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- The President's Corner -

By Dan Terry

Well, we have almost made it through another year.

The last event for the year is our annual Christmas dinner. It will be held at the Norcross Station located, of course, in Norcross, GA. The date is December 10th with socializing starting at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. As usual, the club will pay for dinner and non alcoholic beverages. Hope to see y'all there.

At our last meeting we had the elections for next year. The club has a new President. Congratulations to Tom Constantine! I will remain as a director. Please give Tom your full support to help lead Corvair Atlanta through the next year.

I have enjoyed my terms as your President, but I felt it was time for a change. I want to see this club have more fun events such as tours, day trips, rallies and cruise nights and less business type meetings.

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– Advertising Rates –

CORVAIR ATLANTA is a chartered Chapter (#303) of the **CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSA)** P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60349. Membership in Corvair Atlanta is open to all. Dues are \$15 annually for single memberships and are payable by January 1st of each year. Family memberships are available for a flat rate of \$20 for 2 to 5 family members. Dues for new members joining between January 1st and June 30th are \$15 with an additional fee of \$8 per name badge. Dues for new members joining between July 1st and December 31st are prorated from the month joined plus \$15 for the following year with an additional fee of \$8 per name badge. Members not paid up by the February business meeting will be dropped from the club roster and mailing list. CORSAs membership is required for all Corvair Atlanta members. CORSA dues are \$45 annually.

Paid-up **Corvair Atlanta** members are entitled to take part in all meetings, activities, tech sessions, receive *The Connecting Rod*, a publication of Corvair Atlanta, and all club benefits. Regular business meetings are typically held on the second Sunday of each month, at a time and place published in the newsletter. Other monthly meetings or activities may also be held. The date, time and place are published in the newsletter. Guests are always welcome.

The Connecting Rod is a monthly newsletter published up to 12 times a year by **CORVAIR ATLANTA**. Newsletter subscriptions for anyone living out of the state of Georgia are available for a fee of \$12 annually. Article contributions are needed and welcome. All articles and ads must be in the hands of the Publisher by the 21st of the month for the next issue, which is published the first of each month. Corvair Atlanta reserves the right to add, delete and /or edit all submitted material.

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<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>1 Issue</i>	<i>6 Issues</i>	<i>12 Issues</i>
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½ Page	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$110.00

– Classified Ad Policy –

Classified Ads should be emailed to the Newsletter Editor, or sent to the address on the last page. Please type or print legibly if sending your ad via the US Mail.

Classified Advertising is free to paid-up Chapter members, and \$5 per listing for non-members.

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

– December Birthdays –

**Happy Birthday to:
Jeff Champion on the 4th, Aaron Busby & Raymond Paul on the 28th, and
Paula Hilderbrand on the 31st**

Did we miss your birthday? Send me (word1@comcast.net) the date!

– Calendar Of Events –

December 10th 2011**Our Annual Corvair Atlanta Christmas Party – Norcross, GA****Corvair Atlanta**

The annual Corvair Atlanta Christmas dinner will be held at The Norcross Station Cafe located at 40 South Peachtree Street, Norcross, GA 30071. Socializing will commence at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jim McLott by December 5th via jim_mclott@bellsouth.net or 770-300-9381.

January 14th 2012**Our Annual Corvair Atlanta SPRINGFEST Planning Meeting – Forsyth, GA****Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia Corvair Club**

This is our annual SPRINGFEST planning session, and is held in conjunction with Heart of Georgia folks at This Little Piggy BBQ located at 866 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029 (I-75 exit 187). Arrive at noon to eat, and at 1:00pm for the meeting. If you would like to help with SPRINGFEST (and we hope you do!) then please plan on attending.

March 9 -11th 2012**15th Annual Spring Warm-Up, Myrtle Beach, SC****Central Carolina CORSA**

All Corvair car show plus Hospitality Room, poker run/scavenger hunt, valve cover racing, bingo, awards dinner, swap meet and car corral. Hampton Inn & Suites Oceanfront. For more information contact Carol Harris (frogetta1150@gmail.com) or 803-795-9434 or contact Georgia Allsbrook (centralcarolinacorsa@hotmail.com) or 803-847-1608.

