

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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We'll see you in Mountain View...

2004 Corvair Convocation is April 23 -25 in scenic Stone County

We trust that by now you've reserved your room at the Best Western Fiddlers Inn, in Mountain View, or have made other accommodations to join fellow Corvair enthusiasts for our weekend getaway in the Ozarks.

Motel Reservations

April 9 is the deadline to reserve one of the 15 non-smoking rooms our club has blocked at a special group rate. For information and reservations, call **800 528-1254** or **870 269-2828**.

Enjoyable Weekend Planned

JB King has done a terrific job planning our Mountain View weekend event, with just the right mix of Corvair activities, group meals, and free time to enjoy the Ozark scenery, folk music shows, and shopping for items old and new.

Saturday Corvair Display

On Saturday morning, April 24, we'll gather at Aunt Minnie's Mall, close by our motel, to show off our Corvairs and enjoy some mountain fresh air. Bring

your lawn chairs, cameras, and smiles to mark this impromptu show n' shine for downtown passersby.

Saturday Evening Dinner

For Saturday evening, JB has planned a fun dining experience for us at Angler's White River Crossroads Cafe, at 7:00 p.m. These group dinners provide an opportunity to sample the local restaurant scene and to share an evening on the town with friends. From past ACC reunions and CORSA convention gatherings, the group dinners always prove to be among the most fun and memorable activities we share.

If you have questions or need more information about our 2004 Corvair Convocation, in Mountain View, please phone Elvis or JB King, at 501 888-1224.

We look forward to seeing lots of familiar and new faces when we gather in Mountain View, on April 23-25, for our spring reunion. Please plan to join us. ■

Nominations for ACC office

At our March meeting, members nominated ACC officers for the 2004-05 business year.

Our elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The 2004-05 nominees are:

President..... Cathy Smith
Vice President (*two candidates*)
..... Larry Levy
..... Ronnie MacLeod
Secretary..... JB King
Treasurer..... Elvis King

We'll vote at our ACC meeting, on Saturday, April 24, in Mountain View. The April meeting will be held between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., at Joshua's Ozark Restaurant in downtown Mountain View during our breakfast gathering. ■



No Tuesday ACC Meeting in April

The Arkansas Corvair Club will **not** hold a regular Tuesday meeting this month. Instead, our April meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 24**, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., at Joshua's Ozark Restaurant, in Mountain View. We will elect officers for 2004-05, during this meeting. Please join us if you can.

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“Corvairs bring friends together.”

A CORVAIR CHRONOLOGY (PART 2)

Reprinted from *Corvairsation*, October 2003, Tucson Corvair Association

March 1961 - First Monza sedan debuts. Ed Cole leaves Chevrolet to become vice president for GM cars and trucks. Semon E. Knudsen replaces Cole.

September 1961 - Chevy II introduced. Competes directly with falcon and Valiant, but also with Corvair, specifically wagons.

April 1962 - Corvair Lakewood wagon dropped; 32,120 produced. Monza Convertible introduced. Spyder package released. Features 150-bhp turbocharged engine. Two-passenger Sebring Spyder appears at New York auto show.

May 1962 - Design begins on 1965 Corvair, under Ron Hill. It's based largely on Monza GT show car.

June 1962 - Monza GT coupe bows at Elkhart Lake.

March 1963 - Corvair Bertone Testudo at Geneva salon.

April 1963 - Monza SS show car appears at New York auto show.

October 1963 - Spyder becomes a standard 1964 model, instead of an option package. Stroke increased from 2.60 to 2.94 inches to increase displacement to 164 cid. Swing-axle suspension bolstered by addition of factory leaf spring. Further 1964 suspension improvements include standard front stabilizer bar plus

recalibrated coil springs and shocks.

April 15, 1964 - Ford releases Mustang, which was conceived as response to Corvair. Mustang goes on to become a prime contributor to Corvair's demise.

September 1964 - 1965 - Corvairs bow with new styling and fully-independent suspension. Car remains basically the same as this through the end of production.

December 1964 - Greenbrier dropped; only 1,528 built this model year.

April 1965 - Management instructs Chevrolet engineers not to further develop future Corvairs—to freeze the design and merely meet safety and smog standards.

