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- The President's Corner -

By Dan Terry

November is the month where we pick the Corvair Atlanta officers and directors for next year. The meeting will be held on November 12 at the Hilderbrand's home, 28 Willow Brook Ct., Acworth, GA. We will have lunch and tire kicking starting at noon. The meeting will start at 1:00 PM. Please try to attend and make yourself available to run for an office if you can. Help to guide Corvair Atlanta into the next year.

I just returned from a trip to Raleigh, N.C. And Columbia, S.C. In my Corsa. The trip was just under 1000 miles. The Vair ran like a top. I made a stop in Charlotte, N.C. to visit the NASCAR Hall of Fame. It was very interesting and I wish I had more time to spend there. My only disappointment was that they only have a small amount of coverage of the early days of NASCAR when the "Stock" cars were nearly stock. They are still playing down the moonshine connection too.

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– Advertising Rates –

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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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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.

– November Birthdays & Anniversaries –

Happy Birthday to: Eric Walls on the 2nd, Nancy Fahrenthold on the 8th, Chris Kunkler on the 16th, Sarah Busby on the 21st, Alison Crowley on the 28th and John Kirkman on the 29th

Happy Anniversary to: Fred & Jeanette Bernhardt on the 21st

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

– Calendar Of Events –

November 4 - 6th 2011**Corvair Affair – Saint Augustine, Florida****Central Florida Corvair Club**

Friday night dinner, valve cover racing, and vendors. Saturday vending, car display, hospitality, autocross at First Coast Technical Institute. Sunday morning rally followed by awards brunch. For more information contact Sarah Beltrami (sarahvair@cfl.rr.com) or 386-256-0399.

November 12th 2011**Corvair Atlanta Meeting – Acworth, GA****Corvair Atlanta**

Selection of your 2012 Corvair Atlanta Officers and Directors. Meeting will be held at the Hilderbrand's home, 28 Willow Brook Court in Acworth, GA. We will have lunch and kick tires starting at noon, with the meeting at 1PM. Please try to attend and make yourself available to run for an office if you can!

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.

October 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 –

Springfest '88 at Helen was destined to be a success from the start. How could you miss with 225 howling Corvair enthusiasts vying for trophies and raffle prizes of 2 sets of tires, a table clock from Champ's Clock Shop and round trip airfare to Jamaica or the Bahamas for two promoted by Jeannette Rudolph. In addition, James Quinn designed and hand tailored plaques for the first 3 winners in oak and metal that included the personalized photos of the winner's cars. Nice touch.

Other extra-curricular activities were conceived by Jeannette Rudolph, the Bob Barker of Helen. They consisted of contests with a hula hoop, toilet tissue wrap of participating females in which the males were instructed not to squeeze the Charmin with the threat of disqualification, a balloon stuffing caper, a musical head/hat switching and a two couple bread-loaf passing contest that generated movements like a dirty dance routine. Does anyone still remember that?

There's more! Former President Richard Nixon (aka Bob Musser) made a surprise appearance. In typical fashion of his "give-away programs", he stayed to hand out the trophies adding levity to what normally is a dull task.

As a welcome aftermath, Billy and Eleanor Bruce signed up as members to C-A and have been a continuing asset to the Club since. Billy was also President of the Warner-Robins Club at that time.

Apparently no CORSA members were at Helen '88 to witness the Club's capability to put on a Meet because they awarded the National Convention (1991) to Washington/Maryland rather than C-A. C-A made a spectacular presentation to land it, it was declared, but was placed back on the waiting list.

C-A Editor abandons post

"Nine years, five months of editorship is enough," declared Jack Allison. After 112 issues, 456 pages, 3192 columns and 640,639 words, Allison calls it quits. He was quoted as saying: "I've worn out 3 vintage yard-sale typewriters, stressed out 2 printers and induced a gall bladder attack on my typesetter. It's time for a reprieve." He then added, "I still have some typewriter ribbon left over with which I'll submit an article or two occasionally providing it gets by the censors." *Typewriter ribbons* ... obviously these were the days before computers. He claims the highlight of his rein was receiving 3 fan mail letters, one in Arabic (which could have been a death threat.)

Ed Mackey, a name well recognized in C-A annals, now in the Witness Protection Program, agreed to take over.

