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Report on lodging options for Branson Cruisin' Lights event, August 16-18

Clyde and Dee Jones have reconnoitered and reported that the Corvair Resort may not be an ideal choice. Instead, they recommend the Palace Inn as our lodging place.

During a recent (late March) visit to Branson, ACC members Clyde and Dee Jones used the opportunity to do some scouting of motels for our club's planned visit to Branson, in August, to participate in the 2002 Branson Cruisin' Lights car show and midnight cruise along historic 76 Country Boulevard.

What Clyde and Dee discovered, to their disappointment, is that the Corvair Resort, in Branson—the motel we thought might make a nice place to stay during our August activity—didn't measure up to expectations, either for location or accommodations, as our best lodging choice for the Branson Cruisin' Lights weekend stay, August 16-17, 2002.

So, Clyde and Dee did some research and found what they think is an ideal spot for ACC members to

gather and spend our nights in August—the Palace Inn.

After many stops and quite a bit of looking, They are really impressed with the Palace Inn, right on the strip, 76 Country Boulevard.

Dee says the Inn is conveniently located in the center of town and offers rooms on the 4th-6th floors with balconies that overlook the strip, providing a perfect view of the Saturday-night cruise, for those not participating. The hotel has 180 rooms.

However, we'll need to reserve early to ensure that our group will have accommodations for the Cruisin' Branson Lights event.

Dee mentioned that the 6th-floor rooms, with balconies, only have king-size beds. The rate for 6th floor rooms was quoted as \$79.20.

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Spur-of-moment trip to Sonic includes a Corvair suprise

62 Monza earns unexpected Cruise Night recognition

JB King

Elvis and I were watching the Nascar race on Saturday afternoon, April 6, on Fox TV. I happened to take particular note of the advertised Sonic special for April (strawberry shake and hamburger). We decided to go to the Sonic in the nearby Landmark community to try the special and Elvis suggested we go in the white Corvair.

We arrived and the Drive In was literally packed with cars for a Cruise Night! There were more than we had ever seen at a Sonic.

As we waited for our food in the drive-thru lane, a woman came up and instructed that if we wanted "to be judged," to park in the Fred's lot next door, since Sonic's lot was full.

After we parked, people were walking about looking at the cars, as they usually do at these gatherings. The woman who spoke to us previously happened to be the wife of the Sonic manager. She brought him over to see the Corvair, after Elvis told her

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April meeting at Western Sizzlin Steak House in North Little Rock

On Tuesday, April 16, we will once again meet at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House restaurant, 5306 JFK Boulevard, in North Little Rock. The restaurant is one block **north** of the intersection of McCain Blvd. and JFK Blvd.

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“Corvairs bring friends together.”

Branson lodging in August *continued*

On the 4th and 5th floors, you'll find some rooms with two beds and balcony views of the strip. These rooms were quoted at \$55.00 per night, or \$61.92 with tax. Be sure to ask for a balcony overlooking the strip, when making your reservation.

For reservations, call 800 725-2236 (800 PALACE-N) or 417 334-7666. You can also fax the Palace Inn at 417 334-7720 and visit the Inn's Web site at:

www.branson.com/branson/melody/palace.htm

As mentioned, the Palace Inn is conveniently located in the center of town, on the corner of 76 Country Boulevard and Glory Road. And, it's within walking distance of 16 Branson music shows, including, Andy Williams, Jim Stafford, Bobby Vinton, and Boxcar Willie.

For more about the nearby theatres, see the map below.

It's disappointing that the Coirvair Resort was found lacking as a good

place for us to stay when we travel to Branson for a weekend stay in August.

However, thanks to the generous efforts of Clyde and Dee, we have the information we need to continue with planning for our August activity. And, we can be confident that our stay in Branson, will be comfortable, convenient, and fun for our whole group. Our sincere thanks to Clyde and Dee for your excellent work.

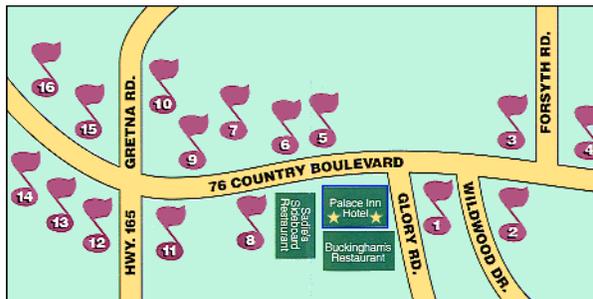
If you plan to attend Branson Cruisin' Lights, reserve your room now. And watch for more information about activity plans in coming issues of your ACC newsletter and via e-mail. Let's make Branson Cruisin' Lights an

ACC event to remember. ■



At left, night time view of Palace Inn in Branson.

