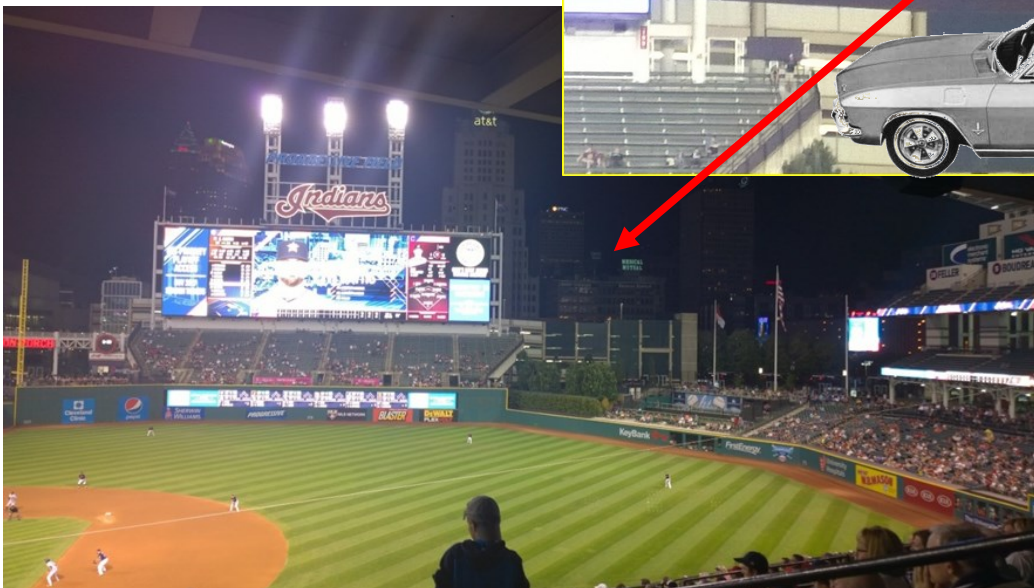
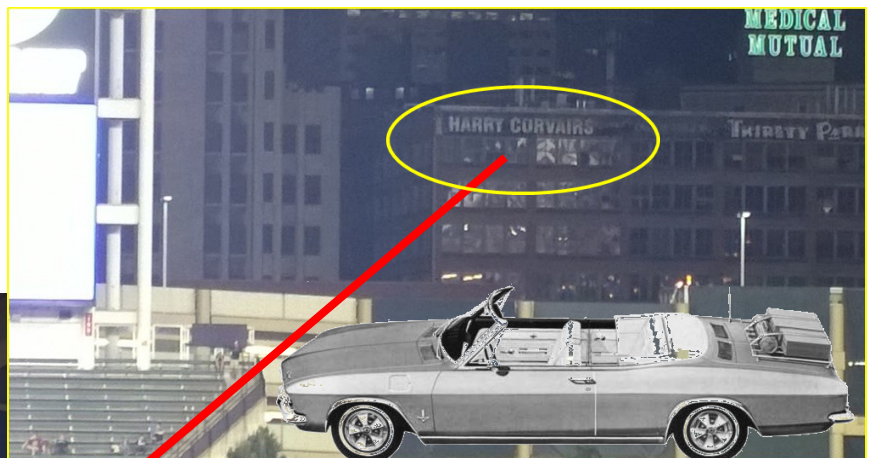
Oh, all right. Maybe pulling into Harry Corvairs's downtown parking lot during an Indians game isn't that dramatic. But it can be a challenge fighting one's way into the restaurant, which is tucked into a corner of the Caxton Building, within spitting distance of Jacobs Field and right next door to the acknowledged "center of the baseball universe".

But once we were inside the spare, dimly lit dining room, our battle fatigue evaporated, as we sipped our wine (chosen from an extensive list of American, French, and Italian reds and whites that includes an unusually large selection of wines by the glass) and let the outside world slip by. In fact, so complete was our relaxation that we hardly stirred when the 7:05 p.m. "artillery bursts" from the nearby Jake rattled our silver and made little waves in our water glasses.

