

THE OIL DROP

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Well, I made the June meeting, it looked like I would be picking up 180 bales of hay, but I got rained out, so was glad to make the meeting. It looks like a lot of other members made it also. After a few meetings with low turnout we had I believe 27 adults and 2 children. There was a great selection of eats. I'm sorry you missed it John! Someone has to pay social security taxes.

At the formal and not so formal meeting, Pete woods mentioned that he would like to put together a one day touring event this fall, and asked members to think up places they would like to go for a one day outing. so everyone bring your suggestions to the next meeting.

After the meeting I gave a tech talk; and show and tell on drilling out and tapping the 65 yokes to accept 5/16 by 24 bolts. The casting are identical, except the 66 and later are a little heavier, but the 65 yokes still are strong and large enough to accept the larger holes and bolts.

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT: From a company memo!!

"E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business." Richard:

Web Links 4 U! - Corvair Commercials

Don't show this one to young children, they'll never look at the Easter bunny the same again!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbDyHa3dcLs>

Jimmy Dean's 1960 ad

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1TgZBs028>

1961 Corvair 95 ad

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBnyRNifSts>

1961 Corvair line ad

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-zC_PGDOOk

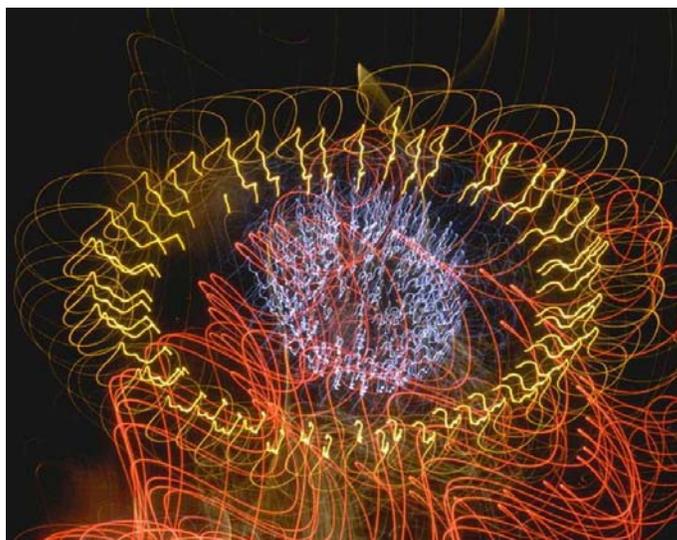
Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, June 17, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship.

Bring your covered dish!!



Wanted and For Sale...

Wanted: Rear outlet air grill for a '66 Monza.
Contact John @ 205-834-3120.

Send Oil Drop submissions to:

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

Birthdays

Ed Keller – July 2
Leslie Steckler – July 6
Russell Noble – July 17
John Cleveland – July 26

Anniversaries

John & Denise Cleveland – July 29

Cruise-In Locations

Most of these run from April through October, starting around 5 pm.

1st Friday

Gadsden, AL. Broad Street, downtown

1st Saturday

Alabaster, AL. DQ in Walmart shopping center

Hanceville, AL. 6-9pm; August; Across from Wallace State.

Hoover, AL. 9am to noon; Krispy Kreme

Odenville, AL. Piggly Wiggly

1st Sunday

Decatur, AL. Sonic on 6th Avenue

2nd Saturday

Argo, AL. Clearbranch Church

Clanton, AL. 6-9pm, Downtown; call 205-755-3164

Hueytown, AL. Walmart

Moody, AL. Bernetti's Ice Cream Parlor 231 Moody Pkway.

Pelham, AL. 4-7pm, Pelham Town Center (Publix & Johnny Ray's); Tank Farm exit.

Pell City, AL. Jacks, near Hwy 78 and 231

McCalla, AL. Target parking lot in Colonial Promenade shopping center.

3rd Saturday

Argo, AL. Drive In Theater, call 205-467-3434 for times.

Hoover, AL. 6-9pm Krispy Kreme

Pinson, AL. North Park Church on Deerfoot Prkwy

4th Saturday

Sylacauga, AL. Home Depot parking lot

Fultondale, AL. Target, exit 267

Gadsden, AL. Ryan's Family Steakhouse, call 256-492-2950

THE BIRTH OF VCE

VULCAN CORVAIRS is a "convention-AL" group! Of all the Corvair clubs organized in this country, the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts of Birmingham AL, probably formed under the most unusual circumstances.

