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Arkansas Travelers Baseball & Clunker Car Night at Ray Winder Field in Little Rock Tuesday, August 12, game time 7:10 p.m.

If you've been searching for an inexpensive night of fun and entertainment for the whole family, please plan to join your fellow Corvair enthusiasts for Clunker Car Night at the Arkansas Travelers, on **Tuesday evening, August 12.**

First, we need to assure you that the Travelers' Clunker Car Night has *absolutely nothing* to do with Corvairs.

Instead, it's one of the Travelers' most well-attended promotional events. What they do for Clunker Car Night is--during the ballgame, between innings--give away one well-used car every inning. The cars are donated by local auto dealerships. Some look quite rough. Some look decent enough for beat-around transportation.

All of the cars run and are driven onto the field between innings. The lucky winners are chosen by ticket numbers. It's terrific fun to see the cars come on the field and see who claims them as the ticket numbers are called.

For the baseball contest, the Travs

will be playing the El Paso **Diablos**. Special \$2 admission tickets are available from greater Little Rock Exxon stations. Also, participating car dealerships (announced on Fox 16, Magic 105, and KSSN 96 FM) will be offering discount tickets.

Our usual practice is for ACC members to meet in the South parking lot, closest to the stadium, then sit as a group in the stadium. Plan to meet in the parking lot at **6:15 p.m.**

To help find our group, **look for Corvairs**. Hopefully, many of us will drive our Corvairs. Be sure to wear your Corvair T-shirts and caps.

Ray Winder Field is one of the last remaining ballparks with **FREE** parking. Ray Winder shares a complex with the Little Rock Zoo and War Memorial Stadium, which means there's plenty of free parking available immediately surrounding the ballpark.

We'll look for you at the ballpark on Tuesday evening, August 12. ■

ACC fall event calendar

SEPTEMBER - Cruisin' for a Cure, **September 12-13**, Little Rock River Market District (Friday, Sep 12) and North River Landing, NLR, (Saturday, Sep 13). A fun-filled two-day event sponsored by the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation. Events include Show & Shine, prizes, games, raffles, Cruise to River Market, Burger Bash, River Market Dance, and Men's March Against Prostate Cancer. \$25 registration before September 1. Visit www.cruisinforacure.org or call 501 603-7429.

OCTOBER - Celebrate the American Automobile car show and swap meet, **October 10-11**, Mena, AR, sponsored by the American Performance, of Mena. Featuring 40 car-show classes, including "1960-69 Chevrolet Corvair, all models, stock, custom, and race." Also, the event will include a variety of activities, including museum and factory tours, a gospel music show, poker run, swap meet and vendor displays, a burnout contest, food vendors, and family fun.

Make your Mena lodging reservations NOW. Accommodations are limited. You'll find an event registration form and list of lodging places inside this newsletter. Find more details in your September newsletter. ■

August 19 ACC meeting - Special TECHNICAL PRESENTATION, by Elvis King, on how to install a Chevy Vega in-the-tank electric fuel pump in a Corvair. Details on page 2.

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

<<Tech Tips>>

August 19th ACC meeting to feature technical presentation on how to install a Chevrolet Vega in-the-tank electric fuel pump in a Corvair

Long-time Corvair owners know that one trouble point in keeping a Corvair engine operating is the mechanical AC spring-diaphragm style fuel pump. When a mechanical fuel pump fails, it can cause engine shut-down or more serious consequences, such as severe engine damage or fire.

To avoid these potential problems, a popular Corvair modification is to install a modern electric fuel pump, as a replacement for the mechanical pump.

When choosing an electric fuel pump, one option is the Chevy Vega in-the-tank pump, in stock or by order at some local auto parts stores.

The Chevy Vega electric fuel pump conversion is described, in detail, in the Fuel-Air System section of the *CORSA Tech Guide*. As described in the *Tech Guide*, it's best to use a cut-away section of an old fuel tank as a mock up, to test your installation assembly before installing it on the car.

If you'd like to see, first hand, how it's done, join us for our Tuesday, August 19 ACC monthly meeting, at 6:00 (for dinner) or 7:00 p.m.

Elvis King will deliver a short presentation on how to install a Chevy Vega in-the-tank electric fuel pump in a Corvair.

