

# On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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## Clyde & Dee Jones hosting BBQ luncheon and potluck, on Saturday, April 18, at their home in Everton

Clyde and Dee have invited all members of the Arkansas Corvair Club to join them for a barbecue luncheon and potluck at their home, on Saturday, April 18.

The address of Clyde and Dee's home is 6789 Saddlebrook Loop, Everton. For information, call 870 429-6789.

Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m. But, you are encouraged to arrive earlier to visit with friends, tour Clyde's Corvair garage, and talk about Corvairs.

Clyde will be preparing and serving smoked brisket and BBQ ribs. Members are encouraged to bring appropriate accompanying dishes for a potluck/BBQ luncheon--salads, side dishes, and desserts.

Our club will hold our April meeting during this luncheon gathering, in Everton, on April 18. During the meeting, we will elect officers and directors for the 2008-09 business year.

Some members from central Arkansas are planning to meet and drive to-

gether (caravan) on Saturday morning. For these members, the plan is to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the McDonald's Restaurant in Conway, 220 East Oak St, just off I-40 (Exit 127).

Clyde and Dee plan to serve breakfast on Sunday morning for those who stay the night in Harrison or the area.

To find Clyde and Dee's home, look for Snowball Creek Road, off Highway 65, about 9 miles south of Harrison. The road is between Western Grove and Valley Springs. If driving north, you will turn left on Snowball Creek Road.

If you want to stay for the night at a restored, historic hotel in Harrison, Cathy Smith has secured a rate of \$69 for a room with a queen bed at the Hotel Seville, 302 North Main Street, Harrison. Phone 870 741-2321. Ask for the Arkansas Corvair Club rate.

Hope to see you in Everton on April 18. ■

## Replacing Brake Line Connector Tees

In the spring of 1992 I finally grew weary of continually "rebuilding" the wheel cylinders on my 1962 original-owner Monza coupe. The original cylinders were by then pitted beyond honing and the pistons would sometimes become too corroded to work properly.

I bought the parts and set aside an entire weekend to "replace everything from the brake pedal to the brake shoes." That is, a new master cylinder, the hard lines, the flex hoses and the wheel cylinders. You have to drop the gas tank and remove the belly pans, but I deemed the effort well worth it.

I even installed a mechanical backup light switch on the shift tube, while I was in there, with the belly pans removed. I filled the new system with DOT-5 fluid and haven't had to touch it since.

When it came time to do the brakes on my [David] Blakey Spyder convertible project, I decided to do the same. A new dual master cylinder was fitted, along with a used second pass-thru tee connector, from the trunk to under the dash. After all the other lines, hoses, and wheel

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The Arkansas Corvair Club will **NOT** hold a regular Tuesday meeting in April. Our meeting for April will be on Saturday, April 18, following the BBQ luncheon and potluck meal at the home of Clyde and Dee Jones, in Everton (Boone County), south of Harrison. For more information see details on this page or phone **870 479-6789**.

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**

Belated 60th birthday wishes to ACC member Betty Jackson, who marked the milestone on April 20th. Your Corvair friends wish you many more.

**Brake Line Tees** *continued*

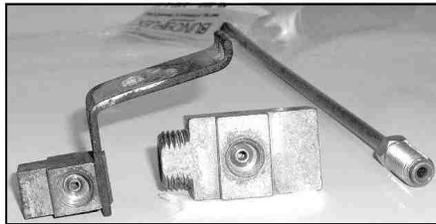
cylinders were installed, again I used DOT-5 brake fluid.

With the work finished, I got a good solid pedal, but the fluid would ever-so-slowly seep out while the car was just sitting, even when the brakes were not being used. The main culprit--or leak source--seemed to be the inlet connector to the rear tee. No matter how hard I tightened it, the expensive DOT-5 leaked out. Other work on the car continued over time.

Recently, I noticed that Clark's Corvair Parts started offering new reproduction brass tee connectors. Their new catalog states that these connectors have not been available in over 25 years. I bought all three and have replaced the rear tee on the Spyder convertible.

The inverted flare mating surfaces on that tee connector were distorted to the point where a complete seal would never be possible. See the accompanying photo.

I will report on the results when the other two tee connectors are installed. Maybe then I will truly be able to say that I "replaced everything from the brake pedal to the brake



Pictured above, from the left, the replaced brass tee connector (note distorted mating surface for the flared tubing), a new Clarks' pass-thru tee connector with a good mating surface, and a section of brake line showing the inverted flare and threaded brass fitting.

