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Custom 1947 Car Transporter Steals Show in Mountain View

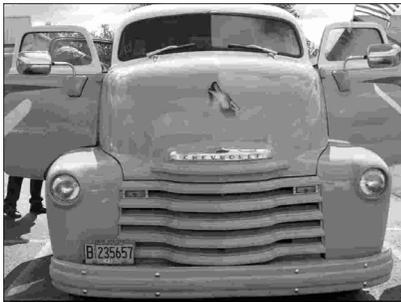
For everyone who was not able to join our band of Corvair enthusiasts, in Mountain View, on the weekend of April 22-24, you missed a terrific event with impressive vehicles, excellent dining, and abundant fun and fellowship.

The Friday drive to Mountain View, in a Corvair convertible with top down, was akin to traveling through a hurricane. The blowing dust and grit, carried by strong steady winds, filled the eyes. Joe Espejo said he could have used a pair of aviator's goggles for his drive from North Little Rock. Despite some windy and cool weather, we enjoyed plenty of sunshine and three rain-free days! That alone made the weekend a notch above last year.

However, making the Ozark weekend truly extra special was the participation of some special guests. These included our good friends Jim and Roy Davis, of Murray, Kentucky, in their eye-catching 1968 Corvair Ultra Van motor home. This was Jim and Roy's second trip to Arkansas to share a weekend

with our Corvair Club. They first joined us for a weekend in Hot Springs, in April of 2003. If you've not yet met this special couple, you've missed the experience of two fun-loving folks who meld in with us as if we've known one another for years. Jim and Roy enjoyed Mountain View so much that they're proposing the Ozark town as the site for an upcoming Ultra Van group event.

Also, making an extraordinary entrance and impact on our Mountain View weekend gathering were Harold and Julie Pearce, ACC members from West Fork, south of Fayetteville. Harold and Julie brought a 1965 Corsa coupe to Mountain View, to show during our Saturday impromptu display.



This Corsa coupe is remarkable—beautifully restored and stylishly appointed.

But what was even more impressive about the Pearce's Corsa coupe was the absolutely unique transporter that carried Harold, Julie, and their bright yellow Corvair to Mountain

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ACC picnic will be Saturday, June 4, at Petit Jean State Park

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on **Saturday, June 4**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for our 2005 ACC Summer Picnic, at Petit Jean State Park, 15 miles southwest of Morrilton.

We have reserved Pavilion A, on the right (north) side of Petit Jean Mountain Road, across from the ball field, from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.

If you are unsure of how to find Pavilion A, inquire at the Visitor Center on Petit Jean Mountain Road.

The picnic will be a potluck lunch, with hot dogs provided. We ask everyone attending to bring a potluck dish (picnic fare, desserts) and your choice of drinks.

We will hold our June ACC meeting in conjunction with the club picnic.

Some members plan to tour the Museum of Automobiles, after the picnic. There is an admission fee for the museum

We hope you can join us for a Saturday picnic on June 4. ■

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: **No Tuesday Meeting in June** :
: We will **not** hold a Tuesday meeting, in :
: June, at Just Like Mom's, in Sherwood. :
: Our June meeting will coincide with our :
: club picnic, on Saturday, June 4. :
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"Corvairs bring friends together."

Congratulations to Camelia Franson - U. S. Citizen

On behalf of all members of the Arkansas Corvair Club, the editor extends our warmest congratulations to Camelia Franson (wife of Ken), on achieving the status of United States

citizen. Camelia took her oath of citizenship on Wednesday, May 4, during a ceremony in Memphis, Tennessee. Camelia, your Corvair friends are proud of you. ■



Images from Mountain View - April 22 - 24



Harold and Julie Pearce arrive from West Fork with their 1965 Corvair coupe riding atop a custom 1947 Chevrolet car transporter. The truck is fabricated from multiple 1947 Chevy cab bodies, built on a school bus chassis, with a big-block Chevy V-8 sitting behind the cab. This is taking the Corvair hobby to a new level.



Corvairs are lined up for an impromptu car display, in front of Aunt Minnie's Mall, following our Saturday breakfast meeting on April 23. The 1968 Corvair Ultra Van (to left), belonging to Jim and Roy Davis, from Murray Kentucky, never fails to draw attention. Including the Ultra Van we had 9 Corvairs on display in Mountain View.

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 and those due for the current 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 **May**.

- Past Due** Matthew Brophy
Phillip Coates
Jef Higdon
Jim Rogers
Steve Simmons
Aaron Swift
Mike Still

- Due May**
Lynn Gates
Gary Higgins
Chuck Jolley
Jim Latture
David McCorkle
Sivert Rafter
Charles Springer

Please disregard if you've already paid.

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in June.