April 20 -21st 2012**SPRINGFEST - Helen, GA****Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, and Queen City Corvair Club**

The North Georgia Mountains are beautiful in April! Clark's Corvair Parts will be selling parts. Friday auto-cross and swap meet, Friday night hospitality party, 50/50, valve cover races. Saturday concours, people's choice, awards banquet, 50/50, raffle, tech sessions and much more. Activities in the Festhalle on Edelweiss Strasse. Hotels are: Helendorf Inn (706-878-2271) standard rooms 2 Nights \$138.00 and riverfront \$178.00 - Best Western Riverpark Inn (706-878-2111) \$64.00 and suites \$84.00 - Super Eight (706-878-2191) \$55.00.

Rates will be available day before and day after event - ask for Corvair Club rates. Reserve before March 20. For other lodging go to www.helengeorgialodging.com. For event information contact Lillian Law lawjandl@aol.com or 229-883-4123.

– A Look in the Rear View Mirror –

1989 introduced Fred Roney as President of C-A. There was no mistaking him as he posted his picture in about every Connecting Rod for a year. Kelly Parker also joined the C-A ranks that year, later to become famous for his Chili offerings at Helen.

An internal Club unit was commissioned to treat members with various Corvair Phobias. They exist and need delicate treatment. Some of the more common were:

Felinephobia. It's not the fear of cats as you might expect, but a fear of these unforgiving critters leaping up on your \$1400 paint job and watching them dig in with their claws as they slide down the polished and super slick surface.

How about **Petrolphobia**, sometimes called the **Octane Down Syndrome**? That's hurriedly driving to participate in a parade only to find the gas gauge needle borders empty.

Short-end-of-the-stick Phobia ... the realization that when you plan to sell your Corvair, your megabuck investment in parts, etc., plus time, is only going to return about 50 cents on the dollar.

Trophobia. That's the dreaded fear of your mate giving your hard earned Trophy collection to Goodwill to make room for her African Violets and Begonias.

And last, **Crampomania**, a type of phobia resulting from driving to Krogers or Grandma's in a 2 door Monza with 2 adults, 3 kids and a 70 pound dog riding with you.

There must be a dozen more. These are the most common, and remedy doesn't come cheap.

Helen Show, 1989. Arrangements were headed up by Ed Mackey, Helen Chairman, C-A Treasurer and Newsletter Editor all in one. Wow! During a lull one afternoon he lined up three sets of tires to be offered as door prizes. Ed also arranged the use of the FestHalle for the weekend. On his right was Jeannette Rudolph and her helpers providing food for 250 Friday night sit-downs. John Kirkman, it must be noted, was the spark for Judging, etc., that year, previous years and years to come.

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(A Look in the Rear View Mirror – continued)

Helen Show, 1989. Jack Allison contracted Saturday's entertainment, an act comparable to a Los Vegas stage offering. A comic, professional hypnotist, Dan Lapore by name, presented a show like no other. All the volunteer participants were Corvair folks, some of which succumbed to the "deep sleep" of Dan Who (stage name) and made hilarity a word to remember as the zoned-out participants became Elvis, Ballerinas and other uninhibited suggested characters. A show like that becomes twice as funny when, who you see are who you know.

A survey, sort of a critique, was handed out to the Corvair followers who attended. Here are some of the replies as I recall:

- Two-to-one favored plaques as opposed to trophies.
- The change of hat pins over dash plaques had only two dissenters.
- 20 people voiced having unbiased AACA judges officiating as opposed to Corvair members. Another faction liked the idea of finding female judges under the age of 30, wearing mini skirts, be judges. I believe these were the 3 guys (over 30) wearing Hooter's jackets that wrote that request.
- Only 22 were for professional entertainment, 24 against! Obviously those 24 spent the evening at the local pub or retired early and never saw the show. One soul complained about not having enough trash cans and wondered where the boiled peanuts were?
- Another wanted an activity where people could mix and mingle more. I guess Ed could have brought a few games of Twister, or maybe Mud Rasslin' is the answer.
- And last came the request for a bonfire! This must have been a recent high school graduate with pre-football game fantasies or a former Klansman.

