

On the Air

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The Arkansas Corvair Club is on the World Wide Web at <http://corvair5.tripod.com/acc.htm>

Visit the site for info about club activities or to browse the photo gallery

Thanks to the good work and dedication of ACC member Ken Franson, our Arkansas Corvair Club finally has a home on the World Wide Web.

At the start of this year, Ken volunteered to set up a simple Web site for our Corvair club. Like all Web projects, he was short on content at the start. However, with patience and persistence, he's been working on the site since February and accumulated a growing body of content and Corvair interest reference links.

The address for our ACC Web site is, <http://corvair5.tripod.com/acc.htm>

When you visit the site you'll find several main links to Arkansas Corvair Club content. These include links to newsletters, our membership application, a club activities list, an ACC member Corvair photo gallery, and items for sale. You'll also find a



growing list of links to other Corvair-related points of interest on the Web, including other Corvair clubs, Corvair parts vendors, and Corvair-interest Web sites.

Our sincer thanks to ken Franson for building and maintaining this valuable resource for promoting our Arkansas Corvair Club. ■

NO TUESDAY MEETING IN JUNE

Our Arkansas Corvair Club will **NOT** hold a Tuesday meeting in June, since many will be attending the CORSA International Convention. Our next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, **July 16**, at Just Like Mom's, on Kielh Ave, in Sherwood.

ACC News Clips

Congratulations to JB King on her retirement from teaching

The next time you see ACC member JB King, please be sure to congratulate her on the culmination of her 37-year career in school teaching.

JB retired, officially, from the Little Rock school district on June 17. After speaking with her about her new employment status, it's clear that retirement suits her fine and that she'll be very happy with her new-found freedom.

On behalf of you many friends in the Arkansas Corvair Club, our warmest congratulations to you, JB, for a wonderful retired life.

July meeting will be at Just Like Mom's restaurant in Sherwood

Please note that we plan to try a new meeting site for our July ACC meeting, on Tuesday, July 16.

Plan on joining us at Just Like Mom's restaurant, 3140 E. Kiehl Ave, in Sherwood. We're hoping to enjoy a comfortable meeting room, good southern home cooking, and tasty desserts. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



The Major Award



In the photo above, Arkansas Corvair Club Charter Member and outstanding American, Elvis Murl King (standing left), is shown receiving his special recognition trophy from the staff of the Sonic Drive In, in the Landmark Community. Elvis and JB won the award while attending a Sonic Cruise Night on April 4. The award recognizes Elvis for being the original owner of a classic car for the longest duration. The award was presented to Elvis on May 4, with JB and Stew, Ronnie, and Ryan MacLeod present.

Your contributions to this newsletter are always welcome

Just a reminder that your friendly newsletter editor is always in need of contributions to fill your monthly Corvair Club newsletter.

Original articles, especial on technical subjects, are very welcome. However, you don't need to pen an original piece to contribute to your newsletter.

I'll gladly publish anecdotes, news clips, Web extracts, photos, cartoons, or about any manner of Corvair or auto-hobby related content. I need your support. ■

Thanks for supporting the Arkansas Corvair

We'll once again use this opportunity to thank two of our members who are continuing to support the Corvair hobby in Arkansas by renewing their ACC membership dues.

We are sincerely grateful to **Bob & Lynda Berry**, of Mountainair, NM, and to **Blair Buckley**, of Little Rock, for their continued financial support.

Although we don't see these members often, we very much appreciate

their interest in Corvairs and their support for our CORSA chapter.

Since our primary source of income is membership dues, we rely on your contributions to publish our newsletter and maintain our good standing with CORSA. Your support is vital.

Again, we pass along our thanks to Bob & Lynda Berry and Blair Buckley for their loyal support. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in June.

Kay Agee
June 4

Eric Evans
June 6

Chuck Jolley
June 16

Keith LaCrosse
June 17

Ron Toll
June 18

Happy Anniversary
to
Keith & Cindy LaCrosse
June 29 (23 years)

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 due for **May** and **June**.

Past Due Glen White

Due Jun Frank Campbell
Joe Gregory
Hank Wangle

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

ACC May Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, in North Little Rock, on Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

The meeting was called to order by president, Stew MacLeod.

