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SAD DAYS

SUBMITTED BY

Ken Hand

Kitty Dexter passed away this Dec. 5, 2005 and is survived by Harold. Many of you will remember Harold for his toy FC display and the modifications that he does to them. Kitty was almost always in the vendor area or helping somewhere with the conventions.

Many of you knew or have known of Jerry Flinn. Jerry Passed from this life on Dec. 15, 2005. Jerry was not particularly into FC's but you will remember him for having the oldest know surviving Corvair, a 1960, SN #407 that was made probably in the second week of production.

RIDING WITH THE PRESIDENT



Ken Hand

With the last edition of the newsletter everyone probably saw where that was Gary's last issue. I sort of dropped the ball on who was going to be editor until I got the last newsletter, even though I remember it being said in almost all of the issues sent out last year.

I would very much like to thank Gary for his service as editor, I personally think he did a very fine job. Thank You. Well, as you can see by this issue of the newsletter we have a new editor. I would like to welcome Mike Moyer as our new editor. I am sure that he will have his contact information in here somewhere. I do know that he is from Florida and the Pensacola area. I am sure that Mike will be more specific. Thank You again Gary and Welcome aboard Mike.

On another matter, I got word that Bob Gali has been repaid the amount that was agreed to at our general meeting this summer. This was done at this time because of when the CD came due so as not to incur any penalties. I am sure that Diane will have a full accounting elsewhere in this issue. I haven't heard of any complaints so everything must be going OK. If any of you have any issues what so ever, be sure and contact me in some form. It doesn't have to be a bitch to contact me if you have an operating procedure you would like to see implemented or changed, it could even be a compliment! What about something that needs to be addressed at the meeting next summer? Enough said.

I do hope that everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy new year.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY/ TREASURER.

As you all know from the newsletter following the convention in Portland, my husband Bob had put \$700 in the Treasury, to help with a short fall we were going to have due to a rise in newsletter costs.

I was empowered at that convention to reimburse my husband from the CD the club has, not wanting to incur any penalties, I waited till it came due on December 22, 2005.

I wrote all the directors, the vice president and President, letting them all know what I was proposing to do, and essentially asking their blessing, which I got.

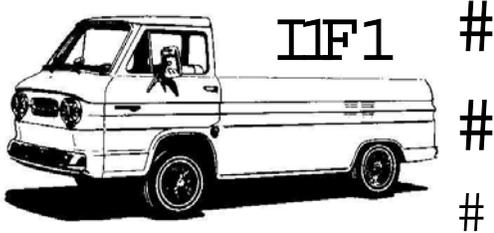
what I proposed was, to pay Bob Galli back and put the amount over \$2000 in the checking account, that amounted to \$798. The CD stands at \$2000 now at 3.65% per annum compounded monthly. The balance of the checking account now stands at \$2,119 plus Cents

. Putting the extra money in the checking account gives us an extra cushion for newsletter costs, I hope we do not need.

sincerely,

Diane Galli

Sec/Treasurer



INTRODUCTIONS

I would like to introduce my self. I am Glenn Michael (Mike) Moyer from Navarre, Fl. I have been given the opportunity to be the new Newsletter Editor.

I work as an Aircraft Mechanic for an Air Force Contractor @ Hurlburt Field Air Force Base. Presently I am the Crew Chief on a Russian Transport (Antonov 26). For the 6th special Operations Squadron. My position keeps me quite busy and I enjoy the opportunity and challenges of working on former Soviet Aircraft.

I bought my first Corvair from my Grand Fathers neighbor in Bucks County, PA when I was 13 years old. It was a 1961 Monza Coupe and I paid \$25. I was given a second for free by that woman's father. what a deal! It was a 1963 Monza Convertible. Through my High School Years I drove a 1965 Monza Coupe then a 1962 Corvan.

I joined the Marines in 1982 and then in 1986 moved to West Palm Beach Florida Corvairless.

About that time my father purchased a 1963 Monza Coupe and restored it and then a 1964 Monza Convertible. He can be found in and around the South East Pennsylvania area at show and parades.

With Dad's new hobby it was hard not to get started again so when I relocated to North West Florida in 2000. I soon found room & time to tinker with Corvairs Again. As you all know they seem to multiply rapidly.

I currently have 6 Corvairs at the house. 3 of which are F.C. Variety. A 1961 Rampside, 1963 Rampside, 1963 Greenbrier deluxe, 1964 Monza Coupe with A/C, 2 1965 Monza Convertibles.

I am fortunate to have a workshop that is pretty much dedicated to our beloved vehicles. Unfortunately there never seems to be enough room or time.

I sell parts on Corvair parts EBay & Do some repairs for others as my time permits.

I will try my best to continue in the fine work that Garry has past on to me. I would like to thank him for all the great information, Templates & Graphics that he forwarded to me.

If you have any Material that you would like to share, stories, articles, Advertisements or pictures Please send them to

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Me @ a Show with Dad's 63



My Greenbrier

The Return of Ben's Bus (And the Rampside, too!)