Leeroy 7, your aging historian

– President's Corner –

By Dan Terry

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Earlier this month, I finally had to replace my Yokohama tires on the Corsa. I was headed out to the interstate. On the way, I noticed more vibration than usual. I stopped in a parking lot and discovered one of the tires was separating. They were nine years old. So it was turn around and go back home, get the Maxis tires I bought from Clark's earlier this year and install them. I stopped off at Discount Tire in Woodstock to have them mounted. They do a good job. They clean the threads on the studs and even brush the rust off the outside of the brake drums and from the back side of the wheels. The Maxis tires are much smoother and less harsh than the Yokohama's, with maybe a trifle less dry traction while cornering. If you want to keep the 13 in. wheels, these are about the only choice left.

November contains two milestones for my Corsa. November 19th is the 45th anniversary of the day I drove it off the lot at Central Chevrolet in Buckhead. The price was \$1395. And November 28th is my car's 47th anniversary of its build date.

Since this is my last President's Corner, I'll end it with the usual. Get those Vairs out and drive them. That's what they are for.

Dan

– Newsletter Notes –

Check out the newly revamped Corvair Society Of America's web site:

<http://www.corvair.org/>

Members can renew their membership, update their contact information, and post online classified ads.

As part of the preparations for the 2012 CORSA Convention in Sturbridge, MA, the NECC has launched a convention Web site:

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention/index.htm>

New to the convention blog is an update concerning the recovery of John Fitch:

<http://corsa2012.blogspot.com/2011/11/keep-john-fitch-in-your-prayers.html>

– Corvair Atlanta November Meeting –



**left: Allison & Mark
Crowley's 'vert**

**middle: Our New Prez!
Tom Constantine**



**right: Eric &
Sadria Walls'
coupe**



- Corvair Atlanta November Meeting -



left:
Jerry Lamb's coupe



right:
Jim McLott's 'vert



Corvair Atlanta
Minutes – General Membership Meeting
Held at Al & Paula Hilderbrandt's house, Saturday, November 12, 2011

President Dan Terry called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Jim McLott reported that our annual Christmas dinner will be Saturday, December 10th at The Norcross Station. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner will be at 7:00 PM. The club will pay for dinner and any non-alcoholic beverages.
- The meeting sign-up sheet included a column asking if you were a CORSA member or not. Starting next year, CORSA will begin assessing the local chapters a \$3 fee per non-CORSA member. There was some discussion of how we should handle this charge and Al Hilderbrand moved that the club pay it out of the treasury. Jerry Lamb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Dan Terry will check with the Georgia Farmers' Market in Forest Park about holding meetings there.
- The Sunshine Club needs to know when any of our members are in poor health or otherwise in need of cheering up. Please contact Jeanette Rudolph, Wanda Cook or Pam McLott.
- Tony Kruzich is still at home recovering from a stroke. He is improving and becoming more independent.
- Raymond Paul asked for volunteers to help at Springfest this coming April 20 – 21.
- There was a unanimous vote to keep 2012 Springfest prices the same as last year.
- Al Hilderbrand nominated Tom Constantine for President and he was elected unanimously. Raymond Paul volunteered to be Vice-President again, Jim McLott volunteered to be Secretary again and Al Hiderbrand volunteered to be Treasurer again. All were reelected unanimously.
- Board of Director appointees are Bill Rudolph, Ted Fahrenthold, Jay Word and Dan Terry.

General Announcements:

- Raymond also mentioned a fuel pump bypass adapter he makes that allows you to leave your stock fuel pump and fuel lines in place if you convert to an electric fuel pump. See Raymond for more details.
- Ted Fahrenthold won the 50/50 pot of \$31.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McLott, Corvair Atlanta Secretary

It's Time For Our Annual Corvair Atlanta Christmas Party!

Once again, we're at The Norcross Station Café in the heart of downtown Norcross.

