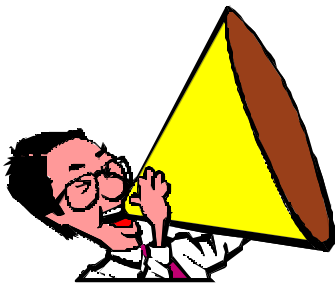


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BIG NEWS

February meeting will be held at **Western Sizzlin Steak House** in N. Little Rock

The Arkansas Corvair Club will meet on Tuesday, **February 19**, at the **Western Sizzlin Steak House restaurant**, at 5306 JFK Boulevard, in North Little Rock. The restaurant is one block north of the intersection of McCain Blvd. and JFK Blvd.

The restaurant is very easy to find. If coming from I-30 south or I-40, take the Highway 107 exits (Exits 153A or 153B) and proceed north on JFK Blvd. (Highway 107). You can also take the McCain Blvd. Exit, from Highway 67/167 and proceed west on McCain Blvd. Then north (right) on JFK Blvd. The restaurant is easy to see and has plenty of parking.

We are moving our meeting location because the Bonanza Family Restaurant, which had been our meeting site for two years, closed permanently last November.

This will be our club's first *official* meeting of 2002 and our first meeting at this new location. Based on our February meeting experience, we'll decide whether to name the Western Sizzlin Steak House as our new permanent meeting location, or to continue searching for an acceptable site.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, **February 19**, at the Western Sizzlin Steak House restaurant, on JFK Boulevard, N. Little Rock, for our first formal and official meeting of this year 2002. We will be discussing plans for 2002 activities and our upcoming election of club officers. ■

From your ACC President

If we go forward with our Hot Springs plans for spring, we're looking at the weekend of May 10-12.

ACC members enjoyed a fun evening at the Holiday Open House party hosted by Stew and Ronnie MacLeod, on January 19. Our thanks to Stew and Ronnie for another terrific event and their years of dedicated support for the Arkansas Corvair Club.

The only weekend available for our spring gathering at the Hamilton Inn Resort, in Hot Springs, is May 10-11. I'm hopeful this date will work, since nothing else is available for late April or off-season.

If we're going ahead with plans, I have blocked 12 rooms on that weekend, 6 double queen beds, and 6 king beds. Rates are \$55 for the king beds, and \$65 for the double queen beds. For reservations, call 800 945-9559.

If we plan to use the resort's meeting room on Saturday, May 11, the charge is \$50.

A friend of mine may be able to obtain a party barge to take us around the lake. I believe the barge will ac-

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

Our Arkansas Corvair Club needs *your* financial support

Paying your membership dues, **every year**, is critical to our club's financial well-being...

Without unnecessarily alarming you, we want to share the news about some financial stress that our Arkansas Corvair Club is experiencing in 2002.

Our biggest regular expense is the cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletter. That fixed cost consumes *most* or nearly *all* of your annual membership dues.

We work hard to produce a quality newsletter for you and we hope you enjoy the newsletter and that it serves to keep you informed about your fellow local Corvair enthusiasts and Corvair-related activities in Arkansas and our region.

However, our cost of producing and mailing the newsletter continues to increase. We're facing a first class postage increase in coming weeks and our printing cost has **more than doubled**, since last October. The increased printing cost is related to the fact that we lost a vendor who provided quality work at a discounted price.

What this means to *all* of us is that we need to re-evaluate how we produce and distribute our monthly newsletter to determine if we have any workable options for reducing our cost.

Also, it means that if you don't support us financially by paying your annual dues and keeping them current, we cannot afford to mail to you. We must drop you from our mailing list and membership rolls.

As you might imagine, we do not want to lose any members. We need your support and we appreciate the support you've given over the years.

Therefore, we are asking those of you whose membership dues have lapsed or who have been slow to pay in recent years to lend you support this year, and going forward, to keep **your** Arkansas Corvair Club strong and solvent.

In addition to our usual *Dues Alert* feature (below), in this newsletter we're publishing names of members whose dues have lapsed. We

hope that when you see your name with this story, you will decide to lend your support and mail your \$15.00 membership payment to our club mailbox. The address is: **Arkansas Corvair Club, P.O. Box 627, Little Rock, AR 72203.**

Please do your part to keep the Corvair hobby alive and well here in Arkansas.

Names of members whose dues are not current, with month/year expired

Member..... Dues Expired

- Robert "Bob" Berry Mar 2000
- Frank Cahill Jan 2001
- Butch Chapman Jan 2001
- Eric Evans Jan 2001
- Stephen Franco Jan 2001
- Corey Holtz..... Jul 2000
- Chuck Jolley Jul 2000
- Weaver Majors Jun 2000
- Jerald McKown May 2000
- Steve Simmons Mar 2000
- Glen White..... Apr 2000

For some names listed above, your dues *just* expired last month. So, this may be your first notice. We thank you for your loyal support.

