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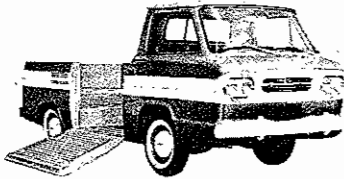
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RAMPSIDE/LOADSIDE



GREENBRIER SPORTSWAGON



CORVAN

(Corvair: Chevrolet Motor Division)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER....

Hi! I think I'll begin by wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and that you'll continue your membership in CORVANATICS in the new year. I also want to thank the membership for my appointment as an honorary member, for without you it would not have been possible - THANKS!  
 In the coming months we're going to try to get CORVANATICS incorporated, write up a constitution, and elect officers. Your support will be greatly appreciated. KEN

BACKFIRE (LETTERS FROM READERS)....

".... and thank you for sending the back issues I had ordered. I was disappointed when the club was apparently going under. Now that things are swinging again, I feel much better -- and even a little embarrassed about not contributing anything to the club so far. Congratulations and good luck. I'm looking forward to the next issue."  
 KEN SMITH  
 Baldwin, Louisiana

".... I have two Greenbriers and share your regard for their special qualities. But the cost of preparing a separate newsletter raises the question if we might not be better off with one or two pages in CORSA COMMUNIQUES."  
 TOM MURPHY  
 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania  
 (Good point, Tom, but we explored this avenue and approached CORSA (CA 1-3, Nov.'72). Their verdict was (a) CORVANATICS must remain financially independent from CORSA and (b) CORSA COMMUNIQUES readers should not be subjected to regular columns on "minority" specialty groups. Hence CORVANATICS had no choice but to publish its own newsletter. As a CORSA-affiliated organization, however, we enjoy many benefits.) EDITOR

".... and thanks for the September issue of CORVAN ANTICS. It is a very interesting publication. The photos were great. David and I intend to join your group, but we are not certain if the dues are \$6- or \$8-. Please inform us of the correct amount."  
 SCOTTY SMATHERS  
 Jacksonville, Florida

(Membership dues are \$5- a year and include a subscription to our newsletter. Dues for family members are \$1- a year for each member of the family of an active member.)  
 EDITOR

BACKFIRE (LETTERS FROM READERS)....(CONT'D)

".... also I am including some other photos from the Owners Guide that may be of some interest to your club. You may keep these prints with our compliments."

CHEVROLET MOTOR DIVISION  
 GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION  
 Warren, Michigan

(Name of writer withheld in compliance with GM policy against recognition of GM employees by name in publications. Obviously we are most grateful to General Motors for their support.) EDITOR

".... Congratulations on an excellent newsletter. I really enjoyed the pictures in your September issue and I'm going out tomorrow and try to get some new members. I thought you might like to run a story on my '63 Corvan."

