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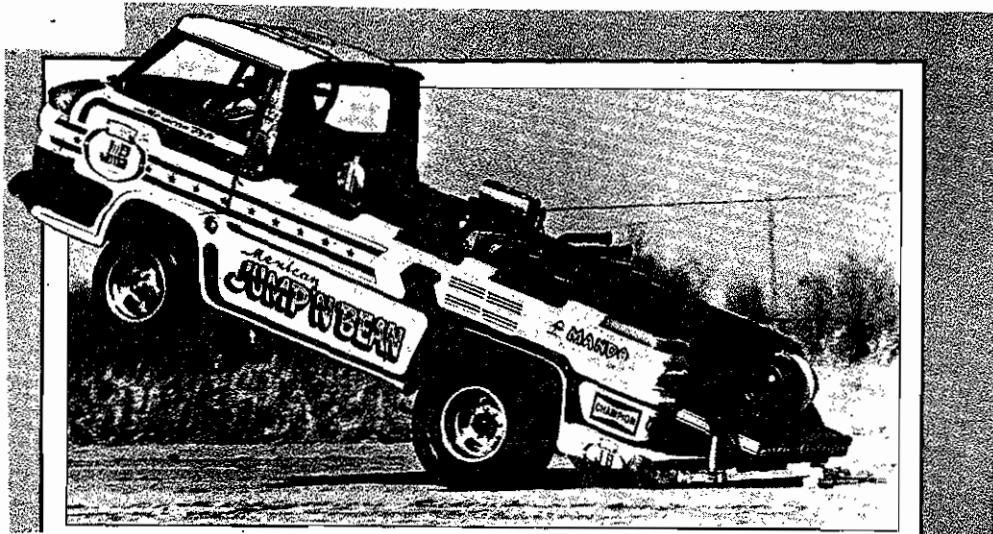


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PLEASE NOTE:

We are still collecting names for our travel helpers who can help you if you have a problem while traveling.

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ON THE COVER:

I have had more than one person send me in this picture of Pete Huerta demonstrating how to increase front tire life in the JB Auto Chemicals Mexican Jump'n Bean. This is a 427 Chevy Corvair Pickup (non-stock) which will carry the front wheels off the ground over the quarter at speeds that exceed 135 mph. Jim Craig says that somewhere there was another FC set up only the cab was in the rear, imagine over 120 mph going backwards!! Far out. Does anyone remember this or have a picture of it??

FORWARD CONTROLLING WITH THE PRESIDENT:

We finally made it to the spring season. However, here in Indiana the winter was warmer and drier than the spring is now. The excess rain has been hampering the Corvair hobby. However, Corvair club good weather activities are just around the corner so have patience.

We have some Corvanatics activities being scheduled. Director, Jim Craig is planning a Corvanatics Camp-in for the southern California area, Vice-president Mike Gaynor is planning a Corvanatics meet in conjunction with the Mid-west Mini-convention in Minneapolis in June and Paul Henrich is planning a Corvanatics meet in the 1st summer or fall. I am very happy to see so many members interested in sponsoring Corvanatics club activities in their areas.

I sure would like to be able to attend all of these meets but I can't go to the one in California since we must save some vacation (and money) for going to Seattle.

Our index is coming along nicely, thanks to Nico DeJong, Jack McCullen and Robert Terkelson. Bob has edited a computerized index for 1972 through 1982 and the sample I received is very good. Tentatively we plan to furnish all members with this index free, with additional copies costing \$1. In addition, the club roster which didn't sell very well but was well received when it was free will be free again this year. The index and roster are just some of the dues benefits

to go along with our excellent newsletter.

A tip of the hat from all of us to Bob Kirkman for digging out the information on speedometer gears, ratios, data, etc. Now we know why some of our parts mixing didn't work out as desired.

Tom

WESTERN CORVANATICS ROUNDUP:

Jim Craig

JUNE 3,4, &5 Woods Valley Kampground, Valley Center, California
Sponsored by Corvanatics Chapter members of San Diego, Cal area.

