

# On the Air

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Remembering Meredith Chapman December 23, 1956 - June 14, 2009

On Sunday, June 14, several members of the Arkansas Corvair Club received the sad news that our loyal and long-time member, Meredith Chapman, lost her long battle with cancer.

Many of you know that Meredith had been fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer. And, after thinking that the awful disease was in check, Meredith learned only months ago, that her cancer had returned.

With her husband, Butch, at her side and with the comfort and care of friends, Meredith battled her cancer until the end. Sadly, that end came for her on Sunday, June 14, at close to 2:30 a.m.

For those of you who did not meet Meredith, we can tell you that she and Butch have been loyal members and supporters of our Corvair Club for more than 18 years.

From May 2007 until November 2007, Meredith served as our club's vice president. She served as acting president until May 2008. Meredith, we will miss you. ■



*Loving and kind in all her ways, upright and just, to the end of her days; Sincere and true, in heart and mind, beautiful memories she left behind.*

### 2009 Great Plains Corvair Roundup - Wichita, Kansas, October 2 - 4

The Mid-Continent Corvair Association, CORSA Chapter 672, will host the 2009 Great Plains Corvair Roundup.

The dates of this year's 4th annual Roundup are October 2-4, at the Best Western Airport Inn & Conference Center, 6815 West Kellogg Drive, Wichita, Kansas.

Rooms are offered at a special rate for the 2009 Roundup. Phone the hotel toll-free at 888 942-5666 or 316 942-5600.

For more information about the Best Western Airport Inn, go to <http://www.bestwesternkansas.com/hotels/best-western-airport-inn-and-conference-center/>.

For more information, go to <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter672/>.

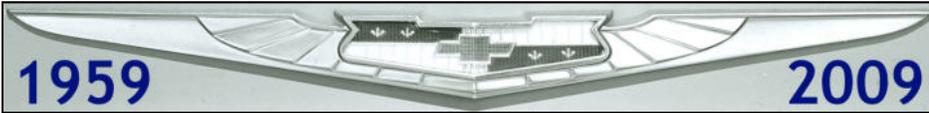
The Great Plains Corvair Roundup was first organized in 2005 as a regional traveling event, rotating between the Mid-Continent Corvair Association, in Wichita, Kansas; Green Country Corvair Group, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Heart of America.

Mark your calendars for Wichita in October. ■

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**



**CORRECTION**

The editor apologizes to ACC Members George and Barbara Koenig for an error regarding their wedding anniversary, as reported in the May newsletter. The newsletter incorrectly listed their 50th wedding anniversary. Actually, on June 29th, George and Barbara will celebrate **51 years** of marriage. Our congratulations to the Koenig's on their extraordinary event ■.

**What do you call a cross between an Oldsmobile Toronado and a Chevrolet Corvair? Why, of course...a Torvair!**

**O**n an interesting Web site, named *Automotive Traveler*, you will find an intriguing story, by a writer named Jim Brennan. The story, titled "Not Found on eBay: A Crazy Half Breed, the Torvair", details the writer's unexpected discovery of a unique hybrid automobile that combines many of the best features of the Corvair with those of the Toronado, to produce what the author describes as a marriage of "the two most innovative GM creations of the sixties."

At the start of the story, Brennan describes how he discovered this "mother of all [automotive] mongrels" when he was searching the Internet for wheels for a Corvair. That search brought him to a Web site named "Classic Wheels, LLC" and operated by Larry Boardman.

After seeing a few photos of the Torvair, Brennan wanted to no more. As he writes:

"This particular car piqued my inter-

est as it was basically a Corvair coupe with an Oldsmobile Toronado drive-train tucked under the stylish body in a mid-engined format. There were many Corvair V-8 conversions, but marrying the two most innovative GM creations of the sixties was a stroke of genius. So, after looking at this wonderful beast on his site, I contacted Larry to find out what the Torvair is all about."

