

On the Air

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Plans taking shape for early May gathering in Hot Springs

Tune up and shine up your Corvair and celebrate with us in Hot Springs, May 2 - 4

by Bill Smith

We are happy to report that plans are taking coming together for the Arkansas Corvair Club's 2008 Spring Corvair Convocation, in Hot Springs, on the weekend of May 2-4. We are planning this weekend event to mark our club's 20th birthday.

We have selected a lodging place for the weekend getaway. For those who want to say with other Corvair enthusiasts for one, two, or more nights, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Clarion Resort Hotel, on Lake Hamilton. The address of the hotel is 4813 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, 71913.

Cathy Smith secured a special rate of \$79.95 per night for seniors. This rate applies for both single and double occupancy rooms.

For reservations, phone **800 432-5145** or **501 525-1391**. For the special rate, mention that you are with the Arkansas Corvair Club group.

We will not be using the formal meeting room at the Clarion Resort Hotel. For any group meeting during the weekend we will make arrange-

ments as needed.

Regarding activities for the Hot Springs weekend, we are still discussing and planning a complete agenda.

Some members have expressed interest in displaying Corvairs downtown near the Visitor's Center as we have done in past years. Butch Chapman has volunteered to contact the Hot Springs Visitor's Center and to coordinate arrangements for a car display on Saturday morning.

For Saturday afternoon, we are planning some open time, perhaps time to visit Garvan Woodland Gardens or some other attraction.

On Saturday night, we will gather downtown, at 6:00 p.m., for a group dinner at the Belli Arti Restaurant, at 719 Central Avenue. The Belli Arti is renowned for serving the finest Italian cuisine, including steak, seafood, vegetarian, chicken, pasta, appetizers and desserts.

We hope to see you **May 2-4** for our ACC Spring weekend getaway to Hot Springs. ■

We will elect ACC officers at our April 15 meeting



At our March 18 meeting, members nominated ACC officers for the 2008-09 business year.

Our elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The 2008-09 nominees include some very familiar names.

At our meeting on April 15, members will vote for the candidates by paper ballot.

The candidates are:

For President (two candidates):

Frank Campbell
Joe Espejo

For Vice Pres (two candidates):

Meredith Chapman
Bill Smith

For Secretary JB King

For Treasurer Elvis King

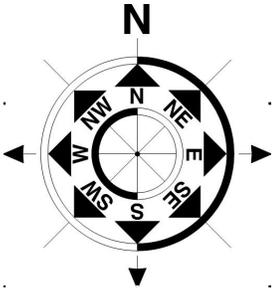
Sincere thanks to these individuals for volunteering to serve our club. Without their dedicated leadership and loyal service, there would be NO Arkansas CORSA chapter.

Again, if possible, please plan to attend our ACC meeting, on Tuesday, April 15, to vote for the candidates of your choice. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



Out of the West...

John Dailey

Editor's Note: This is the first of what we hope will be a regularly recurring column of Corvair-related discussion by Arkansas Corvair Club member, John Dailey, in Fort Smith.

This is my first column for the Arkansas Corvair Club newsletter, so I'll give you a short history of me and my Corvair experiences.

I'm originally from Illinois, about 50 miles southwest of Chicago. I graduated from high school in 1966 and went into the Air Force in 1967. When I got out in 1971, I hired on at Delta Air Lines and worked at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, then Shreveport, Louisiana, and Salt Lake City. I retired in 2005, after 33½ years.

Mary and I had been married in 2002 and when I retired we decided to move to Fort Smith, her hometown. My daughter and her husband recently moved to Hailey, Idaho, where he is a corporate pilot.

My first Corvair experience was when my brother tried to teach me to drive in his brand new 1962 Monza convertible. That didn't work out very well, so I won't elaborate. My next experience was driving the 1965 Monza coupe of a friend. Actually, except for the color, Maderia Maroon, it was just like the one I have now, with a 110 and 3 speed. Nice car. Another guy in my high school class had a 1965 Corsa, Evening Orchid, 140 hp and 4-speed.

My first Corvair, in the late 70's, was a 1966 Monza convertible that the previous owner was making into a Corsa clone and then some. It had the turbocharged engine, big bore kit, Weber carb, magneto, water injection and all the trim pieces, most of them new, still in their GM packaging. It used too much gas, though. The gas gauge went down as fast as the boost gauge went up. I sold it and

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Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in May.

Brenna Smith
May 9

Melissa Levy
May 11

Susan Carter
May 12

Ryan MacLeod
May 13

Julie Pearce
May 19

Trisha Shroyer
May 21

Robert Brown
May 26

Patricia Geaslin
May 27

Happy Anniversary
to

Clyde & Dee Jones
May 8 (32 years)

Travis & Patricia Geaslin
May 25 (38 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 **April**.

