



The Chronic Corvair

May 2012 – Club Picnic – Karl is Cooking!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1. MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING:

MINUTES

April 15, 2012

WELCOME: 3 members were present.

MINUTES: Minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was given and approved.

CLUB STORES: The usual stuff. Ed is going to take t-shirts to Helen to sell. We will also look for things to add to the club stores while we are up in Helen.

CLUB MAIL: None.

ACTIVITIES: Car shows galore.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring picnic: We decided to camp and have the spring picnic during the camping. The dates are May 18-20th with the picnic/meeting to be on May 19th. We are going to Blue Angel Navel Recreation Area. Picnic starts around 1pm. Come early, stay late if you are coming for the day. **Food:** We are going to asked Karl Wiggins to do barbeque for us again. If he is unavailable, then we will grill steaks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. The

club will provide plates, plastic ware and drinks. (UPDATE: Karl has agreed to do barbeque for us, so bring your appetite.)

Don't forget the Helen, GA show, April 20-21.

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corporation papers have been filed for the year.

There was no other new business.

Next meeting will be at Blue Angel Navel Recreation Area on SATURDAY, May 19th, sometime during the spring picnic.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

The Corvair Lovers Holiday was a big success and we will celebrate by Camping and having a free club picnic and club meeting on Friday, May 18th through Sunday, May 20th at the Blue Angel Naval Recreational Area, 2100 Bronson Road, Pensacola, FL 850-453-9435/4530 or bluaglpk@aol.com on Perdido Bay. On Saturday, May 19th, the picnic will start at 1:00 pm. Our friend, Karl Wiggins, will be doing the cooking. Yeah! Sometime after the picnic we will hold our monthly club meeting.

You can fulfill your obligation as a member by attending this event. If you need a cabin, tent, RV or Trailer site, call Mary at 850-994-5299 so we can put your name on the list at the gate. Also, if you need to get in touch with us at the campground, call Ed at 850-287-3576.

To get to the Blue Angel Naval Recreational Area take I-10 to exit 7 and go South on Pine Forest Rd then turn right on Blue Angel Parkway after the fire station caution light that is after Five Flags Speedway. Continue on Blue Angel Parkway for several miles to Hwy 98. Turn right on Hwy 98 and go 3.8 miles and turn left on to Bronson Rd and follow to campground.

If you can't go camping, please try to come to our picnic and meeting on Saturday the 19th at 1:00 pm and bring a dish to share.

Be there or be square!

3. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Email the newsletter editor: wfcc@mediacombb.net
CORSA @ www.corvair.org
Clarks Corvair Parts@ www.corvair.com
Corvair Ranch @ <http://www.crvairranch.com>
Visit www.oldcarsweekly.com
<Speak your piece in forums at Oldcarsweekly.com>

4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

Never say anything uncomplimentary about another person's Corvair.

My Pet Peeve! By June Lindsay

I don't like it when someone bad mouths someone else's Corvair no matter how humble it may be. It is like bad mouthing their baby. When bad mouthing is repeated by someone else it is even worse. Constructive criticism given directly and in the right context is a good thing. However, constructive criticism given indirectly such as from another person rather than from the horses' mouth is hearsay. Let the horse speak for himself. In most cases the hearsay regarding what the horse said is misinterpreted.

4A. Welcome New Members:

We are proud to welcome back as a member, Steve Lambert from Greenville, SC. Steve is a Program Director, Board Member and Trustee of the Graham Foundation in Greenville.

We are also proud to welcome Josh and Jenifer Creel from Colquitt, GA. Josh and Jenifer were vendors at our car show in February and at Helen.

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Can't vs. Won't by June Lindsay

Did you know that Ed Lindsay can do almost every aspect of repairs to the Corvair? He does all of his mechanical work and can pull an engine and put it back in on the same day. He can even rebuild an engine completely. He helps other Corvair owners by showing them how to work on their Corvair as well. If you have a question about a Corvair he probably knows the answer and that is why he is our club historian. However, he won't do any body work or major mechanical work for other people. Oh, he will do minor repairs like a tune up, oil change, adjust the carbs or diagnose a problem for other people, but he will not do major engine rebuilds. He is not listed as a "Repair Specialist" in the CORSA Communique and he is not in the business of Corvair Repair and never has been. Also, it is not that Ed can't do the repairs for other people. It is that he won't do repairs for other people. I am sure that most of you can figure out why. When you do your own work you answer only to yourself.

