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Riding with the President

by John Nickel

Happy almost spring! Soon some of us will be able to work on our FCs outside without freezing, others may take longer. I wish you all great weather to get them ready for this year's show season and regular driving around.

Work on the 2014 CORSA Convention in Tacoma, WA has been moving along pretty well. We have finally established the dates: the 28th of July through the 1st of August, 2014. Designs for the convention logo and the T-shirt have been finalized for the "Corvair Expo Tacoma 2014" (the logo is below). We are working on arranging the schedule of activities and finalizing a myriad of other details that need to be addressed. The host hotel has given us a tentative contract, but some of the details still have to be ironed out before that is finalized as well. I think that this show will be one of the best yet if not THE best. I hope that you all can begin to plan to attend. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the actual running of the show. If you would like to help out, please let me or your Zone Director know.

I have just completed my annual trip down to Sarasota Florida. This year we had early the entire family there at a sort of reunion and 90th birthday celebration for my Mom. An added benny for me was to be able to attend my first Daytona 500 on Sunday! What a kick! The trip in the 64-8-door was an uneventful 2000 miles with no problems, oh yes, I did have to buy a new battery on the way back. The old one was at least 9 years old. How come they don't last forever? Just before my trip I picked up another Greenbrier, a 64-6-door standard edition with the original truck engine and powerglide. More work to do. I have included a picture for the back of it. The bumper is a bit bent, but there is very minimal rust or even dents anywhere on it. No, I'm not trying to get it to fly, just anchoring the shelter down against wind gusts.

Have a great spring.

John Nickel



The official Logo of the 2014 CorSA Convention. Thanks go to Kevin Clark for putting it together. The T-shirt and all other artwork will expand from this design.

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Have a FC story, an article on a local event or tech tip you would like to share? Please email the articles to CorvanAntics@gmail.com.

Text in Word documents preferred, please send photos separate in .jpg format. Hardcopy stories by mail are accepted, but must be typed or legible, send copies of photos not originals.



From the Secretary

Hi all,

We received a donation from Robert Langdorn. This is our first donation, so it's been decided to use it toward the 2014 CORSA Convention that Corvanatics is hosting in Tacoma.

WELCOME !! We have a few new members since the last newsletter.

Jon Peters CA 1962 Rampside, 1963 Greenbriar, 1964 Corvan 8 door, 100+ toys

Gene Barr FL 1961 Corvan, 1963 Monza Coupe (Autocross car)

Bill McColl NC 1964 Rampside

Clair Morgan KY 63 Greenbriar 102hp 4 speed white w/ red also a 65 Corsa conv. Drive them everyday



Can you see any different about Molly?

Welcome back to Andy. He's been absent from us for a few years.

Andy Alexander TX 2 1963 Greenbriers, a 1964 Greebrier, and a 1963 Rampside

Please encourage any FC owner you see or communicate with to join Corvanatics.

Dues Owed

Last Chance

We still have a few people on the last chance list. This list is folks who are seriously overdue. If you are on it, this is your last newsletter unless you pay your dues. There is no penalty. Please pay up so this list goes away.

Jeff Kent	Jul, 2012
Ed Walsh	Jul, 2012

Overdue

Due from the end of last year and first of this year. Second reminder.

Jon Jantz	Oct. 2012	Mark Whitman	Jan, 2013
Jim Patterson	Nov, 2012	John Policella	Jan, 2013
Richard Cooley	Nov, 2012	Jim Diell	Feb, 2013
Dennis Dorogi	Dec, 2012	Lee Cramp	Feb, 2013

Currently Due

Due March and April. First notification.

John Mellies	Mar. 2013	Dave Todd	Mar. 2013
Michael Burgio	Mar. 2013	Jeff Stonesifer	Mar. 2013
Ray Davis	Mar. 2013	Sterling Winings	Mar. 2013
Les Huckins	Mar. 2013	William Watertor	Mar. 2013
John Lantz	Mar. 2013	JC Ash	Mar. 2013
William Meglen	Mar. 2013	Les Curtner	Apr, 2013
Jerry Moyer	Mar. 2013	Darren Pralle	Apr, 2013
Thomas O'Leary	Mar. 2013	Paul Broyles	Apr, 2013
Fred Palmer	Mar. 2013		

Remember, your dues can be paid for more than one year at a time.

I am continuing to send dues reminders with both emails and postcards to help remind members about paying their dues. It seems to be helping the list shrink and many are very appreciative of the reminders. Do remember, sometimes my reminder and your payment can pass each other up, especially using "snail" mail.

Thanks,
Molly Bacon



*Molly from the May/June 2012 Corvan Antics
Congratulation on losing the weight!*

New Members: Jon and Carol Peters by Jon Peters

I've had my 63 Hippy Greenbrier, 110 PG, for over 14yrs. It once had colorful flowers, but they have faded to white. During one of the Escondido Cruise nights we let everyone color the white flowers with sharpies, looked great, went to take a picture the next morning and the dew had washed all the colors off on the ground. I installed a VW Rock and Roll seat, Carol had always wanted to be able to sleep over night on weekend trips. Now we can! Next project will be to paint it Bright Orange with a cream color stripe and top. Yes, a 50/50 Ice Cream bar!

