

On the Air

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The Arkansas Corvair Club loses a loyal member, leader, and devoted Corvair enthusiast

Members of the Arkansas Corvair Club were deeply saddened to receive news of the sudden and unexpected death of Ken Franson, on Friday, November 9.

With his wife, Camelia, Ken has been an active and loyal member of the Arkansas Corvair Club since 2002. At his death, he was serving his second consecutive term as the president of our CORSA chapter.

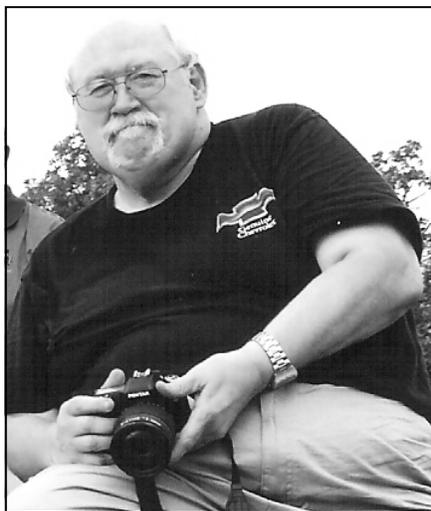
Born in 1947, Ken was 59 years old. He would have celebrated his 60th birthday on December 16th.

Originally from New York City, Ken and Camelia relocated to central Arkansas several years ago. He was retired from a career as a municipal wastewater treatment manager.

Ken owned and drove Corvairs in the late 1960s and 1970s and enjoyed sharing stories about his youthful Corvair driving exploits and his reckless

endeavors to push the Corvair's high-way handling envelope.

Please remember Camelia Franson in your thoughts and prayers. Her address is: 608 Ridgela Ave, Sherwood, 72120; ph 501 835-6005. ■



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.

My first Corvair

Frank Campbell

Posted on the Virtual Vairs mail list, October 25, 2007

This is my first post [on the list], but I've been reading Virtual Vairs for some time now. I love the tips and techniques you all discuss. It's always educational.

Now, for my story.

In high school, a classmate had a beautiful 64 Monza convertible. It was red with a white top and interior. That was first time I had really paid any attention to Corvairs. For this teenager, it was an absolute head-turner. My first thought was his parents must be rich and in those days, compared to my circumstances, I guess they were.

After graduating in 65 and working full time, I ran across a white 63 2-door sedan with a PG. It was affordable and beautiful (to me).

After buying it, I thought I was on top of the world. In January, 1966, after receiving the dreaded "Greetings" letter from Uncle Sam, I joined the Air Force. Unfortunately, as a married Airman, I couldn't afford the \$23 a month payments and had to dispose of the car.

Through marriage (41 years), two

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



Proposed amendments to the Arkansas Corvair Club Constitution and Bylaws

by Bill Smith

As originally published in *On the Air*, June 2006, members of the Arkansas Corvair Club plan to vote on the following proposed amendments to the ACC Constitution and Bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section a., 2nd sentence reads:

Membership in CORSA is mandatory for all except Associate or Honorary members.

Proposed amendment to Section a., 2nd sentence:

Membership in CORSA is encouraged for all members, including Associate or Honorary members.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section a. reads:

Regular meetings will be held at least once monthly at a time and place specified in the "Bylaws."

Proposed amendment to Section a.:

Regular meetings will be held at least once monthly, from January through November, at a time and place specified in the "Bylaws." Members may choose, by majority vote, not to hold a meeting during the month of the annual CORSA International Convention.

To be continued.

The list of proposed amendments to the ACC Constitution and Bylaws will be continued in the January 2008 issue of *On the Air*.

My first Corvair *continued*

great kids, taking advantage of the GI Bill, many jobs and all kinds of cars (five of which were early and late model Corvairs), I never lost my love for Corvairs.

