



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 41, No.1

January 2019

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From the editor:

I've been waiting 365 days to say "Happy New Year" since I had so much fun saying it last year. Happy New Year, Vulcan Corvairst Enthusiairst. Judi and I are wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8760 hours of joy, 525600 minutes of good luck and 31536000 seconds of Corvairsthappiness! We all get the exact same time just mentioned. The only difference is what we do with them.
 Billy

December VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The December 15, 2018 meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Howard Tutt. 27 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Jack Green.

2018 VCE Christmas Party

The meal was catered, with everyone bringing desserts, which outweighed the catered food! There was a spirited round of Dirty Santa afterwards, with several gifts being stolen the maximum number of times. It was decided to retain the current 2019 officers with the exception of Jack Green replacing Russ Thuleen as 1st Vice President. Russ will, however, continue in his role as club clown!

Financial Report

Was emailed by treasurer, Russell Noble and was presented to members by Billy Cannon. To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
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BUSINESS REPORT

Dues for 2019 are being collected. Mail to Russell Noble by January 1st.

Springfest planning meeting is January 12, 2019. We will be leaving Chelsea Whataburger at 5:00 am and let our illustrious President, the Honorable Howard Tutt know

Next Meeting:

January 18th

7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

if you are attending so as to not be left behind. Volunteers are needed for Springfest! Our responsibilities have increased in the last couple of years as we are now one of the hosts for the event. We should do more, as we share in the income from Springfest now, which has enabled us to make more charitable contributions.

There is a **Caffeine and Octane** in Atlanta Feb. 3rd, Corvairst Atlanta needs our support to reach their goal of 30 Corvairst in attendance. This is a televised show. More details will be forthcoming by the January meeting.

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi as our regular meeting place for 2019 has been confirmed. Many thanks to Vicki and Art Bolton for speaking with the Church leadership!

TECH Session

Art Bolton's gas tank was replaced in his '64 Spyder Convertible.





January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Denise Cleveland 2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 SPRINGFEST Planning Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18 VCE Monthly Meeting	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Wilma Siemens & Diane Bredehoft 27	28	29	30	31	1	2

EVENTS DETAIL

SPRINGFEST Planning Meeting:

01/12/19 at Clay Grant's 'Man Cave' Starting at Noon EST
The address is 940 Weldon Rd., Forsyth, Ga 31029 (478) 973-3499

VCE Monthly Meeting:

01/18/19 7:00 PM Pot Luck with meeting immediately following.
The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124
Meeting will again be at the very comfortable church fellowship hall.

Caffeine and Octane

02/03/19 Atlanta (More details to follow)

Corvair Lovers Holiday:

02/15-17/19

See details flyer and Registration Form pages 7 & 8!

VCE Christmas Party 2018

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama
Corsa Chapter, 352

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts enjoyed their annual Christmas Party at the home of Russ, Leslie, and Jessie Thuleen.

It was a catered affair with all members bringing a holiday dessert. Twenty seven members were in attendance with a couple of early departures and late arrivals bringing the total to an even thirty.

Once again we played the infamous Dirty Santa with some unique, funny and entertaining gifts.

A short business meeting was conducted and 2019 Club officers were elected.

Gas Tank remove and replace tech session was held before and after the Christmas festivities!



Sticker Shock

Phil Hartline Sept. 22nd, 2018

I didn't attend my college graduation. As luck would have it, I completed my coursework in the summer. That meant I would have to wait until the next May and take off work, and let's just say I would have moved on by then. So I held my own private ceremony instead, just for me and my car. This was the same '64 Spyder we gave \$35 for then towed home when I was 14 years old. I restored it, put it in shows, wrecked it twice, wore it out, but somehow kept it going on a shoestring budget. It took me through high school and finished its daily duty with a 50 mile commute to engineering school.



I'll never forget the day I drove it to the campus at The University of Alabama for one last official trip. I parked it next to the Quad, then walked across the street to the Administration Building, where I explained everything to a nice lady in the office. She shook her head, but after a quick trip to a back room, she handed me my diploma. Not much of a ceremony, but it was enough. Besides, I had another idea. When I stepped outside sheepskin in hand on that gorgeous summer day, I could see my old car sitting proudly in front of historic Denny Chimes. That memory will always make me smile.

The drive back to Birmingham was one of the best of my life. The wind, the sun, and that old flat six sang together with a most glorious harmony. It was exhilarating to realize that the journey that began so long ago in my Jr. High years was finally at an end. So when I got home, I completed the second half of my graduation ceremony by scraping the student parking sticker off the front windshield of my car. I was officially no longer a student.



though. My car and I were both proud overachievers in high school, but we each endured our share of potholes and detours along the way. For a while, I even had to park the old boy and drive something else until we got him running again. And that car, well, that's the other part of the story.



Just a few short years after completing the restoration of my Spyder, a couple of driving lessons learned the hard way gave me the idea that it might be nice to do a body swap. The idea was to find a good, straight body, strip it to bare metal, and swap everything over right down to the VIN tag. It didn't take long to find a suitable candidate, a '63 Monza convertible, perfect except for a little surface rust. I started comparing the two, and noticed some slight differences in the trunk. Uh-oh. Anyone who really knew their stuff would be able to tell the body was from a '63, not a '64. So I had a change of plan. Instead of making it my own, it would become a summer project. I would fix it up, sell it, and have a little extra money for college. I got right to work.

I stripped it down, fixed the rust spots, and painted it myself under our carport. It was the first car I ever painted, and to me that bright red lacquer looked mighty good. Then I rebuilt the engine, it was the first one I did all by myself. The feeling of accomplishment I got from hearing it actually idle the first time I started it up set a new standard for my work. Next I found a local man who did upholstery, and he made a set of custom seat

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covers, also in red. He did his best to reproduce the original '63 patterns, and those seats were but-tery smooth. I was getting close to having the car finished, but summers go by far too quickly even for college students. I was out of time, and needed to get back to school. That's when my dad stepped in to help. He bought the car from me, figuring to finish it himself then sell it on.



Thinking it would be worth more as a Spyder, he began the conversion. The engine I built was taken out and sold, replaced by a turbo motor. The dash got swapped, all the extra trim was added, and a cutout was made in the back for the tail pipe. One weekend I helped him install a new white top. When he was done, that was one nice car. It was as close to brand new as you could get, and it drove like a dream.

For some reason it didn't sell right away, so my parents played with it instead. They put it in shows, drove it to Springfest in Helen Ga., and even got in a video taken of a parade by a TV station in Florida. Through it all, the car stayed like new. So when my '64 needed some engine work, my dad was gracious enough to let me drive that '63 to school for a while.

Eventually it did sell, and as sometimes happens it disappeared, and slipped away into being only a memory. But last year, it showed up again. I heard rumors that the man who ended up with it was letting go of his old cars, and it was available. I was in no condition to buy it, but one of my fellow club members was, and he took it home. I hoped to see it again someday. A few months ago, I did.

In May I attended the second annual Corvairs at the Track event hosted by the Vulcan Corvair group. My '64 had a head cold, so I drove my dad's Rampside instead. As soon as I parked at the host hotel, I had to take at least a quick look at the cars already there before I checked in. Proper etiq-ette must be observed, after all. I spotted a

beautiful red '63 vert with a white top, and walked over for a better look. When I glanced inside, my breath caught and I thought I might have to choke back a tear or two. Inside, still nice and soft, were the seats I paid that man to recover all those years ago. My old car was back.



I heard my name called from across the lot, so I pulled myself away. But not before taking a quick photo with my cell phone. My folks were running late, so I sent the picture to them, with the caption "Look what I found!" Then I went inside, stashed my luggage, and joined the group in the meeting room.



I found Howard Tutt, the current owner of the car. I told him how glad I was to see it again, and how good I felt to know it was back on the road. It wasn't as perfect as I remembered, but Howard said it had seen some tough times. It took him a while to get it road worthy, and he had a few details left to sort out. Then he told me about some crazy decal on the windshield. "Some old sticker, from a long time ago. Wonder where it came from?" He smiled, and I went straight back to the lot to check it out.

I spotted it on the windshield, it seemed familiar. I got down close to read the details. There in all its glory was

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a student parking sticker from The University of Alabama, valid for the year before I graduated. By some quirk of fate, 31 years and multiple owners later, my old student parking sticker was still there. And I made sure everyone in the parking lot knew it.

There is still a patch of old glue on the windshield of my '64 where the parking sticker used to be. I've often looked at it and wondered why I didn't leave it intact, as a reminder of my college days. Then the words of one of my professors came back from the past and said, "evolution is what happens when you take action without thinking of the long term consequences." That decal is long gone, leaving nothing behind except some residue from where it used to be. But it still makes a statement to me. Every time I see that patch of glue it reminds me that I made it.

I have to admit though it's a good feeling knowing there is another. Who knows why people do what they do. Decisions made on a whim can last a lifetime or more, and occasionally a little piece of history is left intact that says "once upon a time." All I know for sure is the car that was there at the beginning and saw me to the end had its sticker removed as a statement of success, but the one I drove in the mean time still has its in place. And when I think of it like that, I don't see how it could have turned out any better.



34th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show

February 15 & 16, 2019

A New Intimate Experience/Cottages on the Green



**Host Cottages: Cottages on the Greens
Perdido Bay Golf Course
1 Doug Ford Road
Pensacola, FL 32507**

Contact Kayla at 850-492-2214 or Leave a Message she will call you back.
Mention the Corvair Lovers Holiday for a rate of \$89 plus a one-time cleaning fee of \$10 and cheaper than the Days Inn on Pensacola Beach

All room reservations must be confirmed with a credit card by February 1, 2019.

Note: All Cottages have four bedrooms. You can book one room at a time, or, you can book all four rooms as a group with a common area and full kitchen.

To see the décor of the rooms and common area go to:

http://www.perdidobaygolf.com/cottages_home/

Come early and tour the National Naval Air Museum! Visit Beautiful Perdido Beach Camp at the Big Lagoon State Park! (Military Camping, Google: Blue Angel Naval Recreational Area.)

**Door Prizes! 50/50! Valve Cover Races! Corn Hole Tournament!
Hospitality Dinner Friday Night! Dottie Furr Ladies Get Together Saturday!
Lunch Saturday! Awards Given Out On Saturday Afternoon!
People's Choice "Top Three"! Special awards: Best of Show!
Sarah White Ladies Choice Award! Longest Distance! Hard Luck!**

Car Show Registration begins Friday morning in the "Cottages on the Greens" office.

Schedule of Events and trophies are subject to change.

Contact June Lindsay, wfcc@mediacombb.net or 850-994-2161

**CORVAIR LOVERS HOLIDAY
REGISTRATION FORM
FEBRUARY 15-16, 2019**

Administration Only
Check# _____
Cash _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE SHOW IN ORDER TO REGISTER YOUR CAR! VENDORS ARE WELCOME OUTSIDE BUT MUST REGISTER FOR THE CAR SHOW! (CHILDREN UNDER 10 ARE FREE)

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION PER PERSON (BEFORE 2/9/19)	@	\$12.00= _____
REGISTRATION PER PERSON DAY OF SHOW 2/15/19	@	\$15.00= _____
SATURDAY ONLY REGISTRATION	@	\$ 8.00= _____
CAR REGISTRATION: 1st CAR	@	\$10.00= _____
2nd or 3rd CAR EACH	@	\$ 5.00= _____
VALVE COVER RACES	@	\$ 3.00= _____
T-SHIRT: L, XL, XXL, XXXL	@	\$15.00= _____
	Sub-TOTAL=	_____

We will mail your CORSA Dues: (Make a check to CORSA) CORSA Dues \$45.00= _____
 Club Dues \$15.00: Club Dues \$15.00= _____
 (Prices are subject to change.) TOTAL= _____

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: NAME TAG, HOSPITALITY ROOM, FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY DINNER, SATURDAY LUNCH AND ONE (1) DOOR PRIZE TICKET PER EACH PERSON REGISTERED, CAR TAG AND A PEOPLES CHOICE BALLOT, BEST OF SHOW BALLOT & LADIES CHOICE BALLOT.

PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CAR:

1ST CAR: COLOR _____ YEAR _____

Circle One: CONVT 2DR 4DR STNWGN GRNBR RPSIDE LDSIDE MODIFIED SPECIALTY

2ND CAR: COLOR _____ YEAR _____

Circle One: CONVT 2DR 4DR STNWGN GRNBR RPSIDE LDSIDE MODIFIED SPECIALTY

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO: WEST FLORIDA CORVAIR CLUB, C/O JUNE LINDSAY,
 5670 SAN VAIR ST., MILTON, FL 32583, Questions? wfcc@mediacombb.net or 850-994-2161
 (SORRY, NO CREDIT CARD WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY CHECK OR CASH (CHECK PREFERABLY).)

WE ARE GOING OUT TO DINNER ON SATURDAY NIGHT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US? (if you have made other plans circle "No.")

YES / NO HOW MANY? _____

VCE patches are NOW Available. ALL Vulcan Corvair Members and their family receive 1 ea. when they join the club.

Extra Patches can be purchased for \$3.00
See Billy at any Club Meeting or Event.



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Wood Crafts by Corvair Enthusiast, David Hausenfleck
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Send Oil Drop submissions to:

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Office: 256-839-1905

Cell: 256-743-0082

**NOTE: PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.
HECK! I don't care.....just send me something!!!!**

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

[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)

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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Prez Sez:

A new year begins. My thanks to our 2019 elected officers Jack Green 1st VP, Billy Cannon 2nd VP, Danny Robertson Secretary and Russell Noble Treasurer for serving. I have heard a lot of positive feedback regarding our 'Keep The Vairs Running Committee'. Some of which have come from other clubs. Corvaire Atlanta wants to start a similar committee. This is all due to the undying commitment of Russ Thuleen. Many thanks to Russ, not just for the support he provides to the club, but his willingness to help me personally.

I am also looking forward to the beginning of the Covered Bridge Tour. This will yield pictures for our VCE calendar as well as a historic scenic drive through the beautiful state of Alabama that most of us call home. The first leg of the tour will include north central Alabama, the second will be north east Alabama while the third will be through southern Alabama. The final leg will include an overnight stay near the coast.

I hope our VCE calendar is helpful to everyone. I use it quite often and keep track of doctor appointments on it so as not to over commit thus keeping important appointments and not interfering with club functions. Be sure to keep Billy and or Judi aware of car shows you hear of so we can have our presence shown.

A few of us are heading to the Atlanta Caffeine and Octane Car Show February 3rd at the Perimeter Mall in north Atlanta. This will help Corvaire Atlanta qualify for access to the International Atlanta Auto Show later in March. I believe that show is similar to the World of Wheels here in Birmingham. We will be leaving Birmingham 2:30 am CST Sunday morning to be there at 7:00 am EST. I wonder if that is where they got the CAFFEINE in the car show's name? See you at our regular meeting February 15. I hope to have some pictures to share.

Howard

January VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The January 19, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Howard Tutt.

Next Meeting:

February 15th

7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

22 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Ed Keller.

Financial Report

Was presented by treasurer, Russell Noble. A motion was made by Steve Daniels, seconded by John Harris and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
 3416 Danner Circle
 Birmingham, AL 35243

Old Business

Springfest planning meeting was January 12, 2019. In attendance was: Howard Tutt, Jack Green, Danny Robertson, Russ Thuleen, Judi Cannon & Loretta Proctor.

Volunteers are needed for Springfest!

There is a **Caffeine and Octane** in Atlanta Feb. 3rd, Corvaire Atlanta needs our support to reach their goal of 10 Corvaire in attendance. (More details on pg 2).

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi as our regular meeting place for 2019 has been confirmed. Many thanks to Vicki and Art Bolton for speaking with the Church leadership. There was discussion for payment to the church for meeting use.

A motion was made by Clyde Cork to pay the church \$75 per quarter. Seconded By Russ Thuleen and motion passed.

The Drive Them Vairs Committee has rescheduled the **Covered Bridges Tour** from Jan 19th (due to weather) to March 23. See Howard for details.

Keep Them Vairs Running Committee reports that Russ now has brakes on his Greenbrier. He, Howard & Billy are going to put the truck motor from Shorty into their 8-door Corvan which now has donated window doors from Billy Rudolph.

New Business

VCE Spring Event will revert back to the 'Southeast Corvaire Picnic' because there are no tracks available for the annual 'Corvaire on the Track'.

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February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Caffeine and Octane	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	VCE Monthly Meeting Corvair Lovers Holiday	15 16
17	18	19	20	21	22	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Jack & Valarie Green HAPPY BIRTHDAY Louise Hartline
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

Caffeine and Octane

Corvair Club Members, We are very excited that you are bringing your Corvair to the Caffeine and Octane Show on Sunday February 3rd.

Here are a few details: They ask that all Cars on display for this show arrive by 7:00 a.m. We will be issued gate passes for the area near the Caffeine & Octane Trailer. We are going to stage our cars between 6:00 AM and 6:30 AM in the empty parking lot in front of Olde Ivy (the development where Tom lives). The parking lot is big enough for anyone to unload a car from a trailer if they want to trailer their car. The address is 4735 Ivy Ridge Dr. SE, Atlanta 30339 (GPS may show it in Smyrna, it is the same address*). We can all leave together around 6:30 AM to go to Caffeine and Octane which is 12 miles away at Perimeter Mall (4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road just North of I-285).- Perimeter Mall is on the North side of Atlanta at the Ashford-Dunwoody exit off of I-285. There is a McDonald's very close to the C&O Trailer and the show is held in the Parking lot of Perimeter Mall, where most stores and restaurants are opened by the time the Show is over.- For Club members other than Corvair Atlanta, please remember to bring any club information (registration forms, etc). Because the Super Bowl is held in Atlanta later that evening, there may be visitors at the Show from out of town, who might be interested in your Club.- The show runs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.- Caffeine & Octane Hotels ... Rates may not apply and availability may be limited due to the Super Bowl. Check the C&O website for the Hotel links (<https://www.caffeineandoctane.com/>)

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Corvair Lovers Holiday:

02/15-17/19
Pensacola, Fl
See details and Registration Form page 5.

Corvair Meet @ Cumberland Mountain State Park:

03/22-23/19
Crossville, Tennessee This is a Corvair gathering, no registration, no judging, no trophies. Friday night dinner at the Lodge Saturday public car display and poker run and pot luck dinner Saturday evening Sunday breakfast at Cracker Barrel and departure Cabins are available to rent, check Cumberland Falls State Park for lodging accommodations and reservations. Questions or Information, contact Richard Payne (865) 924-8131

Corvair Performance Workshop

04/05-06/19
Corvair Museum in Decatur, Illinois
This year's Corvair Performance Workshop will consist of presentation sessions, parts vending and an up-in-the-air tech session, all geared toward the art of improving Corvair performance for road and track. You can register when you arrive, but we very much prefer if you register online, right now! Get on the internet and go here: corvair.org
Why pre-Register? You're perfectly welcome to register on-site, when you arrive at the workshop. But if you register online, it will help us to make catering arrangements and save time for you at the registration table when you arrive, as we'll already have your info. More importantly, it will enable us to contact you in case we need to make last-minute changes due to extreme weather or other unexpected situations.
Your \$35 registration fee provides:
Free admission to the Speed Lube Auto Care Center for an up-in-the-air tech session,
Free admission to the CPF Vending Area at the host hotel,
Free admission to the Corvair Museum on Friday and Saturday, where presentations will be held,
Free catered lunch on Saturday at the Corvair Museum.
The Corvair Museum is the place where we'll have the workshop presentations will occur. It's 9,000 square feet of space are packed with Corvairs, mechanical displays, literature and artwork. To gain entry to the Corvair Museum, enter through the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum door. The two museums are located in the same building.

Address:

Corvair Museum
3635 US Route 36 East
Decatur, Illinois 62521

Hawthorne Suites by Windham Decatur will be our host hotel. Amenities include free, hot breakfast buffet, fitness center, free high-speed Internet, free copy and print services, a guest laundry, and dry-cleaning service. Accessible rooms and a free airport shuttle to and from Decatur Municipal Airport are also available.

PCG has blocked-out hotel rooms at a discount price for us and has also reserved a meeting room where our vendors will be buying and selling parts. But you need to make your own room reservation.

When making reservations, mention "Corvair Performance Workshop" to receive the special price of \$69 per night. Our block of rooms covers two nights, but you can reserve a room for just one night if you prefer.

Here is contact information for the host hotel:

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Decatur
2370 Mount Zion Rd
Decatur, IL 62521
Phone: (217) 864-9311

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There was motion made by Billy Cannon and seconded by Danny Robertson to commence planning of the event to be held at Palisades Park in Oneonta on May the 18th. Billy Cannon, Jack Green and Russ Thuleen are the Picnic Committee.
Al Birks update (1/15/19) Al recently experienced a serious fall. He suffered a sinus cavity fracture and has a mersa infection. He does not respond well to drug used to treat mersa. He was discovered next to his car and has no recollection of the fall but is coherent and has severe headaches suggesting he may have suffered a concussion. He sleeps a lot and his doctor suggested that is the normal way for the body to heal. He has a Thursday doctor appointment and Joan may have more information. A discussion on new **Club Shirts** was held, Billy will provide more information in this issue.

Drawings

\$40 in Gas money was won by Billy Cannon. John Cleveland donated a 2019 Corvair calendar (won by Judi Cannon) and a Corvair T-shirt (won by Jack Green) to the drawing.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Motion made by Russel Noble, seconded by John Cleveland and passed.

TECH Session

Jack Green gave a tech talk and demonstratin on spark plug thread repair with Heli-coils.

SPRINGFEST 2019

04/26-28/19
Helen, Ga
See Registration Form and Tentative Schedule of Events, pages 6 & 7

Southeast Corvair Picnic

05/18/19
Palisades Park, Oneonta, Al
Friday evening will be just a hospitality get together for those that will be coming in for the Saturday activities. VCE will be checking into the hotel Friday afternoon so that we can start set up at the pavilion and lay out Covered Bridge Rally and Poker Run.

We are negotiating with the Wyndham Hotel Oneonta that is just 2.5 miles from entrance to the park concerning blocking off of rooms. Their usual rate is \$70.00 / night but we hope to get it down to \$60.

We plan to have our usual sponsors: Auto Custom Carpets and Ft. McClellan Credit Union onboard (99.9% sure) to provide door prizes and goody bags. Joseph Hester from Ragtops & Runningboards newsletter is already on board and will provide advertising and goody bags as well.

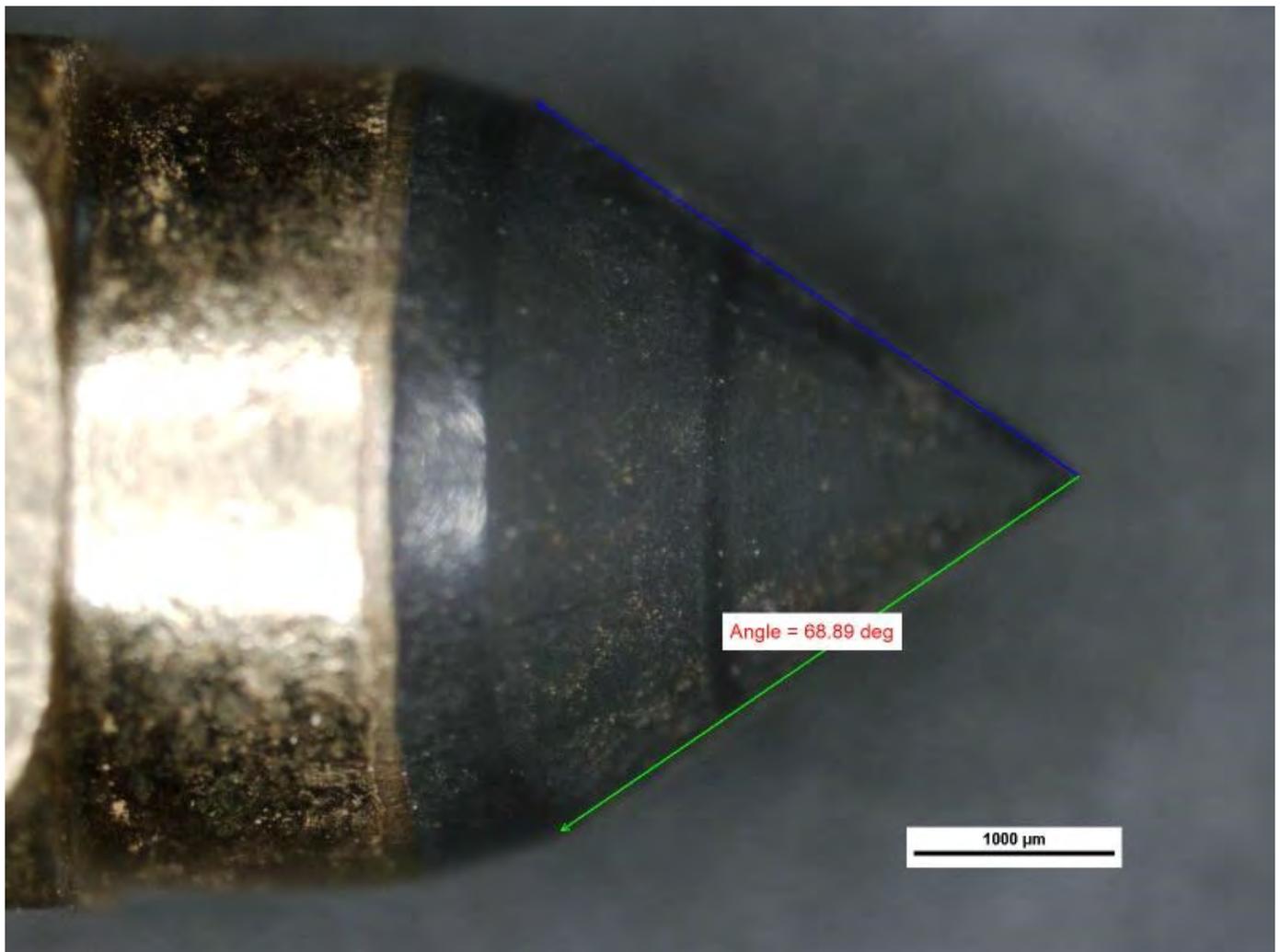


Drip, Drip, Drip - the Agony of Da Seat Russell Noble

Carb float needle seat, that is. Well, rebuilt all 4 carbs on the '65 140 a while back and all seemed to go well. Purchased a 'bargain' priced multi-carb kit for all 4 carbs from a smallish Corvair vendor for significantly less than the usual vendor suspects. Did the regular cleaning, synching, adjusting, and other stuff with things off the top – plugs, wires, (both 15 years old) cleanup, some painting, etc. Put it back together and all seemed fine except I noticed warm/hot starting was now a chore. For grins, I checked the timing and couldn't find the mark – yep, balancer slipped. Got a rebuilt one from Mike Dawson, waited for a new seal to arrive, and put it on. Highly recommend Mike's unit! Timing was on the money at 16° BTDC. Stumped.

After a few more weeks or so of hard starting, I was determined to find this problem. Took off the air cleaner system and ran the engine up to temp. Shut it down and waited. Hmmmm. Must be something with the carbs. One by one, I stared down the throat of each carb after rewarming the engine between stares. Finally, I saw it – a steady gas drip in the left secondary venturi after a few minutes of shutdown. The dang car was flooding while I was in shopping or whatever. Well, maybe cheaping out on the carb kits wasn't such a swell idea after all? Who knows, but I ordered a couple of seat kits from a national vendor (might happen to another carb, right?) and replaced the needle/seat. Drip gone and problem fixed. But wait, it happened again a few months later to a second carb. Live and learn, I guess.

For grins, I took a faulty needle to work and looked under the fancy microscope for any weird indications and found nothing. See picture of the needle tip showing the contact mark with the seat. I guess there was an imperfection somewhere...case closed.



