

# On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

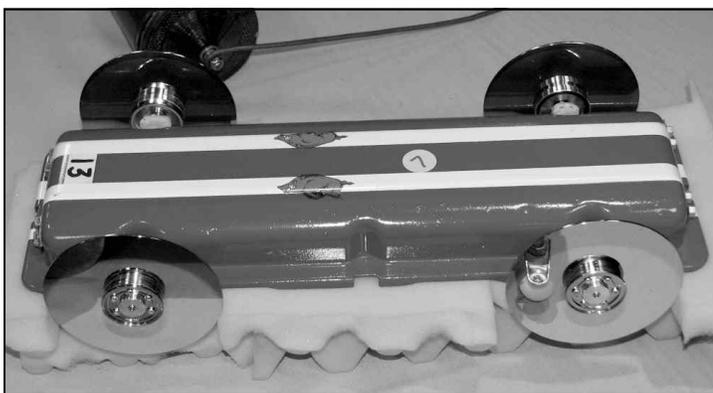
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## Arkansas valve cover racer debuts at 2010 CORSA International Convention in Iowa

*Madison Arnold, of Branson, fell on hard luck when a mechanical failure knocked her out of a promising first-heat valve cover run*

The Arkansas Corvair Club was well represented in the Valve Cover Race competition, at the 2010 CORSA International Convention, June 21 -25, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Madison Arnold, who is the granddaughter of ACC members Clyde and Dee Jones, of Everton, entered her Razorback-adorned, red valve cover racer in the



Cedar Rapids event. Madison and Clyde built the racer and Madison gave her speedster its bright red finish and hog adornments. In the photo, below, you see 14-year-old Madison (second from center, right) as she readies to release her racer for its downhill run. Unfortunately, the tiny coaster lost a wheel, as it was pulling ahead to take the heat. Good effort Madison! We know you'll get 'em next year when you return for more CORSA competition. ■



## Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts to join the Great Plains Corvair Roundup, in Tulsa, September 24-26

The Green Country Corvair Group--our neighbors in Tulsa, Oklahoma--will host the 2010 Great Plains Corvair Roundup, from September 24 - 26. This will be the 6th year for this recurring, regional Corvair gathering and auto show.

Several members of the Arkansas Corvair Club are planning to attend the regional Corvair convention, in Tulsa. And, all members are encouraged to join the gathering, if this event appeals to your interests and fits your schedule.

Those ACC members planning to attend include Joe and Christel Espejo, Clyde and Dee Jones, Elvis and JB King, Keith and Cindy La-Crosse, and others.

The three-day meeting will include valve cover racing, a People's Choice display, Concours d'Elegance, technical sessions, and an awards banquet. For more details, see the September issue of the CORSA *Communiqué* or visit [www.tulsacorvair.com](http://www.tulsacorvair.com).

If interested in a caravan with ACC members, contact Elvis King or Joe Espejo for information. ■

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**"Corvairs bring friends together."**



**Tidbits of Corvair trivia from the Internet**

As published on the Facebook site, at pages named "Corvair Nuts of North America". Not certain of the validity of all so-called facts.

<http://gl-es.facebook.com/topic.php?uid=2460383622&topic=6162>

- The first car to use the Corvair name was a 1957 Corvette showcar built by General Motors with a fastback roof.
  - Early prototype Corvair engines were tested in Porsches.
  - One early name for the Corvair was "Holden". The name
- Corvair is a combination of Corvette and Bel-Air.
  - The Corvair popularized bucket seats and 4-on-the-floor, in American cars.
  - Thin-line whitewall tires were introduced on the Corvair and known as "Monza whitewalls".

**August meeting minutes** *continued*

October 15 - 17. Keith asked for hands of those who planned to attend these events and several couples showed interest in attending one or both.

**New Business**

Joe Espejo reported that he talked to a local sign company about making signs to place on our Corvairs for car shows, listing your car's features. The signs are 18 x 24 inches and will cost \$45. Joe will have more information at the September meeting.

Shirley Sanders reported that she is continuing to gather ideas for Corvair club shirts for women to wear at car shows and conventions.

**Tech Session**

Keith Lacrosse reminded members that it is a good idea to hide a spare key on your car (or cars), especially when you are trailering your car to a show, out of town.

Also, Keith told of finding a foam air filter to replace the one that is used with the support screen, in turbo air cleaners.

The replacement filter is sold as a filter cover for a shop vacuum and, while it is a perfect fit for the Corvair, Keith is not certain about the filter's long term durability.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*JB King*

Happy Birthday  
to our ACC associates  
born in October.

Melvin Torres  
October 1 (37 years)

Jerry Pentzer  
October 2 (64 years)

JB King  
October 6

Bonnie Dulin  
October 9

Fran Gray  
October 21

James Carter  
October 30

Happy Anniversary  
to  
the 1960 Corvair  
October 2 (51 years)

Ernie & Fran Gray  
October 22 (61 years)

Jim & Hazel Latture  
October 25 (63 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 **September**.

**Past Due** ..... Lewis Pace  
Kermit Parks

**Due Sep** ..... Betty Jackson

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

## ACC August Meeting Minutes



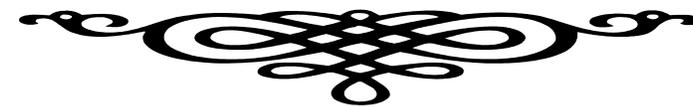
JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, August 17.

The meeting was called to order by president, Keith LaCrosse.

Keith welcomed new member, Danny Bokamper. Danny attended a meeting several months ago and we are happy to have him as a member. Keith also welcomed members, Jerry and Donna Pentzer, from Ozark.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as published in the July



newsletter. Elvis King reported that our club has \$2,100.84 in the treasury.

A gentleman, named Bill Carson, had contacted Keith and requested to speak briefly at our August meeting. Bill is a 1962 graduate of Central High School, in Little Rock. The 1962 class will hold a reunion, on Saturday, October 2, at the Scimitar Temple, on I-30. The reunion will be catered by Corky's BBQ. The class is seeking a red and a yellow 1962 Corvair convertible, to serve as background for photos. Any club member who is willing to permit their car to be used may attend the reunion at no expense. Bill's contact numbers are: mobile **501 307-6999**, home **501 835-8282**.

### Old Business

Al Embrey announced that he

contacted the company that made the cast aluminum club license plates for our club, in the past. We can purchase these same plates from them for \$32.50 each, if we order 10 to 24 plates. Clyde Jones made a motion that we authorize Al to order 15 plates for our club. The motion was seconded by Jerald McKown. Members approved the motion and eight plates were spoken for by members in attendance.

Also, members were reminded of two events that have been discussed at previous meetings. These events are the Shepherd of the Hills Super Summer Cruise, at Branson, Missouri, August 13-15, and the Robbers Cave Fall Festival, in Wilburton, Oklahoma,

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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 21**, 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:** Keith LaCrosse, 26 Woodlawn Drive, Beebe, AR 72012, 501 882-5040.

**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:

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\$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.