

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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ACC member Gary Walker acquires a rare aftermarket accessory to “top off” his metallic green 1964 Monza Spyder convertible

In November of last year, ACC member Gary Walker, of the Percy community (outside of Hot Springs)) took delivery of a Bahama Green 1964 Corvair Monza Spyder convertible. Gary had searched the Internet and located the 64 Spyder (offered for sale) in Georgia.

Finding and purchasing the “early model” Corvair had been a fervent dream that Gary nurtured since his high school and college years.

In the short time that Gary has owned the sporty Monza convertible, he has been diligently taking steps to improve the car’s appearance and enhance it’s classic design appeal.

In February, while searching the Internet, Gary found a “for sale” listing for an aftermarket hardtop manufactured to fit the 1963 and 64 Corvair convertible models. The seller happened to be nearby, in Memphis.

In early March, Gary purchased the hardtop, seen pictured at the right. The hardtop is branded with the name “Esquire.” Research

reveals that the rare molded hardtop was manufactured by a company named Rivera. Rivera made hardtops for all 1961, 62, and 63 GM convertible models

You can read Gary’s Monza Spyder story in the April issue of the CORSA *Communiqué* magazine. ■



Nominations for ACC offices

With the return of spring and our turn of the calendar to the month of March, it is, again, that time of year when we nominate and elect officers to serve our Arkansas CORSA chapter.

At our March meeting, we will solicit nominations for ACC offices for the 2012-13 business year

As our club’s 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.

Those of you who have been members for many years are aware that some individuals have generously served our the club for decades. We are grateful to Elvis King and JB King for their long and loyal service. Also, we are grateful to Keith LaCrosse for leading the club for the past two years.

We need others to lend their energy and talents. Please consider serving as a club officer. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."

Correction to story published in February club newsletter

The February issue of *On the Air* featured an article, on the cover page, by Elvis King. The article offers a perspective on the founding and early years of our Arkansas Corvair Club, CORSA Chapter 722.

In the article, Elvis describes details of events associated with arrangements, in 1988, for Larry Claypool, from the Chicago Corvair Enthusiasts, to visit our club and to deliver a technical presentation. Since writing the article for the newsletter, Elvis learned that his description of the events was not accurate in every detail.

Elvis submitted the following correction to our newsletter, to correct an error in his article.

After additional research, Elvis clarifies that the individual who proposed the idea and contacted Larry Claypool, to arrange Larry's visit to Little Rock, during the club's first year, was founding ACC member David Sanders. Dave coordinated with Larry to arrange his Little Rock visit and schedule Larry's technical presentation to ACC members.

Thanks to Dave and Elvis. ■

Corvair FOR SALE in Russellville

1966 Corvair Monza
2-door hardtop

Offered for sale in Russellville, Arkansas, Pope County

- ◆ Color: Victory Red
- ◆ Powerglide (automatic) transmission
- ◆ Cruise control
- ◆ Engine overhauled
- ◆ New upholstery
- ◆ Magnesium wheels
- ◆ New tires

Asking - \$7,500. For information, contact C.B. Lunsford (owner and ACC member)

Home: **479 968-4484**

Mobile: **479 970-3339**

Residential address:
565 N Sherman Dr.
Russellville, AR 72802-1986

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in April.

Laura Kuizin
April 2

Carol Fleming
April 7

Kermit Parks (73 yrs)
April 9

Cortney Claypool
Mary Beth Claypool
Christel Espejo
Don Ruegsegger
April 12

Jim Latture (89 yrs)
April 13

Betty Jackson
April 20

Ernie Gray (81 yrs)
April 22

Larry Drannon
April 26

Belinda Hussey
Pam MacSorley
April 30

Happy Anniversary

to
Tommy & Teresa Thompson
April 25

Eric & Carol Fleming
Larry & Pat Drannon
April 25

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.....Butch Chapman
Camelia Franson
Rafee Luan
Bill MacSorley
Don Ruegsegger
Dave Sanders

Due Mar.....Ernie Gray
Mike Shroyer

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

ACC February Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, February 21.

The meeting was called to order by president Keith LaCrosse. There were 28 members and four guests in attendance.

The minutes from our January meeting were read and approved as published in the February newsletter.

ACC treasurer Elvis King reported a balance of \$ 2,467.82 in our club treasury.

Old Business

There was continued discussion concerning the new CORSA policy that requires local clubs to pay \$ 3.00 annually for each member who is not a member of CORSA.

Elvis King read an email, from Jamie Reinhart, stating that the new fee for chapters has been postponed, because the system to process the special fee is not available. Originally, CORSA chapters were to have remitted the fees with their chapter

reports, on March 1st. According to the recent communication, CORSA will not be prepared to collect the non-CORSA member fees until mid 2012.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Announcements

The annual CORSA International Convention is scheduled for July 24-27 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. All rooms at the host hotel have been booked. However, there are other area hotels with rooms available.

Jerry Pentzer announced that he and Donna will host the 8th annual celebration of their wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 31, starting at 1:00 p.m., at their home in Ozark. This year's event will feature a blue-grass band, named "Crooked and Steep." All members of the Arkansas Corvair Club are invited to attend and should receive an invitation by mail. Also, Jerry and Donna are inviting several other car clubs to their annual celebration. For more information, call them at 479 667-3140.

Elvis King reported that he, Joe Espejo, Bill Smith, Butch Chapman and Jerald McKown attended the 2012 Statewide Automotive Planning Meeting, on Saturday, February 11, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Little Rock.

The annual event, sponsored by the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, provides an opportunity for automobile clubs from around the state to meet and share information about events scheduled for the year.

Tech Topics

Elvis King brought examples of the front and rear window channels for the door of an early Corvair convertible, to show how the lining can be replaced in the front channel and how black moleskin material can be used to re-line the rear channel. The original lining material is no longer available.

Clyde Jones showed a plastic heat distribution duct tube, from a 1964 Corvair. The duct tube goes beneath the rear seat. Clyde brought the heater duct part for an ACC member who needed it. Clyde described the differences between the metal ducts and hose configuration used with 1961-62 Corvair models and the plastic ducts and configuration used with the 1963-64 models.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

Tech Tip: Durable replacement throw out bearing for 1964-69 Corvairs

Reprinted from The Chronic Corvair newsletter, March 2012

The 1984 Pontiac Firebird and Chevy Camaro feature a hydraulic clutch actuating system. The clutch system uses a throw out bearing that turns whenever the engine is running and is designed for extra durability.

This Firebird/Camaro throw out bearing is the same size and height as the bearing used in the 1964-1969 model standard-shift Corvair cars.

The GM replacement bearing is manufactured by Hyatt and is identified

by part # 908404. The bearing features a brass-colored outer casing.

The Hyatt GM bearing should be available from both Chevrolet and Pontiac dealers. [If you can locate a Pontiac dealer.]

Editor's Note: The same technical advice about replacement throw out bearings is listed on the Corvair Center Web site, www.corvaircenter.com.





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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.

March Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **March 20**, 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, 501 882-9389.

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.

Committee Chairs

Membership: Elvis King

Publicity: Bill Smith

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\$50-¼ page.

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.