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Prez Sez:

Well another month has gone by, missed last months Prez Sez as I was on the road taking a vacation on the beach at Hilton Head South Carolina.

Our last meeting was at Rickwood Caverns State Park, on July 20th with 22 + people attending the picnic on a beautiful day. As usual the attendees brought a good selection of food.

I drove my late convertible with the top down on the way to Rickwood and put it up before I left for the return trip. Was I glad I did, the bottom dropped out and it rained for a short time cats and dogs.

I arrived early enough to take the cave tour, which consisted of a guided one hour tour through the approximately mile long cave. I had taken the tour through the cave around 20 years ago. The cave is around 350 million years old, and it was a comfortable 60 degrees inside. Brian Cork reminded us of the up coming event at his church just down the road, on the east side of I65. I believe it is the weekend of August 10th. The specifics should be in the minutes of the meeting.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.



Next Meeting:

Choo Choo Classic, Chattanooga, TN TBD,



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Upcoming Events!

Weekly Cruise In Schedule.

1st Saturday

Alex City Arby's in front of WalMart Hwy 280 : Rod Siggers 256-794-3846, John Hammock 334-703-5437
Sports Car Cruise-In, Hamburger Heaven Hwy 280 Birmingham Info: Alan Thacker (205) 663-9299
Hoover Krispy Kreme on Hwy 31.
Alabaster Wal-Mart Shopping Center, 4-9 pm

2nd Saturday

Springville OneEighty Campus (next to Burtons) 5770 U.S. Hwy 11. Contact Sam Latino at (205) 789-0017
Heflin Papa's Pizza Info. Jakie 256-463-2836.
Clanton 2nd Avenue and 6th Street

3rd Saturday

Gadsden Sonic Hwy 278
Hueytown Winn Dixie Shopping Center
Pickle Patch on Hwy 280, in Sylacauga

4th Saturday

Fultondale Colonial Mall (Target Parking Lot) 5-9 pm
Info: Anita Rogers 205-841-8311
Rainbow City Charlie & Casey's Pit & Grill 3225 Rainbow Dr. Info: Steve (256) 492-2950
Talladega, Old Train Depot
Info: Ed Walker 256-493-5318

August 3 Concord Baptist Church, Calera, AL 3rd Annual Jimmie W. Lewis Memorial Car Show.

Food, Fun, Music, Door prizes and lots of vendors! Registration starts at 9:00 AM Trophies, Dash Plaques, Goody Bags & T-Dhirts to the 1st Figty entries.
11215 Hwy 22, Calera, AL.
Info: Barbara Short (205) 451-2959

August 16-18. Choo Choo Corvair is bringing back the Choo Choo Corvair Classic.

The Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel will be the host, rates will be \$99.00 per night. Vendors Welcome, Peoples Choice in the Choo Choo Gardens, Friday Hospitality, Saturday Car Show and Banquet, Sunday Continental Breakfast.

October 4-5 Vairs at The Fair in Perry Ga..

“24th Annual Dixie Corvair Classic, Vairs at the Fair”, in Warner-Robins, Georgia. The host club is The Heart of Georgia Corvair Club. Registration will be on Friday, October 4th from 12 Noon until 7pm and the cost to register will be \$12 per person. There will also be a “Swap Meet” from Noon until 7pm.

The Hospitality room will be open to all Corvair folks from 6:30pm—8:30pm on Friday night. There will also be a Raffle and 50/50 drawing! !



July Meeting Minutes

The July VCE meeting was held at Rickwood Caverns Stae Park on Saturday, July 20th. The membership in attendance were Clyde and Brenda Cork, Jammie and Bryan Cork and Ericka Jaeyon. Steve, Sherri and Patrick Daniels, Mickey, Robin, and Daniel Hunter with his friend Marc Pettus. Pete Wood, Michael Jacob and Karen Brazel, Harold and Louise Hartline, Richard Stolzman, Bob and Wilma Siemans, Joan and Al Birk, Ed and Carol Keller.

Richard called the meeting to order and Old Business was discussed. August 10th will be the car show at Hayden Methodist Church. 3-7 PM with free food and games. A report was given on the upcoming Choo-Choo car show in Tennessee in August. The show is to be held by the Choo-Choo Corvaire club and is scheduled to be held August 16 thru 18. Special Corvaire rate of \$99.00 at the Host Hotel.

New Business mentioned was that the next VCE meeting will be held during the Choo Choo Classic in Chatanooga. (more details later) It was reported that members Russ Thuleen, Billy Cannon, Chris and Josh Rothe and Molly Bacon and Chris Brown were attending the national convention in Kalamazoo Michigan. Ed Keller announced that the AACA National meet will be September 4th in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Sherri Daniels made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Joan Burk.



