



# The Chronic Corvair

## August 2011 – Happy Dog Days!

### West Florida Corvair Club #325

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### 1. Minutes of our Last Meeting:

#### MINUTES

JULY 17, 2011

WELCOME: 6 members were present.

MINUTES: were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was given and approved.

ACTIVITIES: Car show on July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Hadji Temple.

CLUB MAIL: Was available for members to read.

CLUB STORES: The usual stuff. See The Ads.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Fall camping trip: We decided to go back to Blue Angel Recreation area. The tentative date is October 14-16. We will hold the club meeting at the camp ground on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was no other Old Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Corvair Lovers Holiday:

Job assignment:

Registration: June Lindsay

Hospitality: Mary Mierzwa

Car set-up: Ed Lindsay

Valve Cover Races: Gary Mierzwa

Door Prizes: Ed Lindsay

Trophies: Ed Lindsay

We discussed how to categorize the cars. We need to come up with a way for owners to figure out whether their car is stock or modified. Possibly something like 1 major modification or 3-5 minor modifications. We will continue to discuss this at later meetings.

Ed cautioned us on Clark's oil filters. He had two come apart on him. He has also read of others that have had the same problem.

There was no other New Business.

Next meeting will be on August 21<sup>st</sup> @ Katherine & Tommy Carter's home in Avalon Beach, FL: 6000 Lurray Street, Milton, FL 32583. Call 850-287-3576 if you need directions.

Mary Mierzwa, Secretary

### 2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

Write an article for the newsletter. Tell us how you got interested in the Corvair. Tell us about an experience you had with your Corvair. Tell us about some Tech Tip that you discovered while working on your Corvair. Don't worry about grammar and misspelled words. We will edit your article for you. Send your article to June Lindsay, 5670 San Vair Street, Milton, FL 32583 or email her at [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net). (See Chit Chat by June Lindsay.)

### 3. The Wonders of Technology:

Email the newsletter editor: [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net)

CORSA @ [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

<http://www.corvairunderground.com/>

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Visit [www.oldcarsweekly.com](http://www.oldcarsweekly.com)

<Speak your piece in forums at [Oldcarsweekly.com](http://www.oldcarsweekly.com)>

Keep checking here for our new website.

Something wonderful is about to happen!

Well, maybe!

#### 4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

Law of Physical Surfaces – The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness & cost of the carpet or rug.

#### 5. Did You Know?

Because many of our members are Social Members, the club will pay a \$20.00 fee for not having 100% CORSA membership. If CORSA requires a 100% CORSA membership in the future, These Social Members will be listed as Associate Members and will not be entered in the CORSA roster.

#### 6. Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

*Note: If your birthday is not listed below it is because we do not have a Birthday listed on your personal profile at the bottom of your membership application. If you would like to be on the Birthday List contact June Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or email her at wfcc@mediacombb.net.*

##### **August Birthday's**

Zorkon the Invisible Mierzwa	08/01
Jeff Kent	08/02
John Stelzer	08/10
Brannon Hunter	08/12
George Ruble	08/20
Tim Jolly	08/28
Mishmish Lindsay	08/30
(Mishmish is Farsi for Apricot.)	

##### **August Anniversaries**

Harold & Louise Hartline      Wow!      08/01/53

#### 7. TECH TIPS:

##### **Keep Those J-Bolts**

By Robert Berry

Page 12 "Carburetors" of the 1996 Supplement of the Corvair Technical Guide

When assembling the carburetor air intakes onto a 140 engine, I discovered there were no J-bolts. It is altogether possible that I misplaced them. I have done such a thing numerous times. After looking frantically for replacements I postponed the job and ordered new ones. I also stopped at the parts store and bought a one inch piece of thick walled, very small diameter vacuum hose. I cut it into four ¼" lengths and slipped a piece over each J-bolt just below the treaded portion. The J-bolts were then installed into the holes in the air intake assembly and the lock nuts added. Now I have J-bolts that cannot be lost when the air intake is removed. (7/95)



Mary and Gary at a past Corvair Affair in St. Augustine FL. Glad to have you back Central Florida Corvairs.

#### 8. COMING EVENTS:

First Friday: First Friday in Milton will be changing its location to a parking lot. We will provide more information when we find out where the parking lot is.

Every Saturday Night: "Show N Shine" held from 5 pm to 8 pm at Burger King on 9 Mile Road.