**CORVAIR LOVERS HOLIDAY
REGISTRATION FORM
FEBRUARY 15-16, 2019**

Administration Only
Check# _____
Cash _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE SHOW IN ORDER TO REGISTER YOUR CAR! VENDORS ARE WELCOME OUTSIDE BUT MUST REGISTER FOR THE CAR SHOW! (CHILDREN UNDER 10 ARE FREE)

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION PER PERSON (BEFORE 2/9/19)	@	\$12.00= _____
REGISTRATION PER PERSON DAY OF SHOW 2/15/19	@	\$15.00= _____
SATURDAY ONLY REGISTRATION	@	\$ 8.00= _____
CAR REGISTRATION: 1st CAR	@	\$10.00= _____
2nd or 3rd CAR EACH	@	\$ 5.00= _____
VALVE COVER RACES	@	\$ 3.00= _____
T-SHIRT: L, XL, XXL, XXXL	@	\$15.00= _____
	Sub-TOTAL=	_____

We will mail your CORSA Dues: (Make a check to CORSA) CORSA Dues \$45.00= _____
 Club Dues \$15.00: Club Dues \$15.00= _____
 (Prices are subject to change.) TOTAL= _____

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: NAME TAG, HOSPITALITY ROOM, FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY DINNER, SATURDAY LUNCH AND ONE (1) DOOR PRIZE TICKET PER EACH PERSON REGISTERED, CAR TAG AND A PEOPLES CHOICE BALLOT, BEST OF SHOW BALLOT & LADIES CHOICE BALLOT.

PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CAR:

1ST CAR: COLOR _____ YEAR _____

Circle One: CONVT 2DR 4DR STNWGN GRNBR RPSIDE LDSIDE MODIFIED SPECIALTY

2ND CAR: COLOR _____ YEAR _____

Circle One: CONVT 2DR 4DR STNWGN GRNBR RPSIDE LDSIDE MODIFIED SPECIALTY

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO: WEST FLORIDA CORVAIR CLUB, C/O JUNE LINDSAY, 5670 SAN VAIR ST., MILTON, FL 32583, Questions? wfcc@mediacombb.net or 850-994-2161
 (SORRY, NO CREDIT CARD WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY CHECK OR CASH (CHECK PREFERABLY).)

WE ARE GOING OUT TO DINNER ON SATURDAY NIGHT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US? (if you have made other plans circle "No.")

YES / NO HOW MANY? _____

SPRINGFEST 2019

Celebrating 35 Years of Corvairs in Helen

HOSTED BY

Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvair Club,
Queen City Corvair Club, and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts
Helen, Georgia
April 26-27, 2019

To our Corvair friends please pre-register and save money.

President's Choice, People's Choice, Car Display, Tech Session, Lady's Activities, Rally, 50/50, Raffle
for Prizes, New Corn Hole Tournament (no charge)

Valve Cover Races (Youth under 14 free)

Hospitality Party Friday night

Friday Autocross, test and tune 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.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

Must Register for any Auto Events by 9:00 am Saturday

Festhalle opens at 8:30 a.m. Friday & 7:30 a.m. Saturday

Call all Motels Direct not 800 number

Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates): available April 25-27,2019

Helendorf River Inn: phone 1-706-878-2271 \$204. (\$258 for riverfront) for 2 nights (2 nights minimum).

Baymont Inn (formerly Best Western): 1-706-878-2111, \$79.00 per night
Deluxe continental breakfast included.

Surestay (formerly Super 8): phone 1-706-878-2191, \$65 per night

Country Inn and Suites: phone 1-706-878-9000, 2 Queen Beds \$109.00

Make reservations by March 30, 2019 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.. Pictures are available on the Springfest website at www.corvairspringfest.com.

Sizes: Men's – Small to 5XL \$18.00 (Heather Red) (All shirts 100% Cotton)

Lady's- Small to 3XL \$18.00 (Coral Silk)

Men's Polo Shirts (must pre-order by March 15, Small to 3XL) \$24.00 (Red)

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

For those arriving on Thursday, a buffet dinner at Unicoi Lodge will be available.6:00 pm

Event check-in is at the Festhalle.

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

Autocross information: Billy Cannon 256-743-0082 gtochief@gmail.com

**“SPRINGFEST 2019
Tentative Schedule of Events”**

<u>FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2019</u>		
Registration	8:30 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Auto-X Set-Up/Car Inspection	8:30am - 10:00 am	City Parking Lot- Both
Auto-X Test and Tune	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	City Parking Lot -Both
Vendors	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Festhalle & Helendorph
T-shirt Sales and Ticket Sales	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Coral & Car Clean Up	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Helendorph Parking Lot
Autocross	1:00 pm - until	City Parking Lot-Both
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality Party	6:30 pm	Festhalle
Valve Cover Races	8:00 pm	Festhalle
50/50 drawing Door Prizes	8:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Baymont Inn
Visit Helen Merchants	All Day	
<u>SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019</u>		
Registration	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Clean Up	7:00 am - 9:00 am	Baymont Inn/Helendorph parking lots
Vendors	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Festhalle & Helendorph
Car Coral	8:00 am- 5:00 pm	Helendorph Parking Lot
People’s Choice Parking	8:30 am - 9:00 am	City Parking Lot - Large
People’s Choice Voting	9:15 am - 1:00 pm	City Parking Lot –Large
President’s Choice	9:30 am - 1:00 pm	City Parking Lot – Small
Rally	1:00 -	City Parking Lot-Large
Technical Session	1:30	Festhalle
Lady’s Activity (Bingo)	1:45 pm	Festhalle
Corn Hole Tournament	1:30 pm	Small Parking Lot
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Corvair Center Group Photo	6:15 pm	Festhalle
Banquet and Awards	7:00 pm -10:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Baymont Inn
Visit Helen Merchants	All day	
Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing		Festhalle
Ticket and T-Shirt Sales		Festhalle

SPRINGFEST Update from Lillian (01/29/19):

We had a very successful Joint Planning meeting January 12 at Clay’s place. All four sponsoring clubs were represented and seemed ready for the task before us. Everyone went home stuffed. Clay really knows how to feed a crowd. I am Sure the food for Springfest is in good hands. Jeannette and Wanda have done a wonderful job over the years. It is time for them to rest and let the younger group take the reins. We had many volunteers to fill the positions that needed filling. If you have not volunteered to do something you may get drafted. Let me know if there is a special area you feel most comfortable assisting. Everyone has a talent for something.

As soon as we arrived home David Clamp, Billy Cannon, Dean Gemberling and I got busy updating documents getting them ready to send out and post on the web site. The web site has been updated and I have tried to contact every person that attended in 2018 if they were not members of the host clubs. Each host clubs should contact their members. If someone needs a printed entry form, please contact me and it will be in the mail.

At this time, I have received 15 registrations. That is a good start. Please get yours in early. Name badges must be printed, and packets made.

This is not “ an original idea”, I think by using this method the voting for People’s Choice should be solved. Each class will have a different color window card and the colors will be noted on the ballots. This will cost us a little more but hopefully will save some head aches and frustration.

A special thanks to everyone that help in anyway to make “Springfest” the outstanding event it is year after year.

“Springfest 2020” is April 24-25, 2020. The Festhalle has it on their calendar.

Note: Wanda Cook continues to improve at home after her heart repair.

Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2019 Information (DRAFT, not yet finalized)

Directions:

Palisades Park is about 5 miles North of Oneonta and 7.5 miles South of Cleveland off of U.S. Hwy. 231. Take 231 to the Oneonta and Rosa City limits turn on Ebell road go about 1.5 miles turn on Palisades Parkway and go 1 mile.

From outside Alabama:

Atlanta - Take Interstate 20 towards Alabama. Take the Oxford, Alabama exit at Highway 431. Follow Hwy. 31 North through Anniston, Gadsden, Take Interstate 59 South to exit 166. Take Hwy 231 North into Oneonta to the intersection of Hwy 75. Follow Hwy 231 North for about 3 miles. Look for the brown park sign on the right for the turn to the park. Follow the signs in to the park.

Birmingham - Take Interstate 59 North to the Tallapoosa St. exit (Hwy 79). Take Hwy 79 North to Hwy 75 in Pinson. Follow Hwy 75 North into Oneonta to the intersection of Hwy 231. Follow Hwy 231 North for about 3 miles. [Look for the brown park sign on the right for the turn to the park. Follow the signs in to the park.](#)

Chattanooga – Take I-59 S to US-231 in Ashville. Take Exit 166 onto US-231 N. Look for the brown park sign on the right for the turn to the park. Follow the signs in to the park.

Tupelo – Follow I-22/ U.S. Hwy. 78 into Alabama and take exit 57. Get on I-65 N to AL – 160 E/US-31 S in Blount County. Take exit 284 from I-65 N. continue on Al-160 E. Drive to Palisades Pkwy.

Lodging:

Although the picnic is a one-day affair, you are encouraged to come and spend part of the weekend with family and friends. For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, [the Days Inn](#) has rooms for us blocked at *\$\$\$*./night here:

Days Inn by Wyndham Oneonta, 293 Valley Rd, Oneonta, AL 35121•(205) 274-22000
You must mention “Corvair” to get the special rate.

Points of Contact:

President: Howard Tutt hftutt@yahoo.com 936-524-7611	Secretary: Danny Robertson dannyjoerobertson@outlook.com 256-509-2236
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2nd Vice President (communications): Billy Cannon gtochief@gmail.com C: 256-743-0058 H: 256-839-1905	VCE Mailing Address Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043

Park Rules & Regulations

- Speed Limit 10 m.p.h
- Pets must be on a leash / No pets in buildings
- Loud music prohibited
- Rock climbing, rappelling & bouldering prohibited without a permit
- No alcoholic beverages
- No hunting
- No campfires
- No littering
- No soliciting
- No parking in driveways
- Horseback riding not permitted on park property
- Removal or damage to trees, shrubs or plants prohibited
- An adult must accompany minors under 19



Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2019 Registration Form (DRAFT, not yet finalized)
Hosted by Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE)
May 18, 2019 at Palisades Park, Oneonta, Alabama

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

Any young children in your group:

Corvair Display

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

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

Event details:

Palisades Park operating hours are from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM. You are welcome to plan your arrival for any time prior to Noon on Saturday. We will have lunch ready around 1:00 PM. Activities are planned throughout the day and include: Corn Hole Tournament, Fun Run, Covered Bridge Rally, Slo Drags and Corvair and their owners photo opportunity. The park rangers will have the area adjacent to the pavilion roped off from general parking. We will have signs and directions to the display area prominently displayed for the public.

Although the Pavilion is covered and has picnic tables, we suggest that you bring your own lawn chairs and encouraged to bring your club banners.

VCE will provide the cooking grills, charcoal, condiments, and ice. Designated club members will do the cooking of the Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Chicken.

We ask that each attendee bring your own picnic type side dish or dessert . Please indicate below what dish you will be bringing.

There will be door prizes and a \$1.00/ticket raffle drawing for 'Gas Money'

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

Liability Clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts. (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

Mailing Address:

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



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama

Corsa Chapter. 352

Join us at
PALISADES
PARK

Oneonta, AL
for the 5th Annual



southeast
Corvair
Spring Picnic



Corn Hole Tournament
Fun Run
Covered Bridge Rally
Slo Drags

Saturday May 18, 2019

Vulcan Corvair Embroidered Personalized Shirts



Many thanks to Jack Green for providing above ‘visual examples’!

Here is the Vulcan Shirt order update as of this publication 01/30/19.

- We have met the minimum number of 24 orders required to place an order
- Discussion with Lisa
 - She has absolutely no problem with ordering multiple varieties of shirts (Polo, Tees, Denim, etc.)
 - The original embroidery estimate of \$11.00 per shirt was for logo only (MY BAD)
 - In order to do the patch AND name on each shirt, estimate is \$17.00 (this MAY go down but NOT up)
 - She is going to give us a better deal on price of each individual shirt (Not all shirts on her website have a listed price)
 - We will receive a ‘proof’ of the embroidered logo before she goes into production.
 - The approximate size of the embroidered logo will be 3.5 – 4 inches
- During our February 15 meeting we will address any other questions and discussion
 - Orders will be taken during the meeting and the following weekend.
 - I will send spreadsheet order to Lisa on Monday 18 February.
 - We should receive our shirts and invoice 10-15 days after receipt of our order.
 - Upon receipt of Lisa’s Invoice we will send ONE club check for entire amount as payment in full
 - Each person that has ordered shirt(s) is responsible for payment to the club as soon as possible
 - Check is preferred but cash at subsequent meeting will be accepted
 - Give or mail your check to club treasurer, Russell Noble (He will not be at the February meeting)
 - Shirts will be distributed at any and all VCE gatherings. Goal is that all members have shirts before SPRINGFEST

If absolutely necessary, shirts will be packaged and shipped at owners expense

I will reemphasize, Cost of shirts listed on the attachment is only an estimate based on information we have as of today. Lisa will let us know final price of each shirt and the embroidery cost once she has started production.

We have received orders via email, instant message, Facebook, word of mouth, etc. I will have the updated order spreadsheet at the February meeting. SEE AD IN CLASSIFIEDS on next page.

<http://www.companycasuals.com/advwithlisa>

*Advertising
with
Lisa*

CLICK ON LOGO ABOVE FOR WEBSITE

CLASSIFIEDS

Orders for VCE club shirts are being taken NOW! ALL Vulcan Corvair Members and their family are eligible for a personalized shirt(s) of their choice. Logo at the right will be embroidered on the shirt. Your choice of logo and name placement. See Billy or Judi at any Club Meeting or Event.



HESCO'S HOBBY SHOP

Wood Crafts by Corvair Enthusiast, David Hausenfleck
EXCLUSIVE provider of SPRINGFEST 2018 awards!
Jewelry Boxes, Classic Cars, Corvairs, Plaques and other Wood Crafts Special Order.
256-525-5087
<http://www.facebook.com/hescoshobbyshop>
hesco@att.net

Exclusive CORVAIR Windshield/Window Service.

Contact: STAN (The Glassman) Hudgins 256-487-1282 desotoglass@yahoo.com

FREE!

LM coupe driver's side door, no rust, main glass missing, primary latch gone (I used it - reason I have the door). All this for FREE. Come and get it before it goes in the trash!!

Russell Noble
205-540-5651



Send Oil Drop submissions to:

GTOChief@gmail.com

Office: 256-839-1905

Cell: 256-743-0082

**NOTE: PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.
HECK! I don't care.....just send me something!!!!**

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

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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March 2019

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Prez Sez:

The Drive Them Vairs Covered Bridge Tour will be leaving Shoney's in Fultondale, March 23rd. I would appreciate those attending give me a call so as not to leave anyone behind (936) 524-7611. Everyone going should be there early if you wish to enjoy their superb breakfast bar. I will be sticking to the eggs and fruits as my cardiologist has me on a very, very short list of allowed foods. Gravy and biscuits are off the table for me.

April will bring Springfest in Helen, GA the 25th - 28th of the month. Most of us will be going on Thursday April 25th leaving the McDonalds in Heflin at 7:00 AM. As a co-host club, we have a lot of setup to do and all help is appreciated and needed. Remember to send your registration in as early as possible. Visit www.corvairspringfest.com and under the registration tab you can print the form, fill it out, and mail it to Lilian Law.

May 12th will be a Car Show in the Anniston / Oxford area. More details will be forth coming but specifically for us, we will be conducting the show and cookout. All benefiting Veterans during Armed Forces Week.

May 18th is VCE Picnic at Palisades Park in Blount County outside Oneonta, AL. This will include a visit to 3 covered bridges left off the Covered Bridge Tour in March. This might be one of the prettiest parks in Alabama. More details will be discussed and shown elsewhere in this and future newsletters.

This is the busiest part of the year for VCE as some of us just returned from The Corvaire Lovers Holiday in Florida last month. I hope everyone has taken the time over the winter to get your Vaire in shape as they are going to get a workout this late winter and spring. The Keep Them Vairs Running Committee has made every attempt to help all who asked. It's still not too late to ask.

Howard

February VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The February 15, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Howard Tutt. 10 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Jack Green.

Next Meeting:

March 15th
7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

Financial Report

Was presented by Howard Tutt. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by John Harris and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Old Business

Drive Them Vairs Committee Covered Bridges Tour scheduled for Saturday, Jan 19th has been re-scheduled to March 23rd. Meet at Shoney's in Fultondale, time to be communicated by Howard to participants.

Spring Picnic Combining the fun run with visiting 3 nearby covered bridges was discussed. It was decided not to have a slow drag as there is not a good location convenient to the pavilion. There will be a cornhole tournament before lunch which will be at 1:00 PM CST.

Howard Tutt attended The **Caffeine and Octane** show. Rag Tops & Running Boards will run our ad for the Spring Picnic 2019.

We have reached a full order on the **club shirts**, they should be ready before the March meeting..

Keep Them Vairs Running Committee Russ is going to help Art Bolton rebuild the brake system on his Spyder next month..

New Business

Planning is in the works for having a car show/ cookout to start **Armed Forces Week**. Billy is communicating with the Fort McClellan Federal Credit Union about having the show in Anniston/Oxford on May 11.

Jack Green proposed updating or creating a **roster of Club Members' cars**.

Billy Cannon is a member of the **CORSA web committee** for the website and newsletter.

Drawings

No Drawing conducted.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion made by Danny Robertson, seconded by Russ Thuleen and passed.



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	HAPPY BIRTHDAY John Bredehoft 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	VCE Monthly Meeting 15	16
17	18	19	20	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Claudia Tutt 21	22	23 Covered Bridges Tour
24	25	26	27	28	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Richard Stolmann 29	30
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pete Wood 31						

UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

VCE Monthly Meeting:

03/15/19 7:00 PM Pot Luck with meeting immediately following.
The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

Covered Bridges Tour:

03/23/19

This is a Vulcan Corvair 'Drive Them Vair's' event. Meet at Shoney's in Fultondale at 7:00 AM. Questions or Information, contact Howard (936) 524-7611

Corvair Performance Workshop

04/05-06/19

Corvair Museum in Decatur, Illinois

The 2019 Corvair Performance Workshop is shaping up nicely with more than 35 people registered to attend.

Pre registration is encouragd! Get on the internet and go here: corvair.org

Your \$35 registration fee provides:

Free admission to the Speed Lube Auto Care Center for an up-in-the-air tech session,

Free admission to the CPF Vending Area at the host hotel,

Free admission to the Corvair Museum on Friday and Saturday, where presentations will be held,

Free catered lunch on Saturday at the Corvair Museum.

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Address:

Corvair Museum
3635 US Route 36 East
Decatur, Illinois 62521

Hawthorne Suites by Windham Decatur will be our host hotel.

PCG has blocked-out hotel rooms at a discount price for us and has also reserved a meeting room where our vendors will be buying and selling parts. But you need to make your own room reservation.

When making reservations, mention "Corvair Performance Workshop" to receive the special price of \$69 per night. Our block of rooms covers two nights, but you can reserve a room for just one night if you prefer.

Here is contact information for the host hotel: Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Decatur
2370 Mount Zion Rd

Decatur, IL 62521

Phone: (217) 864-9311

Shown below is a sample agenda. It is preliminary and very much subject to change.

Friday April 5, 2019

Vending in Hotel Meeting Room.....3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Registration at Hotel Meeting Room.....3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Open House at Mark Allen's Repair Shop. 6 Hot Corvairs.....3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

John Lanning & Bob Depaolo. Electric Power Steering for V8s.....3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Corvair Museum - Open All Day.....10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday April 6, 2019

Vending in Hotel Meeting Room.....8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Registration at Corvair Museum.....8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Workshop Presentations at Corvair Museum.....10:00 AM - Noon

Ken Hand - Corvair Lifters for Street and Track.....10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Dale Smiley - E'tronic Instrument Panel Conversion.....10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Mark Corbin - PG Floor Shift Kit and More.....11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

OPEN.....11:30 AM to Noon

Lunch Break at Corvair Museum.....Noon - 1:30 PM

Vending in Hotel Meeting Room.....Noon - 1:30 PM

Workshop Presentations at Corvair Museum.....1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Allan Lacki - Safety Harnesses for Road & Track.....1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Stan East - Hardcore Racing Literature.....2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Ken Hand - Video - Autobahn Country Club Racing.....2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

OPEN.....3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

OPEN.....3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN.....4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Vending in Hotel Meeting Room.....3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SPRINGFEST 2019

04/26-28/19

Helen, Ga

See Registration Form and Tentative Schedule of Events, pages 6 & 7

Southeast Corvair Picnic

05/17-18/19

Palisades Park, Oneonta, Al

Friday evening hospitality get together in host hotel lobby for those that will be coming in for the Saturday activities. VCE will be checking into the hotel Friday afternoon so that we can start set up at the pavilion and lay out Covered Bridge Rally and Poker Run.

Host hotel is Days Inn Wyndham Hotel, Oneonta and is just 2.5 miles from entrance to the park.

To make reservations, phone the Days Inn - Oneonta at 205-274-2200.

Let the clerk know you are making reservations under the Block of

Rooms held for Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts.

Rooms are \$69.99 per night plus taxes. Cut-off date for special rate is 4/30/2019.

Sponsors: Alabama Guardrail, Inc., Auto Custom Carpets and Ft.

McClellan Credit Union (Tentative) will provide door prizes and goody bags.

Joseph Hester from Ragtops & Runningboards newsletter is already on board and will provide advertising and goody bags as well.



Blackwood Cabin Palisades Park



Compton Church Palisades Park



Pavilion at Palisades Park

**Southeast
Corvair
Spring Picnic
Saturday May 18, 2019**

**PALISADES
PARK**

Oneonta, Al

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THE CHAPTER OF SECURITY IS AN UNFINISHED CHAPTER!

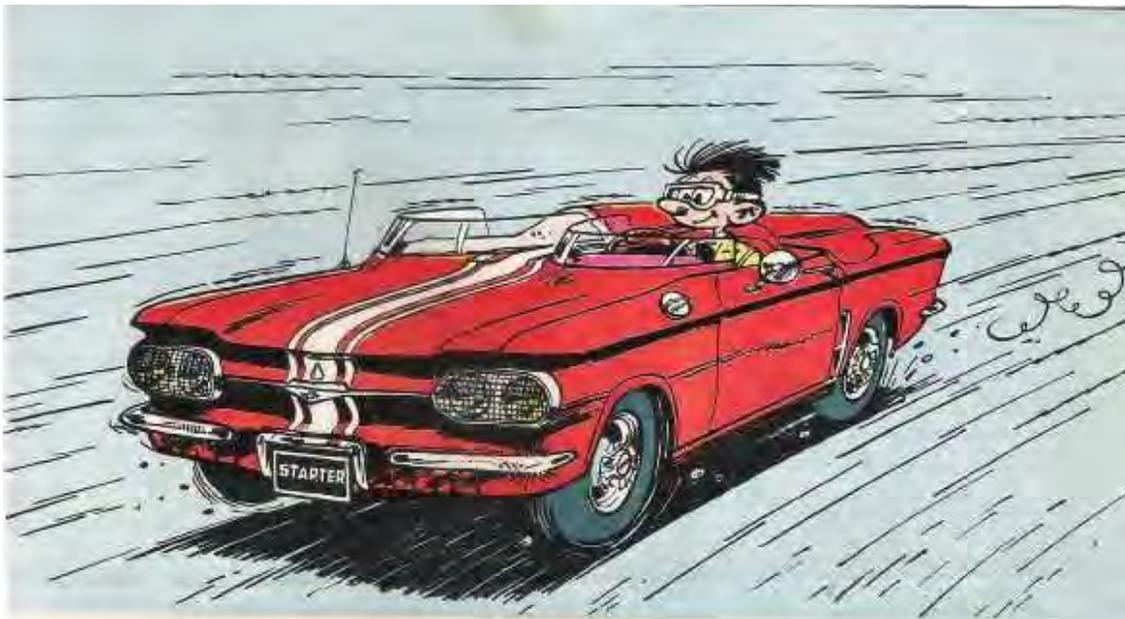
Let's see ... Size as it is, with its low and light hull, its suspension has four independent wheels, the Corvaire "Monza" should be a great road car! Alas! Lord General Motors must have been tired, and he has broken the last chapters of his work ... kidneys (so small in these damn small wheels at the fashion are still insufficient. Certainly, their progressivity They are well balanced in some years (and even those of the current ones), "americai-mais" the calamitous fading appears too easily. Rapid driving on an accidental road quickly becomes dangerous, and if we want to roll 140 k.m./h. elsewhere than on a desert highway, you have to "see" very far, to have a good dose of fatalism! It would be so simple to equip this car - disc brakes - sold at a staggering price of 23,901 NF or 191,500 francs. Belgian. The most modest benefit today! Even let go in the field of handling ... La Corvaire Monza has a nice suspension and a good distribution weights - what do the enemies of the rear engine say - but it is equipped with ridiculous shock absorbers-weak! Conclusion: The comfort is good, but the stability and the adherence are very doubtful, and the aerobates of the rear train gave me some emotions. Let's end this requirement with the indictment of the management: a narrow and curved road removes any desire to exceed a 2 CV, so the direction is soft and imprecise ... FIVE turns steering wheel from one stop to another, is not it excessive?

A "MONZA" LIKE HER WILL HAVE TO BE....

I exaggerate? Do not believe that! American specialists, in love with the "Monza", have finale a machine where all these defects have disappeared ... The original dampers are replaced by English Armstrong

(reinforced hull attachment points), and a wheelhouse of direction recalculated and size artisanal radically changes the characteristics of the car. Special hubs made it possible to adapt Rudge spoke wheels with central butterflies; these wheels provide effective cooling of brake drums, which are also provided with fins.

Say, friends, do not you think that the builder should go take some lessons from these small private craftsmen? The Corvaire "Monza" is a very seductive car, but for the price we are asked, we have the right and the duty to be demanding!



ses bases furent ébauchées dans des bureaux d'étude allemands est assez significatif! La structure monocoque, le moteur flat-six arrière, les quatre roues indépendantes solidement guidées, constituaient pour Bill Mitchell des atouts puissants. Il raccourcit l'empattement et élargit les voies. Il conçut ensuite une carrosserie biplace, utilisant au maximum les panneaux de la Corvaire de série. La suspension fut renforcée et durcie par l'adoption de « vrais » amortisseurs, tandis que le rapport de démultiplication de la direction se vit ramené à un chiffre raisonnable. Les tambours de freins bénéficièrent d'un calibrage précis et un refroidissement efficace devrait améliorer leur résistance; en effet, le spider de Bill Mitchell est chaussé d'authentiques roues à rayons Dayton (fabrication américaine), et des ouïes de ventilation sont taillées dans la carrosserie. Le caractère particulièrement survireur de la Corvaire est combattu par un cambrage négatif des roues arrière.

Il restait à donner au nouveau-né un tempérament généreux... Bill Mitchell s'en alla donc voir son ami Zora Arkus Duntov, qui est le « boss » du département sport! Zora s'empressa de monter dans le flat-six de 2372 cm³ un arbre à camées spécial, tout en soumettant l'embellage à un équilibrage rigoureux. La métamorphose se termina par la greffe d'un compresseur centrifuge Paxton (alimentation forcée) et d'un double échappement au dessin soigneusement étudié. Le traitement fut-il bénéfique? Zora refuse de donner des chiffres, mais le compte-tours du tableau de bord est zébré de rouge à 6.000... ce qui est prometteur. Les spécialistes

de la presse américaine parlent d'une vitesse supérieure à 200 km.-heure!

LE STYLE :

PUERIL REVE DE CIRCUIT...

Après un travail si sérieux, l'enthousiasme juvénile propre aux boys d'Amérique devait forcément se débrider! Bill Mitchell n'y alla pas avec le dos de la cuiller, et son crayon se laissa emporter par des rêves de circuits Formule 1... Voyez ces deux pare-brise individuels et ces deux profilages de tête: ne sont-ils pas charmants dans leur naïveté? La planche de bord, enfoncée sous sa large visière, est plus sérieuse. On y trouve de beaux instruments circulaires comprenant un compte-tours, un compteur de vitesse, un manomètre de pression d'huile, un thermomètre, un ampèremètre et une jauge d'essence. Le tout est agréablement souligné par un beau volant d'acier à trois branches, cerclé de bois. Les sièges sont d'authentiques baquets de course et ils sont munis d'ingénieuses ceintures de sécurité escamotables. Ouf! Est-ce tout? Non... j'oubliais encore ce détail typique: les phares sont protégés par des grillages « grand rallye ». Il ne faut vraiment regretter qu'une chose... C'est le fait que ce fantastique spider ressemble tellement à un fer à repasser!

