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## President's Corner

By Dan Terry

We had a small turnout at the Galaxy Diner Cruise In on June 4. Tony and Judy Kruzich won the prize for the best Corvair. In fact he was the only Corvair in the show. Actually Tony & Judy won their class, which was all cars from 1960 to 1989. Congratulations to them!

Also in attendance was Kenneth Falls, John O' Harra, Martin Thomas and myself. Kenneth drove his early convertible, but did not enter it. It was great to see some of our newer members at the show! Tony's car attracted a lot of attention from the other attendees.

There are no meetings or activities planned for July due to the CORSA International Convention. I'm sure we will have some attendees from CAI and I hope we will have some good convention stories for the Connecting Rod.

I finally was able to get my Corsa back on the road with the help of a used odometer from Tony Kruzich. And for the first time since 1985 my overall odometer and my trip odometer now match. Ever since I bought a replacement odometer from Clark's, the over all unit read about 9% faster than the trip unit. It turned out that the gear on the odometer only had 14 teeth where the original had 15.

That's all for now.  
Keep driving those Corvairs every chance you get.



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## Advertising Rates

**CORVAIR ATLANTA** is a chartered Chapter (#303) of the **CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSA)** P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60349. Membership in Corvair Atlanta is open to all. Dues are \$15 annually for single memberships and are payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Family memberships are available for a flat rate of \$20 for 2 to 5 family members. Dues for new members joining between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> are \$15 with an additional fee of \$8 per name badge. Dues for new members joining between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> are prorated from the month joined plus \$15 for the following year with an additional fee of \$8 per name badge. Members not paid up by the February business meeting will be dropped from the club roster and mailing list. CORSA membership is required for all Corvair Atlanta members. CORSA dues are \$38 annually.

Paid-up **Corvair Atlanta** members are entitled to take part in all meetings, activities, and tech sessions, receive the Connecting Rod, a publication of Corvair Atlanta, and all club benefits. Regular business meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month, at a time and place published in the newsletter. Other monthly meetings or activities may also be held. The date, time and place are published in the newsletter. Guests are welcome.

The Connecting Rod is a monthly newsletter published 12 times a year by **CORVAIR ATLANTA**. Newsletter subscriptions for anyone living out of the state of Georgia are available for a fee of \$12 annually. Article contributions are needed and welcome. All articles and ads must be in the hands of the Publisher by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month for the next issue, which is published the first of each month. Corvair Atlanta reserves the right to add, delete and /or edit all submitted material.

Commercial advertising rates for The Connecting Rod are listed in the following table:

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>1 Issue</i>	<i>6 Issues</i>	<i>12 Issues</i>
Business Card	\$5.00	\$27.00	\$50.00
¼ Page	\$7.50	\$42.00	\$75.00
½ Page	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$110.00

## Classified Ad Policy

Classified Ads should be emailed to the Newsletter Editor, or sent to the address on the last page.  
Please type or print legibly if sending your ad via the US Mail.

Classified Advertising is free to paid-up Chapter members, and \$5 per listing for non-members.

Classified ads will typically run in no more than two issues, but available space will be the determining factor.

## July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Yvonne Kirkman on July 9<sup>th</sup>

Wanda Terry on July 19<sup>th</sup>

Al Hilderbrand on July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Send me ([word1@comcast.net](mailto:word1@comcast.net)) *your birthdate!*

## Calendar of Events

July 26-30, 2011

CORSA International Convention - Denver, Colorado

For more information visit [www.rockymountaincorsa.com](http://www.rockymountaincorsa.com) and reference pages 24&25 of the June CORSA Communique.

August 14, 2011

Choo-Choo Corvair Picnic - Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN

Bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs and your Corvair! Event starts at 1pm EST, 12pm CST. For more information call Travis Lowery @ 706-281-5860 or Melvin Hopkins @ 706-278-7107

October 7-8, 2011

Vairs At The Fair - Warner Robins, Georgia

Heart of Georgia Corvairs

We lead the parade on opening day of the Georgia National Fair in Perry!  
Friday night hospitality, Saturday parade, Corvairs displayed inside the fair grounds,  
Saturday night barbecue, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, no judging - just Corvair fun with Corvair friends. Host Hotel is Ramada 2024 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, Georgia. Rates are \$58.00 downstairs and \$54.00 upstairs. For Motel reservations and event information call Lillian Law 229-291-0567 or 229-883-4123 or [lawjandl@aol.com](mailto:lawjandl@aol.com).

