



# The Connecting Rod

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Special points of interest:

- September meeting is a lunch meeting and swap meet at **Fahrenthold's** house
- Catch up on the Choo Choo Classic if you missed it
- Check the calendar for upcoming events in September and October

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## The President's Corner

If you missed the Choo Choo Classic in Chattanooga last month, be sure to check out the photos and blog posts inside.

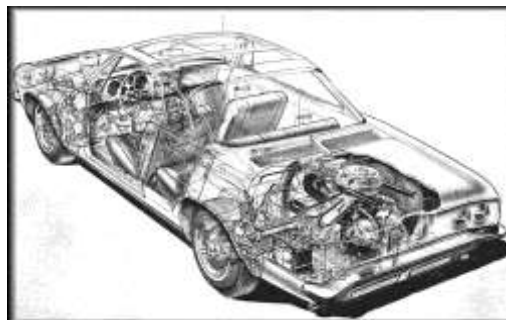
The September meeting of Corvair Atlanta will be a lunch meeting and swap meet at **the Fahrenthold's house**. See the meeting calendar in this issue for the address.

One of our members was involved in an accident with his Corvair recently. Please remember to drive safely every time you go out.

Officer elections will be in November. Please consider running for office and help support Corvair Atlanta.



*CORSA Chapter #303*



Notes from the Choo Choo Classic (Submitted by Al Hilderbrand)

On Aug 16, 17 and 18, Paula and I attended the CHOO CHOO Corvair Classic in Chattanooga, TN. It was a great show with Corvair folks from AL, FL, GA, KY, MI, MS, NC, SC, and TN (I'm sure I missed some). Corvair Atlanta and Heart of GA were well represented over the weekend with Billy and Eleanor Bruce, Les and Sylvia Campbell, Wanda Cook, Al and Paula Hilderbrand, James and Lillian Law, Raymond Paul. Billy and Wendy Price, Kevin Price, Bill and Jeannette Rudolph, Chuck and Shirley Smith.

We also had some stopper bys for the show, Robert and Mikey Birkinbine, John O'Harra, Lawrence Welk, and Chuck Wofford. Hope I got everyone!!

The unofficial count I got was 43 Corvairs in the show which included believe it or not 4 red and one turquoise Rampseys. Hospitality on Friday night was just that. Fine folks and dinner. Too many stories to pick one to tell. The rain held off till close of the show and then a Banquet on Saturday night was great and the folks even better.

The CHOO CHOO Hotel is the old Chattanooga Train Station with the original Lobby including the ceiling sooo high (how high was it!!) IT WAS SO HIGH, you could play Baseball in there. Railroad cars outside serve as rooms or if ya like more conventional rooms they have those too. Chattanooga is a wonderful place to visit with free shuttle service all over town and a great place to have a show. It was a great show and we are glad to see CHOO CHOO back, we loved it!!!



**More News From the Choo Choo (From Corky Coker's Blog <http://blog.cokertire.com/naders-kids/#more-3828>)**

Well, they're not exactly on speaking terms with ole Ralph, but maybe the controversial "Unsafe at Any Speed" writer inadvertently made these cars even more popular in the long run?

The cult-like following of Corvair owners across the United States are as dedicated to their favorite cars (and vans) as any group out there. One such club, filled the Coker Tire Company parking lot today as the Choo Choo Corvair Club toured the Chattanooga, Tennessee headquarters.



Say what you will about Corvairs, but we think they're cool cars. Check out the variety of rear-engine Chevrolets that showed up!



Coker Tire Company welcomes a few dozen rear-engine Chevys



Submitted by Al Hilderbrand / Rob Birkinbine

This almost makes me cry.....

Robert Birkinbine sent this to me, It's Ed Kelly's beautiful 68 coupe. Ed had some minor injuries but is OK.

Robert said the traffic was stopped on an open road but by the time Ed realized what was ahead, it was too late. He slid sideways into the back of a Lincoln. I think sometimes this is what happens when drum brakes meet Anti-Lock brakes. Takes us a bit longer to stop.

