

# On the Air

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## The 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Truck

by the Auto Editors of Consumer Guide

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With the 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Truck -- and with the other truck versions of its rear-engine, air-cooled Corvair compact car -- it's no doubt what Chevrolet was aiming at: the Volkswagen's Beetle-based bus.

To Volkswagen's passenger-carrier Microbus, Corvair replied with the Greenbrier; against VW's cargo vans, Chevrolet set the Corvan; rivaling Volkswagen's open-bed bus pickups was the novel Rampside, with its neat, fold-down ramp for easy loading and unloading.

Compared to the Volkswagen rivals, these Corvair workhorses were larger, faster, far more fun to drive -- and warm in winter. The Volkswagens, after all, were air-cooled machines that relied on a fresh-air heater without fan boost, barely adequate in the Beetle and totally lost in a van.

Also, as time went on, Corvair developed horsepower options and performance gearboxes. A 1964 Corvan with 110 horsepower and the four-speed transmission was a marvelous toy, and the nearest any 1960s truck

came to sporty handling.

Until, that is, you experienced the early Corvair's total and irrevocable oversteer: the tendency to spin out in turns because of its rear-engine weight bias and particular rear-suspension design. Driven too fast with an unloaded bed, the truck versions could suffer the same flaw, especially if the owner didn't follow tire-inflation instructions to the letter.

The Series 95 Corvair truck and Greenbrier mini-bus began production in 1961 and changed little. The 1962 Greenbrier gained a Deluxe version with chrome bumpers, grille and hubcaps, and color-keyed interior. Greenbriers cost less than \$2,700 and offered 175 cubic feet of cargo space.

The most desirable Corvair truck is the Rampside pickup with its fold-down sides and streamlined, squared-off cabin. A Loadside pickup with a conventional tailgate also was built for 1961 and 1962.

Although they helped start the trend toward vans, were ultra-low and

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### ACC News Clips

#### Nominate ACC officers at our March 16th club meeting

Sometimes we are a little early in nominating members to fill ACC offices for each succeeding year. In the past, we have solicited nominations at our February meeting and at our March meeting. Certainly, there is no problem with getting nominations early. However, to clear up any confusion, our club's bylaws state that "*Nominations for elected officers will be made from the floor or in writing at the meeting one month prior to the election meeting.*" We elect our officers in April, so we should ask for nominations at the March meeting.

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**Correction to your ACC membership roster** -- Please correct the e-mail address for Clyde Jones to read:

[clydej@ritternet.com](mailto:clydej@ritternet.com)

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**Mark the date** -- The 2010 CORSA International Convention is scheduled for June 21 - 25, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Host hotel is the Cedar Rapids Marriott, phone **319 393-6600**. ■

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**



**1962 Corvair Truck** *continued*

fun on curves, Corvair trucks were no more successful against Ford's rival Econoline than the Corvair had been against the Falcon. One problem was the bi-level floor, required to house an engine in the rear.

One by one they disappeared: the Loadside pickup in early 1962, Corvan and Rampside in 1964, and the Greenbrier in 1965. ■

*Editor's Note: Follow the Internet link at the start of this article to see quality color photographs of a nicely restored Corvair Rampside pickup truck.*

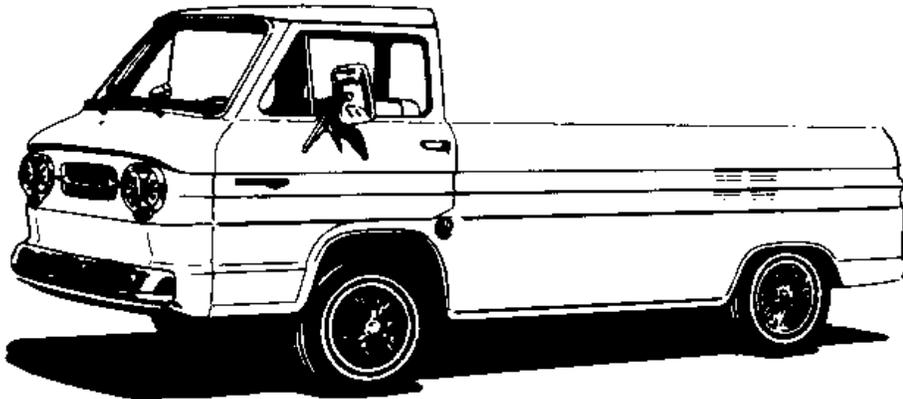
Plusses and minuses for owning the Corvair 95 series truck

**On the plus ( + ) side:**

- Inexpensive
- Technically intriguing
- Scarce, particularly the pickups
- Strong collectors' club support
- Reasonably good parts supplies

**On the minus ( - ) side:**

- Considered an oddball by everyone except Corvair nuts
- Susceptible to body rot
- Potential oversteer, especially if you don't watch tire pressures
- That two-level floor is no fun



Happy birthday (February 12th) to the 16th President of our United States, **Abraham Lincoln**, who is quoted as having said, "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe."