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(A Look in the Rear View Mirror – continued)

Be it known that in the last Rear View Mirror, I referred to the LATE Jack Corely. I was incorrect. His demise was greatly exaggerated and he still combs his beard before a mirror every morning. Sorry Jack. I must have had too much sauce that day.

Leeroy 7, your aging historian



– Newsletter Notes –

Check out the newly revamped Corvair Society Of America's web site: <http://www.corvair.org/> . Members can login and renew their membership, update their contact information, and post online classified ads.

The Stock Corvair Group's new website (<http://stock.corvair.org>) is designed to be a central clearinghouse for all things having to do with stock Corvairs. Stock Corvair Group welcomes input from any CORSA member interested in Stock Corvairs.

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>

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

and a YouTube vid: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH7LaQenlus>

– President's Corner –

By Dan Terry

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The reason for the trip was to attend my Navy ship's reunion. (USS Estes LCC-12) The ship no longer exists. It was scrapped in 1977 and some of it is probably part of someone's Toyota. The Ship was commissioned by the Navy in Oct., 1944. It served during the landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. It later participated in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. I made two cruises to Vietnam and was on-board when it was decommissioned in Oct., 1969. The Estes was an Amphibious Forces Flag Ship. Some of the reunion attendees were on-board in 1944. I was able to reconnect with four members of my division (communication/electronics) whom I hadn't seen since 1969.

I drove the Corsa because that is the car I had while I was stationed on the Estes in San Diego from 1967-1969.

The car performed without a hitch. I carried a spare fan belt, an untested rebuilt fuel pump and an extra unmounted tire. The tires on the car are 9 years old and my spare is 23 years old. During the nearly 1000 miles, the car was driven at interstate speeds (70-80 mph). It used less than one quart of oil for the entire trip.

After the reunion ended, I drove from Raleigh to Columbia, S.C. To visit an old Corvair friend from the original CORSA chapter in S.C. After I left there I drove back to Atlanta. There was a brief strong thunderstorm near Aiken, S.C. It had winds strong enough to blow me from the right lane to the left lane and suddenly back to the right. Within two or three minutes the storm was over.

The point I'm trying to make is to get these enjoyable cars out on the road to be seen. There were many thumbs ups and positive comments every time I stopped for gas or for a meal.

See y'all at the meeting.

Dan

– What’s Buggin Fred Bohica this month.....? –

Well I turned 65 this year...I’m now officially recognized by the United States of AMERICA Government as “OLD”. Now I can sit back and enjoy my Golden Years...NOT So Fast there Fred....You’ve gotta qualify for the benefits you’ve worked for and contributed your hard earned money to for 35 years. OK...how hard can it be???

Well since I’m NOT a Foreigner, I have to prove I’m a citizen and born in America.....been in the Social Security (SS) system since 1961, never had to prove anything when they took my money. But being in their system doesn’t MEEN (spelling) a thing now that I’m not going to be pay them.

So, I call in-advance to get an appointment 3 months before my birthday to sign-up. They send me a list of what I need to bring with me, what “is” and “isn’t” acceptable to prove I do exist. The BIG day arrives so off to the SS Office I go to keep my appointment. They open at 8:30am Monday thru Friday. I get there for my 9am appointment at 8:40 and sign-in. I notice the number being called is 12 and the next number on the computer (bingo) board is 107. There are many different prefixes to the number like Appointment, retiring, disability and more. Now this waiting room is about the size of a basketball court with about 15 windows with bullet proof glass down one side. From what I recall about government offices, (USPO) shouldn’t the bullet proof glass have been behind the workers?? Anyway....there is already about 100 people there. Maybe 10 or 12 were old enough to retire...about 40% were Foreigners and the other 50% were mostly in their 20’s, 30’s and 40’s applying for disability. You can tell by the prefix of the number what they are there for. Let me tell ya folks, it’s not the old people draining SS, but the fake deadbeat disability jerks. Don’t get me wrong, **I’m for helping those who are truly disabled and really need it.** You see guys come in on motorcycles and take a D number, women with canes that forget them when they get up to go to the rest room, and so on.....

