

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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☑ Mark your calendars and save the date

ACC members planning to attend the 2011 *Cars & Cycles Against Cancer* auto show, June 10 - 11, at the Arkansas Aeroplex, Blytheville

Chevrolet Corvairs will be a featured nameplate at the Blytheville car show. The weekend event to include a parade and welcome party on Friday night and a post-event party at the host hotel on Saturday night.

At our monthly meeting, in October, ACC president, Keith LaCrosse reported that he had been contacted by a gentleman from Blytheville, to inquire as to whether our club would participate in a parade and car show, to be held in June of 2011.

The gentleman who contacted Keith is named Barrett Harrison. Barrett is affiliated with a car club, in Blytheville, that hosts an annual car show, named *Cars & Cycles Against Cancer*.

Barrett informed Keith that the organizers of the 2011 car show want to feature the Chevrolet Corvair. Barrett asked Keith if members of our Arkansas Corvair Club are willing to participate and bring as many cars as possible.

When Keith polled ACC members, during the October club meeting, there was broad agreement that the car show, in Blytheville, will be an ideal opportunity to gain visibility for our

CORSA chapter and for our cars, and to promote the Corvair in northeast Arkansas.

Keith informed Barrett Harrison that our club will participate in the Blytheville car show, scheduled for June 10 and 11.

Other than event dates for 2011, we do not have all details, but we know the following.

- Car show will be held at the Arkansas Aeroplex (old Eaker Air Force Base) in Blytheville
- Host hotel is the Blytheville Holiday Inn, 1121 E Main St, phone 870 763-5800
- Registration fee is \$20.00
- Parade and welcome party on Friday night; car display and post-event party on Saturday
- Registration form not yet available.

Watch for more details in your February ACC newsletter. ■

2011 CORSA International Convention set for Denver, Colorado, July 26-30

Host hotel is the Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech Center

The 2011 CORSA International Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado and hosted by Rocky Mountain CORSA, chapter 802 of the Corvair Society of America.

Being billed as "DenVair Eleven" and "Corvairs with Altitude, this year's convention, in Denver, marks the 41st year for CORSA to hold its annual gathering for Corvair enthusiasts.

The host hotel for the Denver convention is the Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech Center, located at 7801 East Orchard Rd, (I-25 & Orchard Road) in the Denver suburb of Greenwood Village.

The 2011 Convention room rate is \$99.00. For reservations, call 303 779-6161 and mention **Corvair** or **CORSA** to qualify for the special room rate.

Also, you can make your reservation on the Internet. When making the reservation on line, use the code **COR** to qualify for the special room rate.

Make your plans now to join fellow Arkansas Corvair enthusiasts, in beautiful Denver, in July. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

February issue of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine will feature story about John Fitch

In an e-mail post, last November, CORSA member Pete Koehler wrote that "the February 2011 issue of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine will have a six-page spread about John Fitch and the Fitch Sprint project.

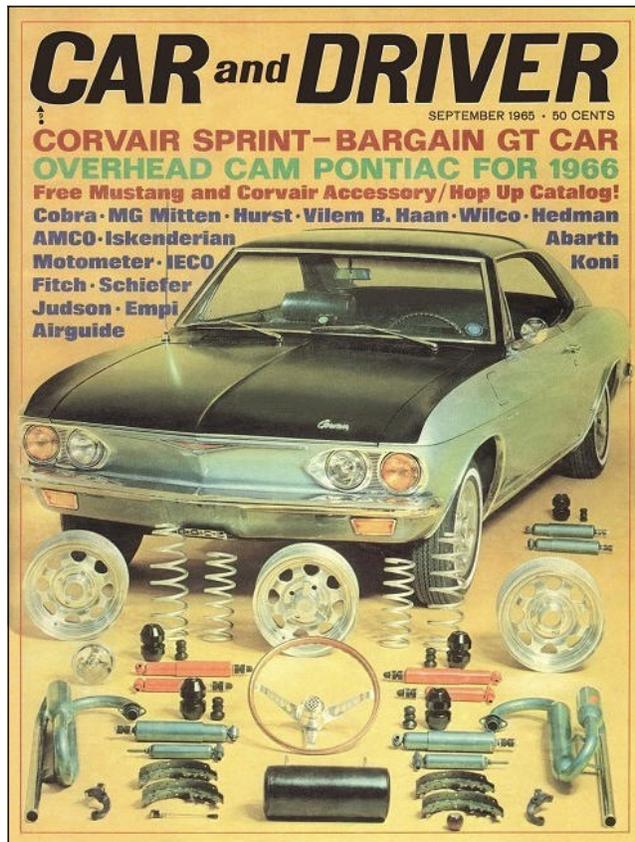
Published photos will show John at his home in Lakeville, Connecticut and at the Lime Rock Park race-track.

The feature car is none other than the CPF-owned and recently restored 1966 Corsa Sprint coupe. This car was John's last Corvair-bodied "demonstrator". He had not seen the car for at least 38 years.

Also on hand was the one-and-only Fitch Phoenix so [we] hope there will be shots of both cars with their builder, John Cooper Fitch.

Mr. Fitch is 93 years young and has been is

fairly good health, up until recently when he visited to a local hospital for medical care. Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers." ■



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 **January**.

Past Due..... Bill Dulin
Gary Higgins
Betty Jackson
Jerald McKown
Lewis Pace
Hank Wangle

Due Jan..... David Carter
Joe Espejo
Rafee Luan
Stew MacLeod

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

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in January.

Jennifer Parks
January 5

Frank Campbell
January 8

Barbara Coffey
January 16

Larry Lewy
January 20

Camelia Franson
January 27

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in February.

Elvis King
February 6 (69)

John Coffey
February 11

Gloria Eddy
February 12

Travis Geaslin
February 17

Arkansas Corvair Club
February 29, 1988

Happy Anniversary
to

Don & Beverly Ahrens
February 11 (27 yrs)

ACC November Meeting Minutes



JB King

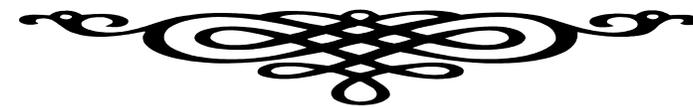
The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, November 16, with 23 members attending.

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

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved as published in the November newsletter. Elvis King reported that our club has \$1,582.44 in the treasury.

Old Business

Al Embrey brought the cast-



aluminum license plaques to be distributed to club members. Additional plaques are available for members who wish to purchase a license plaque.

Keith LaCrosse reported that he replied to the contact, in Blytheville, and informed the man that our club members are interested in participating in the June car show there that will feature Corvairs. More information will be published in the newsletter.

Bill Smith reported that he plans to create a 2011 Corvair club calendar featuring photos of member's cars. He will determine how many copies of the calendar to order for sale to members.

New Business

Stew and Ronnie McLeod announced that they will host the annual club after-holiday party on Saturday, January 8. Invitations will be

mailed in December.

Announcements

Betty Jackson announced that she needs steering column and steering box for a 1964 Corvair.

Keith LaCrosse spoke with Charles Mills, of Clinton. Mills has a 1965 Corsa for sale; asking \$2,500. A man in Maumelle seeks someone to work on his Corvair. Keith did not recall the name but the phone number is 501 851-7545.

Bill Smith reminded members that we do not publish a club newsletter in December.

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.

January Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **January 18**, 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:

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.