

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

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Arkansas Corvair graces the cover of the April CORSA *Communiqué* magazine

For our Arkansas Corvair Club members who are not members of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), we want to pass along news of an event of distinction, for our CORSA chapter, that occurred during this month.

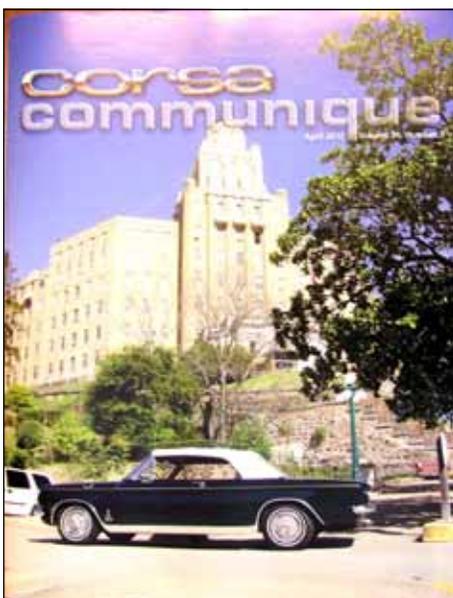
Pictured at lower right on this page is an image of the cover photo from the April 2012 issue of the CORSA *Communiqué* magazine. If you look closely at the magazine cover, you will see a 1964 Corvair Monza Spyder convertible. Also, you might recognize that monolithic building in the background of the photo as a familiar land mark in the city of Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

As far as our founding club members know, this photo on the cover of the April *Communiqué* represents the first time in the magazine's history that an Arkansas-owned Corvair has graced its cover page.

The 1964 Monza Spyder pictured on the magazine's cover is owned by ACC member (and CORSA member) Gary Walker. Gary's car is pictured on

the cover and within the pages of the April *Communiqué* because his very fine story, "Therapy" for Corvair-itis, appears on pages 19-22 of the magazine.

We extend our congratulations to Gary for his good work to promote and honor the Corvair hobby. ■



Announcing nominations for ACC offices

At our March 20 meeting, ACC members nominated officers for the 2012-13 business year. Other nominations can be submitted up to the election, at the April 17 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.

Pending acceptance by named individuals, the 2012-13 officer nominees are:

President Todd Sanders
Vice Pres Keith LaCrosse
Secretary JB King
Treasurer Elvis King

This slate reflects the intent of members attending the March meeting.

We will elect officers at our next monthly ACC meeting, on **Tuesday, April 17.**

As always, we express 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."



Joe and Christel Espejo unhurt after I-40 rear tire blowout at highway speed

A near tragedy was averted on Saturday, March 31st, while several members of the Arkansas Corvair Club were driving to Ozark, Arkansas, to attend the wedding anniversary celebration hosted by Jerry and Donna Pentzer.

At 09:30 on that Saturday morning, a group of nine Corvair enthusiasts from central Arkansas had gathered in Maumelle to caravan to Ozark. They were Elvis and JB King, Joe and Christel Espejo, Aaron and Mary Swift, Frank and Mary Campbell, and Ross Hussey.

On I-40, just east of Russellville, the left rear tire on Joe's 1965 Monza coupe blew out. The car spun 180 degrees and departed the right side of the highway (backwards), stopping in the wet bottom of the drainage ditch.

Fortunately, no people were injured. There was damage to the underside of the Corvair. ■



Joe Espejo's 1965 Corvair Monza coupe sits facing backward in the ditch along I-40 after a left rear tire blowout.



Photo above shows the blown-out rear tire on Joe Espejo's Corvair, after car was moved onto wrecker.

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 **April**.

Past Due.....Butch Chapman
Camelia Franson
Rafee Luan
Bill MacSorley
Don Ruegsegger
Dave Sanders
Mike Shroyer

Due Apr.....Steve Simmons
Aaron Swift

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

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in May

Steve Simmons
May 3

Brenna Smith McElfresh
May 9

Melissa Levy
May 11

Ryan MacLeod
May 13

Sandy Dishmon
May 15

Trisha Shroyer
May 21

Happy Anniversary
to

Clyde & Dee Jones
(37 years)

Steve & Betty Simmons
(41 years)
May 8

Bill & Bonnie Dulin
(52 years)
May 20

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 20.