Aug. 21: West Florida Corvairs club meeting at 2:30 pm at Katherine and Tommy Carter's, 6000 Lurray Street, Milton, FL 32583 located just a few miles south of I-10 (Exit 22) off Avalon Blvd. Call 850-287-3576 if you need directions.

Aug. 27-28: Food Lion Fall Autofair, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, N.C. Corvair Display Hosted by the Queen City Corvair Club. \$10 for car, spouse/friend on Saturday & Sunday. See their website for ticket information: [www.queencitycorvairclub.com](http://www.queencitycorvairclub.com) by August 8<sup>th</sup>. (See June Lindsay, she has a copy of the registration forms.)

Sept. 15-17: Hoosier Auto Show & Swap at Indianapolis Indiana, Circle City Corvairs, Marion County Fairgrounds, Hospitality Friday, car show Saturday, La Quinta Inn, at I-465 & Emerson, 317-783-7751, \$72, Phil Riddle, 317-852-4864.

Sept. 23-24: Corvair Show \* Kingsport TN, East Tennessee Corvair Club, people's choice, judging eight classes, plus hard luck and longest distance driven. Friday night southern hospitality buffet, Banquet Saturday evening. Host La Quinta Inn, 10150 Airport Pkwy (I-81 airport exit 63), Kingsport TN 37663, 423/323/0500. ETCC, P.O. Box 928, Kingsport TN 37660, Jean Bates, 423-245-2723.

Oct. 2: Annual Corvair Heritage Day + Make your plans to celebrate the birth of the Corvair. October 2 is on a Sunday this year. It's also Junes' Birthday !

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**Nov. 5:** Marine Corps League 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Motor Sports Show to be held at the 5 Flags Speedway, Pine Forest Rd., Pensacola FL. Pre-registration fee of \$20 must be postmarked no later than Oct. 15, 2011. Mail to: Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 3491, Milton, FL 32572.

**Nov. 4-6:** Corvair Affair \* Saint Augustine FL Central Florida Corvairs, Friday night dinner, valve cover racing and vendors. Saturday vending, car display and hospitality. Saturday afternoon autocross at First Coast Technical Institute. Sunday morning rally followed by awards brunch. Host hotel Comfort Inn & Suites, 877-940-9501, \$79 per night (includes deluxe breakfast). Sarah Beltrami, 12 Pine Trail, Ormond Beach FL 32174, 386/256/-0399 sarahvair@cfl.rr.com

**July 25-28, 2012:** Corsa International Convention, Sturbridge MA, Northeast Corvair Council.

**Jan. 13-15:** Winter Retreat \* Pigeon Forge TN, East Tennessee Corvair Club, just relax and spend time with Corvair friends at Timberwood Lodge (Formerly Cold Creek Resort) 4025 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN \$55 mention the Corvair, 865-453-0525 or [www.timberwoodlodge.com](http://www.timberwoodlodge.com). ETCC, P.O. Box 628, Kingsport TN 37880, Jean Bates, 423-245-2723

## **9. CLUB STORES:**

\*\* AMT 1/25th Scale 1969 Monza Coupe Model Kits, \$30.00

\*\* T-shirts Light Blue, Dark Blue, Gray, Yellow Brown, M, L, XL & XXL, \$12.00 for Members and \$15 for Non-members. (New Style)

\*\* Club Stickers \$2.00

\*\* Racing Champions Fitch Sprint Special price \$10.00

\*\* Gary had new club patches made for \$6.00 each.

\*\* Clarks Oil Filters, \$7.00

\*\* West Florida Corvairs Hats, \$12.00

Contact the Club Historian and Storekeeper: Ed Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net)

## **10. Chit Chat by June Lindsay:**

### **How I Became Interested in the Corvair**

I knew him for about 20 years before we married because he was the brother of my best friend. I first met him in July of 1971 and for me it was love at first sight; however, it was not in God's plan for me to marry at this time. He drove a Jaguar and was interested in foreign cars when I first met him. Boo! My family was in Indiana and his mother adopted "me and I became a part of his family here in Florida and I kept up with his Marine career and his marriage. Boo! In 1987 he divorced and moved to the

house where we live now. With him he brought several Corvairs from Virginia Beach, VA where he was a member of the Tidewater Corvair Club. He and his buddy, Rob Millensiefer who was also our Best Man, had several Corvairs. Me, I never owned a Corvair. I know this is hard to believe, when everyone else has owned a Corvair at one time or another.

