

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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CORRECTION: Newsletter editor erred when reporting Hot Springs reunion attendees

Bill Smith

Your editor committed a grievous error, in a story published in your May newsletter, when reporting the names of ACC members who drove Corvairs to our 2003 Hot Springs reunion, on the weekend of April 25-27.

After taking pains to carefully review the photo of Corvairs lined up in the downtown Hot Springs Visitor Center parking lot and after reflecting to recall our members who attended the reunion and drove Corvairs, I made a grave omission. I did **not** include the names of **Ken and Camelia Franson**, two very dedicated ACC members who drove their newly-restored Monza sedan to Hot Springs.

I believe that our Hot Springs reunion was the first organized Corvair opportunity for Ken and Camelia to show off their beautifully-restored Monza, and with well-deserved pride. You could see Ken's pride, after parking his blue Monza in our lineup of 12 vehicles, on Saturday morning, April 26, in the Hot Springs Visitor Center lot.

My omission was an honest mistake. Blame it on haste. Blame it on age. Blame it on lack of focus. It was a case of just plain missing the names

when compiling my list of attendees. For my oversight, I passed along my sincere apology to Ken and Camelia. Also, I explained that I never would have intentionally avoided mention of their attending in their classy, blue Monza sedan.

To atone for my error, I am featuring photos of Ken and Camelia Franson's very sharp 1966 Monza sedan, 110 h.p., Powerglide, in this issue of *On the Air*.

With considerable support from ACC member Al Embrey, and aid from Rocky Waggoner, Ken spent approximately eight months restoring his Monza sedan. The restoration included stripping the body, repairing

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Ken and Camelia Franson stand beside their freshly restored 1966 Monza sedan. Hot Springs, 4/25/2003.

ACC News Clips

ACC Picnic set for Saturday, June 21

We've set the date and chosen the location for our annual ACC Picnic and Potluck get together. Here are the details:

When: Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Where: Maumelle Park, pavilion # 5, West LR, off Highway 10 (See maps on page 2.)

Who: All ACC members and your guests

What: Picnic and potluck meal. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Please bring your favorite picnic food, such as cold salads, chips, desserts, etc. **Also, bring your lawn chairs.**

June meeting: We'll hold our June meeting in conjunction with the picnic on June 21.

No Tuesday meeting in June

Our Arkansas Corvair Club will **not** hold a Tuesday meeting in June. Our June meeting will be held at the picnic on June 21.

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“Corvairs bring friends together.”

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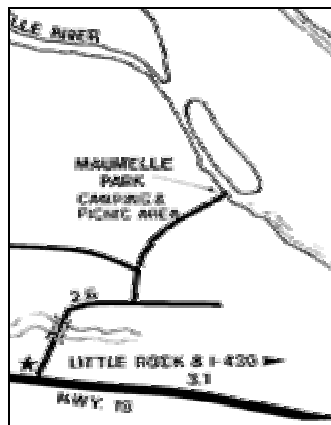
sheet metal, and applying an exterior finish in Intense Blue, an attention-getting Chrysler-Dodge color.

As the photos on this page one and this page attest, Ken’s Corvair restoration was a bonified success. The fruit of his effort directly supports our Arkansas Corvair Club’s mission of “promoting the maintenance, enjoyment, and preservation of all types of Corvairs.”

Again, to Ken and Camelia, I apologize for my oversight in our May newsletter. And, I pledge to do better in the future. ■



Ken Franson’s 1966 Monza sedan. Days Inn Hamilton Resort, Hot Springs, 4/25/2003.



Maps to aid in finding pavilion # 5 at Maumelle Park, in West Little Rock. Highway 10, then right on Pinnacle Valley Road.



The two maps, above, show detail of Maumelle Park, site of our picnic, on Saturday, June 21. The map **at left** shows the location of Maumelle Park, off Highway 10 and Pinnacle Valley Road. This is the eastern extremity of Pinnacle Valley Road, approximately 1½ miles past the Highway 10-Rodney Parham Road intersection. The map **at right** shows partial detail of the Maumelle Park picnic and camping area. Note that this is the west loop of the camping area. Our pavilion, # 5, shows in the upper right corner of this illustration. It is labeled GP5, for Group Shelter 5. We are very grateful to Stew and Ronnie MacLeod for coordinating with park staff and reserving the pavilion for us.

ACC Dues Alert

In an effort to keep everyone informed about the status of your ACC membership dues, we 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 \$20.00 for regular membership and \$15.00 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** and due in **June**.

Past Due.....BJ Daugherty
Lynn Gates
Chuck Jolley
Warren Rogers
Bill Reves
Warren Rogers

Due Jun.....Frank Campbell
Bill MacSorley
Granville Tyson

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

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in June.

Tommy Painter
June 3

Kay Agee
June 4

Eric Evans
June 6

Mike Still
June 15

Chuck Jolley
June 16

Keith LaCrosse
June 17

Happy Anniversary

to
Ricky & Aggie Grant
June 11 (26 years)

Kim & Carol Armstrong
June 20

Keith & Cindy LaCrosse
June 29 (24 years)



ACC May Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, May 20, 2003.

The meeting was called to order by president, Cathy Smith. The minutes of our April meeting, in Hot Springs, were approved as read.

Old Business

Three members reported on possible picnic sites for our June picnic. Al Embrey reported that Cook's Landing would be available. The cost for the pavilion is \$35 for a half-day and \$50 for a full day. Butch Chapman checked on Maumelle Park, which sounded like an ideal location for us. Bill Smith had looked at Indian Lake, in Lonoke County, and reported that it wasn't suitable for our picnic needs.

Club members voted to hold our 2003 our picnic at Maumelle Park, on Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 until 3:00. We'll meet at the park, pavilion # 5 (They call it Group Shelter #5.), Maumelle Park, cook hot dogs and hamburgers, and bring potluck dishes to round out the picnic menu. Our June 21 picnic will also serve as our June meeting. So, please note that our club

will **NOT** hold a Tuesday meeting on June 17.

Al Embrey reported that the Velda Rose Hotel, in Hot Springs, is available for April 23-25, 2004, should our club decide to return to Hot Springs for another reunion. Members decided to table discussion on this matter until a later date.

New Business

Bill Smith reported on the results of our March-April free T-shirt membership drive and the members we recruited during our Hot Springs reunion.

Before we ran our recruiting newspaper ad, in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, our club had 32 paying members. Nine persons replied to our ad. Of those nine, we recruited six new members.

During Hot Springs we met seven ACC prospects and we successfully recruited five of those.

Hence, our club acquired eleven new members since March. This is a 34 percent increase in membership.

Bill plans to submit a story to the *CORSA Communiqué* about our club's very successful membership campaign and unprecedented growth spurt.

Summer Event Calendar

June - ACC picnic, Saturday, June 21, 9:00 until 3:00, Maumelle Park, pavilion #5

July - CORSA International Convention in Carlisle, PA, July 15-19

August - Clunker Car Night, Arkansas Travelers, Ray Winder Field, August 12

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King



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Arkansas Corvair Club Information

Meetings

The Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **Just Like Mom's** Home Cooking restaurant, 3140 E. Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

June Meeting

The ACC will hold our June meeting on **Saturday, June 21**, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at Mammel Park, in West Little Rock. This meeting will be in conjunction with our annual Picnic & Potluck get-together. See details picnic on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter.

Please plan to join us on June 21.

Officers

President: Cathy Smith, 370 Windwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023, 501 843-8413.

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\$35-¼ page.

Program & Events: Open

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

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<http://corvair5.tripod.com/acc.htm>

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