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Queen City Corvair Club

Charlotte, North Carolina

Chapter 281 of CORSA, Corvair Society of America

From Our President, JC Nelson



OK, we have less than a month of winter left. Spring is right around the corner. It also means that Day Light Savings time begins March 10th, St. Patrick's Day March 17, the first day of spring March 20, Easter, Passover etc. It's a full month which also means that the spring car shows are upon us. Hope everyone has their rides ready for the season.

February's meeting was fun. We have added an interesting new twist to the 50/50 drawing. Make sure to read the articles inside to catch up on what all has been going on. Also check out the events section of the newsletter and pick an event to attend.

We would like everyone that comes to the March meeting to bring suggestions for an outing. We would like to build up a pot of things for our club to do. Let's get out and enjoy our cars and each other's company for more than just the regular monthly meetings.

Get your hotel reservations made for the Springfest car show in Helen, Georgia. The cut off date to get the discounted hotel rates is March 20th. The actual date for this show is April 19th & 20th.

Spence said he will have information for the Spring AutoFair at our March meeting. So if you're planning on attending this outing then make plans to be at the next meeting.



Do You Have Your Thinking Cap On?...Submitted by Dee Charest



At our February meeting we talked about possible club outings for 2013. Rob Fields came up with a good idea of going to the Aviation Museum located in Charlotte for one outing. There were no other suggestions at the time, so President JC Nelson asked everyone to put on their thinking caps to see what we all would like to do as a club this year and come prepared at our March meeting with all ideas. Remember, we do not have an "Activity" person or persons per say. It is really everyone's job to make suggestions.

A New Twist for Pie Crust...submitted by Dee Charest

The next time you make an apple pie instead of making or using a regular pie crust try using a can or two of Cinnamon Rolls, depending on the size of your pie plate. You just grease you glass pie plate and press the Cinnamon Rolls all around the bottom and up the sides making sure you seal all of the seams. Then put in your Apple fillings.



Happy Birthday



From the gang

Birthdays for March

Kathy Lopez-----March 2
Al Rich-----March 4
Ronnie Jenkins---March 8
Joe Hewitt-----March 10

JC Nelson-----March 20
Dan Elsass-----March 22
Merri Williamson----March 26
Netha McKinney-----March 29

Wedding Anniversaries for March

No Anniversaries this month



Happy Easter from Your Newsletter Editors



Up Coming Events

- March 10**...Day Light Savings Time begins. Don't forget to turn your clock "FORWARD".
- March 16**...Foothills Corvair Club meeting is held at the Libby Hill Restaurant in Hickory, NC at 12 Noon. Please note the new meeting time. This earlier start time is to accommodate members that prefer not to drive at night. Contact Dee if anyone is interested in caravanning up with us.
- March 17**...St. Patrick's Day.
- March 18**...QCCC meeting at the Golden Corral. Dinner is at 6pm and the meeting begins at 7pm.
- March 20**...First day of Spring.
- March 23**...Corvairs In The Curves to be held at the Anderson Motor Speedway. Rain date will be May 4th. For more info go to the CORSA/SC website or contact Tony Ellison at 864-964-9835.
- March 31**...Easter.
- April 6-7**...AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway. See page 5 for more details.
- April 13**...Foothills Corvair Club meeting is held at the Libby Hill Restaurant in Hickory, NC at 12 Noon. Please note the new meeting time. This earlier start time is to accommodate their members that prefer not to drive at night.
- April 19-20**...Springfest car show held at Helen, Georgia. Come down on Thursday and join us for fun. See page 7 for more details.
- May 18**...Antioch Baptist Church annual fund raiser for Harry's Hand. Time is from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$15 per car. There will be vendors, DJ playing music all day, a 50/50 drawing, a ladies scavenger hunt and awards given out to the top 25 cars. For more info contact Scott Good at 828-396-8000.
- July 16-20**...CORSA International Convention in Kalamazoo, MI. Sponsored by West Michigan Corvair Club. Host hotel is Four Points Sheraton Kalamazoo (sold out). Alternate hotels are Holiday Inn Express 3630 Cork. Phone 269-373-0770, Best Western 3640 E. Cork, 269-381-1900, Fairfield Inn, 3800 E. Cork, phone 269-344-8300, Candlewood Suites, 3443 Retail Place Drive, 1-269-270-3203 or contact Dave Dykwell at 616-583-9429 or dykwelld@gmail.com. Check your Communiqué for more details
- August 17**...American Eagle Wheel Corporation Car Show, York, SC. More info as we received it.

Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2013.....submitted by Dee Charest

- 1.) **Call to order:** President JC Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2.) **Welcome:** We had 21 members present and 1 visitor. Our visitor was Brenda Williams, a friend of Travis Jenkins.
- 3.) **Roll call:** Secretary, Dee Charest did the roll call.
- 4.) **Treasurer's report:** Al Rich gave the club's financial report and it was accepted as read.
- 5.) **Monthly drawing:** This month was for \$30. Scott Miller's name was drawn. He was not present. Next month's drawing will be for \$40.
- 6.) **Who drove their Corvair:** There were five Corvairs driven to the meeting. Al Rich's name was drawn out from these names and he won a Clark's gift certificate, which he so kindly donated to the Springfest car show as a door prize. Travis Jenkins name was also drawn out and he won an oil filter.
- 7.) **BUSINESS:**
 - A.) JC asked that we remember all of our sick members in prayer and thoughts.
 - B.) Everyone was reminded that newsletter articles are due to Dee by the 21st.
 - C.) Club merchandise.
 - a) Dee Charest has club shirts in a variety of sizes and colors. These shirts have a collar, band on the sleeve and a front pocket.
 - b) If anyone needs a QCCC name tag let Dee Charest know.
 - c) We also have club jackets.
 - D.) Everyone was reminded to keep a check on the club website for all updates on outings as well as "For Sale" items.
 - a) To post items or info on the website, contact Dee Charest at 803-493-2081.
 - b) Remember club members can put Corvairs and Corvair related items they want to sell or buy on the website for FREE.
 - c) Club website is www.queencitycorvairclub.com
 - E.) Jerry Lopez made a motion that the club buy the chips and the water that our club is taking to Springfest in Helen, Georgia this year. Ronnie Jenkins seconded the motion and the members voted to approve it.
 - a) Nicole Kennen talked with Dee Charest after the meeting and offered to check with some of the grocery stores in Helen about getting a special price on these items. She has had a good bit of experience in doing this and she will see what she can do. She said that she has even had some places that for a small fee, will deliver the items to you (meaning the Festhalle in Helen). She will do some checking and get back with Dee before the next meeting.
 - b) While Nicole is checking on the chips and the water, Dee asked her to check and get a price for doing the desserts as well. Of course, all of this is pending on the price. But it would certainly be worth the cost for us not to have to transport these items.
 - F.) Dee brought up the subject of planning some club outings.
 - a) Rob Fields suggested that we go to the Aviation Museum in Charlotte. No other suggestions were made.
 - b) JC Nelson asked everyone to bring one suggestion each to the next meeting.
 - c) Dee Charest suggested we do some kind of outing and the club pays for the food.
 - d) Richard Jenkins made a motion that we not allow our club money get below \$2000. Jerry Lopez seconded the motion and it was voted on and approved.

Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2013...cont'd

7.) BUSINESS...cont'd

- G.) Dee made a motion that we change the way we do our 50/50 drawing and covered the new plan she had come up with. See page 3 of your newsletter for details.
- H.) The motion for the change in the 50/50 was seconded, voted on and approved.
- I.) We used the new 50/50 program that night and Rob & Nicole Kennen took home the entire pot.

8.) Activities Report Past & Upcoming:

- A) COCA Museum in Granite Falls
 - a) Ronnie Jenkins reported that everyone had a wonderful time at both the museum and at Headquarters afterwards. Ronnie has a very good report about this outing on page 9 of the newsletter.
- B) Corvairs In The Curves
 - a) Jerry Lopez reported this event will be held at Anderson Speedway on March 23rd. The rain date will be May 4th. You can go to CORSA/SC's website for more info.
- C) Springfest in Helen, Georgia car show will be held on April 19th & 20th.
 - a) Things are moving along nicely with this show. Everyone was reminded that March 20th is the deadline to make discounted hotel reservations for the show.
 - b) JC brought flyers and registration forms for Springfest and passed them out.
- D) Everyone was reminded of the Spring Warm-Up show in Myrtle Beach, SC Mar. 8-10.
- E) March 15-16th is the Myrtle Beach Run to the Sun show. Ronnie Jenkins reported that this is a very big car show, just not a lot of Corvairs.
- F) April 6 & 7th is AutoFair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Spence will let us know at our next meeting where we will be parking our Corvairs. At the fall show, we were told the Speedway would be rotating us each time. But Spence won't know anything for sure until our next meeting.
- G) Spence will be selling tickets to AutoFair at our March meeting. This will be the last meeting before AutoFair, so come prepared to buy your tickets at this meeting. See page 5 of your newsletter for more details.

