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## Riding with the President

by John Nickel

Wow! 2013 is almost over! Where does the time go and why does it pass so quickly? In just eight months we will be meeting in Tacoma, WA at the 2014 CORSA International convention 'Corvair Expo' July 21 – July 25. You can make your reservations now at the Hotel Murano, see the bottom of this page and the Communicue for details.

Members of the convention committee will be meeting in Tacoma next month with CORSA representatives to establish final details for the show. It will be my first visit to Tacoma in over 27 years, the city has changed so it is going to feel like my first visit ever and I'm excited to see the venues that we have planned for. We will visit the LeMay–Americas Car Museum where Concours will be on the show field on Tuesday, the start of both the Rally and the Econo run on Wednesday, and the People's Choice show on Friday. The Banquet on Friday night will take place inside the LeMay. We will also visit Bremerton Raceway where the Autocross will take place on Thursday. The Hotel Murano will be the location for most meetings, Hospitality, Vendors, and Monday evening's Welcome Party and Valve Cover Races. It is going to be great show and I hope that many of you can attend, and also help out if possible since we are the Host club.

Here in North Carolina we have just completed our fifth annual all Corvair show, 'Vairs in the Valley. It was a busy time for me and my club. There were over 180 registered attendees and 65 Corvairs on the show field on Saturday. The weather was warm and pleasant so all had a good time. I invite you all to attend next year, October 10-11, 2014 when we feature the 1965 Corvairs.

My 1962 Loadside project is moving along slower than I thought it would, but it is progressing. I have removed nearly all operational parts, wiring, cables etc. in preparation for media blasting, bodywork and then paint. This winter I will be building an 80hp engine and getting all the other parts ready for re-assembly in the spring. I have decided to keep it as original as possible, so it will remain a low hp 3-speed with 3:89 differential. I plan to have it repainted in the original Black with white stripe and non-deluxe windshield, painted bumpers and painted hubcaps. There wasn't a radio, so I'm not installing one. It was a really basic truck and I think it should stay that way at least it does have fresh air heat! Oh yes, do any of you have any painted dog-dish hubcaps around? Foolishly traded mine away for a set of chrome ones. They aren't perfect but I would be willing to make a trade if you're interested.

I hope that your holidays are happy and that you welcome in 2014 with a smile and anticipation.

John Nickel

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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

by Molly Bacon

Hi all,

For this newsletter, our most exciting news is the new merchandise is here and available. We have included an order form in the newsletter, plus it's all set up on the Corvanatics website on the page in a PayPal shopping cart format (a PDF order form is also downloadable from the website). The website has more detailed information about the items and larger pictures. As always, you can order online or mail me the order form.



## **WELCOME!!** to our new members

Phil Dally	CA	1961 Rampside
Paul Bayoff	MI	1968 Ultravan
Eva McGuire	MI	1963 Corvan known as Blupy
Richard Blanchard	MI	1961 Rampside
David Munaco	MI	1961 Rampside, 1961 Greenbrier, 1962 Corvan
Daniel Dood	MI	1964 Greenbrier, 1961 Greenbrier
Jess Corrigan	TX	1961 Rampside
Glenn Anderson	WA	1962 Rampside, 1963 Corvan

Please encourage any FC owner you see or communicate with to join Corvanatics. I can provide you with a PDF of a welcome letter and membership form you can print and pass out. Just email me at [Corvanatics@gmail.com](mailto:Corvanatics@gmail.com)

## **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.

David Brown	July 2013
Jim Grahl	July 2013
Raymond Paul	July 2013
Ron Yaskovic	July 2013
James Reinhart	July 2013

## **Dues Owed**

Due August and September. Second notice

Larry Hickerson	Aug 2013
Chris Pickel	Sept 2013
Edwin Clapper	Sept 2013
Kent Sullivan	Sept 2013

## **Currently Due**

Due October, November and December

Eric Prosis	Oct 2013	Dave Newell	Nov 2013
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John Gilliland	Oct 2013	Kevin Clark	Nov 2013
Dean Gemberling	Oct 2013	Ron Bloom	Dec 2013
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Brian Tucker	Nov 2013	Gerald Fleming	Dec 2013
Greg Czopek	Nov 2013	Dave Palmer	Dec 2013
Eric Lucas	Nov 2013	John Pinnell	Dec 2013
Mike Dobie	Nov 2013		

Remember, your dues can be paid for more than one year at a time. When you pay your dues, you will be sent an updated membership card with your new expiration date. Dues can be paid from the website with PayPal or sent "snail" mail with a check or money order.

