

# On the Air

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## Arkansas Travelers Baseball & Clunker Car Night at Dickey-Stephens Park in N. Little Rock Thursday, August 9, game time 7:10 p.m.

Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts will gather for first time at Dickey-Stephens Park for Clunker Car Night and Arkansas Traveler baseball.

Plan to join fellow Corvair enthusiasts for Clunker Car Night and baseball, on **Thursday evening, August 9.**

2007 is the Travs' first season in the new ballpark in North Little Rock.

**NOTE:** Most seats in the new ball park are reserved. For our group to sit together, Al Embrey has agreed to order reserved seats for those attending. If you plan to attend please call (501 834-5373) or e-mail (bigalnir@sbcglobal.net) Al Embrey not later than **July 25** and tell Al how many tickets you need.

We can assure you that the Travelers' Clunker Car Night has *absolutely*

*nothing* to do with Corvairs.

Instead, it's one of the Travelers' most popular promotional events. What they do for Clunker Car Night is give away one well-used car, in the middle of every inning, to the person holding a lucky number.

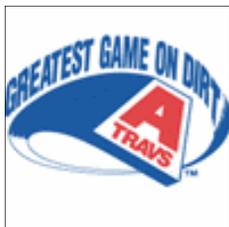
The Travs will be playing the Corpus Christi **Hooks.**

If you can arrive early, plan to meet at the Main-Stream Technologies Gate (west gate, beside the Broadway Bridge) at **6:00 p.m.**

Some members may enjoy dinner in Bill Valentine's Ballpark Restaurant before the game. If dining, make your own reservations.

If possible, drive your Corvair and wear Corvair T-shirts and caps.

Hope to see you there. ■



## A few notes about Clunker Car Night at the Arkansas Travelers, August 9

- For admission to the new Dickey-Stephens Park, no longer are there discount promotional tickets available from sponsoring businesses.
- Most seating in new Dickey-Stephens Park is reserved.
- For ACC members to sit together, Al Embrey has agreed to order reserved seats for those attending.
- Contact Al Embrey by phone (501 834-5373) or e-mail (bigalnir@sbcglobal.net) not later than **July 25** and tell him how many tickets you need.
- The Ballpark opens at 6:00 p.m.
- Bill Valentine's Ballpark Restaurant opens at 5:00 p.m.
- Best parking (\$3.00) is in the large gravel lot west of the Broadway Bridge. Best way to enter this lot is from Riverfront Drive. This is the only parking lot controlled by the Travelers' organization. Arrive early to park in this lot.
- The new ball park is very family friendly. Plan on walking around the perimeter and enjoying the variety of refreshments.

### NO TUESDAY MEETING IN JULY

Our Arkansas Corvair Club will **NOT** hold a Tuesday meeting in July, since many will be attending the CORSA International Convention. Our next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, **August 21**, at Just Like Mom's, on Kiehl Ave, in Sherwood.

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**

## Get well wishes for Meredith Chapman

Long-time Arkansas Corvair Club member Meredith Chapman underwent surgery at University of Arkansas for medical Sciences Hospital, on Thursday, June 21, for cancer. The surgery lasted over three hours.

Butch reported that Meredith was back at home on Sunday, June 24 and recovering slowly.

To treat the cancer, Meredith will undergo radiation therapy.

Please keep Meredith and Butch in your thoughts and prayers. ■

## Tech Tip:

### Fix for leaky transmission selector shaft seal

by Larry Levy

Reprinted from On the Air (newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club), Vol. 15, Issue 11, November 2002.

If you've replaced the selector shaft seal on your Corvair's manual transmission, only to have the new seal continue to weep transmission lube, you might try replacing the GM seal with one manufactured by National Federal Mogul. The replacement seal is part number 473546.

The shifter shaft seal used by GM, and supplied by Corvair parts vendors (Clark's part # C497), is for a shaft measuring .560 inches in diameter. The National Federal Mogul seal, with the same outside measurement, has a .551 inch inside diameter, which makes for a slightly tighter fit around the shifter shaft.

I recently used the National Federal Mogul seal as a replacement on my early 4-speed Monza. The seal fit fine around the shifter shaft and stopped the slow leak of transmission lube. ■



## Cam wear with today's motor oils

Reprinted from JeepsUnlimited.com Forums

Posted by m-l\_johnny

<http://www.jeepsunlimited.com/forums/archive/index.php/t-760458.html>

While at dinner at Pigeon Forge this past weekend, we had an interesting conversation about problems with cam wear with flat tappet lifters and today's oil quality.

The bottom line is that zinc dialkyl dithiophosphate Zinc in combination with phosphate has been used in the past to help protect cam lobes and lifters from extreme pressure wear factors.

Beginning in the mid-1990s, auto manufacturers asked the oil companies to reduce the ZDDP in oil because it was causing emissions problems. When higher-mileage engines began to develop some blow-by, it would cause problems with oxygen sensors and catalytic converters. Since all the manufacturers had gone to roller lifters on their engines, they did not need

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## Happy Birthday to our ACC associates born in August.