9.) Members Cars

- A) Papa J reported that everything on Dennis & Jimmie Findley's 1965 Corvair Corsa is out of the car except the steering gear. Dennis is not having a total restoration job done on this car, but Ronnie Tucker is doing the paint and body work and it is going to be really nice when finished.
- B) Ronnie has his '66 Corvair in the Papa J's Toy Shop. See page 9 for more details.
- C) Jerry Lopez reported that the engine for his Corvair is at Papa J's Toy Shop.

10.) Final Comments:

- A. JC asked for any final comments, which there were none and then wrapped up the meeting with a closing prayer.

Classified Section

For Sale: 1966 LA built, 500 with factory AC (AC does not work), 140 engine, 4 speed transmission, good tires. Does not have smog on it and it does need to be restored. All numbers match. Was apparently a special order car and sent to Phoenix, Arizona. Car is now in Manning, SC. For more info contact Jerry Brown at 803-225-0005. Price is \$3000 Firm.

For Sale: 1965 Monza with a 110 engine, automatic transmission, new interior, AC that works and new 185-70 13 inch black wall tires. Asking price is \$3600. For more info contact Jerry Brown at 803-225-0005.

Don't forget to bring your suggestions for a club outing to the next meeting scheduled for March 18th.



New Twist to Our 50/50 Drawing...submitted by Dee Charest

I was thinking recently (which I know many of you are sitting there shaking your heads and saying that alone is very dangerous) but anyway, I was thinking what we could do to make our 50/50 drawing a little more interesting. Something that would maybe get more involvement from everyone and something that could possibly benefit our members even more. And this is what I came up with.

We tried it at our last meeting and it seemed to go over really well. We can try this for a while, and then if anyone else would like to put their thinking caps on maybe we can come up with something else with a little different twist later. Here's how it works.

1. We will sell our 50/50 tickets same as always. (\$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets or the real bargain is \$10 for 40 tickets).
2. At the end of the meeting a ticket is drawn out.
3. The person holding the winning ticket will then reach into a container that holds slips of papers that has either the word "CLUB" written on it or the word "MEMBER" written on it.
4. If they draw out the slip of paper that says "CLUB", the winner will get ½ of the money collected that night for ticket sales and the club gets the other ½. This is the way we have always done it.
5. IF the person holding the winning ticket draws out of the container a slip of paper that says "MEMBER" on it, then that means that person gets every bit of the money that was collected from the ticket sales and the club gets nothing.
6. Either way the person with the winning ticket for the night is going to take home at least ½ of the money collected. But now they have a chance to take it all home.

At our last meeting Rob and Nicole Kennen had the winning 50/50 ticket. Rob reached in the container and pulled out a slip of paper that said "MEMBER" and they took home the entire amount of money collected from ticket sales for that night and the club got nothing. The total amount of money collect for the night was \$54. So you see the old way of playing the game was Rob and Nichole would have only taken home \$27, but instead he took home the entire \$54 by drawing out the word "MEMBER". These members have always been very lucky ever since joining our club. Their first night attending a meeting they bought 50/50 tickets and their ticket was drawn out. Hummmm... we're going to have to watch this couple.

At our March meeting tickets for AutoFair will be sold, so our attendance probably will be higher than normal. This should only mean one thing and that is that the 50/50 "Pot" should be bigger. So you don't want to miss out. Who knows? You could take home enough loot to pay for your trip to the Springfest show in Helen, Georgia.

AutoFair...submitted by Dee Charest

The Spring AutoFair Car Show will be held on April 6th and 7th this year. Our next Queen City club meeting, which is scheduled for March 18th will be our last meeting before the AutoFair show, because our April meeting falls after the AutoFair show. So what this means is we need to pay Clare and Spence for our tickets at our March meeting.

