



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 34, No 11

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JINGLE ALL THE WAY

Next Meeting:
 Saturday, December 14th,
 147 Crossbrook Dr.
 Chelsea, AL 35043
 Come anytime, Meal at 2:00 PM



Prez Sez:

The end of the year is fast approaching, and I hope everyone has their Christmas shopping at least started. We are about finished with ours.

Our annual Christmas party for the Vulcan Corvaire Club is scheduled to be held a Russ's house on the 14th of December, which is a Saturday. We will be eating around 2PM and the gathering will start around 11AM.

If you didn't go to the Lineville car show, you missed a terrific day. There was 1,040 cars of every description, from cars that were a bucket of rust to immaculately restored. There was 13 Corvairs, ten from our club and 3 from the surrounding area. The entry fee was \$20.00 dollars and you were entered in the drawings. The money tree was just that a Christmas tree with around 25 envelopes on it. They contained from \$50.00 to \$500.00. Billy Cannon's ticket number was called and he picked a envelope containing \$200.00. What a lucky dog!!!

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party. Russ is supplying everything for the party. Last year we had 35 deserts, so this year I'm bringing apple cider and cranberry juice.

Bring your money to the party, as we are planning to donate what we normally give to charity to Billy Cannon's son in-law as he has fibromellar liver cancer, A very rare disease that affects the young (teens to mid 20 year olds) .

And again, I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party. Be safe!

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get not.



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'Tis The Season 2013

Upcoming Events!

Central Alabama Christmas Parades:

- * Alexander City - 2 Dec 6:00 PM
- * Altoona - 6 Dec 7:00 PM
- * Cullman - 6 Dec 7:00 PM
- * Goodwater - 6 Dec 5:00
- * Millbrook - 7 Dec 2:00 PM
- * Rockford - 7 Dec 5:00 PM
- * Vestavia Hills - 8 Dec 2:00 PM
- * Homewood - 10 Dec 6:30 PM
- * Westover - 14 Dec 10:00 AM
- * Weogufka - 14 Dec 5:30 PM (chili supper following)
- * Springville - 14 Dec 6:00 PM
- * Chelsea - 21 Dec 10:00 AM

Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge TN:

Hosted by East Tennessee Corvair Club
January 10th, through January 12th, 2014
3810 Parkway Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
ajkbates@gmail.com

Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola Beach FL:

Hosted by West Florida Corvair Club
February 21st, through February 22nd, 2014
16 Via De Luna Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
wwfcc@mediacombb.net



Chapter Newsletters!

The Tony Fiore Memorial Award:

Of the 125 CORSA chapters throughout the world, there were only 40 that submitted their newsletters for the 2013 competition.

Vulcan Corvair was not one of them and I would like to enter our Oil Drop in the 2014 judging.

Newsletters are judged on content and design.

To participate in the Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award competition for newsletters, all we need to do is send at least three hard copy issues of The Oil Drop from the 2013 calendar year to the CORSA office before February 1, 2014.

As your editor, I will ask that you provide your input as to which of the monthly issues you would like for me to submit.

A hard copy of all 12 issues will be available at the Christmas Party.

Please let me know your favorite over the next month and a half and I will make our submissions.

Thanks for your support. Billy



November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of VCE met on Friday, November 15th at the Youth's Recreation Room of the Fullness Christian Fellowship church in Vestavia. The gathering started at 7:00 PM with the usual delicious pot-luck provided by the sixteen members in attendance.

Russ Thuleen announced that Buck had finally gotten settled into his new place up in Jasper. Russ gave out Buck's new address and phone number and passed around a note received from Myra (Jewel's niece) thanking the club for the flowers and gift card.

Because of Russell's absence he asked Billy to discuss the club T-shirts. Topics included who had placed an order, the final price, additional orders, and the urgency of collecting the money. Several checks were given to Russ to pass on to Joe.

Russ mentioned the huge car show in Lineville, where several Corvairs were in attendance. There is also a car show in Myrtle Beach coming up. Contact Russ Thuleen for more information.

The Christmas party is coming up! This annual event will be held at the Thuleen household again this year on December 14th. The fun will start at 2PM, but come early and stay late! A midday meal will be catered. We will pass the hat at the party and all money collected will be given to Billy and Judi's daughter and son-in-law, Derick. Money will help to offset the cost of Derick's cancer treatments.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



Vulcan *Corvair* Enthusiasts



40th Anniversary 1974-2014

Oil Drop articles, pictures, recipes, etc. should be sent to:

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NOTE: PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.

Clay County Swap Meet and Car Show (Lineville AL)

26 years ago two long-time car guys, Tommy Hicks and Bob Steele from Clay Co. got together on the way back from a car show and came up with the idea of having a Car Show in Clay Co. with the benefits going to the Shrine Hospital. VCE was proud to once again show off our Corvairs and enjoy the activities. Next year is promised to be even bigger. Make plans to join us.



