



The Chronic Corvair

March 2012 – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1. MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING:

The 27th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show

February 24 & 25, 2012

Sponsored by the West Florida Corvair Club

By June Lindsay

The West Florida Corvair Club held its 27th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday and Car Show on February 24 & 25 at the Days Inn Beachfront on Pensacola Beach, FL. After so many years, our car show has become a "Family Reunion." The Days Inn provides a great hospitality room just made for our small club. Everyone stayed in the Hospitality room on Friday night and greeted each other and talked about the Corvair. Mary Mierzwa prepared a "Taco Bar" Hospitality Dinner with everything imaginable to put on a taco, taco salad or burrito and served fifty-four people. Door prize, 50/50 and Animal Shelter tickets were sold and Door Prizes were given out Friday night and all day Saturday. Clarks Corvair Parts gave us several door prizes as well as Modern Woodmen and State Farm. We tried to help CORSA by offering to submit CORSA dues or new CORSA memberships but were unable to get any new CORSA members.

On Saturday, while the cars were being staged in the parking lot, we held our Ladies Tea. The theme this year was "How to be Younger, Longer." Information was handed out of ways to have a healthy heart, mind and body. Each lady received a necklace made by Dottie Furr and we held drawings for other door prizes. One of the door prizes was a

pair of slippers and spa items donated by Modern Woodmen. "Grand Exits" trivia games were played about the Movies, TV Personalities and TV Series Finales. We did not turn the trivia games into a contest and nobody was stressed out! Remember: Ommm!

Twenty beautiful Corvairs were staged on the "Peoples Choice" show and three vendors. All those registered for the show got a ballot to choose their favorite car. The ladies got a special "Sara White Ladies Choice" ballot as well to choose their favorite car. Saturday during the Peoples Choice concours, Ed Lindsay's Corvair engine mounted on a trailer ran 19.44 minutes on a 24 oz. jar of gas and Russ Thuleen was the winner of the "Engine Guessing Contest" and won the amount of \$12.50 with his guess of 20 minutes.

While they were setting up the Valve Cover Track, Karl and Debbie Stelzer set up game boards for a game called "Corn Hole." The object of the game was to try to throw a bean bag into a hole in the boards. Several people enjoyed this game so much that our club might build our own "Corn Hole" game to take with us to our car show as well as to other car shows. There were seven entries signed up for our Valve Cover race and Helen Smith won 1st place, Bill Clemens won 2nd place and Gary Mierzwa won 3rd place. At our awards ceremony we gave out all of our left over door prizes as well as the awards and announced all of the winners of our contests. Joan Birks won the "50/50" in the amount of \$66. Jennifer Creel won the jar of Candy in the "Candy Guessing Contest" with a guess of 70 and there were 77 pieces of candy in the jar. June Lindsay won the "Cat" drawing and Katherine Carter won the "Dog" drawing. (The Dog & Cat drawing made \$83 and the club will match this amount and send a donation to three County Animal Shelters.) Dan Avallone won the Picnic/Hot & Cold bag donated by Modern Woodmen and Judi Cannon won the "U.S. Grant" award. After the awards ceremony forty-nine people were signed up to go to dinner at Hemingway's Restaurant on the beach. This year the food and service at Hemingway's was great.

As always, everyone had a great time at our "Family Reunion." We really appreciate all of the door prizes, food and help that we get each year. Our club would like to thank all Corvair Lovers who attended our show.

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And The Winners Are:

Early Open:

- 1st Troy Phillips, Dalton, GA, Green '64
- 2nd James Law, Leesburg, GA, Blue '64 Display Only
(Like it or not, they got a trophy.)

Early Closed:

- 1st Jerry Moyer, Navarre, FL, Blue '63 Coupe
- 2nd Grady McDaniel, Baldwin, FL, Red '64 Coupe
- 3rd Richard Weidner, North Hampton, PA, Red '64 Coupe

Late Open:

- 1st Jim Bonnet, New Orleans, LA, Artesian Turq. '66
- 2nd Russ Thuleen, Chelsea, AL, Black '66
(Russ and Karl tied for 2nd place.)
- 2nd Karl Stelzer, Cantonment, FL, Red '65
- 3rd Bill Clemens, Panama City, FL, Gold/Black '67
(Bill & Richard tied for 3rd place.)
- 3rd Richard Stolzmann, Springville, AL, Red '65

Late Closed:

- 1st ^{at Carl} Wager, Slidell, LA, Artesian Turq. '65 Coupe
- 2nd Carl Wager, Slidell, LA, Mist Blue '66 4DR
- 3rd Ed Lindsay, Milton, FL, Green '66 CORSA Coupe
(Ed and Howard tied for 3rd place.)
- 3rd Howard Ruble, Pensacola, FL, Blue '65 Coupe