Using a cut-away tank and a new Vega pump, Elvis will explain details of the conversion and offer instructions and tips on how to modify the fuel level sending unit, mount and wire the pump, and other aspects of the conversion.

Elvis completed this same modification on his 1966 Monza coupe, in June, before driving the car to the 2003 CORSA Convention, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. During his 2,800-mile journey to Pennsylvania and back, Elvis was extremely pleased with the performance and quiet operation of the Vega fuel pump.

Please join us, on Tuesday, Au-

Register now to join fellow Corvair enthusiasts in Cruisin' for a Cure, September 12-13, in Little Rock and North Little Rock

The Arkansas Corvair Club will support the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation by joining in activities as part of the **2003 Cruisin' for a Cure**, on September 12 and 13.

We need your support by registering and joining us. To register, visit **www.cruisinforacure** or call **501 603-7429**. Let's all turn out to join the fight against prostate cancer. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in August.

Lynda Berry
August 4

Frank Cahill
August 15

Lauri Holtz
Ronnie MacLeod
August 19

Stuart Levy
August 21

Michelle Still
August 25

Debbie Levy
August 30

Happy Anniversary
to
Elvis & JB King
August 16 (34 years)

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 **August**.

Past Due Bob Berry
Frank Campbell
Chuck Jolley
George Koenig
Bill MacSorley
Bill Reves
Warren Rogers
Granville Tyson

Due Aug Joe Gregory

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

ACC July Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club did not hold a regular monthly meeting in July, since several members were attending the 2003 CORSA International Convention, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 19, at Just Like Mom's restaurant at 3140 E. Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

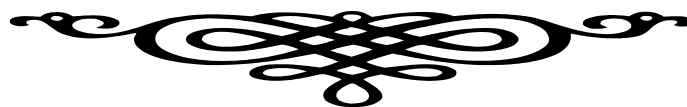
Elvis King will deliver a technical presentation, with mock up and visual aids, on how to install a Chevy Vega in-the-tank electric fuel pump in a Corvair. If you work on Corvairs, you won't want to miss this presentation.

Hope to see you on August 19. ■

Lodging places for weekend car show in Mena, October 10-12

Make your reservations **NOW** for our ACC October weekend in Mena.

- Applewood Manor Bed & Breakfast, 479 394-6299
- Budget Inn, 479 394-2400
- Cloverleaf Farm Bed & Breakfast, 479 394-6545
- Colonial Bed & Breakfast, 479 394-6779
- Holiday Motel, 479 394-2611
- Lime Tree Inn, 479 394-6350 or 800 536-4366
- Mountain View Bed & Breakfast, 479 394-6418
- Ozark Inn, 479 394-1100
- Queen Willehmina Lodge, 479 394-2863 or 800 264-2477
- Sun Country Inn, 479 394-7477 or 877 394-7477
- Raspberry Manor Bed & Breakfast, 479 394-7555
- Rich Mountain Country Store, RV & Camping, 479 394-5300
- Sugar Creek Lodge, 479 394-7747 or 866 394-7747
- Shady Grove Bed & Breakfast, 479 394-7285
- Riverview Cabins & Canoe (Oden), 888 547-1146 ■



ACC members make solid showing

Once again our Arkansas Corvair Club made a very respectable showing in the competitive events at the 2003 CORSA Convention in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

With perfect weather and an ideal venue, everyone enjoyed the week of Corvair activities.

For the first time since the event was introduced, our club had an entry in the Valve Cover Races, with Ryan MacLeod's spiffy black-and-red racer. For a first-time racer, Ryan did well.

In addition to the Valve Cover competition, we're proud to report that your fellow ACC members brought home the following awards.

Economy Run

Class 4, Turbocharged
1st Place - Clyde Jones, driver
Bill Smith, navigator

People's Choice Display

Early Coupes, Sedan's, and Wagons
1st Place - George Koenig

Autocross

Stock 2
2st Place, Men - Clyde Jones

Hard Luck Award

Winners - Stew, Ronnie, & Ryan MacLeod

Read more about Stew's Hard Luck story in your September newsletter. ■

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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.

August Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **August 19**, 7:00 p.m., at Just Like Mom's, on Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

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

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

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

Arkansas Corvair Club Web site:
<http://corvair5.tripod.com/acc.htm>

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.