- Theatre Name Key**
1. The Grand palace
 2. Andy Williams
 3. Bobby Vinton
 4. 76 Music Hall
 5. The Baldknobbers
 6. Jennifer in the Morning
 7. Presley's Jubilee
 8. Osmond Family
 9. Campbell's Jubilee
 10. Braschler Quartet
 11. Jim Stafford
 12. Anita Bryant
 13. Boxcar Willie
 14. Christy Lane
 15. Roy Clark
 16. Mickey Gilley & Moe Bandy



Thanks for your loyal financial support

We'll use this opportunity to thank each of you who have *faithfully* supported the Arkansas Corvair Club over many years by staying current with your membership dues.

As you know, our costs of publishing and mailing our newsletter continue to rise. We're facing another postage increase this summer.

Therefore, we'll not be as generous with complimentary copies of the newsletter, as we've been in previous years.

For those who faithfully pay your dues, we THANK you.

For others who have let your dues lapse, please send a check to bring them current, if you wish to continue receiving our newsletter, *On the Air.* ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in April.

Julie (Agee) Gillaspay
April 2

Cortney Claypool
Mary Beth Claypool
Christel Espejo
April 12

Pam MacSorley
April 30

Happy Anniversary
to
Butch & Meredith Chapman
April 11

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 that are **Past Due**. Look for **May** updates in your next newsletter.

Past Due

- Bob Berry
- Frank Cahill
- Don Coget
- Eric Evans
- Lynn Gates
- Chuck Jolley
- Keith LaCrosse
- Weaver Majors
- Jerald McKown
- Glen White

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

ACC March Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, in North Little Rock, on Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

The meeting was called to order by president, Al Embrey.

Old Business

Al Embrey reported that he had checked on the availability of tours for the Governor's mansion. The only hours it is available for public tours are Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Members agreed that these times make it prohibitive for our club to visit the mansion. We canceled these plans.

Bill Smith shared printed information on the Corvair Resort in Branson. We're considering staying there and participating in the Cruisin' Branson Lights, August 16-18, 2002. More details will be shared at our April meeting.

Bill Smith also reported that he has located a print shop in Conway that will print our monthly newsletter at a cost similar to what we enjoyed over the past five years. However, we no longer have color paper available, so each issue will be black on white.

Ken Franson updated members on his progress with a Web site he is developing for our Corvair club. Ken showed prints of page layouts and asked for ideas on site content.

Bill Smith offered to provide Ken with images and content, such as newsletter files, for the Web site.

New Business

Members nominated candidates for ACC offices for 2002-03. Our nominees are:

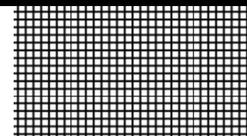
President	Stew MacLeod (for 3rd term)
Vice President	Larry Levy
Secretary	JB King (perpetual)
Treasurer	Elvis King (perpetual)

Our slate of officers will be voted on at our April meeting which again will be at Western Sizzlin in NLR.

Thanks to these members for accepting our nominations and for generously serving our Arkansas Corvair Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

JB King



Sonic Surprise *continued*

he was the original owner and showed her the pictures taken of him and his sister when it was new and 30 years later.

Jokingly, Elvis told her that he should get an award for having had his car the longest. We had a great time meeting people and talking cars.

A while later, when they announced the trophy winners for different categories, to our surprise, they announced Elvis as the person who had owned his car for the longest period of time.

They didn't have actual awards for anyone, but they took our name and address and are supposed to send something in the mail.

So, what started out as a short drive to get a hamburger turned out to be quite an evening for two Arkansas Corvair Club members and old car enthusiasts.

The Sonic manager mentioned that this is his third month to host the Saturday Cruise Night and he plans to continue it, on the first Saturday of each month.

We would like to recommend that our club participate in the Landmark Sonic's Cruise Night, as Elvis and I found it to be a delightful evening.

Whether other ACCer's decide to participate or not, we'll be there on Saturday, May 4, for sure! ■

April means ACC officer elections

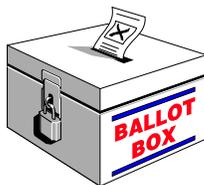
At our March meeting, members nominated candidates for ACC offices for 2002-03. We will elect new officers during our April meeting.

Our elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Our nominees for the 2002-03 term are:

President	Stew MacLeod (3rd term)
Vice President	Larry Levy
Secretary	JB King (perpetual)
Treasurer	Elvis King (perpetual)

You can vote for these nominees when you attend our April ACC



meeting at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, in North Little Rock, on Tuesday, April 16.

Our Arkansas Corvair Club is only as dynamic as we, the members make it. To survive and grow, we need everyone's support and we need everyone to provide leadership and ideas. That means, we need **YOU**.

Please help keep our Arkansas Corvair Club going strong by voting for our leaders. Our club is only as successful as you make it. ■

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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.

March Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **April 16**, 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.
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, 501 676-6693 (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.