Forward Control:

- 1st Mike Moyer, Navarre, FL, '61 Ld/Side of "Various Colors"

Modified:

- 1st Judy Cannon, Goodwater, AL, '67 Purple Convertible
- 2nd Tom Dudak, Pensacola, FL, Gray '66 Convertible

Specialty:

- 1st June Lindsay, Milton FL, White/Blue '68 Ultravan Motorcoach
- 2nd Ed Lindsay, Milton, FL, Red '66 V8
- 3rd Katherine Carter, Gulf Breeze, FL, Pink "Hello Kitty" '66 500 Coupe

Longest Distance: Richard Weidner, North Hampton, PA. 1180 miles

Hard Luck: – Bill Clemens, Panama City, FL. Bill's fuel pump went out before he left home and his convertible top got stuck halfway down after he got here.

Ladies Choice: Judi Cannon, Goodwater, AL, Purple '67 Convertible

Best of Show: Jerry Moyer, Navarre, FL, Blue '63 Coupe



A row of Early Models at the Corvair Lovers Holiday.



Sara White Ladies Choice winner, '67 Purple Convertible owned by Judi Cannon.



Best of Show winner '63 Dark Blue Coupe owned by Jerry Moyer.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

DUES: Your Dues were due in January. Fees this year have changed. CORSA members are \$15 and Non-CORSA members are \$18.

We had to bill you! Send your dues in the return envelope. If you no longer wish to be a member please let us know.

3. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Email the newsletter editor: wfcc@mediacombb.net

CORSA @ www.corvair.org

Clarks Corvair Parts@ www.corvair.com

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4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

We found out where all the money we saved when we stopped smoking went. It went towards Gas.

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if you have paid you dues, attended our car show in February, contributed a door prize or donation for our car show in February, or registered for the show and registered your car for the car show in February that you have met your requirements for being a member of our club?

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.

March Birthday's

Lynn Ruble	03/07
Tim Ruble	03/11
Mary Ann Henley	03/12
Barbara Johnson	03/16
Jennifer Wilkins	03/16
Nancy Roesle	03/17
Corey Nason	03/17
Danielle Avallone	03/21
Don Richmond	03/22

Anniversaries

Not a good month to marry!

7. TECH TIPS:

DURABLE THROW OUT BEARING

From south Coast CORSA

Page 2 "Clutch & Flywheel" of the 1996 Supplement of the Corvair Technical Guide

The 1984 Firebird and Camaro employ a hydraulic clutch actuating system. It uses a throw out bearing that turns whenever the engine is running and is designed for durability. The bearing is the same size and height as the Corvair bearing for the 1964-1969 standard shift cars. The new bearing is #908404, manufactured by Hyatt. The outer shell is brass colored. It should be available from either Chevy or Pontiac dealers.

8. COMING EVENTS:

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

March 9-11: Spring Warm-Up, Central Carolina CORSA, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the Hampton Inn & Suites Myrtle Beach / Oceanfront, 1803 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach 29577, hospitality , poker run/scavenger hunt, valve cover race, bingo, awards dinner, swap meet and car corral, vendors free with a show registration. Contact: Carol Harris, 2410 Tindal Rd. Sumter, SC 29154, 803-795-9434.

March 18: West Florida Corvair Meeting at 2:30pm at Katherine & Tom Carter's house on Lurray just off Avalon Blvd. South of I-10 at Exit 22.

March 23-24 Performance Workshop * Indianapolis, IN: Performance Corvair Group. Friday: tours at local facilities in Indy that are involved in the performance auto business, evening dinner. Saturday: tech sessions, vendors, featured car displays, catered lunch. More details to follow. Tom Miller, tomill@att.net.

April 20-21st: Springfest 2012 hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvair Club, and Queen City Corvair Club at the Festhalle in Helen, Georgia. Pre-register, save money, help us plan and have a chance to win \$35.00. Concours, people's choice, car display, tech session, ladies and girls activities, drive around north Georgia, 50/50 and raffle for prizes. Valve cover races (Youth under 14 free), Hospitality party Friday night. Friday Autocross, test and tune 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Autocross (must register for show and pay \$15.00 entry fee) Saturday Pancake breakfast, Car show and banquet prepared by our famous cooks on Saturday. Clark's Corvair Pats, Inc. is attending. Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates): available April 19-20-21 Helendorf River Inn 1-706-878-2271 \$138 (\$178 for riverfront) for 2 nights (2 nights minimum); Best Western, 1-706-878-2111, \$64.00 (\$84 for suites) per night with deluxe continental breakfast included; Super 8, 1-706-878-2191,

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\$55 per night; and Country Inn and Suites: 1-706-878-2191, \$55 per night. Make reservations by March 20, 2012 to get Corvair rate, Check www.helengeorgialodging.com for other lodging. Show check-in is at the Festhalle.