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Members Recipes

Forward Control Chocolate Pie

Judi Cannon

Chocolate Pie

(Serves 6)

- 1 Stick of melted butter
- 1 Cup of granulated sugar
- 1/4 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1/4 Cup Cocoa
- 2 Eggs, well beaten
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1 Pre-Baked Pie Crust



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt the stick of butter on low heat in a medium sauce pan. Combine sugar and flour and stir in Cocoa, Eggs and Vanilla. If pie crust is frozen, thaw at least 20-30 minutes, then prick the bottom several times with a fork. Pour chocolate mixture into crust and bake uncovered for 40 minutes.

Blast From The Past



Excerpts from the November 1974 Vulcan newsletter:

Please excuse the small newsletter this month but everything seems to be happening at the same time. The Christmas invitations, convention registration forms, NASCAR press release and CORSA Communiqué press release had to all be made and ready to send out this month and so needless to say; time became valuable. We do however, want to let the members of this great club know about all the good things that are taking place around us. These items will be discussed in detail at our next meeting which is December 1st, 3pm, at the First National Southern Building, downtown Birmingham...

Our December 1st meeting is an important meeting and all should attend. This is our last meeting for 1974. It is also the last meeting for our "first" officers. Most importantly it is the meeting in which we will elect our 1975 slate of officers.

REMINDER: Our first Christmas banquet will be held on Dec. 13th, 7:30, at the Roadway Inn. Hopefully everyone will attend. Please remember that confirmation of your reservation **MUST** be in by December 9th... Invitations have been mailed out and if anyone did not receive one but would like to attend, just call 879-2814. Tommy Charles will be our speaker...

At our next meeting we will discuss the subject of decals for our club. It would really be nice to have some by the time the convention rolls around. Next time you see a van look at the back window. The newly formed Vulcan Van Club have sharp decals. We want people to know who we are!

The last subject of this newsletter is the most important; our convention. For a club that's only five months old "we've come a long way baby". With a little work from all members we will present to the Corvair Society of America one of the best conventions yet. All plans are running very smoothly and everything really looks good. The two fantastic things that have happened to put us over the hump is that DON YENKO said that he would be "very pleased" to attend our convention, and Roy Buckner and Richard Kelly after all other Chevrolet dealers gave us the thumbs down, have declared that they will give us \$500.00 for trophies!! The above plus NASCAR's great support and our own activities gives us the opportunity to really go at this convention in a first class manner.

You will find out, (if you don't already know it), that our convention as well as our club, has put Alabama on the map. People everywhere are talking about "that group from Alabama". As you will hear at the next meeting, James Ray and Bill Ennis spent a weekend in St. Petersburg talking to fellow CORSA members about us. You wouldn't believe it. Drexel Specker, noted designer and owner of the Modified Sportscars Inc. of Washington, D.C. called to say that he was planning on coming down and will probably be a speaker during the Mfg.'s display period. Dave Newell who just stepped down as CORSA president said he hopes to attend and he lives in California! So things look real good.

At our last meeting we asked that all members do one thing at the present time: To contact your favorite parts dealer and ask him to donate something to be given in his name as a door prize. Before you do this call James Ray, 798-4391 and advise him who you are contacting so that we don't have more than one person contacting the same place. We will find out how people are coming along at the next meeting....

Thanks for being the swell people you are and for supporting this "dream" of having a convention here in Birmingham. And on behalf of the newsletter staff and all the 1974 officers, we wish you a very merry Christmas....



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ADDING A ZERK FITTING TO YOUR STEERING BOX

Procedure and Pictures by: Richard Stolzman

As you can see in the pictures, I first removed the lower plug in the housing. I then drilled it out and then tapped it to accept a 1/4 x 28 zerk fitting. There are various sizes you can buy but this size was in abundance in the zerk fitting kit I bought at Harbor Freight. As you can see in the pictures I ran a thin wire along the shaft seal to let the air, water and pressure out as I put grease in the housing. Don't ask how I know to let the pressure out with the wire. The pressure will blow out the shaft seal! I used regular wheel bearing grease and as you can see in the pictures some of the non red grease was contaminated with water. It took lots of grease to force the old grease and water out of the steering box. I'm assuming that the steering box is not too worn and that you can adjust the pittman arm slop out.





'Members Rides'



CORVAIRS AT WORK John Cleveland

Here's my car in front of a natural gas pumping station near Columbus, GA. I was down there this week replacing a computer system that operates the station.

Here's a picture of a container ship on the Savannah water way. I was installing computers at a LNG facility which has slips just off the river to unload LNG ships. This is on an island just south of Savannah.



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit club dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Corvair automobile.

VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.

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