Frank Cahill  
August 15

Mary Swift  
August 16

Lauri Holtz  
Ronnie MacLeod  
August 19

Stuart Levy  
August 21

Debbie Levy  
August 30

## Happy Anniversary to

Elvis & JB King  
August 16 (38 years)

James & Rava Reed  
August 25 (62 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 **July**.

**Past Due**..... Bill MacSorley  
Harold Pearce  
Bob Piggot  
David Schneider

**Due Jul**..... John Coffey  
George Koenig  
Keith Lacrosse

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

## ACC June Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kieh Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, June 19.

The meeting was called to order by president Ken Franson.

Ken welcomed and introduced five club members from outside of central Arkansas who are unable to attend regular monthly meetings. The members are: Clyde and Dee Jones (Texarkana), Todd and Shirley Sanders (Danville), and Steve Simmons (El Dorado).

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter.

### Old Business

There was no discussion of old business.

### New Business

Steve Simmons mentioned that former ACC member, James Reed, has for sale a 1963 Monza coupe and he is asking \$2,700 for the car. It is white with a turquoise interior. Also, Steve would like to buy a late-model air-conditioned coupe.

Butch Chapman has a 1965 110 Corvair engine and automatic drive train he wants to sell. [Editor's Note: Following our June 19 meeting, Butch sold the 110 engine.]

Bill Smith reminded us that our club once again plans to attend the Arkansas Travelers' Clunker Car Night baseball game, on Thursday, August 9. Seating at the new Dickey-Stephens Park is reserved. For ACC members to sit together, Al Embrey has agreed to

order reserved seats for those attending. (See more information on page 1 of this newsletter.)

We are planning a fall weekend trip to Danville and Mount Magazine, probably in October. We will discuss additional plans at our August meeting and publish details in our August and September newsletters.

Our club will **not** a monthly meeting in July. The reason that we will not be meeting in July is that several members will be attending the 2007 CORSA International Convention, in Detroit (Sterling Heights), Michigan, during the week of July 22-28.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

### Cam wear and motor oil *continued*

the zinc protection.

The resulting reduction in ZDDP has been causing cam and lifter failures in flat-tappet cam use. An article in the June issue of Hot Rod magazine covered this in detail, but the bottom line is that oil with a rating above SH has significantly less additive.

For example, SH oil had .130 zinc and .120 phosphorous. Today's oil, SL, has .087 Zinc and .080 phosphorous. It is believed that further reductions are expected in the future.

So what do we do? Comp Cams claims that Shell Rotella T oil is great for engines with flat-tappet cams and no oxygen sensors or catalytic converters. Rotella T is a diesel truck oil, but meets today's SL as well as CI-4+. CI-4 is the designation for diesels and relates to the zinc and phosphorous content. The zinc is .140 and the phosphorous is .130. Because of the two chemicals, it is not recommended for engines with oxygen sensors or catalytic converters.

Another solution, if you are going to use today's oil, is to add a 4-ounce

bottle of GM camshaft and lifter lube to each oil change. It is part #12345501. When breaking in a new cam, GM EOS Assembly lubricant, part # 1052367 is recommended for use. It is in a 16-ounce bottle. The cam manufacturers may have their own break in oil as well.

Starting in 2007, trucks will start getting catalytic converters, so Rotella T will likely begin reducing the ZDDP content.

So, the other suggestion is to use racing oil. It may be marked for off road use only, because it has ZDDP and is not recommended for today's emission controlled vehicles. However, for our use, it is a good solution when Rotella T changes. Pennzoil 20w-50 racing oil has .196 zinc and .180 phosphorous. Quaker State Q racing oil has .200 zinc and .180 phosphorous. Quaker State racing oil has a variety of viscosities that may be more suitable.

Shell Rotella T motor oil is inexpensive and is readily available at Wal-Mart stores. ■

*Editor's Note: Watch for more on the subject of motor oil and cam wear in you August ACC newsletter.*

### POR 15 Rust Preventative Paint is locally available

For anyone restoring a car with heavy rust underneath, you will be glad to know that the rust preventative and restorative paint, POR 15, is available from a local distributor in Mabelvale, Arkansas.

The distributor's name is Gordan O'Steen. You can reach Gordan by phoning 502 455-1395, or (mobile) 501 352-0061.

Al Embrey says to mention to Gordan that Big Al from the CAMS Car Club referred you.

As described by the manufacturer, "POR 15 is a high-tech, high performance rust preventative coating designed for application directly on rusted or seasoned metal surfaces. It dries to an incredible rock-hard, non-porous finish that won't chip, crack, or peel, and it prevents rust from recurring by protecting metal from further exposure to moisture."

For more information about POR 15, see <http://www.por15.com>. ■



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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.

### No Meeting in July

The ACC will **NOT** hold a meeting in July, at Just Like Mom's, on Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

Our next regular monthly is planned for **Tuesday, August 21**, 7:00 p.m., at Just Like Mom's. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship prior to the August meeting.

### 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:**

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\$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.