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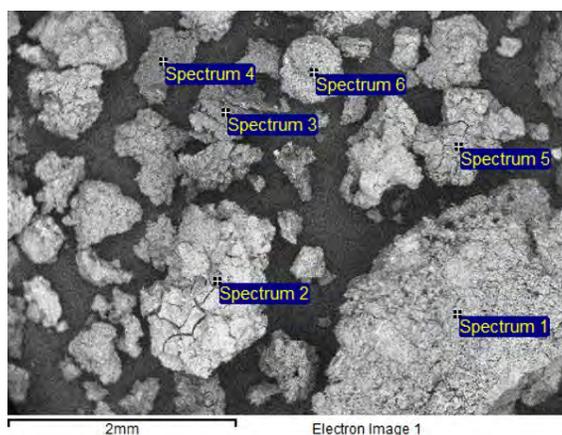
The Case of the Curious Carburetor Crud

Russell Noble

Well, get out your chemistry books and grab the reading glasses. Pull out that Periodic Table because we have a real mystery here. I can't recall who it was, but a VCE member brought a carb to a meeting a few months ago that was full of a goldish colored granular/powder in the bowl. I had never seen that before, so I took some photos and got a sample. First, let's observe 'the stuff' using the naked eye. In the pics, you can note a couple of things (trust me, I am no chemist): maybe crystalline in form, various shades of color, range in size of particles, very friable, seems to have an affinity for brass and pot metal as the floats and carb bowl walls are covered, does not attach to steel - see accelerator pump and float springs, does not adhere to the paper gasket, smells of fuel, etc. What is it? Precipitated from the gasoline? Gook from the tank and lines? Corrosion of the carb body? Let's look deeper using technology that is beyond me.



I took the sample to an accomplice with access to a scanning electron microscope fitted with a package (nuclear?) that can discern chemical composition. Mighty cool. Before looking at the analysis, let's review the surrounding metals. Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc with a hint of lead usually added. Pot metal is a mish-mash of metals that could be any combination of zinc, lead, copper, tin, magnesium, aluminum, iron, and cadmium. Knowing this, take a look at the compositions of six locations selected from the below micrograph:



All results in weight%						
	C	O	Al	Fe	Zn	Total
Spectrum 1	35.68	28.59	11.23	4.3	20.2	100
Spectrum 2	35.74	32.5	5.47	14.86	11.43	100
Spectrum 3	29.47	49.03	17.88	0	3.63	100
Spectrum 4	36.01	43.1	16.72	0	4.17	100
Spectrum 5	39.1	37.32	8.85	3.27	11.45	100
Spectrum 6	30.23	39.15	17.58	1.82	11.22	100

Geez. What does this conclude? I have no idea, Mr. Watson. Pot metal corrosion? A second set of spectrums on another sample area showed traces of Cu and Pb (copper and lead), still pointing to pot metal. Question is, what caused this? If you figure it out, let me know!

SPRINGFEST 2019

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Helen, Georgia
April 26-27, 2019

To our Corvair friends please pre-register and save money.

President's Choice, People's Choice, Car Display, Tech Session, Lady's Activities, Rally, 50/50, Raffle
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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

Must Register for any Auto Events by 9:00 am Saturday

Festhalle opens at 8:30 a.m. Friday & 7:30 a.m. Saturday

Call all Motels Direct not 800 number

Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates): available April 25-27,2019

Helendorf River Inn: phone 1-706-878-2271 \$204. (\$258 for riverfront) for 2 nights (2 nights minimum).

Baymont Inn (formerly Best Western): 1-706-878-2111, \$79.00 per night
Deluxe continental breakfast included.

Surestay (formerly Super 8): phone 1-706-878-2191, \$65 per night

Country Inn and Suites: phone 1-706-878-9000, 2 Queen Beds \$109.00

Make reservations by March 30, 2019 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.. Pictures are available on the Springfest website at www.corvairspringfest.com.

Sizes: Men's – Small to 5XL \$18.00 (Heather Red) (All shirts 100% Cotton)

Lady's- Small to 3XL \$18.00 (Coral Silk)

Men's Polo Shirts (must pre-order by March 15, Small to 3XL) \$24.00 (Red)

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

For those arriving on Thursday, a buffet dinner at Unicoi Lodge will be available.6:00 pm

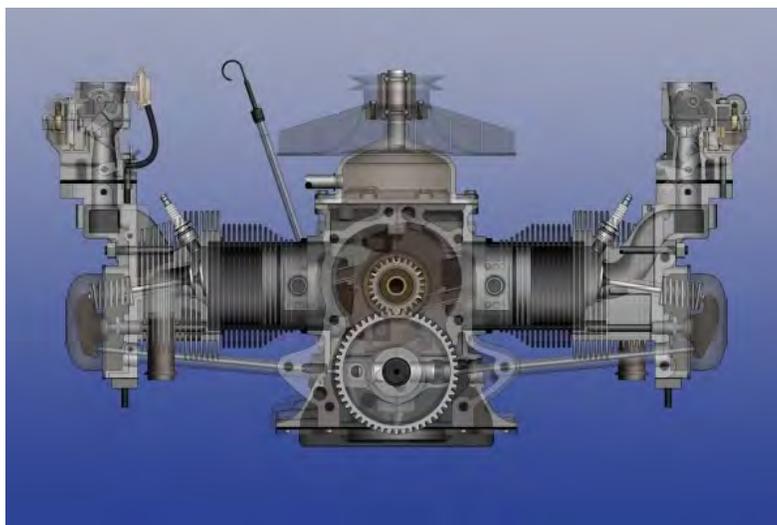
Event check-in is at the Festhalle.

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

Autocross information: Billy Cannon 256-743-0082 gtochief@gmail.com

**“SPRINGFEST 2019
Tentative Schedule of Events”**

<u>FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2019</u>		
Registration	8:30 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Auto-X Set-Up/Car Inspection	8:30am - 10:00 am	City Parking Lot- Both
Auto-X Test and Tune	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	City Parking Lot -Both
Vendors	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Festhalle & Helendorph
T-shirt Sales and Ticket Sales	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Coral & Car Clean Up	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Helendorf Parking Lot
Autocross	1:00 pm - until	City Parking Lot-Both
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality Party	6:30 pm	Festhalle
Valve Cover Races	8:00 pm	Festhalle
50/50 drawing Door Prizes	8:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Baymont Inn
Visit Helen Merchants	All Day	
<u>SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019</u>		
Registration	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Clean Up	7:00 am - 9:00 am	Baymont Inn/Helendorf parking lots
Vendors	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Festhalle & Helendorf
Car Coral	8:00 am- 5:00 pm	Helendorph Parking Lot
People’s Choice Parking	8:30 am - 9:00 am	City Parking Lot - Large
People’s Choice Voting	9:15 am - 1:00 pm	City Parking Lot –Large
President’s Choice	9:30 am - 1:00 pm	City Parking Lot – Small
Rally	1:00 -	City Parking Lot-Large
Technical Session	1:30	Festhalle
Lady’s Activity (Bingo)	1:45 pm	Festhalle
Corn Hole Tournament	1:30 pm	Small Parking Lot
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Corvair Center Group Photo	6:15 pm	Festhalle
Banquet and Awards	7:00 pm -10:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Baymont Inn
Visit Helen Merchants	All day	
Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing		Festhalle
Ticket and T-Shirt Sales		Festhalle



Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2019 Information (DRAFT, not yet finalized)

Directions:

Palisades Park is about 5 miles North of Oneonta and 7.5 miles South of Cleveland off of U.S. Hwy. 231. Take 231 to the Oneonta and Rosa City limits turn on Ebell road go about 1.5 miles turn on Palisades Parkway and go 1 mile.

From outside Alabama:

Atlanta - Take Interstate 20 towards Alabama. Take the Oxford, Alabama exit at Highway 431. Follow Hwy. 31 North through Aniston, Gadsden, Take Interstate 59 South to exit 166. Take Hwy 231 North into Oneonta to the intersection of Hwy 75. Follow Hwy 231 North for about 3 miles. Look for the brown park sign on the right for the turn to the park. Follow the signs in to the park.

Birmingham - Take Interstate 59 North to the Tallapoosa St. exit (Hwy 79). Take Hwy 79 North to Hwy 75 in Pinson. Follow Hwy 75 North into Oneonta to the intersection of Hwy 231. Follow Hwy 231 North for about 3 miles. [Look for the brown park sign on the right for the turn to the park. Follow the signs in to the park.](#)

Chattanooga – Take I-59 S to US-231 in Ashville. Take Exit 166 onto US-231 N. Look for the brown park sign on the right for the turn to the park. Follow the signs in to the park.

Tupelo – Follow I-22/ U.S. Hwy. 78 into Alabama and take exit 57. Get on I-65 N to AL – 160 E/US-31 S in Blount County. Take exit 284 from I-65 N. continue on AL-160 E. Drive to Palisades Pkwy.

Lodging:

Although the picnic is a one-day affair, you are encouraged to come and spend part of the weekend with family and friends. For those that want to come in the Friday before the picnic, [the Days Inn](#) has rooms for us blocked at \$69.00/night:

Days Inn by Wyndham Oneonta, 293 Valley Rd, Oneonta, AL 35121•(205) 274-22000
You must mention “Corvair” to get the special rate.

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Park Rules & Regulations

- Speed Limit 10 m.p.h
- Pets must be on a leash / No pets in buildings
- Loud music prohibited
- Rock climbing, rappelling & bouldering prohibited without a permit
- No alcoholic beverages
- No hunting
- No campfires
- No littering
- No soliciting
- No parking in driveways
- Horseback riding not permitted on park property
- Removal or damage to trees, shrubs or plants prohibited
- An adult must accompany minors under 19



Southeast Corvairs Picnic 2019 Registration Form (DRAFT, not yet finalized)
Hosted by Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE)
May 18, 2019 at Palisades Park, Oneonta, Alabama

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

Any young children in your group:

Corvair Display

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

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

Event details:

Palisade Park operating hours are from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM. You are welcome to plan your arrival for any time prior to Noon on Saturday. We will have lunch ready around 1:00 PM. Activities are planned throughout the day and include: Corn Hole Tournament, Fun Run and Covered Bridge Rally. The park rangers will have the area adjacent to the pavilion roped off from general parking. We will have signs and directions to the display area prominently displayed for the public.

Although the Pavilion is covered and has picnic tables, we suggest that you bring your own lawn chairs and encouraged to bring your club banners.

VCE will provide the cooking grills, charcoal, condiments, and ice. Designated club members will do the cooking of the Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Chicken.

We ask that each attendee bring your own picnic type side dish or dessert . Please indicate below what dish you will be bringing.

There will be door prizes and a \$1.00/ticket raffle drawing for 'Gas Money'

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

Liability Clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts. (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 _____

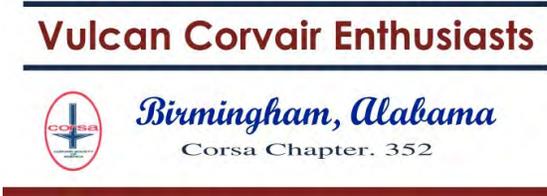
Signature of Registered Guest _____

Date _____

For convenience, completed registrations may be emailed to: Gtochief@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

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



The 1964 Corvan (and it's an 8 door too!)

(Many THANKS to Chris and Molly for trusting us with getting this one "Back on the Road") T²C
 This introduction article was first published in the September 2017 Oil Drop 17-9.

The 'More Door' van pictured here is a shared undertaking with lots of ideas on how to utilize it for the benefit of the Vulcan Club and Springfest. We will probably settle between a display for the 3 cylinder engine and/or a tow vehicle for the cooker.

Right now it is in the tear down and assessment phase and looks very promising. A 110 hp engine from inventory has been identified and will go in over the winter.

'T²C' = Thuleen, Tutt, and Cannon

UPDTAE: It's been 2 1/2 years since the 8 door was given to us by Chris and Molly. The 'T²C More Door' has been through a thorough assessment and evaluation of needed body work and parts. It has moved from the storage building in Goodwater to Russ's shop in Chelsea. Howard and Russ have completed some of the major body work on the doors. The two driver side doors were the worst of the eight while the pair on the passenger side were in much better condition. Billy Rudolph from Corvair Atlanta had a set of Greenbrier doors that were donated to the cause. Many thanks to Billy R....this was an added bonus because we wanted to add some windows to the van anyway. Especially working roll up-down windows that will help with ventilation for those hot Alabama cruising months.

Russ wanted to put a 140 PG in 'Shorty' for the convenience of driving it in the parades. The swap has been performed and that left a donor 110 4 spd that is now in the T²C Van. Howard just reported (afternoon of 26 Feb) that the truck has a running engine. During the assessment we have discovered that replacement of the fuel tank and lines has been done, new brake hardware, and a mysterious reversal of the shift mechanism. An aftermarket dash and wiring had been added by the previous owner but it is deemed to be not trustworthy. So a new front/cab wiring harness is in order along with a stock FC dash and gauges. Once it is up and running under it's own power, it will make it's way back to the shop in Goodwater for more 'off the lift' work.



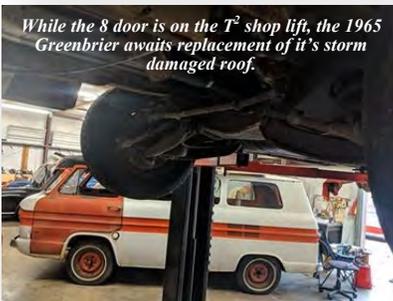
1964 CORVAN 8 Door



T² = Russ Thuleen, Howard Tutt



Note the powder coated seat frames



While the 8 door is on the T² shop lift, the 1965 Greenbrier awaits replacement of it's storm damaged roof.



Tutt confirms that Thuleen has correctly identified the oil cooler.



Pass' side doors have been moved to drivers side



Powerpack remove/install heavy-duty table!



Greenbrier doors donated by Billy Rudolph!



Howard disconnects that 'last' wire and the old car powerpack is out.





how come Corvair steers like it has power steering?

Easy. The engine's in the back so there's less weight on the front wheels. Parking is child's play. Even little two-and-a-half-year-old Kenneth in our picture can turn the wheels of a parked Corvair. Power steering isn't offered, because who needs it? And because the engine is in the rear, the floor is practically flat, traction is slightly terrific, and engine heat and noise are left right back with the road dust. Just walk into your nearest showroom and try this steering wheel thing... that's all we ask.





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CLASSIFIEDS

Embroidered VCE club shirts should arrive by end of month!

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HECK! I don't care.....just send me something!!!!**

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[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)

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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Prez Sez:

What a beautiful day we had for VCE's North Central Covered Bridge Tour. WOW! Some of us gathered for breakfast at the Shoney's in Fultondale and the rest met up at the first stop near Cullman. We had 7 Corvairs and one Dodge 'wanna be' containing 11 Vulcans come out to visit the covered bridges on the agenda. The weather was amazing and the sky was clear. We did not have a time schedule and had a relaxing trip from bridge to bridge. We were met with friendly smiles everywhere we stopped as well as along the way. There were folks filming the caravan along side us and we almost lost Russ Thuleen AND Shorty in Gunter'sville at the Huddle House where we ate lunch. A waitress developed an instant attraction to them both. A couple of Vulcans were tiring after lunch and elected to head for home. We continued on to Gadsden for our next stop. One thing I learned was every stop with a group is a little more involved than a visit to the attraction or restroom break or fuel stop than just the event. There is stretching, refreshment purchases, discussions, etc. and time keeps on ticking. A 3 hour and 45 minute trip turns into nearly double the estimated time. But we all survived. We saw some amazing structures built before we were even born and took away some priceless memories and pictures we can use for our calendar. Some of us were privileged to a train ride at the Noccalula Falls Park. What an attraction this has become from a train ride and waterfall to log cabins, grist mill, blacksmith shop, petting zoo and so much more. All the flowers and shrubbery they have planted in full bloom, makes this a destination worth the trip from no matter where you are coming from. A single day trip makes one aware Alabama the Beautiful is not just a song, it a truthful statement of the fact. Thanks to all who made the hard work of researching the bridges still in existence, planning the route (did I mention not a single mile was traveled on an Interstate Highway) which really showed off the countryside and small towns in Alabama.

We now turn our sights and efforts to

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 25th

7:00 PM

SPRINGFEST Baymont Inn Hospitality Room
Helen, Georgia

Springfest. A caravan will be leaving Heflin McDonald's at 7:00AM Thursday, April 25. I would like to schedule our April VCE regular meeting in the hospitality room for Thursday evening after the dinner. This will be the last time to discuss the SE Corvair Picnic where necessary changes could be made as the May VCE regular meeting will be in the lobby of the hotel in Oneonta. I hope to see everyone in Helen for yet another batch of wonderful memories. Boy, this sure is a busy time of the year. I am really looking forward to another relaxing bridge tour in the fall when the trees will be showing off their colorful fall foliage. How about you?

Howard

March VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The March 15, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Howard Tutt. 18 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Clyde Cork.

Financial Report

Was presented by Howard Tutt. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Clyde Cork and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Old Business

Drive Them Vairs Committee Covered Bridges Tour will be leaving Shoney's in Fultondale Saturday March 23rd at 7:00AM. The first stop will be the Clarkson Covered Bridge Park on CR1043 near Cullman for those from the northern part of the state if you wish to join us there.

Corvair Lovers Holiday: Members that attended that weekend liked the new venue much more than the old. The only detraction was a lack of outside traffic to view the Corvairs on display.

Club Shirts: The cost for embroidery came in higher than expected. In order to keep order on schedule, the VCE Board members held a meeting via teleconference and voted to offset the additional cost by subsidizing the total individual cost with \$10 per shirt from VCE funds. A motion to approve the subsidy was made by Steve Daniels, seconded by

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Teresa McDuffie	4	5
7	8	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Josh Rothe	9	10	11	12
14	TAX DAY	15	16	17	18	19
EASTER HAPPY BIRTHDAY Billy Cannon	21	22	23	24	VCE Monthly Meeting	25
					26	27
					SPRINGFEST 2019	Helen, Georgia
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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George Miljus and passed. Shirts did not arrive in time for the March Meeting, They are being shipped to Billy Cannon and will be distributed hopefully before Springfest.

New Business

Armed Forces Week Car Show:

Will be at the Fort McClellan Credit Union Golden Springs location in Anniston/Oxford on May 11th. The CCRA will furnish soft drinks and manpower, Vulcan is providing food and cooking. Leg quarter plates, Hamburgers, Hotdogs will be sold at the show. ALL proceeds go to Veterans Programs.

Keep Them Vairs Running Committee

Art Bolton rebuild the brake system on his Spyder postponed for a month. Russ has some work to do in preparation for Springfest.

Springfest caravan will be leaving McDonalds at Heflin Thursday 4/24 7:00 AM Head count for Heflin caravan was five and for other routes was one. Remember to bring your electric knives (Howard has 2 knives and will also bring a meat slicer.)

Judi Cannon and Loretta Cannon will be making merchant visits in Helen April 3-4.

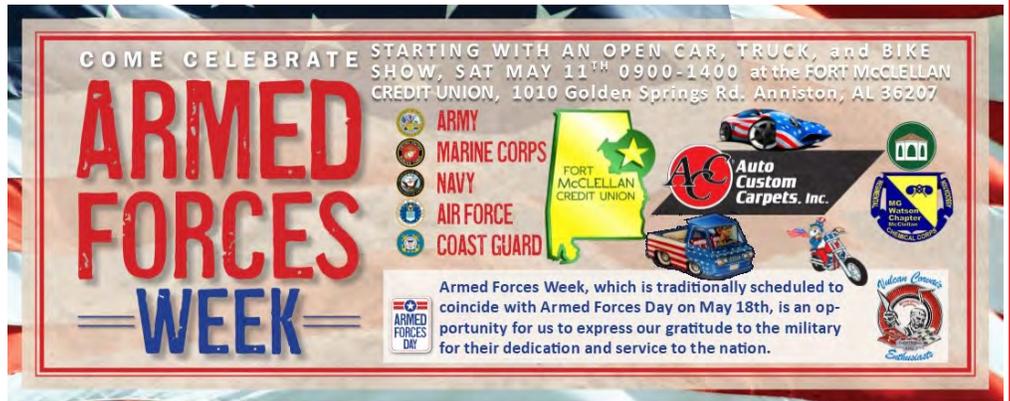
Church Meeting Place. will be unavailable for the April meeting due to observance of Easter. Motion was to have the meeting at Springfest by Art Bolton, seconded by Billy Cannon and passed.

Drawings

Drawing for gas money (\$45) was won by Louise Hartline.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Ed Keller and passed.



UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

VCE Monthly Meeting:

04/25/19 7:00 PM Short meeting to discuss Car Show and Picnic.
Baymont Inn Hospitality Room
Helen Georgia

SPRINGFEST 2019

04/25-28/19

Helen, Ga

See Registration Form and Schedule of Events, pages 6 & 7

Armed Forces Week Car Show:

05/11/19 0900-1400

This is a Vulcan Corvair & MG Watson Chapter CCRA event. Meet at Fort McClellan Credit Union Golden Springs Parking Lot as early as possible Saturday morning to set-up.

Southeast Corvair Picnic

05/17-18/19

Palisades Park, Oneonta, Al

Friday evening hospitality get together in host hotel lobby for those that will be coming in for the Saturday activities. VCE will be checking into the hotel Friday afternoon so that we can start set up at the pavilion and lay out Covered Bridge Rally and Poker Run.

Host hotel is Days Inn Wyndham Hotel, Oneonta and is just 2.5 miles from entrance to the park.

To make reservations, phone the Days Inn - Oneonta at 205-274-2200. Let the clerk know you are making reservations under the Block of Rooms held for Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts.

Rooms are \$69.99 per night plus taxes. Cut-off date for special rate is 4/30/2019.

Sponsors: Alabama Guardrail, Inc., Auto Custom Carpets and Ft. McClellan Credit Union will provide door prizes and goody bags.

Joseph Hester from Ragtops & Runningboards newsletter is already on board and will provide advertising and goody bags as well.



Blackwood Cabin Palisades Park



Compton Church Palisades Park



Pavilion at Palisades Park

Southeast
Corvair
Spring Picnic
Saturday May 18, 2019

PALISADES
PARK
Oneonta, Al

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Birmingham Alabama

Corvair Chapter #352

Enthusiasts

Corvair Lover's Holiday Pensacola, FL, Feb. 2019

Our little caravan met up just south of Birmingham on Thursday morning. The trio consisted of Louise, Harold, and Phil Hartline, Carol and Ed Keller, and Richard Stolzmann and Virginia (Jenny) Johnson. We paid too much attention to threats of severe weather, and let memories of cold rainy days convince us all to leave the old cars at home. The drive turned out to be an easy one, smooth and clear. This year's event was held at a new venue, the Perdido Bay Golf Course. There were a group of cottages, each with four rooms, and a large central room with couches, a big TV, and a full kitchen. I couldn't believe how nice everything was. Joyce and Linda Miller met us there, and took one of the rooms in ours.



After settling into our rooms, I took a stroll around the cottages. That's when the first Corvair showed up. It was a yellow coupe, and the sound of that engine as it eased down the street left me standing in awe. As we all know, there is something special about the sound of a Corvair engine. Nothing else like it. And if you've been away from it for a while like I have, it's all too easy to forget just how magical that sound can be.



Thursday night we went to a local place for seafood, nothing beats fresh from the Gulf. Friday was an adventure day. The girls went on a shopping excursion while the guys visited the Naval Air Station Flight Museum. If you've never been, you



should. Even if you're not a history or airplane buff, all the old aircraft engines on display are enough to get any air cooled engine guy's blood pumping! The only thing it needed was to have Billy's Navy Rampy parked out front. I can only imagine how many lookers that would get. A good picture of it with that fighter jet in the background would be wall-hanging front-cover-Communiqué good!

After the museum, the guys went downtown for lunch at McGuire's Irish Pub in Pensacola. Harold asked the greeter how many signed dollar bills are on the walls and ceiling.

She said the IRS claims a little over two million worth. OK, but what does the owner say? Never got that answer. But yes, Phil asked if he could take the stage and sing, and no, they wouldn't let him. Oh well, had a good time anyway, and my sister was right about those appetizers. A Reuben stuffed in pastry and fried like an egg roll is a wonder to behold.



Friday night the Corvair festivities began. The faithful had been arriving all afternoon, and our gracious hosts set up a wonderful pot luck dinner in the cottage next door to ours. For those of you on a diet, I'm here to say you can definitely lose the weight you gained after you get back home! Might take a few weeks, but everyone needs a goal, right?

Saturday morning started with breakfast at the club restaurant. As we were coming out, the club photographer asked us to bring our cars to the entrance of the club for photos. Each one would



be printed, framed, and presented at the end of the show. A lot of work, but a nice touch.

The light mist we felt on our way to breakfast was gone by the time we came out, and most of the cars were already in place. The weather even cooperated, and the day quickly turned warm and clear. By afternoon, most folks sitting with their cars were looking for some shade.

Afternoon activities included a corn hole tournament and valve cover races. We even had our own beauty queen, decked out with a banner that said "Miss Valvecover."

I had a great time watching those racers run down the track. Most made it straight away, but a few tried to jump the sides or get tangled up with the other racer. It was all great fun!

But even with so many things going on, I couldn't

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keep away from the cars. My first thought was I'd like to have one of each. But then reality struck, and I knew that if I did, no matter which one I chose to drive, I'd end up wishing I'd brought a different one. But walking down the line of cars, all I could think of was "I have got to get me one of these!" Then I would remember that I already have more than one. So I amended my statement, to "I have got to get one of mine running!" several people asked which one was mine, and I kept having to explain that it wasn't able to make the trip. But I can say that every time I smiled and said "I'm going to have a truck!" I got a smile back in return. I counted 22 cars. There was a good mix of earlies, lates, and



pickups, even a pristine '65 Greenbrier. One fellow pointed out the horn ring, which was a full circle in '65, a one-year-only feature. That was one nice van.

The quality of the cars just seems to be getting better every year. The hard luck trophy ended up going to a man who didn't quite get his ready in time. Well, that was a unanimous decision, quite popular since second place went to the guy whose cruise control quit working half way down. No one felt sorry for him having to actually press the gas pedal most of the way.



At the end of the day, photos were passed out and door prizes collected. Richard Stolzmann racked up as usual, and I even managed quite a few myself. That was a pleasant surprise, because I never have good luck with drawings. But this trip was different. Before the final festi-

ties, June Lindsey announced they needed one more dollar to get the 50-50 to an even number. Any takers? Well, why not, I gave her a buck. My contribution. I didn't even know she wrote my name on a ticket for me and dropped it in



the bucket. So you can imagine my surprise when Miss Valvecover herself reached in and pulled out the ticket with my name. I had won the 50-50! Another first!



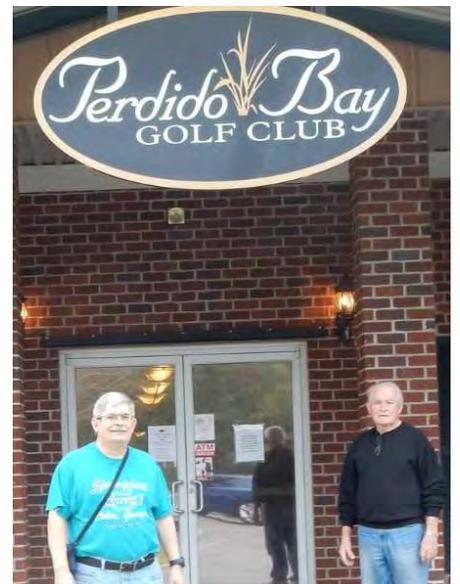
Sunday we had a nice easy drive back to Birmingham. Just like on the trip down, the promised rain just never really showed up,



and I wished once again we'd taken a 'Vair or two. But the bad weather did start close to home. I didn't realize how much it had been raining in Birmingham during our trip, but I found out real quick when I got my mom's GMC stuck in my yard. We managed to dig / drag it out, but I got caked with mud in the process. Too late for the hard luck award, but lesson learned.

The feeling about the new location was unanimous, so West Florida Corvairs decided to have their show in the same place next year. That gives me some time, but I need to get busy; I have got to get me something running...

Phil Hartline
March 7, 2019



VCE Covered Bridges Tour March 23rd 2019

As Howard mentioned in his 'prez sez' front page article, the weather was perfect and we had a great turnout of Corvairs and Vulcanites for the first excursion of the 'Drive Them Vairs' Covered Bridges tour.