This is a first time event for the local Corvanatics and it will be a relaxing, no rush event. \$20 camping for the weekend plus \$5 registration (total of \$25). Includes trophies, dash plaque, all hook-ups, dumping, pool, etc. ALL owners of FORWARD CONTROL Corvair vehicles are invited. The EVENT is limited to the first twenty-five (25) vehicles. Registration cut-off date is May 1 or 1st 25 enterants to register. (There is a charge per person for people visiting those registered in the park, park rules) A self guided tour packet of local area with maps will be sent to pre-registered, to such places as Palomar Observatory, Pala Mission, San Diego WildAnimal Park, fishing at near by Lake Hensaw or just relaxing under the trees and get acquainted with each other. Big pottluck dinner for Saturday evening
Make checks payable to: Jim Craig, Corvanatics Western Director,
7731 Peacock Drive, San Diego, Ca 92123 (619) 571-3493 after 6 PM.

Jim Craig

TECH TOPICS:

Tech Topics is a collection of technical questions, answers, tips and opinions. All questions, comments, etc you have should be sent to a Technical Advisor in your area or with a specialty that matches your need. Those of general interest will be included in some future issue of CORVAN ANTICS.

Technical Advisors, Locations and Specialty (more next issue)

Larry Claypool (Central US and Canada)

80th Ave Lincoln Est, Frankfort, IL 60243 (315) 469-2936 10AM-6PM
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Engine, chassis, mechanical and electrical

Bob Marlow (Eastern US and Canada)

161 Hill Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432 (201) 444-1859
Original equipment identification, FCs in commercial use

Larry Thomas

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Parts finder

Q. Richard White of Moraga, California asked some advice concerning radial tires for his FC. Probably very few of us have the opportunity to gather tons of personal experience with over-the-road tires on FCs so I forwarded the request to the Corvanatics Technical Advisors and I was surprised at the response.

A. Wally Brenneman, Larry Claypool and Bob Marlow have all been impressed with 14" radials on FCs. Their collected experience includes FCs on interstates, "ordinary" driving, rallies and slalom competition. They mentioned "extraordinary improvement", gas mileage improved, tire mileage improved, general handling improved, great success, no reason at all to use bias ply tires. With all this good positive agreement what was the surprising thing? The tire size recommendation was.

Wally had two Greenbriers on 195 tires as being the nearest to the original size. Bob has one vehicle on 185 and another on 175. Because of stock 5-inch rims and a swing axle, he sticks to a section width close to stock and feels overall that is better than going to wide radials on stock rims. Bob cautions to look at the tire load rating. An FC loaded to GVW of 4600 pounds needs at least a 185 size pumped up to 32 or 35 psi. A 195 size with load rating up to 1400 pounds gives a bit more margin for heavy loading.

Bob uses 80 aspect ratio to get revs-per-mile figure about like the original so that the speedo readings are near accurate. Larry is perhaps a bit Macho on size and says the old 7.00 x 14 has evolved thru several numbering systems and designs and upgrading to spec out now at about P195/75R14. A wider 205 of 70 aspect ratio would come out to be OK on diameter or even a 215 of 60 aspect ratio if used on wider rims. So with comments on ranging from 175 to 215, Mr White has a bit to choose from. Seems to me to boil down to generally a 185 or 195 size on stock rims to do the job.

Steel vs. synthetic belts? Synthetics cost a bit less, run a bit cooler (which should equate to less trouble) and are lighter in weight than the steel belted.

Tire brand was a mad scramble. One thread that ran thru the replies was that there are lesser known (to us) import brands that perform as well as the well known big bucks import brands. And don't forget our own manufacturers (B F goodrich as mentioned in particular).

Remember a blemished tire on sale of the type you want would be a good buy as the "blemish" is never such as to affect performance of the tire.

Bob Kirkman

OPEN LETTER TO CORVANATICS MEMBERS:

Mike Gaynor

All you (you all) southern members don't realize what you are missing not living in the northern states. Here in Minnesota, if you want to keep your FC in decent shape, you must store it in the winter months. Many years it is hard to define the winter months. Next week I get to go to northern Wisconsin (Siren, Wis) to our cabin, where I store my '61 Greenbrier and take it out of wraps. I can't wait. Three weeks ago, I went up there and removed the automatic transmission to rebuild it. The rebuild is done and I now have reverse. I have lost reverse about five times, but I now feel that the problem is solved I will share the solution after I drive it a little while.

