

# On the Air

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## Help Arkansans set a world record for number of classic cars in a parade

The Dixie Car Club, of Benton, is organizing a Parade of Classic Cars on **Saturday, December 2**. The event will benefit the annual Toys for Tots holiday collection.

If you've been waiting for an opportunity to get some unusual notice for your favorite Corvair and the Arkansas Corvair Club, then the time may be coming on Saturday, December 2, when the Dixie Car Club, of Benton, hosts their "Parade of Classic Cars."

The parade will be an attempt to break the current Guinness World Record of 948 classic cars to drive an official distance of two miles, on May 11, 2002, in the Netherlands.

To set a new record, the Dixie Car Club needs participation from all classic car owners in Arkansas and neighboring states.

Participation in the parade is open to any and all antique, vintage, classic, hot rod, street rod, low rider, street machine cars, trucks, and specialty vehi-

cles.

The main caravan will assemble in the Benton T.C.B.Y. parking lot at 1721 Landers Road. This is I-30, Exit 118, behind Colton's Steak House, on the eastbound service road and Landers Road.

Clubs and individuals can join at the departure point or any point along the route, more than two miles from the finish.

Only vehicles over 30 years old and driven the final two miles of the route will count toward the record.

The caravan will depart Benton at exactly 10:00 a.m., and travel east on the I-30 service road to I-430. Thence north on I-430 and follow I-630, exiting at Fair Park. Vehicles will proceed

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## ACC members visit Historic Washington State Park

by JB King

On Saturday morning, October 14, ACC members and families met as planned at McDonald's in Bryant to begin our day trip to Historic Washington State Park near Hope.

Leaving McDonald's, our caravan consisted of Ernie and Fran Gray in their 1963 Monza convertible, Bill and Cathy Smith in their 1966 Monza convertible, Elvis and Lewis King in their 1966 Monza coupe, and JB King and two grandchildren, Parker and Raleigh, in their modern Ford Five Hundred.

We were disappointed to learn, at the last minute, that Joe and Christel Espejo would not be able to join us, due to a family illness.

The drive from Bryant to Hope on Interstate 30 was going well, until about a mile outside Okolona when Ernie's car suddenly lost power. We all pulled over on the interstate, the men worked on it a while (you'll have to get the details from them), and finally determined that they could not get the Corvair started again. Cathy called Butch Chapman to come from Jacksonville with his tow truck. The

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## RE M I N D E R

The Arkansas Corvair Club will NOT meet in December. Also, there will not be a December issue of our newsletter, *On the Air*. Warmest holiday wishes from the Editor.

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**

**Washington State Park** *continued*

Smiths and Grays hoped to join us later at the park. However, that plan didn't work out for them.

Elvis and his crew in two cars proceeded to Washington. After turning off from I-30, onto Highway. 278, we were amazed to see FEMA trailers as far as the eye could see. What a sight!

We arrived at the Washington State Park Visitors Center and were pleased to find Frank and Mary Campbell, ACC members from White Hall, waiting for us.

We entered the Visitors Center to let park staff know our mighty (albeit small) band of ACC members had arrived for our scheduled tour. The park staff was expecting us and showed us a picture of a Corvair and an article they had gotten off the internet. They had researched it because some of them were totally unfamiliar with the car. Imagine that!

As we exited the Visitors Center, we were pleased to see Clyde and Dee Jones from Texarkana pull up in their

convertible. Our group that started out as nine leaving Bryant, had grown back to nine.

Our lunch at the Williams Tavern Restaurant was delicious and the friendly staff was very attentive and chatted with us about our Corvairs.

Following lunch, we headed back to the Visitors Center, signed up for an abbreviated walking tour, and began the tour there, in the 1874 courthouse. We also toured the Sanders House and Farmstead, the Presbyterian Church, the 1836 courthouse, and the candle shop.

All of us kids, both young and old, got to dip candles in dye and create souvenirs of our own color combinations.

Despite losing part of our tour group and two Corvairs on Interstate 30, the outing to Historic Washington State Park made for an enjoyable day and a most interesting and informative tour.

Everyone returned home more knowledgeable about our state's history. ■

ACC members tour Old Washington State Park, on October 14, from left, JB King, Raleigh Eubanks, Clyde Jones, Dee Jones, Elvis King, Mary Campbell, Parker Eubanks, and Frank Campbell.