November 4-6, 2011

Corvair Affair - Saint Augustine, Florida

Friday night dinner, valve cover racing, and vendors. Saturday vending, car display, hospitality, autocross at First Coast Technical Institute. Sunday morning rally followed by awards brunch. For more information contact Sarah Beltrami ([sarahvair@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sarahvair@cfl.rr.com)) or 386-256-0399.

July 25-28, 2012

CORSA International Convention - Sturbridge, Massachusetts

## A Look in the Rear View Mirror

Let's move on to July of 1985. The 4<sup>th</sup> Date with Helen had some 225 enthusiasts on hand and a parade that Saturday evening to the Mauney House in Cleveland, GA led by the White County Sheriff's Department. The Mauney House Restaurant is long gone but the Sheriff's Dept. is still circling around the square waiting to lead another parade.

Corvair Atlanta had not acquired the Fest Halle to hold forth in yet, so most activities were held at the Alpenhoff South's parking lot. Jeff Champion offered a \$300, eight day wall clock (Champ's Clock Shop) as the Big Prize that year. Dick Witkos from Dothan, AL won it if you are wondering.

I mentioned last month of Plantation Corvairs of Griffin being formed. During their short tenure they held a picnic at Indian Springs Park that some of C-A tried to go to. Indian Springs Park is somewhere off GA 42 near Jackson, GA, Shelter #7. If you found Shelter #7 directly, you would have gone 3650 feet past multiple dead ends and loops. But, there was a lot to do there even if you got lost. They had a beach, a lake, pedal boats, miniature golf, a museum, an abundance of poison ivy and plenty of acreage to lose your kids. Corvair Atlanta brought prizes for the contests scheduled. Winners got T-shirts left over from past Helen shows, PF-4 oil filters, a Guide Book on what wine to drink with fast foods and 50 cents off Coupons for 2000 Flushes product. Also, complimentary Polident was handy for those wanting to participate in the watermelon spitting contest (if needed).

Memorial Day of that year found several of the C-A members at the AACAH/HCMA Show and Swap meet in Cobb County at which a Corvair Class had been established. That was another fun event that met the "Kiss of Death" eventually. C-A generally pocketed \$50 for Club participation.

A man by the name of Wallace Lovell stopped by the C-A tent wondering if we knew of anyone in the market for a couple Corvairs. He said he had a '63 Monza in above average condition and a '66 convertible 4 spd. with 11,012 miles. That drew some attention right away. More probing revealed that he had "about" 16 Cadillacs, 2 Rolls, a '36 Cord, a Packard, a '31 Pierce Arrow, '35 Chevy pickup, a '37 LaSalle and one Jag. This guy had a car show of his own! He cordially invited our Club to come visit one day and sit in the seat of a 1927 Cadillac that Western star Hoot Gibson once owned with the inlaid silver and gold gearshift knob. That invitation actually took place in October. It was also revealed that Lovell had refused an offer of \$200,000 for the Hoot Gibson car.