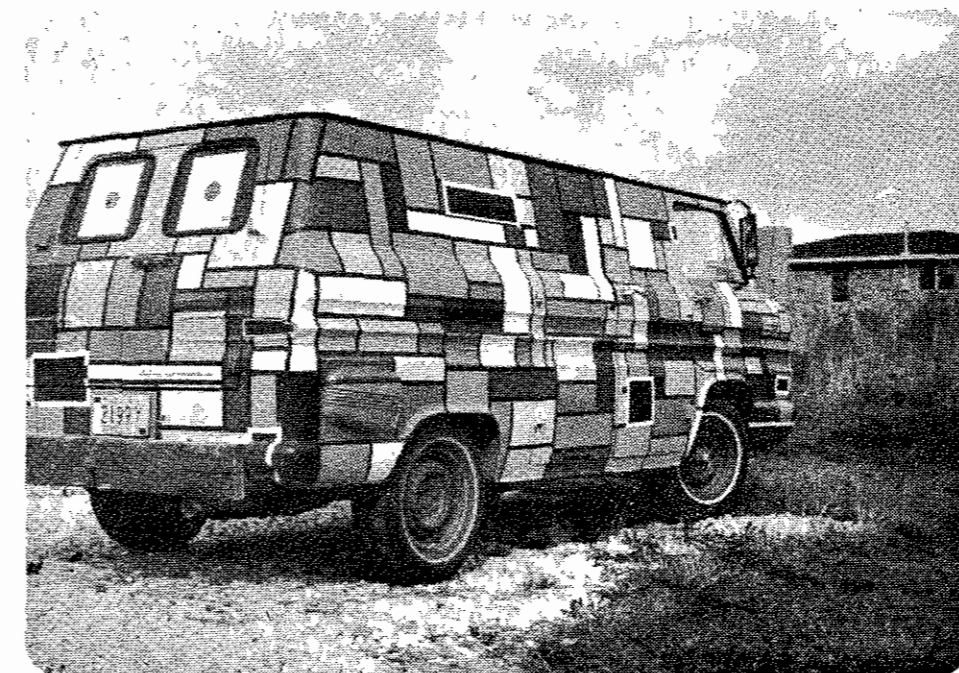
DONALD A. DAVIS  
 Marion, Indiana

(You bet we do, Don! Yours and one by John D. Jackson were received with many thanks. Your story follows below and we'll run John's in the next issue. We hope we'll be hearing from many others who may want to write about their units.) EDITOR

"PICASSO CORVAN"

by

Donald A. Davis  
 Marion, Indiana



(Too bad we can't afford color printing to bring out the artistic paint job that could have been done by Mr. Picasso himself.) EDITOR

The paint job was done by hand and took about eighty hours of hard work. The interior is unusual also, as it is wallpapered over masonite with a ceiling of white foam. The foam was made to be put behind paneling in basements and is available at lumber yards. By painting the exposed metal white, it makes a very nice ceiling. I used panel adhesive to glue it to the top. I also have a VW gasoline heater, mounted in the passenger compartment. Installing it is a fairly difficult job as a large

hole has to be cut under the seat, and part of the heater must be mounted under the truck. The heater outlet must be turned ninety degrees and some wiring changes need to be made. Additional storage area is gained by moving the battery in front of the rear wheel and cutting an access hole in the floor. The battery will just fit with no need for different cables. I have sheet metal between the tire and battery to keep mud and water out.

DON

\* We accept color prints, but prefer black-&-white for better reproduction.

CORVANATICS MEMBERSHIP ROSTER				
Name:	Address:			"95"Unit(s) Owned:
Abrams, Tyrone	67 East 2nd Street	New York	NY 10009	64G
Allred, Bruce	2941 North Winery St.	Clovis	CA 93612	61R
Arsenault, Donald J.	614 Argyle Avenue	Ambler	PA 19002	63G
Attwood, Robert	15 Lost Valley Drive	Orinda	CA 94563	64G
Banaszak, Ronald	10625 Avenue D	Chicago	IL 60617	64G
Boram, Clifford W.	271 East 7th Street	New York	NY 10009	62C
Bordelon, Ronald J.	2528 Missouri Avenue	Metairie	LA 70003	
Brenneman, Wally	Route 1	Kalona	IA 52247	62G
Brown, Joseph E.	Route 7, Box 6370	Plant City	FL 33566	64R
Cassie, Alan G.	21 Winslow Road	Chelmsford	ME 01824	64G
Chevrette, Russell	Moved	No forwarding address		..C
Compton, J.W.	700 Spring Garden Drive	Bluefield	WV 24701	64G