You may recall, that last issue I asked that members send a photo of their FC (or FCs) and write their needs or excess of parts on the back of the picture. I would then be able to help members get together on certain parts. The day that I received my CORVANATICS newsletter, I also received seven letters with pictures from you members. I thought WOW--every day seven letters until all 300+ members pictures are in. Well, I need more of you to start the flow of photos again. Remember, you may describe something about your vehicle too. I know how easy it is to put off, but go out and do it now. Take a picture and send it to me.

June 10, 11, and 12 are the dates for the Midwest Corvair Owners Convention. Last year it was in Madison, Wisconsin and this year in Bloomington, Minnesota. This is a CORSA sanctioned event that is trying to rotate between several clubs in the midwest each year. We would like to extend an invitation for it to be a spring get-together for the Corvanatics members also. The planning that goes into a Mini-convention is just as extensive as a national, so why not use the excellent planning of the Midwest Corvair Owners to provide a meeting place for us. I will volunteer to get a meeting together for us whenever it is in the midwest. This would enable us to have a better concourse in our FC class. We could have a couple of tech. sessions devoted to FCs. The National and the Hoosier shows are just too big for us to get together and do ourselves justice. What do you think?

Plans are starting for the meeting of our group at the National in Seattle. Hope to see you there!

Corvantically yours

Mike Gaynor, Vice President

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SELL: Gabriel Red Ryders (heavy duty) 42084 Shock absorbers for FC \$60 per set of 4. Bob Goodman, 8415 Glen Valley Drive, Houston Texas 77061

SELL: 1961 Loadside, good body, 4-speed, chrome bumpers, rebuilt 110 HP engine, Spyder dash, rebuilt brakes \$1200 or make offer 95 Gas heater \$200 Larry Thomas, Box 4, Goshen, OH 45122 (513) 722-2871

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SELL: 1964 Greenbrier, 8-door, white with red stripe, automatic, rebuilt engine, 20,000 miles, total milage on odometer 97,000 Georgia inland vehicle, no rust, all new weatherstrips include windshield, new black carpet throughout. Seats like new, runs great, excellent condition. \$3000. Fred Roney, Rt 7 Box 165, Griffin, Georgia 30223 (404)227-5178 evenings (404)228-7340/44 Days

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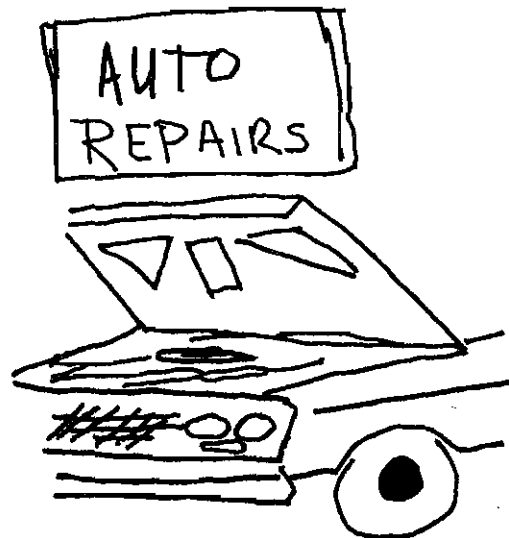
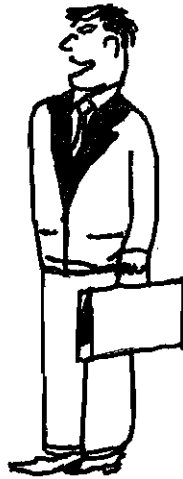
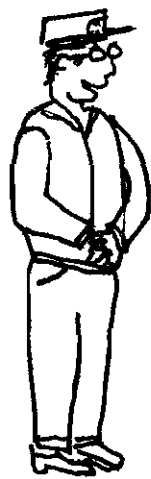
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Thanks to Don and Rosa Terwilleger for a nice letter and sent along a GM Line Sheet for his 1965 Greenbrier Spt Wgn. Ah, the good old days

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Gene Brick
&
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