Tommy Painter
June 3

Lola Piggot
June 14

Matthew Brophy
Buddy Murray
Mike Still
June 15

Chuck Jolley
June 16

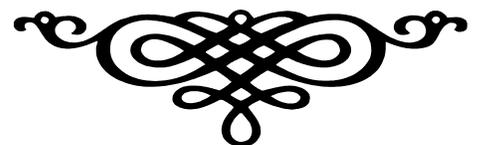
Keith LaCrosse
June 17

Happy Anniversary
to
Harold & Julie Pearce
June 4

David & Carla McCorkle
June 12

Keith & Cindy LaCrosse
June 29 (26 years)

George & Barbara Koenig
June 29 (47 years)



ACC April Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Joshua's Ozark Restaurant, in Mountain View, on Saturday, April 23, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by president Cathy Smith.

Cathy welcomed everyone to our Mountain View weekend. She gave a special welcome to Jim and Roy Davis, from Murray, Kentucky, and to Julie and Harold Pearce, new members from West Fork. Other members in attendance who ordinarily cannot attend our monthly meetings were: Dee and Clyde Jones, from Texarkana; Larry Drannon, from Fairfield Bay; and Jim and Hazel Latture, from Hot Springs.

Instead of reading the minutes from our March meeting, Cathy asked for a motion that the minutes be approved as published in the April newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business

Following the approval of the minutes, Cathy asked JB King to read the names of our officer nominees for 2005-2006. After reading the names of the nominees, Cathy asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Receiving no additional

nominations, members voted to elect, by acclamation, the following officers for 2005-06.

PresidentCathy Smith

Vice PresMeredith Chapman

SecretaryJB King

Treasurer.....Elvis King

ACC Picnic June 4

Our next club activity will be a picnic, at Petit Jean Mountain, near Morrilton, on Saturday, June 4. We have reserved Pavilion A, on the right side of Petit Jean Mountain Road (across from the ball field), from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The picnic will be a potluck lunch, with hot dogs provided. We ask everyone attending to bring a potluck dish (picnic fare) and your drinks. We plan to hold our June ACC meeting in conjunction with the club picnic.

Following the picnic, at 2:00 p.m., those interested will tour the Museum of Automobiles on Petit Jean Mountain.

New Business

Butch and Meredith Chapman suggested an activity for Saturday afternoon, May 21. The activity is a tour, on a party barge, of the Mound Pond at the Toltec Mounds Archaeological State Park, near Scott. Although members said this sounded like an interesting and fun activity, many felt that their May calendars were full and wouldn't afford time for the afternoon tour.

Clyde Jones proposed that, in April 2006, our club participate in the weekend festival, in Texarkana, called the annual Jump, Jive, and JamFest. The Jump, Jive, and JamFest is sponsored by the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council (TRAHC) and Texarkana community. The weekend festival, which covers two city blocks, includes entertainment for the whole family. Some highlights are a kickoff party and BBQ, three outdoor stages, musical performances by dozens of artists, food vendors, street artists, and more.

Club members liked Clyde's proposal as a new activity for 2006. Clyde and Dee said they would work with our club to plan the Texarkana weekend activity for next April.

Jim Latture suggested that, in April 2007, our club might plan a weekend getaway to Hot Springs and tour Garvan Woodland Gardens. Jim's suggestion was well received and noted as a future planning item.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Members moved to the parking lot to participate in an impromptu Corvair display in front of Aunt Minnie's Mall, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

Mountain View Recap *continued*

View—a custom 1947 Chevrolet truck-transporter. The custom Chevrolet transporter literally stole the show. (See photo on pg 2 for more.) We were delighted to meet Harold and Julie in Mountain View, and we're very grateful to them for traveling from Washington County to join us.

Other ACC members who made our Mountain View weekend a success included, Clyde and Dee Jones, driving from Texarkana in their 1964 Spyder convertible; Jim and Hazel Latture,

driving from Hot Springs in their 1964 Monza convertible, George Koenig, driving from Mountain Home in his 1965 Corsa coupe, and Larry Drannon, driving from Fairfield Bay, in his 1962 Monza coupe. Also, Ernie Gray joined us for our Saturday club meeting at Joshua's Restaurant. Ernie hopes to be driving his 1963 Monza convertible to club meetings very soon.

We held our April Corvair Club meeting, on Saturday morning, at Joshua's Ozark Restaurant. During the meeting we introduced new members and some we don't see often enough.

Also, during the meeting, we elected our club officers for our 2005-06 business year. See the meeting minutes, on page 3, for details.

Our 2005 reunion was highlighted by good food (Jo Jo's on Friday night, Joshua's for Saturday breakfast, the Skillet restaurant Saturday night, and breakfast at the Skillet Sunday morning), a Saturday morning car display, flea market shopping, and warm fellowship.

Thanks to all who helped plan our 2005 Reunion in Mountain View, and to everyone who attended. ■



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the Chevrolet Corvair."*

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.

May Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **May 17**, 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: Meredith Chapman, P.O. Box 243, Jacksonville, AR 72078, 501 676-6693.

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.