

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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Mark your calendars now to show your Corvair in Blytheville on Saturday, June 11th

The Chevrolet Corvair will be a featured nameplate at the 8th annual Cars & Cycles Against Cancer event

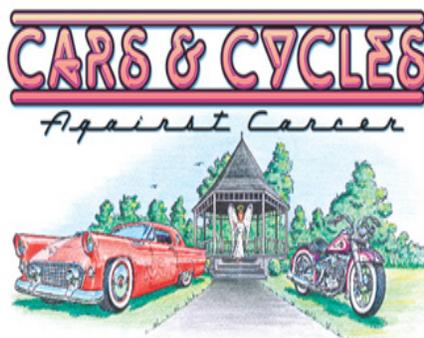
At our monthly meeting in October, ACC president, Keith LaCrosse reported that he was contacted by Barrett Harrison from Blytheville, regarding the question of whether our club would participate in a parade and car show, to be held, in Blytheville, in June of this year.

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, is an ideal opportunity to gain visibility for our CORSA chapter and for our cars, and to promote the Corvair in northeast Arkansas.

Now that the month of April has arrived, it is time for all of us to prepare our cars for summer events and to pre-



pare and mail our registration forms for the Blytheville car show, on June 10 and 11.

For information and to download the registration form, visit www.carsandcyclesagainstcancer.com.

To get the registration form, click the link on the right side of the page, toward the middle. Don't click the tab on the upper right. That links to an old (2009) registration form.

The registration fee is \$20.00. To be guaranteed that you will receive a Cars & Cycles car show plaque and t-shirt, you need to register before May 15, 2011.

Hope to see you in Blytheville. ■

Announcing nominations for ACC offices

At our March 15 meeting, ACC members nominated officers for the 2011-12 business year. Other nominations can be submitted up to the election, at the April 19 meeting.

As our Corvair Club bylaws state, "Nominations for elected office will be made from the floor or in writing at the meeting one month prior to the election. At least one person must be nominated for each office. The April meeting will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office in May."

Our elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The 2011-12 nominees are:

President..... Keith LaCrosse
Vice Pres..... Bill Smith
Secretary..... JB King
Treasurer Elvis King

You will notice that our slate of officers for the upcoming business year is unchanged from 2010-11. This slate reflects the intent of members attending the March meeting.

We will elect officers at our next monthly ACC meeting, on **Tuesday, April 19**.

We express sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone for volunteering to serve our club. Without your dedicated leadership and loyal service, there would be no Arkansas CORSA chapter. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



1966 Chevrolet Corvair Yenko Stinger: Ralph Nader's Nightmare

by Larry Sanasa

Excerpted from AutoWeek.com, November 22, 2010

While Ralph Nader would have you think that the Chevrolet Corvair was unsafe at any speed, Don Yenko would have let you experience another side of the Corvair--one that is incredible at all speeds.

With his magic touch, Yenko was able to convert even the most sublime Corvair into a Stinger, his ballyhooed name for those Corvairs that were force-fed gobs of testosterone in his Canonsburg, PA, shop, alongside pavement-pounding Chevrolet Camaros, Chevelles, Corvettes, and Novas.

Mark Gillespie was among those who were captivated by the idea of owning a fire-breathing Stinger.

"I bought this car from Yenko Chevrolet in Canonsburg in 1966 as a dual-purpose vehicle. I couldn't afford a dedicated race car. But at that time, you could buy performance parts directly from Yenko to gradually modify your street car into a race car."

He purchased his Stinger, YS037, with Goodyear Blue Streaks mounted

on wide steel wheels and an exhaust header, some of the less wild modifications available from Yenko.

The idea, Gillespie says, was to race as much as possible on weekends, hoping you wouldn't crash the car or trash the engine, so that you could drive to work on Monday.

Five years and 102,000 miles later, his trusted Stinger did blow its engine and sat in a garage for the next 20 years. In the mid-1990s, with historic racing all the craze, Gillespie resurrected his beloved Stinger.

Taking vintage-racing regulations more seriously than some, he had the car's engine, chassis and ancillary parts restored to 1966 SCCA racing regulation--not something always found at historic venues across the country. More contemporary safety features also were added.

And the result is inspiring. "It's like driving a giant go-kart," he says, adding that the car weighs about 2,000 lbs. and makes about 220 hp. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in May.

Steve Simmons
May 3
Brenna Smith
May 9
Melissa Levy
May 11
Susan Carter
May 12
Ryan MacLeod
May 13
Julie Pearce
May 19
Trisha Shroyer
May 21
Robert Brown
May 26
Patricia Geaslin
May 27

Happy Anniversary
to

Clyde & Dee Jones
(36 years)
Steve & Betty Simmons
(40 years)
May 8
Travis & Patricia Geaslin
May 25 (41 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 **March**.

Past Due David Carter
Buddy Murray
Julie Pearce
Mike Shroyer

Due Apr Robert Brown
Travis Geaslin
Steve Simmons
Aaron Swift

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

ACC March Meeting Minutes



JB King

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

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

We had 23 members in attendance. Members welcomed, as our guest, Jordan Campbell, grandson of Frank and Mary Campbell.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved as published in the February newsletter. Elvis King reported that the club had \$3,244.59 in our treasury.

Old Business

Keith reminded members that Saturday, March 19th, is the date for the anniversary party at the home of Jerry and Donna Pentzer, in Ozark. Jerry Pentzer added that all ACC members are invited.

Bill Smith reminded everyone that our club has agreed to support the car show in Blytheville June 10 and 11. The Corvair will be featured in the Blytheville show, *Cars and Cycles Against Cancer*, which is held at the Arkansas Aeroplex -- the former Eaker Air Force Base.

We urge all members to please attend the Blytheville care show, if possible.

New Business

Keith LaCrosse opened the floor for nominations for ACC officers for the

coming business year. Todd Sanders suggested that our nominees for offices (for 2011-12) be the same members who are serving for the current business year. Clyde Jones asked that the nominations be closed. Al Embrey seconded the motion. Members voted and it was unanimous that our slate of officers for the 2011-12 business year will be the same members who are currently serving. *Editor's note:* See the names of the 2011-12 officer nominees on page 1 of this newsletter.

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.

April Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **April 19**, 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.

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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.