**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 **February**.

- Past Due**.....Al Embrey  
 Larry Levy  
 Rafee Luan  
 Stew MacLeod  
 Buddy Murray  
 Melvin Torres

- Due Jan**.....Butch Chapman  
 Bill MacSorley  
 Julie Pearce  
 Todd Sanders

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

Happy Birthday  
 to our ACC associates  
 born in March.

Cindy LaCrosse  
 March 6

Betty Simmons  
 March 7

Bill Smith  
 March 9

Delores Higgins  
 March 11

Javier "Joe" Espejo (71 yrs)  
 Bill MacSorley  
 March 13

Viviana Pagan (Torres)  
 March 17

Beverly Ahrens  
 March 25

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Trisha Shroyer  
 March 10

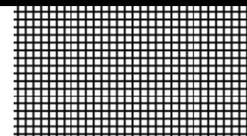
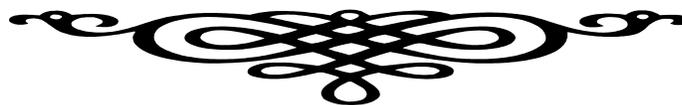
Jerry & Donna Pentzer  
 March 13

David & Susan Carter  
 March 28

## ACC January Meeting Minutes



JB King



### New Business

Frank Campbell reminded members that nominations for new officers will be received at our February meeting and voted on at our March meeting. Officers will be installed at our April meeting.

*Editor's Note: Frank was correct in reminding everyone to participate in nominating officers for our club's 2010-11 business year. But he was a little premature regarding the dates for our formal officer nominations and our club's election of officers.*

*As stated in article C of our ACC bylaws, "Nominations for elected officers will be made from the floor or in writing at the meeting one month prior to the election meeting." Also, as stated in the bylaws, "The April meeting will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office in May." Therefore, at our February 16th meeting, we can remind members of*

*the upcoming nominations, in March, for club offices.*

### Announcements

Jerry and Donna Pentzer are planning a car event at their home, in Ozark, on Saturday, March 13. They are members of our Corvair club and a Corvette club. They are inviting members from both clubs to attend the event. They will send more information as the date nears.

Elvis King announced he received a call about a Corvair Lakewood station wagon that is for sale in the Mabelvale area of southwest Little Rock. For more information, call a person named Oliver, at 501 554-5325.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

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

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

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

Elvis King reported on our club's financial status. Currently, the club has \$1,932.79 in our treasury.

### Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

## Need answers to life's difficult questions--including car questions? Try typing your question at JustAnswer.com.

The Web site has experts waiting and answers usually come in minutes.

<http://www.justanswer.com>

In San Francisco, California, in late 2008, some "tech heads" came together to launch a new site on the Internet that is dedicated to providing expert answers to anyone's questions, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

The innovative solution is the site named [www.justanswer.com](http://www.justanswer.com). With more than 17 million registered users and 20 thousand experts, JustAnswer provides expert knowledge and insight in over 40 countries and in 70 categories, including auto, legal, and health.

The site, which charges a small fee for its services, serves as an online platform where people ask questions and receive accurate and helpful answers.

"Every day, everywhere, at all

hours, people have questions that require expert advice and an immediate response," explained JustAnswer Founder and CEO Andy Kurtzig.

"We're the eBay for expertise, since experts on our site sell the stuff in their heads instead of the stuff in their garages."

The JustAnswer response network enables registered experts to provide answers within minutes, to help ensure customer satisfaction. Partners include big brand companies such as Chilton® and Del Monte®.

With experts representing a wide variety of knowledge specialties, JustAnswer can find the right specialist to provide expert advice on nearly any subject.

Developed with the consumer in

mind, anonymity and a satisfaction guarantee are ensured to protect JustAnswer's clients. In fact, consumers only pay if they're pleased with the answer.

Below are actual questions asked and answered on JustAnswer:

- Car (Toyota) – Brakes lock up when driving Toyota Tundra
- Legal (Consumer Protection Law) – Purchased \$10,000 lemon
- Health (General) – Steam-engine noise in head

For auto enthusiasts, JustAnswer offers experts for most of the car nameplates, including Chevrolet. A recent look at the site showed 23 Chevy mechanics online and waiting to answer questions. Have a tough-question? Try [www.JustAnswer.com](http://www.JustAnswer.com). ■



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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.

### February Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **February 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.