Crocker, Ronald	1241 Healey	Kalamazoo	MI 28711	
Dahlgren, William A.	415 Hazelwood Lane	Glenview	IL 60025	63G
Dancer, John T.	407 Wood Street	Stockbridge	MI 49285	64G
Davis, Donald A.	3366S 600 East	Marion	IN 46952	63C
Davis, Forrest E.	1106 7th Street South	Fargo	ND 58102	61G
DeJong, Nico H.	3422 Veralta Drive	Cedar Falls	IA 50613	61G,62G
Demeter, Michael Jr.	314 W.Galbraith Road	Cincinnati	OH 45215	62G
Eaton, Byron	8806 Balcones Cl.Drive	Austin	TX 78759	64R
Edwards, Lemuel K.	4629 Mistletoe Drive	Wichita Falls	TX 76310	61G
Ellis, Mark	145 Ivywood Lane	Radnor	PA 19087	
Eronson, Burton D.	W.1619 8th Avenue	Spokane	WA 99204	65G
Fisher, Bill	4058 North 14th Avenue	Tucson	AZ 85705	
Foote, Dean W.	13120 Yorktown Drive	Bowe	MD 20715	64G
Forman, Jim	1400 Delano Drive	Las Cruces	NM 88001	64G
Gallup, David L.	6100 Yecker	Kansas City	KS 66104	61R
Goode, William P.	3811 Pyka Drive	Dallas	TX 75233	63C
Grafton, Dennis C.	Florida Bible College	Hollywood	FL 33020	..G
Gridley, Edwin D.	RR #2, Box 158	Franklin	IN 46131	62G,62R
Grille, Alvin	660 Newman Avenue	Jefferson	LA 70121	65G
Guetzmacher, Gary	RR #2, Box 211	Bangor	MI 49013	62C
Halvorson, Clarence R.	1724 DuPont Drive	Lemon Grove	CA 92045	62C
Harp, Rush	Yankee Town Pond Road	Bearsville	NY 12409	..G
Hart, Lee A.	207 Pearl Street	Houghton	MI 49931	61G
Hendricks, Bruce	312 Cox Street	Mason	OH 45041	62G
Herschberger, Art	124B Fulton Street	Princeton	WI 54968	..G
Howard, Donald E.	210 Concord Road	Chelmsford	MA 01824	63G
Howell, Jim L.	3522 Rothmoor Drive	Knoxville	TN 37918	62G
Howell, John E.Jr.	Rt.1,Old Buttermilk Rd.	Lenoir City	TN 37771	..R
Jackson, John C.	2934 Vivian Lane	San Jose	CA 95124	61R
Jones, Orville	734 East Martin	Indianapolis	IN 46227	62L
Kirkwood, James G.	804 West North Street	Kokomo	IN 46901	64G
Kyger, Russell K.	2206 Perrine Street	Lafayette	IN 47906	62G
Lippert, Orville	Route #4, Box 275	DeFuniak Springs	FL 32433	61G,64G
Loftin, W.R.Jr.	2412 Landmark Dr.,Apt.1	Raleigh	NC 27607	61R,63G
Long, R.(Russ) J.	6798 North Maple	Fresno	CA 93710	64C
Malcolm, Douglas H.	215 North Ocean Avenue	Patchogue	NY 11772	62C,63G
Martin, Keith	1890 North 36th Street	Galesburg	MI 49053	64G
Mayhew, Howard C.Jr.	4 Hawthorne Drive	Cherry Hill	NJ 09003	61G,62G,65C
McKeel, Michael B.	4235 South Dearborn Dr.	Melvindale	MI 48122	64C,65G

