

THE OIL DROP

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

At our regular November meeting on the 18th, we had 19 or so persons in attendance. the food as usual was outstanding.

We discussed our upcoming Christmas party and voted to have it on our regular meeting night the 16th of December at 7PM. A list was sent around and the women signed up for the various items of food needed. The men had it easy as they were assigned to bring drinks!

I'm sorry to say I missed the Lineville car show, the crud took me down. And then I got over it and I caught a 2nd crud, with severe complications. I had to take a full 10 days of antibiotics, and your should of seen the whole 1/2 page of complications that could result from taking the antibiotics, so far the side effects were mild. I caught it in time and didn't have to have a hospital stay!!!

ATTENTION: The 459 west bound to 65 north exit has problems, three lanes of traffic have to merge into one and at 6 o'clock it is really slow. I suggest staying on 459 West and getting off at 31 and go north to Columbiana.

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT? ("Teamwork is a lot of people doing what I say.")

Web Links 4 U!

Thanks Richard for the links!

<http://www.gmheritagecenter.com>

Nice site with lots of links to GM information, especially in the Archive section.

<http://www.automobile-catalog.com>

You gotta see this site. Information on every vehicle ever made since 1945. Plan to spend some time here.

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/blogs/autosblogpost.aspx?post=62e4d9a0-963a-4caa-9ea7-a4264f3688fa>

I'm an anti Mustang guy, but an interesting article about a new repro body shell for a '65 Mustang convertible.

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, December 16, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship.

ATTENTION: All ramps from I-65 to Hwy 31 in Hoover are open. Construction has moved to the I-65 southbound lanes. I-459 West to I-65 North is still messed up. Stay on 459 West to Exit 13B (Hiway 31) and get off there. Go north to Columbiana.

<http://www.progress65.com/progress65-Jefferson.htm>



Upcoming Events!

Dec. 17 Chelsea Christmas parade

Contact Russ Thuleen for details. He's out of town until our meeting on Dec. 16. Just plan to go and get the details at our next meeting!

Jan 12-14 Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Hosted by E. TN. Corvair Club
Timberwood Lodge, 4025 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 865-453-0625 and mention the Corvair event.

Feb. 24-25 Corvair Lover's Holiday

Pensacola, FL. Days Inn Pensacola Beachfront
16 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach, FL. 850-934-3300
Mention Corvair for special rates.
Friday - Hospitality dinner, door prizes, 50/50, Valve Cover races, Ladies Get Together. Contact June Lindsay @ wfcc@mediacombb.net or 850-994-2161

April 20-21 Springfest, Helen Ga.

Friday autocross and swap meet.
Fri. nite hospitality party, 50/50, vale cover races.
Sat. Concours, people's choice.
Sat. nite awards banquet, tech sessions
Motels: Helendorf Inn 706-878-2271
Best Western 706-878-2111
Super 8 706-878-2191 For all reservations ask for Corvair club rates, before March 20.

November VCE Meeting Minutes

The November VCE meeting was held at Fullness Christian Church on Friday, November 18th. Nineteen people were in attendance. Richard Stolzmann bought the club an AC tool and brought to the meeting to show it off.

Russell Noble was present and received his rare lawn chair loaned to the club months back! The meeting was called to order after the usual delicious potluck supper.

Russell Noble gave a report on his health, stating, "I feel fine. The operation went well and I am recovering." His wife, Debbie is also recovering and doing well. Joe Doughty gave a report on Rozelle. She had a biopsy and reports came back benign. She is doing well, but now has been down with sciatic nerve problems.

John Cleveland gave a report on our new members, who will be joining us at our Christmas party next month. We are looking forward to this event and the women took care of the menu planning. The party will be held at the church on our usual meeting day and time. It was decided each family would donate \$10 per person and the money would be donated to a charity to be determined by the membership.

Ed Keller reported he has a friend who has old Alabama license plates. If interested in obtaining one for your Corvair, see Ed for more details. Hoyt reported on 195-80-13 tires.

It was noted that Harold Hartline's mother was not doing well and was now in the hospital.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Since the minutes of this meeting were written; Harold Hartline's mother has passed and her funeral was held on Friday, November 25 in Hueytown. God rest her soul and please remember the family in your prayers.



Remember when your cup holder sat next to you and wore a poodle skirt?