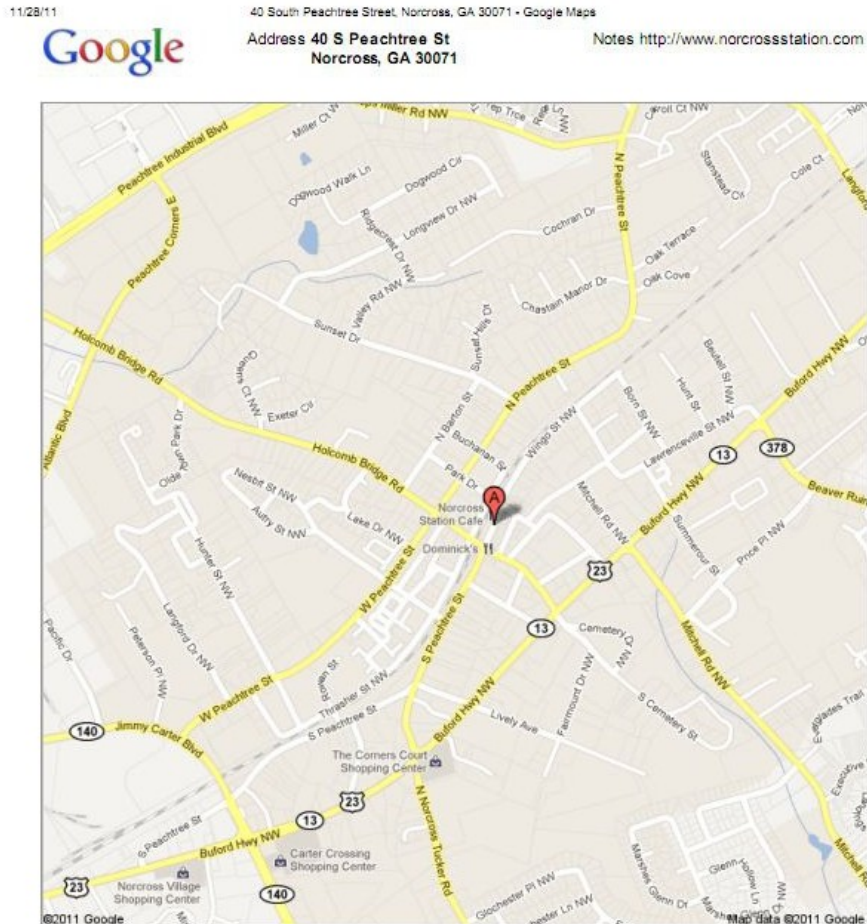
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Hope to see you there!



Directions

From I-85 north or southbound, exit at Jimmy Carter Blvd – GA 140 (exit 99).

Go north on Jimmy Carter for about 1.7 miles.

Turn right onto Buford Hwy - US 23.

Go about 0.8 miles to Cemetery St.

Turn left and go 0.3 miles to South Peachtree St.

Turn right and the Norcross Station Café is on your left.

Web site

<http://www.norcrossstation.com>

– Classified Ads –

WANT TO BUY!

One of Corvair Atlanta's newest members is looking for a decent Corsa coupe.
Please contact Chris Kunkler via renchris@comcast.net

FOR SALE!

1961 Rampside

I am again trying to sell my Rampside. Only it *really* needs to go. It's a good project, but one I don't want to take on. It has typical FC rust in the ramp, but none in the floor. The seat is shreds but the dash is original and not hacked up. The motor is stuck from sitting. It's a car 110 and 4-speed. Oh, and you'd need a set of wheels for it because I want to keep the Rallys on it now. So if all this sounds inviting, contact Mike Clark mclark67@charter.net

FOR SALE!

1963 Chevy Corvair Monza 2-Dr. Coupe



Mileage - Not known at this time. 102 HP I think, couldn't make out the motor number.
Color - Maroon/Burgundy exterior, Black interior. Automatic transmission. Motor will not run - seized. Has been sitting about 30 years. Not much rust on the body, interior, or motor. Trunk floor has been repaired. It has been kept in a garage, but not cranked in years. Exterior paint is fair. Windows are not cracked, good condition. All the trim and logos are still on the car. Replaced front headlight. New front trunk latch. It has the optional correct wire wheel covers. One seam on the driver's seat has come loose - not a tear, otherwise the seats are intact. Black carpet still looks good and clean. Door panels intact. Needs a headliner. Dash looks good - all parts present. Body and interior in overall good condition. Car is located in Powder Springs, GA. If interested, contact Dan Terry 770-928-0074, or: dterry8123@aol.com.



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