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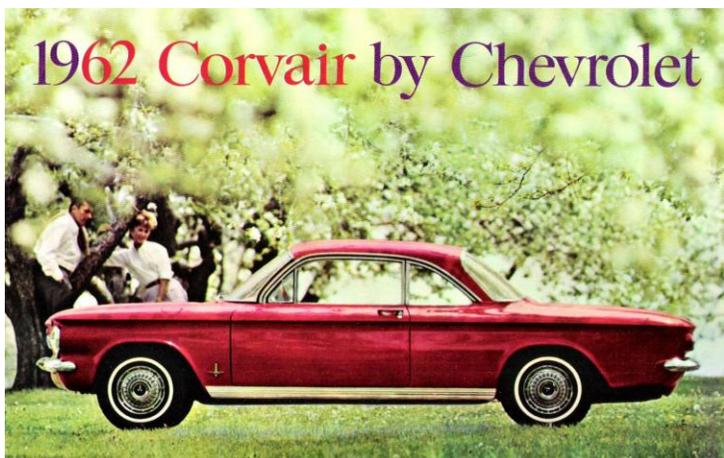
*November 2012*



## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Well let me try again, the internet keeps on going down. We had eighteen people at the October 19th meeting. We had some visitors, Larry Goosbly, George Miljus, and Russell Noble. We had an exceptional selection of food, especially the soup. Russ had a tech session on a tore up block and the 140 heads off the block and a cam shaft in three pieces from the same motor. By the time everyone reads this, I, Russ, and Billy should have gone to and come back from the Lineville car show. I hope nothing keeps me from attending. From the looks of it we will be having our Christmas party at Russ's house on the 21st of December, our usual meeting date.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF AN OLD TRACTOR. (Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.)



## Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, November 16, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship

2575 Columbiana Rd. Vestavia Hills, AL.

Come have a covered dish dinner that can't beat!

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**NOTE: PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH.**

## Web Links 4 U!

Late model Corvair backup switches for less than \$60. I'll get one and report back!

<http://www.fiberfab.us/backupswitch.html>

Lineville Heritage Days, Nov. 3.

<http://claycochamber.com/lineville-alabama-heritage-day-celebration/>

This is on ebay now. Somebody buy it, quick!

[http://www.ebay.com/itm/Corvair-65-68-motor-NEW-T3-T4-TURBO-140-big-valve-heads-TRW-forged-pistons-/110939666663?pt=Race\\_Car\\_Parts&hash=item19d484f8e7&vxp=mtr#ht\\_198wt\\_1142](http://www.ebay.com/itm/Corvair-65-68-motor-NEW-T3-T4-TURBO-140-big-valve-heads-TRW-forged-pistons-/110939666663?pt=Race_Car_Parts&hash=item19d484f8e7&vxp=mtr#ht_198wt_1142)

John Fitch Obituary:

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2012/10/31/racing-legend-and-safety-pioneer-john-fitch-dies/>

## Upcoming Events!

**Corvair Affair in St. Augustine, FL hosted by Central FL. Corvair.** Nov. 2 through 4<sup>th</sup>. Fri. nite hospitality dinner and valve cover races. Sat. morning show and shine, afternoon autocross. Sun. morning rally followed by awards brunch. Host is Comfort Suites World Golf Village, 475 Commerce Lake Dr., St. Augustine, FL. 32095. Phone: 877-940-9501 or 904-940-9500. Ask for Corvair rate of \$74. Club contact: 386-265-1787, [sarahvair@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sarahvair@cfl.rr.com)

### **Lineville Car Show and Swap Meet and Heritage Days celebration.**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. (Car show on the 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Call Billy or Russ for details.

**Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN hosted by the East TN Corvair club.** Jan. 11-13. No planned events, just spending time with Corvair friends. Best Western Toni Inn, 3810 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN. 865-453-9058 and mention Corvair for \$44 + tax room.

**Corvair Lover's Holiday, Pensacola Beach, FL.** Feb. 15-16. Dinner Friday, Door prizes, 50/50, valve cover races, Ladies get together and more! Days Inn, Pensacola Beachfront.