If you are lucky, you will get a teller that speaks ENGLISH...That’s right they have about 10 different languages you can request and some don’t speak English at all. If you’re even luckier, you’ll get someone who speaks ENGLISH and knows the SS system too. I thought I had lucked out and after much paper exchanging was declared legally entitled to my monthly benefits. I had so many documents, I had to use a hand truck to get them in there, but get them in there I did. I was told what my benefits were, how much my check would be and when I’d get it. All which turned out to be wrong...Imagine that.....

When my 1st check came it was a mess. The MEDICARE was wrong, the amount of the check was wrong and the day I got it was wrong. You think Medicare is complicated...Try fixin a mess that their own SS people created. It’s also interesting that SS pays one month late but takes out the Medicare premium one month in advance (so the first check is one month advance premium plus the current month). Question: Since SS pays us one month late, why do they need to have the premium one month in-advance? I opted out of all Medicare except the PART A which has no premium (I don’t wanta call it Free cause I paid into it for 35 years). They decided I should take it anyway and charged me 2 months premium for Part B outta my first check. What the hell, they need it don’t they. Try getting that back!!! Well after 3 more trips to the SS office I finally got it fixed and the premium back. My second check was correct and any day now I should get my next one. Pray for me!!!!

God Bless America, Fred Bohica

*The thoughts here are strictly those of questionable sanity and in no way reflect the opinions or desires of real people.
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SPRING WARM-UP

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**Central Carolina
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Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

at the

**Hampton Inn & Suites Myrtle
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Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

March 9, 10, & 11, 2012

Along with the car show there will be a hospitality room,
poker run/scavenger hunt, valve cover racing, bingo, Awards Dinner,
swap meet, and car corral.

Vendors will be free with a show registration

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!! ALL CORVAIR CAR SHOW !!

**Corvair Atlanta
Minutes – General Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 10, 2011**

The Corvair Atlanta meeting was held at Ted Fahrenthold's
garage & house in Snellville, GA.

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 PM by president Dan Terry.

Old business.

None.

New business.

- If you aren't receiving the monthly newsletter, please contact Al Hilderbrand or Dan Terry and they will let Jay Word know.
- We discussed finding a regular monthly meeting place. Old Town Grill in Lawrenceville was suggested by Jerry Lamb. The restaurant at the Atlanta Farmers Market in Forest Park was suggested by Ken Falls. If anyone else has any suggestions, please let Dan Terry know.
- Springfest will be held April 20-22 to avoid a conflict with the Walter Mitty races at Road Atlanta.
- November elections are coming. Please help out your club and consider running for an office.
- Tony Kruzich has had a stroke and is now home recovering and undergoing therapy.

Ken Falls won \$27 in the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McLott
Corvair Atlanta Secretary

– Classified Ads –

FOR SALE OR TRADE!

1960 MONZA 900 COUPE



This exceptional car is well known throughout the South as “Princess”, the little white coupe with skirts and wide white tires. Her awards are extensive and varied and she has never been beaten in class in a judged show. There are also several “Best of Show” awards including shows in Nashville, Myrtle Beach, Charleston and “Springfest 2005” in Helen, Georgia. Concourse pictures can be seen on line @ Corvair Central/Links/Clubs/Photo Pages/Older Photo Pages/Springfest 2002.

This is a high 90’s point show car with 31K actual miles and needs to go to a serious collector and enthusiast, willing to maintain and show her with the same pride that I have been privileged to experience. The previous owner and I have kept the car in controlled environment storage for the past twenty-one years and it has not been started on over three years. I am in the process of a complete tune-up.

My asking price is \$9,500, which is well under my investment. I will entertain all reasonable offers and consider any interesting trade. I wish to sell or trade thru word of mouth and Corvair club members only.

Contact: Les Campbell
417 Lynne Circle
Alpharetta, Georgia 30009-1505
Phone: (678) 867-7153
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– 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!

1963 Corvair 500 with Custom paint and interior

Some of you may remember this car from the Burnie Weddle days. Please contact Jack or Linda Shanks @ 706-484-0845 or chevelleshanks1@bellsouth.net for information and pictures.

FOR SALE!

1963 Monza Convertible



Auto trans with a 1965 110hp motor. Burgundy with black/red interior. It does need a top. Price reduced to \$2500! Please contact Ken Falls @ 678-670-2277 or kenfallsmovement@bellsouth.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 that's on it now. So if all this sounds inviting, contact Mike Clark mclark67@charter.net

- Classified Ads -

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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