

On the Air

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Are you set for Spring and Jumping, Jiving, & Jamming in Texarkana, April 28-30?

Plans are progressing for our late-April weekend convocation in Texarkana, to coincide with the 2006 Jump, Jive & JamFest, sponsored by the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council (TRAHC).

For information about the Jump, Jive & JamFest, 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.

Our lodging place for the weekend getaway is the **Quality Inn**, at 5210 North State Line Avenue (Texarkana).

We've secured a group rate of \$49.00 per night and blocked a group of 12 rooms for ACC members. Several members have already made room reservations.

To reserve a room, phone **870 772-0070** and mention the Arkansas Corvair Club. If questions, ask for Michelle Knowlton.

The cutoff for reserving this block of

rooms is Saturday, **April 15**.

These non-smoking rooms feature a king bed. Many have a microwave and refrigerator. Free limited breakfast is included.

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, and street performers.

You'll find ample public parking around the festival site, including:

- City Library parking lot on Oak St. - 3 blocks west between 3rd & 4th
- On-street parking surrounding Celebration Square
- City Parking Lot - approx 5 blocks south at Broad & Olive

Watch for more about our April Texarkana weekend retreat, in your April newsletter. ■

Nominations for ACC office

At our February 21 meeting, members nominated ACC officers for the 2005-06 business year. Other nominations can be submitted up to the election, in April.

As our Arkansas Corvair Club bylaws state, "*Nominations for elected office will be made from the floor or in writing at the meeting one month prior to the election. At least one person must be nominated for each office. The April meeting will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office in May.*"

Our elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The 2005-06 nominees include some very familiar names. They are:

President..... Ken Franson
Vice Pres..... Meredith Chapman
Secretary..... JB King
Treasurer..... Elvis King

We'll vote for the slate of officers at our ACC meeting, on **Saturday, April 29**, in Texarkana.

The April meeting will be held in Texarkana at 9:00 in the conference room at the Quality Inn.

Sincere thanks to these individuals for volunteering to serve our club. Without their dedicated leadership and loyal service, there would be NO Arkansas CORSA chapter. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

ACC Recipe Corner

During the ACC meeting on February 21, Bill Smith described a

Following recipe is from the Saturday Early Show, on CBS Television.

Caught in the chilly clutches of winter, **The Saturday Early Show** thought this would be the right time to turn to Cuisine of the Sun.

It's chef Cindy Hutson's own version of Island cooking, which she has introduced in five successful restaurants across the country. Huston is best known for her Miami restaurant "Ortanique," which also has branches in Las Vegas and Washington.

Rasta Pasta

Yield: Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, julienne
- 1 chicken bouillon cube (such as Knorr Swiss)
- 1/2 cup basil, chiffonade
- 1/2 cup scallions, chopped
- 2 cups Shiitake mushrooms, julienne
- 1 lb boneless breast of chicken, cut in

- strips
- 8 oz. penne pasta, cooked al dente
- 1 tablespoon salted butter
- 1/4 cup jerk paste (such as Busha Browne) (or 2 tablespoons dry Jerk seasoning)
- 1/2 to 1 cup Teriyaki

Method:

1. Mix the teriyaki and jerk paste together and marinate the chicken strips for 30 minutes to one hour. (Alternate marinade – Mix 1 cup of Teriyaki sauce with 2 tablespoons Jerk seasoning)
2. Cook the pasta as directed for al dente. Set aside and keep warm.
3. Heat a large skillet and add the butter. Then add the marinated chicken. Sauté for about 4-5 minutes. (For robust flavor, sprinkle Jerk seasoning on chicken as it sautés.)
4. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and shiitake mushrooms. Crumble the bouillon cube into the cream and

- add this mixture to the skillet. Cook over medium heat, reducing until sauce is thickened.
- 5. Combine the chicken mixture and the cooked pasta. Add in the scallion and basil to finish. Serve warm from the stovetop. This creamy-spicy pasta dish looks as fabulous as it tastes. The Jamaican Jerk Seasoning delivers robust flavor and aroma.