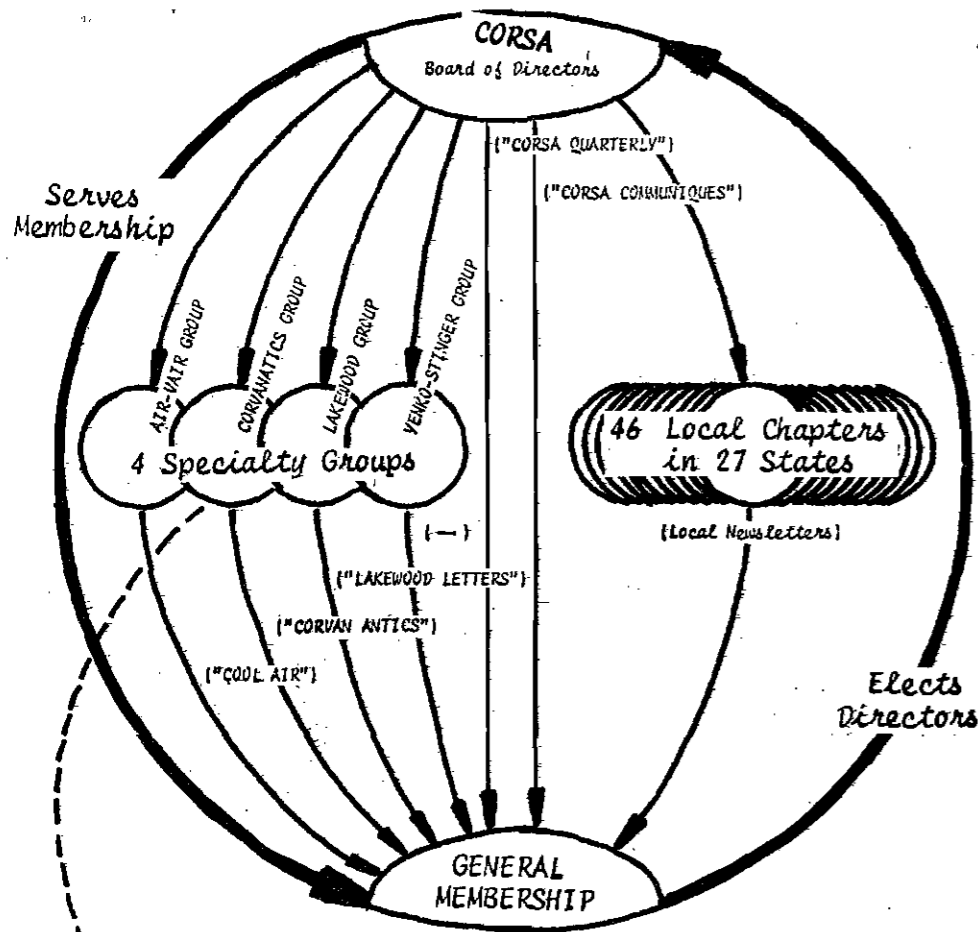
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Miller, Cecil	183 Hillcrest Drive	Langdon	ND 58249	61G,63R,64G
Murphy, Tom P.	90 Spring Street	Wilkes-Barre	PA 18702	64G,..G
Nelson, Gary	1122 North 12th Street	Fargo	ND 58102	62G
Newell, David	1481 Hamrick Lane	Hayward	CA 94544	..G
Parker, S. Josh Jr.	Route #1, Box 88	Hurdle Mills	NC 27541	62G
Payne, Jack R.	4614 Applestone	Memphis	TN 38109	64G
Prichard, William C.	Box 843	Black Mountain	NC 28711	64R
Reihing, Martin	3940 Willys Parkway	Toledo	OH 43611	62G
Renner, William	1131 Shelby	Indianapolis	IN 46203	61C,61G,61R
Scheible, Ralph	3135-A South 18th St.	Milwaukee	WI 53215	64G
Schwartz, Woody	13150 Old Columbia Pike	Silver Spring	MD 20904	61R,62G,63C
Shephard, Spencer H.	Route 216	Poughquay	NY 12570	..G
Sherman, Roger C.	Route 8, Box 292W	Marion Meadows	WV 26505	..G
Shields, Mark J.	Box 387	Toccoa Falls	GA 30577	61G
Skony, Peter M.	3611 North Avers	Chicago	IL 60618	62C,64G
Smith, Ken	Route #1	Baldwin	LA 70514	61C
Smith, Lockhart J.	USS GRAND CANYON, AR28	FPO New York	NY 09501	63G
Smith, Pete P.	1944 Evergreen Road	Homewood	IL 60430	..G,..R
Smith, Robert J.	Route #2, Box 291	Gaston	SC 29053	61G,64G
Sterling, John D	3020 North Main Street	Waterbury	CT 06704	63G
Stroop, C.R.	108 Boes Court	West Lafayette	IN 47906	64G
Sweetman, Richard H.	4 South 70th Avenue	Pensacola	FL 32501	64G
Thornton, James W.	Box 6155	Jackson	MS 39208	62L
Van Scyoc, Jim R.	24867 Calaroga Avenue	Hayward	CA 94545	65G
Wells, George E.	3466 Marathon Drive,#45	Columbus	GA 31903	63G
Whiteley, John L.	RR #7	Bethlehem	PA 18015	62C
Wilhite, K.(Ken) T.Jr.	3654 Green Ash Court	Indianapolis	IN 46222	
Wisby, Tom	807 South Jamestown	Tulsa	OK 74112	64C
Yingst, James O.	4115 Sewanee Drive	Winston-Salem	NC 27106	62R
Zintek, Edward	104 Primrose Lane	North Syracuse	NY 13212	64R

