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Come and celebrate the Corvair's 50th birthday at Bale Chevrolet, in Little Rock, Saturday, October 3rd

With your support, this can be our club's biggest Corvair display...with food, fun, and fellowship for every-

Okay...the plans are progressing. The date is firm. The folks at Bale Chevrolet have pledged their cooperation and support for a BIG display of Corvairs at their dealership on Chenal Boulevard, in West Little Rock.

So, the stage is yet. Now, we need **YOU**.

If you are reading this story and if you have a Corvair, located anywhere in Arkansas (or nearby), we are sincerely hoping that you will lend your support to this event.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get extraordinary visibility and publicity for the Corvair, for CORSA, and for our CORSA chapter. But we cannot do it with just a few Corvairs.

We need lots of participation, lots of members, and lots of Corvairs--early models, late models, 1960, 1969, sedans, coupes, convertibles, rampsides,

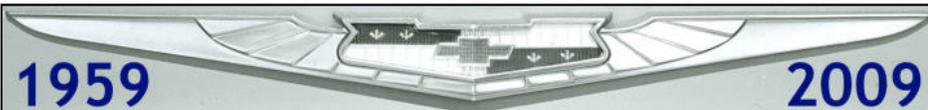
loadsides, and more--to put on an impressive display in Little Rock.

Our goal is to make this the BIGGEST membership participation event in the 30-plus year history of our CORSA chapter.

The car display is planned for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on October 3rd. After the car display, we are planning to meet for dinner at a restaurant in Little Rock

We hope that all of you have marked your calendars now and that you will lend your support by joining us in Little Rock, on Saturday, October 3rd, for what we think will be a very memorable event.

We will look for you soon. ■



Anniversary notes about the remarkable Chevrolet Corvair

About 2 million Corvairs were manufactured by Chevrolet during the car's production run, from 1960 to 1969.

These included 2 and 4 -door models, "sporty" convertibles, station wagons (Lakewoods), pick-ups, and passenger vans.

The brainchild of Chevrolet General manager and former Chief Engineer Ed Cole, the Corvair's advanced engineering and design departure from other automobiles of its era were cause for *Motor Trend* magazine to name Corvair the "Car of the Year" for 1960.

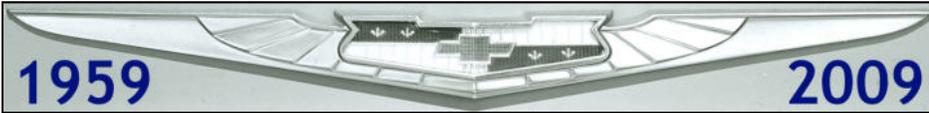
Corvair is the first and only mass-produced American vehicle to feature an air-cooled rear engine design, unibody construction, factory-installed turbocharger, and four-wheel independent suspension. Originally heralded as an economy car, owners quickly discovered Corvair's sports car-like handling. These early enthusiasts dubbed the Corvair the "poor man's Porsche".

Produced from 1961 through early 1965, the 9-passenger Greenbrier van is considered by many as the forerunner of today's minivan. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



**Welcome new members
Lewis and Laverne Pace,
of Minden, Louisiana**

The Arkansas Corvair Club is pleased to welcome Lewis and Laverne Pace, of Minden, LA, to our growing CORSA chapter. Lewis is a long-time Corvair enthusiast and the proud owner of a 1964 Monza Spyder that he is restoring and hopes to be driving at some future date. Lewis works as Public Transportation Director for the Webster Parish Police Jury, Office of Community Services. We were delighted to meet Lewis at our August 18th club meeting. ■

August meeting minutes *continued*

was held on a very nice track.

Also, Stew MacLeod shared details about his incident at the time trial driving event at Roebing Road Raceway in Bloomingdale, Georgia, on July 12. Stew's car ran out of oil while speeding around the race track at 110 mph. The oil was lost because the engine oil filter worked loose. The result of this accidental oil spill was that it shut down the track for about one hour, to Stew's genuine embarrassment.