May 12: 5TH Annual Panhandle Cruisers National Car Show in Downtown Pensacola between Garden and Wright Street, pre-registration \$25, day of show \$30, send pre-registration to Panhandle Cruisers, 19211 Three Rivers Rd., Seminole, AL 35574 or call Warren at 251-946-3327.

May 18-20: Virginia Vair Fair * Lexington, VA, Central Virginia Corvair Club, Host hotel Howard Johnson's on Route 11 at I-81, Exit 195, 540-463-9181, continental breakfast, discoverourtown.com/hotel/18322.html, ask for Corvair rate of \$69.95 + tax. Shenandoah Valley hospitality, tech session great food, rally on the Blue Ridge Parkway, people's choice car show, model concours, drive-in theater, valve cover race, raffles, vendors, fun for all. See www.vairfair.com and contact Wade Lanning at wblanning@comcast.net, 804-861-5748.

July 25-28, 2012: Corsa International Convention, Sturbridge MA, Northeast Corvair Council. Registration to open in March, but host hotel taking reservations now: Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, 800/582-3232, for special \$99 rate use group code "1207CORVAI." Website: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention>, video [Youtube.com/watch?v=LaQenlus](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaQenlus), Weblog: <http://corsa2012.blogspot.com>

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

I usually try to do all my accounting right after dinner on Saturday night after our Car Show so that I can give everything to Mary the next morning. This year, Ed told me to come and socialize in the Hospitality room instead. When I got there everyone was leaving. Mary and Gary. For me, late night is less fun than what it used to be. My ankles begin to swell and I just am not comfortable. I guess it is because I am getting older. The Mierzwas both had bad colds and did not feel like socializing. I remember how sick I was while hosting the Spring Rally for the Ultravan Club last year. I did not feel much like socializing either. Maybe we will all be feeling better when we go to Helen in April and can socialize in the hospitality room at the Best Western. Our Corvair Family is getting older too. Perhaps that is why so many people turned in early after our Car Show this year. For about thirteen years I was the Newsletter Editor, Secretary and Treasurer all at the same time. I always took all the paperwork and money home and went over all the figures after I got home. It was more relaxing and I did not have to rush. Perhaps, I will do the same thing I used to do just so I can relax after the show instead of working on accounting while being so darn tired.

10. CLUB STORES:

- ** Clarks Plug Wire Sets-\$35.00
- ** 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

11. FOR SALE

For Sale: 1964 Monza Convertible, 110/4, wire hubs and spinners, new tires, battery, brakes, electronic ignition, no rust. Garaged, good older paint and top, needs window. 97k miles. Weekly driver until illness. Pictures available. \$8,850, 850 941-361-7176, rabbitpg@aol.com (FL)

For Sale: 1965 CORSA convertible, dark blue metallic. Wire wheels w/oversized tires. New white top, white upholstery. 400 miles on rebuilt 140hp engine. Headers, dual exhaust, 4bbl Holley rebuilt. Engine bay de-rusted and painted. Chrome "flame thrower" coil & Ignitor II pointless distributor, orange resistor wires with new plugs. Radio and all gauges work. Oil pressure gauge added quartz clock. 19 pictures on web. Clearance E. Nichols, 2448 Columbia Dr., Apt 2, Clearwater, FL 33763. 727-712-8148, psychonichols@yahoo.com.

For Sale: For Parts Only: 1965 "500" Sport Sedan, New Brakes, Mercedes Seats, 110 hp, PG, Extra Set of Doors, Body Fair, Only been underwater once -Maybe twice. There has been no interest in this car so I will be scrapping it soon. Less than scrap metal price \$250 OBO.

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! Contact Ed Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or email him at wfcc@mediacombb.net.

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 or call 540-721-5207.

For Sale: 1961 Lakewood, white w/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.

For Sale: 63 Monza Conv., auto trans/1965 110hp, burg/blk.-red interior, needs top...\$3,200, Call Ken at 678-670-2277 or email kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.net
PS: you can rent a U-HAUL car trailer for \$50 a day.

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That's all folks!

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 - Executive Secretary: Harry Jensen corsa@corvair.org, Executive Editor: Mike McGowan communiqué@corvair.org. Membership Dues for West Florida Corvairs, Inc. is presently \$15 annually for CORSA members and \$18 annually for Non-CORSA members. 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,

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