At right, Elvis King dips a candle into a vat of dye to create a three-color pattern, during the tour of Old Washington State Park.



**In Memoriam - Lynda Berry**

It is with profound sadness and regret that we report the death of past ACC member Lynda Berry, on Monday, October 30, 2006, at the Baptist Hospital, in Little Rock.

Lynda is survived by her husband of 46 years, Robert "Bob" Berry, daughter Cheryl, son George, and three grandchildren. Bob Berry is a past president of our Corvair club.

**Happy Birthday to our ACC associates born in December.**

Hank Wangle  
December 3

Cathy Smith  
December 4

Cole Claypoll  
December 12 (11 years)

Ken Franson  
December 16

Mary Campbell  
December 17

Meredith Chapman  
December 23

Camelia Franson  
December 27

**Happy Anniversary to**

Rudy & Brenda Korb  
December 4

Kermit & Jennifer Parks  
December 22

**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 **November**.

**Past Due** ..... Jerald McKown  
Dannie Vaughn

**Due Nov**                 None

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

## ACC September Meeting Minutes



JB King

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

The meeting was called to order by president Ken Franson.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as published in the October newsletter.

### Old Business

Bill Smith presented a brief report on the visit to Mountain View by several members, in September, to welcome and greet members of UltraVan Motor Coach Club, who held their 2006 UltraWeek North American Rally in Mountain View, September 18-23. Elvis and JB King, Ernie and Fran Gray, and Bill and Cathy Smith attended the UltraWeek banquet, on Saturday, September 23.

JB King reported on our club's October 14 outing to Historic Washington State Park. (*Editor's Note: See JB's article about the Washington*

*State Park outing on page 1.*)

Members discussed ideas and plans for participating in the Classic Car Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 2, to benefit the 2006 central Arkansas Toys for Tots holiday collection effort.

Being organized by the Dixie Car Club, the "Classic Car Parade" will be an attempt to set a new Guinness World Book of Records for the number of antique automobiles participating in an official parade.

Toys for Tots is a worthy cause and the parade would provide a good opportunity for Corvair publicity.

We plan to finalize parade plans at our November club meeting, on Tuesday, November 21.

### New Business

Keith LaCrosse reported on his and Cindy's travels to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in September to attend the Great Plains Roundup, sponsored by the Green Country Corvair Group, September 22-24.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

### Classic Car Parade *continued*

to the Toys for Tots collection station, in front of the Little Rock Zoo entrance. Expected arrival time for the lead vehicles is 10:45 a.m.

All participants must complete a registration certificate (Participation Affidavit).

The fee to participate is one new, unwrapped toy costing \$10 or more.

After toys are donated, vehicles may be displayed in the Ray Winder Field parking lot.

For a registration certificate and information, contact George Beyers, 501 776-1399. Visit the Dixie Car Club Web site at

<http://clubs/hemmings.com/dixiecarclub>

ACC members are still deciding where we'll meet. Call Bill Smith, 501 843-8413, for details. ■

### About fuel pumps and pump push rods

The story on page 1 of this newsletter, titled "ACC members visit Historic Washington State Park," details a day-trip activity on October 14, by several Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts.

The story describes how four ACC members failed to make the destination of Old Washington, when the mechanical fuel pump failed in Ernie Gray's 1963 Monza convertible.

Installing a new fuel pump on the highway failed to fix the problem and led to an unusual series of events and discoveries, while attempting to get Ernie's car running again.

What was discovered in repairing Ernie's Corvair is that not all fuel pumps and fuel pump push rods are alike, as Corvair repair instructions describe.

Read the rest of the story in your January issue of *On the Air*. ■

Happy Birthday  
to our ACC associates  
born in January.

Corey Holtz  
January 1

Jennifer Parks  
January 5

Bobbie Brown  
January 6

Frank Campbell  
January 8

Harla Moore  
January 13

Barbara Coffey  
January 16

Jane Carter  
Larry Levy  
January 20

Rudy Korb  
January 21

Brenda Korb  
January 28

Camelia Franson  
January 27





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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.

### November Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **November 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:** 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.