But that's just the kind of soothing effect that Harry Corvairs (the name's a play on haricot verts, the French term for "green beans") can have on you. The restaurant's sophisticated, understated decor, complemented by some of the city's most professional and unobtrusive service, seems designed to make diners sit back and relax. ...and blah, blah blah

Russell Noble, reporting.

Ed. NOTE...Apropos in light of recent World Series results!





CCRA & VCE Veterans Parade 2016

President, Mike Lanphere and the bikes will be at front, Ramp-sides (with wheelchair VETS) immediately following behind with the CCRA and VCE banners on both driver and passenger sides.

All vehicles will fly the national flag on the (right) passenger side rear with the service flags flown on the (left) opposite side.

Ramp-sides:
Harold Hartline
Billy Bruce
James Law
Chris Brown
Billy Cannon

Service flags:
Still Serving USA, POW, USAF, USMC, USA, USN, USCG

Following drivers will be in no particular order:

Howard Tutt
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Judi Cannon
Clyde Cork
Russ Thuleen & Shorty



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From the Prez,

November was a busy month for the club, with several shows, the Veteran's Day parades and generally good Corvaire weather.

I had my heart set on getting to the show in Lineville this year, and I did get about to the I459/I20 junction before the convertible started making 'I'm not well' noises. It was acting like a carb problem, so I did my routine of cleaning the idle circuit. The car started and ran well for about 5 miles, then it started again. When I looked this time it was evident the car was flooding, not starved. I took the top of the carb and the float was sticking. Looked like it was time to head back to the casa and rebuild a carb instead of going to the show. Maybe next year.

The Birmingham Veteran's Day parade was a lot of fun. I drove for the Daughters of the American Revolution and they take care of their drivers. The club has an open invite next year; they'll take all the convertibles they can get.

Remember there will not be a regular meeting in December. The Christmas party will be our meeting. I don't think we should conduct any business at Rozelle's so elections will be held at the January meeting like we did last year. We have one appointed position, treasurer, but all positions are up for grabs. I wouldn't mind doing one more year as President, but that's up to you voter's out there.

Make an effort to attend the Christmas party. It sounds like Rozelle is going to do it up right for the club and this is a good time for us all just to kick back and kick tires. Watch your email and listen to the grapevine for more details on the party.

Take care and keep that Vair out there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 John

December 2016

Next Meeting:

Date: Sunday, 11 December, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Rozelle Doughty's
 324 N. Lake Rd.
 Birmingham, AL 35242



Corvaire

Happy Birthday

Paula Hilderbrand
 Carol Keller – December 18

Anniversary

Wilma & Bob Siemens were married –
 December 17

VCE Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

After dinner, the meeting was called to order November 18, 2016, at 7:35 PM by President John Cleveland.

Participants

With 17 members and one youth in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented in *The Oil Drop*.

Financials

Below is the financial report from treasurer, Russ Thuleen.

Expenses	Income
Bank fee: \$7.00 Church Rental: \$75	2 Dues Payments: \$40.00

With the adoption of the amendment to the By-Laws covered later, the details of the financial report will appear in the draft minutes sent only to the membership but will not appear in the official minutes as published in *The Oil Drop*.

Post Meeting Note: The distribution for the draft meeting notes is being changed to include only VCE members.

If you need to make a dues payment, please send your check to:

Russ Thuleen
147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

There was a discussion of members on the roster who have not paid dues. Russ will attempt to contact them and, if they are not responsive or willing to pay dues, they will be removed from the roster.

Events

Date	Event	Place
12/11/16 3PM	VCE Christmas Party	Rozelle Doughty's home (324 N. Lake Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242)
12/17/2016	Chelsea Christmas Parade	Chelsea
5/26-27/2017	Corvairs at Barber	Barber Motorsports Park & Museum

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be at Rozelle Doughty's home on Sunday, December 11, starting at 3PM. Everyone please remember to use the code at the gate. If you forget the code, call Carol Keller (205-862-2462) or Louise Hartline (205-616-6360) who will give you a code.

Rozelle will provide the meat and adult beverages. The ladies in the membership have made arrangements for the side dishes and desserts. Please bring your own non-adult beverages.

Art Bolton moved that the club authorize Carol Keller to purchase a suitable gift of appreciation for Rozelle. Sherri Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed.