November 1965 - Ralph Nader publishes “The Corvair Story,” an article *The Nation* magazine, which formed the basis for the first chapter (only) of his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, also published the same month.

1965 - This becomes peak year for the restyled Corvair, but it can't stem the Mustang's tide. With greater performance demands, Corvair's turbocharged engine delivers 180 bhp. Nader's book plus the Mustang spell a downhill run for the Corvair.

October 1966 - 1967 Corvair intro-

duced. Corsa models and 140 bhp engine dropped but later re-instated due to popular demand.

March 1967 - Astro I show car appears at New York auto show.

October 1967 - Four-doors dropped with 1968 introductions.

May 14, 1969 - The last Corvair, a golden coupe, rolls off the assembly line. By this time, Corvair quality had reached a very low ebb. The factory offers a \$150 certificate, with each 1969 Corvair, good on the purchase of a new Chevrolet any time before 1974.

Total Corvair production - 1959 to May 14, 1969 was 1,710,018 vehicles.

Extracted from *The Compleat History of the Corvair for the Corvair Nut, Volume 1*, by John Wipff.

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in April.

Herb Snider
April 10

Cortney Claypool
Mary Beth Claypool
Christel Espejo
April 12

Aggie Grant
April 27

Pam MacSorley
April 30

Happy Anniversary
to
Herb & Carol Snider
April 8

Butch & Meredith Chapman
April 11

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 **April**.

Past Due Kim Armstrong
Andy Cobb
Eric Evans
Ricky Grant
Stephen Franco
Jef Higdon
Bill Reves
Mike Shroyer
Steve Simmons

Due Apr..... Mike Still

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

ACC March Meeting Minutes



Bill Smith

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehler Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, March 16.

The meeting was called to order by president Cathy Smith.

Old Business

The minutes from our February 17 meeting were read and approved as published in the February newsletter.

Elvis King reported on our plans for our spring getaway weekend in Mountain View, April 23-25. He stated that only nine rooms were reserved at the Best Western Fiddlers Inn. Elvis also mentioned that, as of February 17, the number of people attending our Mt. View event stood at 22 total.

Elvis complimented Butch Chapman for a Web page Butch created to promote our Mt. View event to Corvair enthusiasts outside of our club. The address of Butch's event Web site is <http://home.earthlink.net/~w5jax>. Butch will publish the Web link on the Virtual Vairs e-mail list on April 1.

If you plan to attend the Mt. View event and have **not** made your reservation at the Best Western Fiddlers Inn, please do so before the April 9 deadline.

We will hold our April ACC meeting in Mountain View, on Saturday, April 24, at our group breakfast at Joshua's Ozark Restaurant.

In other business, Bill Smith reported on his correspondence with Ned Madsen, with the Mid Continent Corvair Association, regarding a proposal for CORSA chapters to consider holding a regional Corvair mini-convention. Bill told Madsen that we're interested in a regional event and need more details before pledging support.

Ned Madsen expressed interest in attending one of our club meetings.

New Business

May Activity: Cathy Smith proposed, for May, that our club participate in a car show sponsored by the Tastee Freez restaurant, in Cabot, on Saturday, May 15, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Members agreed. Tastee Freez is at 620 S Second St. (Hwy 367), on the south end of Cabot.

Cathy passed along word of a 1963 Monza convertible for sale in Missouri, near St. Louis. Seller claims car was appraised at \$10,000. Asking \$7,500. Contact Don Thurmond, 573 562-7786.

Butch Chapman proposed that our club organize a tour of the Heifer International ranch, near Perryville. Due to a busy schedule, this could be a fall activity.

Bill Smith reported the addition of two new members: Matthew Brophy

(Memphis, TN), and Aaron Swift (Little Rock). Aaron is a returning member.

Ken Franson suggested that we compile an e-mailing list for member communication. Butch Chapman volunteered to work with Ken and Bill Smith to produce/maintain the list.

Officer Nominations for 2004-05

Members nominated officers for the 2004-05 business year.

Nominees are: *President*, Cathy Smith; *Vice President*, Larry Levy and Ronnie MacLeod; *Secretary*, JB King; *Treasurer*, Elvis King. We'll vote at our April meeting, on Saturday, April 24, in Mountain View.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Smith

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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.

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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.