In the fall of 1990 I was bowling one night and just after I released the ball and was following through with my hand, a bolt of lightning came down my thumb and into my heart and I heard a voice say, "Call Ned." (OMG! Don't you have chills? I do every time I tell this story!) I borrowed a quarter and made the phone call and his mother said, "June, we miss you so!" He was not there and she said I will have him here at the phone in 15 minutes and to call back. I borrowed another quarter and made the call again and he answered. We have been together from that moment on.

In 1990 I became the Hospitality Room chairperson for the Corvair Lovers Holiday sponsored by the West Florida Corvair Club. In 1991 we got married and I became the Treasurer of the club, later I became Secretary /Treasurer and after that became newsletter editor. Around 1992 I was Secretary/ Treasurer and Newsletter Editor and continued to do this job for about thirteen years. During our 20 years of marriage, as of July 30, we have owned hundreds(?) of Corvairs. There was only one Automatic Rampside that I could drive and my father-in-law had a white with red interior automatic early model that I could drive. This white early model is owned by Dale Hunt now and I wish that I could buy this car today. I am now a Corvair Nut along with my husband. Oh! Ned is a family name and Ned is Ed to our Corvair family. I know, you have heard this story a 100 times; but I just so enjoy telling it.



**Rob, Ed & June at their Wedding on July 30, 1991.  
Happy Anniversary!  
(See how easy it is to write an article.)**

**11. FOR SALE:**

**New! For Sale:** I have a brand new set of "Nerf bars" (step bars) that fit 2000-up GM Silverado/Sierra Extended Cab pickups. These are black with step pads, "Bully" brand, all the brackets and bolts that came with it. These were bought for my dad's truck by my brother-in-law and he got the wrong ones! His screw-up can be your gain. These things got locally for around \$250-300, but you can have them for \$125! They are wrapped up, boxed and ready to pick up. Call me, Don Richmond, 8220 Florcita Drive, Pensacola, FL 32534, [flatsix145@yahoo.com](mailto:flatsix145@yahoo.com), or phone: 850.380.7053 and leave a message.



**For Sale:** 1964 Monza Convertible, 4 on the floor, new tires, electronic ignition, new battery, wire hubcaps, power top, good condition, weekly driver, needs rear window, \$5000 941-361-7176, [rabbitpg@aol.com](mailto:rabbitpg@aol.com) (FL)

**For Sale:** 1965 Monza convertible, 110/PG, white/black interior, power top, clock, wire hubcaps, bumper guards, dozens of extra parts. I am 2nd owner, 26,400 documented miles. It is in excellent condition and an absolute bargain at \$10,700. I have more information and pictures upon request. Contact Jack at [thekuhns@gibsonmedia.com](mailto:thekuhns@gibsonmedia.com) or call 540-721-5207.

**For Sale:** 1968? Ultra Van, some body work required to reinstall the right windshield. New windshields are recommended and are available. It has newly rebuilt wolf carburetors. Engine has about 10,000 miles on it and needs a tune-up. It has a new Clark's transmission and 3.55 rear end brakes and running gear in good condition. Brakes need bleeding. It has a fairly new air conditioner and an original type generator. If interested call Bob Brown, South Florida at 352-795-9147. \$2500 price is firm. I will trade for comparable priced vehicle.

**For Sale:** (1.) For Parts Only: 1965 "500" Sport Sedan, New Brakes, Mercedes Seats, 110, PG, Extra Set of Doors, Body Fair, Needs Floor boards. There has been no interest in this car so I will be scrapping it soon... \$250 OBO. (2.) Early & Late model Corvair parts, including FC parts, getting ready to scrap out several late models 65-67. What do you need? I might have it! Call Ed Lindsay, [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net) or call him at 994-2161.

**For Sale:** 1961 Lakewood. White with red interior. 3speed manual, 80hp motor (not original motor). Runs and drives. It's in fair condition. \$1,000 negotiable. For INFO, Please call Ken Falls at 404-213-9935 or email [kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net)



Ed bought Mark's Red Crown V8. He calls it "Big Red." Big Red went to his first car show with his new owner on July 4<sup>th</sup> in downtown Milton FL. People would walk by, Stop, come back and look in the side window and say "What the H\*ll is that??? I didn't know Corvairs came with a V8"

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**From the President of CORSA:**

All,

For some time now I have been talking about some of the challenges that CORSA is facing in these changing times. Today I am announcing one of the changes the CORSA Board has made to help with these issues. Starting in January of 2011 CORSA will publish (9) 32 page issues of the Communiqué. The production schedule will be as follows: January-February, March, April, May, June, July-August, September, October, November-December. This is an exciting and innovative approach to how we communicate in this organization, and it will not only save CORSA a significant amount of money in 2011, but will present us with the opportunity to include more content in each magazine.