*Car Experts of all ages find it fascinating
CORVAIRE by Chevrolet*

Technology for Country Folk

- Log On - Making a wood stove hot
- Log Off - Too much wood on fire
- Monitor - Keep'n an eye on the wood stove
- Down Load - Gitten the farwood off'n the truck
- Mega Hertz - When yer not keerfull gitten the farwood
- Ram - That thar thang what splits the farwood
- Hard Drive - Gitten home in the winter time
- Windows - Whut to shut when its cold outside
- Screen - Whut to shut when its black fly season
- Byte - Whut dem dang flies do
- Chip - Munchies fer the TV
- Micro Chip - Whut's in the bottom of the munchies bag
- Modem - Whatcha do to the hay fields
- Dot Matrix - Ole Dan Matrix's wife
- Lap Top - Whar the kitty sleeps
- Keyboard - Whar you hang the dang truck keys
- Software - Dem dang plastic forks and knives
- Mouse - What eats the grain in the bam
- Mouse Pad - That's hippie talk fer where the mouse lives
- Main Frame - Holds up the barn roof
- Port - Fancy flatlander wine
- Enter - Notherner talk fer "C'Mon in y'all"
- Click - Whut you hear when you cock yer gun
- Double Click - When you cock the double barrel
- Reboot - Whut you have to do right before bedtime, when you have to go to the outhouse



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

A Vairiation in Kalamazoo:

2013 Corvair Convention

Believe it or not this was my very first convention. Other than the extremely hot weather it was very enjoyable. Mostly due to the great companionship shared with my buddy, Russ Thuleen. There were a total of six VCE members in attendance: Chris and Josh Rothe, Molly Bacon and Chris Brown, and Russ and I. Chris and Molly were in there Yellow Wagon, Russ in his 66 'vert and I drove the 65 Corsa. The Corvairs faired well throughout the 1600 mile roundtrip but not without a couple of glitches. Russ had to change out the Voltage Regulator on his car and we had to replace the failed electric fuel pump on the Corsa. Many know that there is strength in numbers but when you travel with Russ there is no need to worry. His "GO" box is well equipped and he maintains the reputation of always being able to drive them home. Special thanks to Gary and Mary Mierzwa from our sister club WFCC for their roadside assistance.(Ed.)



Rickwood Caverns VCE Picnic!

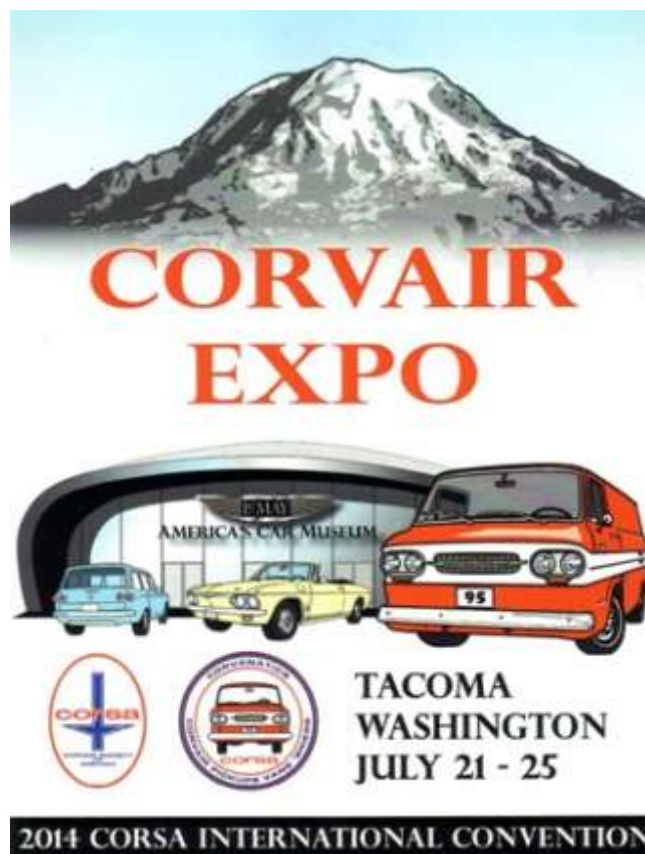


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Past Convention Locations

1971 – Chicago, IL
 1972 – Gaithersburg, MD
 1973 – Anaheim, CA
 1974 – Chicago, IL
 1975 – Seattle, WA
 1976 – Philadelphia, PA
 1977 – Minneapolis, MN
 1978 – San Diego, CA
 1979 – Detroit, MI
 1980 – Atlanta, GA
 1981 – Denver, CO
 1982 – Syracuse, NY
 1983 – Seattle, WA (Bellevue)
 1984 – Parsippany, NJ
 1985 – Houston, TX
 1986 – Grand Rapids, MI
 1987 – Chicago, IL
 1988 – Asheville, NC
 1989 – Kansas City, MO
 1990 – Ontario, Canada
 1991 – Washington, DC (New Carrollton, MD)