\* C=Corvan G=Greenbrier L=Loadside R=Rampside

NOTE: We are planning to publish this roster once a year, and hopefully it will help you when traveling or when writing other members. It was compiled from all the information available to your editor at press time. Please let him know if anything is listed incorrectly -- especially your MAILING ADDRESS! In order to help you determine when to pay your dues -- and as soon as we have the necessary information from the treasurer -- we'll start showing your "expiration date" on your mailing label.

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In order to make it more interesting to go out and draw new members, your council of officers has decided -- until further notice -- on making a free one-year membership (\$5-) available to any member who comes up with TWO new members. Also, we have streamlined the application procedure. The attached revised application blank now has a line "Referred By" which, when filled out, will assure you of that one-year free membership per two new members. A new member may now mail his or her application and check to ONE address -- your friendly editor -- for prompt updating of our mailing list and forwarding to the treasurer. Meanwhile, keep up the good work finding new members -- just xerox the form, give it to any prospect you might know, or simply slip it under their windshield wiper.



CORSA SPECIALTY GROUPS,

THEIR NEWSLETTERS

AND PRESIDENTS\*

AIR-VAIR GROUP  
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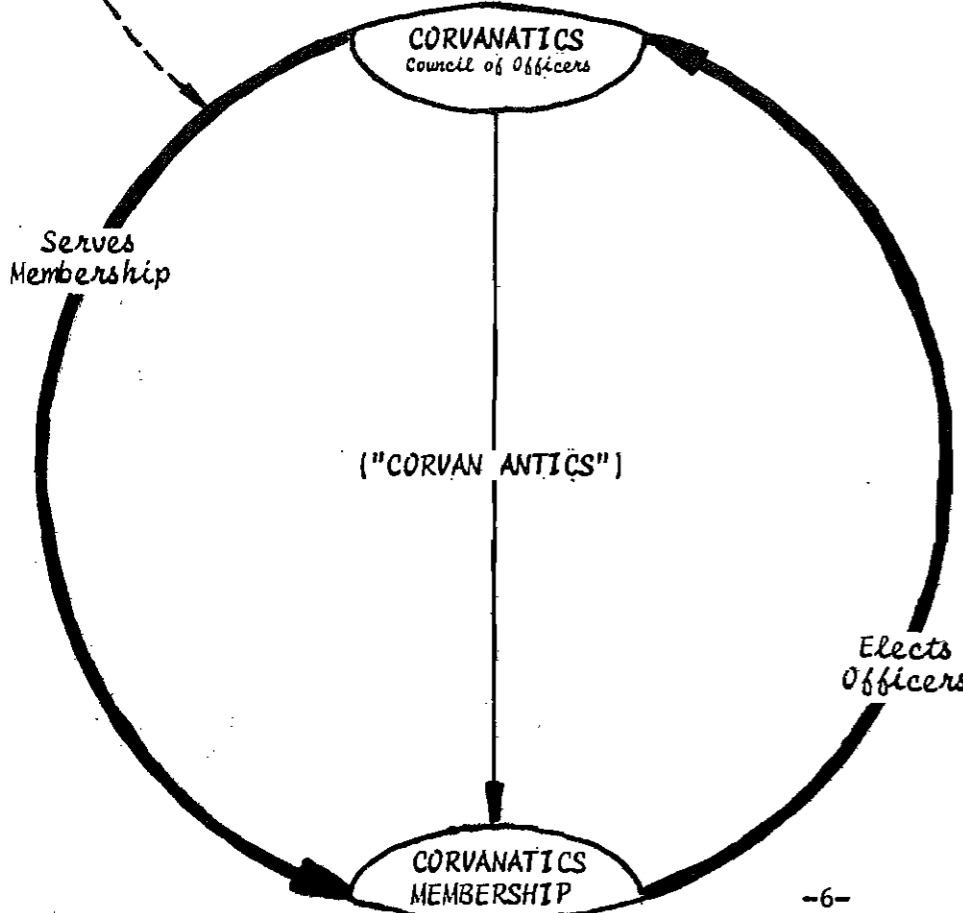
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LAKWOOD GROUP  
("LAKWOOD LETTERS")  
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\* Ref.:  
"CORSA COMMUNIQUES"  
4-6, 5-4, 5-8, 5-9

