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Showcase in St. Louis

Make plans for the International CORSA Convention, July 28-August 1

The 1998 CORSA International Convention is scheduled for July 28 - August 1, in Collinsville, Illinois—just east of St.

Louis.

The 1998 convention—close by in neighboring Missouri—provides a wonderful opportunity for *all* Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts to attend an international Corvair-owners convention.

The convention will be hosted by the Show Me Corvair Club, with support from the Prairie Capital Corvair Association and the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association.

The convention site is the Gateway Convention Center, located just off I-55. The Collinsville Holiday Inn will be the host hotel for convention activities, with additional accommodations at the nearby Fairfield Inn and Super 8 Motel.

The convention registration area, hospitality room, and vendor room will be located in the Holiday Inn.

For hotel reservations, call the following numbers:

Holiday Inn	800 551-5133
Fairfield Inn	618 346-0607
Super 8 Motel	618 345-8008

For more information about the greater St. Louis metropolitan area, call the Metro St. Louis Chamber of



Commerce at 800 888-3861. For information about the CORSA Convention and related activities, contact Robert Landers (corsarob@ezl.com), phone 618 692-6741; or Tom Leith (trl@icon-stl.net), phone 314 481-2512.

Watch your April issue of the CORSA *Communique* for convention preregistration forms and more information. ■

**10th Anniversary Celebration
Hot Springs, April 25-26
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Happy 10th Birthday Arkansas Corvair Club —

1988 to 1998

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Arkansas Corvair Club.

Those of you who are not founding members or who joined the club in the last few years, may not know that our club was formed on February 29, 1988. On that date, eleven Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts approved and signed the Arkansas Corvair Club's bylaws and constitution.

So, this month (February) officially marks our tenth year. (For more perspective on the club's founding in 1988, see Elvis King's reflections on page 2.)

The eleven founding members were Jim Agee, Jeff Barber, David Blakey, Kenneth Eddy, Joe Espejo, Gerald Glass, Bob Jett, Elvis King, Stewart MacLeod, Gerald McBroom, and David Sanders. Many of the founders are still active ACC members in 1998.

We do not intend to let our tenth anniversary pass without adequate recognition. Our 10th anniversary planning committee met on February 8th to plan commemorative activities. Plans are taking shape for a club gathering in

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Looking Back

Reflections on 1988 and the Arkansas Corvair Club's first year

Elvis King

In late 1987 and early 1988, David Blakey, Arkansas Corvair Club founding father, mailed letters to Corvair owners around the state to gauge the interest in forming a new CORSA chapter in Arkansas. The response to David's inquiry was strong enough to justify his renting a meeting room in the North Little Rock Holiday Inn for Saturday, February 20, 1988.

On that date, some 35 to 40 enthusiasts gathered in North Little Rock, driving 12 Corvairs from various regions of the state. After the first formal group meeting and discussion, everyone was optimistic that a new Arkansas chapter of CORSA was possible.

That February day in 1988, the weather was unusually warm and sunny. Following the planning meeting, central Arkansans were treated to their very first impromptu Corvair parade, as 11 Corvairs, many with convertible tops down, made their way south on Main Street, through North Little Rock, across the Broadway bridge, and on to the state capitol grounds, where many attendees took pictures and conversed to get to know one another better.

One week later, on Monday, February 29, our chapter's charter application was drafted and signed, using a template supplied by CORSA. With that action, the Arkansas Corvair Club, CORSA Chapter 722, came to be. Soon, a club newsletter—which later would become *On the Air*—was being published and mailed to members and prospects, to communicate news of club activities and share technical tips.

Although our founding members had plenty of enthusiasm, the early ACC years were challenging. A fledgling CORSA

chapter needs money to survive. To meet that need, Kenneth Eddy, a founding member from Fairfield Bay, planned and arranged for our club to host the seventh annual Fairfield Bay Antique and Classic Car Show, on August 13, 1988. The money earned from that show went a long way toward putting the ACC on sound financial footing.

In addition to money, a fledgling CORSA chapter also needs some means to garner recognition, respect, and credibility with other groups and antique car

enthusiasts. To get us recognized during that first year of activity, Stew and Ronnie MacLeod—long-time active CORSA

members—contacted Larry Claypool about visiting Arkansas and conducting a technical seminar for the club. On October 22, 1988, the “perffessor,” himself,

presented a slide presentation, on the subject of Corvair wheel alignment, to an enthusiastic audience of 33 Corvair lovers at the Airport Holiday in Little Rock.

With Larry's presentation at that October 1988 gathering, the Arkansas Corvair Club had finally earned a place on the collectible car enthusiasts' landscape.

After months of planning and hard work by a handful of dedicated individuals, CORSA Chapter 722 had indeed arrived and the Corvair's future in Arkansas had grown much brighter. The ACC was in gear and on its way.

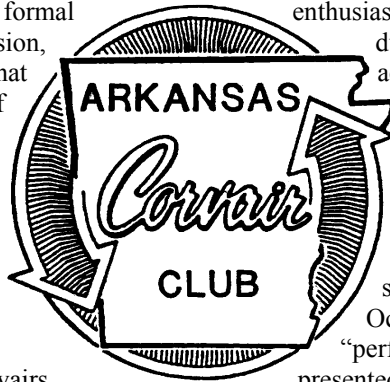
Today, David Blakey resides in Washington, Indiana and still stays in touch with ACC friends in Arkansas. Last May, David joined us for a club gathering at Pro Fiber in North Little Rock.

Kenneth Eddy, despite health

problems, still enjoys hearing from fellow ACC members and talking about Corvairs. Although we don't get to see Kenneth often, he is always in our thoughts.