The meeting was called to order by president Keith LaCrosse. There were 22 members in attendance.

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

ACC treasurer Elvis King reported a balance of \$ 2,354.15 in our club treasury.

Old Business

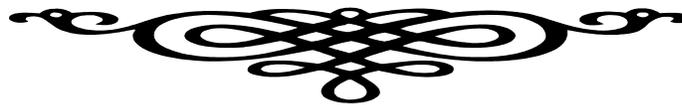
Jerry and Donna Pentzer reminded members that they will host their 8th annual wedding anniversary celebration at their home in Ozark, on Saturday, March 31st. All ACC members are welcome. For more information, call 479 667-3140.

New Business

Keith asked members for nominations for club officers for the 2012-13 business year. The following members were mentioned as potential nominees.

President nominees: Todd Sanders, Aaron Swift

Vice President nominee: Keith LaCrosse



Secretary nominee: JB King

Treasurer nominee: Elvis King

Pending confirmation with all nominees, the election will be held during our April club meeting.

[Editor's Note: Bill Smith contacted Aaron Swift regarding the nomination for office. Aaron respectfully declined due to other obligations.]

Announcements

Keith read a message from Steve Southard, in Blytheville, inviting our club to attend the 2012 Cars & Cycles Against Cancer Car Show, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 8th and 9th.

Elvis King reported that ACC member Jim Harakal, of Mena, is uncertain about keeping his Corvair, a 1965 original-owner Monza coupe. He is considering selling the car. The car has been garaged since new and has low mileage. According to Jim, the car "runs like a deer." To contact Jim Harakal, call 479 394-1622.

Tech Topic

Elvis King opened his Corvair tech presentation by reading a quotation from a book titled *How to Identify and Rebuild Carter YH Carburetors...*, by Bob Helt.

The book quotation concerned the use of a pressure regulator with Carter YH carburetors. After citing from Helt's book, Elvis showed examples of two types of adjustable pressure regulators: the "dial-type" of regulator,

and the "\$-saver-type" regulator (as described in the Clarks' catalog). The \$-saver regulator also can be adjusted, but not as readily as the regulator with the dial on the top.

In his book, Bob Helt recommends against the dial-type regulator, due to problems--reported by J. O. Johnson--with those regulators. The specific types of problems with dial-type regulator are not stated in the book.

However, Elvis mentioned that, while his Monza Spyder was still being rebuilt, and while still in an extended stay at the paint shop, the diaphragm in the dial-type regulator on the Spyder failed. This diaphragm failure allowed gasoline to squirt out of the vent hole in the adjusting dial and into the car's engine compartment.

Elvis replaced the defective dial-type regulator with another of the dial-type models. However, since reading Helt's book, Elvis swapped out the dial-type regulator for one of the Clark's \$-saver-types.

During follow-up discussion about fuel pressure regulators, some other club members mentioned that they had experienced years of trouble-free use with the dial-type regulators.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

Expressing special thanks to a friend of the Arkansas Corvair Club

As noted on page 1 of this newsletter, ACC member Gary Walker and our Corvair club were given unprecedented recognition in April with the publication of a story, written by Gary, in the April issue of the CORSA *Communiqué* magazine.

To support the publishing of Gary's story, Jim Hughes, owner of Heritage Tree Photography, in Ben-

ton, donated his time and talents to travel to Hot Springs for a photo shoot, on February 29th and to take 176 pictures of Gary's Monza Spyder convertible at several scenic locations in the spa city.

The Arkansas Corvair Club expresses our sincere thanks to Jim Hughes for his contributions to promoting the Corvair hobby.

See details about Heritage Tree Photography, at right. ■



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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 17**, 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

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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.