THANKS Robert for sharing....Al



# Celebrations

## Birthdays

Earl Lively

Lanny Milbrandt

Pam McLott



## Anniversaries

David and Janet Humphries



# Upcoming Events

## Swap Meets, Car Shows, and Conventions

Date	Description / More Information
September 7, 2013	"Still Kickin'" with the Oldies Car Show 10:30am - 3:00pm Church of Christ, 3025 Lenora Church Road \$25 entrance fee / donation Proceeds benefit residents of Scepter Health and Rehab and the family of Tripp Halstead. More information: <a href="http://www.stillkickincarshow.com/">http://www.stillkickincarshow.com/</a>
September 7, 2013	13th Annual Atlanta British Car Fayre 10:00am - 3:00pm Downtown Norcross, GA <a href="http://www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/">http://www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/</a>
September 13, 2013	11th Annual United Way Car and Bike Show 10am -3:30pm Hosted by UPS and General Motors GM Georgia Innovation Center, 2010 Warsaw Rd, Roswell, GA 30076 <a href="http://entertainment.accessatlanta.com/roswell_ga/events/show/339890183-11th-annual-united-way-car-bike-show">http://entertainment.accessatlanta.com/roswell_ga/events/show/339890183-11th-annual-united-way-car-bike-show</a>
September 13, 2013	Friday Night Drags and Show-n-Shine Fall Stampede Special night of drag racing and car show 1500 Tara Blvd, Hampton, GA 30228 <a href="http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com/drags">www.atlantamotorspeedway.com/drags</a>
September 14, 2013 (rain date September 15)	Fall Classic at Clark's Corvair Parts Shelburne Falls, MA More details: <a href="http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter017/clarksshow.html">http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter017/clarksshow.html</a>
September 14, 2013 (rain date September 21)	10th Annual Flowery Branch Car Show and Chili Cookoff 10:00am - 4:00pm Flowery Branch Depot on Main St 30542 Contact Steve Soucie 770-967-2934 <a href="http://www.flowerybranchga.org/event-calendar.html">http://www.flowerybranchga.org/event-calendar.html</a>
September 22, 2013	"Cruzing with Joe" 11:30am - 3:30pm Joe's Crab Shack, 4300 Stone Mountain Hwy, Lilburn \$20 registration / donation Proceeds benefit Tripp Halstead's family and the Wounded Warrior Project Contact Jim Ferguson 678-283-7287 <a href="http://www.motorheadproductions.com/">http://www.motorheadproductions.com/</a>
September 27-28, 2013	Gear Jam "Cruisin Commerce" 9/27 Gear Jam Vintage Drag Races 9/28 Atlanta Dragway, Commerce GA More details: <a href="http://www.gearjamdrags.com">http://www.gearjamdrags.com</a>

# More Upcoming Events

Swap Meets, Car Shows, and Conventions

Date	Description / More Information
October 4-5, 2013	Vairs at the Fair Perry, GA Contact Lillian Law for more details (lawjandl@aol.com)
October 5, 2013 (rain date October 26)	5th Annual Rockin' Car Show 10am-3pm (judging 12pm-1:30pm) 2102 Old Hwy 41 NW, Kennesaw, GA \$25 registration fee. All proceeds benefit Atlanta area student scholarships. Contact Mike (678-464-5835) or Gerry (404-886-3487) for more information.
October 11-12, 2013	Vairs in the Valley Smoky Falls Lodge, Maggie Valley, NC Contact: (828) 631-2800 or 500wagon@gmail.com
October 12, 2013	Apple Classic Car Show 8:00am - 4:00pm River Park Civic Center Fields / Old HWY 5 / South Main St Ellijay GA Part of the Applefest celebrations. Preregister: \$15 Day of show: \$20 Contact: 706-635-2221
November 4, 2013	"Sock Hop" theme party for volunteer ushers at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre 5:30pm - 7:00pm No fees, no trophies, just a chance to show your car to party guests. Contact: Ron Mussig (Rmussig@aol.com)
April 18-19, 2014	SpringFest—30th Anniversary More details to come.



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### Commercial advertising rates

<b>Ad Size</b>	<b>1 Issue</b>	<b>6 Issues</b>	<b>12 Issues</b>
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1/4 Page	\$7.50	\$42.00	\$75.00
1/2 Page	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$110.00

### Advertising policies

Classified advertisements should be sent to the Newsletter Editor by e-mail or US mail. Please type or print legibly if sending by US mail.

Classified advertising is always free to paid-up members of Corvair Atlanta, and \$5 per listing for nonmembers.

Classified advertisements will typically run in no more than two issues, but available space will be the determining factor.

# Meeting Schedule

2013

Date	Meeting Time
January 20	1:00pm
February 17	1:30pm
<b>*Date Change* March 16 (Swap meet at Rudolph's house)</b>	10am-?
April 19/20 (SpringFest—no regular meeting)	N/A
May 19	1:30pm
<del>*Date/Location Change* June 15 (Meet at Kirkmans House)</del>	<del>10am-5pm</del>
July 21	1:30pm
August 18—Conflicts with the Choo-Choo Corvair Classic	Cancelled
<b>September 15 (Swap meet at Fahrenthold's house)</b> 4190 South Fork Drive, Snellville, GA 30039	11:30am- 3pm
October 20	1:30pm
<b>November 17 (Election meeting at Hilderbrand's house)</b>	TBD
December (Christmas party)	TBD

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at:

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