Larry Claypool, who owns and operates the Vair Shop in Frankfort, Illinois, remains *the* Corvair top gun. Larry is very active with the Chicago-land Corvair Enthusiasts and in CORSA.

Over the years, all three of these individuals were named honorary ACC members. I express our sincere thanks and salute each of them for their important contributions to our CORSA chapter. ■



Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in February.

Elvis King
February 6

Gloria Eddy
February 12

Burt Sanders
February 14

Scott Pilkington
February 27

Happy Anniversary
to
Kenneth & Gloria Eddy
February 18 (54 yrs)

ACC January Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Grady's Restaurant on Tuesday, January 20, 1998. The meeting was called to order by president, Ronnie MacLeod.

Old Business

Al Embrey and several other members thanked Stew and Ronnie MacLeod for hosting the annual holiday party at their home on January 3rd. The party was very well attended and members agreed that it was an enjoyable evening.

New Business

Bill and Cathy Smith will host a meeting, in Cabot, of our ACC 10th Anniversary planning committee. The committee members are: Lynda Berry, Al

Embrey, JB King, Ronnie MacLeod, Bill Smith, and Cheryl Waggoner. The meeting will be in early February. Bill and Cathy will contact committee members with date, time, and place.

Upcoming events:

February 7, Saturday - Antique car rally, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sonic Drive-In, 101 Carnahan Drive, **Mau-melle**. (Turn off Maumelle Blvd. at Exxon, Hardee's location.)

March - Date to be set; Tech session and pot luck at B.J. Daugherty's business, Pro Fiber, North Little Rock.

May - Date to be set; Club get together at the home of Larry and Debbie Levy, 2 Countryside Cove, Little Rock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

Happy Birthday ACC *continued*

Hot Springs, April 25 and 26, with a banquet, informal Corvair show & shine, Sunday breakfast, and other activities. See more details on this page of the newsletter.

And, watch your mail for more information about events and activities to recognize our 10 years of Corvairing. ■



Our sincere congratulations to Bob and Lynda Berry on the birth of their second grandchild, a baby girl, named Natasha Joline, born February 6, 1998, to their son, George, and his wife, Chris, of N. Little Rock. Little Natasha weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. at birth. She and Mom are both doing well.

Natasha is Bob and Lynda's first granddaughter. As you might guess, they are beaming with pride about the newest member of the Berry family.



Also, we have learned, from a reliable source, that Jim and Kay Agee are awaiting their second grandchild in early May.

Jim and Kay's daughter, Julie Agee Gillaspay, and her husband, Art, expect their first child in May.

Julie and Art are members of the Arkansas Corvair Club, residing in Dallas, Texas.

We send our congratulations to Julie and Art on this wonderful news of their

Plans underway for Hot Springs gathering in April to celebrate ACC 10th anniversary

Mark your calendars for April 25 and 26. The 10th anniversary committee is planning a gala club gathering in Hot Springs. Tentative plans include a banquet, possibly with a Lake Hamilton cruise, an overnight stay Saturday (the 25th), a Corvair show & shine and photos, lots of

sightseeing, and an informal Sunday breakfast. We will also order commemorative 10th anniversary T-shirts.

Watch your mail and your March newsletter for more details. Plan to join us in celebration and make the ACC anniversary bash a memorable event for all. ■

ACC Dues Alert

In an effort to keep everyone better informed about the status of your ACC membership dues, we are publishing a *Dues Alert* in every issue of *On the Air*.

The *Dues Alert* lists names of members who are past due, those due for the current month, and those due the following month. Here are the names for August and September.

Dues are \$15.00 for regular membership and \$10.00 for associate members. Mail payments to **Arkansas Corvair Club, P.O. Box 627, Little Rock, AR 72203.**

Past Due Lynn Gates

Due Jan

Scott Pilkington
Dave Sanders
Stan Schultz
Jim Agee
Butch Chapman
Joe Espejo
Todd Kreps
Cheryl Waggoner
Corey Holtz
Larry Levy
Wally Olson

Due Feb

Please disregard if you've already paid or mailed your check. We value and appreciate your support. ■

Arkansas Corvair Club Information

Meetings

The Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Grady's Pizza & Sub's, West 12th Street, Little Rock.

February Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship prior to the meeting. The club offers an array of merchandise for sale—oil filters, gas filters, hats, patches, and more.

Officers

President: *Ronnie MacLeod*, 28305 Bandy Rd., Little Rock, AR 72211, 501 821-3622.

Vice-President: *Joe Espejo*, 4 Chinook Circle, N. Little Rock, AR 72116, 501 834-0806.

Treasurer: *Elvis King*, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock, AR 72206, 501 888-1224.

Secretary: *JB King*, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock AR, 72206, 501 888-1224.

Elected Board: *Robert "Bob" Berry*, 501 753-9961; *Allan Embrey*, 501 834-5373; *Christel Espejo*, 501 834-0806; *Todd Kreps*, 501 227-8169.

Appointed Board: Pending.

Committee Chairs

Membership: *Elvis King*

Publicity: *Bill Smith*

Newsletter Editor: *Bill Smith*, 370 Windwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023, 501 843-8413.

Newsletter Advertising:

Non-members and businesses: \$100/year full page; \$60-½ page; \$35-¼ page.

Program & Events: *Open*

Technical & Safety: *Keith LaCrosse*, 26 Woodlawn Dr., Beebe, AR 72012, 501 882-5040. *Butch Chapman*, P.O. Box 243, Jacksonville, AR 72078, 501 982-1179.

Points: *JB King*

ACC Mission: The mission of the Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) is to promote the maintenance, enjoyment, and preservation of all types of Corvairs and related vehicles, and to advance and improve driving skills, automobile safety, and the Corvair's image.



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