**March meeting minutes** *continued*

nominations for four members for the Board of Directors. Joe Espejo, Al Embrey, Aaron Swift, and Clyde Jones volunteered to serve in these positions. There were no other nominations for director.

The election of officers and directors will be held at our April meeting, which will be in conjunction with our BBQ luncheon, in Harrison, on Saturday, April 18.

**Technical Topic**

Elvis King brought a used and worn brass brake line tee connector, a new reproduction tee connector, and a short length of new brake line to show how the inverted flare mating surface on an old tee can become distorted to the point where it no longer provides a seal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*JB King*

Happy Birthday  
to our ACC associates  
born in May.

Steve Simmons

May 3

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

(33 years)

Steve & Betty Simmons

(38 years)

May 8

Travis & Patricia Geaslin

May 25 (39 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  
Julie Pearce  
David Schneider  
Mike Shroyer  
Steve Simmons

**Due Apr**..... Robert Brown  
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 17.

The meeting was called to order by president Frank Campbell.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved as published in the March newsletter.

We welcomed several members who traveled from outside of central Arkansas to attend the meeting. They were Michael Kuizin, from Jonesboro; Clyde and Dee Jones, from Everton; and Todd and Shirley Sanders, from Danville. Also, prospective member, Danny Beauchamp, attended our March meeting.

### Announcements

Elvis King reported that he received a call from Vernon Kerksieck, in Casscoe (Arkansas County, southeast of Little Rock), who has three early parts cars for sale. You can phone Mr. Kerksieck at 870 241-3541.

Also, Elvis reported that he received a call promoting the 39th Annual Eureka Springs Antique Automobile Festival, held on the weekend after Labor Day, September 11-13, 2009. The festival includes a parade of antique cars.

Butch Chapman announced that Jacksonville Towing Service is going out of business. And, Butch announced that the South Bend Fire Department will sponsor a poker run on May 30.

### Old Business

Clyde Jones reported that he and Dee are looking forward to hosting our spring BBQ luncheon event at their house on Saturday, April 18. The event will be a potluck meal. Clyde will smoke a brisket and ribs and club members will provide appropriate accompanying dishes. The meal will be served around 2:00

that afternoon.

Cathy Smith reported she has contacted the Hotel Seville, in downtown Harrison, and they will have available a block of rooms for anyone who would like a reservation to spend the night in Harrison, on April 18. The Seville is an old hotel that has been completely restored. Cathy reported that her boss stays at the Hotel Seville when he has business in Harrison and he highly recommends it. The rate for a room with a queen bed is \$69 and the phone number is 870 741-2321.

Clyde also stated that he and Dee will serve breakfast to ACC members on

Sunday morning, for those who plan to stay overnight in Harrison.

Al Embrey suggested that those who plan to travel from central Arkansas go in a caravan.

### New Business

Frank Campbell opened the floor to nominations for club offices. The current slate of officers agreed to serve another term and there were no other nominations. Our current officers are, Frank Campbell, president; Bill Smith, vice president; Elvis King, treasurer; and J.B. King, secretary.

The floor was then opened to

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## Rafee Corvair

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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 on Saturday

The ACC will NOT meet on Tuesday, **April 21**, at 7:00 p.m. Instead, we will meet on the afternoon of Saturday, **April 18**, in Everton.

Our April 18 meeting will be held in conjunction with and following the BBQ luncheon to be hosted by Clyde and Dee Jones, at their home, south of Harrison. Phone 870 479-6789.

### Officers

**President:** Frank Campbell, 2503 Creekview Lane, White Hall, AR 71602, 870 247-1794.

**Vice-President:** Bill Smith, 3034 Donnell Ridge Rd, Apt 328, Conway, AR 72034, 501 499-6676.

**Treasurer:** Elvis King, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock, AR 72206, 501 888-1224.

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

**Elected Board:** Allan Embrey, 501 834-5373; Ronnie MacLeod, 821-3622; Clyde Jones, 479 774-6789; Bill Smith, 501 499-6676.

**Appointed Board:** Pending.

### Committee Chairs

**Membership:** Elvis King

**Publicity:** Bill Smith

**Newsletter Editor:** Bill Smith, 3034 Donnell Ridge Rd, Apt 328, Conway, AR 72034, 501 499-6676.

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**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.