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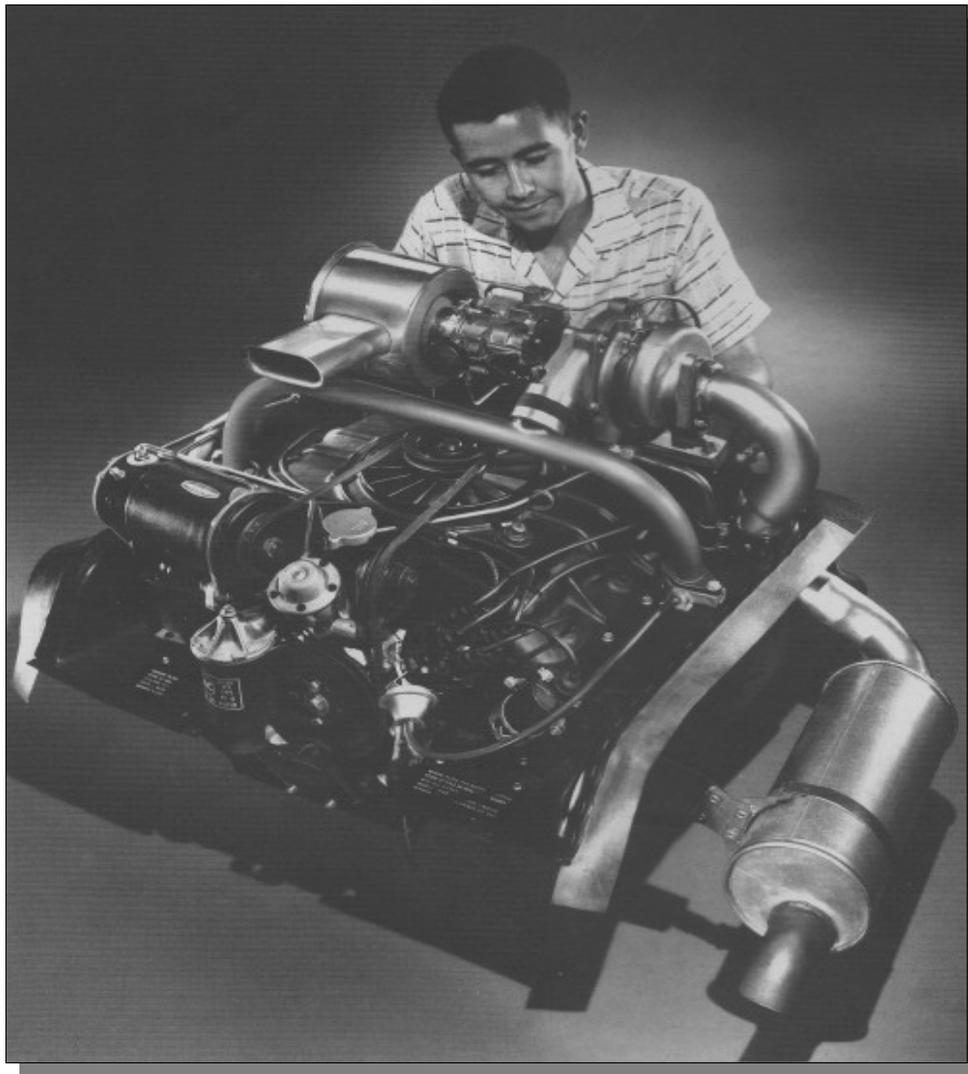
(A Look in the Rear View Mirror – continued)

Choo-Choo Corvairs out of Chattanooga also had a Meet attended by the late Burnie Weddle and Lucy, among others. Burnie won a \$30 door prize of a Permanent, hardly fitting for a balding man or he would have taken it. It was quickly exchanged for 6 pack of Coca Cola. We assume the Choo-Choo Club didn't have any 2000 Flush Coupons handy to exchange for it.

To finalize 1985, popular Roger King reins supreme on being elected by C-A members for another year as "King".

Next month: read about how the 1986 Helen Show had, "Something for Everybody."

**Leeroy 7, your aging Historian.**



## NECC Indy Olympics

### June 16, 17 & 18, 2011

By Raymond Paul

Some of the Georgia boys went North to Indianapolis, Indiana to do a little racing with our fellow Corvair racers. There was Billy Bruce in his 1965 Corsa with a full pit crew consisting of James Law, Corbin Taylor and Mike Dobie. Corbin and Mike came up from Texas to play for the week. Billy and Mike co-drove Billy's car. Scott Trunkhill had the 'Where's The Beef Racing Team' car, a 1965 Corsa. Al Hilderbrand also planned to attend but was not feeling well and was unable to attend. I went with my 1965 Monza convertible.

The weather was great going up, and we got there on Wednesday afternoon just in time to get our cars through Tech. We all went out for a bite to eat and then back to the parking lot for tire kicking and a few lies. That went on every night till about 11:30 PM.

We were up at 6AM every morning going about 60 miles each day in a different direction. Thursday was the Putnam Park road course while Friday was at Muncie Dragway, and Saturday was the Connersville Autocross.