I also have a 62 Rampside 95 PG, have had it for over 16yrs. We used to use it in parades when paint was fresh. It worked great, because we had a bench seat that bolted down in the bed. But she's a work horse, always hauling stuff every where!

My other truck is a 64 8 door, bought up above San Francisco 9yrs ago. I've been using it for a water and power line storage. As I devolved my 4 acres, I kept my PVC water and power pipes and fittings. It worked great, just drive up to the work area, open all the doors and go work!



Tim and Nancy Werner by Tim Werner

After three years of hard work on body and frame, our little truck won first place in the Sharonville, OH Old Car Show: Utility Class. Even so it still works great as a wood hauler.



Corvair Engine 101

by Jim Diel

Jim Diel's recent Rampala article last left off with the engine in dire straits. He used a local resource to both repair the engine and educate some youngsters.

Did your High School teach you to rebuild Corvair engines?

M.M. Robinson High School in Burlington, Ontario does and has been doing so since 2006.

This year they are building an engine for the Rampala, that had developed a severe knock, described at the end of his article in the Jan/Feb CorvanAntics.



Top right: Alex removing old push rod tube seals

Above: Shane rotating 95hp engine for piston install

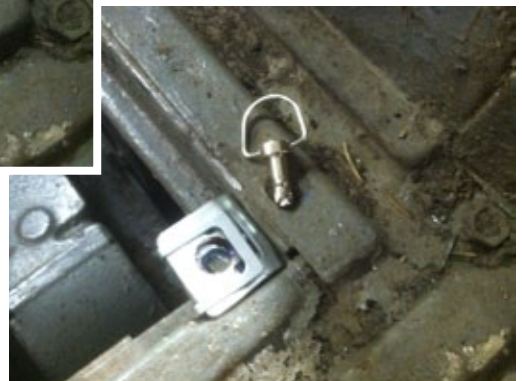
Right: Alex "resting", Matt installing bearing inserts, Shane "supervising" Matt, Dave threading connecting rod bolts

Pinning Down the Hinge

by Eric Prosis

On my rampside, the engine cover is hinged, but I didn't want it bouncing around, and never really cared to remove the large quantity of bolts holding it down.

I found a couple quarter-turn DZUS fasteners on ebay, 1/4" in diameter, and about 1" long. I fabricated a small angle bracket, out of a piece of unistrut clamp, and mounted the DZUS panel clip to it, then drilled a small hole in the engine lid. Works like a charm, and somewhat unnoticeable, unless you are looking. I still plan on wiring the D-ring on the fastener to the handle that someone put on my engine lid - so I don't lose them.



Winter Projects Extreme Door Fitting

by Fran Schmit



I have owned my '61 Rampside for many years (20, maybe 30) and have had a good time with it. I am now trying to do the needed body work to get it ready for a nice paint job. I am toying with the idea of original colors but Tahitian Coral/White seem a little odd, to me, for the colors of a truck....but I'm still thinking.

One of the problems I have had (that I'd like to tell you about) was with the driver's door not fitting in its hole very well. No matter how I adjusted the hinges I could not get even close to a good fit. I even ground off some of the door to accommodate the poor fit but couldn't really do enough.

I decided to be a little bolder and to attack that hole with my Porta-Power. The door had been tight at the top front and the bottom rear meaning the hole needed to

be stretched apart between those two points. I fabricated some curved wooden blocks, so the hydraulic ram wouldn't wreck anything, and pushed up and forward till I heard some 'creaking'. Never having been down this road before, I stopped and measured my corner-to-corner spacing – no change. I put the blocks back in and pumped on my ram a few more pumps. ...more groaning, but no popping! A second measurement found an increase of about 3/16" from upper front to lower rear. Hopingly, I removed the blocks, etc. and carefully closed the door. It was (is) a PERFECT fit!! I was (am) really impressed. The factory had made the parts correctly – all those years ago - but just misplaced them a 'skosh'. I now have a very nice fitting door on my Rampside.

After congratulating myself on such a "job well done" I noticed a new crack! Right above the driver's left eye is a seam where at least four separate pieces of sheet metal are spot welded together. My Hydraulic Ram (I love Fluid Power!) had dislocated those panels by opening that joint....I thought I had heard a 'pop', once. To prevent those panels from going back where they came from, I welded, on both sides, the separated panels. Hopefully my door will stay where I want it to stay.



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The Annual
Corvanatics Meeting is
scheduled for 8.30 till
10pm Wednesday July
17, 2013 at the CorSA
National Convention in
Kalamazoo.

We hope to see a
large Convanatics
turn out. Don't miss
"A Vairiation in
Kalamazoo".



Corranatics Vets

Tom O'Leary



Service from Feb 1959 to Oct 1965.