For our new members this is a real deal. For the low price of only \$10 this will get you, your spouse and your Corvair (only) in for both Saturday and Sunday. If you can not go both days, you need to tell Clare what day you plan on attending, as the tickets are only good for the day that is printed on the tickets. The club always takes two tents out there for our members to use and a couple of tables that are used to put snacks, club merchandise, paper work etc. on. Everyone attending is asked to bring some kind of snack food (cookies, peanuts, chips, etc.) to put on the tables and share with all of our members. There are plenty of food vendors out there if you would like to buy your lunch there or many of use take a small cooler and bring our own sandwiches and drinks. Everyone will need to bring their own lawn chair to sit in also. This is another fun show and everyone is ready for it since for the most part it's the beginning of the car shows and they are tired of being cooped up in their homes. If you write a check to pay for your tickets make it out to the Queen City Corvair Club.

Status Symbols...Submitted by Ken Norcross



I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener. I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think. I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans. I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it. I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and call it "Pumping Rust".

What you should know about tires and how to make them last longer

Submitted by Dee Charest & Copied from OLD CARS magazine May 9, 1996

People think of a tire as a circle. While this is more true of radials than conventional tires, no tire remains circular when carrying weight and rolling. Add the thrust of an engine and you have another force throwing the tire out of circular shape. A tire is constantly flexing. The average car tire rotates about 750 times per mile. With every revolution, each square inch of steel, cord and rubber compound flexes. At highway speeds, a tire is like a machine with thousands of moving parts. It wears within every wire, every thread and every molecule of rubber. Not just where the rubber meets the road.

Tire motion creates heat, a tire's worst enemy. Anything done to reduce the running temperature of a tire makes it last longer. The faster you drive, the more heat builds up. There are ways to control heat build up. You can reduce your speed, maintain proper air pressure, install the correct size tire and control the load. Proper air pressure cuts flexing to a minimum and reduces temperatures. Ideal air pressure is a compromise between a soft and a hard ride. High pressure rounds the tread out and causes center tread wear. It can also strain the tire body. Low pressure will cause uneven tread wear on the edges, excessive flexing and a hot tire. This results in uneven tread wear and ultimately premature tread and body failure. An over-inflated or under-inflated tire can be damaged internally. You may never see the worst of the damage until the tire fails completely.

The hotter the tire gets, the greater the damage. Over-inflated, underinflated (and also overloaded tires) running at high speeds build up enormous heat inside. This causes tread and ply separations and blowouts.

Use recommended air pressure in your tires, or a little more if you carry heavy loads or go long distances at high speed. Never go way above or below recommended pressures. Never bleed your tires (release air to compensate for heat build up). Tires are designed for higher pressures when they get hot. When cold, they will become under-inflated. Fill the tires to proper pressure when they're cool, not hot. Leave them at that pressure, regardless of heat build up.

Tire distortion starts at around 65 mph and increases dramatically every mph thereafter. At 80 mph the distortion of a tire is far beyond what you would imagine. However, speed-rated steel-belted radials are wrapped outside the steel belts with nylon belts that shrink when the tire gets hot. This helps to reduce distortion at high speeds, but does not eliminate it. Distortion is the effect of centrifugal forces trying to tear the tire off the rim. Your tire takes many shapes as it flexes and distorts. When negotiating curves at high speeds, distortion increases. When you make a turn, the weight of your car keeps trying to move forward. Your tire absorbs this by resisting lateral pulling forces.

It would be nice if tires wore evenly, but they don't. Front tires wear two to three times as fast as rear tires. The right front tire usually wears the fastest. Therefore, tires should be rotated regularly, meaning at least every 5,000 miles, to ensure tread wear. A common misconception is that radials shouldn't be cross rotated. This is not true and all major manufacturers recommend that you cross rotate.

The recommendation is that drive tires stay on the same side and you cross rotate the non-drive tires. Tires should always be replaced while there is some tread left. It is not only illegal to drive on bald or near-bald tires in most states, it is dangerous. Even though your tires were balanced when new does not mean the balance will last for the life of the tire. As a general rule, a tire should be balanced yearly or every 12-15 thousand miles. Balancing maintains smooth rolling tires and greatly increases the tire life.

Old cars need special considerations regarding tires. Since they aren't driven every day, it seems the tires should last longer. However, that is somewhat of a misassumption. Like a car needs to be used regularly, so do tires. Tires develop hard spots from sitting for extended periods. Cords and wires fatigue at the points of the greatest weight when the car is just sitting in the garage for long periods.

Chemical compounds in tires break down from age, whether the tire is rolling or sitting. Smog and various elements in the atmosphere also attack tires whether standing or rolling. Ozone is most damaging. It is created by electric motors when they are running. Don't store tires near your washing machine or dryer.