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 or simply because you did not pay your dues. If you would like to be on the Birthday List contact June Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or email her at wfcc@mediacombb.net.

May Birthdays

Karl Stelzer	05/02
Barbara McAtee	05/04
Teddi Dudak	05/05
Thomas Dudak, Jr.	05/08
Jacquelyn Wilkins	05/12
Herb Spies	05/15
Howard Ruble	05/17
Earl Jones	05/24
Jeff Jones	05/25
Dottie Wilkins	05/26
Sam Dudak	05/31

Anniversaries

Tom & Vivian Dudak	05/05/88
*Josh and Elizabeth Martin	05/07/12
Lee & Mary Anne Oxford	05/11/88



Josh Martin, son of Perry Martin, is pictured with his new wife Elizabeth and his grandparents Lewis and Judy Martin.



Perry Martin wearing his son's marine hat at his son's wedding.

7. TECH TIPS:

Removing Clutch Pilot Bushing

By Arkansas Corvair Club

Page 11 "Clutch & Flywheel" of the 1996 Supplement of the Corvair Technical Guide

B.J. Daugherty provided this hint the other evening while I worked at getting the pilot bushing out of the end of a crankshaft. I was determined not to use the much publicized solution of packing grease in the hole and then driving a pilot shaft in until the pressure forced the whole mess out. When I say mess, I mean grease all over everything nearby.

"The solution is simple," said B.J. "Use bread." I looked at him with that skeptical look I project every time he offers on of his off the cuff secrets. "Just pack bread in the hole, insert the pilot shaft, and with a few taps of the hammer it will come out with no mess at all."

Well, I was still skeptical and he knew it, so off he went, came back with a piece of white bread, tore out the soft center stuffed it in the hole, and tap, tap, out came the pilot bushing. To top it off, Tach (short for the tachometer) and Speedo (you guessed it), B.J.'s guard dogs and part time mechanics, gobbled up the remains of the bread. No mess at all. (1/90)

8. COMING EVENTS:

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

May 5: 2nd Annual Sawmill Day and Car Show, sponsored by the Alger-Sullivan Historical Society, 610 4th St., Century, FL 32535 in the Historic District. Entertainment: live music, dancers, food, crafts and displays, history books, cookbooks, and more, tours of all three museums, see progress on Old 100 restoration, Perdido Band of Creek Indians Native American Displays, Turtle Point Animal Petting Area. Car Show: all classes from Model T to late models, modified, restored and stock. \$25.00 registration from 8 to 11 am, Flag raising at 8:30 am and Car Show Awards at 2pm. For information call 850-256-3980, 850-256-2029 or 850-516-4747. Vendors no charge contact Jerry Fischer at 850-256-3980.

May 12: 5TH Annual Panhandle Cruisers National Car Show in Downtown Pensacola between Garden and Wright Street and co-sponsored by the Downtown Improvement Board. 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 12: 3rd Annual Brewton Spring Fly-In Car Show and Motorcycle Show sponsored by the Brewton Municipal Airport, Greater Brewton Area Chamber of Commerce*Bank Trust. Car show sponsored by the Cruisers Unlimited with a \$10.00 entry fee for Remote Controlled Airplanes, Cessna/Power Parachutes, Pitts/Gyros/Helicopters, Crop Dusters/Bi Wings, Harleys/ Gold Wings, Customs/Choppers and Classic Cars/ Hot Rods. Concessions provided by: Brewton Kiwanis Club Angel Food Concessions. Location: Brewton Municipal Airport (12J), 205 Airport Drive, Brewton AL 36426, 251-867-9997. Email brewtonairport@yahoo.com or call Greater Brewton Area Chamber of Commerce 251-867-3224.

May 18-20: West Florida Corvair Club Camping Trip, Picnic and meeting at the Blue Angel Naval Recreational Area. BBQ picnic to be prepared by "BBQ by Carl Wiggins" of Ft Walton Beach, FL. Club meeting will be sometime on Saturday after our picnic. If you can't come camping, come to the picnic and meeting on Saturday. Mention the Corvair Club at the gate and pay \$1.00.

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.

June 7-9: Recall * East Syracuse NY, Central New York Corvair Club, Friday night cruise, concours, autocross, funkhana and valve cover race. Hospitality suite and banquet at the host hotel Hilton Garden Inn, 6004 Fair Lakes Rd., East Syracuse NY 10057, 315-431-4800, www.syracuse.stay-hgi.com, mention Corvair club for special \$95 rate. Info at cnycorvair.com or Pam Okussick, pous4@msn.com, 315-252-8105.