\*\* Not formally organized



TECH TOPICS  
by Russ Long, Technical Editor

Here's a potpourri of tech tips...If you have decided to install a ROOF VENT, avoid weakening the roof structure by cutting into one of the cross-ribs...If you live where wind and rain are both a problem, try using 16-inch anti-lift type WIPER BLADES, being sure to check that arm tension is within specs...With winter upon us, be sure your HEATER is in good working order; check the following: all sheet-metal in place, heater houses OK, blower, under-vehicle ducting, and dash outlets and controls...A LOW BRAKE PEDAL when the linings are OK could mean low brake fluid level in the master cylinder, which is located under the floorboard and accessible through a rubber plug under the mat.. Be careful when selecting CUSTOM WHEELS, as some disk brake types will rub on the upper control arm in front...61-64 Chevy IMPALA STATION WAGON WHEELS will fit; they're 14x6, cost around \$40-/4 new... SPYDER GLOVE BOX DOORS will fit if you disassemble the piano hinge and flip it over...A good source of power for an OVER-HEAD LIGHT in the back of van models is the hot side of the dome light (red lead) ...An annoying RATTLE on manual transmission models can sometimes be traced to the small rectangular plug next to the dash cluster, used for the gear selector lever on Powerglide models...Quartz-iodine HEADLIGHT replacements do wonders for nighttime motoring...On manual transmission models, be sure to grease the pin that connects the SHIFT LINKAGE to the transmission to minimize wear and rust... A TURBO MUFFLER will fit in the factory well, but becomes the lowest point on the vehicle; it sounds neat, is quiet inside, and is fairly low-restriction; use a 65-66 turbo muffler, not a 62-64 style... Sears has a great SPARE TIRE CARRIER in their Recreational Vehicle catalog; with a little modification it will mount on the rear bumper; it has a latch that allows it to fold down out of the way for engine and rear door access; stock #28 AB 49119... When SYNCHRONIZING the carbs with either a Uni-Syn or a vacuum gauge, be sure to have the RH leading the LH one slightly for better vacuum advance operation... Least expensive FAN BELT on the market is through Sears catalog at \$1.79 each for

#28 AR 67545...Montgomery Ward order # 61 A 13175 is a STEERING STABILIZER which will fit either the sedans or vans, helps tremendously on rough roads...NAPA parts houses stock a Corvaire PLUG WIRE SET, #7301, made by Belden, but it comes with flimsy boots, so order 6 #7552 boots to complete the set properly...

RUSS

NOTE: Send your TECH TOPICS items to Russ Long for publication. Mailing deadline: 15 February 1975. EDITOR

CLASSIFIED

(No charge to members of CORVANATICS. Non-members: \$3-/ad; approved furnished flyer inserts free up to 10¢ postage limit)

PARTS WANTED: 2nd & 3rd seats for deluxe interior, 64 Greenbrier, turquoise & white must be in good/excellent condition. 65-69 multiplex unit. 65-69 black rubber floor mats (dealer option). Greenbrier tire cover - turquoise. Set of interior mats, deluxe Greenbrier, turquoise; must be excellent. Pete Skony, 312-463-3465, 3611 N.Avers, Chicago IL 60618.

BINDERS

Sending \$2- to CORSA secretary and CORVANATIC Mark Ellis will get you a nice binder that will hold and protect all CORVAN ANTICS issues published to date. There's no need to punch holes. We're planning an annual C.A. index and continuous page numbering -- as of '75 -- to help you build a handy library for quick reference. EDITOR

TRUCKERS LINGO....

Joe: "Saville, der dago, Tosin bussis inaro!"  
Bill: "Nojo, demis trux; Summit cousin, Summit doux!"

...AND TRANSLATION

Joe: "Say Bill, there they go, A thousand buses in a row!"  
Bill: "No Joe, them's trucks; Some've got cows in'em, Some've got ducks!"

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK....

Warmest congratulations are in order to honorary member Ken Wilhite, founder and president of CORVANATICS. This came about as a result of a unanimous vote of the CORVANATICS council of officers and without even a single objection of the general membership. Ken, this is their way of saying Thank You for all that you've done for our club!

You must have noticed the sudden "jump" in membership from 58 to 81, but this isn't as big an increase as it appears to be. The difference is the result of inadvertent overlooking of twenty members in our records. The problem has been corrected and we did mail them the June and September newsletters. Our apologies. Three new members have joined our ranks since September, and we want to extend a most sincere welcome to Bruce Allred, Donald Howard and Cecil Miller!

We're delighted with the letters and phone calls we received in response to the September Convention Issue and we hope that you'll continue this trend in '75. The old saying that the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it still applies.

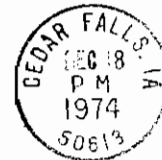
John Jackson of San Jose, California, has an amazing Rampside, complete with a full-blown camper on it. He'll tell you all about it in an illustrated story in our next issue.

Before setting up elections, your council is busy drafting a constitution and incorporating all by mail and this takes time. We'll keep you posted.

greeting among desert people in Africa and the Middle East is, "May there be many camels in your future." Paraphrasing, we wish you many "95's" and/or Green-briers in '75, and may they continue to be a source of much enjoyment. NICO

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