Temperature changes affect all tires, even those sitting in an unheated garage for years. The average steel-belted radial will last about 80,000 miles. That's up to five years on a regularly driven car. That same tire may last twice as long if the car is driven 5,000 miles in the same period, but it probably won't last over six or seven years, even if it only has 10,000 miles. Manufacturers consider four years the "life" of tires and rarely guarantee them longer. Bias-ply tires are susceptible to failure after eight to ten years. If you buy an old car with seemingly good tires that have been on the car for a long time, it is a good idea to replace them.

How do you know if a tire is old? The design, model and codes are ways to tell. The last four digits in the DOT number indicate date of manufacture. The first two show the week and the last two shows the year. (3495 would be the 34th week of 1995). If a car rides hard after replacing shock absorbers, suspect tire problems. Old tires usually have a lot of cracks that show when you lower the tire pressure or add a load. Higher grade tires will outlast lower grade tires by years, but all tires come to the end of the road eventually. It happens even when a car just sits. In fact, especially when a car just sits.

Springfest, Helen, Georgia...submitted by Dee Charest



MARCH 20TH. This is the date to remember because it is the dead line for making your room reservations for the Springfest car show, in Helen, Georgia April 19th & 20th. If you have not already made your room reservations get on the phone and call now before you forget and miss out on the special room rates for all Corvair people. You don't want to wait until all the rooms are sold out and this has happened before. Just ask Marvin Crook. One year he had to put his name on a waiting list to see if anyone canceled out ☹ He lucked up and someone did cancel, but you may not be as lucky. Call now while you still have a choice on where you can stay.

A lot of us go down on Thursday before the show begins and start setting up some things. We can not get into the Festhalle, until 12 Noon on Thursday. We'll work/play for a while, and then we'll go out to a nice local restaurant for dinner together. When making your room reservation the special rate applies for this day (Thursday) also.

Special Corvair room rates apply at the following hotels:

Helendorf River Inn-----706-878-2271---\$69 per night

Best Western-----706-878-2111---\$64 per night with Deluxe Continental breakfast included

Super 8-----706-878-2191---\$55 per night.

Country Inn and Suites---800-456-4000---Call for rates.

Queen City Corvair Club will once again be in charge of the Friday night meal. If you would be willing to help out Friday night please let Dee Charest know. We will need people to grill the hot dogs and hamburgers (the QCCC guys usually do this) and people to help out in the kitchen (the QCCC ladies usually do this). Then everyone helps on the serving line once the folks start coming in to eat at 6:30pm. I will need to know right away the names of anyone that is going to be willing to help work this week-end. As far as Friday goes with the cooks and the kitchen helpers, we've got 99.9% of the bugs worked out and this goes really quick and easy. So it's not like we stay in there all day and it's not really hard. We have time to enjoy the show and socialize with the people attending the show as well. On Saturday we will be free all day except for the Concours judges and the tally team but they won't spend the entire day doing this job either. Remember if it rains this year on Saturday, the Concours will be moved to the portico at the Best Western. On Friday night and Saturday night after everything breaks up at the Festhalle, most of the people move on over to the Hospitality Room located upstairs at the Best Western and we continue to have more fun and there is no charge to attend and it is just for those attending the car show.

If anyone has any questions about the show or any of the areas our club is responsible for covering please give me a call at 803-493-2081 or dickndee99@gmail.com. If you have never been to this show before you've missed out on a lot of fun things. We hope to see everyone there this year and a lot of new faces as well.

The '60 Chevrolet Corvair Versus Ford's Falcon and Chrysler's Valiant

Submitted by Dee Charest and Written by Tim Howley

The following article was given to us a long time ago and I have no way of knowing what newspaper it came out of, who gave it to us or when, but I hope everyone enjoys.

For 1960, Chevy answered the imports with the most unique six ever built—the compact Corvair. The Corvair had a horizontally opposed, overhead-valve, air-cooled six with an aluminum block. This 140-cid"pancake" engine developed 80 hp at 4,400 rpm with two one-barrel carburetors.

The standard three-speed manual transmission had a floor-mounted gear shifter. Its unique suspension system and rear mounted transaxle drive set up were radical departures from any other American car of the day.

The body was unitized. The only body style at introduction time—October 2, 1959—was a four-door sedan. It was offered in two series. In January a two-door club coupe was added in two series. By February, there was a sporty Monza club coup. It had an optional 95-hp engine and four-speed transmission (available for all models). Power glide transmission was also optional in any Corvair.