June 8-9: Car Show & Swap * Ft. Wayne IN sponsored by the Mad Anthony Corvair Club. Hall's Guesthouse, 1313 W. Washington Center Rd. Ft. Wayne IN 46825. 260-489-2524 mention Group #6312 Corvair show, \$89-\$99 pay night includes dinner and breakfast. Kent Warner 260-672-8418, k_warner76@yahoo.com.

June 24: Mid Ohio Corvair Mee & Waynesville OH sponsored by the Dayton Corvair Club. At Caesar Creek State Park at the 50 Springs picnic area. More info later. Jim Stukenborg, lstuk@juno.com.

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, Weblog: <http://corsa2012.blogspot.com>

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

OMG! Boy did we ever have a good time at Springfest in Helen GA the weekend of April 19th – 21th. We rented a condo on the river from Bavarian Brooks Rentals. The condo had a Jacuzzi, fireplace, full kitchen, two baths, a king-sized bed and a balcony on the river. We came a day early as did others because of the Auto Cross on Friday. Thursday night all of the Springfest workers and many others went to Unicoi State Park Lodge for dinner and had fried fresh river trout and all the fix'ins. After dinner we all went up to the Hospitality Room at the Best Western and socialized.



Front left, Gary Mierzwa, front middle the head of Ed Lindsay, front right, Josh & Jennifer Creel with the gang in the late night hospitality room at the Best Western.

Since we had a full kitchen we brought our own breakfast and lunch but did enjoy one other local restaurant as well as the pancake breakfast provided by Springfest on Saturday morning. Friday night we enjoyed the hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and chili at the Hospitality supper and enjoyed seeing all of our friends that we have made over the years. If the Corvair Lovers Holiday is a family reunion the Helen show is the "Egg McMuffin" of a family reunion. This year's show was bigger than in the past with more cars and more people attending. After the Hospitality supper they held the Valve Cover Race on a new

wooden track that was longer than our new track. We did not take our 66 CORSA, 66 V8 or the Ultravan. Ed was a vendor and he did well especially on Saturday morning when a lot of people stayed inside because of the rain. Clark's was there too and Ed was able to barter with them to get some new parts. It is great being a vendor because you get to see everyone at the show at one time or another. Everybody stops by your table to look over your goods and you get to talk to each other even if they don't buy anything. Because of our vending, we got two new members and two potential members for our club and a member paid his dues. Later Saturday afternoon the sun came out and we were able to go out and look at all the beautiful Corvairs. Gary and Mary brought their 1965 Tangerine Pearl Modified coupe and entered the concours to keep their senior car status. Gary and Mary won an award at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. Al and Joan Birks told us that they were going to renew their membership and they won a trophy for their early model convertible.



Gary with his car in the senior division.



Some of the early open Corvairs at Springfest.

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The Awards banquet served smoked ham and turkey, baked beans, several vegetables, baked apples, rolls and several different deserts. Our club had a great turn out: Besides Ed & I and Gary & Mary Mierzwa, Harold & Louise Hartline, Earl Jones & Jean Grantham, Josh & Jenifer Creel, Steve Lambert & Kent Higgs, Kent Zaiser, Bill & Bobbi Clemens and Lee & Mary Anne Oxford all attended this event.

Thanks Heart of GA, Queen City and Atlanta clubs for your great hospitality. We will be back! It was great seeing you all again. Springfest is the best!

Want to see more pictures from Springfest? Check this site out:

https://picasaweb.google.com/115114622643299651134/Springfest2012?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCNKN70Gkwf_CHg&feat=directlink#

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

** Clarks Oil Filters, \$7.00

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

11. FOR SALE:

New For Sale: Kit Car, Yellow 78 Bradley GT-2-72 VW Floor pan - 110 hp Corvair Engine - VW Transaxle - \$1000, Call Darryl at 850-685-6006.

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.

For Sale: 1960 Corvair Sedan, \$1000, Kimberly Freed, Biloxi, MS, 228-806-1169.



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, Clarence 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, (1965-67). 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.

12. ADVERTISEMENTS/Corvair Parts & Repair

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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 - Executive Secretary: Harry Jensen corosa@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, 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

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