

# On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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## Rain doesn't dampen Corvair spirit for weekend in Texarkana

Despite heavy showers on April 29, those attending our spring Corvair Convocation and the 2006 Jump, Jive & JamFest, in Texarkana, enjoyed fellowship, food, fun, and music.

For everyone who braved the weather and journeyed to Texarkana for our spring ACC Corvair Convocation and the 2006 Jump, Jive and JamFest, the weekend delivered on its promise of good food and fellowship.

Although our turnout of members and guests was smaller than we hoped for, we still had a significant showing, with attendees traveling from Hot Springs, Camden, and Murray, Kentucky (God bless the UltraVan.), as well as from around central Arkansas.

Attending the weekend event and our monthly club meeting, on Saturday, April 29 were: Jim and Roy Davis (Murray, KY), Ken and Camellia Fran-

son, Ernie and Fran Gray, Clyde and Dee Jones, JB and Elvis King, with grandkids Jessica, Riley, and Parker Eubanks, Keith and Cindy LaCrosse, Jim and Hazel Latture, Bill and Pam MacSorley, with daughter Megan, and, lastly, Bill and Cathy Smith.

Although the musical acts on Saturday didn't go quite as planned, some ACC members saw performances by Marcia Ball, the Light Crust Doughboys, and by a family of Bluegrass music performers. And a small, dedicated cadre traveled downtown Saturday evening to enjoy the Family Stone experience. We wish more of you could have joined in the fun. ■

A message of thanks from Cathy Smith -- ACC president, May 2003 to April 2006

Our club meeting in Texarkana, on Saturday, April 29, officially wrapped up my three-year term serving as president of our Arkansas Corvair Club.

Looking back on the experience, I can say that it was an honor to serve as your president for the past three years. To be honest, I have loved every minute of it. And, I am hoping others will find the same satisfaction serving as ACC president as I did.

As club members, we have enjoyed many fun times together. We have traveled, literally, from the top of our state to the bottom, in search of opportunities to show off our wonderful Corvairs. We have made many new friends along the way, and sampled some mighty fine food in our travels.

From this experience, I can state that Corvair friends are friends you make for life. Not only is this a car club, but our CORSA chapter also is a unique social club, which brings a multitude of people together to enjoy the common bond we share--this unique and quirky automobile.

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During the ACC meeting on Saturday, April 29, new president, Ken Franson, describes items in his personal Corvair library, while JB King (with grandkids) records meeting minutes, and Jim Davis observes.

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**

## Meet Ken Franson, your new ACC president

*As we move ahead to the start of a new business year for the Arkansas Corvair Club, Ken Franson steps in as president, to guide us thru our club's 19th year as a CORSA chapter.*

With our recent election of officers for 2006-07, Ken Franson takes the reins as president of CORSA chapter 722.

Ken has been a member of the club since early 2002.

For those who've not had the opportunity to meet Ken, we share some details about his background.

Ken moved to Arkansas, from Brooklyn, NY, in 1998, with his wife, Camelia. Ken is retired from work as the supervisor of a Sludge Dewatering Plant, operated by the city of New York.

Camelia is a new U.S. citizen, having emigrated from Romania in 1996.

Ken has owned Corvairs since 1966, with his first having been a 1965 Monza sedan, with Powerglide transmission. While living in New York, Ken also owned a 1964 Monza Spyder coupe and a 1968 500 coupe.

Ken proudly recounts that the first car he ever drove, at age 14, was a 1962 Corvair Monza.

Presently, Ken owns a 1966 Monza sedan (restored), Powerglide, and 1965 Corsa coupe, 4-speed (awaiting restoration).

In addition to pursuing the Corvair hobby, Ken is active in Central Arkansas Coin Club and the Greater Little Rock Camera Club. ■

### Cathy Smith's message *continued*

I know of no other club that brings together both men and women to enjoy, not only the Corvair but, each other's companionship. Bill and I have made some lasting and very close friends through this club.

Going forward, I'm going to sit back and enjoy being just another member. I'll still be attending meet-

ings and sharing suggestions for club activities. I just won't be the one wielding the gravel.

So, with that, I extend congratulations and thanks to Ken Franson, for taking the lead and moving us forward.