It was the year's most unique car. The Corvair not only looked contemporary, but it was pleasingly proportioned on a 108-inch wheelbase. It stood a mere 51½ inches high. It was 180 inches long overall. Four-wheel independent suspension, a floor-mounted three-speed manual transmission and the first American air-cooled engine since the King Midget all served to make the '60 Corvair a breath of fresh air.

The '60 Chevrolet Corvair Versus Ford's Falcon and Chrysler's Valiant...cont'd

By comparison, the '60 Ford Falcon was a most conventional car. It had a 144-cid, 90-hp, overhead-valve, in-line six with a single-barrel carburetor.

The Falcon's three-speed manual transmission had a column shift and the drive train was totally conventional. Besides the three-speed Ford-O-Matic was optional. The suspension featured front coil springs, and rear semi-elliptic leaf springs.

Falcons came in only one series with a deluxe-trim package optional. Body construction was unitized. One advantage over the Corvair was the offering of two station wagon models, in addition to two and four door sedans. Falcon offered no answer to the sporty Monza coupe until 1961

The Falcon was slightly larger than the Corvair, sitting on a 109.5-inch wheelbase. It stood 54.5 inches high and stretched 181.1 inches overall.

Chrysler answered the other compacts with the stylish Valiant. It featured a 30-degree incline, overhead valve "Slant Six" with 170 cu.-inch displacement. This motor developed 101 hp at 4,400rpm. Carburetion was provided by a single-barrel model.

Valiants had a three-speed manual transmission with gear shift on the floor, a conventional drive train, Torsion-Aire front suspension and semi-elliptic leaf rear springs. Automatic transmission was optional.

In its first year, the Valiant was not identified as a Plymouth, which it later became. In 1960, it was actually assembled by the Dodge Division, but sold mainly by Plymouth dealers. Body construction was unitized. There were two series, with a four-door sedan and six and nine passenger station wagons in both series.

Valiants had a wheelbase of 109.5 inches an overall length of 184.0 inches and a height of 53.3 inches. There was no two-door version until 1961.

So how did the Corvair stack up to its direct competitors? According to Motor Trend, the original Corvair with the three-speed manual transmission could accelerate from 0-60 in 21.2 seconds and had a top speed of 88 mph. Critical 50-80 mph highway acceleration was 24 seconds. Plus, it handled well at all speeds. Motor Trend rated its mountain driving better than that of the Falcon and Valiant and its highway driving was rated equal to Falcon and Valiant. Sales-wise, the Corvair's big limitation was having its luggage space in front and not offering a station wagon that first year. Its poorest feature was gas mileage, which was 20.7 mpg over all.

The Falcon had a 0-60 time of 21 seconds, a top speed of 85 mph and 50-80 mph acceleration of 29.8 seconds. In the total picture, Motor Trend said it handled equal to Valiant in the mountains, but not as good as the Corvair.

Those who drove the Corvair either loved it or hated it. There was no in between. But anybody could accept the Falcon. Among its best features were its quality of construction and average gas mileage of 25.6 mpg.

The Valiant was the quickest of the three and actually a happy compromise between the other two. It had a 0-60 time of 17.2 seconds, a top speed in the 100 mph range and it covered the 50-80 mph range in 22.4 seconds. Motor Trend thought that it rode better than the Corvair and the Valiant, was as good as the Falcon in the mountains, but not as good as the Corvair. They did not think that the quality of construction was as good as that of the Corvair or Falcon. While they complained about the Corvair's gas mileage, they found the Valiant's even worse, with an 18.9 mpg average.

When model year 1960 ended, the Corvair's production total was 250,007 cars. That compared to 435,676 Falcons and 134,292 Valiants. Not counting the station wagons, the Falcon's production was still 361,366 vehicles.

Even though Chevy had outsold Ford in most years since 1936, its unconventional Corvair could not compete with the conventional Falcon.

Windshield Wiper Switches...Submitted by Dee Charest...copied from Corvairs of New Mexico & Written by Dennis Pleau

The windshield wipers on my '65 Monza became unreliable a couple of months ago. I needed to wiggle the knob more and more every time I used them. The washer became unusable. Although this switch was never designed to be repaired, it is easily repaired. I disassembled and cleaned the switch and it is as good as new. Although the switch is to the best of my knowledge original, it showed no wear internally.

