

On the Air

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Lodging plans for Texarkana Jump, Jive & JamFest weekend, coming April 28-30

We've chosen the **Quality Inn**, 5210 North State Line Ave, in Texarkana, as our lodging place for the 2006 Jump, Jive & JamFest. Reserve your room today, 870 772-0070.

In your October issue of *On the Air*, you read about our club's plans to participate in the April weekend festival in Texarkana, called the annual Jump Jive & JamFest.

After looking at lodging choices, we've chosen the **Quality Inn**, at 5210 North State Line Avenue (Texarkana) as our base of operations for the April festival weekend.

We've secured a group rate of \$49.00 per night and blocked a group of 12 rooms for ACC members. To reserve a room, phone **870 772-0070** and mention the Arkansas Corvair Club. If questions, ask for Michelle Knowlton.

These non-smoking rooms feature a king bed. Many have a microwave and refrigerator. Free limited breakfast is included. The cutoff for this block of rooms is Saturday, **April 15**.

Now's the time to mark your calendar and reserve your room. The last weekend in April will be here before we

know it.

The Jump Jive & JamFest is sponsored by the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council (TRAHC).

The weekend event covers two city blocks with activities and entertainment for the whole family. Highlights include a kickoff party and BBQ, three outdoor stages, musical acts by dozens of artists, food vendors, street performers, and more.

For more information about the 2006 Jive & Jam Fest, you can phone the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council, at 903 792-4999, or send e-mail to artsinfo@trahc.org. Also at www.jumpjivejamfest.org.

Thanks to Dee Jones for scouting motels and helping with arrangements for our 2006 Spring Corvair gathering in historic Texarkana.

Watch for more about our April Texarkana weekend retreat, in your March and April newsletters. ■

ACC News Clips

ACC member Clyde Jones recovering, in Texarkana, from second back surgery

Clyde Jones, an active and loyal member of the Arkansas Corvair Club and of CORSA, is recovering from back surgery.

Clyde underwent the surgery on Monday, February 6, at the Southwest Memorial Hospital, in Houston, Texas.

Following the surgery, Clyde spent four days recovering at the Houston hospital, until he was released to return home on Saturday, February 11.

Because of the seriousness of his surgery, Clyde will be healing for several more weeks, before he'll be able to return to his normal routine.

In late summer of 2003, Clyde underwent an operation to relieve severe back pain. However, since that surgery, he has experienced constant and debilitating pain.

Speaking for others in the Arkansas Corvair Club, we hope for Clyde's speedy return to good health and his many beloved Corvair projects. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

CORSA offers FREE gifts to those who've not been members in last 3 years and join by Dec 31, 2006

If you've thought about joining the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) but, perhaps, needed just a little more incentive to prompt your action, CORSA's latest promotion may be just what you've waited for.

If you would be a new member or have not been a CORSA member in the last three years, then you'll receive special gifts, if you join before December 31, 2006.

For your \$38 membership you'll receive a copy of the 185-page book, *Corvair Basics*. The book describes itself as "An Introduction to the Unique Technical and Mechanical Aspects of the 1960-1969 Chevrolet Corvair."

Featuring 39 chapters and an appendix, *Corvair Basics* covers everything from Corvair history, to vehicle identification, to buying tips, to air conditioning, to exhaust, to suspension, to wheels, to troubleshooting, and more. The book's contents run the Corvair gamut.

A facsimile of the promotional coupon is reprinted below. To download a CORSA membership application with the special offer coupon, visit www.corvair.org.

As you can see from this generous offer, now is a terrific time to join the Corvair Society of America and to help preserve our Corvair hobby. ■

Teck Tip Adjusting Engine Valve Lash

To contain the oil which will flow and spray around the valve area, make shields from a junk rocker cover cut in half lengthwise. Bolt the half cover in place on the lower side of each bank to catch dripping oil.

Start the engine, and adjust valve lash as follows: loosen the rocker nut until the valve begins to click. Gradually tighten the nut until the clicking stops. Tighten the nut one additional turn (1¼ turns on turbocharged engines), in ¼-turn increments, waiting 10 seconds after each step to prevent piston to valve interference. ■

FREE

Join CORSA and receive a Corvair Basics set FREE!

If you have not been a CORSA member in the last 3 years, we're so sure you'll like what you see, we will give you a Corvair Basics set! This 185-page book and matching CD is a valuable resource for any Corvair owner, especially a first-timer or someone getting back into the hobby. Membership includes a subscription to the award winning CORSA *Communique*, the monthly magazine of the Corvair Society of America.

