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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

It's the last week of April and I'm looking forward to the Canadian Econorun that's scheduled for next week. Our friends at Western Canada CORSA have been working very hard to make this a great event. Hopefully if you're able to attend this one and are registered you've been getting all the e-mails and information that's been going around. And I hope you have your passport too. Mine just arrived last week and it only took four weeks to process - not too bad for government work. Maybe for once I might try to get some decent mileage figures now that I'm not driving the "turbo." With gas now costing over \$4.00 a gallon maybe that will be my incentive. We'll see.

Another local event on the horizon is the Sherwood Cruise-In scheduled for Saturday, June 11th which I'm told has a Corvair category to register in. This is a fun day event. Chances are the weather will be good because I have to work that weekend for Uncle Sam.

Then, the National Convention in Colorado is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 25th and run through Saturday the 30th. It looks to be another great year for Corvair with activities both locally and across (or above) the country. I hope you are able to attend one of these great events.

One last item is our annual membership renewals. You should have received your notice in the mail (thanks Steve Brown) as a reminder that it is coming due. This is a good time to look over the enclosed information and let Steve know if any changes need to be made. Especially if you have a new e-mail that we can send lots of Corvair stuff to—including the monthly newsletter. So, thank you for being a valued member of this great club and family because it is each of you that really matters - the car is just a hobby.

Until next time, "Turn your head lights on" and God Bless . . . Regan



POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please submit newsletter articles and ideas to Ritha Metcalf by the 15th of each month. She can be reached at ritha2@msn.com or 503-936-8339.

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Next Meeting: May 4th Refreshments—Steve Brown

Board mtg at 6:30 p.m. Regular mtg at 7:30 p.m.

Oregon Stamp Society Building, 4828 NE 33rd, Portland

PLUMBING YOUR LATE MODEL SHIFTER

Submitted By: Bill Strickland

Yes, I'm talking about water pipe. As in the oft recommended alternative to rebushing your manual transmission shift tube with a 52" length of PVC pipe.

Yes, you can buy the bronze bushings that almost fit from any hardware store, or, those same bushings with instructions and four tiny screws from a vendor. Also available in the vendor market are plastic (Delrin?) bushings made to fit (no honing). But hey! This is the land of DIY – why buy parts when you have left over plastic pipe just lying around?

I'm talking about American Pi's Ray Sedman's recommendation to bush not just the ends of the shift tube, but the whole length of the shift tube with a 52" piece of half inch Class 125 PVC pipe. The inside diameter of the shift tube is 0.875" -- the outside diameter of this PVC pipe is 0.840 (as are all classes and schedules of half inch PVC pipe). Here is where this idea gets a little confusing. The Corvaair shifter shaft is about three fourths inch OD (0.750"), meaning this class 125 pipe would have to have a wall thickness of about 0.045" for the shaft to fit inside. The trouble seems to be that, at least in our great Pacific Northwest, this class 125 pipe is no longer available in household plumbing sizes, and without a piece of actual pipe to measure, I don't know the wall thickness, or whether it fits over the shift shaft. I do know that Class 200 and Class 315 pipe has too thick of a wall to fit over the shaft, thus the occasional suggestion that one could 'split' a piece of some larger size PVC and get it to fit somehow. Regardless, dealing with the original Corvaair components, one only has 0.125" to play with, including some clearance for movement.

So, back to the bushings I guess, hmm, bronze bushings – mostly copper, eh? How big is copper pipe? Turns out 3/4" copper pipe is 0.875 OD and will fit tightly inside a clean and straight outer shifter tube. Also, the two thinner Schedules (L & M) leave room for the shift shaft, AND some grease.

Since I'm trying to put a late Pi model shifter into this early car project I have, I went for overkill, and after honing, I J B Welded a hardware store bushing in the front of the tube, butted up a length of 3/4" Schedule M copper pipe (it was just 'laying around') behind it, and secured the pipe in the tube with a couple grease zirc fittings, ala the vendor's 'little screws in the bushing' method. [A reamer would probably be a better choice than honing, but my one reamer is the next size larger.]

Will report back if it fails to work as anticipated, but it feels pretty nice setting on the bench. The moral is to never throw out any of that ultra thin-walled cheap PVC pipe that used to be what they sold everywhere, and was never worth buying when you could get 'Schedule 40' and plumb with the big boys!



THE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Two early 4 door sedans—700 w/beltline trim with one good engine 102h, project cars and one could be a donor, rusted floors in both. Call Doug Bell 503-260-8920

1963 Corvair convertible, project car, tons of parts, many new. Extra engines, front end, transmission, and doors. Also new performance parts. \$3,400 everything must go. Call 925-447-3653 or 925-447-0908

Corvair gas tank, cleaned and coated, if you were out bid at the Christmas auction, here is your chance to get one, like new and less money !! \$ 60.00 contact Jerry at 360-260-0185

Used FC parts. Contact Bill Jobs with your needs at 971-235-3804

64 110 Long Block #TI22BYN - Good condition make me an offer. Clarks headers - plated and new \$425.00 invested - asking \$250.00 - Please call or e-mail me jackgodfrey@comcast.net 503-312-6294

65-66 left rear quarter panel - NOS - \$500; 65 140 Corsa coupe project car - lots of bodywork done but needs finishing - stored inside past 25 yrs - \$1,000. Call or e-mail Regan for more details —503-319-4675 or metcalfre@msn.com

'64 rear suspension w/the 3 springs and lower control arms with backing plates \$80; 35 amp generator core \$15; '64 rear brake drums turned and ready to go \$90 pr; '64 pg transaxle core \$150; Set of 4 nice driver quality '65 Corsa wheel covers \$20; Long stroke engine blocks, several to choose from starting at \$35; Lots of other parts available, delivery to the club meeting on some parts. Rex Johnson (503) 871-8099

'66 Monza coupe 140 4 sp brown with black interior. Older repaint starting to show its age, new clutch 12 years and hardly driven since. \$750 John West (503) 364-2680

WANTED

Rear bumper for wagon. Bill Strickland at 503-545-9009

Late model right front fender. Dale Andring at 360-750-9594

Tow dolly wanted (used). Jerry St Jovite at 360-260-0185

Seeking NOS or guaranteed perfectly reconditioned differential gear box for 4 speed 65 turbo Corvair. Saginaw or upgraded highly desirable. Cindy Bethea Email betheac@ohsu.edu Cell 503-539-8060.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I need your help to clean-up the classifieds. Please let me know if your ad(s) should be removed. Some of these have been posted for awhile now. Also, PLEASE send me articles and pictures for the newsletter. My e-mail address is ritha2@msn.com. Thank you—Ritha Metcalf

WEBSITE UPDATE: WWW.CORSAOREGON.NET

A quick update on the website. I finally updated the website with Sherwood and Corvair College photos. Sorry it took me so long. Anyway there is something new on the website. If you are attending the Canadian Econorun be sure to send me some of the photos and I'll see about posting them too. Thanks!!! Mike Mehl

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The response for the Canadian Econorun has been fantastic! So far there are over 65 Corvairs registered, and over 110 folks will be having a grand 'ol time on Saturday night at the Banquet.

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