## **Birthdays**

Chris Roth - Nov. 9  
Joe Doughty - Nov. 20  
Roy Dutton - Nov. 28

## **Anniversaries**

Russell & Debbie Noble - Nov. 29

## October VCE Meeting Minutes

The October VCE meeting was held on the 19th at Fullness Christian Fellowship. As per custom, our meeting was preceded by a delicious potluck dinner provided by the members in attendance.

George Miljus and Larry Gusby were present, which made a total of 17 members at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report from Joe Doughty reflected a bank balance of \$483.00.

All sorts of business was discussed:

Russ Thuleen gave a report on events attended by him and various other members of the club. First of there was Kingsport; followed by the parade and fair in Warner Robins, Georgia; a side trip up to Maggie Valley, Pell City and Lineville.

Russ also talked about his newest project - the short Rampside (goes by Booger) has been sand blasted and is now ready for paint. A short report was given about Buck and Jewel, and finally the annual VCE Christmas Party was discussed. Russ and Leslie will host this year's party at the Thuleen house on Saturday, December 22nd. Details to follow.

Billy Cannon reported on the website, Facebook page and his V-8 car conversion.

John Cleveland has stepped down as our Newsletter Editor and it will be handled by Billy Cannon.

Ed needs a top installer - please contact him with info if you know someone.

With VCE now being technology driven with emailed newsletters, a web page and social networking on Facebook; it was requested that at the next meeting a tech session be held on how to post comments and pictures on the Facebook site. Leslie and Jessica Steckler will be providing info and a hands-on demonstration.

Richard moved to adjourn.



## ROAD TRIP – MAGGIE VALLEY, N.C.

Submitted by Harold and Louise Hartline

Seven VCE members attended the “Vairs in the Valley’ gathering in Maggie Valley, N.C. the second weekend in October. The group included Russ Thuleen, Bob and Wilma Siemens, Ed and Carol Keller and Harold and Louise Hartline.

Activities included a rally, parade, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, car show, valve cover race and parts for sale.

I understand that 51 cars were in the parade. About 10 more did not line up. A slow race was included in the activities. The object is to see who can take the most time to cover a given distance. It tests the engine and how well it is tuned.

The Appalachian Mountains are truly beautiful in October when the hardwood foliage reaches peak color, and the drive in and out provides many miles and overlooks to enjoy the view.

Maggie Valley offers an array of shops for browsing, and all sorts of mountain crafts. You can enjoy an apple fresh picked from a local mountainside orchard. An antique motorcycle museum houses a huge collection of old cycles and some cars. Essentially all were made in the U.S. All were either restored to operating condition or in the process of restoration. Many of the brands were unknown to me but the majority was made up of Harley Davidson and Indian brands. Sitting near the Museum entrance was a handmade race car. The body was a wing tank from an aircraft, the engine was a four cylinder in line air cooled Indian. A sign on the car said something close to “Thanks to the Pickers”. If you watch the Pickers you may have seen Mike and Frank purchase the belly tank car. How they found Maggie Valley Museum is another question.

For more information about Maggie Valley:

<http://maggievalley.org/index-welcome.html>



Main Street, Maggie Valley, N.C.

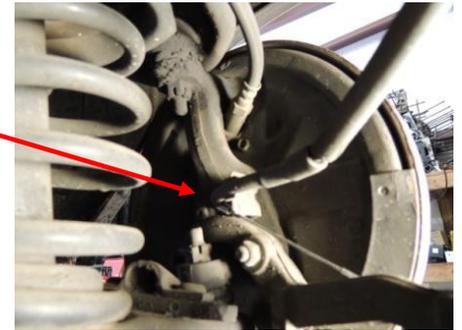


This has nothing to do with Maggie Valley, its just a cool picture of Chris and Joshua.

**From the Editor:** A strange thing happened to me on the way back from Oklahoma. My car quit going fast. On the freeway, secondary roads and sitting at stop lights it was the same old thing; 0 mph. What could I do to make my car go fast again? A new speedometer cable!