Past Due David Carter
Zack Eby
Corey Holtz

Due Apr Travis Geaslin
Gary Higgins
Aaron Swift

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

ACC March Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, March 18.

The meeting was called to order by acting president Meredith Chapman.

Old Business

Members continued the discussion from our February meeting about plans for a spring weekend event in Hot Springs. Those present decided that we will hold the event in Hot Springs on May 2-4 and reserve a block of rooms at the Clarion Hotel. For those who qualify for senior discounts, the price for these rooms will be \$79.95 per night.

Butch Chapman volunteered to contact the Hot Springs Visitor's Center and to coordinate arrangements for us

to display our Corvairs on in the Visitor's Center parking lot, on Saturday morning as we have done in the past.

We plan to leave much of the time Saturday open so that members can visit and go to local attractions of their choosing.

We plan to make a group reservation for members to meet for dinner on Saturday evening at a Hot Springs restaurant.

In other business, Bill Smith reported that he contacted the CORSA office and he set up an account for our club to host a new Arkansas Corvair Club Web site on CORSA's Web server. Bill will work on creating content for the new Web site and will report on progress at our April club meeting. Also, in March, Bill visited Camelia Franson's home to see if there were any photos or Web content that we might copy from Ken Franson's computer. Ken set up the Web site that has served our club for the past

several years.

New Business

During the meeting, we opened the floor to nominations of members to hold club offices for the coming business year. As stated in our club's bylaws, "The April [club] meeting will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office in May."

The following slate of candidates will be voted on by paper ballot at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 15.

For President (2 nominees):

Frank Campbell
Joe Espejo

For Vice President (2 nominees):

Meredith Chapman
Bill Smith

For Secretary..... JB King

For Treasurer..... Elvis King

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

Out of the west *continued*

didn't have another until the late 1980's, when I bought a 1968 Monza coupe with a 110 hp, but I eventually sold that, too, after I holed a piston.

That brings us to the 1965 Monza couple I have today, that I bought in Kansas, last July. I just recently bought new tires and wheels for it that really dress it up. I think most of you probably read of my adventure after I picked the car up, last year.

I was going to keep the 13" wheels and get something besides the Douglas tires I had on it. After much research, I realized that 13" tires were becoming very hard to find, so I tried with 14" inch wheels and tired. I then found out that even 14" wheels were becoming hard to get as well as tires in the size I needed, so I finally bought 15x6 chrome rally wheels with 195/60x15 Fuzion tires. I also got baby moon hubcaps that fit the rally wheels.

So far, I haven't noticed any clearance issues with this setup. This com-

bination is only two tenths of one inch larger in diameter than the stock tires, and just slightly wider, so there shouldn't be any speedometer problems, either. These tires seem to handle much better as well as ride better, also.

I used these two Web sites to do my research on the proper tire sizes. Those sites are:

<http://miata.net/garage/tirecalc.html>
<http://autoxer.skiblack.com/tires.htm>

I used 175/80x13 as the base size because it is closest to the 6.50x13 used on the 65's. I believe that 1966 and later used 7.00x13.

I think that's about it for this column. If any members that live in this direction (Fort Smith) have any news that they would like to publish in the newsletter, via this column, let me know at mayor86@hotmail.com.

This is everyone's newsletter and if I can help get the word out, I will.

See ya next month! Maybe in Hot Springs for the May 2-4 spring Corvair Convocation. ■

Restored 1963 Corvair offered FOR SALE in Fayetteville

For anyone who wants to purchase a clean, early Corvair sedan to use for a daily driver, long-time ACC member (and attorney), Blair Buckley is offering for sale his 1963 Corvair Monza sedan.

The car has a 3-speed manual transmission. In 1984, the engine was professionally rebuilt. In 1999, the car was sanded to bare metal and refinished with multiple coats of primer, a finish coat of white, and multiple coats of clear. Since being repainted, the car has been kept covered and under a carport.

Anyone purchasing the car also will receive a 4-speed transmission and a 64 rear cross-member to convert the car to a 4-speed.

This car was Blair's daily driver for 20 years. He describes it as the most reliable car he has owned and hopes it will be purchased by an appreciative owner. The selling price is \$4,000.

Contact Blair Buckley, in Fayetteville, at 479 443-3440. ■



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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.

April Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **April 15**, 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: Meredith Chapman,
P.O. Box 243, Jacksonville, AR
72078, 501 676-6693.

Vice-President: Vacant.

Treasurer: Elvis King, 21305 N.
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501 888-1224 (evening).

Secretary: JB King, 21305 N. Mill
Rd., Little Rock AR, 72206, 501
888-1224 (evening).

Elected Board: Allan Embrey, 501
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Bill Smith, 501 843-8413.

Appointed Board: Pending.

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Membership: Elvis King

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\$35-¼ page.

Program & Events: Open

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.