In addition to the new production schedule, CORSA has a new Feature Editor. Terry Kalp has stepped forward and volunteered to take on the position and will add a fresh, new perspective to the look and feel of the Communiqué.

Also, the CORSA Board members, along with the website committee and other individuals are at this time alpha testing the new website. The site looks and feels completely different than the old site and I know you will be very happy with the end results. I am hoping that sometime in early 2011 we will be able to go live with the new site. I will keep you posted.

Please feel free to post this message on your websites, put it in your newsletters, and send it via e-mail to you fellow members.

Thanks  
Jamie Reinhart  
CORSA President

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# Classy Corvair

The Lakewood's dash is a simple design that's interesting to the eye



WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICHARD LENTINELLO  
OWNERS: MARK AND ARIANNA BASHARA, LANESBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

If you harbor any prejudices against Corvairs, for just this once put them aside and take a close look at this dashboard belonging to a 1962 Lakewood station wagon. Do you see how perfectly its symmetrical design fits the interior space? Do you see how well appointed it is, without being overly decorated? And can you feel its welcoming character making you feel instantly at home? Rarely do dashboards, especially those in lower-priced cars such as the Corvair was, give off that level of hospitable comfort. Yet the Corvair has it aplenty.

The entire dashboard assembly is divided in two, each portion consisting of equally shaped pods on each side that make both the driver and passenger feel as if they're in their own cockpit. The dashboard's thoughtfully padded top color matches the surrounding upholstery, and the steering wheel is color-matched as well, lending the whole assembly a very coordinated look.

The dashboard's main focus is, of course, the decorative unpainted metal paneling that covers the lower part of the instrument panel and radio surround, and makes up the entire glovebox door's outer skin. Each panel is embellished with hundreds of tiny rectangles whose contrasting polished finish against the satin background provides a vertical checkerboard-type pattern that is very interesting to look at without being too distracting; this design was used just this one year. The Corvair's well-designed emblem, in this case a Monza emblem which reflects the car's trim level, is tastefully positioned in the lower right hand corner on the glovebox door.

The radio plate is just the right size for its location in the lower center of the dash, and its outer housing is made of a hard plastic that is also color-matched to the interior.

Below the glovebox sits the

optional tissue dispenser, which pivots outward to gain access to the tissues that are housed within. Its horizontal, fluted façade is plated in chrome, and has a small blue Chevrolet bowtie in the lower right-hand corner, mimicking the Monza emblem above.

The horizontal speedometer's 100 MPH maximum reading reflects this Corvair's limited performance, the result of burdening its 80hp flat-six engine with a nearly 3,000 pound weight. A fuel gauge is fitted on the far left, and the bright metal panel below contains the lights and wiper knobs on the left and the cigarette lighter and ignition switch on the right.

Granted, the dash for the Spyder model, with its individual, round instruments is far sportier; however, this standard dash is very attractive in its own right, and a delight to look at. ☺



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**13. WEST FLORIDA CORVAIRS, INC.** is a chartered chapter # 325 of the Corvair Society of America? We advocate membership in CORSA of which dues are currently \$45 annually. Send Dues to CORSA, P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60439. CORSA publishes a monthly magazine dedicated solely to the Corvair. You may contact them at 630-257-6530, Fax 630-257-5540, Web Site: [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) - Executive Secretary: Harry Jensen [corosa@corvair.org](mailto:corosa@corvair.org), Executive Editor: Mike McGowan [communiqué@corvair.org](mailto:communiqué@corvair.org). **Membership Dues** for West Florida Corvairs, Inc. is presently \$15 annually. We meet on a regular basis on the third Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at a predetermined place for our business meetings. Social gatherings are arranged for family enjoyment as weather permits. Both meeting places are published in our newsletter. Anyone who has an interest in the Corvair is welcome to join us at any of our meetings. **Thinking about becoming a member?** Three complementary newsletters can be mailed to you. Contact our Secretary, Mary Mierzwa or any club officer listed below. **For Advertising or additions** to the Chronic Corvair send to June Lindsay, 5670 San Vair Street, Milton, FL. 32583, Phone: 850-994-2161, E-mail: [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net)

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