

Happy New Year to everyone! This is the beginning of a year that should enable Corvanatics to become a more prominent Chapter within CorSA. A successful international convention in Tacoma this year is my goal and I hope that it is yours as well. If you are able to travel to the convention, I hope that you will volunteer some of your free time to make it successful. We still need help in Registration, Hospitality and assistance in parking control at the hotel, trailer storage lot and during the People's Choice set up and take down on Friday. More information for your planning is within this issue and on the Corvanatics website. Details on exact times and places for all activities will not be published until April, but a general outline is all you need to plan your time. Please come and help!

My '62 Loadside project received a boost this Christmas when I ordered and had delivered an Auto Rotisserie. I figured out that, since I am getting older (no- really!) and because I have nowhere to put a real lift, the rotisserie will enable me to safely clean the undercarriage and remove undercoating before media blasting by just turning it on its side instead of crawling under while it is on jack stands. When it returns home from blasting, body work and paint sometime later this year (I hope) I will be able to install the heater ducts,



brake lines, cables and wiring harness from the side as well. I bought a set of all-terrain wheels for it so that it can be loaded on a trailer to be delivered to each of the persons who are doing the really hard work that I won't. It should allow them to do their jobs more efficiently and maybe even save me some money. See the articles on Cal Clark's restoration of his Rampside in Hemmings Classic Car magazine to understand how I intend to use the rotisserie. We'll see how or if it was a good idea.

May all your projects be completed on time and don't forget to drive your FC whenever you can. John Nickel

For more information Check out the Corvair Expo article in the January/February *Communiqué* pages 24-25. or visit our website http://www.corvair.org/ chapters/corvanatics/files/ Convention/index.php



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2014 Convention Poster	N/A	\$25.00
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For this newsletter, our most exciting news is the new Corvanatics Membership Directory. We've been offering a mailed directory for \$2 since forever; well at least before my term in office. It has been just a printed excel spreadsheet, but now I have created a printed directory booklet, something like the CORSA membership roster booklet. These will not be printed in advance. So if you order one, I will print it for you personally at that point in time and you will have the absolute latest member information. It is listed on the website's merchandise page and can be paid with PayPal or, as always, you can request it through snail mail by sending me a check.

P.S. We have really nice leather and enameled emblem key fobs on the way to add to our merchandise. This will be something special to hold your FC keys. See the merchandise area of the newsletter for a quick list of everything available. Details and pictures are on the website and again, can request (call, email or write me) a paper order form with pictures and details for ordering.

WELCOME !! to our new members

Jamison Hiner	NE	1963 Greenbrier
Stacy Milnes	WA	1964 Greenbrier
Miner Fleming	AZ	1962 Rampside
Jack Bacon	MN	want a rampside
Gary Sibert	VA	1961 Loadside

WELCOME BACK!! to our returning members

after being absent for a for	ew years	
George Conboy	NY	1964 Greenbrier
absent since 2008		
Les Campbell	GA	1963 Greenbrier absent
since 2007		

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 or call me to have printed ones mailed.

Dues Due!!

Everyone should have a membership card. It has your "Good till" membership dues due date on it, so everyone will be able to keep up with when to send in their dues. That way your name doesn't get published in the newsletter.

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Last Chance

We still have just a couple 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.

Chris Pickel	Sept 2013
Edwin Clapper	Sept 2013

Dues Already Owed

Due October, November, and December. Second notice

John Gilliland	Oct 2013	John Pinnell	Dec 2013
Karl Haakonsen	Oct 2013	Dave Palmer	Dec 2013
Mike Dobie	Nov 2013		
W Barden	Dec 2013	Gerald Fleming	Dec 2013

Coming due in the next two months (early reminder)

Due January and February

David Huntoon	Jan 2014	Don Hudock	Jan 2014
Richard Boxdorfer	Jan 2014	Philip Sheridan Jr	Jan 2014
Kent Harrington	Jan 2014	Frank Dotson	Feb 2014
Kenneth Drye	Jan 2014	Rod Murray	Feb 2014
Robert Hall	Jan 2014	Bill McColl	Feb 2014
L D Brent Jr	Jan 2014	John Herkenratt	Feb 2014
Leroy Rogers	Jan 2014	Bill Wallace	Feb 2014
Darrell Woofter	Jan 2014	Clair Morgan	Feb 2014
		Gene Barr	Feb 2014

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

CorvanAntics 1/2 2014 [4] What Does It Take To Put on a National Convention? by Ken Hand



What does it take to put on a Convention? Most of you have been to different conventions and you know you have had fun, but what about the organizers? To start I will give you a little history of myself. I have attended many conventions and have seen many things that worked and didn't work. I wanted to get involved somehow and my first experience at this was at Daytona in 2000 where was co-chair for registration, I even flew down for the mid-year meeting before the convention. Then along came Detroit in 2007 for which I was chairperson. am glad that I had good people helping there and that brings us up to Tacoma 2014 of which I am a co-chair.