The minutes were read by JB King and one correction was made. The correction is that the Corvair convertible offered for sale by Freddy Horne is a 1964 model, not a 1963 model as stated in the April minutes.

Stew mentioned that the number of Corvairs present at the Landmark Sonic Cruise Night on Saturday, May 4, doubled from the previous month. The number went from one to two. Elvis and JB attended in their white 1962 Monza, and Stew, Ronnie, and Ryan MacLeod attended in their red 1965 140 coupe. The Sonic manager presented Elvis with his trophy from the April 4th Cruise Night for qualifying the original owner who has owned his classic car for the longest duration. (See photo on page 2.)

Old Business

Our club is still planning to attend Cruisin' Branson Lights, August 16-18 in Branson, MO. All of the rooms, from

the block of rooms reserved by Clyde Jones at the Palace Inn, have been reserved by ACC members. If you'd like to join other Corvair enthusiasts for this event, you will need to find other accommodations in the Branson area.

The Levy family, Larry, Debbie, and children will host a potluck meal and cookout at their home in West Little Rock, at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. They will provide the meat and drinks. Other members are asked to bring your favorite potluck dish or a dessert.

New Business

Our club will not hold a regular monthly meeting in June, since many ACC members will be attending the CORSA International Convention, in Flagstaff, AZ, June 25-29.

Those interested in attending the annual Petit Jean Antique Car Show and Swap Meet were reminded that this year's date is June 14-16.

Cathy Smith suggested that we try a new meeting place in July. The restaurant she recommended, in Sherwood, is named "Just Like Mom's" and the address is 3140 E. Kiehl Avenue. Our club plans to meet at this new location on Tuesday, July 16, at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and 7:00 for our business meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

course, fills the torque converter. When the engine stops turning, so does the transmission oil pump.

Eventually, (over several days) gravity does its thing and the oil in the high-mounted torque converter drains down into the pan. With a torque converter capacity of several quarts, you can quickly see how this will really overflow the pan. Of course, if your oil pan and gasket are in good shape, there will be no leaks.

The shift cable is quite another story. As the pan becomes overflowed during the no-run drain down, the shifter cable also becomes submerged. The transmission fluid often runs down the cable to any place that it can leak out of, such as a small wear point or crack in the shift cable housing.

Additionally, a small O-ring is used where the cable meets the case to prevent leaks at this point. A bad O-ring, of course, will allow the fluid to drip onto the case, then the edge of the oil pan, with a usually faulty blame put on the pan, with a usually faulty blame put on the pan gasket.

A small bracket is used to hold the cable up to the body just ahead of the transmission. The bracket not only hold the cable up higher than the pan (to prevent seepage pat that point) but also to keep it away from moving parts, such as the brake cable and accelerator rods.

Things to check when a leaky cable is suspected would be the outer casing, particularly where it passes near cables, rods, and the transmission mounting bracket, and lack of or improperly positioned cable bracket. The cable itself can often be repaired with some silicone rubber sealant and an additional bracket can be easily fabricated from some perforated pipe hanger strap. Hope this helps keep your glide high and dry. ■

Fix that pesky Powerglide leak

Larry Claypool

Larry Claypool is a member of Chicagoland Corvairs. Reprinted from *Negative Camber*, June 2002, newsletter of the Corvair Club of Cincinnati.

One of the most common complaints we hear at the shop is Powerglide fluid leaks when a car is parked for several days. To understand the problem, you must think of the Powerglide layout—a low mounted oil pan, a shift

cable into the case, and a remotely located torque converter.

When running, the transmission oil pump takes fluid from the pan and sends it to the appropriate valves, servos, clutches, and, of

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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.

No Meeting in June

The ACC will **not** hold a monthly meeting in June at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, N. Little Rock.

Our next regular monthly meeting is planned for **Tuesday, July, 16** at a **new location**. In July we'll meet at 3140 East Kiehl Ave, in Sherwood.

Officers

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

Vice-President: Larry Levy, 2 Countryside Cove, Little Rock, AR 72212, 501 868-5825 (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; Ronnie MacLeod, 821-3622; Clyde Jones, 479 774-6789; Bill 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

ACC Webmaster: Ken Franson, 608 Ridgelea Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, 501 835-6005.

Web Address

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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.