

On the Air

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Plans beginning for BIG Corvair display at Bale Chevrolet, Little Rock, Saturday, October 3rd

Frank Campbell, Arkansas Corvair Club president, has proposed an excellent idea for how we, in Arkansas, can participate in activities to recognize 2009 as the 50th anniversary of the Chevrolet Corvair.

The Corvair was first introduced to the public in October of 1959.

Frank has talked to people from Bale Chevrolet, in Little Rock, and they have agreed to permit us to display Corvairs at the dealership on Saturday, October 3rd.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of our club, from around the state, to proudly show these unique cars in central Arkansas. If we plan ahead and do it right, we can get lots of excellent publicity for the Corvair, for CORSA, and for our CORSA chapter.

But, we will need lots of participa-

tion and lots of Corvairs--early models, late models, 1960, 1969, sedans, coupes, convertibles, rampsides, loadsides, and more--to put on an impressive display in Little Rock.

If you are reading this story and if you have a Corvair, located anywhere in Arkansas, we are sincerely hoping that you will lend your support to this event. Our goal will be to make this the biggest membership participation event in the 30-plus year history of our CORSA chapter.

Frank has already begun to make early plans to assemble a working group (a.k.a. a committee) to plan the 50th Anniversary Corvair display, in Little Rock, on October 3rd.

We hope that all of you will mark your calendars now and lend your support for this event. ■

August 20th will be "Clunker Car Night" with the Arkansas Travelers baseball team

Once again, Al Embrey has offered to buy tickets in advance and he wants to know how many plan to attend

Once again, the time is nearing for Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts to gather at Dickey-Stephens Park, in North Little Rock, for Clunker Car Night and Arkansas Traveler baseball.

We hope that many in central Arkansas can join fellow Corvair enthusiasts for Clunker Car Night and baseball, on Thursday evening, August 20. We can assure you that the Travelers' Clunker Car Night has *absolutely nothing* to do with Corvairs.

2009 is the Travelers third season in the new ballpark in North Little Rock.

NOTE: Most seats in the new ballpark are reserved. Al Embrey has offered to order reserved seats. If you plan to attend please call (501 834-5373) or e-mail Al Embrey (bigaln@sbcbglobal.net) to obtain tickets. ■

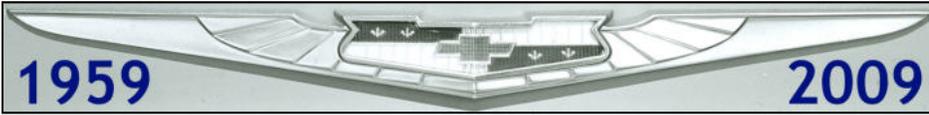
NO TUESDAY MEETING IN JULY

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 18**, at Just Like Mom's, on Kiehl Ave, in Sherwood.

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



Replacing front-door window glass in a late-model convertible

Discussion topic from the VirtualVairs e-mail list, January 2009

John Oshea asks:

I need to replace the large glass in the front door of my 65 convertible. I have a used replacement glass and my glass is out of the car. The metal frame on the bottom of the replacement glass is in poor condition. The metal frame on the glass from my car is in excellent condition.

I need to swap the metal frames. Neither frame will loosen, after being soaked with various solvents. How do I remove the window glass frames?

Craig Nicol replies:

The lower sash is a spring-and-friction fit on the bottom of the glass. It gets carefully pounded off with a block of hardwood.

First, measure and mark (with sharpie or tape) the front-to-rear loca-

tion of the sash. Work on carpeting or a triple folded blanket.

Take a piece of random hardwood (think 1x2x10 inches) and lay one end on the edge of the metal sash near one end of the sash. Tap the wood with a hammer to dislodge the sash.

You will likely need new rubber liner for the sash; it's available from the vendors or any glass shop.

Note that the new liner is much wider than what is in the sash. Excess liner gets trimmed to with a razor blade, once the sash is pounded onto the "new" glass.

The only thing that holds the glass in place is the friction of the new liner along with the spring tension of the sash.

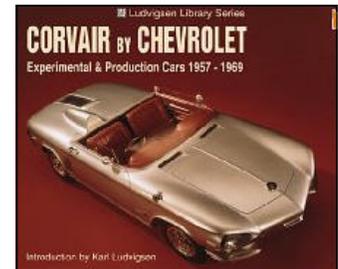


For Sale on Amazon

"It helps a lot when your work is also your hobby..."

Book - *Corvair by Chevrolet: Experimental & Production Cars 1957-1969* (Ludvigsen Library) (Paperback), by Karl Ludvigsen (Author)

Includes essay by Edward Cole, "My Corvair Life and Times." Offering price of \$ 24.95.



Happy Birthday to our ACC associates born in August.

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 (40 years)

James & Rava Reed
August 25 (64 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 Jim Davis
Travis Geaslin
Gary Higgins
David Schneider

Due Jul John Coffey
George Koenig

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 Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, June 16.

The meeting was called to order by president Frank Campbell.

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

Elvis King reported on the club's financial standing.

Announcements

Frank Campbell reminded members that our club will **not** have a meeting in July, because many members will be attending the 2009 CORSA International Convention, in Jacksonville, Florida, July 13 - 17.

Old Business

Several members again expressed their interest in attending the Shepherd of the Hills three-day car display and show-&-shine event, scheduled for August 6-8, in Branson, Missouri. The event concludes with the Midnight Cruise, an auto parade along the Shepherd of the Hills Expressway. You can register on the Internet (www.supersummercruise.com), in advance (until August 5), for \$25. Advance mail registration is \$30, until July 31. Late registration is \$40, by both mail and Internet. For more information, call 417 334-4191 or toll free 800 653-6288.

Corvairs for sale near Jonesboro

Vehicles include a 1961 panel van, a 1962 panel van, and a 1962 Rampside. The sellers says that these vehicles do **not** have a lot of rust. They have been stored under cover for 25+ years. With the vehicles come lots of extra parts.

Seller is asking \$1,000 for all, but price is negotiable.

Contact: Wayne Benefield, **870 588-4219**, Cherry Valley, AR (near Jonesboro).

New Business

Frank Campbell reported that he received two calls with information about a Corvair and Corvair offered parts for sale.

One of the calls was from Harold Traylor (assumed to be in Detroit, Michigan), who is selling a 1963 Monza, 2-door, 4-speed, with 24,000 miles. He is asking \$6,500 and he can be reached at 313 348-3496.

The other seller is Richard Young (assumed to be in East Troy, Wisconsin), who is offering for sale two doors to fit a 1966 Corsa (did not say body style, assuming a coupe). He can

be reached at 262 642-4187.

In other business, members voted to send, from our club treasury, a \$50 donation to the South Bend Fire Department and a \$50 donation to the First Methodist Church of Jacksonville, in memory of Meredith Chapman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned early so members could attend the visitation for Meredith Chapman at Moore Funeral Home, in Jacksonville.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

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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.

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

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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.