In his article, Brennan goes on to describe how the car "began life as a 1967 Corvair 500 Coupe before receiving the heart transplant from a 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado donor. It was built outside of Toronto by a fabricator named Bryan Owen. It seems that Mr. Owen had quite a reputation within the V8 Corvair community.

To read more about the Torvair, go to - [www.automotivetraveler.com](http://www.automotivetraveler.com), and look for Jim Brennan's interesting story titled "Not Found on eBay: A Crazy Half Breed, the Torvair". ■

Happy Birthday  
to our ACC associates  
born in July.

Clyde Jones  
July 1

Aaron Swift  
July 4

Sergio Torres  
July 11

Barbara Koenig  
July 16

Happy Anniversary  
to  
Joe & Cristel Espejo  
July 1 (48 years)

Frank & Mary Campbell  
July 5 (43 years)

Stew & Ronnie MacLeod  
July 7 (35 years)

John & Barbara Coffey  
July 9 (48 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 **June**.

**Past Due** ..... Robert Brown  
Jim Davis  
Travis Geaslin  
Gary Higgins  
David Schneider  
Aaron Swift

**Due Jun** ..... Frank Campbell

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

## ACC May Meeting Minutes



JB King

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

The meeting was called to order by president Frank Campbell.

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

### Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

### New Business

Elvis King presented a financial report.

## Purchase Corvair spark plugs at RacePages.com

While searching the Internet, your editor stumbled across a Web site that offers a variety of spark plugs for all Corvair year models. The site address is -

[www.racepages.com/parts/spark\\_plug/chevrolet/corvair.html](http://www.racepages.com/parts/spark_plug/chevrolet/corvair.html)

Following is some description of the service.

"We would love to help you with any Chevrolet Corvair Online Spark Plug questions you could have, so call us free of charge, were standing by right now! Your Chevrolet Corvair Cheap Spark Plug order is continuously 100% guaranteed secure when you shop with us. You can rest assure that you will always be treated with the best care and service with your Chevrolet Corvair Spark Plug purchase. This Chevrolet Corvair Replacement Spark Plug is considered as the window of the engine that is used as a valuable diagnostic tool. If you need suggestions concerning your Chevrolet Corvair OEM Spark Plug we'll be here around the clock, so call us toll free."

Also, Elvis reported he received a phone call from Rick Eaton, in Benton. Rick is selling a 1963 Corvair 2-door coupe, with 4-speed transmission. He is asking \$850. Phone **501 794-3624**.

Bill Smith showed us a flyer announcing a car event in Branson, August 6-8 sponsored by Sheppard of the Hills. The event includes a three-day car display, August 6 - 8, from 8:00 to 5:00, and a midnight cruise on Saturday, August 8. Several members expressed interest in attending the Branson event. The entry fee is \$25. Information can be obtained by calling **417 334-4191** or **800 653-6288**. Also,

see [www.supersummercruise.com](http://www.supersummercruise.com). You can register on the Internet, in advance (until August 5), for \$25. Advance mail registration is \$30, until July 31. Late registration is \$40, mail and Internet.

Clyde Jones said he found a horn-button clock for a Corvair in a Texarkana museum--unfortunately, it is not for sale.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

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60-9 hp air cleaners w/ chrome tops, pair, \$38.50

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60-9 valve cover gaskets, thick cork, pair \$6.50

60-9 correct Corvair fan belt, \$12.95, Buzz!

60-9 carburetor kit, pair, Rochester, \$25.98

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60-4 front/rear HD KYB shocks, pair, \$99.98

60-9 ultimate gasket set, \$118.95, stop that leak!

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60-9 mirrors, Chevy bow-tie, w/ hardware, \$37.95, Nice!



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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.

### June Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **June 16**, at 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:** 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; Joe Espejo, 501 834-0806; Clyde Jones, 870 429-6789; Aaron Swift, 501 490-2448.

**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.

### Newsletter Advertising:

Non-members and businesses:  
\$150/year full page; \$100-½ page;  
\$50-¼ 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.