The process starts with a willingness to host a convention. 2014 will be extremely unique in the fact that we have local people willing to help, but not host the convention. That is where WE come in, the Corvanatics people. WE = Corvanatics, are the organizing institution and have stepped up with a few of the local people to host the 2014 convention in Tacoma. This is a first for CorSA and Corvanatics!

There are actually three co-chairs and I guess I bring the national experience. John Nickel, Corvanatics President, has been involved in regional events in NC for years, and Dan Davis is the local "on site" chair. When Dan learned that no western division chapters had applied for the 2014 convention he took upon himself to find a host hotel and contact the LeMay Museum. He put together and submitted a last minute proposal that brought an extension to the bid deadline and secured a western convention for Tacoma.

It really is a logistical nightmare because Corvanatics is world wide. John is in North Carolina, I am in Michigan, and Dan is in Seattle, Washington. A few years back this would not have been possible, but with the widespread use of the Internet we have been able to keep in contact to make decisions in a timely manner. With the tireless work of Dan on site we have been able to get things done and settled. I can't leave out the work of Harry Jenson and Larry Claypool. Without them convention planning would be a lot harder. There are many other key positions going on in the background. The fine logo and T-shirt artwork produced by Kevin Clark is one example.

What I have done here, I hope, is to convey a small portion of what it takes to put a convention on, it is a large scope project and isn't able to be done by everyone. It takes about 50 people minimum during the convention to make things run smoothly and also for the volunteers to have a little time. Again, this leads me to a call for volunteers. If you think you are going to the convention in 2014 and are willing to give a couple hours of your time please let one of us know where you would like to help and we will get you in touch with that chair person. The list is Registration, Hospitality Room, Welcome Party, Concours, Model Car Concours, EconoRun, Rally, Autocross, People's Choice Car Show, Banquet and Tours. The largest group is needed for Registration so it is not hard on any one person. The Welcome Party will need someone to collect tickets and make sure everything is run properly. The Concours recruits the judges but there is other help needed for parking and taking judging sheets in. The Model Car Concours is real hard! Someone needs to be available to accept the models. The Econo-Run will need people to line up cars and then to record whatever is needed. The Rally may have checkpoints that may need to be manned and also help with the line up of cars. The Autocross will need a few people to tally and shag cones and register people. The Peoples Choice Display needs people to park cars in the correct spots. The Banquet needs ticket takers and someone to do the ticket exchange. If we get any tours set up we will need people to make sure of head counts. As you can see this really can't be run by 2-3 people it takes an army, an Army of Corvanatics to make history!

Ken Hand Corvanatics Central Division Director Corvanatics Convention Co-Chair CorSA Central Division Director CorSA Treasurer

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Corvanatics Patch	3" diameter	\$2.50		
ew! Corvanatics Key Fob	2"x 3¾" w/Enamel Medallion	\$8.00		
Corvanatics Window Sticker	3" diameter Adheres to inside of window	\$2.00		
Corvanatics Magnet	3" diameter	\$2.00		
Corvanatics Lapel Pin	1" diameter Hard enamel, butterfly clasp	\$3.00		
2014 Convention Poster	24"x31" Shipped rolled	\$25.00		
Corvanatics Canvas Tote bag	15 1/2" tall x 15" wide	\$10.00		
Corvanatics Hat Fabric adjustable Velcro band	2 1/4" embroidered logo	\$18.00		
,	Small	\$12.00		
	Medium	\$12.00		
Corvanatics	Large	\$12.00		
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	2X-Large	\$14.00		
	3X-Large	\$14.00		
	Small	\$18.00		
	Medium	\$18.00		
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Wens rolo Shirt	X-Large	\$18.00		
	2X-Large	\$21.00		
	3X-Large	\$21.00		
	Small	\$18.00		
	Medium	\$18.00		
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womens rolo shirt	X-Large	\$18.00		
	2X-Large	\$21.00		
	3X-Large	\$21.00		













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While refurbishing the vent window assemblies on the 62 Rampy, I gained some valuable experience that I am passing on to you, the great unwashed masses.