If you're a prospective member who's been receiving a courtesy newsletter, we need your support **to-day**. Please mail your dues payment to the address listed above.

Again, thank you for keeping the Corvair hobby alive in Arkansas. ■

ACC Dues Alert

In an effort to keep everyone informed about the status of your ACC membership dues, we are publish a membership *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.

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

Here are the names **Past Due** and for **Feb.**

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| Past Due | Bob Berry
Frank Cahill
Butch Chapman
Eric Evans
Stephen Franco
Corey Holtz
Chuck Jolley
Weaver Majors
Jerald Mc Kown
Steve Simmons
Glen White |
| Due Feb | Don Coget
Keith LaCrosse
Stew MacLeod ■ |

Happy Birthday
to our **ACC** associates
born in **February**.

Elvis King
February 6 (61)

Gloria Eddy
February 12

ACC January Meeting Minutes



Bill Smith

The Arkansas Corvair Club did *not* hold a regular monthly meeting during January 2002.

Instead of our regular meeting club members gathered, on January 19, at the home of Stew and Ronnie MacLeod, in West Little Rock, for our annual Holiday Open House and Potluck.

During the informal gathering, we discussed the matter of the permanent closing of the Bonanza Family Restaurant and our immediate options for

locating a new permanent meeting place.

One our best possibilities for a meeting place is the Western Sizzlin Steak House restaurant, at 5306 JFK Boulevard, in North Little Rock. The restaurant is one block north of the intersection of McCain Blvd. and JFK Blvd.

We decided to hold our February meeting at the NLR Western Sizzlin restaurant on JFK and use the experience to see if it can accommodate our meeting needs. If the Western Sizzlin is satisfactory, we'll announce it as our *new* permanent meeting location in a forthcoming issue of our newsletter

At our February meeting we plan to discuss our upcoming election of club officers and activity plans for the remaining months of 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Smith

President's Message *continued*

commodate 16 people. If more than 16 persons are interested, we may be able to locate a second party barge. I believe the party barge will be very reasonable. I will share details as soon as they are firm.

Hoping to see you at our first regular meeting of 2002, at the Western Sizzlin Steak House restaurant, 5306 JFK, in North Little Rock, to discuss Hot Springs options and other ACC business. See you Tuesday, February 19.

Best regards,

Al Embrey

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the Arkansas Corvair Club.

They are **Ken Franson**, of Sherwood, and **Bob Piggot**, of Hot Springs.

Although the editor does not have Corvair-interest details to pass along about our newest ACC members, we can tell you that Ken Franson has owned three Corvairs during his lifetime. Presently, he does *not* own a Corvair, but he is interested in the cars and the hobby.

Ken learned of our club on the CORSA Web site.

Bob Piggot is the very proud owner of a 1964 Monza convertible named *Lucy*. Bob is a robust 72 years young and has been enjoying retirement for many years. In addition to his Corvair, Bob has over 250 scale-model cars that he's built through the years.

We welcome and look forward to meeting our newest members, Ken Franson and Bob Piggot, at ACC gatherings and activities during the year ahead. ■

We shall always
remember eleven
September in the
year 2001.



Thanks to Stew and Ronnie MacLeod for another FABULOUS Holiday Open House.

As we do each year, we extend our *heartfelt* thanks to Stew and Ronnie MacLeod for opening their home to us on Saturday, January 19, for the annual ACC Holiday Open House.

Just when we think it can't get better, our hosts treat us to delicious *Honey-Baked* ham and turkey and warm hospitality abounding.

After a long holiday break, it was fun to get back together with "Corvair people," and to talk of cars, food, and ice-storm memories.

Thanks to the MacLeod's for *all* that you do for us. ■

CORSA offers discount membership promotion

If you're interested in joining our international association, the Corvair Society of America, and have been waiting for just the right time, **NOW** is your time.

Until **Dec. 31, 2002**, CORSA is offering a coupon that saves you \$10

off from your first year new membership. Former members whose CORSA dues have lapsed for 3 years or more are also eligible.

For more info, call Elvis King, 501 888-1224, or visit the Web at - www.corvair.org/images/coupon.html

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Arkansas Corvair Club Information

Meetings

The Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We are currently seeking a new permanent meeting site and will publish the new location ASAP.

February Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **February 19**, 7:00 p.m., at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, N. Little Rock.

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, decals, patches, T-shirts and more.

Officers

President: Allan Embrey, 16 Algonkin Place, Sherwood, AR 72120, 501 834-5373.

Vice-President: Clyde Jones, 333 Links Dr., Apt.3010, Texarkana, AR 71854, 870 774-6789 (evening).

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

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

Elected Board: Allan Embrey, 501 834-5373; Christel Espejo, 501 834-0806; Larry Levy, 501 868-5825; Cathy Smith, 501 843-8413.

Appointed Board: Pending.

Committee Chairs

Membership: Elvis King

Publicity: Bill Smith

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

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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, 501 676-6693 (day time).

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.