For those who were unable to RSVP at the meeting, please RSVP to Carol Keller (205-862-2462) or Louise Hartline (205-616-6360) by December 1 as Rozelle needs a good headcount.

Past Events

Lineville

Several members went to Lineville. The overall turnout of cars was down and the turnout of vendors was up. Our folks met Sam Memmolo of "Motorhead Garage" who has now moved to Alabama.

Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham

John Cleveland participated. He was seen on TV driving his Corvair. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) asked that we provide as many convertibles as possible. Pictures of the parade were shown at the meeting. The Birmingham parade is the oldest Veterans Day parade in America.

Veterans Day Parade in Anniston

Several members participated for our second year. Lillian & James Law and Elanor & Billy Bruce from Heart of Georgia club drove their Rampsides and joined in, which was much appreciated. VCE was featured in the coverage in *The Anniston Star* and on TV with WBRC. Pictures were shown at the meeting.

Bill Nichols Veterans Car Show

Several members were also there, and the veterans were most appreciative.

Holiday in the Country

The same day, Vulcan Corvair went to the Holiday in the Country show. We outperformed a Corvette, which did not sit well with the Corvette clubs. Russ Thuleen took 2nd place in "Shorty." Judi Cannon won 1st place in her 1966 Monza Coupe. Sam Memolo was also there and visited with our members.

Committee Reports

Southeast Corvair Picnic / Corvairs at Barber

An agreement has been made with the Hampton Inn in Leeds. We need to give a check to \$150 to Leeds Baptist Church for using their facility as a place to eat. \$50 of that will be refundable.

VCE will sell advertising on the banner and the program. So far, 6 sponsors are fairly solid. Advertising rates were discussed.

The primary sponsor, Auto Custom Carpets (ACC), has approved everything. CORSA will print the ad for 4 editions over 6 months in *The CORSA Communique*.

Awards will be People's Choice, Best of Show, and perhaps an award for a club for most participants.

Howard has "wedding tents" to use with the registration and activities in conjunction with the event.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

By-Law Amendment VCE Joining the Springfest Committee of Clubs

For VCE to join the Springfest Committee of Clubs, we were asked not to publish detailed financials related to the event. That requires a By-Laws change, which currently requires financials be published in *The Oil Drop*. This was brought up in last month's meeting and a notice of the By-Law Amendment was published in the last edition of *The Oil Drop*. It was brought up to be acted upon tonight.

A motion was made by Howard Tutt to amend Article 3, section 3 of the Bylaws, covering the duties of the Treasurer, to remove the phrase "and in the newsletter" from the last sentence. The effect is not to publish the detailed financials in *The Oil Drop*. Billy Cannon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Cleveland appointed a committee of our club to participate with Springfest so as not to overload any one person. The committee members are John Cleveland (chair), Russ Thuleen, Billy Cannon, Howard Tutt, and Art Bolton. Others are welcome. John will relinquish the chair should there be a new VCE President after elections. The next planned Springfest meeting is January 14 in Georgia.

Billy and Judi Cannon will head up the autocross. Russ Thuleen will handle tech sessions. Howard Tutt will participate in the food/cooking.

There was discussion on the raffle of a throw having the 32 Springfest t-shirts as the centerpiece. The sponsoring clubs will be shown on each corner. A request is made to find the old Springfest t-shirts to donate to the project.

Tech Session

Due to the length of this important meeting, we did not have a tech session.

Drawings

Gas money of \$49 was won by Leslie Thuleen.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.



Birmingham, AL Veteran's Day Parade

John Cleveland

Our neighbor, Nancy Folk, has been member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for many years. She was instrumental in getting that organization into the Veteran's Day parade in Birmingham, one of the oldest Veteran's Day parades in the country. She has asked me for several years to have my Corvair in the parade but work and other commitments had kept me from participating until this year.

Several DAR members and the cars met at 10:30 a.m. in the Macy's parking lot at the Brookwood Mall. There we consolidated riders and equipment for the trip in to downtown Birmingham so



there wouldn't be so many cars making the trip to the staging area behind the BJCC. The other convertible meeting us there was a early 90's Mustang.