Yours truly would have been Corvair number eight in Navy Rampy but she had to stay in home port with a bad fuel pump. I did, however, drive the Dodge Ram support vehicle



with every magnetic Corvair sign that Danny Joe has made stuck to it's body.

But a support vehicle was not needed! All the Corvairs travelled without incident. It was touch and go for some as we travelled up the steep grade of Green Mountain. Even the water pumper's temp gauge was climbing closer and closer to the danger zone.

Unfortunately the only bridge that the whole group could park close to was the first stop at Clarkston-Legg. So pictures of the bridges with Corvairs in them is limited.

You will see that Howard was able to get up close and personal with the last three but by that time, he was the only one left of the original seven.



First up, The couples: Jack and Valerie Green and their well optioned '64 Monza convertible.

Followed by Harold and Louise Hartline in their '66 Monza that you would swear just came off the showroom floor.



And then Richard Stolzman and Jenny Johnson in the world famous turbo charged 1965 Corsa convertible with '69 interior and third brake light.



Next were the trucks; Phil Hartline in the gorgeous tan and gold Rampside, Russ Thuleen in the patriotic, shortened Loadside that goes by the name of Shorty and then the red headed step child of the caravan, your friendly Oil Drop Editor's 2005 Dodge Ram Daytona.



That just left Danny Joe Robinson and his '64 Spyder convertible.



And last but certainly not least, our fearless leader and coordinator of the whole shebang; Howard Tutt and his Marine Corps 'wanna be' 1966 Monza Coupe.



Goodbye, Old Man

On a beautiful warm day in 2003 I said goodbye to a friend. I hadn't seen him in a long time, but that didn't matter. We'd been friends since high school, and we still kept in touch, as best we could. I grew up in a car culture. My home town of Hueytown was even famous in a way, as it was home to a group of NASCAR guys called The Alabama Gang. This gave us a certain legitimacy for our automotive past-times, and I can't remember how often I hear the saying "Everyone in Hueytown has a hot rod." I wasn't into that so much, but I did grow up next door to a drag racer.

Larry Cox loved cars. I would say he loved all cars, but truth be known, he was a Chevy man, through and through. He loved building drag cars, and his favorite platform was the old Chevy II. Eventually he got pretty good at it. As he told me, "I had to build a bunch of them before I could build one that would push you back in the seat and hold you there." The fastest one he ever made would run 140 mph in the quarter mile. Not too shabby.

But fate intervened. Larry had a condition called brittle bone disease, so he was constantly breaking things. Arms, legs, fingers, you name it. He had to be extra careful, but that never stopped him. He was a hard drinking, hard driving hot rodder until the accident put an end to his racing days. It was tragic, and oh so avoidable. He was between a parked car and a wall at a service station when a girl started her car and it leapt forward, pinning him to the wall. For the rest of his life he was wheelchair bound. But that didn't stop him from roaming all over the neighborhood. He had an electric wheel chair, and it was not unusual at all to see him in some driveway a half mile from home visiting people. But for me, what I remember most are the countless hours in my back yard.

When I was 14, I got my first car, a 1964 Corvair Spyder convertible. It was a basket case, needing a full restoration. On days when I could work outside, sanding, cleaning, and painting parts, Larry would come over. He would watch, give advice, answer all my car questions, and mostly just talk. As a 14 year old kid with a head full of stars, the reality of cleaning 10 years of accumulated grease off a destroyed engine quickly lost its glamour. But Larry was good natured about it all, and helped me dream of the day when I would finally put it back on the road. He even gave me a disassembled engine he had in a box in his basement. He had a knack for making my dreams sound even bigger than they did in my own head. Eventually life separated us, as so often happens. I went on to college, and Larry ended up in a nursing home in Louisiana. But he would still contact me all along. Email was new at that time for him, but he had a phone he could use. And every time he called, he always said the same thing: "Hello, old man!"



With basic catching up out of the way, our conversations always ended up on the same topic, cars. We talked about projects he was working on, helping some new friend figure out why their old one wouldn't start, or why it was making a noise. During one call, he asked where I was living now, and when I told him, he knew all about the place. Had a friend there, on the other side of the highway. Then he went on to tell me all about that guy's old Z car. It was actually a Japanese model, brought over a year earlier than the American version, and even had a "Fairlady" emblem. It was the first model with fuel injection, and Larry was trying to help figure out how to get it started.

I don't know what finally took him out. I do know he had some complications, and ended up losing most of one leg. I gave him my old refrigerator from college, the small table top model I used in my dorm room. He used it to keep buttermilk cold in his room at the nursing home, and offered some to everyone who came in the room. But he never lost his sense of humor, and the joke he told me the last time we talked was so crude I've never repeated it. And no matter how life went, he loved to talk about our favorite topic, cars.

Walking into the parlor at the funeral home, I noticed so many familiar faces. Older, with more mileage on them, but the same people from the street where I grew up so long ago. We exchanged the usual greetings, mentioned how nice it was to see everyone again, but terrible to have to do so under such circumstances. But at least Larry managed to make it. We were afraid the guest of honor would be late for his own funeral. Seems there was a mix-up with the transportation of his body from Louisiana to Hueytown, and there was a strong chance it would have been shipped to somewhere in South America. But the mistake was caught at the last minute, and he avoided an unnecessary trip. When my mother told me about it, she figured Larry would have really gotten a kick out of that.

At the end of the room, a display had been set up on a small table. It had the usual array of old photos, most taken from his youth with a few more recent. The latest one showed several people I didn't recognize standing by his bed. All that was visible of him was his head, but he was looking at the camera and smiling, as usual. Then I noticed someone had posted a framed copy of a page from an old local newspaper. It told all about the day Larry was a genuine hero.

I remember the story well, or at least Larry's version of it. The article told of how Larry and his friends had rescued this fellow from a crashed car that had caught on fire. It even had a picture of them standing next to a hospital bed, smiling with the grateful survivor. Larry and his buddies were truly given the royal treatment for being at the right place at the right time to save his life. Larry always got a kick out of it, because the article didn't mention the reason that young man crashed was because Larry was chasing him.

I don't remember what set him off, probably just the normal challenges to manhood fueled by beer and testosterone. But for whatever reason, Larry was going to whip this guy good. So he ran, with Larry and a couple of friends in hot pursuit. But it didn't work out, and the poor fellow crashed. When his car caught fire, Larry knew he had to help. "I just wanted to whup him, I didn't want to see

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him hurt!" he always told me. So he and his friends did the honorable thing, and pulled the guy to safety. As so often happens, whatever started it all was quickly forgotten, and they got along great from then on. So my friend Larry was a hero, it said so right there in the paper. I watched the funeral goers read the article, and got a kick out of watching their reactions, wondering how many knew the true story. I decided not to say anything, and that was OK, because Larry came by it honestly. I just kept remembering the story his dad told of his heroics in World War II. He was a Sea Bee in the Pacific, and during an attack, he saved a man's life by pushing him into a fox hole. But to hear him tell it, the story was actually much simpler. ZD, Larry's dad, would always smile and say "There was nothing heroic about it. I wanted to get in that fox hole, and he was in my way. The quickest way for me to get in there was to push him in and jump on top of him!" Even at a funeral, good memories can still be had, and I must admit, Larry made me smile one more time at his. So I moved on past the tables with the photos, and went up to the casket. My biggest disappointment was seeing it was closed. I wasn't really surprised, the family didn't have a lot of money for a funeral and Larry certainly didn't. He'd been in that chair for decades. I wished I could do something for him, just a small gesture, one I knew he would appreciate. Standing there, looking at his casket, I had a thought. It was something we'd never talked about, but probably should have. My mind drifted back to those days when he would come over in his chair to watch me clean parts and work on my car. I always got a smile when I saw he was held in with a genuine Chevrolet seat belt. I have no idea what car it came out of, but he had plenty of friends with access to junk yards. It suited him. One bright summer afternoon I was cleaning some especially nasty sheet metal. He told me that for some reason, that day he really wished he could get his hands in some grease. I joked with him to snap him out of it, and told him it made your fingernails taste funny when you bit them. He simply replied "Makes you faster."

"What?"
"Chevy grease, it makes you faster. Now if it was Ford grease, we ain't even talking about that!"

We both got a great laugh out of that. 40 years later, I still have that same old car, with the same engine made from the parts he gave me. And to this day, I still use that line whenever anyone comments on my greasy hands after working on it. Now I'm not sure what the family would have thought, and the last thing I would do is upset them. Some may have considered it in poor taste, or even sacrilegious. But if that coffin had been open, I would have personally seen to it that my old friend was buried with some Chevy grease under his fingernails. But all I could do was look at the closed casket, and tell him "Sorry old man, this wasn't my call. If I had a chance, I'd do it." I still wanted to send him off in style, but how? What would be appropriate for a final bow? Then it hit me, the perfect idea. I would wait until it was all over, and then I would give him a grand salute, something unmistakable that only an old car guy would understand.

I thought about it all during the talks, not sure if I'd have the nerve. What if it was taken wrong? Would people think bad of me? The logical part of my mind kept reminding me that this was a funeral after all, and everyone was there. It was nothing we'd ever talked about, but the more I thought about it, the more it seems it probably just slipped our minds. What could be better than to peel out, and lay down some rubber in the parking lot of the funeral home? It just seemed like the right thing to do, the best possible way I could say goodbye.

But would I have the nerve to actually do it?

When the service was over, I said my goodbye's to family and friends, trying to decide if I wanted to risk it. Some folks left a little earlier than me, and were lined up to pull out of the parking lot. I noticed one small sports car take off kind of quick, and it chirped the tires as it pulled onto the main road. I didn't know if it was intentional, but all I could think of was "Dang, somebody beat me to it!" And with that, my mind was made up.

I got in my old truck, looked back at the funeral home, and said "Goodbye, old man." Then I revved it up and dumped the clutch. The rear tires lit up with a scream. Every neck in the parking lot snapped around to see what was happening, so I backed off quick enough they wouldn't think something was wrong.

I eased out of the lot, and headed back to work. My mind was a mess. So many memories, so many tales drifting through the years. I knew his trials were over, released at last from a body that had held him prisoner for so long. On some level I was glad for him. But then again, I knew I would miss the phone calls, the jokes, and the tall tales. I wished I had one more chance to speak to him, and tell him my ideas, I was sure he'd have gotten a kick out of them. But as so often happens, it never crossed my mind until



it was too late. The speedometer in my old truck has a peg at 85 mph. When I got on the freeway, I let the needle touch it for the first time. I felt relaxed, because somehow, I knew my message had gotten through. In my mind I could see Larry, his eyes pinched shut and his head bent over, laughing so hard he couldn't breathe. It was just like the old days, and with my needle pegged, I smiled and laughed with him all the way back to work

Phil Hartline
March 13, 2019

SPRINGFEST 2019

Celebrating 35 Years of Corvairs in Helen

HOSTED BY

Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvair Club,
Queen City Corvair Club, and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts
Helen, Georgia
April 26-27, 2019

To our Corvair friends please pre-register and save money.

President's Choice, People's Choice, Car Display, Tech Session, Lady's Activities, Rally, 50/50, Raffle
for Prizes, New Corn Hole Tournament (no charge)

Valve Cover Races (Youth under 14 free)

Hospitality Party Friday night

Friday Autocross, test and tune 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.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

Must Register for any Auto Events by 9:00 am Saturday

Festhalle opens at 8:30 a.m. Friday & 7:30 a.m. Saturday

Call all Motels Direct not 800 number

Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates): available April 25-27,2019

Helendorf River Inn: phone 1-706-878-2271 \$204. (\$258 for riverfront) for 2 nights (2 nights minimum).

Baymont Inn (formerly Best Western): 1-706-878-2111, \$79.00 per night
Deluxe continental breakfast included.

Surestay (formerly Super 8): phone 1-706-878-2191, \$65 per night

Country Inn and Suites: phone 1-706-878-9000, 2 Queen Beds \$109.00

Make reservations by March 30, 2019 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.. Pictures are available on the Springfest website at www.corvairspringfest.com.

Sizes: Men's – Small to 5XL \$18.00 (Heather Red) (All shirts 100% Cotton)

Lady's- Small to 3XL \$18.00 (Coral Silk)

Men's Polo Shirts (must pre-order by March 15, Small to 3XL) \$24.00 (Red)

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

For those arriving on Thursday, a buffet dinner at Unicoi Lodge will be available.6:00 pm

Event check-in is at the Festhalle.

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

Autocross information: Billy Cannon 256-743-0082 gtochief@gmail.com

**“SPRINGFEST 2019
Tentative Schedule of Events”**

<u>FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2019</u>		
Registration	8:30 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Auto-X Set-Up/Car Inspection	8:30am - 10:00 am	City Parking Lot- Both
Auto-X Test and Tune	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	City Parking Lot -Both
Vendors	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Festhalle & Helendorph
T-shirt Sales and Ticket Sales	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Coral & Car Clean Up	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Helendorf Parking Lot
Autocross	1:00 pm - until	City Parking Lot-Both
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality Party	6:30 pm	Festhalle
Valve Cover Races	8:00 pm	Festhalle
50/50 drawing Door Prizes	8:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Baymont Inn
Visit Helen Merchants	All Day	
<u>SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019</u>		
Registration	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Festhalle
Car Clean Up	7:00 am - 9:00 am	Baymont Inn/Helendorf parking lots
Vendors	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Festhalle & Helendorf
Car Coral	8:00 am- 5:00 pm	Helendorph Parking Lot
People’s Choice Parking	8:30 am - 9:00 am	City Parking Lot - Large
People’s Choice Voting	9:15 am - 1:00 pm	City Parking Lot –Large
President’s Choice	9:30 am - 1:00 pm	City Parking Lot – Small
Rally	1:00 -	City Parking Lot-Large
Technical Session	1:30	Festhalle
Lady’s Activity (Bingo)	1:45 pm	Festhalle
Corn Hole Tournament	1:30 pm	Small Parking Lot
Cash Bar	6:00 pm	Festhalle
Corvair Center Group Photo	6:15 pm	Festhalle
Banquet and Awards	7:00 pm -10:00 pm	Festhalle
Hospitality - After hours	10:00 pm	Upstairs Baymont Inn
Visit Helen Merchants	All day	
Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing		Festhalle
Ticket and T-Shirt Sales		Festhalle



“SPRINGFEST 2019” Registration Form

Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs,
Queen City Corvair Club, and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts

April 26-27, 2019 in Helen, Georgia

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

CORVAIR CENTER UserID = _____ (ADDED TO YOUR REGISTRATION NAME TAG)

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Email: _____

Young children and ages _____

You must be registered to take part in any event.

Registration Fee:	\$15 per person or \$30 per Family*/Friday through Sunday (pre-registered)	\$ _____
	\$20 per person or \$40 per Family*/Friday through Sunday (On-site)	\$ _____
	\$8 per person or \$16 per Family*/Saturday only (pre-registration)	\$ _____
	\$10 per person or \$20 per Family*/Saturday only (On-site registration)	\$ _____

* Family = 2 adults and their children under 18

Vendor Fee: \$10 per table inside / \$12 per outside space \$ _____

Valve Cover Racing: \$5 per racer \$ _____

Rally (no charge): We do need a head count _____

Corn Hole Tournament (no charge) _____

Autocross: \$15 per driver with show registration \$ _____
(limit to 4 timed runs, Corvair only)

Corvair Display: \$5 per car (Displayed cars that are not in President’s or People’s Choice) \$ _____

Presidents Choice: \$12 per car (Show Division) (pre-registration) \$ _____

\$15 per car (Show Division) (On-site registration) \$ _____

People’s Choice \$ 8 per car (People’s Choice) (pre-registration) \$ _____

\$10 per car (People’s Choice) (On-site registration) \$ _____

T-Shirt: Mens Size _____ Womens Size _____ # shirts _____ x \$18 per shirt \$ _____

Polo-Shirt: Mens Size _____ # shirts _____ x \$24 per shirt \$ _____

*****Polo shirts MUST be ordered prior to 15 March*****

Awards Banquet & Dinner Buffet (Saturday night) \$15 per Adult (pre-registration) \$ _____

\$20 per Adult (On-site registration) \$ _____

\$6 per Child under 12 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Pre-registration deadline: Tuesday, April 7, 2019

Please make checks payable to Springfest.

(Early means 1960 – 1964, Late means 1965 – 1969)

Vehicle description: Year: _____ Color: _____ Model: _____

Check all that apply: Early Closed Early Open Late Closed Late Open FC Truck FC Van

4-Door class Lakewoods Specialty-modified Ultravan

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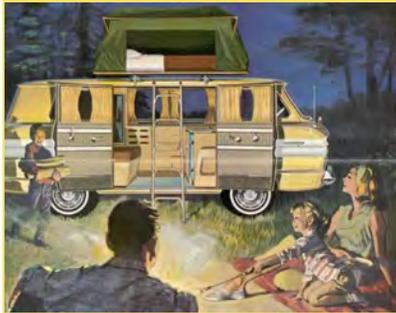
Cal Clark has regrettably announced that it has become cost prohibitive to transport their full-size parts display and vending setup to Corvair shows such as Springfest and the CORSA convention. The National Department of Transportation recently increased regulations such that if the pickup truck and trailer weigh over 10,000 lbs., they must comply with about 98% of all rules, requirements and fees that apply to full-size tractor trailers. The good news is that Cal will continue to send 2 people who will setup a small repro parts display along with computers to take orders and still offer the show discount. So, the "Clark's at Springfest" tradition WILL continue, albeit in a scaled-down version.



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*Embroidered VCE club shirts should arrive Mid-April!
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NOTE: PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.
MANY Thanks to regular contributors Russell Noble and Phil Hartline!

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.

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Prez Sez:

With a very successful Springfest in our rear view mirror we steer in the direction of our annual picnic with a side trip to the VCE / CCRA Car Show in Anniston. Before we close the Springfest road trip we need to re-view. VCE had 18 members and 2 honorary regulars and a few grandchildren in attendance. VCE was responsible for cooking meats for both dinners as well as carving the meats for the Saturday Banquet dinner. This year we actually finished hamburgers and hot dogs with time to spare and hams and turkey breasts were carved with time to spare as well. You wouldn't know it just by looking at them but Clyde, Jack and Russ are some pretty good burger flippers and some of the best dog rollers in the business. Thanks guys for a fantastic job flipping and rolling. Saturday was ham day and Harold placed them on the grill Russ had adjusted and allowed us to set and forget about adjusting and fiddling with the temperature. Oh what a pleasure it was cooking on the new grill. Russ, Jack, Phil and Clyde with a few guys from other clubs, made short work of carving the hams and turkey breasts. We do have a new project with the hamburger flat top. We had a problem last year with grease removal that was much worse this year. Russ and I have a plan and will get it finished to test at the car show. VCE was also an integral part in the Auto-cross and Billy and the whole crew did a tremendous job making this a great event at Springfest. We also had a first time corn hole tournament and it came off pretty good with a little glitch. Seems some of the rally folks wanted to do both and we started a little early for them which caused a little confusion but all worked out in the end, thanks Billy, Cindy and Loretta. Springfest 2019 probably was one of the most action packed events with the rally, car show and presidents award competition, corn hole tournament, vendor sale and swap meet, not to mention all the eating and drawings for door prizes and the auction for the Springfest throws. This year's Springfest was truly action packed and relatively bug free thanks to everyone pitching in and contributing with

Next Meeting:

Friday, May 17th

7:00 PM

Palisades Park Picnic, Days Inn Wyndham Hotel,
 Oneonta, AL

eager helping hands. A special shout out to Valerie for jumping onto the reservation desk. She and Jack were first time attenders and you would never have guessed it by their outstanding performance in their endeavors. And thanks Russ for overseeing the great Tech Session. We covered brakes, steering, fuel and numerous subjects that kept everyone's attention. Friday night hospitality room included picking and grinning, thanks Beth, Billy, and Phil. Thanks to Danny for getting there early to help unloading at the fest house and helping Lillian and filling in until the rest of the troops arrived as well as doing the plaques for the trophies. Thanks Clyde, Brenda, Harold, Louise, Phil, Robin, Billy, Judi, Jack, Valerie, Howard, Claudia, Ed, Carol, Danny Joe, Leslie, Kevin, Bill, Cindy, Loretta, Shandel and all the grandchildren. VCE was well represented not only in number but helping to pull off a very splendid Springfest.

I hope everyone gets some deserved rest so we can excel in the Veterans fundraiser car show ... followed a week later with our 2019 Southeast Corvair Picnic.

Howard

April VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The April 25, 2019 meeting was held in the Baymont Inn Hospitality Room and called to order at 4:15 PM by President Howard Tutt. 12 members and 6 guests were in attendance.

Financial Report

Was presented by Howard Tutt. A motion was made by Jack Green, seconded by Russ Thuleen and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Old Business

Armed Forces Week Car Show Update and budget/inventory report was presented by Billy Cannon. It was agreed to meet at the show site at 7am for setup. Members committed to attending: Russ, Danny, Jack & Howard.

Club Shirts: Were distributed to all in attendance

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May 2019



PALISADES PARK

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3 CANCER OUTREACH CAR SHOW Rockford, AL	4
5	6	7	8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Al Birks	9	10	11 ARMED FORCES CAR SHOW Anniston, AL
12	13 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Maryann Harris	14	15	16	17 VCE Monthly Meeting	18 VCE PICNIC PALISADES PARK
19	20	21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sherri Daniels	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Molly Bacon	29	30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sarah Smith	31	

UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

Armed Forces Week Car Show:

05/11/19 0900-1400

This is a Vulcan Corvair & MG Watson Chapter CCRA event. Meet at Fort McClellan Credit Union Golden Springs Parking Lot as early as possible Saturday morning to set-up.

VCE Monthly Meeting:

05/17/19 7:00 PM Short meeting to discuss Picnic.
Palisades Park Picnic, Days Inn Wyndham Hotel, Oneonta, AL

Southeast Corvair Picnic

05/17-18/19

Palisades Park, Oneonta, Al

Friday evening hospitality get together in host hotel lobby for those that will be coming in for the Saturday activities. VCE will be checking into the hotel Friday afternoon so that we can start set up at the pavilion and lay out Covered Bridge Rally and Poker Run.

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Rooms are \$69.99 per night plus taxes. Cut-off date for special rate is 4/30/2019.

Sponsors: Alabama Guardrail, Inc., Auto Custom Carpets and Ft. McClellan Credit Union will provide door prizes and goody bags.

Joseph Hester from Ragtops & Runningboards newsletter is already on board and will provide advertising and goody bags as well.



Blackwood Cabin Palisades Park



Compton Church Palisades Park



Pavilion at Palisades Park

Southeast
Corvair
Spring Picnic
Saturday May 18, 2019



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and paid for by those members. Howard will deposit checks and cash into our account. Remaining ordered shirts can be picked up during subsequent club activities.

New Business

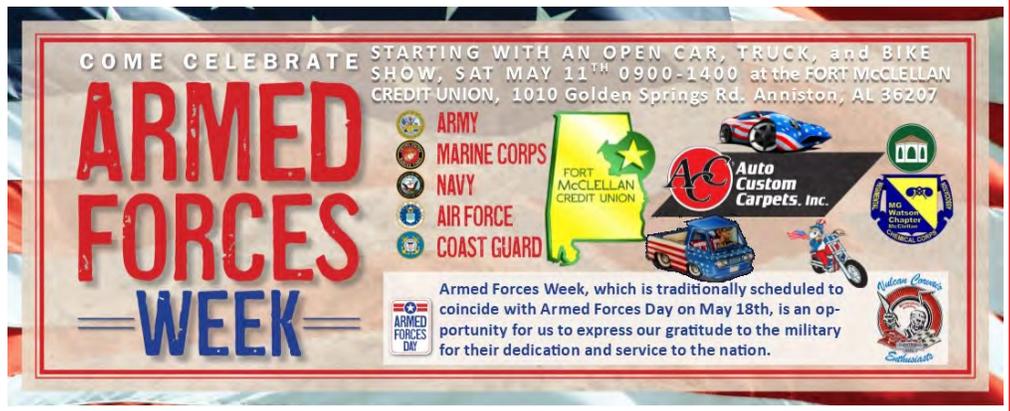
Keep Them Vairs Running Committee Art and Vicki Bolton's re-build of the brake system on their Spyder is next on the agenda. Everyone will be advised when we have a definite date.

Drawings

None.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. Motion made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Judi Cannon and passed.



Springfest 2019 Report

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE 2019 WINNERS

FRANK METASAVAGE	66 Corsa	Turquoise	Columbus, GA	Best Interior
DEAN GEMBERLING	63 Rampside	Yellow	Columbus, GA	Best Engineering
JOAN COUCH	64 Monza	Blue	Perry, GA	Best Paint
MIKE GASSMANN	65 Monza	Green	Peachtree City, GA	Best Engine
RONNIE JENKINS	65 Corsa	Red	Rock Hill, S.C.	Best Show

Registrations	191
People Attending	319
Friday Night	295
Banquet	247

17 States Represented
36 Clubs
91 cars on show fields

Auto Cross 17 Racers

Ladies	Patti Jenkins	38.30
Early Model	Ronnie Jenkins	36.20
Late Model	Chandler Bishop	32.98
Specialty	Eddie Meadows	36.59
Fastest Time of the Day	David Clemens	<u>31.73</u>
Special Mention	Zack Clemens	35.57
Best Helper	Mikey Birkinbine	

Longest Distance in a Corvair John Downer, Cambridge, OH
Longest Distance in a Water Pumper, John Mar, Sammamish, WA

20 People took part in First Cornhole Tournament

No trophies, just fun
1st Shandel & Kamlyn Bowling
2nd Richard Stolzman & Jenny Johnson
3rd Mary & Gary Mierzwa

Rally no trophies, just fun

Adult Valve Cover Races

1st Jamie Cheek
2nd Gary Greenwood
3rd Mike Callahan

Children Valve Cover Races

1st Kamlyn Bowling
2nd Auran Bowling
3rd Kenly Law
4th Malakai Cannon



Springfest 2019 Peoples Choice Awardees

	EARLY OPEN	HOME TOWN	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
3rd	Eleanor Bruce	Tyone ,GA	1964	Yellow	Monza
3rd	Al Rich	Mint Hill, NC	1964	Marron	Monza
2nd	Chris Wiley	Nicholasville, KY	1963	Red	Spyder
1st	Patti Jenkins	Rock Hill SC	1964	White	Monza
	EARLY CLOSED				
3rd	Richard Payne	Maryvile, TN	1964	Silver	Monza
2nd	Casey Green	Montery ,TN	1964	Autumn Fawn	Spyder
1st	Mike Grubbs	Sarasota, FL	1964	Black	Spyder
	LATE OPEN				
3rd	Mike Moyer	Navarre, FL	1965	Blue	Monza
2nd	Duane Sipe	Hickory, NC	1966	Yellow	Monza
1st	Jerry Wells	Anderson, SC	1965	Burgandy	Corsa
	LATE CLOSED				
3rd	Van Neel	Atlanta,GA	1965	Turquoise	Monza
2nd	Ben Carey	Bowersville, GA	1965	Black	Corsa
1st	Steve Hanner	Thomaville, NC	1965	Green	Corsa
	FC TRUCK				
3rd	Russ Thuleen	Chelsea, AL	1963	Red/Black	Rampside
2nd	Gary Greenwood	Anderson, SC	1962	Black	Loadside
1st	Chris Law	Sumne, Ga	1963	Teal	Rampside
	FC VAN				
3rd	Jeff Murrell	Greenville SC	1963	Tan	Greenbrier
2nd	Jim Cheek	Inman, S.C.	1963	Patina	Greenbrier Camper
1st	Jerry Murray	Moncks Corner, SC	1963	Red/White/Blue	Greenbrier
	LAKWOOD				
2nd	Jewel DeYoung	Greer, SC	1962	Blue	Monza Wagon
1st	John Downer	Cambridge ,OH	1962	Black	Monza Wagon
	SPECIALTY MODIFIED				
3rd	Paul Llewellyn	Williamson GA	1965	Red	Sprint
2nd	James Cheek	Inman SC	1963	Silver	Monza Con. Sprint
1st	Chris Lewis	Anderson SC	1974	Yellow	Myers Manxter
	4 DOOR				
3rd	Paul Hannan	Lady Lake FL	1963	Red	Monza
2nd	Shirley Smith	Forsyth GA	1967	Blue	Monza
1st	Keith Henline	Weaverville NC	1960	Green	500
	ULTRA VAN				
1st	Jamie Cheek	Florence, S.C.	68	Cream	Ultra Van

Springfest 2019 Helen, GA.