I spent most of time in Germany (Panzer Kaserne - Kaiserslautern), (Gutleut Kaserne - Frankfurt A/M), (7th Army NCO Academy - Bad Toelz), and many TDY assignments from Berlin, to Orleans, France & Harrogate, UK to name a few.

Attained the rank of Sgt E-5, with the Army Security Agency.

Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal.



Behind Mary, my sisters and me is my 64 Monza 4 speed convertible in 1968.

Larry Schmuhl

I Joined the Navy in 1968. Served as a Data Systems Technician on USS Ranger and USS Constellation in Vietnam until 1975.



This is my Rampside in a car show at the VA in San Antonio. The objects in the back are two dolls Mary made. He had a wrench in hand and a toolbox she has a cell phone



My granddaughter Jessica's Winterguard group used the Rampside to haul their floor covering and sometimes all the girls to competitions. The girls (and a guy) do interpretive dancing with flags, rifles and swords in competition. Each team has to provide their own equipment including the mat they perform on which covers the center of a gym floor. The rampside was well suited to carrying the mat as I could roll it up with the girls where it took 3 or 4 dads to lift it into a conventional pickup.

Corvairs Return to Hilton Head

By Lillian Law

Seven Heart of Georgia Corvair Club owners and three from South Carolina participated in the Car Club Jamboree at the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours 'd Elegance November 3, 2012.

We proudly parked our Corvairs on the show field with much more expensive collector cars of the past. Corvairs still get as much attention as the others. Our host on the show field commented that it was nice to see a group of people having as much fun as we did.

James enjoyed having the Hagerty Junior Judges in training judge our Rampside. He said

He enjoyed that more than winning the Crescent Award in the people's choice. When we were asked if the Junior Judges could judge the Rampside James had expected them to be young adults first time judges learning to judge, actually they were teen age kids. They asked very good questions and showed a genuine interest. He was very impressed, they were polite and thanked him when they finished. It is so nice to see young people interested in our hobby.

Heart of Georgia members attending were Billy and Eleanor Bruce 63

Greenbriar, Al and Paula Hilderbrand 65 Corsa race car, David and Heidi Clamp 65 Corsa Convertible, Shirley and Chuck Smith 67 Sedan, Joe & Rhonda Gail Gleaton 64 Monza Convertible,

James and Lillian Law 63 Rampside and 1964 Monza Convertible. Our South Carolina

friends Dick and Dee Charest 65 Corsa Coupe, Ronnie and Patti Jenkins 64 Monza Convertible, Richard Felder 65 Coupe were excited to finish the 10 cars they allowed us to display.

This is a very impressive show and we hope we will be invited again.

[Video Link for electronic newsletters](#)



Two Forward Controls on the shw field. Van owned by Billy Bruce. Rampside owned by James Law.

Danny Davis



Danny Davis posing here with his 1963 Greenbrier, recently joined Corvanatics and is the Local Liaison Chair for the 2014 CorSA Convention. Dan spearheaded the movement to bring the 2014 CorSA Convention to Tacoma. He gives us a little of what to expect in Tacoma.

The convention dates have been finalized. Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1, 2014. We are working closely with the [Tacoma/Pierce County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) to make everyone's visit to the area a Vairy memorable one. Tacoma has claimed the fame of [Dale Chihuly](#), glass artist of world renown. The focus of much of the art district is Glass. The [Museum of Glass](#) and the [Tacoma Art Museum](#) have plenty of other attractions, but when you get home from your visit to Tacoma, you will remember the glass, trust me.

There are plenty of great places to have a memorable meal in and around Tacoma. If you are looking for a quick lunch near the LeMay Museum, stop by the [FreightHouse](#) food courts or step in to [Friesenburgers](#) for a gluten-free treat.

The Tacoma Light Link trolley is close to both the host hotel and the LeMay Museum. About a 10-15 min. free ride between the two with stops along the way.

I'll write more later...

Corvair Lover's Holiday FC Style

Article by Molly Brown, photos by Molly Brown and Earl Jones

A beautiful but windy show. The skies were clear and bright, but a cold front moved through and brought the temps down and the winds up. Since we were right on the beach, the wind seemed even stronger. Still everyone had a great time. Forward Controls were well represented and over powered by the Rampside. There was one Greenbrier and four Rampside. As you can see in the pictures, there was actually a FC Volkswagon which is powered by a Corvair engine. The event had the usual People's Choice voting, valve cover races, and lots of food, door prizes, and camaraderie enjoyed by all. For a super fun Corvair event, keep this one in mind for next February.



Gordon Oxford and his Corvair powered VW Bus.



Top Left: Harold Hartline '62 Rampside
Middle left: Karl Seltzer '63 Rampside.
Left: James Law '63 Rampside.
Top Right: Jerry Moyer '64 Rampside.
Center Right: Earl Jones '62 Greenbrier.



Above: FCs at the Corvair Lovers Holiday

Below: FCs at the Hilton Head Island Concours



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