By 11:00 a.m. we were at the staging area and other convertibles and DAR members were arriving. The ladies provided lunch of sandwiches and cold drinks and also brought decorations for the cars. The wait was pretty long as the parade didn't start until 1:30 p.m., but it was good to get there early and watch all the other entries, marching bands, ROTC units, etc. I had a chance to walk around

quite a bit and see a lot of the entrants.

Though the parade started at 1:30, we didn't leave our staging area until about 2:15. My passengers were Nancy Folk, State Regent and Malinda Williams, the DAR coordinator for the parade. We proceeded to the parade start at 18th St. and 9th Ave. N. The route was down to 2nd Ave. N, then left to 22nd St. From there we went to 5th Ave. N, and turned left. At 19th St. we turned right, passing by City Hall and to the end of the parade at 19th St. and 10th Ave. N. The length was between 1 ½ and 2 miles and we finished around 3:30; at least I heard somebody say that on the way to the mall. We found a place to park to remove the decorations and regroup to return to the Brookwood Mall.

The parade itself was an experience I'll never forget. I've never been involved in anything so large. I have been in parades with hundreds and maybe a thousand spectators, but this one had several thousand spectators. The weather was perfect and while in the staging area close to the start of the parade you could feel the excitement in the air as everybody prepared to go.

There were many comments from the crowd about the Corvair, and several spectators came out on the street to talk with me about the car as we drove along. I think the ladies were a little perturbed as the car got more attention than they did!

I would highly recommend the club try to get some more cars in this event next year. The ladies wanted me to pass on that they would take as many convertibles as we could provide.



Anniston, Al Veterans Parade

by Billy Cannon

This Veterans day, for the second year, Vulcan Corvairs participated along with two Rampsides from Heart Of Georgia in the annual salute to our Veterans parade held in beautiful downtown Anniston, Al. This is Vulcans joint effort with the MG Watson Chapter of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA). The Chapter and Vulcan Corvair have worked together on several Veteran benefits programs and enjoy every minute of each event.

The VCE/CCRA parade entry was lead by the 'Chapter Riders' motorcycles ridden by Chapter President, Mike Lanphere, his wife Toni,

Chapter members J.C. Crenshaw and Richard Hall.

Following in order of service flag protocol was:

(Army) Richard Stolzman driving his 1965 Corsa Convertible. His riders were Chapter namesake Major General Gerald Watson and WWII veteran George Murray (grand marshal for the 2015 parade) whose destiny left him uninjured at both Pearl Harbor and the Battle of the Bulge.

(USMC) Lillian and James Law from the Heart of Georgia Corvair Club in their emerald green, award winning Rampside. Riding in back were Chapter Vice President John Clark and his niece, Paige.

(Navy) Judi Cannon driving her '66 Monza Coupe and 'Sophie' the wonder dog. Judi is also a Chapter member.

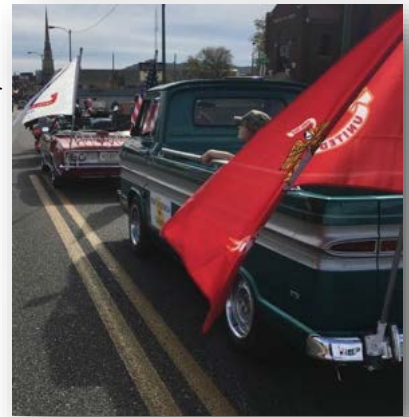
(USAF) Russ Thuleen's black '66 convertible with two young patriots that are the nieces of Chapter member Gresham Harris.

(USCG) Howard and Claudia Tutt in their '66 Monza Coupe. Howard is an honorary member of the chapter and is very active with veterans assistance.

(USA Still Serving) Yours truly in my '62 Rampside destined to be a Navy tribute parade vehicle. I have served the Chapter in different capacities since its inception.

(MIA/POW) Billy and Elanor Bruce in their Black Rampside. Billy retired from the USAF as Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt), the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force.

Although we were prepared to give rides to wheel chair confined veterans in the Rampsides as we did in 2015, none were available this time. The versatility of the 'Ramp' on our Corvair truck is perfect for wheeling a chair up into the bed with ease.