Elvis shared a copy of the Florida Times-Union newspaper that features a story about the CORSA Convention in Jacksonville. You can see this story at http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2009-07-15/story/nader_didnt_like_them_but_the_corvair_survives.

New Business

In other business Clyde Jones shared information about a car show in Harrison, on Saturday, October 17. The car show is part of the 2009 Harvest Homecoming festival, October 16-18. For information, call 870 715-2711.

Bill Smith asked members to mark Saturday, October 3rd on their calendars as the date of our 50th

Anniversary Corvair Display at Bale Chevrolet, in Little Rock.

Technical Tips

Keith LaCrosse showed members a section of the clutch cable, from his 1964 Monza Spyder. The cable broke on Saturday, April 18, when Keith and Cindy drove to Everton to attend the club barbeque and potluck at the home of Clyde and Dee Jones. The cable broke at the location of the first pulley. Keith's advice to everyone is to "check your clutch cable for wear and stretching."

While Keith had his car on Clyde's lift (in Everton) for repairs, Elvis King noticed a loose axle yoke at the universal joint. Recently, Elvis had success removing the rust from these yoke sections. Elvis passed around two yoke sections--one rusted and one clean--for members to examine.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Smith



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 **September**.

Past Due Don Ahrens
John Coffey
Melvin Torres

Due Sep Betty Jackson
Buddy Murray

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

**Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in October.**

Melvin Torres
October 1

Jerry Pentzer
October 2

JB King
October 6

Fran Gray
October 21

James Carter
October 30

**Happy Anniversary
to
the 1960 Corvair
October 2 (50 years)**

Ernie & Fran Gray
October 22 (60 years)

ACC August Meeting Minutes



Bill Smith

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

The meeting was called to order, at 7:04 p.m., by president Frank Campbell. For a late summer meeting, this gathering was well attended with 18 members present.

Elvis King introduced our newest member, Lewis Pace. Lewis drove from his home in Minden, Louisiana to attend our August meeting. We are delighted to welcome Lewis and his wife, Laverne, to our Arkansas CORSA chapter.

Frank noted that our loyal member and recording secretary, JB King, was absent from the meeting. Frank asked Elvis to share some news about JB's illness. Elvis mentioned that JB had been running a fever of 103.3 and that she was diagnosed with a fever of unknown origin (FUO). The doctor believes that she was suffering from an acute viral infection. Elvis mentioned that this illness had really knocked JB out for many days. All members told Elvis to return a message to JB and to tell her that her many Corvair friends are hoping that she is feeling well very soon.

Frank reminded members that there are no past-meeting minutes to review because our club did not hold a monthly meeting in July.

Announcements

Both Frank and Elvis mentioned that they were contacted by a man in Stuttgart who is offering three Corvairs as giveaways. The man's name is Russell Chapman. He is seeking someone to come and take the cars. He can be reached at 870 830-4180 or 800 930-2535.

Also, someone gave details of another Corvair offered for sale by Sandra Molder, in Bearden. The car

is a 1964 Monza Spyder convertible. The asking price is \$1,000. Phone 870 687-3399. (The phone number is listed for a Mr. Graham Dunn.

Old Business

Frank gave a brief report about the August 6-8 car display and parade (Midnight Cruise) in Branson. Those who attended said that they enjoyed the event and that there was a large number of vehicles participating, but only two Corvairs at the Branson event. The two Corvairs are owned by Clyde Jones and by Todd Sanders.

Elvis King delivered a brief report about the 2009 CORSA International

Convention, July 13-17, in Jacksonville, Florida. Elvis reported that the convention was enjoyable and that our Corvair club was well represented. Although the consensus was that there were fewer cars and fewer people at the Florida convention. Elvis shared a copy of the Jacksonville Times Union newspaper that features a story about the Corvair convention.

Clyde Jones summed up the convention with the words, "We had fun." Todd and Shirley Sanders displayed their 1969 Monza convertible at the convention. The Autocross event

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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.

September Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **September 15**, 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.

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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

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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.