 1992 – Atlanta, GA
 1993 – San Jose, CA
 1994 – Williamsburg, VA
 1995 – Dallas, TX
 1996 – Albuquerque, NM
 1997 – Lake Placid, NY
 1998 – St. Louis, MO
 1999 – Lake Tahoe, NV
 2000 – Daytona Beach, FL
 2001 – Chicago / St. Charles- Pheasant Run
 2002 – Flagstaff, AZ - Little America
 2003 – Carlisle, PA
 2004 – Lexington, KY
 2005 – Portland, OR
 2006 – Buffalo, NY
 2007 – Detroit, MI
 2008 – Ventura, CA
 2009 – Jacksonville, FL
 2010 – Cedar Rapids, IA
 2011 – Denver, CO
 2012 – Sturbridge, MA



1960 Corvair Super Monza or 'Its Nice To Be The Boss's Daughter'

Chevrolet Enthusiast and the writer would like to thank Dave Newell for providing the research and first hand information about the Super Monza. Mr. Newell is considered the ultimate expert on this particular vehicle as well as Corvairs in general.

It was the fall of 1959 and Chevrolet was getting ready to produce the new Corvair. Chevrolet's designers had worked tirelessly to create a genuine small car and not just a shrunken big car. Not only was the Corvair a true compact car, it was Chevrolet's first rear engine air-cooled compact car. Initially a 500 and 700 series two-door and four-door sedan were to launch on October 2, 1959, however due to delays in design and development, the two-door was put on hold, leaving the four-door sedan as the only model available to the public. While working on the coupe design, three two-door prototype bodies were built at GM's Fisher Body division. The bodies were then sent to the Willow Run, Michigan plant for completion. One was to stay with Fisher in Warren for testing and hardware tryout. Another was sent to the GM Proving Grounds and the third was delivered to Chevrolet Engineering for a variety of testing. (cont. on Page 7)



One of the prototype vehicles was later used to build a show car scheduled to be sent to Turin, Italy for the Turin Auto Show. The exterior was similar to the upcoming production car but was painted a beautiful pearlescent fawn and included a set of Dayton wire wheels. The interior was the focal point of the car. Tan custom-made leather bucket seats were made by cutting ten inches out of a center of a bench seat. Door panels were stitched leather and included integral courtesy lamps. Plush carpeting not only covered the floor but also made its way into the trunk area. It was now ready for Turin but for unknown reasons, never made it to Italy. While it had no formal name, the car became known as the Turin Monza. After doing cost analysis on the car, GM needed to dramatically lower production costs. The custom interior was removed and replaced with low cost material similar to the production Corvair.

The lower cost Turin Monza was sent to the Chicago Auto Show along with a similar Monza in the same color but with the luxurious interior of the early Turin car. The pair were dubbed the "Masculine" and "Feminine" or "Mr. And Mrs." Monzas and were an amazing success. Bill Mitchell loved the look of the pair and decided to design a custom coupe for his daughter.

Mitchell's daughter Lynne was turning 16 years old on March 23, 1960. Being a good dad and in a position of doing almost whatever he wanted to at GM, he procured an early production (built during the second week of February) series 700 coupe to customize and give to his daughter for her birthday. With little time to spare, the car was delivered to Flint for updates. The reason for sending it to Flint was because development costs could stay under the radar of the accounting department.

When completed, the coupe known as the Super Monza, named by *Motor Trend Magazine*, was an example of Mitchell's vision. Dad knew his daughter's favorite color was blue, and a special pearlescent blue paint was applied to the body. The quarter panels included twin functional air scoops designed to cool the rear brakes. The scoops were accented with bright trim. A special Corvair script was applied to each quarter panel and each door included a hand cast chrome ring with the letters "NLM", for Nancy Lynne Mitchell, inside the ring. Custom-made rocker moldings and a special rear grille added to the sporty look. Special hubcaps were designed with her initials "LM" in the center. The interior received massive revisions based on the "Feminine" Monza. A power driver seat was added and the seats were covered in custom leather and deep pile carpeting gave the



car an upscale look. Even the trunk was upholstered. Many interior trim pieces were chrome plated. The ultimate feature was a custom designed sunroof. Special white texture paint covered the roof. Power was supplied by a much-chromed stock 80-horsepower engine and dual exhausts.