Late Model speedometer cable installation:

1. Is it really broke? Look under the dash and make sure it didn't come unscrewed.
2. If it looks good there, pull the front driver side wheel and remove the dust cap. The most likely place for a break is the bend coming into the hub. Gently pull on the inner cable. If it's broke it will pull right out.
3. Now that you know it's broke and you've got the new one there, plus the new grommet, let's get busy.
4. Unscrew the connection under the dash. Pry out the grommet at the firewall and cut it off. Fasten a piece of stiff wire, 5 – 6 ft. long to the end of the cable under the dash. Electrical tape works fine for this.
5. There's a hook behind the fender well that can be accessed through the hole where the gas tank filler tube passes through. Remove the cable from that hook.
6. Take the bracket loose that holds the cable to the front hub.



7. Take the bracket loose that holds the cable to in the wheel well.

8. Have a helper feed the cable with the wire attached from under the dash through the hole in the firewall. Make sure the free end of the attached wire stays under the dash. Once out, remove the other end of the wire from the old cable and attach it to the new cable at the under dash connection.

9. The cable follows the steering column down to the hub. NOTE: The cable passes **over** the brake line to be able to rest in the hook on the back side of the wheel well. You can see this when you look up the steering column from under the car. The wire should be following that path to assist you in pulling the new cable back over the brake line and up under the dash. Carefully pull the new cable up through the firewall and under the dash. Screw the connection to the speedometer and install the new grommet. Pull **ALL** the slack towards the front of the car.

10. Attach the cable to the hook on the back side of the wheel well.
11. Feed the end of the cable through the hub.



12. Attach the bracket in the wheel well. See picture at Step 7.
13. Attach the bracket at the front hub. See picture at Step 6.



14. Insert the end of the cable in the hole on the dust cap and gently tap the cap back on the hub. Use the raised edge of the cap to tap on,

Now my car really goes fast and that dreary old '0' feeling is gone. I've been 30, 50, even 75 mph! It's not accurate, but a check with my GPS shows its close enough. If you want absolute accuracy in your speedo and odometer, you'll need to visit a speedometer shop for a calibration. Look in the yellow pages.

Take care, drive safe and GET THAT CORVAIR OUT THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- John -

Contact Billy Cannon for details!!!!!!!

## Rockford Gets Ready for Christmas

### Rockford Christmas Parade

The Rockford Christmas Parade will be held in Rockford on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Open House for the merchants will be from 2:00 p.m. until after the parade.

The competitive floats are to be judged in the following categories:

1. Business and Industry Prize: Coosa Business Trophy
2. Non-Profit Groups (Churches, Clubs, Schools, etc.) Prize: First Place ..... \$100.00 Second Place ..... \$50.00 Third Place..... \$25.00
3. Best In Show

Prize: First Place.....Trophy Second Place.....Trophy

Enclosed is your parade entry form. Please return by December 5, 2012 to the address on the registration form. All vehicles, bands and walking groups must be registered with the parade committee.

The line up for all registered vehicles will be in the parking lot of the Rockford School. Line up is as follows:

Floats 5:00 p.m. Cars 5:30 p.m. Walkers 6:00 p.m.

It is important that the long floats line up no later than 5:00 p.m. before the area fills with children.

Due to potential danger the Police Department has asked that candy and other items not be thrown to the crowd. Please do not use a Santa in your float. The "Official" Santa will be at the end of the parade. Any child under the age of 10 driving a motorized vehicle (golf cart, motorcycle, etc.) must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to you joining us to make the 2012 parade a truly special event. With your cooperation, this will be a safe and enjoyable event for Coosa County. If you have any questions, please contact: Doris Culver at Town Hall at 256-377-4911.

#### FOR SALE:

Richard Cleveland has a bunch of parts for sale.

1 set of doors for 65-66 coupe/convertible

1 pair of LM coupe front door registers

1 pair of LM vent windows

2 sets of 64 Monza tail light lenses

1 set of aluminum custom wheels

Misc parts.

256-595-3448

#### **2012 VCE Christmas Party!!!**

**The Thuleen family has offered to host our Christmas party at their house this year. It's looking like it will be on Saturday, December 22 with either an early afternoon or early evening dinner. There will be more discussion at the November meeting. Stay tuned for email, facebook and web page updates!**



Harold Hartline's Rampside

*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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*Newsletter: John Cleveland  
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*Treasurer: Joe Doughty  
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*Hospitality: Harold Hartline*

*Arrangements: Judi Cannon*

*Web: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter352/>*



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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