From the Editor:

THE GREAT GAS GAUGE ADVENTURE or How to spend money needlessly because of a bad ground. Just a heads up if you are contemplating fixing that pesky gas gauge. My gauge has been erratic since I bought the car. I've did the resistance checks at the sender and all was well. If the readings are good, then go to the dash and make the same checks there. That's right; you get to pull the dash. If you need help, I'm getting pretty good at it. Refer to the tech guide for the resistance readings for full and empty.

And here's where I screwed up; I didn't check the ground strap from the dash modules to the ground screw where it connects to the bottom of the dash.

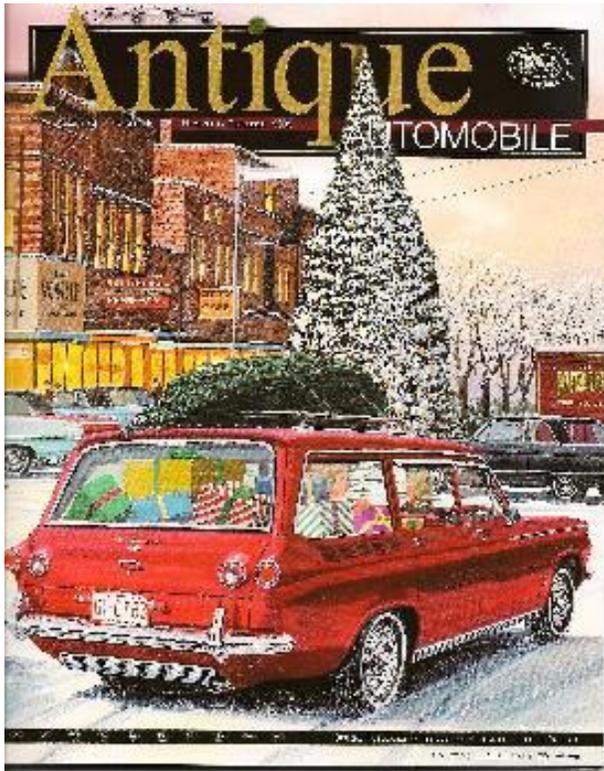
I had the dash out this summer to mount a tach in the center dash hole. When I put everything together, the instruments were screwy, so I pulled the dash again to make sure that strap was installed correctly. It wasn't, I fixed it and reinstalled the dash.

My gas gauge worked somewhat for a couple of months, then went haywire again. I did the checks again, everything looked good, so I bought a new sender, installed it and things were still screwy.

LESSON LEARNED: Even though the screw was tight in the bottom of the dash, it is supposed to capture the ground strap and clamp it to the metal. The hole in my strap was larger than the screw, so it was making an intermittent ground. All the checks passed, so I figured it was the sender. Now I'm trying to figure out how to get a 1 inch grade 8 bolt through there to really hold that sucker down!

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

- John -



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

Birthdays

Carol Keller – Dec. 18

Russ Thuleen – Dec. 20

Anniversaries

Bob and Wilma Siemens – Dec. 17

Will people ever line the street to look at what you drove?



**VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS
CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU
DECEMBER 16, 2011**

**If you are not on the list and want to bring something, call Carol Keller at 205-823-5424
Just looking at what's on the list, I would just suggest you come hungry! (editor)**

Meats

Turkey
Ham

Billy Cannon
Harold Hartline

Vegetables

Dressing & Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Cranberry
Potato Salad
Deviled Eggs
Condiments

Carol K.
Sherri D.
Denise C.
Wilma S.
Wilma S.
Wilma S.
Leslie T.



Desserts

Peppermint Cake
Lemon Squares
Pecan Pie
Banana Pudding
Sweet Potato Pie
Surprise

Leslie T.
Sherri D.
Roselle D.
Hoyt M.
Jewell H.
Chris Rothe

Drinks

All Men

Bread

Rolls
Stolzman

Richard



Other December meeting items:

- Officer Elections (you know deep down you want to be the newsletter editor!)
- 2012 Dues - \$20
- Instead of a gift exchange, the club members donate \$10 each to go to a charity. If you know of a good charity, bring it up at the meeting and we'll vote.

(Reprinted from the Nov. Corvair Minnesota Leaky Seal)

BLOCKED OFF FUEL PUMP

Sometimes a person wants to add an electric fuel pump and leave the stock (looking) pump in place. Here's a pretty easy way to do that.

