

On the Air

Newsletter of the Arkansas Corvair Club ■ CORSA Chapter 722

May 2013

Volume 26, Issue 5

Arkansas Corvair Chicks go 19th Century at Clyde and Dee Jones Outing



Espejo,

What do Victorian Era dresses and Corvairs have in common? Absolutely nothing unless you're an Arkansas Corvair Club member. Hosts Clyde and Dee Jones put everything together at their home on Saturday, April 13th. An absolutely beautiful clear day in the North Arkansas Ozarks provided the setting with the hosts and members providing the rest.

A first class lunch of brisket and all the trimmings was provided by host Clyde and his "selected" assistants. While the meal was superb, we learned from some of the assistants that he ran a very tight ship, even banishing those from the kitchen who did not perform up to his expectations. Thanks to all those who endured the "wrath of Clyde" to help with the meal. Great job.

(continued on page 3)

inside:

Dues Alerts	page 2
June Birthdays & Anniversaries.....	page 2
Tech Report (Gas Tank Sender Unit)	page 2
Minutes	page 5

“Corvairs bring friends together.”

ACC Dues Alert

Please support your club by prompt payment of your dues

DUE IN MAY

- Jim Davis
- Joshua Fout
- Clyde Jones
- Jim Latture

PAST DUE

- Butch Chapman
- Mike Shroyer
- Russ Hussey
- Steve Simmons

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

Dues are \$20.00 for regular membership and \$15.00 for associate members. Please mail payments to

Arkansas Corvair Club
PO box 627
Little Rock,, AR 72203.

Members Birthdays and Anniversaries JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

- Shirley Sanders 6th
- Tommy Thompson 15th
- Chuck Jolley 16th
- Keith LaCrosse 17th
- Donna Pentzer 17th
- Josh Fout 29th

ANNIVERSARIES

- Ross Belinda Hussey 2nd
- Todd & Shirley Sanders 8th
- Dale & Sandy Dishmon 15th
- Keith & Cindy LaCrosse 29th

Gas Tank Sender Unit

By Elvis King

A fellow ACC member recently asked for advice concerning a new gas tank Sender unit. He had bought it to replace the crusty, rusty, smelly, non-working original unit along with a new replacement gaso-line tank. The tank went in fine, but the new sender unit leaked around the electrical connection.

Over the phone I had told him to simply tighten the circular plastic nut that secures the pass-thru terminal. When I saw it in person, I realized that this replacement unit had a connector that was just swaged or mashed in place rather than having a threaded base and nut with a small round gasket on the outside surface of the circular mounting piece. The original units have an easily removable connector on one of the two little square flats that are embossed on this part of the unit.

On two of my Corvairs I have used such a salvaged connector to feed an electric in-the-tank fuel pump by drilling a hole and putting it through the other unused flat spot and connecting it to the pump. His solution was to get a two-part gasoline resistant sealer to go around the connector (on the inside side).

The other problem that he experienced was that the new float that came with the unit leaked. We put the float in the freezer for a few minutes and then into some warm water and the bubbles pointed to a fine split in the new float. I gave him a good used one and now all is well with his tank and sender unit.

As our cars get older, and as those that have languished in barns and fields for years, and even decades, are brought back to life, the odds are that we will be looking more often at the necessity of replacing an original sender. I don't know the type of connector that is used on the new stainless units that are being offered, but the new unit that I got from George Koenig's parts stash has the same dreaded connector. These all may work fine as is, but be aware of this change in the way at least some of the replacement fuel sender units were made and the possibility that even a new float can leak. ###

CORVAIR
THE ONLY WAY TO GO!!

(continued from page 1)

After the meal, the guys moved to the cars for discussion of “you know what.” The ladies retreated to the parlor to change into their Victorian Era dresses. When the ladies joined the men at the car lineup, over 640 photos were taken, some of which will make it into our official ACC Calendar. Each lady was photographed in costume from several angles alongside a member’s car. The Calendar should be a one-of-a-kind featuring our member’s corvairs along with our own “Corvair Chicks” dressed in 19th Century attire.

The ladies were then taken back in time to a 19th Century event credited to the Duchess of Bedford, Anna Marie Standhope, an old fashioned High Tea. Hosted by Dee Jones, the “tea” was the highlight of the afternoon for the ladies. The parlor was filled with all sorts of goodies and more photos taken. While some might have raised an eyebrow when the idea was first presented, the event resulted in an enormously fun time.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Clyde and Dee Jones for their work and planning. Everyone, including several neighbors, had a great time. The bar for future outings has been set very high. ###

ARKANSAS CORVAIR CHICKS





**CORSA International Convention
July 16-20
Kalamazoo Michigan**

West Michigan Corvair Club is finalizing plans for the annual Corvair Convention. We need YOU! Many volunteers are needed for VAIRous positions during the event. Please consider lending a hand. No experience necessary!