Windshield Wiper Switches...cont'd

The procedure to clean the switch is as follows:

1. Remove the fuse from the fuse block for the windshield wipers.
2. Remove the knob. Loosen the set screw at the bottom of the knob and pull it off.
3. Remove the nut which holds the switch to the dash and push the switch out the back side of the dash.
4. Pull both connectors off the back of the switch.
5. Lightly clamp the switch in a vise, with the connector end up. Be sure not to distort the threads with the vise.
6. Using a hammer and a dull punch bend the three crimps which hold the "Bakelite" bottom of the switch to the metal housing of the switch to release the "Bakelite" bottom.
7. Slowly remove the bottom, paying attention to the position and orientation of the internal parts.
8. Inside you will find a flat piece of brass with a few bumps on it. Polish the bumps. I used a buffing wheel on my grinder; 600 grit sandpaper should also work fine.
9. Polish the copper and brass bumps on the Bakelite bottom.
10. If you have a windshield washer, make sure to polish the two contacts in the center of the bottom and the brass stem which comes through from the windshield washer button.
11. Re-assemble the switch. Do not force anything. All parts in the switch are keyed and will only fit one way.
 - 11.1 Hold the housing with the threaded end down.
 - 11.2 Insert the shaft through the housing. Rotate until it drops down as far as it will go.
 - 11.3 If you have a window washer, place the tapered spring around the shaft with the narrow end down.
 - 11.4 Place the straight spring over the ears.
 - 11.5 Place the flat brass contact plate on the fiberboard piece. The brass piece goes on the black side. Align the ears with the proper slot. Insert this assembly on top of the springs and line up with the ears.
 - 11.6 Align the tab and place the Bakelite bottom. Using a dull punch and hammer, bend the housing tabs back over the bottom.
12. Connect the wires and re-mount the switch in the dash. Replace the fuse.

NOTE:

Since the switch provides ground to the windshield wiper motor, the switch needs to be grounded (tightly mounted in the dash) before the windshield wipers or windshield washer will work.

Fun Was Had By All...Submitted by Ronnie Jenkins



I would like to personally thank Scott Good and the "Good" crew for a day to remember. On Saturday February 19th Cathy & Jerry Lopez, Mom & Dad, and Patti and I met up for breakfast in Clover, SC. After a good meal we caravanned to Granite Falls, NC. Scott Good had made arrangements for the QCCC members along with a few other car clubs to visit an antique vending machine museum. Wow! What a place. Allen Huffman, the museum owner has an amazing collection of Coca Cola and other drink machines, with about 900 machines displayed in several long rows. There are some very early models, some very rare (only one known to exist) models and just about any model drink vending machine ever made. Did I say, this place is amazing?

After leaving the museum, we headed over to Scott Good's Headquarters. He has collected so much neat and rare stuff that a second building has been built. Scott's collection is truly amazing and he seems to enjoy having folks over to "Oooh and Ahh" over all his stuff. The "Good" crew really out did themselves with their hospitality. They cooked hot dogs with all the fixings, drinks and desserts for all to enjoy.

The '66 Convertible that I bought from Miss Dee is just about ready to start driving. On Saturday morning February 16th, the day of the beautiful snow, I took the car to Papa J's for help with installing an electric fuel pump. Like always, one thing led to another. The engine bay wiring harness was hard and brittle so Pop started yanking wires out. He did a very neat job of rebuilding the harness, installed a '65 AMP alternator and converted the back up lights to brake/tail lights. There is now an accessory fuse block in the trunk to power the fuel pump and power seat. The car now rides on new 15" tires and a set of alloy wheels and we lowered the front by cutting one round out of the springs. I have loosened and retightened all of the rusted and frozen suspension and steering adjusting points so that the alignment shop can perform a proper 4 wheel alignment.

The Myrtle Beach Spring Warm-Up show is almost here. The Central Carolinas Corvair Club always puts on a fun and enjoyable show. So let's all clean our cars, top off the gas tanks and head to the coast to show our support. In closing I would like to ask everyone to please keep my mom in your thoughts as she continues her radiation treatments.

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Meetings

QCCC meetings are held every third Monday of the month at the Golden Corral located at 9430 South Blvd. in Charlotte, N.C. All members and interested guest are welcome to join us for dinner at 6:00pm, prior to the meeting at 7:00pm. You do not have to own a Corvair to attend or to join our club. Everyone is welcome.