Thanks,  
Molly Bacon

*P.S. I've been back up in Michigan for a few weeks and if you've recently mailed your dues, they may be in the mailbox there. Apologies for anyone who's paid, but still shows up as due.*

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	X-Large	\$18.00		
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# An International Garage Session

By Eric Taylor

I had three FCs in my garage recently, would have been four, but Joe Weber (<http://www.joescorvaigarage.com/>) and his Rampside couldn't make it. Joining my Rampside, *Corveric*, was Jim McRobbie's yellow Rampside and Bryan Mendiola's bagged Greenbrier. We were also honored that evening by a visit from Daniel Monasterio from Guadalajara, Mexico. He happened to be in town to visit his daughter and to take in the Langley Cruise-In. Daniel took a good look at Bryan's Greenbrier thinking he might bag one of his vans. I am trying to talk Jim, Joe and Bryan into joining Corvanatics.



*Bryan Mendiola's bagged Greenbrier*



*Eric Taylor's garage, not a bad place to hang out.*



*Jim McRobbie's Rampside waits patiently outside.*



*Eric Taylor's Rampside at the Langley Cruise-In*

## Checking in from Texas



*This photo was sent in by Sam Baker from a car show in Denton Texas. Members from North Texas Corvaired Association displayed three Corvaireds for this annual event. They were able to take a second place, and a peoples choice award.*



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## ***In Memorial:***

**Robert Tidwell** of Los Banos, CA passed away on September 13, 2013. Robert was a member of Corvanatics since 1990. His 1963 eight door van was featured on the front page of the November/December 2009 *Corvan Antics*.

Obituary <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mercedsunstar/obituary.aspx?n=robert-tidwell&pid=167275911&fhid=20263>

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*Gary Moore*

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# 2013 DACC Homecoming

By Molly Bacon Treasurer/Secretary

The weather was beautiful and you all know the FCs were beautiful and there were lots of them; 14 to be exact. Twelve were on display and a couple dropped by for a short visit. A rampside even won best of show. Three others also won places in the top 25. The music was good, the people were super, and the food was great as shown by the picture of the long lines at the pizza party.

As secretary/treasurer of Corvanatics, I was excited as I was able to sign up four new members. One owns the UltraVan in the pictures, another the "flower power" van with my husband, Chris, proudly applying the Corvanatics sticker to her back window. This is one of the best shows you can attend. Can't wait for next year.



*Photos by Molly Bacon*

# 2013 DACC Homecoming



Dale and Marilyn Dewald



Michael Emanuele



Eva McGuire



Clark Hartzel



Kevin Clark



Donald and Sarah Phillips



Photos by Kevin Clark

Earl Jones



*Jerry North*



*John Oostdyk*



*John & Toni Ackerman*



*Audrey & Phil Raker*

*Jim Diell wrote articles for Corvan Antics earlier this year describing some of the mechanical problems he had been having with his Rampside, Rampala. His diligence paid off; he was awarded "Best of Show" at the car display.*



*Photos by Kevin Clark*

# Chattanooga Choo Choo Corvair Classic

By Lillian Law

There were 43 very nice Corvairs displayed in the beautiful gardens of the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel in Chattanooga, Tenn. This is one of the nicest locations to show cars that we have attended. Of the 43 entrants eight were FC's—six Rampside and two Greenbriers.

Heart of Georgia had five Rampside entered in the People's Choice Show, Billy Bruce, Dean Gemberling, James Law, Raymond Paul and Bill Rudolph. Trophies awarded in the FC class: 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Bruce, red Rampside, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Law, teal Rampside and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dean Gemberling,



orange Rampside. James Law received the longest distance driven and also the oldest attendee awards. The trophies had pictures of the winners with their Corvairs.