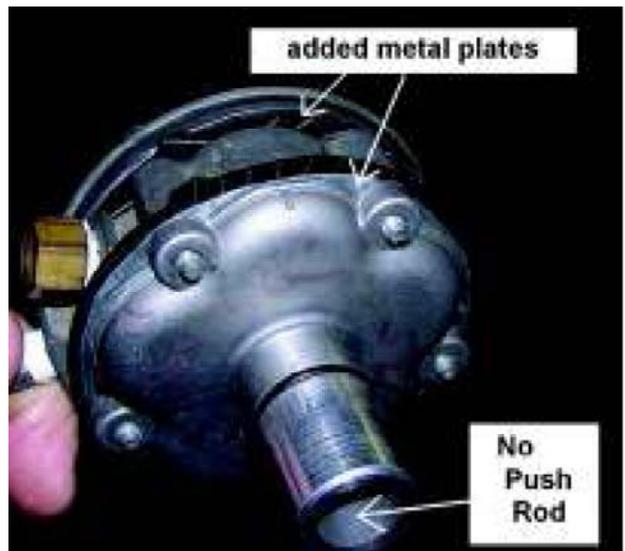
Remove your existing pump from the engine and unscrew all five bolts. Wash the entire mess till its clean and sparkling so it will look good when this is over. Get some thin sheet metal – two 3” discs cut to match the size of the rubber gaskets in your dismantled Fuel Pump. Drill out the push rod and discard it and the little thingies that came with it.

Throw away the top spring too. Now all you have is the base piece – the check valve section – and the 1/4” thick top valve piece -- and three rubber discs.

In the check valve section there is the inlet and the outlet threaded holes, with a wall between them -- drill a couple holes through that wall for the electric gas to pass. Now is the hard part. Place one of the rubber gaskets on the metal discs and copy the placement of the bolt holes. Drill out the holes. The reason I say this is the hard part is that these holes are not evenly spaced around the Fuel Pump and when you flip the discs over, or whatever, you have lost your way with their orientation. Try to be careful.

In the center of one of the metal plates you drill a 3/8” hole to fit over the base section's tube. During assembly this is the first piece that goes on the new "Dummy Pump". Then goes the rubber with the center hole in it – then the check valve section -- seems as if all is going well so far! You only have two rubbers, a disc, the top valve piece and the original cover (with no spring) left to go. Now, one of the remaining rubbers goes on top of the check valve section and then the other metal disc. The top valve piece goes next to the upper metal disc with no gasket. Put the last rubber gasket on top just under the cover..... add the cover and screw together. You now have a leak proof Dummy Fuel Pump, made from your very own OLD Fuel Pump.

Fran



The Cost of an Oil Change Men VS Woman

Oil change instructions for women:

- 1.) Oil Change...\$30.00
- 2.) Coffee.....\$1.00
- 3.) Total.....\$31.00

Oil change instructions for men:

- 1.) Wait until Saturday, Drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree and use debit card.....\$50.00
- 2.) Stop by package store and buy a case of beer.\$20.00
- 3.) Open a beer and drink it.
- 4.) Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
- 5.) Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
- 6.) In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
- 7.) Place drain pan under engine.
- 8.) Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
- 9.) Give up and use crescent wrench.
- 10.) Unscrew drain plug.
- 11.) Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process.
- 12.) Crawl out from under car to wipe hot oil off of face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
- 13.) Have another beer while watching oil drain.
- 14.) Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
- 15.) Give up; crawl under car and hammer a screwdriver through oil filter and twist off.
- 16.) Crawl out from under car with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly hide old oil filter among trash in trash can to avoid environmental penalties. Drink another beer.
- 17.) Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.
- 18.) Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
- 19.) Remember drain plug from step 11..
- 20.) Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.

- 21.) Drink beer.
- 22.) Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.
- 23.) Get drain plug back in with only a minor spill..
- 24.) Crawl under car getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame removing any excess skin between knuckles and frame.
- 25.) Begin cussing fit.
- 26.) Throw crescent wrench.
- 27.) Cuss for additional 5 minutes because wrench hit bowling trophy.
- 28.) Time for another beer.
- 29.) Clean up hands and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
- 30.) Time for another beer.
- 31.) Dump in five fresh quarts of oil
- 32.) Time for another beer.
- 33.) Lower car from jack stands.
- 34.) Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during any missed steps.
- 35.) Time for another beer.
- 36.) Test drive the car.

Summary spent for oil change for men:

- Parts.....\$50.
- DUI.....\$2500.
- Impound fee.....\$75.
- Bail.....\$1500.
- Beer.....\$20.
- Total cost of oil change.....\$4,145.

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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For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. (Luke 2:11)

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