Our main caravan met up at exit 199 on Thursday morning at the Heflin McDonalds. The group was led by Russ Thuleen in his Red Rampside that carried the 3 cylinder demonstration engine. Followed closely behind by Navy Rampy loaded to the gunnels with Cornhole Boards, Auto-cross equipment, the sound system and towing the cooker. Jack and Valarie Green decided to trailer their convertible and Howard and Claudia Tutt towed the '66 Monza on a dolly. Richard had problems with his Corvair so he and Jenny Johnson brought up the rear in his pickup. Danny Joe travelled solo due east from Toney, Al and arrived Helen before noon. Judi and our daughter Shandel, along with kids (Malakai, Kamlyn and Auran), drove interstate all the way from Montgomery as did my sisters, Loretta and Cindy.

Everyone arrived safely and without incident. After a quick lunch and 'howdy dos' to other Corvair friends we immediately went to work setting up what we could before the Festhalle closed at 4:00 pm.

Howard called a club meeting with intents to finish before we went to the Buffet dinner at Unicoi Lodge where they were filming a Hallmark Movie on the grounds. All of their personnel and our hungry Corvair folks pretty much over taxed the kitchen and staff and did not exactly turn out to be a pleasant experience for the Cannon family.

The weather cleared up on Friday morning enough that we were able to get the Autocross going pretty much on schedule. Everyone enjoyed the course that Tony set up and no one went through the fence this year.



Friday night pickin' and grinnin' at the hospitality room was next on my agenda and it was a pleasure to be making music again with Beth Tibbets after six long years and of course the Irish Mandolin man himself, Phil Hartline. We played a mixture of Bluegrass and Irish Folk tunes until the crowded room got so noisy we couldn't hear ourselves and my fingers were wore out. Shame on me for not playing



more often.

Saturday morning broke clear and crisp and the festivities quickly got into fourth gear. Absolutely clear skies, the wind died down and everyone was pleased to bring out their pride and joy to be seen by all.

The cookers were working fine, the first ever Cornhole Tournament got a slow start, and the Peoples and Presidents Choice judging were conducted and everyone was having a grand old time.

We elected not to do the Rally this year and jumped right into our annual job of slicing up the turkeys and ham for the evening banquet. As Howard mentioned...many thanks to all



that helped make this session a record carving event! Russ's Red Rampside was the only Vulcan Vehicle to win an award this year. He placed third in the many more than usual entries for FC Truck class. But we won door prizes galore and Leslie took home one of the coveted 'Springfest Throws'. She said she was glad for the win so Russ and Meho can keep warm in it.

A successful Springfest for all the Vulcan volunteers and it showed on the faces and comments heard from other clubs that attended. WELL DONE VCE!



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Prez Sez:

VCE Spring Picnic was a wonderful great time this year with representatives from both-Heart of Georgia and Choo Choo Corvaire clubs attending. The menu was very diverse and there was plenty of food to go around. Some folks even took some home. I believe our Fun Run/Covered Bridge Tour was a hit. For those attending the Central North Alabama trip, these three bridges were a blast as the first bridges were for looking and Blount County Bridges are for driving on. We can discuss at the next meeting when we would like to do the East Central bridges. Many of them are really tight together.

We will also be talking about having a regular meeting in the North Alabama area. This thought came up while talking to Joan Birks. She and Al live in Corinth Mississippi and indicated that the Birmingham trip for them was really hard on Al after his recent fall. That, coupled with the fact we have many members in the North Alabama area. It seems only fair as Alabama's only CORSA chapter, we should try to have a meeting close to members up there as they are willing to drive a considerable distance every month, the rest of us should accommodate them from time to time. After spending nearly a year without a place to call home, doesn't mean we can't make an exception occasionally and meet in other places to accommodate the membership.

Springfest and the Picnic behind us means a little lull until the Choo Choo Classic in August and Vairs at the Fair in early October. We still have two Covered Bridge Tours to do as well. I'm thinking another one this year and another Southern after the weather starts warming up next spring. We are truly blessed to have so many diversified choices of activities to keep our attention.

We are being tested on multiple fronts with Vair troubles. We have two Vairs down with Jack and Valorie's early open down and really sick and Billy's Navy Rumpy with a suspected dropped valve seat. We still have Art and Vicky's brake job on the list as well, so there are plenty of opportunities to pick up some very useful knowledge to keep them

Next Meeting:

Friday, June 21st

7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

Vairs Running. We generally have a pretty good time while fixing these engineering marvels, so keep your ear to the ground for dates and times, and come on out and join us. Together we can Keep Them Vairs Running in order to Drive Them Vairs.

Howard

May VCE Meeting was not held!

The May 17, 2019 meeting called at the Wyndham Hotel was not conducted.

Financial Report

Has been submitted by treasurer, Russell Noble and will be presented at the next meeting.

Old Business

Armed Forces Week Car Show was postponed because of inclement weather. The new date is 15 June, same time and place.

Club Shirts: Were distributed to those in attendance at the Picnic and paid for by those members. Howard will deposit checks and cash into our account. Remaining ordered shirts can be picked up during subsequent club activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

(Formerly) The Armed Forces Week Car Show:

06/15/19 0900-1400

Rescheduled to this date and is a Vulcan Corvaire & MG Watson Chapter CCRA event. This weekend is significant for three reasons: US Army Birthday on the 14th, Flag Day on the 15th and Father's Day on the 16th. Meet at Fort McClellan Credit Union Golden Springs Parking Lot as early as possible Saturday morning to set-up.

VCE Monthly Meeting:

06/21/19 7:00 PM at our usual location: The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
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Choo Choo Classic 2019

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Picnic at Palisades



May 18, 2019

It's hard to say just what was the highlight of the picnic held at Palisades Park. From the cookout to the covered bridge tour to catching up with friends or just enjoying all the nice cars, there was enough to do to keep everyone well entertained. Put all those activities under a pavilion with a nice breeze and you have a day that can't be beat!

My family has a reunion at Palisades Park every year, which is perfect because this year's Corvair club picnic felt like family to me. It was so good to see Lillian, Chris, and Joan Law from Heart of Georgia Corvair, in two cars no less. And Jack Stamps from Choo Choo Corvair drove all the way down from Chattanooga. Regardless of where they were from, everyone got along well, just like family.

I had hoped to have my truck ready, but it needed too much work to have it done in time. So I borrowed a car, again. This time I had my nephew's car, or maybe it belongs to my sister. Who knows, so I just call it theirs, or the "Hartline family Monza." My friend Dennis rode with me, we've been going on adventures since high school. No telling how many miles we logged in my old Spyder.

I enjoyed seeing the cars as they rolled in. Jack Green came in his early convertible. At one point he left for a short drive, and when he came back, smoke was pouring out the back. He raised the hood, and released a cloud. Something was definitely off, but it didn't seem to phase him too much.

Our first big event for the day was the fun

run, otherwise known as the Covered Bridge Tour, Take 2. This one was not as long as the first, but visited three bridges in the area. A designated Troll was set at each bridge, with a deck of cards. Each

visitor got to draw one, and the winning hand would get a prize. I figured my chance of winning was pretty low, as usual, but I played along anyway. Mostly I wanted to see the bridges. Dennis and I



The author at Horton Mill Bridge in the family Monza, posing in the bridge his grandfather and great-grandfather helped build in 1934. Horton Mill is the highest covered bridge above water. This was the first time he had seen it from the far side.

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took this same tour a few years ago, when each bridge was undergoing restoration. None were passable then, so I was looking forward to seeing them finished. I had studied the maps that were posted on the internet, so I knew exactly where to go. Dennis and I each took our first card, and headed out.

When we got to the first bridge, we were alone. No Corvairs, no Troll. Going over the stack of papers he'd picked up at the pavilion, Dennis realized they had changed the direction of the route. Oops. We turned around and went back, to start over.

The first bridge on the route was Horton Mill. Built in 1934, the bridge was a WPA project during the Great Depression. My family lived in the area, and my grandfather, great grandfather, and a few other relatives all worked on it. As many times as I've visited that bridge, I had never driven across it, and never seen it from the other end, across the river. But today, thanks to the way the route was changed, I would get to do both.

It was an absolute joy to me to be able to dive a Corvair across that bridge. And I must admit it was a nice touch coming at it from the far side, because I stopped just at the familiar end so Dennis could take my picture. I wished I was in my Spyder instead, but the Family Monza would do nicely. That is one memory I will carry for the rest of my life.

Just as we arrived, Billy was heading out. He had his granddaughters in the back of his Navy Rumpy, and they were dead set on winning the poker run. I wished them good luck, and off they went.

I spotted Shorty parked just up from the bridge, Harold had ridden with Russ. Not long after I arrived they took off. Well, we were running late anyway because of our false start. But on the way back to the park, Russ and Harold saw Jack Green on the side of the road, with a sheriff parked behind him. Jack lives close by, and was trying to get the vert back home. But he didn't make it. So he called his brother for help, had the car towed to his house, and drove his van back to the picnic. He handled it all in good stride, and Valarie took it just as well. I suppose she is used to it by now, because her comment was "If Jack Green is involved, there's going to be some excitement!"

Back at the pavilion, we chose our final cards. So far I had one pair. I looked hard at the stack, and narrowed my choice to two. I took the one on the right. It didn't help. After the winner was announced, I went back and turned over the other card just for fun. It was the one I needed, if I'd chosen it, well, ain't that always the way? I believe this time Howard outdid himself

as grill master. We had our usual hamburgers and hot dogs, but the chicken was outstanding. There were plenty of chips and drinks, even some home-made goodies for dessert.

Then came the door prizes. I couldn't believe how much good stuff got given away. Jack Stamps won the gas money lottery, and he even graciously donated it back to the club to help with future events.

Needing to walk off a full belly, I went down for another look at the cars. The van Jack brought back with him was interesting. It was solid, just needed cosmetics. I mentioned it to my dad, and he told me where it came from. Seems it passed through his hands at one time. There was that family connection again, I keep seeing it in cars we owned, helped work on, or donated parts for. And it's not just us, because these are not just old cars. They have identities tied to their owners. Once they change hands they stay that way until the new personality takes hold. That's how the web stays strong. Corvair owners, a group of people tied together by a common interest. Perfect recipe for a family picnic. Personally, I can't wait 'till the next one. Hopefully I'll be able to drive my own truck by then. I'm doing a lot of work to it, but it will fit right in. After all, it was a family project before it came to me.

Phil Hartline
May 29-2019



Harold's Rampside, love that color combo. Nice metallic in the gold stripe!



Your friendly editor in Navy Rumpy. This was to be the last trip prior to the suspected dropped valve seat. (Now in 'drydock')



A small group shot at Easley: The singing Williams sisters (Kayli, Lexi, Olivia) and their proud Grandpa with Russ, Valarie, and Harold.



The Law's Rampside at Swann Covered Bridge...



...so good to see the Georgia folks!



Danny Robertson the Bridge Troll and his '64 Spyder at Easley Covered Bridge.



A Hundred Bucks



May 17, 2019

The label on the car wash bottle said Rain-X. I wondered what that meant. What's in it? Every time I wash a car my uncle's words come back to me from so long ago. "Never wax your car with silicone," he told me. "If you do, the next time you have to paint it, the paint won't stick." I had no idea if this stuff had silicone in it or not, but my nephew used this soap on this very car just a few weeks ago in Helen. So I took the cap off, and poured thick blue liquid in the bucket. The weather was perfect, and I had one day to go to get the car cleaned up for our club picnic in the country. This soap would work just fine. With suds running off the roof, I wondered how many hours of my life I've spent washing a Corvair? Plenty. Not this particular one though, only a couple of times at most. But it was easy enough to keep up with where I was. No problem with these cars, don't need to open a door and stand on the sill to reach the roof, or the center of the windshield. On a bright, hot sunny day it's just a nice relaxing way to kick off the dust. The task went quickly. Soap down a section, rinse before it dries, re-

peat. On and on, working my way around that fine old machine. When I was done I stood back and took it in. The way the sun flashed off the chrome about blinded me, but it was a good sight. And I had to admit I really like the look of this car. It's not overly fancy, not loaded with options, not even a high end model. Just a standard 1966 Monza, like so many others. So why does it look so good to me? I decided it was simply the fact that the paint job really shows off the lines of the car. My uncle painted this car, and his work brings out the best of that beautiful design that GM got so right. I stood back and smiled, then I realized something was not right. And that was the old car sitting next to it. I checked the bucket, still plenty of suds left. So I stretched out the hose to make sure it would reach all the way around, and moved over to the old Spyder. I haven't driven this car in a while now. Seems every time I get it ready, something goes awry. Last time, I was getting it ready for Helen and had it running like a dream. Filled the tank up with gas, and right there next to the pump something went bad when I started it back up. Turned out I had lost compression on one cylinder, so

the old boy will just have to wait until I can get another head, something I've failed at for too long. It's turn will come, I'm sure of it. Always has before. But seeing it sit there covered with pollen next to its old brother was just too much. So I put a sopping wet sponge on the roof, and watched the sudsy water collect in the middle before rolling off the side. That view gave me a chuckle. First time I drove the car was on prom night in high school. After the dance we went out to supper, and it rained while we were in the restaurant. When we got ready to leave, I opened the door for my date who sat on the edge of the seat. That's when I learned my first lesson in owning a '64 convertible. If the car is level, water will collect in the middle of the roof. When she sat down, the car tilted just enough that all that water ran off and ended up in her lap before she could pull her legs in. After that, it became a habit to reach in and push up on the top to force the water off the other side before I sat down. With the top done I scrubbed the windshield before moving to the rear. I didn't really think about how many times I've washed this car over the years, it's just some-

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thing that has been part of my life for so long it just seems normal. I paid close attention to the '66, but with this one I let my mind go. No need to concentrate. I can wash this car blindfolded and not miss a spot. My thoughts drifted back over the years. My last high school job was in new car clean-up at Bart Starr Lincoln Mercury. Every Saturday I would show up in clothes just good enough to get soaked, and wash new cars. Don't remember how many we did every Saturday, but I was always busy. So while I patiently waited for the day when I could leave home and begin a new life in engineering school at The University, I adopted a new theme song. I would go about my work, with Jim Croce in

my head singing "I just keep rubbing these fenders with a rag, and walking home in soggy old shoes. I got them steadily depressing, low down mind messing working at the carwash blues."

To this day, that song comes back every time I wash a car. But it is more than a good memory, it is a promise of good times to come, a feeling relived with each fresh bucket of suds.

With all the pollen scrubbed from the rust spots, I stepped back and admired my handiwork. I could see the trees across the yard reflected in the wet spots on the hood of the old Spyder. Before it dried and faded, the shine reminded me of days long ago, and what could be again. The '66 belongs to my nephew now, but both cars sat

in our basement during my high school years. They were both different colors then. And on this day, they sit side by side in my back yard.

Realizing this was one of those chances you don't get very often, I got my camera and took a picture. Then I took more from every angle, because I couldn't decide which was the best view. In my soggy old shoes I just kept snapping pictures, thinking "Man, don't that look like a hundred bucks?" Well, the Spyder we paid 35 dollars for, the Monza body we got for 50. "Yeah, it does," I thought, smiling at the view. "And then some."

Phil Hartline
May 29-2019

Palisades Park Picnic Covered Bridges Fun Run Results:

Joan Law - Two Pair, Jacks and Twos
Lillian Law - Pair Aces, Q Hi and a 7
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Kayli Williams - Pair Jacks, K Hi
Phil Hartline - Pair jacks, 10 Hi
Kayli Williams - Pair Fives
Carol Keller - Pair Fours
Russ Thuleen - Pair Threes
Chris Law - Ace Hi, Q
Olivia Williams - Ace Hi, 10
Danny Robertson - King Hi, Q
Dennis Moore - King Hi, 9
Jack Green & Valarie - King Hi, 6
Lexi Williams - Queen Hi, J, 10
Olivia Williams - Queen Hi, J, 9
Lexi Williams - Queen Hi, 10

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1961-'64 Chevrolet

Corvair Rampside and Loadside

Words and photography by David LaChance from the October 2007 issue of Hemmings Motor News



A NOVEL APPROACH TO CARGO BED ACCESS



If Chevrolet's Corvair proved not to be the stake through the heart of Volkswagen that the GM brass hoped it would be, you couldn't blame the division for lack of effort. Chevrolet spun out the lineup in every direction it could think of, offering not only coupes, sedans, convertibles and station wagons, but also a line of forward-control light trucks that included two pickups, the Loadside and the Rampside, to take on their counterparts from Wolfsburg.

The Corvair 95 trucks—the name was derived from their 95-inch wheelbase, in contrast to the passenger cars' 108-inch wheelbase—joined the lineup for the 1961 model year. Like the passenger cars, they featured rear-mounted, air-cooled, 80hp flat-six engines driving the rear wheels through a three-speed synchromesh transaxle. They offered more power than Volkswagen's pickups, and could be had with Chevrolet's two-speed Powerglide, or a four-speed manual. The gross vehicle weight rating of 4,700 pounds meant that they could handle a payload of up to three-quarters of a ton. Chevrolet beefed up the flat-six a bit for cargo-toting duty, giving it more durable exhaust valves, exhaust valve rotators, lowered compression and carburetors with larger jets for a richer mixture. When the passenger-car engine was enlarged from 145-cu.in. to 164-cu.in. in 1964, the forward-control engine followed suit, gaining a heavy-duty, 12-plate oil cooler. The default final-drive ratio for the pickups was 3.55:1, though 3.27:1 could be specified for highway cruising, or 3.89:1 for heavy hauling or steep hills. Powerglide-equipped pickups were fitted with a transmission cooler, mounted under the battery box. Chevrolet

initially fitted the Corvair 95 with a front suspension based on that used on full-size Chevrolets, later switching to the full-size pickups' setup. The rear was a heavy-duty version of the swing-axle rear suspension.

Both trucks featured a two-door cab with an integrated double-walled cargo box that measured 105 inches by 45 inches. Construction was semi-unitized, with a sub-frame providing support for the cargo area. The Loadside was a conventional pickup with a tailgate. Because the back end of the load floor was raised to make room for the engine, access to the cargo area was poor. The Rampside, in contrast, featured a brilliant idea: Part of the passenger side of the truck was hinged at the bottom, and could be lowered to form a ramp to the cargo bay. A bit of rubber trim on the edge kept the paintwork from being scratched when the ramp was lowered. In both trucks, access to the engine was gained by unscrewing a steel panel that formed part of the floor.

The new trucks sold well at the start, with production totaling 13,262, more than 80 percent of which were the novel Rampside. In 1962, sales slumped to 4,471, with Loadside tumbling to an insignificant 369. Only the Rampside remained after 1962; its production numbers continued their death spiral, falling to 2,046 for 1963, 851 for 1964, and zero for 1965.

Fully restored, factory-correct Rampside and Loadside are beginning to appear more frequently at shows, and the best examples are commanding \$10,000 and up. With good parts availability, these are practical collectibles. It just might take a little hunting to find one.

Caricatures of Corvair 95

Our Oil Drop issue this month is loosely based around our beloved Forward Controls (FCs) Rampsides, Loadside, Corvans, Greenbriers or Corvair 95s. I had originally planned to do this article and have been collecting or creating images of the subject for awhile.

Then my recent unfortunate 'dropped valve seat' event on Navy Rampy sealed the deal. She was going to cruise with flags flying the whole Memorial Day weekend but that wasn't to be. Recovery will probably involve the whole summer and as Howard mentioned in his 'Prez Sez' article, will have to go on the tech session agenda for the Keep The Vairs Running Committee.

So here we go.....

First out of the gate is the caricature of Russ Thuleen's 'Red Truck' (Ramp On It). The graphic is on the tailgate of his truck and on many of his business cards that have literally, been throughout the United States and Europe. Drawn by a friend of a friend right after the truck was finished way back in the early nineties.



Do you remember Johnny Quest? Here is his dad's Rampside going on one of many adventures in some remote jungle.



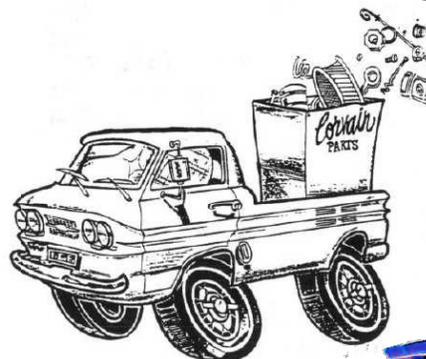
And then without the load, the 'correct' two tone paint scheme and some modern aftermarket wheels.



Two years ago at Springfest 2017, we were introduced to "Surfer Dude" with the Springfest logo on the side of his Corvan.



Based on the Surfer Dude template, my sister Loretta, did a chalk rendering of Russ's 'patriotic 'Shorty'



This pencil drawing of a Corvair 95 doing what it does best was found on the internet.

As was my adaptation of a Hot Rod A100 with Corvair 95 'attributes'.





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CLASSIC

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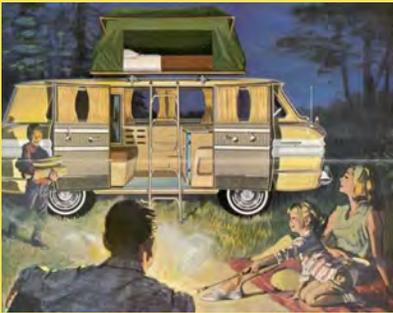
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Prez Sez:

VCE was represented by Billy and Judi Cannon, Russ Thuleen, Danny Joe Robertson, Jack Green and myself at the CCRA/VCE car show in Anniston on June 15th. We also had our newest newbie Kirk Edmonds who just recently bought a really nice late model. He has expressed an interest in soaking up some knowledge from the Keep Them Vairs Running Committee. Looking forward to seeing him on some of our missions. We had a Vairy successful event and a pretty good time in the process. It could have been better but was very good considering it was rescheduled due to weather.

Most of you know, I am a traveling man, been to Texas to make some progress on the 65 'more door'. Cranked her up after a couple of days and decided she needed some road time. I have not actually registered her yet so we stayed in the neighbor hood. My son drove her and we did 3 or 4 laps around the block and decided more was in order. So we drove from the back of the subdivision to the front several times. All in all about 35 minutes of road time. No hands on steering wheel stops confirmed that the brake job was a success. She stopped in a straight line with no pulling, drives straight, and shifts up and down when you nudge her. The next mission is to determine where the rear light problem exists.

I cannot get her registered until she passes the Texas mandatory safety inspection. There are no lights in the back, turn signals, brake or running lights. Also no turn signal or running lights up front. Headlights, bright and dim work but that's it. This will keep me busy for a while as previously stated, I am in Texas. I haven't seen a high under 92 yet and with the humidity, means a heat index is 105 plus every day so far. After lunch an elephant takes up residence on your chest.

After lights the next goal will be the A/C. Houston area is way more hot than comfortable or cold. The year round weather report is recorded. "Hot followed by hotter and a good chance of flood in the short range". Some time in between I'll get her legal and open her up on the open roads. Good ole Texas,

Next Meeting:

Friday, July 19th

7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles. That's not quite true in the Houston area though, most of those miles are filled with nothing but cars. The roads never get a rest, rush hour traffic from dusk to dusk, never a lull in traffic.

After the July meeting our next club function will be the CHOO CHOO CLASIC August 16 thru 18, so make your reservations and check your Vairs as this very well could be the last event at the historic Choo Choo Hotel. Every year presents a new obstacle for our Choo Choo friends to overcome. Nothing is engraved in stone, but it would be a shame to miss the last event at this Vairs popular event in the South East.

See you all at the next meeting in July. We can try to get a meeting place up north for August as there are some unable to make the trip to Birmingham for different reasons. I am especially proud of and for Phil Hartline for the progress he has made on his Ramp-side. Keep up the tough work and everybody else, get those Vairs out and keep 'em limber..

Howard

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UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

VCE Monthly Meeting:

07/19/19 7:00 PM at our usual location: The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

Choo Choo Classic 2019

Info Flyer and Registration Form on Page 6 & 7.

Vairs at the Fair 2019

October 4-5, Warner Robins Ga.
Hosted by Heart of Georgia Corvairs
We lead the parade into the Georgia National Fair in Perry. Saturday morning display Corvairs inside the Fair. No judging, just fun with Corvair friends. Friday night hospitality, Saturday night all you can eat catfish and shrimp. Host Motel Ramada Inn, 2024 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, \$55-\$60.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ed Keller	2	3	4 	5	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Leslie Thuleen Marshall McDuffie
7	8	9	10	11 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Kristin & Kevin Fahy	12	13
14	15	16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Russell Noble	17	18	19 VCE Monthly Meeting	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY June & Ed Lindsay	31	1	2	3

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June VCE Meeting Minutes

The June 21, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jack Green as President Tutt was gone to Texas. Meeting was held at St. Francis. 19 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A printout of the minutes of the April meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Billy Cannon and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Financial Report

Was provided by treasurer, Russell Noble and was presented at the meeting by Billy Cannon. In connection to the New Business below, Russell will be requested to give us an estimate of a normal year's income and expenditures.

A motion was made by Danny Robertson, seconded by Russ Thuleen and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
3416 Danner Circle
Birmingham, Al 35243

Old Business

Spring Picnic: The Picnic was a rousing success. The weather was great, the food was good and everyone had a good time.

VCE/CCRA (Armed Forces Week) Car Show was held on the new date of 15 June. A lot of effort by a small group put on a very nice show. A NET of \$1550 was raised for the Gary Harvey Veterans Christmas Program, and the participants, spectators and workers all enjoyed the cars and food. (Article and pictures will be provided next issue .Ed)

Club Shirts: Have been distributed to all members with the exception of John & MaryAnne Harris and Russell Noble.

North Alabama meeting place: Danny Robertson reported with the following: Cullman would be the most centrally located. 'Golden Corral' was mentioned and

found no favor with the members in attendance. 'Shrimp Basket' has a banquet room but won't reserve it, said it is "first come first served" which makes absolutely no sense. 'All Steak' has a banquet room, haven't called to see about availability yet. Best time would probably be around lunch on Saturday.

Members in attendance unanimously agreed that the next couple of meetings should be held at the church and that a 'Northern Meeting' should be held in conjunction with an event in the area.

Committee Reports

Keep them Vairs Running Committee
Russ has rebuilt John Cleveland's differential for his van.

Art Bolton's brake system is still on the agenda, a fixed date has not been set as of yet.

Kirk Edmunds (new member) is going to bring his car to Russ's to be evaluated.

Drive them Vairs Committee: Howard's Report: We have completed the North Central Alabama and Blount County legs of the tours. This leaves the East Central Alabama leg which consists of 3 bridges near Springville, 1 bridge in Dunnevant and 1 in Childersburg. There is also the southern leg consisting of 1 bridge in West Central Alabama, 1 bridge in South Alabama (near Foley) and 2 bridges in East Central Alabama which will most likely involve an overnight stay near the coast.

Discussion of the East Central leg favors a fall schedule, no date set as of yet.

The possibility of combining the southern leg with the trip to the Corvair Lover's Holiday in February was also discussed. More discussion on scheduling and research would be needed to facilitate this.

Calendar Committee

Billy Cannon is continually updating the calendar as he receives new information. If you have anything to add to the calendar pass it on to Billy.

New Business

New Members: Kirk Edmunds and his wife Cindy. Kirk has a '65 Corsa Coupe, and volunteered to help out at the VCE/CCRA Car show last weekend.

He was Howard's #1 assistant at the grills and soloed with Sausage On A Stick! Kirk attended the June meeting, was introduced to all members in attendance and received the customary VCE Patches.

Corvair Preservation Foundation

(CPF): It was reported that the CPF does not have the monthly income for operating expenses and would like for all CORSA chapters to contribute \$40 per month. Discussion followed and it was decided to do some more research and for Russell Noble to let us know how it would impact the club treasury if we made the suggested \$40/mo. or a yearly lump sum payment. The topic was tabled until July.