After going almost 30 years without owning one, just over a year ago I bought a "fixer". It's a 64 Monza convertible and with the help of the great folks in the Arkansas Corvair Club, I'll gradually get it in good running condition. It doesn't look like much now, but one day it will. Most of the time it's covered up in the garage but when I walk by, I just have to smile. And...my 13 year old grandson has already decided the car will be his one day.

That makes me smile too... ■

Happy Birthday to our ACC associates born in December.

Hank Wangle
December 3

Cathy Smith
December 4

Don Ahrens
December 5

Cole Claypoll
December 12 (12 years)

Mary Campbell
December 17

Meredith Chapman
December 23

John Dailey
December 26 (60 years)

Camelia Franson
December 27

Happy Anniversary to

Zack & Tanessa Eby
December 15

Kermit & Jennifer Parks
December 22

John & Mary Dailey
December 30 (5 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 **November**.

Past Due No one

Due Nov Larry Drannon

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

ACC October Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, October 16.

The meeting was called to order by president Ken Franson.

JB King read the minutes of our September meeting. The minutes were approved as published in the October newsletter.

Announcements

We were saddened to learn of the untimely death of, Bob Piggot, one of our ACC members from Hot Springs. Bob passed away on October 12. Bill Smith announced that Lola Piggot, Bob's wife, was offering Bob's 1964 Corvair Monza convertible for sale.

Old Business

Al Embrey reported on the car show and picnic held on Saturday, October 13, on property owned by the Polar Ice Company, in Cabot.

New Business

Members discussed repurchasing cast-aluminum ACC license plaques, like those like we ordered in the 1997. Al Embrey volunteered to contact the company and request information about the plaques.

Butch Chapman asked if club members wanted to participate in this year's Jacksonville Christmas parade. We agreed that this would be a good event to take part in again. Butch said that the parade is scheduled Saturday,

December 1, and the entry fee is \$5 for the club. The application must be turned in by Friday, November 16.

Stew McLeod announced that he and Ronnie will once again host the annual post-holiday open house and party in January. The specific date for the January open house will be announced later.

Tech Topics

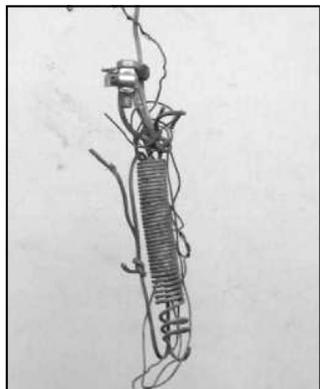
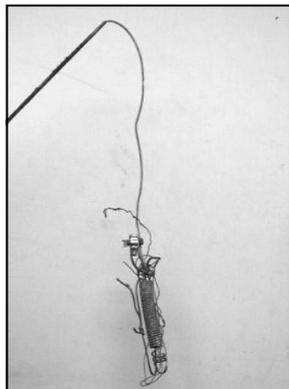
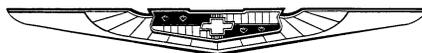
Elvis King shared an extreme example of a late-model clutch cable repair, made by persons unknown, from a parts car that he is dismantling. Elvis showed the cobbled clutch cable as a reminder that no matter how crude your field repairs may be, someone else is going to mess them up even more. (See the photos on this page.)

Also, Elvis displayed a pair of replacement carburetor accelerator cups and discussed how these can be installed using the tip of a ball point pen barrel. Someone said that the tip of a 90-weight gear-oil container also can be used to slip the cups on to the pump stems. (After the meeting, it was suggested that the tip of a Preparation H tube also could be used. Not only would this tool provide lubricant for sliding the cup into position, but it also would shrink the cup for a tighter fit after the procedure!)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King



The two photographs at the left show different views of the "repaired" late-model Corvair clutch cable that was shown to Arkansas Corvair Club members during the club's monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 16. ACC member Elvis Kin discovered this extraordinary example of a cable repair while dismantling a parts car. Elvis reminded members that some mechanics take no pride in workmanship. ■

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

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 20**, 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: Pending.

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.