

On the Air

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Hemmings Classic Car publishes commemorative issue to mark the centennial anniversary of the Chevrolet Motor Company

Richard Lentinello, editor-in-chief, singles out the Chevrolet Corvair with covetous praise and admiration

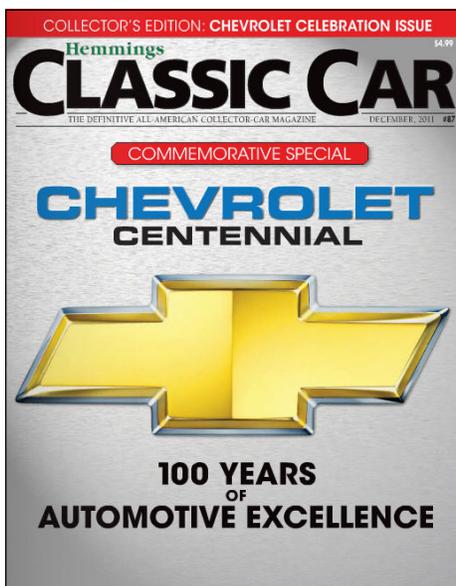
In March of the year 1911, Frenchman Louis Chevrolet and his work crew began building the first Chevrolet automobile, at a small factory shop in Detroit, Michigan.

Later that same year, on November 3rd, Louis Chevrolet and his business partner, William C. Durant, signed documents to found the Chevrolet Motor Car Company.

It would be less than 7 years later, in 1918, when General Motors would acquire Chevrolet and point the company in the automotive engineering direction that would spawn a 100-year legacy and some of the most distinctive automobiles that have ever graced our American highways.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chevrolet brand, the Hemmings Classic Car magazine de-

voted all 120 pages of the December
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Tech Tip:

Three uses for used rocker arm studs

by Elvis King

First use: (Corvair purists, avert your eyes.) By cutting the stem off from a used stud, you can fabricate an easier-to-access 13/16 locking nut to replace the 9/16 nut that the factory installed on the idler pulley adjusting control that tensions the fan belt. (It is not as hidden by the fan belt.) Be sure to retain the washer underneath. I know of at least two members of our club who are using this fabricated locking nut.

Second use: By welding a 3/8-drive 9/16 six-point socket on the threaded end of the stud, you can make a handy tool for torquing engine head nuts without needing to continuously swap socket sizes on the torque wrench. Decide on your favorite tightening sequence and use the 13/16 six-point deep socket, that you generally use for head nuts on rocker-arm studs. Put your shop-made tool's socket on the upper nut and use the same deep socket on the other end of the tool. I saw such a tool for sale at the Iowa CORSA convention and my forehead is still flat from my reaction. Disregard this if you already have the coveted Snap-On telescoping socket, available during the Corvair production era.

Third use: When installing cylinder
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REMINDER

The Arkansas Corvair Club will NOT meet in December. Also, there will not be a December issue of our newsletter, *On the Air*. Warmest holiday wishes from the Editor.

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

CORVAIR 500

Notable events in Chevrolet history

1914 -- The Chevrolet bowtie logo appears on production automobiles. Origins of the logo are hazy, but the symbol endures.

1923 -- Chevrolet introduces a copper-finned, air-cooled four-cylinder engine, but it proves less than successful in practical operation.

1950 -- The two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission is introduced. Chevrolet touts the first automatic in a low-priced car. Coupled with the Blue Flame straight-six engine, the transmission proves a hit.

100 years of Chevrolet *continued*

issue to highlighting Chevrolet cars and the company's colorful history, including its many achievements and occasional failures.

For Corvair enthusiasts, you will be charmed by references found in the front pages of the commemorative magazine issue, and most especially by the editorial piece penned by Richard Lentinello, the magazine's editor-in-chief.

For any of you who might believe that the Corvair does not get adequate respect from serious auto industry trade writers, consider the following words penned by Lentinello in his editorial message, on page 8, titled "Bowtie Aspirations."

After speaking in general about his love for Chevrolet cars, since his years as a teenager in Brooklyn, Lentinello writes:

"Although I haven't gotten around to owning a Chevrolet of my own yet, this situation will change, because I really can't go through life much longer without having a Corvair. As I've said to my fellow car nuts many times, if I won the Powerball tomorrow, the first car I would go out and buy would be a Corvair. Not a Ferrari. Not a Porsche. A Corvair.

Actually, I will have to buy a minimum of two Corvairs, because some-

where in the rules of life, it states that no human being is allowed to own just one Corvair. So in addition to the 1965-66 Corsa Sport Coupe that I absolutely must own, I can't help wanting another: A first-generation Monza four-door sedan would be so hip--preferably a trim-less 900 model. But I also want a '62 Monza Spyder Turbo with the optional wire wheels. Oh, and a Lakewood station wagon would be a practical as any collector car to own. Then I'll go buy a new Corvette convertible for a daily driver."

Will our beloved Corvair ever receive a stronger collector's endorsement in the trade journals than those words (from Lentinello)? Perhaps not for another 100 years. ■

Rocker arm studs *continued*

studs, it's well known that you should not use two jam nuts, as they can distort the outer threads. By cutting the stem off from a used stud, you can create a blind nut with the correct threads for this use. Use a ball bearing from a discarded seat adjuster or steering sector, or any small bearing that fits inside the blind nut. This way, when the head stud is finally humored in place, the installing nut can easily be removed. Clark's sells this tool, shown on page 6-TOOLS in their specialty catalog. I think that I know how they make them. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in December.

Cathy Smith
December 4

Don Ahrens (50 years)
December 5

Mike Shroyer
December 6 (68 years)

Cole Claypoll
December 12 (16 years)

Mary Campbell
December 17

C. B. Lunsford
December 20

Alfred Via
December 29 (83 years)

Happy Anniversary
to
Kermit & Jennifer Parks
December 22 (10 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 **November**.

Past Due Betty Jackson
Jerald McKown
Jerry Pentzer

Due Nov Larry Drannon
Alfred Via
Mike Winn

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

ACC October Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, October 18.

The meeting was called to order by president Keith LaCrosse. There were 22 members in attendance. We welcomed, Forrest and Renee Mobbs, of Sherwood. They drove their recently-purchased 1964 maroon Monza convertible.

The minutes from our September meeting were read and approved as published in the October newsletter.

ACC treasurer Elvis King reported a

balance of \$ 2,192.95 in our club treasury.

Old Business

Members who attended the 2011 Great Plains Corvair Round-up, in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, described the good time they enjoyed at the regional meet. There were 68 Corvairs present at the 2011 Round-up, in Missouri.

Keith reminded members of our plans to attend the weekend event in Hot Springs, October 28-30. The event, named the "Day at the Farm Celebration," marks the close of the 2011 season of the Historic Downtown Farmer's Market. ACC members will display Corvairs from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 29,

Cindy LaCrosse arranged for discount room rates at the Howard

Johnson's for us to have a group rate of \$75 per night to anyone who stays two nights.

Members from central Arkansas, who want to travel together to Hot Springs, will meet at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, I-30 / Exit 123, in Bryant at noon on Friday, October 28, for lunch before caravanning to Hot Springs.

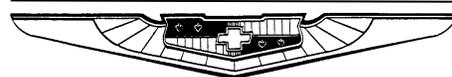
New Business

No other business was discussed during the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King



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enjoyment, and preservation of the
Chevrolet Corvair."*

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.

November Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **November 15**, 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

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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.