Volunteer online: vairiation2013.com/volunteer
Or call John Koning: 616-482-7036

We need YOU!



Charles and Robert visit with ACC members about the aircraft engine conversion

At the April meeting, Charles Redditt and his son Robert brought a 140hp Corvair Engine that had been converted for use as an aircraft motor. Robert had the pleasure of working hand-in-hand with his Grandfather during the conversion. Charles and Robert discussed the process with the members.

It seems that the Corvair engine is ideally suited for this conversion because of its size, weight, and primarily because it is air cooled.

Their engine was displayed in the rear of their van on a swivel for easy viewing.

It is a rare opportunity for three generations to be able to work together on a project such as this. We commend Robert for his work on this project.. ###



Robert with converted engine

Our 40th Year!

Get the New 2013-2018 Catalog

March 1 - December 24, 2013

When you place your first order over \$40.00 you get a FREE Catalog as a 40th Anniversary Thank You

(additional catalogs \$3 with an order)

The new Catalog includes parts from the last 5 Supplements as well as 100's of improvements (including better descriptions, more photos & new charts). Changes / additions to over 70% of the pages, this is our most major revision ever.



Clark's Corvair Parts®

400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

(413)625-9776

www.corvair.com

APRIL

Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at our regular meeting place, US Pizza on McCain Park Drive, NLR, on Tuesday, April 16. The meeting was called to order by president, Keith LaCrosse. The minutes from our March meeting were read and approved. Elvis King gave a financial report. We currently have \$2,708.51 in our treasury. We had 25 in attendance.

Old Business

Keith said that he is checking on getting the new club banner that we discussed at our March meeting. Ronnie MacLeod made the motion that we elect the slate of officers on the proposed ballot from the March meeting. Todd Sanders seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business

None

Post Meeting Tech Session

Charles Redditt brought the corvair engine that he and his son Robert are building to airplane engine specifications for his father's airplane project. He had it on a turntable in the back of his SUV and interested members viewed it and asked Charles about the specifics of it in the parking area after the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Crawdadd Days with antique car show, Harrison, May 18

CORSA Convention, Kalamazoo, MI, July 16-22
Shepherd of the Hills Show & Shine, Branson, August 8-10

Great Plains Roundup, Wichita, KS, Sept 27-29

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JB King, Secretary

WILLOW RUN ASSEMBLY PLAN FACES PARTIAL DEMOLITION

(Part 1)

(reprinted with permission from Hemmings Daily News)

It built bombers in World War II, Kaisers afterward, and the Corvair in the Sixties. It served both Ford and General Motors, and it remained in operation for seven decades. Yet the Willow Run assembly plant near Ypsilanti, Michigan, faces demolition if the current owner of the plant doesn't sell it by August.

As reported last week by the [Detroit Free Press](#) and [AnnArbor.com](#), the trust that controls the properties that GM shed during its 2009 bankruptcy – including the entire 332-acre Willow Run plant – has announced that its efforts to sell the property have been stymied by the 72-year-old plant and associated buildings.

“We were told unequivocally by the market that the real opportunity at this site relies on capitalizing on the amenities the site has to offer and not on the building,” said Bruce Rasher, redevelopment manager for the [Revitalizing Automotive Communities Environmental Response Trust](#). “The building is an impediment to redevelopment on the site.” As a trust and not a liquidating company, RACER's mission is to sell the former GM properties to companies committed to creating jobs and revitalizing the surrounding community.

(To Be Continued Next Month)





Arkansas Corvair Club
P.O. Box 627
Little Rock, AR 72203

*Place
first class
postage
here.*

On the Air

FIRST CLASS

*“Promoting the maintenance,
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. We meet at U.S. Pizza Company, 4001 McCain Park Dr., North Little Rock. (behind Applebee's)

May Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **May 21st**, at 7:00 p.m., at U.S. Pizza Company, 4001 McCain Park Dr., North Little Rock. (behind Applebee's).

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: Clyde Jones, 6789 Saddlebrook Loop, Everton, AR 72633, 870 429-6789.
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: Joe Espejo, 501 834-0806; Clyde Jones, 870 429-6789; Aaron Swift, 501 490-2448.

Committee Chairs

Membership: Elvis King
501-888-1224
eking@aristotle.net

Publicity and Newsletter Editor:
Todd Sanders,
479 495-3402
todds@arkwest.com

Newsletter Advertising:
Non-members and businesses:
\$150/year full page; \$100-½ page;
\$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.