Raymond Paul: A message was received from Lillian Law concerning Raymond's health. Raymond is on the lung transplant list at Emory. He is facing a long hard recovery if he is able to receive a lung. He is very ill and on heavy oxygen at all times. I talked to him this week, there is a long list ahead of him but he is very hopeful. Will be spending a full day at Emory this week for more test and counseling. He has been approved IF a lung becomes available.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Danny Robertson and passed to acquire more information before a decision could be made on this. Further discussion will be at the July meeting.

Drawings

The door prize this month was an ACC Goodie bag containing a T-shirt and other small ACC items. Vickie Bolton was the winner. Art Bolton kept it all in the family by winning the \$41 Gas Money drawing.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Marshall McDuffie and passed.



Marshall McDuffie's very clean and good looking '63 at the June Meeting.



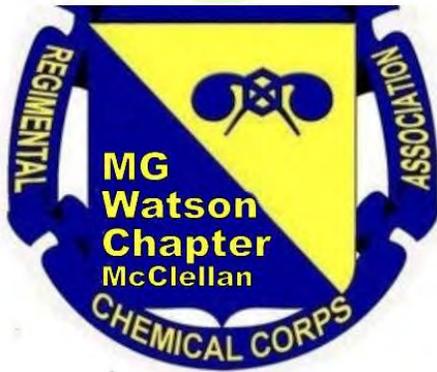
New VCE member, Kirk Edmunds, drove his 'patina' Suburban to the June Meeting. Looks GREAT Kirk!

VCE & CCRA Car Show (Part 1)

It was bad weather May the 11th in Anniston, Al. As a result, the much anticipated Armed Forces Week Car Truck & Bike Show was postponed to June the 15th.

The Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA), of which I am a member, has an award winning Alabama organization that is fondly named 'The Major General Gerald Watson Chapter'. Since it's inception over twelve years ago, the chapter has strived to provide area veterans with as Merry a Christmas as possible each year by conducting fund raisers for the needed resources.

Our team efforts for the past five years Veterans Day Parade with Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts has been so successful, this year we decided to do a Car Show. All proceeds from the event went to The Veterans programs. More pictures from the onsite professional photographer will be featured in the next 'Oil Drop' issue.



Trucks on the left side parking lot.



Vulcan Corvair vehicles were parked out front for all the traffic to see: Russ Thullen's 'Shorty', Danny Robertson's '94 Spyder 'vert, Billy Cannon's '65 Corsa, New member, Kirk Edmunds's '65 Corsa and Howard Tutt's '66 Monza.



The vehicles were parked strategically according to type. Here is part of the cars parked in the right side parking area of the Credit Union.



Cars at the front of the Fort McClellan Credit Union Golden Springs location.



1965 Greenbrier Roof Replacement (part 3)

Continued from the April 2018 'Oil Drop' issue.

The damaged roof is now completely gone and the replacement 'patch' is ready to be applied. Mark McCary has recovered from the fractured collar bone and shoulder surgery enough to jump back on the job with 90% motion to the affected limb.

Russ continues to trust Mark's expertise in this difficult part of the resurrection.



Mark says; "Measure fourteen times and cut just once!" The donor roof was lifted into place for trial fit many times!



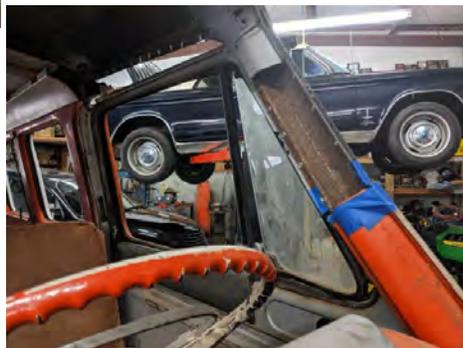
A used windshield is fitted into place before the next pillar cut. You will note that we are still an inch or so too high.



The 'A' pillars have been cut for preliminary measurements compared to the donor roof's pillars.



Here the drivers side pillar has been cut 'long' to facilitate a 'trim as necessary' approach.



The 'A' pillars were built for strength! Three layers of compound curved pieces need to be aligned perfectly.



After the final pillar cut the donor roof is where it wants to be.



Mark has transferred approximate measure marks to the donor drivers side 'A' pillar.



Mark is making angle cuts for fitment of the roof at the 'B' pillars



The roof sheet metal is very thick but will take a bead nicely.

A couple weeks break while Mark is at his student's trade school awards competition and then on to the welding, grinding, and finish sanding. STAY TUNED for part 4.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

CLASSIC

August 16-18, 2019

Choo Choo Corvair will host their friends and Corvair lovers at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel Complex.

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MELVIN HOPKINS @ 706-217-5123

For Registration Form:

ANN GUIDER @ 706-866-1158

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REGISTERED GUEST _____ INT _____ SIGN _____ INT _____ SIGN

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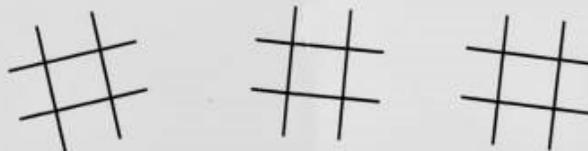
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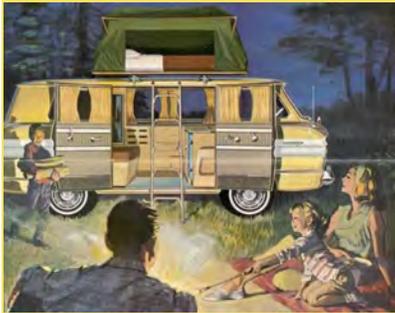


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MANY Thanks to regular contributors Russell Noble and Phil Hartline!

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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Prez Sez:

We are in the home stretch, 2019 has flown by so fast. Choo Choo, August 16, 17 & 18. Don't forget Springfest Appreciation Breakfast Sunday morning before we depart for home. VCE has 8 seats reserved, if you didn't commit and change your mind, let me know.

Cars By the Creek in Montevallo September 7th and Vairs at the Fair Oct 4-5th (remember your Halloween candy). We will be talking Christmas Party and election of officers in Nov. Be thinking how you would like to serve and let me know about any nominations.

I will be heading back to Texas mid October, so get my birthday presents early. I'll be getting the '65 'more door' inspected and registered as well as getting the A/C ready. Got to check the duct work inside the car as I found a large apartment complex in the tunnel duct. Then it's on to a '66 style condenser, new dryer, and expansion valve, hook up the Sanden A/C compressor and new hoses. Should have cool air by Christmas anyway.

The Keep the Vairs Running Committee is pretty busy with an engine rebuild on Jack Green's '64 factory air 'vert. It's a great experience seeing the internal workings of a Corvair engine. Let Jack, Russ or myself know if you want to be included on the project and we'll keep you informed on the work schedule. We'll be working on the parts list next. The heads and various parts are being worked on and cleaned up at the machine shop.

I'll be working on the Central Alabama Covered Bridge Tour with 3 bridges near Springville, one near Dunnevant and one on the outskirts of the oldest settlement in America, Childersburg. I believe maybe early November after I get back from Texas. There are two great eateries we can eat lunch at, one Mexican and a Chinese buffet, so let me know your preference.

There is lots going on, so keep your Vairs limbered up and the shiny side up, dirty side down, but definitely drive them Vairs and let the people see 'em. Thumbs up to you.

Howard

Next Meeting:
Friday, August 16th
7:00 PM

CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC

June VCE Meeting Minutes

The July 19, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Howard Tutt. Meeting was held at St. Francis. 14 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A printout of the minutes of the June meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Art Bolton and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Russell Noble. He had a breakdown of income/expenditures that indicated VCE has enough money to increase our charitable donations. Also thanks to Billy Cannon for the advertising (sponsors) income that is effectively balancing our expense outflow.

A motion was made by Art Bolton, seconded by Richard Stolzmann and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
3416 Danner Circle
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UPCOMING EVENTS DETAIL

VCE Monthly Meeting:

08/16/19 Time and location will be announced somewhere while we are at the Choo Choo Classic

Choo Choo Classic 2019

Info Flyer and Registration Form on Page 9 & 10.

Cars by the Creek

09/07/19 Montevallo @ 9:00 AM

Vairs at the Fair 2019

October 4-5, Warner Robins Ga.
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August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Caroll & Phil Hartline	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Joan & Al Birks	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC	17
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bill Hadley 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Old Business

Possible North Alabama meeting place

Oct 19th: Jack Green checked on sites, Cullman would be the most centrally located. Golden Corral was one option. All Steak has a banquet room, \$125. Harold Hartline suggested a picnic in a park, that option will be investigated also.

Corvair Preservation Foundation

(CPF): CORSA requested that the various chapters pitch in to pay the operating cost for the museum. The operating expense includes building rent and electricity. The anticipated cost yearly amounts to \$40 per month or \$480 annually

After discussion, a motion was made by Russell Noble, seconded by Russ Thuleen, to contribute \$480 to CPF. A vote was conducted and motion passed.

Committee Reports

Keep them Vairs Running Committee

Nothing to report this month from Russ Thuleen. Art Bolton's brake system is still on the agenda, a fixed date has not been set as of yet.

Drive them Vairs Committee: Nothing new to report.

Calendar Committee

Billy Cannon was not present to report.

New Business

MG Watson Chapter of CCRA: A presentation of certificates of appreciation from Chapter President, Mike Lanphere and signed by MG Gerald Watson was made to the following CCRA Car Show participants:

Jack Green
Danny Robertson
Russ Thuleen
Kirk Edmunds
Judi Cannon
Billy Cannon
Howard Tutt

Springfest Appreciation Breakfast:

Will be conducted Sunday morning after the Choo Choo Classic. Location and time have not yet been determined. The breakfast will be an information presentation concerning Springfest 2019. The Springfest Committee will also conduct a presentation ceremony. After continued discussion by members present on this topic, a motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Danny Robertson to notify Lillian Law that VCE is in agreement with the presentation. Four members present at the meeting indicated that they would attend the breakfast and an additional four members unable to attend the Friday meeting have indicated that they will be able to attend the breakfast.



Russell took this picture of his Corsa 'vert at the 12 July Saturday morning Cruise-in. Ed Keller is talking to the owner of the '57.



Here is Russell's Corsa again at the Fultondale Saturday evening Cruise-in, 27 July.

Drawings

Jack Green drew the winning ticket for the \$23 Gas Money drawing.

Adjourn

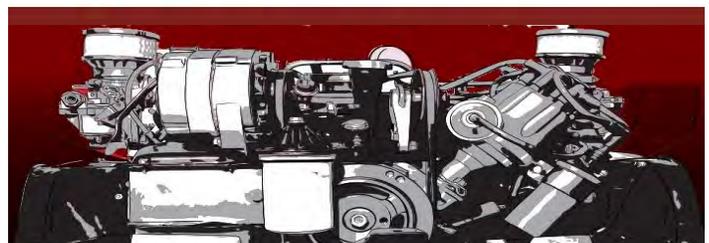
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion made by Russell Noble, seconded by Art Bolton and passed.

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts



Birmingham, Alabama

Corsa Chapter. 352



John Cleveland's '63 Corvan

It was on several 'Classifieds' online sites including Facebook Marketplace and Corvair Trader back in April.

John stated that he looked at the van on his many work trips to Savannah. After the original assessment, he thought about it and made the deal with the seller on his next trip through. He enlisted the help of Russ Thuleen, rented a pickup truck, travelled over to Georgia and loaded it on the trailer. Having no storage room at his house, John asked to park it outside at my building in Goodwater. We unloaded out back and the Corvan was covered with a tarp, rope and bungee cords.

The previous owner had all intentions of creating a 'Rat-Rod' from the van and as is the usual case, painted the whole thing in primer and installed new rubber on the classic Chevy Rally rims. The project fell on it's face when said owner realized he knew absolutely nothing about the Corvair Drive Train. Apparently it was running at one time (with a very loud Harley muffler) but when it quit, the PO (previous owner) could not restore life in the little 80hp and just decided to sell it.

Fast forward to June of this year and John has the van up on jack stands to get to the errant 4 speed shift and/or clutch problems. Meanwhile, I have been shuffling cars and trucks and yardsale 'stuff' around to make room inside the building for the van while John and Russ have breathed new life into the engine. They got it running just a couple of weeks ago and John posted a video on Facebook. [Please turn your computer or phone upside down to view it properly <grin>]

As many know, John is working all the time and as previously mentioned, must travel most time over into Georgia for weeks at a time. But he is making progress and it will soon be inside the storage building in it's designated parking place and I can cut the grass without worry of accidentally getting the edges of the tarp in the mower blades. (another <grin>)

Stay tuned!



John stays prepared for working outside in the heat with his 'pop-up' cover.



The van has a homemade plywood partition between the cargo and drivers compartment. John says it is not going to stay.



Note the PVC pipe IV fuel system hanging next to Russ. Ideal temporary fuel bypass solution.



Choo Choo Corvair Classic (30 years)

The 'Classic' was last held in August 1989 and was revived 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 (more events Aug. 16-18) 2013 at the Chattanooga Choo Choo, 1400 Market St. with Free Admission for the 'browsers' and \$30 to exhibitors.

This article was in the Chattanooga Times Free Press, August 15th 2013 and was submitted by staff writer, Clint Cooper.

If you're of a mind to stroll through the gardens at the Chattanooga Choo Choo this weekend, you'll be among a group of 40- and 50-year-olds with a reputation.

The reputation belongs to the Chevrolet Corvair, and some 40 of them will be on display in the gardens when the Choo Choo Corvair Club hosts the Choo Choo Corvair Classic.

"They're unique," says club member Jim Guider, 72. "There's never been another car like them."

The reputation -- that the compact cars manufactured for the model years 1960-1963 could easily lose control -- still rankles Corvair owners.

Its supposed handling led consumer advocate Ralph Nader to include the cars in his mid-1960s book "Unsafe at Any Speed," but Guider points out that a study commissioned by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found the cars had no greater for potential of loss of control than their contemporaries in extreme situations.

"After 48 years [of ownership]," he says, "I'm still waiting to see if they hold up."

The Corvair show, free to browsers from 9



a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, will include a swap meet (all day Friday-

Saturday) and tech session (2 p.m. Saturday). Exhibitors can partake of a weekend hospitality room, Friday tour of Coker Tire and the Honest Charley Speedshop, Saturday banquet and Sunday breakfast. Guider says models of all kinds -- Monzas, Spydors, Corsas, coupes, sedans, station wagons, pickups, vans and at least one motor home -- will be on display.

Corvairs, which had an air-cooled rear engine, were manufactured for the model years 1960-1969, People are coming from, at least, Florida, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, Guider says. Among those, he says, are two directors of the Corvair Society of America. The local Corvair Club, active for about 10 years in the late 1970s and 1980s, last held a show in 1989.

"Everybody got too old or died," Guider says of the group, which had around 40 members. "There are only three alive" from its previous existence, he says.

It's been active again for the past five years and has about 20 members, he says.

Guider, who says he's owned scores of Corvairs over the years, has three today, including the Ultra Van motor home and one he drives every day.

He says General Motors marketed them wrong originally -- to older people. Then, when they began to get sporty trims, Nader's devastating book was published. They never recovered. "If you were to put a 16-year-old in one today," Guider says, "they're in heaven."



Blast From The Past - Choo Choo Corvair Classic:

August 16-18, 2013

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

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



VCE members placed in the car show:

Bill Warren – 1st place Late Closed
Al & Joan Birks – 1st place Early Open
Judi Cannon – 3rd place Late Open



1992 CORSA International Convention Georgia on my Mind

Bob and Heather Fowler

This year the Peach State invites all CORSA members to come and sample our famous Southern hospitality at the 1992 CORSA International Convention in Atlanta. Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia Corvairs are working hard to put together the finest convention yet featuring convenience, opportunity, and hospitality.

The convention will be located adjacent to Interstate 285 at the Ashford-Dunwoody interchange, a convenience to those driving 'Vairs (or whatever). And, for those arriving by air, Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport, the hub of the southeast, will bring folks directly to the southeast area of the city. The host hotel, the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Ravinia, offers a shuttle service called the Airport Connection. The cost for this is \$15 each way or \$25 for a round trip. There is also Amtrak service to midtown Atlanta should anyone be interested.

There will, of course, be lots of familiar vendors with ample offerings of Corvair parts and services. This year we're trying to optimize the layout of these areas to best benefit both the customers and the vendors. In other words, bring some dough...you may well find parts you want, need, or just can't live without.

There will be four tech sessions held at the hotel during the convention. The model car contest will have three age groups.

Concours, for those who just know they have one of the very finest Vairs, will be conducted in the Perimeter Mall parking lot across the street from the host hotel. The autocross event will be held in a

nearby General Motors assembly plant parking lot. A rally and an econo-run through northern metro Atlanta have been planned.

Perimeter Mall, site of the concours event, is a quick stroll across the street from the host hotel and offers plenty of varied shopping opportunities. And yes, they will probably still have 1996 Olympic tee shirts for sale.

The host clubs will maintain an ample hospitality room at the hotel during the entire convention.

The convention will conclude with the traditional dinner and awards banquet on Saturday night.

As of late March, the host hotel had booked 176 out of their 400+ rooms for the convention. If you plan to stay there, get your reservations in soon or you may miss out. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 800/554-0055 or 404/395-7700.

We believe you'll find plenty to do during the convention and we believe you'll find our choice of host hotel outstanding. We are sure you'll take home some very pleasant memories.

Tours

1992 CORSA conventioners will have several opportunities to sample Atlanta's night life and other attractions.

On Tuesday, July 28, we will offer a night at the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium to see the 1991 National League champion (Tomahawkin') Atlanta Braves baseball team in action. Buses will leave the hotel at 5:30 PM for the game and return our guests to the hotel after the game ends.

Wednesday evening will be left open for concours preparation and other activities. Vendors will remain open as late as 9:00 PM.

A visit to Georgia's famous Stone Mountain Park is planned for Thursday evening, July 30. We will depart for the park by bus at 5:30 PM. There we will sit down to catered bar-b-que with all the trimmings at the Stone Mountain railroad pavilion, and then have the opportunity to enjoy one park attraction of your choice. Later we will have reserved lawn seating to enjoy the laser light show projected onto the side of Stone Mountain.

Now, ladies, don't fret...we haven't forgotten you! Save some of your strength and some of your money for Friday morning. We think you will enjoy our "Shop-till-you-Drop" outing to the outlet mall at Commerce, Georgia' (Gentlemen, you may also find this of interest.) Buses will leave at 8:00 AM Friday, July 31st, for the trip to the mall. The mall has put together a package of discounts to help fan the shopping frenzy. From the mall we'll come back through the Chateau Ellan winery where a luscious lunch will be served. This will be followed by a brief tour through the winery operation complete with a wine tasting opportunity.

Thought there couldn't be more? Wrong! Friday evening we invite everyone to the Grand Finale tour, a chance to "git down" in fabulous Underground Atlanta. Buses will head to Underground at 5:30 PM. First we'll dine at the New Georgia Railroad depot facility enjoying -a southern style buffet. This will include southern fried chicken, honey baked ham, black-eye peas, collard greens' sweet potato souffle, corn muffins, biscuits and gravy, tossed salad, pecan pie, and your choice of tea or coffee.

Also after the meal, folks are cordially invited to tour the Coca-Cola museum next door and see the many developments which have made Coke as we know it today the most popular drink in the world. One of the most interesting features at the museum is an opportunity to taste the various drinks offered by Coke in other lands and cultures; very interesting! Finally, we invite you to take a stroll right next door through fabulous Underground Atlanta! There will be 200,000 square feet of places to eat, to drink, to shop, and to browse. See it all; there's only one Underground Atlanta!

And if Coke and Underground aren't enough, come back to the depot. After the meal a local Atlanta DJ will provide entertainment and music reminiscent of the Corvair era. The fun and games will continue until midnight with dancing to music of the '60s, dance contests for prizes, limited beer and wine for your enjoyment, and much more.

We expect the limited number of spaces available for these tours to go fast, so don't be shut out. Check off the tours of your choice on your pre-registration form and mail it in today to guarantee your spot.

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Camping

Whether you plan to camp on the way or after you get to Atlanta for the convention, Georgia offers some of the most beautiful campgrounds in the country. From the Blue Ridge Mountains of north Georgia to the Colonial Coast of Savannah, or from the eastern borders of South Carolina to the western borders of Alabama, no matter which way you're traveling to get to Atlanta, you'll enjoy the scenic attractions and reasonably priced accommodations at commercial campgrounds or at over 40 Georgia state parks. If you choose to stay in one of the state parks, all campgrounds can accommodate tent, trailer, or RV campers. Each campsite features electrical and water hookups and its own grill and picnic table. All campgrounds have modern comfort stations and dump sites, and many have laundries and camping supplies. Recreational amenities such as swimming, hiking, tennis, boating and fishing, regulation and miniature golf, and a unique calendar of interpretive activities are offered as well. For more information on Georgia state parks, contact:

Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism
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 -or-
 Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau,
 Dept. W
 233 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 2000
 Atlanta, GA 30043
 404/521-6625

The most convenient campground

to the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, site of the convention, is the Family Campground at Stone Mountain Park. Although it is about 30 miles (30-35 minutes via all Interstate highway) from the convention site, it is probably the nearest campground.

Stone Mountain Park is nestled on the shores of Stone Mountain Lake. The Family Campground is surrounded by a 3,200 acre world of recreation, leisure, and natural beauty. With over 400 sites, Atlanta's largest campground has everything your family needs for a fun-filled visit and scenic retreat. It includes:

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mini golf, batting cages, and bike rental

- Canoe, pedalboat, rowboat, and pontoon boat rental
- Convenient snack bars and restaurants
- And much more!

For more information call 404/498-5710, or write:

Georgia's Stone Mountain Park
 Family Campground
 P.O. Box 778
 Stone Mountain, GA 30086

Billy Bruce

Corvair Raffle

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Tickets are now on sale for only \$1 each and will be sold throughout the convention. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. Bulk packages of tickets can be sent to clubs now upon request. The ticket stubs and money must be returned together along with any unsold tickets by July 1, 1992.

For more information or to obtain tickets contact:

Bill Nutt
 218 Cherrywood, Drive
 Woodstock, GA 30188.

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It is always HOT in July, especially in Alabama. Russ is 'keeping his cool' by having two wet shop towels in hip pockets and a fan blowing on them as a Corvair Guys Air Conditioning System.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

CLASSIC

August 16-18, 2019

Choo Choo Corvair will host their friends and Corvair lovers at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel Complex.

Run the Local Dragstrip from 4-6 pm, Fri. Aug. 16th for Fun or Time! Hospitality Friday Evening, Corvairs in the Gardens on Saturday followed by an Awards Banquet Saturday Evening.

Breakfast on Sunday Morning.

Registration Contact:

JACK STAMPS @ 423-624-4258

MELVIN HOPKINS @ 706-217-5123

For Registration Form:

ANN GUIDER @ 706-866-1158

2019 CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC

Hosted by the Choo Choo Corvair Club at the Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo

REGISTRATION FORM – August 16 – 18, 2019

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

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO TAKE PART IN ANY EVENT

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE REGISTRATION

(ALL CARS ON DISPLAY WILL BE JUDGED FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE)

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: year _____ color _____ model _____
_____ early open _____ early closed _____ forward control (trucks) _____ specialty
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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, judgements 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).

REGISTERED GUEST _____ INT _____ SIGN _____ INT _____ SIGN

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Please mail form to: Choo Choo Corvair Club, P.O. Box 9222, Chattanooga, TN 37412

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John Cleveland suggested that this be posted in the classifieds:
Gentlemen:

We either met or spoke in the past about Corvair parts.
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Before I post the car to the public, I thought I would start with people I know in the Corvair community.

Some pictures are attached and some details are listed below:

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I'll be glad to send any pictures or information requested.

Thank you for passing this information on to anyone who may be interested.



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Office: 256-839-1905

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NOTE: PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.
MANY Thanks to regular contributors Russell Noble and Phil Hartline!

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

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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Prez Sez:

I believe everyone had a great time at Choo Choo. Friday afternoon had a new feature for Choo Choo. Years past consisted of sitting around, talking. Once we took a trip to the riverfront park and once to civil war battleground but usually not much for Friday. This year was different as we took a 20 minute drive to a 1/8 mile drag strip. Everyone had the opportunity to make several trips down the track to race the clock or an opponent in the other lane. Billy Cannon should have gotten a hard luck award because in the staging lane, next up, car running fine, then dead. Left waiting at the staging area with no spark. Several of us pushed him back to the pit area where we proceeded to replace the distributor which was not the issue. It was rather hot and a replacement coil was no where to be found. Billy decided not to keep trying other options and we would give it a go back at the hotel. Sure wish we could have gotten it going but was not in the cards. Next year!

I was the only other Vulcan with a car there so Billy lent me his helmet and my little 110 gave me what she had. The time slips revealed I had a consistent reaction time and a pretty narrow elapsed time as well. That was the most fun I've had in the front seat of a car in a long, long time. Really glad Choo Choo lined that up for us. I really like to see the public react to the cars on the road and the trip to the strip as well as the return trip was almost as fun as the strip.

Monday after we got back was Russ' date with the surgeon. Scheduled for a double bypass turned into a quadruple by-pass, but Russ came through like the trooper he is. Released five days later and he is doing pretty good holding himself back, but you can tell it won't be long and he will be back in the saddle again.

The next outing will be Montevallo's Cars By The Creek September 7th, followed by our VCE meeting September 20th at our usual meeting place. There will be a Convention 2021 planning meeting at Mike & Dee Gassmann's House in Peach Tree City, GA SEPTEMBER 21st at noon for anyone interested. Then October 4th & 5th will be Vairs At The Fair. I hope to have my newly acquired '64

Next Meeting:

Friday, September 20th
7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

ready for her reveal by then.

I found the '64 searching for one for Joe with the Heart of Georgia club. It was more car than he was looking for. He has a complete drive train with a stick and the car I found has a pretty good 110 PG. I couldn't bear the thought someone would buy he car a mess it up as it has carb issues. I could see them taking the carbs off and mud robbers building nests and the car would end up at the crusher 5 years from now.

So I told the guy, if that guy came along, call me and I would buy the car at his price, even though I thought his price was high. He made me an offer I couldn't refuse, so my intention is to get her where she belongs and pass her along to someone who will care for her.

So stay tuned for more on the maroon 64 Monza as I won't let her go until she is the best she can be. She is original paint, interior and the engine is mostly unmolested as well. Every bulb in the dash and on the car works, horn blows and original AM radio still works.

Remember, I have been hinting at a northern Alabama meeting for a while now.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cars by the Creek

09/07/19 Montevallo @ 9:00 AM

Cars at the Cave

09/21/19 Rickwood Caverns Warrior AL @ 9:00 AM

VCE Monthly Meeting:

09/20/19 7:00 pm @ the church

Vairs at the Fair 2019

October 4-5, Forms on pages 9-10.

Vairs in the Valley 2019

October 11-12,

Anniston Veterans Parade 2019

November 11 @ 2:00 PM,

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Teresa & Marshall McDuffie	2	3	4	5	6	7 Cars by the Creek
8	9	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Judi Cannon	11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Valarie Green	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 VCE Monthly Meeting	21 Convention Planning Meeting Gassmann's Home in Peachtree City
22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Caroll Hartline	23	24	25	26	27 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Carol & Ed Keller	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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October 19th from 1-4 PM, Vulcan has the Golden Corral in Cullman reserved for the October meeting and will begin promptly at 2 PM so get there early if you want to eat before the meeting.

See you soon and don't miss a chance to drive your Vair.

Howard

August VCE Meeting Minutes

The August 16, 2019 meeting was called to order by President Howard Tutt. Meeting was held @ Choo Choo Hotel Chattanooga, TN. 7 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A printout of the minutes of the July meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Jack Green and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Howard Tutt for Russell Noble. There are 26 paid memberships plus new member Steve Harris (27).

A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Richard Stolzmann and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
3416 Danner Circle
Birmingham, Al 35243

Old Business

North Alabama meeting place Oct 19th: Jack Green from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Cullman Golden Coral with the meeting

starting promptly at 2:00 PM.

Committee Reports

Keep them Vairs Running Committee

Russ Thuleen is on medical leave for awhile.