Your ex-president,

*Cathy Smith*

### Heartfelt thanks to Dee Jones

Speaking for everyone in the Arkansas Corvair Club, and especially for members who attended our April gathering, in Texarkana, I express sincere thanks to **Dee Jones** for all of her research and work to help plan our 2006 Corvair Convocation and Jump, Jive, and JamFest participation. Dee, we are grateful for your good work for our club.

Bill Smith

Happy Birthday  
to our ACC associates  
born in June.

Tommy Painter  
June 3

Lola Piggot  
June 14

Buddy Murray  
June 15

Keith LaCrosse  
June 17

Happy Anniversary  
to  
Harold & Julie Pearce  
June 4

Keith & Cindy LaCrosse  
June 29 (27 years)

George & Barbara  
Koenig  
June 29 (48 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 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** ..... James Carter  
Larry Drannon  
Stew MacLeod  
Aaron Swift

**Due May** Jim Latture  
Tommy Painter  
James Reed

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

## ACC April Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club held our April meeting on Saturday, April 29, at 9:00 a.m., at the Quality Inn, in Texarkana. The meeting was held in con-junction with our annual spring retreat and Corvair convocation, which was April 28-30.

Texarkana was chosen as the location of this year's retreat so that members could attend the city's annual Jump, Jive, and JamFest event.

The meeting was called to order by out-going president Cathy Smith.

### Welcome Members and Guests

Cathy introduced several members who we don't see at regular meetings in central Arkansas.

Those members are: Jim and Hazel Latture from Hot Springs; and Bill and Pam MacSorley, and their daughter, Megan, from Camden.

Also, we were happy to welcome our loyal friends, Jim and Roy Davis, who drove from Murray, Kentucky, to join us in Texarkana. Jim and Roy

have also attended previous ACC spring meetings in Hot Springs and in Mountain View. Since they have become frequent visitors to Arkansas and our ACC activities, Jim and Roy also became associate members of our Corvair club, during their Texarkana visit.

Jim and Roy announced that the UltraVan Motor Coach Club will hold their North American Rally, September 18-23, in Mountain View. We are pleased that their members chose Arkansas and this beautiful location to host a CORSA chapter gathering. Some of our ACC members plan to visit Mountain View in September and to fellowship with the UltraVan folks, during their week-long rally.

### Old Business

Cathy Smith announced the slate of officers to be voted on, for our 2006-07 business year. The nominees are:

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

The slate was elected by acclamation. Following the vote and election, three-term president Cathy Smith passed the gavel and charge of the

meeting to incoming president, Ken Franson.

### New Business

Bill Smith handed out copies of our original ACC Constitution and Bylaws, from February 29, 1988, to newly-elected president, Ken Franson, and to Elvis King.

Bill explained that the constitution and bylaws have not been updated in 18 years. He suggested that we make an action item, for several upcoming meetings, to update these club documents. Once updated, Bill will create a booklet to distribute to club members.

President Ken Franson asked that inventory our Corvair merchandise and shirts and report details at our meeting on May 16.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and members departed for the 2006 Jump, Jive, and JamFest, in downtown Texarkana.

Respectfully submitted,

*JB King*



ACC members gather in Texarkana, on Saturday, April 29, for the 2006 Jump, Jive & JamFest. From left Parker Eubanks, Elvis King, Riley Eubanks (front), JB King, Jessica Eubanks, Jim Davis, Roy Davis, Clyde Jones, Ken Franson (front), Dee Jones, Camelia Franson, Cathy Smith, Cindy LaCrosse, and Keith LaCrosse. Not pictured are Bill Smith and Bill MacSorley.

## Corvair UltraVans to rally in Mountain View, Ark

UltraVan Motor Coach Club hosting  
2006 UltraWeek in Arkansas

**September 18-23, 2006**

The UltraVan Motor Coach Club bills UltraWeek as their annual North American rally. The gathering site will be the Ozark RV Park, 1022 Park St, Mountain View, AR 72570. The week-long event will feature coach hopping, tech sessions, potlucks, pickin' and fiddlin', shopping, supper at Jo-Jo's Catfish Wharf on the White river, and a banquet with installation of officers at The Skillet restaurant. The UltraVan Motor Coach Club is chapter 008 and a special interest group of the Corvair Society of America. For information about UltraWeek, contact Jim Davis at **270 435-4572**, or e-mail [jld@wk.net](mailto:jld@wk.net). ■



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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.

### May Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **May 16**, 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:** Ken Franson, 608 Ridgelea Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, 501 835-6005.

**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.