Refinishing a Wood Grain Steering Wheel

J. Cleveland

On one of my visits to Russ he showed me a Corvair simulated wood grain steering wheel he had got on one of his parts hunts. As a lead in he brought up how much it cost to have one of them restored (hint, hint...). Then he asked if I thought I could do something with it, and of course I volunteered. If you are a restoration purist out there, you may want to quit reading here. If you want a laugh or two, keep going. Bottom line is this was trial and error and it worked, so I think it is worth passing along.



The wheel was extremely dirty and it was evident it had been out of a car for a long time. There was one deep crack which would need to be filled.

The first thing to do was to clean it up to get it down to the original stuff. Since I didn't know anything about the wheel, even if it was real wood or not, I started with some 600 grit sandpaper on a small part of the back side. The paper quickly loaded up with grime and some light scraping with a razor blade indicated a greasy type of scum on the wheel. It was evident some internet investigation and heavier equipment would be needed.

The internet didn't really provide much help so it was back down to the garage and some 400 grit paper. The 400 loaded up almost as fast as the 600, so down to 220 grit and try again. The 220 worked a lot better, but by the way it was loading up I decided to get out the chemicals.

After looking through my stash of cleaners I decided on some Formby's Paint and Poly Remover, mostly because I've been using it over the summer for some projects and was familiar with how it worked. If you use this stuff, follow all the safety precautions on the can. This stuff will burn you bad if you get a glob on you! After putting on the recommended PPE, including a face shield, I applied a glob on a clean rag and wiped it quickly on to the wheel. When I got around it I immediately wiped it off with another clean rag. Since I still wasn't sure if it was wood or plastic I didn't want it on there too long and have it cause any damage. The wipe off rag came out extremely dirty so I knew I was making progress. The wheel didn't look so black and grimy either. Two more applications resulted in a dark bronze colored wheel instead of black grime colored, and inspection with a magnifying glass on another razor blade scrape indicated that most of the grime was gone and I was looking at most of the surface of the wheel.

I got my 220 paper back out and started sanding the back of the wheel where the indentions are for the fingers. This is not fun sanding, and after about a half hour I had worked around the back side. A clean piece of 220 around the front and sides gave the wheel an even more bronzed color. Over the next week or so on my way by the bench I'd stop and sand around the wheel with the 220 using light to medium pressure, then inspecting with the magnifying glass to see placed where the grime was still sticking and where I should focus my work. I didn't want to remove too much material, but still get the grimy places down to the original surface. After each pass I'd wipe the wheel with a clean rag liberally soaked in acetone. This would dissolve what sanding dust was on the wheel and seemed to 'melt' it back on to the wheel. A rub with another clean rag buffed it to a shine. I continued this until I found no more spots of grime and I had a smooth shiny surface after buffing.

Now for the crack. I have some epoxy based wood filler that I use on goof ups when working with wood. I was really impressed with the stuff when building the swirl paint guitar using an old plywood guitar body. It's made by Elmer's and is available in the paint and stain section at the home center. It comes in a rectangular tub. I'd tell you the name, but I'm too lazy to go down to the garage and get it!!!

The instructions say it is paintable, stainable and sandable. I've sanded it and painted it, but never tried stain. I applied it to the crack, let it dry and applied some stain I'd mixed to match the wheel. The filler wouldn't stain to the color I wanted, even after applying it 4 or 5 times. I finally used a scroll saw blade to clean the filler out of the crack. My next attempt was to use the oil based stain mixture and tint the filler before application. This only thinned the filler to the point of being a brown gooey mess. After another tour through all my stains, fillers, dyes, etc. I ran across some Tobacco Brown Color Tone Liquid Stain a friend of mine left when we were applying finish to a guitar I was helping him build. This is a water based product instead of oil based and can be found a guitar parts sellers such as Stewart McDonald. Back to the trial and error I mixed the stain with the filler, filled the crack, sanded then removed it with the scroll saw blade when it didn't match good enough. After about a half dozen attempts to match the color of the wheel, I got it close; just a little too dark.