“Choo Choo” held their last show in 1989. We congratulate them on a very enjoyable event; location was great, attendance good and fellowship wonderful.



# FC Report from New York

by Gary Swiatowy

Lockport, NY has a Monday night cruise night during the summer months. Most cruises have a "theme" night and one of their themed cruise nights is "Van Night." Every year the local van club comes out in force, and members of the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club have our monthly meeting there. I brought along my tan '63 Greenbrier, Bob Guerin his red Greenbrier, and Eric Holz brought along his primered 'Brier. We still get great comments from people on our Corvair vans.



## Greenbrier Roadtrip

by Gary Swiatowy



Eric Holz of the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club took a road trip this summer with his Greenbrier. From Lockport, NY to Michigan where they took the Ferry to Wisconsin, then back through Illinois, Indiana and back on home to NY.



# 2013 Great Plains Corvair Round Up

By Gary Moore

The logo for the 2013 Great Plains Corvair Round Up featured a Rearing Red Rampside. Mid-Continent Corvair Association of Wichita, this year's host club, even built a 4'x 8' plywood stand up of the logo. A hole was made where the drivers face to provide a photo-op which many took advantage of. Since there were a few red and white Rampies in the five clubs that host the event, there was a debate over whose truck served as the model. While the artist never officially said whose Rampside he used, everyone knew it was my wife's with my face on the wrangler.



There were several nice FCs at the event, though the one that got the most attention, it even beat out John Mellies Mystery Machine, was Lloyd Folger's eight-door Hippy Deluxe Corvan. It was a mixture of hippie and cowboy with orange shag carpeting **everywhere**, a bull's horn on the dash, and a mirror painting featuring a bull fighter at the head of the bed.

In the People's Choice Display on Saturday, J.C. Ash won the FC category, Helen Moore second and John Mellies' Mystery Machine third.



J.C. Ash poses with the Rearing Rampside photo-op stand up. (Photo by Gary Baxter)

Marilyn and J.C. Ash built a Rampside Valve Cover Racer complete with Woody the cowboy from **Toy Story**. (Photo by Gary Baxter)

A good line up of fine looking Rampside, Greenbriers and Corvans, including a very unique conversion van.



# 2013 Great Plains Corvair Round Up



Terry Kalp's very low mileage and early build 1961 Greenbrier.



David Castiaux's "Sweeney's Vision". Dave bought the truck from a friend and had it painted and trimmed according to the friend's drawing as a memorial.



Jerry and Donna Pentzer's red, white and blue Rampy. Donna does the body work, painting and interior. Jerry does the mechanics.



Larry and Suzi Sherwood's '61 Rampside, towed the Rampy from KC. Larry drove the Rampy home, Suzi drove the tow vehicle.



Tim Shortle and Jerry Pentzer discuss the Lloyd Folger's unique 8-door van. The van was previous owned by a one-man band. The man and his family traveled around the country performing back in the 60's and 70's. (Photos by Gary Baxter)



# Vairs in the Valley 2013

By Molly Brown

This is a great southeast event. Set in the Great Smokey Mountains in the fall, what else could you ask for? They had their largest turnout of Corvairs, but it was a bit skimpy on FCs. There were only six and one was not entered in the show. Two belonged to our illustrious president, John Nickel, but then, it was his home club hosting it.



Left top: Billy Bruce, '63 Rampside (Best of Show)

Left: John Nickel '64 8-door (Third Place FC)

Left bottom: Ronnie Bird '63 Corvan

Right top: Chris Pickel '64 Greenbrier

Above: David Brooks '62 Rampside

Below: Michael Emanuelle '65 Greenbrier (Second Place FC)



# Vairs at the Fair 2013

Here are some photos from the Vairs at the Fair 2013 in Warner Robins, GA. The photos are from Dave Clamp's Picasa site, used with his permission. Sorry no owner identification. But I'm sure you will recognize a few of these FCs.





*Dale and Marilyn Dewald's 1965 Greenbrier Deluxe at the Detroit Area Corvair Club's Homecoming Event.*

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