Drive them Vairs Committee: Nothing new to report.

Calendar Committee

Billy Cannon continues to update. The link for local cruise-in & car shows maintained by Impatient Creations has been taken down.

New Business

CORSA International Convention

2021: Motion for VCE to officially join with the Springfest Sponsors and co-sponsor CORSA 2021 Convention by Billy Cannon, seconded by Jack Green, motion passed.

An email with the necessary committees was sent out by Lillian Law. Some names are already filled in. Everyone is encouraged to look

over the committees and see where you would like to serve. There is room for additional members in every committee.

There will be plenty of opportunities for 'rovers' to fill in if additional help is needed during the

convention.

There will be a multi-club planning committee meeting Sept 21st at Mike Gassmann's house in Peachtree City if anyone would like to attend.

Mike and Dee Dee Gassmann.

119 Whitfield Run

Peachtree City, Ga 30269

Mike's cell is 678-296-7225

Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM EST

Menu : Italian sausage, sweet peppers and Italian beef sandwiches, Vienna beef hot dogs, sides and dessert. Water, lemonade, tea and soda will be provided.

After the meeting we can caravan to Partners Pizza in Fayetteville for the local car show.

Drive your Corvair- let's show them off.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm. Motion made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Richard Stolzmann and passed.



A garden full of Corvairs.



Corvairs 'waiting for the train'. Choo Choo Classic 2019

2019 Choo Choo Corvair Classic

The 'Classic' for 2019 was another exemplary show arranged and conducted by our friends just to the north of us!

As mentioned by Howard in his article, the addition of the Friday afternoon Drag Strip Excursion, was a big hit.

As has been the case the past couple of years, the 'hospitality room' can get quite cozy (small) but the Choo Choo folks lay out a good spread of snacks, drinks, and Hot Wheels. And oh yes...don't forget the mini Moon Pies!

The weather was most excellent the entire weekend, and 31 Corvairs were on public display in the gardens on Saturday.

Vulcans in attendance -- Russ Thuleen with his Marina Blue, many optioned, '66 Monza, Howard Tutt's USMC colored '66 Monza and Danny Robertson came up on Saturday in his '64 Spyder 'vert (Russ, Howard, and Danny were the only three VCE members that drove Corvairs to the event). I flat-towed my Black '65 Corsa. Jack & Valarie Green, Richard Stolzmann & Jenny, and Kevin Fahy came in their 'other' vehicles.

The highlight of the weekend was the Springfest presentation by Lillian Law to Raymond Paul. Raymond was participating in all the events with the help of his daughter and two grandchildren. What an awesome family!

I believe the most talked about subject was the announcement that 'The Southeast Corvair Clubs' will be hosting the 2021 CORSA Convention in Peachtree City, Ga. The dates have been firmed up and the host hotel will be announced in the next two or three weeks.

Here are a few pictures of the event provided by various folks that were taken throughout the weekend that was THE 2019 Choo Choo Classic.



Banner display Choo Choo Classic 2019 (No; I'm not saying Jamison is a banner!)



Howard at the Starting Line



Vulcans with Chris Law and his Corvair Powered Trike



Friday afternoon Corvairs at the Drag Strip.





Billy Rudolph decided to have his lunch in his Rampside.



Billy Cannon didn't have lunch at all!



Danny Joe's '64 Spyder



Door prizes were displayed outside this year.



Michael & Tracy LeVeque



Choo Choo (Stan Gee) & Vulcan (Billy Cannon)



Many thanks to those that took so many great pictures at the Choo Choo Classic:
 Kelly Hopkins, Phillip Gilliland, Ed McClintock, and Mark Guider

18th Annual Cars by the Creek

SEPTEMBER 7TH

All Years, Makes and Models Welcome
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 1st and 2nd Place Awards by Category
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 Best of Show Awards Car and Truck
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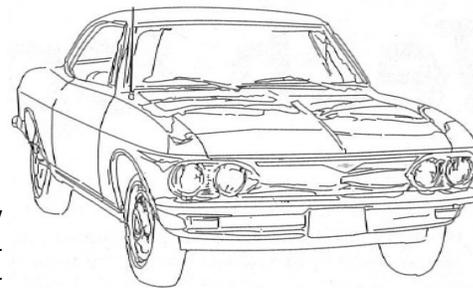
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WHERE: RICKWOOD CAVERNS STATE PARK
WHEN: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2019
TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

General admission \$3 / Free registration for all vehicles
 Park Office: 205-647-9692 370 Rickwood Park Rd. Warrior, AL

1992 CORSA International Convention

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Model Car Concours

This year's contest will be divided into the following four categories and age divisions:

Senior Division: Ages 19-adult

Junior Division: Ages 12-18

Freshman Division: Ages 11-under

Diorama Division: All Ages

We would like to welcome all participants to the CORSA Model Car Concours. In an effort to keep the competition as fair and equitable as possible to all contestants, we have decided to group by age rather than model car classes. It is our belief that our younger participants should not be expected to compete with adults to win a trophy.

Our ideal situation would be to have four separate display cases, one for each division, however, the availability of cases may alter this plan slightly. All models will be secure and protected for the entire period they are on display.

Registration and setup will be by a numbering system. This is to remain as fair as possible. Only the chairman of the events will know the names of the participants prior to the judging. The winners' names will not be revealed to anyone until the banquet on Saturday night.

This year's judge will be a highly qualified neutral party, who owns and operates a local business here in Georgia which offers model cars for purchase as part of his operation. We are pleased to obtain his services.

The judge(s) will be looking for quality of workmanship and detail as well as overall appearance in determining the winners in each division. Please remember that only Corvair models, plastic or metal, etc., will be eligible for this competition. All diorama exhibits must contain at least one Corvair.

The Best of Show award will be judged by ballot, given to each registered convention member. This award may be chosen from any of the four divisions.

If you haven't already started, get to work on your models today. Either build from a kit, if you can still obtain one, or spruce up that old dusty one that has been sitting on the mantel. You'll be amazed. what a good clean-up or fresh coat of paint can do.

Les Campbell

Model Car Concours Chairman

Win a Corvair for \$1!

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Any tickets or stubs not returned to Corvair Atlanta by the July 1 deadline are subject to invalidation. Individuals may also purchase tickets prepaid directly from Corvair Atlanta.

To order tickets please send your name, address, telephone number, CORSA ID number, and money to the address below. Please include \$3 for postage and handling on all ticket request orders. Prepaid orders for five or fewer tickets can include a self-addressed stamped envelope instead of the \$3 for postage.

Bill Nutt

Woodstock, GA

Tech Sessions

We have some great tech sessions planned for your visit to Atlanta and the convention this year. They are as follows:

Wednesday, July 29, 2-3 pm

Dick Spring will host a hands-on painting demonstration. The session will be held on the roof of the hotel, weather permitting.

Thursday, July 30, 1-2 pm

Ken Arnold will host a session on Corvairs modified for drag racing. The discussion of the two converted cars on display will be held in a tent near the show car area.

Thursday, July 30, 4-5 pm

Woody Thomas will demonstrate how to rebuild a Corvair steering box.

Saturday, August 1, 4-5 pm

Walter Davison will demonstrate how to rebuild and modify a late model Corvair rear hub the "IJIltraVan" way.

Ron Thomas

Something For Everyone?

We hope you have made your plans to attend the 1992 CORSA International Convention in Atlanta. Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia Corvairs have been working hard to make this the best convention ever. We think that there will be something to please everyone at the 1992 convention. The events and activities have been planned to allow everyone a chance to participate in everything they wish to, with as few schedule conflicts as possible.

Here is a quick reminder of what is in store for you at the 1992 CORSA International Convention. For more information and details see the last few issues of the Communique.

Registration and vendor sales will open on Tuesday. The hospitality room will also open and will remain open throughout the convention, and door prize tickets will begin. Tuesday night will

offer you a chance to attend an Atlanta Braves

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baseball game.

The activities for Wednesday include concours classification, a tech session, vendor sales, various meetings, and the beginning of door prize giveaways. Wednesday night has been left open with no planned activities to allow for final concours preparation. The vendors will be open until 8:00 pm so you can find those last minute items you need, and nobody will have to miss any tours.

Thursday will begin bright and early with concours setup and final last-minute classification at 7:30 AM. Concours judging will take place from 10:00 until 4:00. There will also be vendor sales, various meetings, and two tech

sessions during the day. After this full day of activities, you will be ready to unwind on the trip to Stone Mountain Park. There we will have a wonderful southern barbecue meal followed by the spectacular laser show

Friday will also begin early with the rally participants meeting at 7:30 am followed by the rally at 8:00. The econo-run will follow at 12:30. For those who prefer non-driving activities, Shop Till You Drop and vendor sales will also begin at 8:00 am and continue all day. After a full day of driving or shopping, you will be ready for the Depot Dinner Friday night. This will also include the chance to visit Underground Atlanta, tour the World of Coca-Cola,

and much, much more.

On Saturday you can sleep a little later and still make the autocross inspection starting at 8:00 am. The autocross will begin at 10:00 and continue until 3:00. There will also be vendor sales and a tech session on Saturday. The grand finale to the convention will be the dinner and awards banquet Saturday night.

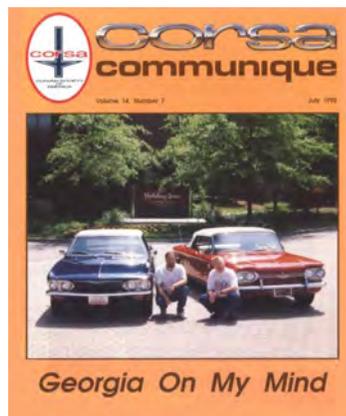
There are no activities planned for Sunday. We hope you have a safe trip home filled with pleasant memories of Georgia on my Mind, and great anticipation for the 23rd annual CORSA International Convention next year in San Jose.

See you in Atlanta...

2021 CORSA International Convention

The archived Communique articles from 1992 shown above and in the August "Oil Drop" newsletter are interesting reading and have also been posted as examples of what we can expect as far as planning during the next two years and execution in July 2021.

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Friday visit museum or drive to Andersonville National Cemetery and Prisoner of
War Museum with lunch at Mennonite Restaurant.
(James Law is buried there) (leave motel 11:00 am)

Contact:

Lillian Law (Show Chairperson) at 229-291-0567 or email at lawjandl@aol.com
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Registration Form / Entry Application October 4-5, 2019

Name _____
Spouse _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____
Club Affiliation _____

Registration Fee (each adult \$12.00) _____

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

\$15.00 each adult _____
(\$8.00 under 12) _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Will you be participating in the parade and displaying your car at the Fair this year? Yes _____ No _____

Car you will drive in Parade _____

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

Signature: _____

Mail forms / checks made to: Heart of Georgia Corvair Club

Lillian Law
163 Laurelbrook Drive
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2019 Vairs In The Valley



Editors NOTE: I have searched the internet and have attempted to email NC Mountain Corvairs for registration forms. The schedule of events above is the only thing listed on their website. I'm sure they will have forms when we get there.



Last month we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of First Man on the Moon! South Coast Corvair provided these shots.



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(205) 281-0503



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VCE Mailing Address

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147 Crossbrook Dr.
Chelsea, AL 35043

Prez Sez:

I am looking forward to a nice meeting on the 19th. Hoping to see a lot of the people logistics keep from attending. Not to mention, never had a bad meal at Golden Coral!

I have been making progress on the 64 which I have named BJ after a previous owner. I had to get some things taken care of on my tow dolly. Added a wench in order to load from outside the car. I can better see where the car is and steer through the window. How did we ever do without remote controls?

With the wench I also added a charger for the wench battery that charges going down the road from the tow vehicle's charging system. I have towed the BJ to Russ' to get her on the lift. The transmission pan is leaking. I don't understand because there are at least 3 tubes of form a gasket sealing everything up.

I have also replaced the brake master cylinder and need to bleed the wheel cylinders. The exhaust headers have no gaskets on the crossover pipe. One stud is broke and needs extracted and replaced.

Russ is doing fairly good, but will be doing a lot of pointing, just not back to the same Russ yet. His tummy is really giving him fits some days. If anyone wants to help, I would appreciate and Russ usually like to see anybody else's face but mine.

After that, it's time to adjust valves. A few simple items to check off the list and then on to buffing and touching up the paint. 90% of the paint is original, but the other 10% is just missing and on the verge of turning into patina. Not rust as there is only a very small rust spot on the whole car and it is inside the trunk.

My intention is to get this car back to a dependable respectable condition and pass her on to someone in the club or willing to join. So stay tuned.

October 5th is Vairs at the Fair and I am looking forward to tossing candy. Following weekend is Maggie Valley and really excited about that and visiting Wheels Through Time! The following weekend is our Cullman meeting and then off to Texas to get the 65 more door inspected and registered. My son has been driving it in his neighborhood and he has been wanting to get her out on the

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 19th

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Golden Coral 1720 Cherokee Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055

open road without constantly looking over the next hill and over his shoulder.

Hope to see everyone in Cullman or before. Keep them Vairs moving.

Howard

September VCE Meeting Minutes

The September 20, 2019 meeting was called to order by President Howard Tutt @ 7:40 PM. Meeting was held @ St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Curch. 20 members were in attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A printout of the minutes of the August meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Russell Noble, seconded by Harold hartline and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Russell Noble. There are 26 paid memberships plus new member Steve Harris (27). Also new members Mike and DeeDee Gassmann of Corvair Atlanta and Frank Metasavage of Columbus, Georgia.

The club Corsa fee has been paid.

A reminder that club dues are due in December/January. A motion was made by Clyde Cork, seconded by Billy Cannon and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Vairs at the Fair 2019

October 4-5, Forms on pages 8-9

VCE Monthly Meeting:

10/19/19 1:00 pm @ the Cullman Golden Coral

Vairs in the Valley 2019

October 11-12,

Anniston Veterans Parade 2019

November 11 @ 2:00 PM,

October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 4 Bill Warren	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 5 Kirk Edmunds
Vairs at the Fair						
HAPPY BIRTHDAY 6 Kristin Fahy	7	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 8 Phil Hartline	9	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 10 Rozelle Doughty	11	12
Vairs in Maggie Valley						
13	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 14 Debbie Noble	15	16	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 17 Emily & Pete Wood	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 18 Sherri & Steve Daniels	19 VCE Monthly Meeting
20	21	22	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 23 Howard Tutt	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 24 Steve Daniels	25	26
HAPPY BIRTHDAY 27 Harold Hartline	28	29	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 30 Judi & Billy Cannon	31	1	2

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To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
3416 Danner Circle
Birmingham, Al 35243

Old Business

North Alabama meeting place Oct 19th: From 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Cullman Golden Coral with the meeting starting promptly at 2:00 PM.

Choo-Choo Classic in Chattanooga, Vulcan had 10 members present. There were approximately 30 cars entered. The Friday dragstrip was a big hit. The buffet was held in the hospitality suite, it was a bit crowded but workable.

Committee Reports

Keep them Vairs Running Committee

Russ Thuleen is on medical leave for awhile.

Drive them Vairs Committee: Nothing new this month.

Calendar Committee

Billy Cannon continues to update. The link for local cruise-in & car shows maintained by Impatient Creations has been taken down.

New Business

CORSA International Convention 2021: First Planning meeting is at Mike Gassmann's house in Peachtree City at 12 EST on Sept. 21.

Everyone has received an email with the necessary committees. Some names are already filled in some are not. Look over the committees and see where you would like to serve. Just because there are already some names on the committee, there is room for additional members in every committee. There will be rooms for rovers to fill in if additional help is needed during the convention.

Let Howard Tutt know where you would like to place your talents. (See more details pages 6-7 *Ed.*)

December 13th is Leeds' Christmas Parade.

The Alabama Bicentennial Parade is looking for convertibles, Billy will have details and forms in the Oil Drop. This event will be held in Montgomery on December 14, 2019.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Motion made by Russell Noble, seconded by Danny Robertson and passed.

\$41 gas money was won by Louise Hartline

Support Your National Corvair Organization

Many Corvair events, such as the National Convention, now require CORSA membership. Don't let your membership lapse. And don't let others support your Corvair interests. CORSA is not only a group of Corvair owners, it underwrites many of our events by providing information, ideas and insurance

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



VCE Corvair Disassembly

The idea was to tear down a 1966 Corvair Monza as far as possible in one day!

It was a topic of discussion at the VCE February 2011 monthly meeting. From the March 2011 Oil Drop: The last weekend in March is planned for a 'TEAR DOWN PARTY' at Russ Thuleen's place. The vehicle planned for tear down is Pete's coupe. Bring tools and have fun with the group as we strip the car bare!

Two or three weeks later a few folks did show up and we did have fun! I took these pictures of the progress and had to put the camera down to actually get in on the teardown. I had brought my plasma cutter to cut some of the usable panels out as well but that didn't go as planned. I

hooked up the cutter and proceeded on the drivers side rear quarter. The plasma DC current flow switches from electrode to nozzle, to a path between the electrode and work piece. The problem with our 'work piece' was that there was hardly any metal to complete that current flow. The car looked solid enough but it was full of bondo and expanded insulation foam. When I finally got a 'spark' all that insulation foam got hot and started to smoke and burn. The cut it up stage halted from that point and the remaining body shell eventually ended up at the crusher.

I will let the pictures on the following page speak for themselves with captions to highlight the comical incidents that I recall.

A club project like this can be a great event for all concerned. Providing a venue for collaborative interchange among people who share the same ideas, aspirations and aims. It is likewise a place where we can learn from each other as to matters that deal with all things Corvair.

I know that I sure did learn a thing or two on that day and can't wait for the next opportunity.



The 'Victim'



The Crew



John prepares to remove rear glass



John & Russell team up



Prepping the doors for removal



Now Pete has more room to work



Russ and Pete discuss next step



Steve holds the door for Russell....



And then dissects the door



John is still removing the glass....



Russell, Pete & John remove the glass



Russ lost the key to the frunk



Last steps



TECH SESSION (converting the A6 compressor bracket to accommodate the Sanden type compressor)

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so I will let the pictures tell the story and use as few words as possible.



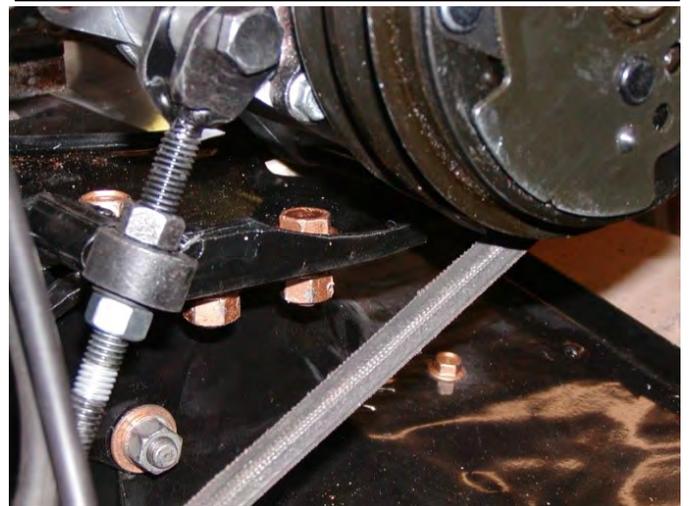
Taking the original bracket we cut out a section of pipe to accommodate the ear on the Sanden compressor



Next we cut off the ear with the slot in it that adjusts the compressor belt tension



The third and final modification is to weld a short piece of pipe or tube to the bracket to accommodate the bolt with a spacer welded on it to adjust belt tension



The rest of the adjustment bolt and ears is shown in the following pictures.





‘Southeast Corvair Clubs’
2021 CONVENTION PLANNING

Attending Joint Meeting of Corvair Atlanta & Heart of Georgia Corvair Clubs at Mike & Dee Dee Gassmann’s home.
September 21, 2019

Jeannette & Bill Rudolph
Wanda Cook
Sharon & Keith Burkingstock
Danny Robertson- **Vulcan Club**
Billy & Eleanor Bruce
Wayne Whitmire
Nolan Grant
Mike Callahan-**Corsa S.C.**
Jeff & Kim Murrell-**Corsa S.C.**
Robert & Mikey Burkinbine
Frank Metasavage
Susan and Tom Constantine
Howard Tutt-**Vulcan Club**
Mike & Dee Dee Gassmann
Lanny Milbrandt

Tim Vossler
Billy & Judi Cannon-**Vulcan Club**
Ronnie & Patti Jenkins- **Queen City**
Sara Jenkins-**Queen City**
Tommy & Joan Couch
Chuck Smith
Shirley Smith
Bobby Gassmann- **Visitor**
Dan Terry
Kelly Parker
Paul Llewelyn
Chris & Joan Law
Lillian Law

Atlanta Corvair & Heart of Georgia Corvairs held their Annual “Picnic” at the home of Mike and Dee Dee Gassmann’s beautiful Home. Mike and Dee Dee had prepared traditional Chicago Dogs, Sausage and Beef with all the trimmings, Smoked Salmon from Alaska, desserts and dips. **Thank you, Mike & Dee Dee.** The other Clubs planning to assist with the 2021 Convention were invited to send representatives as noted above.

The meeting was well attended. The Convention Chairs, Mike Gassmann Chairman, Billy Bruce and Lillian Law, Co-Chairs went over some of the tentative plans. A List of Known Committees needed was passed out. Attendees were asked to review and decide spots they would be willing to fill. All Committees need multiple persons tas helpers. The attendees offered suggestions and asked questions, always a good sign of interest. Two people from each club volunteered to be the contact people and to supply list of their members that are willing and able to help:

Corvair Atlanta:	Nolan Grant & Tom Constantine
Corsa S.C.:	Mike Callahan & Jeff Murrell
Heart of Georgia Corvair Club:	Chris & Joan Law
Queen City Corvair Club:	Bill Burnside & Ronnie Jenkins
Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast:	Billy Cannon & Howard Tutt

These representatives will keep their respective clubs up to date. The date is almost 2 years away and we all know many changes will be made. **We have a good foundation and a great Group of Corvair Lovers that are ready to take on the task.** There is something for everyone and we will need all our people fully Committed.

This is a week long event.

These are some of the positions to be filled. **I am sure we will add more:**

LOGO AND THEME;	<u>BILLY CANNON</u> Patriotic Theme
SHIRTS:	LILLIAN LAW & BILLY CANNON (colors, Host will wear Red and sell Blue)
BUDGET AND FUNDS:	<u>HOWARD TUTT</u>
AUTOCROSS:	<u>TONY ELLISON, EDDIE MEADOWS, GENE BARR</u>
AWARDS:	<u>DANNY ROBERTSON</u>
BANQUET:	
BANQUET TABLE DECORATIONS;	<u>Dee Dee Gassmann & Shirley Smith</u>
CAR DISPLAY;	<u>ROBERT BIRKINBINE & CHUCK SMITH, Mikey Burkinbine</u>

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2021 CORSA International Convention Peachtree City, Georgia

CONCOURS: RONNIE JENKINS
ECONOMY RUN:
HOSPITALITY ROOM: DEE CHAREST & SARA JENKINS, PATTI JENKINS, Jeannette Rudolph, Wanda Cook, Judi Cannon *need more volunteers
Note: We will need at least 2 men that will check from to see if drinks need to be re-freshed and to make sure ice is available.

LOGISTICS: BILLY BRUCE & MIKE GASSMAN
MARKETING: MIKE GASSMANN &
PHOTOGRAPHY & SLIDE SHOW: JACK GREEN & Lanny Milbrandt
ROAD RALLY: KEITH & SHARON BIRKINGSTOCK
REGISTRATION: LILLIAN LAW, VALERIE GREEN, RHONDAGAIL GLEATON, LORINE LEWIS, KIM MURRELL, Floy Rosser
JOAN LAW & KEVIN PRICE

RAFFLE;
TOURS:
VALVE COVER RACES: JEFF MURRELL & Donnie Bird
OUTDOOR VENDORS: Mike Callahan
INDOOR VENDORS: Mike Callahan
TRAILER PARKING:
BANQUET TABLE ASSIGNMENTS: ELEANOR BRUCE & LILLIAN LAW
WELCOME PARTY:
LADIES ACTIVITY, BINGO: ELEANOR BRUCE & DEE DEE GASSMANN
TECH. SESSION: Russ Thuleen, Ted Brown
Model Cars: Chris Law & Billy Cannon
SIGNS: Joan Law & Judi Cannon
CAR CORRAL:
SECURITY:

We can fill in co-chairs as they commit.
UNDERLINED PEOPLE HAVE SAID YES

THESE WILL HELP WHERE NEEDED:
JOE GLEATON, CHRIS LAW, DICK CHAREST, NOLAN GRANT, LONNIE LEWIS
TOMMY & JOAN COUCH
I suggest we add a Corn Hole Tournament. Billy Cannon would do.



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2019 Vairs In The Valley Schedule

Friday October 11, 2019

Autocross at Ghost Town Parking Lot

9:00am-4:00pm

9:00am- Course Set Up

10:30am- Driver's Meeting

11:00am- First Car Off

Registration, Hospitality and Vendors

At Town Hall Pavilion 9:00am-5:00pm

Rally- First car off at 1:30pm

Begin and end at Town Hall Pavilion

Parade-Line up 5:45pm. Depart 6pm

Begin and end at Town Hall Pavilion

Welcome Dinner- 6:45pm-8pm

At Town Hall Pavilion

Valve Cover Races- 8:00pm-9pm

At Town Hall Pavilion

Saturday October 12, 2019

Breakfast 8:00am-9:30am

At Town Hall Pavilion

Registration, Hospitality and Vendors

At Town Hall Pavilion Open at 9am

Registration closes at noon.

Hospitality/ Vendors close at 5pm.

Car Show at Town Hall Pavilion

10:00am-3:00pm

Tech Session at Town Hall Pavilion

Time to be announced Friday night

CORSA/NC Board Meeting 3:00pm

CORSA/NC General Meeting 4:00pm

At Town Hall Pavilion

Awards Ceremony 8:00pm

At Town Hall Pavilion



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Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Entry Description _____

Dimensions of float/flatbeds and vehicle pulling it

Height _____ Width _____ Length _____

If you plan to have horses or any other live animals in your parade entry, please indicate on this form. (See "live animal requirements" in the rules and instructions.)

I have read and agree to comply with the rules and guidelines of the 2019 Alabama Bicentennial Parade.

Signature _____ Date _____

No entry will be accepted without a signature.

Please complete form and mail to

Alabama Bicentennial Commission
ATTN: Debra Pascal
P.O. Box 246
Montgomery, AL 36103
Or

Email to debra.pascal@bicentennial.alabama.gov

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 1, 2019

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Prez Sez:

I was happy to see the member participation for our regular meeting dubbed 'The Northern Regular Meeting' held in Cullman on October the 19th. We had a great turn out and it was good to be able to visit with folks that are geographically challenged to make it all the way to Birmingham. Thanks also to those who had not made a meeting previously.

The '64 project car is coming along but took a back seat to a Texas trip. I thought the 'more door' would be a simple matter of driving to get the vehicle inspection and registered. But Corvairs are never a simple thing.

First rattle out of the box, cranked the car up, put my foot on the brake to shift into reverse and pedal proceeded to the floor board. After inspecting the master cylinder I found it was empty. I don't remember refilling after we bled the cylinders, and there is no signs of wet spots on the tires or under any of the brake lines so, bled the brakes and made sure to fill the reservoir and good to go! But wait, we are talking Corvairs here, so next on the list is a new carburetor issue. Seems the cluster is dripping fuel at idle. So before heading to inspection station, the carbs are gonna need the tops pulled in order to inspect the float levels and needle valve and seats for obstructions.

I suppose that's why we love these little quirky cars, they keep you on your toes. We decided to have our Christmas party at the Green's this year, thanks Jack (hope Val is on board too). There is a great BBQ restaurant in Oneonta so BBQ will fill the menu and we are going to have dirty Santa again. So reserve December 20th for our Christmas party. We are planning to eat at 1:00 so get there around noon in case we need help setting up. Bring your dirty Santa gift under \$20 and join in on the fun!