After sanding the filler smooth to the wheel and sanding the wheel again I used the acetone drenched rag as a kind of sealer and started to work on the aluminum parts of the wheel. These quickly cleaned up with some aluminum cleaner and polish. A final buffing all over the wheel and it was done.

The total time spent on the wheel was around 10 – 12 hours as far as I can tell. Most of the work was done as I was passing by the work bench except for filling the crack, which was about an hour each time I had to clean out the filler and re-apply. I have a greater respect for the price charged by the pros as the cleaning and sanding part is really a pain. But, if you need your wheel refinished, I guarantee I'll be a lot cheaper. Heck, I've even been known to work for beer!



Bill Nichols VA Home & Holiday In The Country

by Judi Cannon

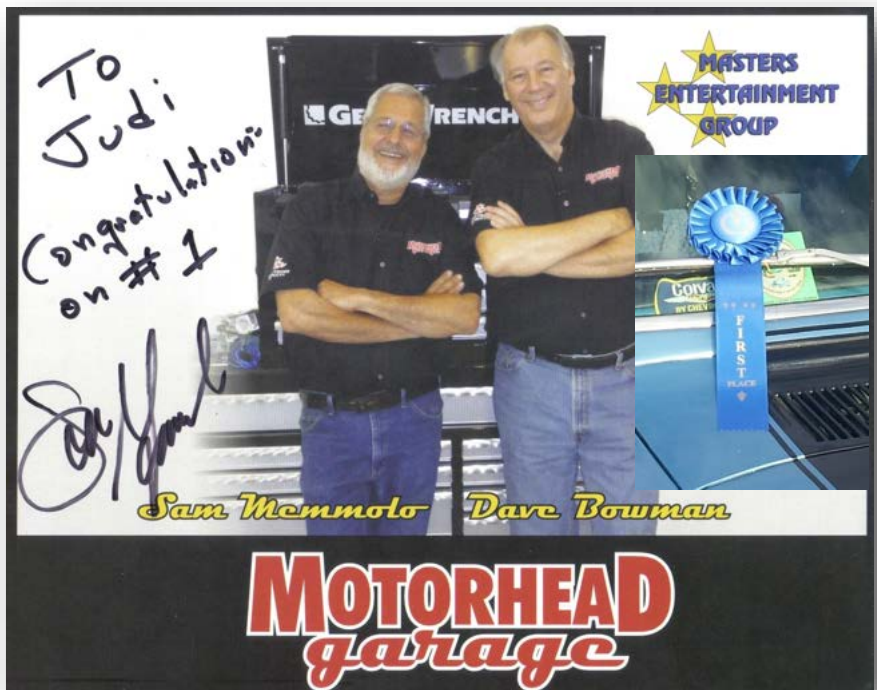
A busy day indeed the Saturday after the Veterans Day Parade for the Vulcan Corvairs. It is a very hard task to be in two places at one time but we tried our best. Russ and Howard joined Billy and I for Breakfast Saturday morning prior to the Bill Nichols Veterans



Home Car Show in Alexander City, Al. Bill Nichols is one of five state run homes for our veterans. There are 150 residents at this facility and we have tried each year to participate in the car show organized for these veterans with this being our very first opportunity.



'Holiday in the Country' is a COACH sponsored activity promoting Community Outreach for Cancer in the mid Alabama state counties area. Among all the activities going on that day, we were asked to participate in the car show. Special guest, Sam Memmolo (of The Nashville Network's 'Shadetree mechanic' fame) graciously agreed to announce the winners of the show and we wanted to go over and meet with him. So we left Bill Nichols right at noon and headed over to The COACH location just 27 miles away. We called ahead and were allowed to get our Corvair entries in a 'little' late. They did not start the judging until we got there. An almost clean sweep for Vulcan Corvairs with Russ's 'Shorty' taking second and my '66 Monza Coupe (Amelia Bedilia) taking top honors. I was so proud to take my blue ribbon up to Sam for an autograph. What a super nice guy! He met with the guys while I got a couple of pictures of them. It was certainly my day 'cause I also won \$100 from the money tree drawing at Bill Nichols. Oh Yeah....my Billy won \$25 so I guess he can keep that.....





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