We all enjoyed the week. It is always nice to see our race friends and hear all the stories about their adventures. We had a great time on and off the track.

Here is the web site if anyone wants to check out all the times:  
[www.neccmotorsports.com](http://www.neccmotorsports.com) Go to the "lap times" web page and then to NECC Olympics. Or go to "announcements" and check out the photos.

At the end of the three days they made all the calculations and came up with the rankings for the total scores. The top award is called the John Fitch award.

Top score, and the John Fitch Award, went to Dave Edsinger at 284.366 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> place to John Mark Edmonds at 253.029 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place to Mike Dobie in Billy Bruce's car at 252.498 points  
6<sup>th</sup> place to Raymond Paul at: 231.046 points  
7<sup>th</sup> place to Scott Trunkhill at 228.724 points  
15<sup>th</sup> place to Billy Bruce at 183.594 points

Out of 39 drivers in competition, I think we did pretty good.

It is hard to believe that it is all over. I sure do hope that I am fortunate enough to do it again in 2014 – remember the NECC only does the Olympics every 3 years.

WOW, it sure was fun!

Tony  
&  
Judy  
Kruzich  
win  
at  
The  
Galaxy  
Diner  
Cruise-In



## ***Food Lion Fall Autofair***

*Charlotte Motor Speedway  
Charlotte, N.C.*

***Corvair Display Hosted by the Queen City Corvair Club***

**Date:** Saturday, August 27th and Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00AM on Saturday and 8:00 AM on Sunday

***Cost of Ticket: Only \$10***

This will get you, your Corvair and one spouse/ friend in for both Saturday and Sunday. See our website for more info about tickets.

[www.queencitycorvairclub.com](http://www.queencitycorvairclub.com)

Last day to order your tickets is Monday, August 8th.

### ***New Additions for this year's show will be***

- *A featured Corvair:* This year it will be “Forward Controls”. This includes all vans, pick-ups and campers and all other styles of Forward Controls.
- *Door prizes:* Each driver will receive one free ticket when they arrive at the show with their Corvair and sign in.
- All “Forward Controls” will be displayed at the front of the Pit Road section reserved for the Queen City Corvair Club.
- *Special trophies for the Forward Controls.* These trophies will be in addition to the trophies the speedway gives the club every year.

**Contact everyone that you know in the North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia Corvair clubs that has a *Corvair Forward Control* and get them to bring it to the show. Our goal is to display as many FC's at the Fall Autofair as possible . For more info contact QCCC President, Monty Beaver at 803-285-0285 or e-mail him at [monty@queencitycorvairclub.com](mailto:monty@queencitycorvairclub.com)**

## Classified Ads

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### FOR SALE!

1963 Corvair Spyder Convertible  
Needs floors. Rusty trunk. Straight body. Located in Fayetteville.  
Contact Kenneth for more information @ 404-558-1561  
*(Not a Corvair Atlanta member)*

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### WANT TO BUY OR ?

I am in need of some Early (4 lug) 13" Corvair car wheels.  
Please contact Ken Falls @ 404-213-9935 or [kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net)

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### FOR SALE!

1963 Corvair 500 & 1969 Corvair Monza  
The '63 has custom paint and interior, and the '69 has been recognized by CORSA as a  
SENIOR DIVISION CONCOURS car.  
Some of you may remember these cars from the Burnie Weddle days.  
Please contact Jack or Linda Shanks @ 706-484-0845 or  
[chevelleshanks1@bellsouth.net](mailto:chevelleshanks1@bellsouth.net) for information and pictures.

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### WANT TO BUY OR ?

I could use a right rear wheel cylinder and at least one each front and rear brake drums.  
All for late model.  
Please contact Martin Thomas @ 678-234-0422 or [banjo800@bellsouth.net](mailto:banjo800@bellsouth.net)

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### FOR SALE!

1961 Lakewood.  
White with Red Interior. 3spd manual, 80hp motor (not original motor).  
Runs and drives...I think it's in Fair Condition?? \$1,000 neg.  
Please contact Ken Falls @ 404-213-9935 or [kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net)

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