This procedure SHOULD work for any similar window channel...

You will need the following in addition to the target window channel and the moleskin tape (available from a major Corvair vendor):

1 each wooden yardstick

1 each spray bottle of Windex

1 each staple gun with staples OR numerous small spring clamps

1 each new or very sharp razor blade

Recommended Steps (Your Mileage May Vary...):

1. Clean out the old fuzzy-type material from the channel

2. Cut the moleskin to length

3. Place the wooden yardstick in the center, length-wise on the felt side with the paper backing facing down

4. WITHOUT removing the paper backing, begin at one end, bend the outer edges of the moleskin up onto the sides of the yardstick and staple the moleskin to the stick every 6 inches or so.

CRITICAL: Keep the staples close to the top edge of the moleskin so that the razor blade will not hit them when removing the excess.

5. Then staple in between the first set of staples and try to get the moleskin to stay as close/snug to the stick as possible.

NOTE: If you don't have a staple gun, it's possible that numerous small spring clamps could be used to accomplish the same thing as the staples...

6. Spray Windex or a suitable liquid onto the channel so that the moleskin will slip past the edges

7. Remove the paper backing from the moleskin

NOTE: You can swap 6 and 7 assuming that you have someone to hold the yardstick after the paper backing has been removed...



6 Vent-Windom Seal Replacement

By Dean Gemberling







8. Line up the moleskin covered yardstick and quickly push it down into the channel.

9. Rock the yardstick side to side so that the moleskin sticks to the channel sides.

10. Take the razor blade and with a downward angle towards the bottom of the channel using the channel bead edge as a guide, cut away the excess. You MUST use a fresh, sharp blade or you risk tearing the moleskin away from the sides.

11. Once you have completely cut the moleskin on both sides, SLOWLY remove the yardstick so that if you missed a spot it won't completely pull the moleskin away before you have a chance to re-seat it.

12. Using your finger, wooden dowel or suitable item and run it up and down inside the channel to ensure the moleskin is throughly stuck to all surfaces.

13. If you find that there is too much moleskin on the bead edges, simply take a fresh, sharp razor blade and lightly cut away the excess with a sawing motion angling the blade down towards the channel bottom. (See the last photo.)

14. Once you have the felt removed from the bead edges, you can take your thumb and push the "glue" down towards the inside edge of the channel





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Do you Have a website featuring your FC or FC Info? Would you like to share it? Send the link to our Webmaster Steve Spilatro using the contact page on the website. http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/officers.php Name: Ralph Gubser Email: <u>rgubser@zoomtown.com</u> Topic: classified ad msg: Wanted: tinted FC windshield in very good to excellent condition, within reasonable driving distance from Cincinnati, OH area. Ralph Gubser (513) 741-8247 or <u>rgubser@zoomtown.com</u>.





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The Secretary/Treasurer's email address will remain Corvanatics@gmail.com. I will continue to monitor the old address, CorvanAntics@gmail.com, but will discontinue its use. Thank you Gary Moore Corvan Antics Newsletter Editor



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By Dale Dewald

You may find the attached snapshot interesting. It was taken at a rest stop on I-84 along the Columbia River on our way home from the 2005



CORSA International Convention in Portland, OR. My father, Carl, is stashing some freshly refilled water bottles in front seat of our '65 Greenbrier where he rode shotgun for the entire trip across the northern tier to our home in the Michigan U.P. The temperature at the time was in the upper 90's (but with a dew point only in the upper 20's) as we pulled in next to the Dodge A100 window van.

We were perfectly comfortable in the Greenbrier with only the front windows rolled down and the blast of air from the kick vents. "Boy we sure wish we had your ride today," was the comment from the fellows driving the A100 as they noted the Greenbrier's rear engine. I noticed that between the front seats they had fitted some pieces of old shag carpeting to either side of the engine cover as insulation--and perhaps to avoid getting burned. We eventually checked into a motel in Walla Walla, WA that evening, where the temperature was 106F (20 degrees above average).

FC Booksighting By Gary Moore

Imagine going into your favorite farm and home store, passing a book display and spying one on your favorite subject, "Classic Chevrolet Trucks." You pick it up and thumb through it checking out all the restored and survivor trucks. Then you get to the 1960s section and see your very own Rampside there on the page. And not just one photo but three. This is what happened to Corvanatics and Prairie Capitol Corvair Association member Norbert "Bud" Laubach. Bud told me the story during a lull at the Car Display at Kalamazoo.