What is Jamaican Jerk Seasoning?

Primarily used in preparing grilled meat, Jamaican Jerk Seasoning generally is a combination of chili, thyme, spices, garlic, and onions. Jerk seasoning can be rubbed directly onto meat or blended with a liquid to create a marinade. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in April.

Cortney Claypool
Mary Beth Claypool
Christel Espejo
April 12

Jim Latture
April 13

Ernie Gray
April 22

Pam MacSorley
April 30

Happy Anniversary
to
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 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 **March**.

Past Due Butch Chapman
Allan Embrey
Stew MacLeod

Due Mar James Carter
Ernie Gray

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

ACC February Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, February 21.

The meeting was called to order by president Cathy Smith.

Old Business

JB King read the minutes from the January meeting, which were approved as read.

Bill Smith shared an update on Clyde Jones, who had to return to the hospital, in Houston, for post-surgical care.

Cathy also passed around two greeting cards for members to sign. These will be mailed to Clyde when he is back home and recovering in Texarkana.

New Business

Cathy advised members that our practice is to nominate officers for our 2006-07 business year, in February

and March. We will vote on the new slate of officers during our April meeting, in Texarkana, on April 29.

Cathy opened the floor to nominations. Meredith Chapman volunteered to serve as Vice President. Ken Franson volunteered to serve as President. Also, Elvis and JB King graciously agreed to continue serving in the offices of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, which they each have held for many years.

Keith LaCrosse moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The officer nominees for 2006-07 are:

President Ken Franson
Vice Pres Meredith Chapman
Secretary JB King
Treasurer Elvis King

In other business, Bill Smith encouraged members who have not been affiliated with CORSA in the last 3 years to take advantage of a special incentive offer, from CORSA, which is described in your February ACC newsletter.

With the special incentive, anyone who has not been a CORSA member in the last 3 years, and who joins by December 31, 2006, is eligible to receive the Corvair Basics book and CD set, free of charge. 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 *Communiqué*, the monthly magazine of the Corvair Society of America.

In addition to the CORSA incentive, Clark's Corvair Parts is offering a CORSA discount certificate with any order of over \$50, before March 29, 2006. This certificate is worth \$5 savings on a new (12-or 26-month membership) or a 26-month renewal. It's worth \$3 savings on a one-year renewal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

Tech Tips and Tricks

Adjusting the Steering Gear

Here's an adjustment that takes about 10 minutes on the car, without taking anything loose—unlike the Shop Manual, that goes on and on, leading you down the garden path. Why do they do that? Paid by the word?

If you have excessive play in your steering wheel, and it's in the gear box, for a change (usually it's in the pitman arm bushing), here's how you can adjust the steering gear to remove the play.

With the wheels in the straight-ahead position, rock the steering wheel back and forth, noting how much effort it takes to rock it. Now,

loosen the large lock nut around the "worm thrust bearing adjuster" nut with a hammer and screwdriver, and tighten the adjuster nut. Just "snug."

Then rock the wheel, and back up the adjuster so that there is little or no change in the effort necessary to rock the wheel.

Next, loosen the lock nut on the "high point load adjuster," with a 9/16-inch wrench, and hold it while you turn in the adjustment with a screwdriver. It will turn easily, so when you reach the "snug" position, rock the wheel again, and see that all of the play has disappeared.

If the wheel is now hard to turn, back off the adjustment slightly,

reaching the best compromise of ease of steering and lack of play. Tighten the lock nuts and check for steering gear fluid. Remove the filler plug and poke your little finger in the opening to check the fluid level. If not to the top—it won't be—fill it up, and, since it's a secret in the Shop Manual, I used 140 weight gear oil.

You will get the usual assortment of dirt and grease in your eyes and hair while you look up under the front of the car and pound with a hammer and screwdriver, but I'm sure you already knew that and will wear your goggles.

Les Huckins, CORSA West of Los Angeles, reprinted from the *Negative Camber*, March 2006



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enjoyment, and preservation of the
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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.

March Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **March 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.