In 1974, the founder, Lee Miller, had an idea of having fellow Corvair Society of America (CORSA) members down to take a parade lap around the Alabama International Speedway (now Talladega) just before the running of the WINSTON 500 NASCAR Race.

Not knowing exactly how to go about doing this, Lee wrote Dave Newell (Historian of CORSA) to seek some advice. Dave's reply was that in order to get members down to B'ham, a convention would be the best bet.

To put on this event, one of two things had to be done. Either ask various clubs in the area to help put on the activity, or form a club in Birmingham.

Several clubs were contacted and the response was the same: "Sounds like a great idea and we will surely attend, but we just don't have the time or manpower to put on the event ourselves."

Lee, not being one to quit easily, put an ad in the newspaper concerning the formation of a local chapter of CORSA. Twenty six members and 11 months later, a new club was putting on what many say was one of the best conventions ever to be held for Corvair enthusiasts. And the funny thing about all this is the fact that VCE was in fact formed just to put this successful event into reality.

(Excerpts from original article written by Dean Koch for the September 1978 communiqué.)

Wouldn't it be grand to have the 2015 convention here in Birmingham for the 40th anniversary of the forming of our club?



Why the 1965 Greenbrier?

By; Billy Cannon (Much of the content here is from an original article in the January 1982 Communiqué written by Bill Borland, Valley CORSA)

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts club members have recently been working to clear the April 27th devastation on Bob and Wilma Siemens's property. Among many of the damaged Corvairs is a very rare 1965 Greenbrier which we pulled from under the aluminum shed where it was stored. The major damage is to the cab area, windshield, and buckled roof. But nothing that our resident 'supercorvairman', Russ Thuleen, is afraid to tackle. When he starts on this project I hope that he will remember my name when he starts looking for volunteers.

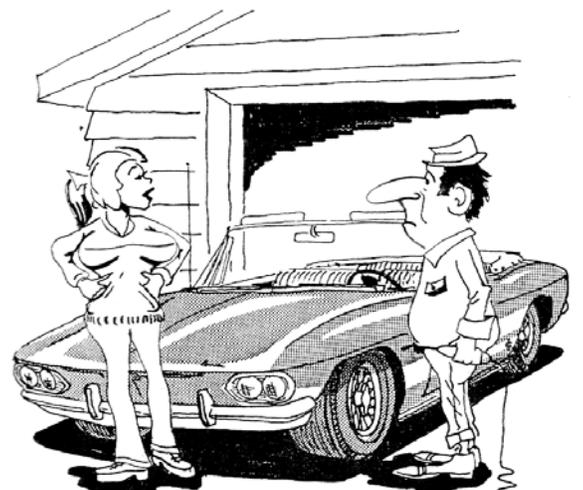


Quite a few people do not realize that a Greenbrier was made in 1965. My first thought was that Chevy had a lot of 1964 bodies left and wanted to use them up. Actually, the real reason for the 1965 Greenbrier was that Chevrolet was coming out with a new 'sports wagon' to compete with the Ford Falcon wagon. They were able to get the Chevy Van in production in time for the 1965 model run, but not their sports wagon at that time; so, to fill the gap until the sports wagon was available, Chevy continued the Greenbrier into the 1965 model run until December of '64. At which time the Chevrolet Sports wagon became available. Total production of 1965 Greenbriers was 1,528.



Although the '65 Greenbrier was only a fill-in until the sports model became available, it still had a lot of features that were not available on the '64; among them were: a new ignition switch similar to the ones used in the '65 cars (except it didn't have an accessory position), a new turn signal switch (the same as used on the '65 cars), an alternator, new arm rests, a new horn ring, new body side emblems (these were placed in the area where the white stripe is), and the early model car 100-mph speedo was used.

The 1965 Greenbrier could be ordered with doors on the left (drivers) side, a deluxe interior, a gas heater, and any of the options previously offered. The 1965 Greenbrier owner's operating instructions were included in the 1965 passenger car manual.



"I don't care if it does do a great job . . . you're not using the electric tooth brush on your old wire wheels!"

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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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