Also remember Goodwater Veterans Day Parade November 11 at 9 AM followed by Anniston Veterans Day Parade November 11th at 2:00 PM and the Leeds Christmas Parade December 13th at 7 PM, a night time parade, so Christmas lights are in order. Anyone interested in decorating your car can bring a cigarette lighter dc converter and your

Next Meeting:

Friday, November 15th
7:00 PM

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124

car to my house and we can tape the LED Christmas lights to your car. You will also need a 6' or longer extension cord, I have plenty of lights. Also, a reminder that we will have elections at the Christmas party. We are asking for nominations for the treasurer position. We may have to draft a non Christmas party participant if no one steps up. Better be there to protect yourself just in case. Otherwise hoping for a willing volunteer. See you November 15th at the church for our next regular meeting.

Howard

October VCE Meeting Minutes

The October 19, 2019 meeting was called to order by President Howard Tutt at 2:10 PM. Meeting was held at Cullman Golden Corral. 21 members were in attendance.

New members Steve and Lou Ann Harris were present, accompanied by their grandson Sylvan. They came in their 65 4-door 500 sedan with factory A/C and Radio Delete.

Kevin Fahy was also there and driving a 66? Corsa Coupe. (This was his first meeting, he has been a member for more than 2 years now.)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting A printout of the minutes of the September meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Clyde Cork, seconded by Joan Birks and passed to accept the minutes as written.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Clay County Car Show
November 3, Forms on pages 8-9

Goodwater Veterans Parade 2019
November 11 @ 9:00 AM

Anniston Veterans Parade 2019
November 11 @ 2:00 PM

VCE Monthly Meeting:
11/15/19 7:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Clay County Car Show	4	5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lou Anne Harris	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Parade Goodwater 9:00 AM Anniston 2:00 PM	12	13	14	15	16
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Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Howard Tutt for Russell Noble. There are 29 paid memberships.

NOTE: Elections are coming up and the treasurers position will be vacant.

A reminder that club dues are due in December/January. A motion was made by Danny Robertson, seconded by Joan Birks and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble
3416 Danner Circle
Birmingham, Al 35243

Old Business

Vairs at the Fair: Friday was the trip to Andersonville Cemetery with a stop for lunch at Yoder's Restaurant. It was hot! (100 degrees). Saturday was the parade, there were 20 Corvairs. It was still hot (95 degrees), but there was some cloud cover and a good breeze. The banquet was enjoyable that night.

Vairs in the Valley: There was a Friday night parade through town that had 62 Corvairs. A good turnout indeed!

Committee Reports

Keep them Vairs Running Committee

Russ Thuleen is on medical leave for awhile.

Drive them Vairs Committee: Anticipating a spring cruise for the 5 covered bridges in Middle Alabama.

Calendar Committee

Billy Cannon continues to update. The link for local cruise-in & car shows maintained by Impatient Creations has been taken down.

New Business

November Meeting: will be at St. Francis Episcopal Church November 15 at 7 PM.

Christmas party and election of officers: Date: December 21 (Saturday) Location: Howard Tutt said Jack Green had volunteered his house for the party but he and Valarie were not present at the meeting. Billy Cannon should be able to confirm location and time before the next Oil drop is published. Time: 1:00 PM Dirty Santa, Max. \$20 Gift.

We need to purchase a **Webpage** editor to update our webpage. Cost is \$50.

Motion to purchase made by Billy Cannon, Seconded by Clyde Cork and passed.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM. Motion made by Clyde Cork, seconded by Judi Cannon and passed.

\$40 gas money was won by Brenda Cork

The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 'Northern Regular Meeting' was held In Cullman, Alabama on Saturday the 19th of October at the Golden Coral.

The restaurant provided a spacious separate room for us and was very courteous and accommodating.

When Judi and I arrived Al and Joan Birks were already seated and chowing down. The purpose of the Northern Regular Meeting was especially designed for Al and Joan and others that live quite a bit north and west of Birmingham.

Folks started trickling in and getting their lunch plates full of their favorite foods.

It was good to finally meet new members Steve and Lou Anne Harris from Decatur. They brought along their extremely nice and well mannered grandson Sylvan who rode to the meeting in his grandparents '66 Sport Sedan with factory Air and Radio Delete.

Of course the Hartlines were there and this was the first public outing of Phil's Rampside. Quite the site to see two 'Rampys' from the same family parked side by side.

Also in attendance for his first meeting was Kevin Fahy and one of his many Corsas. Chris Rothe drove his 67 coupe which made the attendance of five Corvair Vehicles at a meeting quite the accomplishment. Thanks everyone!





2019 Vairs At The Fair

Dedicated to our friend, James Law



Always an enjoyable time can be had at the fair! The 2019 weekend event started with a Friday Corvair drive down to Andersonville National Cemetery to visit the grave of James Law and pay our respects. James son, Chris, drove his Dad's beautiful Rampside and parked it under a shade tree while we stood graveside and rendered honors. We miss you James!

A bright and early 'perfect weather' Saturday for Southeast Corvair clubs to stage the 22 Corvairs for the 10:00 AM parade kick-off time. The clubs have two staging areas there in Perry, Ga. First is at the High School Annex parking lot for the purpose of lining the vehicles up according to model type, starting with the early convertibles. As soon as everyone is present and accounted for we move the Corvair Caravan over to the bank parking lot beside the parade start line. As we approach the official start of the parade, dignitaries and VIPs load into the 'verts and we follow the color guard all the way to the Fairgrounds throwing candy and waving to those lined on both sides of the streets. As was the case from last year the temperature was high



enough to deter some of the onlookers from standing in the hot sun to receive their candy. As seen above, Howard had candy left over and provided it to fair goers.

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Forward Control Vans, Rampsides, and Greenbriers are lined up at the back of the caravan so we have a ringside view of the cars ahead.

This year I was honored to drive Mike Gassman's 1965 eight door Greenbrier. Riding with me were Judi, our daughter, and her three children. Many thanks to Mike (Corvair Atlanta) and the Heart Of Georgia Corvairs for making the 30th annual Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair a true Family Affair.





A group of Corvair enthusiasts from across the state of North Carolina first met each other at the CORSA National Convention held in Chicago during the summer of 1974. Enough excitement was generated at this meeting to send the participants home with the primary purpose of forming a CORSA chapter in North Carolina. A state chapter, CORSA/N.C., was formed and since that time, CORSA/N.C. has grown to include four local clubs throughout the state, including the local group, NC Mountain Corvairs. Russ lead Howard and I on the seven hour VCE Caravan through the back roads of Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina into the Nantala National Forest and downtown Maggie Valley on Thursday. This was Howard and I first opportunity to attend 'Vairs in the Valley' and it certainly will not be our last.



The weekend kicked off Friday morning with a long and challenging Autocross course set up by Tony Ellison, managed by Bill Pritchard and was held at the 'Ghost Town Parking Lot'. I flat towed my AutoX '65 Corsa with the intent to drive it hard and not worry about getting it back home. A fifth place time was all I could do but the adrenaline rush was all I could stand. If you have never tried it, you don't know what your missing. (See "Speed Demons" article on page 8)



A Rally course through the North Carolina hills was also conducted Friday morning but we did not participate. Friday evening brought the much anticipated Corvair Parade through downtown Maggie Valley and culminated with a sixty plus Corvair vehicle photo shoot. The excellent cool mountain air weather continued into Saturday's Car Show held at the Town Hall Pavilion and was also the site of the Evening's Awards Ceremony. Top twenty Five awards included Russ Thuleen's Turbo charged Rampside.



Parade Grand Marshal "Ms. Maggie"



Speed demons: Autocross enthusiasts race the clock at Hoover Met

by [JON ANDERSON](#)

October 19, 2019

When most people hear about Hoover Metropolitan Stadium, the first thing they think about is baseball.

After all, it was the home for the Birmingham Barons for 25 years and has been the location of the SEC Baseball Tournament for 22 years.

But there's a sound coming from the stadium these days that's quite different than the crack of a bat. It's the sound of roaring engines and screeching tires.

About once a month, on a Saturday or Sunday, gearheads and motorheads from across the metro area and beyond come rolling into the Hoover Met parking lot for autocross competitions.

They set up courses with cones in the expansive parking lot and see who can make it through the courses with the fastest times.

"We're very careful not to call it racing" because the cars aren't going on the course at the same time, said Cameron Hall, an autocross co-chairman for the Alabama region of the Sports Car Club of America, which organizes the events.

But the drivers are racing against the clock, and it can be quite thrilling for them.

ADRENALINE RUSH

Nate McCrary, a 28-year-old auto mechanic from Hueytown, said he loves the adrenaline rush. This is his second year to do autocross, and he has competed in at least 15 events, he said.

"A friend of mine invited me and put me in the passenger seat, and I was hooked," McCrary said.

He took a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair that his father gave him and rebuilt it so he could compete in it, rebuilding the engine, transmission and brakes. He likes old cars, and it makes him proud that he can get out there in an old car he rebuilt and still be competitive with the newer models, he said.

"It'd probably be sitting in a field rotting away if I hadn't found this sport," he said.

The autocross events draw mostly sports cars, but the Sports Car Club of America allows any vehicle as long as it is wider than it is tall, Hall said. That rules out most trucks and sport-utility vehicles, but a Nissan Frontier pickup made the cut by 3 inches, he said.

At any given event, drivers usually get to go through the course six or eight times, Hall said. They're also required to spend about half their time helping work the course as a volunteer.

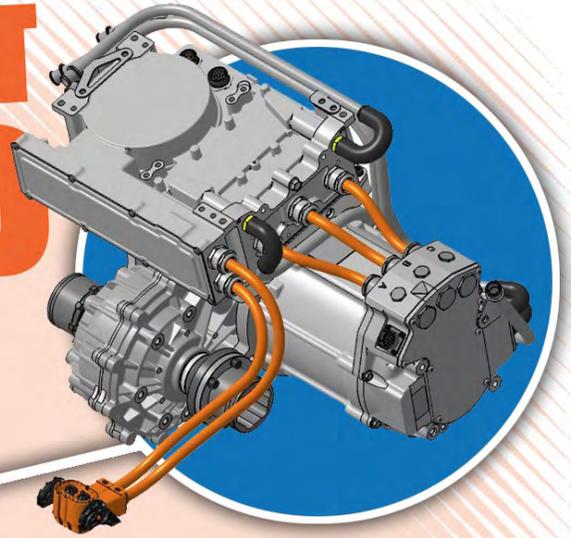
The cost is \$50 per event, or \$45 for drivers with full membership in the club, which costs \$75 per year for individuals and \$95 per year for a family. There usually are about eight competition days per year, between February and November and a "test and tune" day to work out the kinks in cars in January, Hall said.

Drivers can compete in as many events as they like. Awards are given out at each event, and drivers earn points to see who does the best over the course of the whole season. An awards banquet is held in January.



Editors '65 Corsa Autocross car

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED



An excerpt of an article written by Jason Torchinsky and submitted to Jalopnik.com Friday, 18 October 2019.

The idea of converting classic cars to EVs has been around a while, and a number of companies, including some major automakers, have been retrofitting old, classic cars with all-new EV drivetrains. Individual tinkers have been doing this as well, but it's not as easy as you'd hope. Dealing with salvaged EV drivetrains is difficult, with complex control and cooling systems. Now it finally looks like there's going to be an easier way, as Swindon Powertrain is planning on introducing an all-in-one compact EV crate motor next year. The exciting thing about the motor, which they call their High Power Density EV powertrain, is that it's

remarkably compact and powerful for its size. To give an idea of how small it is, it's essentially the same drivetrain used in their EV-converted classic Mini, so if it fits under a Mini's hood, it should fit almost anywhere.

More specifically, the drivetrain measures 23.6 inches wide, 17.3 inches deep, and only 11.02 inches tall. We're talking about a box that's two feet by a foot and a half by a foot here. (Ed. Note: There is plenty of room in the Corvair engine bay for that.)

It weighs only around 154 pounds and makes around 110 horsepower—a pretty decent number considering how compact this thing is, and that includes everything: motor, single-speed transmission, cooling system, and power inverter.

The drivetrain includes multiple

mounting points and it's designed to be flexible enough to be mounted by either axle of the car, front or rear.

I haven't found details about what sorts of battery packs it's designed to work with, but ideally, it'll be able to be adapted to work with battery packs from Leafs or Bolts or Teslas or whatever you can find in your local junkyards.

It's expected to be available around June of 2020, and as of yet, no pricing has been announced.

It's a very exciting idea, the promise of a drop-in ICE replacement, helping to keep classic cars on the road.

This is potentially very good news for hobbyists and small manufacturers. A true, drop-in EV crate motor that just works has been desired for a while, so it's nice to see this finally happening.

Support Your National Corvair Organization

Many Corvair events, such as the National Convention, now require CORSA membership. Don't let your membership lapse. And don't let others support your Corvair interests. CORSA is not only a group of Corvair owners, it underwrites many of our events by providing information, ideas and insurance

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





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MANY Thanks to regular contributors Russell Noble and Phil Hartline!

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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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Prez Sez:

As the year comes to a close, I would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays and thank everyone for their support of Corvair preservation and our part of that mission as well as the mission of our club. As the new year approaches and the celebration of Christmas and the birth of a new year, it is time to renew our commitment of our common purpose, our Corvairs. It amazes me how a little throw away car can bring people of so many different backgrounds together into our club that has become a Corvair family.

There has been many "projects" completed this year. All pointed at preserving the Corvair one car at a time. Some have been completed as a one on one case and others have involved several members. But what comes to mind is how a flood took away one car from me, resulted in parts of that car becoming the life of another car. I am happy to report my 65 more door has officially been legalized in Texas, passing a vehicle safety inspection, insured and now has a metal vintage license plate.

Two cars destined for the crusher have been made into one and will live on. While the journey involve many in the quest to save a car, it has been the journey that means the most to me. The journey involved members of our club and also involved my son. The amazement in him as we installed the engine, totally rebuilt in Birmingham, and his apprehension when we first started the engine. He was insistent we only place the battery cable on hand tight. He was amazed when the car started and ran. Every dad knows how valuable the time spent together with a son or daughter is.

While the engine rebuild was accomplished in Chelsea, my son and I replaced all the metal brake lines, wheel cylinders and hoses, gas tank, fuel lines and filler neck hose and gas gauge sending unit. There was a fair amount of cleaning out what had become a rat hotel in the tunnel and air duct. While my car actually was recovered in a field of an old dairy in Tennessee, it required all the things required of cars recovered from a barn, thus the

VCE Christmas Party:

Saturday, December 21st

1:00 PM

Jack & Valarie Green's House
 5751 County Highway 33, Oneonta, AL 35121

term "barn find". I am no fan of the term as it glorifies the recovery of a sad state of an automobile. I have much more respect for anyone who undertakes such a project, but also question their sanity. There is still much sheet metal work to be completed on the more door, I have come to realize I have spent some serious money to get the car to where it is. Everything that has been completed could be achieved by all most any person, but if not for the time spent with others on this endeavor, I would never recommend this folly to anyone.

While this project will forever be my Texas more door, I have turned my sights to my new endeavor, "PJ", the 64 Monza with a past. This car was a daily driver and a college graduation present for Peggy Joe who lived in Lexington S.C. She commuted to her teaching job with her brother Ted who started attending the same college she attended and then taught nearby.

Peggy Jo (I shortened to PJ) drove the car into the 90's when she retired and parked the car under a carport where it remained until she sold it in 2010 to her dad's first cousin Ed, in Bessemer AL. It was he who intended to refurbish the car but after failing health and other issues, instead sold it to a city of Leeds worker, Mark. Corvairs were not his kind of car and after he realized he was out of his wheelhouse, sold it to me. Peggy Joe also loaned PJ to her brother who used it to haul band equipment for Ted's five man band. The Corvair and a Ford Falcon was all they had to transport the band equipment with!

So, while the car has had four different owners including myself, it has only been registered to date by Peggy Joe. I knew the first time I inspected the car it was special and now I know some of the car's history, realized it is special enough to make the car dependable again and have it's place "on the road again".

Merry Christmas and a vairy Happy New Year to you and yours and I hope to see you at our last meeting of 2019 and our Christmas Party December 21st

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December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Heart Of Georgia Christmas Party Albany, GA 2:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13 Leeds Christmas Parade 7:00 PM	14
15	16	17	18 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Carol Keller	19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Russ Thuleen	21 VCE Christmas Party Chelsea Christmas Parade 10:00 AM
22	23	24	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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at noon Jack Greens house time. Remember, this meeting will also include the election of our officers. There are two seats open, First VP and Secretary. There are nominations for all other positions but all nominations are welcome. While I have enjoyed serving as President, and I am sure I speak for others, anyone wishing to serve is welcome. None of us own our current positions and would gladly continue to serve elsewhere if someone else wished to take the challenge.

Howard

November VCE Meeting Minutes

The Nov 15, 2019 meeting was called to order by President Howard Tutt at 7:45 PM. Meeting was held at the Church. 13 members were in attendance.

New member Jeff Halvorson was present, he has a white 65 Corsa with 100 hp and 4 speed.

Returning member Roy Dutton was also present. He doesn't have a Corvair at present, but is looking.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting A printout of the minutes of the last meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Jack Green, seconded by Russ Thuleen and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Howard Tutt for Russell Noble. There are 31 paid memberships.

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Old Business

Anniston Veteran's Day Parade: Weather was excellent but we unfortunately only had four Covairs this year.

Committee Reports

Keep them Vairs Running Committee

Russ and Jack are working on his motor and axels. Jeff is going to bring his car to Russ (Date TBD) for a closer evaluation of oil leaks and slipping clutch.

Drive them Vairs Committee: Anticipating a spring cruise for the 5 covered bridges in Middle Alabama. Details to be confirmed after the New Year.

Calendar Committee

Billy Cannon continues to update. Please provide any input at any time.

New Business

Christmas party and election of officers: Date: December 21 (Saturday) Location: Jack & Valarie Green's house
Time: 1:00 PM

Address: 5751 County Highway 33
Oneonta, Al 35121

Food will be catered, BBQ with slaw, potato salad and baked beans. Also a meat and cheese tray. Bring your own drinks and dessert to share. If you have a favorite side dish you are welcome to bring it also.

Dirty Santa, Max. \$20 Gift.

Springfest:

Corsa South Carolina has expressed a desire to join the clubs participating in Springfest. The other 3 (Heart of Georgia, Corvair Atlanta and Queen City Corvairs) have approved, and members present also approved including them in the staff of Springfest.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Motion made by Ed Keller, seconded by Jack Green and passed.

\$26 gas money was won by Jack.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rockford Christmas Parade
December 6 @ 6:00 PM

Leeds Christmas Parade
December 13 @ 7:00 PM

Chelsea Christmas Parade
December 21 @ 10:00 AM

VCE Christmas Party
December 21 @ 1:00 PM

DIRTY SANTA

- Place wrapped gifts in the middle of the circle.
- Each guest draws a number.
- #1 chooses a gift, unwraps it, shows it off, and puts it on display. *Gifts must stay in view at all times and remain in their original packaging.*
- #2 chooses to either steal #1's gift or picks a new one.
- #3 chooses to steal #1 or #2's gift or selects a new gift.
- If #3 steals #1's gift, #1 can either steal #2's gift or choose an unopened gift.
- A gift can not be stolen back during the same turn. Example: If #3 steals #2's gift, #2 can not steal the gift back until the next turn.
- A gift can be stolen up to three times before it is frozen. *The gift is frozen with the fourth owner.*
- If #1 has the same gift they started with, and no one has stolen from them, they get to trade with any unfrozen gift.
- This is where the game ends! We hope it was filled with lots of laughter!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

2019 Veterans Parades

Anniston, Birmingham, and Goodwater Alabama



A tradition for Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts is to attend as many Veterans Day Parades as possible! Even though our vehicle numbers were down this year, we were able to fly the Vulcan Corvair colors in three parades. Russ and 'Shorty' joined TBO (The Black One) and I for the early morning Coosa County Veterans Parade that was held in my hometown of Goodwater, AL.

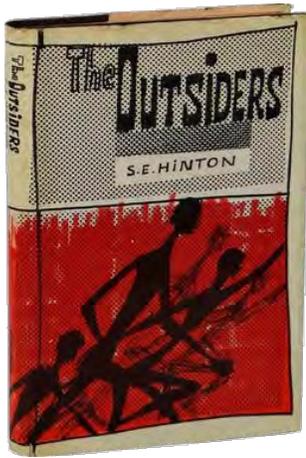
We then travelled to Calhoun County and joined Howard and Richard & Jenny for the Anniston Parade that kicked off at 2:00 that afternoon. Leading our four Corvair line-up was Mike Lanphere and J.C. Crenshaw of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) MG Watson Chapter. As has been the case the last four years, the Chapter's namesake, MG Gerald Watson rode in Richards Red Convertible Corsa. Also riding with us as distinguished guests were: John Clark, Larry Hilton and his granddaughter.

John Cleveland has been associated with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the past few years and has faithfully provided his Corvair Convertible for VIP riders in the country's oldest and original celebration, The Birmingham National Veterans Day Parade.

The weather this year was absolutely perfect and as always, VCE is and always will be....Proud to Serve!







A request on the VCE Facebook Page October 21st was quite unusual in that it was from a teacher that wanted to do something special for her seventh grade class. I responded to her request with enthusiasm and soon the ball was rolling. Danny and Kevin were local to the school so I left it in their capable hands.



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On Friday November 8th at Mountain Gap Elementary we met with Mrs. Erica Fromby and her 7th grade class that had just finished reading "The Outsiders" , a 1967 novel written by S. E. Hinton. As a special project she wanted to show the students examples of real Corvairs because of what they read in some of the following passages from the book:

CHAPTER I

"I could have waited to go to the movies until Darry or Sodapop got off work. They would have gone with me, or driven me there, or walked along, although Soda just can't sit still long enough to enjoy a movie and they bore Darry to death. Darry thinks his life is enough without inspecting other people's.

Or I could have gotten one of the gang to come along, one of the four boys Darry and Soda and I have grown up with and consider family. We're almost as close as brothers; when you grow up in a tight-knit neighborhood like ours you get to know each other real well. If I had thought about it, I could have called Darry and he would have come by on his way home

and picked me up, or Two-Bit Mathews--- one of our gang--- would have come to get me in his car if I had asked him, but sometimes I just don't use my head. It drives my brother Darry nuts when I do stuff like that, 'cause I'm supposed to be smart; I make good grades and have a high IQ and everything, but I don't use my head. Besides, I like walking. I about decided I didn't like it so much, though, when I spotted that red Corvair trailing me. I was almost two blocks from home then, so I started walking a little faster. I had never been jumped, but I had seen Johnny after four Socs got hold of him, and it wasn't pretty. Johnny was scared of his own shadow after that. Johnny was sixteen then.

I knew it wasn't any use though--- the fast walking, I mean--- even before the Corvair pulled up beside me and five Socs got out. I got pretty scared--- I'm kind of small for fourteen even though I have a good build, and those guys were bigger than me. I automatically hitched my thumbs in my jeans and slouched, wondering if I could get away if I made a break for it. I remembered Johnny--- his face all cut up and bruised, and I remembered how he had cried when we found him, half-conscious, in the corner lot. Johnny had it awful rough at home--- it took a lot to make him cry."

CHAPTER II

"The girls who were bright-eyed and had their dresses a decent length and acted as if they'd like to spit on us if given a chance. Some were afraid of us, and remembering Dallas Winston, I didn't blame them. But most looked at us like we were dirt--- gave us the same kind of look that the Socs did when they came by in their Mustangs and Corvairs and yelled "Grease!" at us. I wondered about them. The girls, I mean... Did they cry when their boys were arrested, like Evie did when Steve got hauled in, or did they run out on them the way Sylvia did Dallas? But maybe their boys didn't get arrested or beaten up or busted up in rodeos.

I got the same lecture from Two-Bit after we'd picked up a couple of girls downtown one day. I thought it was funny, because girls are one subject even Darry thinks I use my head about. And it really had been funny, because Two-Bit was half crooked when he gave me the lecture, and he told me some stories that about made me want to crawl under the floor or something. But he had been talking about girls like Sylvia and the girls he and Dally and the rest picked up at drive-ins and downtown; he never said anything about Socy girls. So I figured it was all right to be sitting there with them. Even if they did have their own troubles. I really couldn't see what Socs would have to sweat about--- good grades, good cars, good girls, madras and Mustangs and Corvairs--- Man, I thought, if I had worries like that I'd consider myself lucky."

CHAPTER V

"Johnny sat down and pulled out his knife. "We're gonna cut our hair, and you're gonna bleach yours." He looked at the ground carefully. "They'll have our descriptions in the paper. We can't fit 'em."

"Oh, no!" My hand flew to my hair. "No, Johnny, not my hair!"

It was my pride. It was long and silky, just like Soda's, only a little redder. Our hair was tuff--- we didn't have to use much grease on it. Our hair labeled us greasers, too--- it was our trademark. The one thing we were proud of.

Maybe we couldn't have Corvairs or madras shirts, but we could have hair.

"We'd have to anyway if we got caught. You know the first thing the judge does is make you get a haircut."



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THE MOVIE was released on March 25, 1983. Jo Ellen Misakian, a librarian at Lone Star Elementary School in Fresno, California, and her students were responsible for inspiring Francis Ford Coppola to make the film. Corvair shots from the movie are on the previous page.

Many Thanks to Mrs. Fromby and all seventy of her well behaved and very polite students. VCE wishes them all a bright and promising future. I believe that quite a few of them may become future Corvair owners.





In Search of the Elusive Corvair Head Gasket Resurfacing Tool

A compilation of topic discussion as posted on 'The Corvair Center Phorum' that started five years ago this month.

Jack Green is in the middle of engine rebuild of his '64 convertible and is in need of this tool.

Russ Thuleen actually owns one but has loaned it to someone and he cannot remember who he graciously let borrow. If this article stirs someone's memory, PLEASE LET RUSS KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HIS TOOL!

CNICOL says; "At any rate, the trick is to "mill" them all to the same depth. There should be an indicator scale on the top side. Cut the worst one first then cut the others to the same depth."

SPECTRE (formerly of Heart Of Georgia Corvair) states; "We have a club member who has one, but it is much simpler than that one. It's more like a big hockey puck and one side does EM heads, the other side does LM heads."

VEGASVAIR has one of the tools (pictured below) on loan from an old GM mechanic. It has the cutter that is spring loaded to self adjust to the ID of the head cavity. The model number is 60-65.



The large knurled ring has depth setting numbers on the top. VAIRMECH provides this description; "This one has no cylinder centering so you

need to manually center it before you tighten it down. I have modified mine just a little as I got a wider cutting blade so it extends below the clamp area, that way I have a wider cutting surface so I can get into the squish area also. The cutter needs to be sharp so it cuts not scrape. The cutter is adjustable so it will do early and late size gasket areas.

As was said, you look for the worst looking gasket area and start with that one first. The large ring is the depth setting ring and has a set screw, DON'T crank down on it it only needs to just hold the large ring. Any harder and you damage the threads underneath.

Once the tool is centered and locked down on the head take the lock ring and adjust it down out of the way. As you turn the smaller adjuster to move the tool down do so until it just starts to cut the raised ridge, STOP. now bring up the lock nut until it contacts the smaller adjuster, turn just a little to make sure nothing changed. Look for the alignment mark on the small adjuster and note what number it is on. You can move it down .030 and no more. Any more and you also have to cut the flat of the cylinder head to clear the cylinder register. It has taken me some practice but I can get the gaskets within .002 of one another as measured by a depth mic.

There is a little more to this but that is the basics, practice on a different head that you really don't want. "By the way, I also have the large hockey puck cutters and they are junk compared to this. I have tried to use them and it takes forever to get anything decent for a gasket area and then in order to be exact you need to turn those on the stop quite a few times with pressure."

WILLIAM PIERSON offered; "I have two. One is a Pittsburg Tool Co Model 63. It has adjustable depth. It looks similar to the model 60-65 above. The other is a model 2002 KD. It doesn't have any cutter bars. It is marked 60-64. They both have 3 3/4 inch diameter that fits into the head."

BRIZO provided the picture of the VERSNICK MODEL C and states that in his

opinion is probably the best one ever made!



And finally CHRIS admits;"Okay I'll show my ignorance but with the Versnick and Pittsburg style, do you use a wrench or ratchet on the top to work the cutter?" BRIZO replies; "Either..... I crank my Versnick around clockwise with a long 3/4" box wrench.



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