On March 23rd, while Bill's wife took Lynne for her driver's license, Ned Nickle, head of Advance One Studio and Bill delivered the car to the house. Unfortunately, because of bad weather, it was dirty from the trip. Bill and Ned grabbed the hose and rags and gave the car a quick car wash just before Lynne came home. She immediately fell in love with it.

Unfortunately Lynn was able to use the car for only a few weeks because it was set to appear at the New York Auto Show. After the show, the car was returned to Lynne, However unknown to Mitchell, Ed Cole, General Manager of Chevrolet, had other plans for the car. He wanted to give it

to Richard Reynolds, President of Reynolds Metal, and a good friend and fishing partner. Reynolds Metals was to supply a large amount of aluminum to the Chevrolet division and had invested many millions of dollars in building a new plant.

The car stayed within the Reynolds family for many years and was later given to the Central Virginia Chapter of CORSA. They later donated it to the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF). After restoration by Cecil Miller and Jeff Barrett the car was put on display at CPF's Corvair Museum at the Ypsilanti Automotive Museum in Ypsilanti, Michigan and was featured at the 2014 Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair

Registration Form / Entry Application October 4-5, 2013

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Registration Fee (each adult \$12.00) _____

Catfish and Shrimp Dinner \$16.00 each adult _____
(\$8.00 under 12) _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Will you be participating in the parade and
displaying your car at the Fair this year? _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate; entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge Heart of Georgia Corvair and the Ramada Inn, their officers and employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Dixie Corvair Classic of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature _____

Mail forms / checks to:

Lillian Law
163 Laurelbrook Drive
Leesburg GA 31763

Count the Corvairs Contest



Here is your chance to win a brand new Corvair wrist watch to be presented at the next VCE meeting.

THE RULES are simple:

Be the 1st to respond with the correct number of Corvairs visible in this copy of the Oil Drop.

I will tell you that there are more than one picture of the same car...all pictures count as one! (For Example; there are 6 pictures of the Super Monza, therefore your total count should include those 6.

ALL Corvair pictures or graphics in all articles and pages qualify, The 'NAME' Corvair does not!

To be fair the contest is open to ALL VCE members in two categories: e-mail and 'snail mail'.

The 1st e-mail I receive WITH the correct number will receive the YENKO Stinger watch.

I MAIL eight printed copies on the 1st of the month. The 1st of those to CALL me with the correct number will receive the CORSA watch. 256-839-1905 or 256-404-5998



Classifieds

FOR SALE

1965 CORSA 140hp:



Black Interior with fair carpet, new headliner, new door panels with matching rear cards. Stock rear seat in great condition not hard or cracking. Front seats are aftermarket fabric seats with black and grey charcoal inserts..Corsa dash re worked with new wrinkle finish, clock does not work. Radio is a Sony CD player with front input jack for an mp3 player. Speakers are Alpine 6 x 9 in the rear window.

Chassis— is in good mechanical condition. Previous owner did some Autocrossing with this car and every suspension joint is either Nylon or Delrin. Front has been converted to Disk brakes and it has a dual Master Cylinder. (DOT 5 Silicone Fluid) Rear end has a Corvette sway bar and it

fits perfectly. All springs are stock... not cut down or modified in any way. Front end has Aftermarket Quick Steering arms and the shifter has a Quick Shift adaptor.

Engine / Drivetrain— Correct 65 transaxle is in the car. Drives and shifts nicely. Engine is not the proper Coded RB block. It is however a late model 140 engine. David Clemens internally inspected the engine and the rod bearings looked perfect. The heads were extensively rebuilt with a complete new valve job and had the chambers cut to raise the compression to 10 to 1. It has a bolted and balanced flywheel with a new clutch disc. No oil Leaks .. Dual exhaust is welded together and sounds good (not rusted out junk). Engine has 4 individual K&N air filters and has a CRANE Ignitor electronic ignition system with electric fuel pump.

Floor pans have all been replaced with new units from Clarks Corvair parts. I don't know how bad they were but the previous owner cut out the old and replaced them. Everything Mechanically is good and it was recently driven 1700 miles roundtrip to the Convention in Kalamazoo Michigan. Tires are worn, it will need them soon.

\$8000 OBO Call Billy Cannon 256-839-1905 e-mail gtochief@gmail.com



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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