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Did anyone see the Waffle House with the red arrow on its sign?

The MacLeod family finds fun and adventure while competing in the navigation rally at the CORSA International Convention in Jacksonville

by Stew MacLeod

“Have fun and remember, no divorces”, that’s what I always tell married couples as we wave them off at the start of our local club rallies. That has been the philosophy that Ronnie and I try to follow when we compete in CORSA International Convention rallies over the years.

We have competed in most of the International Convention rallies, since attending our first convention in 1978. For the past 17 years, our son Ryan has joined us in these events, effectively relegating us to touring class.

Running in touring class is required because we have more than two people in the car, which was a humorous situation for Ryan’s first rally, at the ripe old age of two months. He is a lot more help now, especially since this year’s rally was a photo rally requiring

us to spot scenes depicted in random order in pictures taken along the route.

So, we embarked on the Jacksonville National CORSA Convention rally as an experienced, well-honed team, and immediately turned left as per the route instructions, but a block too early. This maneuver necessitated a trip around the block and under I-95 and over railroad tracks, where a train was approaching and the crossing guard arms were down. Off to a great start. Remember, “No divorces”.

We got back on course and managed to complete the transit stage, which got us out of the city and into some beautiful Florida countryside. Next on the course was the odometer

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Texaco is hosting a Car of the Decades virtual car show contest

You can vote for the 1965 Corvair Monza convertible

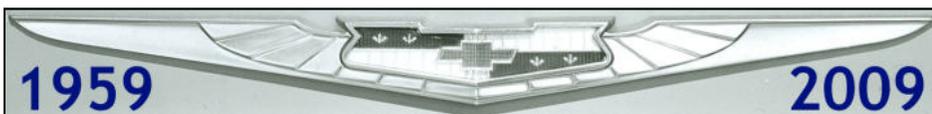
For some weeks, Texaco has been sponsoring a virtual car show contest on the Internet and the company is encouraging car lovers to vote for their favorite “Car of the Decades”, for 11 vehicle categories. The categories begin with the year 1903, the year Texaco was founded, and cover each of the subsequent decades, concluding with 2009.

To see the Web site for this contest, go to the following page - www.texacocarofthedecades.com.

On the Web site, you will see links across the top of the page that take you to subpages which show cars from each selected decade. The owners of these cars have registered at the site and have places photos and narrative text about their vehicles, hoping that visitors to the site will vote for their car as the “best of that decade”.

The period for nominating vehicles has closed. However, the voting

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

Waffle House *continued*

check, which was critical in calculating a conversion factor between measured course mileage and our Corvair's odometer mileage.

The whole point of this rally was to report the exact mileage along the route where the pictures were taken by the rally organizers. The only problem was we failed to see "Celebration Ct.", which marked the end of the odometer check. When I offered to go back and take another look, Ronnie said "It's okay, I can estimate our distance from the last instruction." So we continued.

The rally route took us through a wide variety of Florida landscapes, from ocean and river views to rural lanes with Spanish moss-covered live oak trees forming a beautiful canopy over the road. We seemed to be doing okay, spotting the scenes in the pictures and noting the exact mileage where we thought the pictures had been taken.

Then it seemed that a long distance had elapsed since we saw the last picture. Sure enough, we determined that we had missed a turn almost ten miles back. I hate to turn around. (We may be lost but we're making such good time!) Despite my reservation, we carefully noted our mileage and back-tracked the ten miles to get back on course. I had to take a couple of deep

breaths and repeat "No divorces".

The rest of the rally route was seemingly straightforward. We found all but one last picture--a Waffle House with a red arrow on its sign. We must have passed 4 or 5 Waffle Houses in the last few miles of the route, but we never saw the arrow.

Just as we were about to back-track again to see if we had missed the sign with the arrow, there it was. We had seen at least all of the scenes in the pictures. But, we were sure that, because of our off route excursions and our "close estimate" on the odometer check, we wouldn't have a chance in this competition.

At the banquet awards ceremony, much to our shock and surprise, our names were called as winners of the touring class. We owe it all to Ryan's sharp 17-year-old eyes and Ronnie's math skills.

And we all still are talking to each other and Ronnie and I have survived another rally without getting a divorce! Win or loose, that's what I call a successful rally.

Our thanks to the Jacksonville Convention rally organizers for an enjoyable, scenic rally.

And thanks to CORSA and everyone in the Florida clubs for delivering a very enjoyable CORSA International Convention. ■

Car of the decades *continued*

for the favorite cars of each decade will continue through October 12.

One of the "best car" entries for the decade of the 1960s is a red 1965 Corvair Monza convertible. The owner of this car does not give his name. He is identified only by a screen name. However, clearly, he is a member of CORSA because he writes about the 50th anniversary of the Corvair. There still is time to vote for the Corvair as the best car of the 1960s, until October 12

After the voting closes, Texaco will announce the "decade winners". These winners will be presented to a panel of judges to select the Grand Prize "Editor's Choice" award.

The 1965 Corvair Monza is waiting for your vote. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in
November

David Carter
Elizabeth Chapman
November 3

Mary Dailey
Harold Pearce
Erin Wangle
November 10

George Koenig
November 19

Happy Anniversary
to
Larry & Debbie Levy
November 16

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 **October**.

Past Due Betty Jackson
Buddy Murray
Melvin Torres

Due Oct Jerald McKown
Jerry Pentzer
Bill Smith

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

ACC September Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, September 15.

The meeting was called to order, by president Frank Campbell.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Elvis King reported on the club's finances. As of the meeting date, we have approximately \$1,920.00 in our club's treasury.

Also, Elvis informed Bill Smith, our club's newsletter editor that the September newsletter was returned by the Postal Service and not mailed to members because of the newsletter did not comply with size standards for mailing.

Announcements

The meeting was visited by two guests, Glynes Clements (501 231-5476), of Conway, and Wayne Moore (501 753-8555), of North Little Rock. Both gentlemen share details about Corvairs that they are offering for sale.

Old Business

Bill Smith reported on preparations for our Saturday, October 3rd Corvair display at Bale Chevrolet, in west Little Rock. Bill and other planners are hoping that this special event, to mark anniversary dates for the Corvair, will be a big success for our CORSA chapter.

On Tuesday, September 1, Elvis King and Joe Espejo drove Corvairs to Bale Chevrolet and met with Tim Hall, General Manager. Mr. Hall was very open to having our Corvairs displayed on the October 3rd date and Elvis and Joe discussed our plans for the event with him.

Also, Elvis and Joe met Johnny Bale, grandson of the founder of Bale Chevrolet, and his two sons. The men from Bale all came outside to

marvel at the Corvairs.

Bill Smith reported that a committee, composed of five ACC members, met at Elvis' house, on Thursday, September 3, and began making plans for this Bale Chevrolet event.

Each member of the committee was assigned a list of ACC members' names for the purpose of contacting all members and encouraging everyone to participate and show their Corvairs in the display at Bale Chevrolet, on October 3rd.

Bill and the committee plan to follow up by sending additional information to members by e-mail and postal mail.

Also, Bill will write a news release about the Bale Chevrolet event and send the release to the Little Rock television stations and newspapers.

Butch Chapman volunteered to assist with publicity for the October 3rd Corvair display in west Little Rock.

New Business

There was not any discussion of new business at the September meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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.

October Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **October 20**, 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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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.