*Directions: Include coupon with application above.
Cannot be used in conjunction with any other CORSA promotion. Expires December 31, 2006*

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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 **February**.

Past DueAllan Embrey
Stew MacLeod

Due Feb Butch Chapman
Corey Holtz
Harold Pearce
Mike Shroyer

Please disregard if you've already paid.
Thanks for your generous support. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in March.

Cindy LaCrosse
March 6

Betty Simmons
March 7

Carole Gregory
Bill Smith (59 years)
March 9

Mary Jolley
March 10

Javier "Joe" Espejo (67 yrs)
Bill MacSorley
March 13

Happy Anniversary

David & Susan Carter
March 28

ACC January Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, January 17.

The meeting was called to order by president Cathy Smith.

Old Business

Cathy reported that our annual holiday party, hosted by Stew and Ronnie MacLeod, was a success and was enjoyed by everyone attending. She expressed thanks to Stew and Ronnie for their continued support and generosity by hosting this annual event.

Bill Smith reminded members that our 2006 spring outing is planned in Texarkana, in late April. Our club will be attending the annual Jump, Jive, & Jam festival, on the weekend of **April 28-30**.

During our annual holiday party, Dee Jones presented a list of lodging options in Texarkana, for the April event weekend. Bill volunteered to do some additional research into the motels Dee recommends and to publish the final selection in the February newsletter.

(Editor's note: See page 1 for details on Texarkana motel accommodations for April 28-30.)

New Business

Cathy encouraged those who are planning to attend the 2006 CORSA International Convention, in Buffalo, NY, July 25-29, to make their reservations at the Adams's Mark Hotel soon. The phone number for reservations is 800 444-2326.

Joe Espejo showed members one of the new Fram PF-4 oil filters available for purchase. Joe recently bought a supply of these new filters to be sold with other Arkansas Corvair Club merchandise to raise funds for our club treasury. The filters are available to ACC members for \$6.00 each.

Tech Presentation

Elvis King made a brief technical presentation, during which he described differences between the early (1960 and 1961) fuel pump pushrods and the later ones (1962 on). He showed and passed around an example of each fuel pump, for comparison of pushrods.

Also, Elvis showed two examples of an oil filler cap modification, described in the CORSA Tech Guide, that uses a spring-loaded washer to baffle any oil splash before it can hit the fiber insert of the filler cap. This prevents small

amounts of oil from backing up through the filler tube and soiling the engine.

Focusing on specialty tools, Elvis showed a specialty 9/16-inch box end wrench, fabricated and sold by Clark's Corvair Parts for easier access to the idler pulley adjustment nut, which some have difficulty adjusting when tensioning or replacing the blower fan belt. Elvis also showed a Saltus wrench that can be used for this same purpose. (See photos below.)

To complete his mini tour of the rear of the engine, Elvis showed several examples of a replacement adjusting nut for the idler pulley. This replacement has been discussed on the Virtual Vairs mail list. This nut can be fabricated from a rocker arm stud bolt by removing (grinding away) the stem. By coincidence, the rocker-arm stud bolt has the same thread pattern as the idler pulley adjustment nut. And, it's extended length makes this replacement nut more easily accessible with a 13/16-inch box-end wrench. Elvis offered the replacement idler pulley adjusting nuts he made to anyone attending who wanted one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King



Pictured above is the 1/2-inch - 9/16-inch box-end wrench sold by Clark's Corvair Parts for use when adjusting the bottom carburetor nut and the fan belt idler pulley. Clark's part number for this specialty wrench is C3773. Also pictured is a replacement adjusting nut, for the idler pulley, that is fabricated from a rocker arm stud bolt by removing (grinding away) the stud bolt's stem. See the ground-away area on the flat side of the rocker arm stud bolt. See close-up detail of the idler pulley adjusting nut, in photo at right.



Pictured above is a close-up view of the replacement idler pulley adjusting nut fabricated from a rocker arm stud bolt. In this view you can see the inside threaded part of the adjusting nut. Elvis King made several of these replacement nuts to show at our Tuesday ACC meeting on January 17.



Pictured above is a set of Sear's Craftsman standard Saltus wrenches. The wrench is a cross between an open-end and a socket-end tool. The socket end pivots and can attack fasteners from more angles than possible with a standard 15-degree offset combination wrench.



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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.

February Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **February 21**, 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.