Bud hadn't a clue that photos of his red Rampside had been published in the book (page 103). He was flattered, the credits identified him as the owner and Doug Mitchel as the photographer. Every thing was above board, he just wished he had been notified.

The book has a chapter-by-chapter overview of the history the Chevy trucks beginning in 1918. Each chapter covers a decade and includes illustrations along with a photo gallery. The book is well laid out, easy to read and informative.

The book was published in 2009 is available by searching for ISBN-13: 9781412716864 or ISBN-10: 141271686

On page 98 Jim Lanwermeyer, another member of the Prairie Capitol Corvair Association, is identified as the owner of a blue and silver Rampside that was photographed by W.C. Waymack.



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Check those used parts!

By Eric Procise

This past weekend, Dad and I decided to head to the Morris Swap Meet, in Morris II (which is partly staffed by the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts). Our plan was to drive up, leaving around 5am on Sunday morning. I drove the Rampside down to his house – and we still had not decided which car to take. We (I?) decided on the Rampside – after all, it was only a 2 hour drive, or so.

A little background on my Rampside; it's a beater. It's a '61, 4 speed, with a '68 95hp, with unknown history. The Truck also has no heat – which was the least of our troubles, even though it was only 40 degrees. I felt pretty comfortable taking the truck – I have put 1500 miles on it over the summer, and had just replaced a head, due to a mangled valve (due to a cracked valve guide).

We were cruising along at about 70mph, on I-80, somewhere near exit 40, in Illinois – or about halfway there, when the truck started losing power, and I noticed a tapping noise - though not at the same speed as the engine was turning. I could maintain 50-60mph, and no one was on the road, so we limped it along to the 56 (Princeton IL, a typical rest stop for us). We figured a dropped valve seat - even though rare on a 95hp, and even more rare happening while cruising down the road at speed. We got to a Truck Stop, and started trying to find a rental - but - it was Sunday, and early morning, so that was not happening. We started diagnosis of the problem, but the engine was too warm to do much - though we did identify that a vacuum line had come off the driver's side choke - and that it was spitting gas back up through the carb. A call to my mother got her out of bed, and on her way to rescue us (I did not dare call my wife). During this down time - I pulled the valve cover, to see what I could see. #6 exhaust valve rocker arm was out of position, and there were pieces of it missing...



Now, this is the head that I had replaced. I replaced all the rocker arms, with used ones from a bin in the shop, something I have done multiple times in the past. I

cleaned the rocker arms in my little ultrasonic bath, and looked them over for damage and cracks, but it appears that I must have missed one.

Mom showed up, and drove us back to Davenport – where we dropped her off, and drove up to DeWitt, to get the tow dolly out of my garage. The time is now around 10am, about 6 hours after I left my house. We decided to go the swap meet anyway – then pick up the truck on the way home. The swap meet was a bust – I didn't buy anything! When I got home that night – I decided to look at the other rocker arms in my spare parts bin. The first one had a very obvious crack (2, actually), and the 2nd one had a faint crack. I was able to double check a few others with Magnetic Particle Inspection (a pretty neat process to detect cracks in steel), and found another with a crack that was not visible to my eye, initially.

These used parts I have are old – originals – and have many miles on them, and unknown history. The lesson I learned here is not that I always need to use new (budget restricts that), but to pay close attention to components, and wear areas.



Photo of spare rocker arm, showing crack at 6 o'clock position of the rocker stud hole



What's left of the failed rocker - pieces are still missing...

Event Calendar: Regional and National Events to show off your FC.



Heart of Texas 18th Annual Corvair Reunion

Hosted by: Alamo City Corvair Association When: April 25-27, 2014 Location: Johnson City, TX Host Hotel: Best Western Johnson City Inn Information: Alamocitycorvair.org Contact: Tom Robinson Rich Ribb 210 860 4731 830 446 2

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2014 CorSA International Convention

CORVAIR EXPO



Hosted by: Corvanatics Special Interest Group When July 21-25 Location: Tacoma WA Host Hotel: The Murano Information: http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/ Contact: Corvanatics Secretary 706-628-4470 Corvanatics@gmail.com



2014 Great Plains Corvair Round Up

Hosted by: Heart of America Corvairs Owners Association When: September 30-October 4 Location: Branson. MO Host Hotel: Branson Radisson Hotel Information: http://www.hacoa.org Contact:

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