It has been such a long time since I sat down to write about my FC adventures. As you can imagine, there have been quite a few. Most likely, as I write this, some things will be out of order. Hey-there is a lot to remember when one drives these things everyday!

Last summer season we enjoyed a wonderful trip to the CORSA National in Lexington. We drove from Strasburg, PA to Lexington in one day. The FC "bucket" seats are more comfortable than the benches, but after thirteen hours in them numbness of the body occurs. The trip was uneventful except for some rough running during heavy rainstorms in the hills of Kentucky. We enjoyed the hospitality of all the local Corvair clubs and enjoyed camping with Lon Anderson and all the other Corvair folks who camped together.

This summer, as in the past, we spent some time camping with the Volkswagen Bus crowd which is always a blast. Usually I get some ideas from the VW bus camper interiors for my own interior, however, unlike previous writings, my interior has not changed. We have been very pleased with it for several camping seasons now. We can pack relatively quickly for a weekend camping trip in the bus and do so as often as possible. It always boggles my mind when I sit down to think of all the stuff I have in the van at all times...like place settings for eight, gas lanterns, a stove, electrical cords, hot chocolate and coffee mix, snack bars, matches, tools, etc. The list goes on and on, but I think I would be covered at any time if I ever had a breakdown on the side of the road. I would just set up camp!

We missed Oregon, but instead spent a week in the Caribbean on St. John, USVI. I think it was a good compromise. We didn't see any Corvairs on the island. We rented a Jeep that was a lot of fun to drive (on the left side of the road), and also had AC. We had a ball picking a different beach at which to swim each day. Although we missed our annual long distance camping trip this summer, Lynn has already begun planning for the New York convention next year. I understand I missed some awesome West Coast Corvair truck campers in Oregon. Did anybody get any good pictures of them?

The Rampside has gotten a lot of use just being driven and also moving lots of things this summer. We have used it to move a whole kitchen's worth of appliances, firewood, architectural items to the local re-use-it store, and a variety of other items. It is truly a workhorse. Everybody loves to see it running down the road, and all too many people ask me, "Are you really using THAT truck to haul things?" That question always gets me! My FC was made to work. I say use it or lose it. I do need to investigate some rocker rust bubbling out. I think I need to take off the small oval plastic plugs on the driver's side in the bed and get a long, skinny vacuum extension to get the years of dirt out of there. I theorize that that ancient dirt is getting wet and rot-

ting the metal from the inside out. Any members' thoughts on this?

We went to the First State Corvair Club's show yesterday. There were about twenty Corvairs there, two of which were FCs. Those FCs were both Greenbriers; my 1962 camper and Dave and Patsy Zeigler's eight door. I think I should start taking the Rampside to shows. There are never any represented, and everyone has seen my van. This plan is not fool proof, however, since Lynn and I like having our living room along at shows. It makes a nice place to sit and talk or read. The Delaware show was a great success, in my opinion. There were great people, awesome door prizes, and I would wager the best hospitality room of any show or club anywhere. Those ladies know how to feed a crowd and then some. Well done First State Corvair Club!

I do not yet know how elections went in Oregon. If I am still the At-Large Director, thank you for raising your hands and saying "I." If there is a new director, best wishes to you. Work hard to keep the club active. This brings me to my final thought for this writing. I have submitted this article in order to make sure the Corvan Antics newsletter continues to thrive. I am among several members who like to continue to receive this quirky but lovable mailing every two months. Although I have benefited greatly from the Corvan Antics e-mail chat group, I still cherish having something to find in the mailbox, open, and read. I can see the benefits of the e-mail discussion group, the best, perhaps, being almost immediate response to questions and problems associated with the Corvair trucks we know and love. Be as that may, I don't want to see technology replace what this club has consisted of for so many years...what is now a bi-monthly newsletter recounting the adventures and experiences of Corvair FC owners all across the country. I am making an effort to make sure the newsletter stays healthy. Won't you write in as well?

Ben Stiles
Strasburg, PA



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When Gary Passed all the Newsletter Information over to me it was mentioned that he was experimenting with the concept of Email Newsletter.

This concept was one that I had previously Tackled in the Pensacola Local area Club last year with Great Success.

There was a bit of non believers and complainers in the beginning but over 80 percent did switch over after seeing the results.

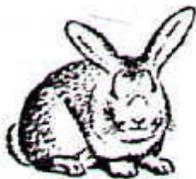
One of the biggest problems was easily solved and that was "But I like a paper copy". Solution just print it.! Still in full Color. Still great pictures

It saved the club lots of money that could be spent on more productive issues.

I know there are some out there still computer unfriendly and that's ok. You can still get the news letter delivered via US Mail.

If you are interested in trying E-version Newsletter in the future. Send me an email to vairvert67@yahoo.com and I will add you to the emailing list for the March April mailing.

Mike Moyer
 Editor



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Tech Questions Answered By other Members.

The simple ;o(complete updating to a dual MC has become a nightmare. I can't find a tubing bender that can replicate the tight radius bends of the hard lines. Would making a form with finishing nails work? Would it fatigue the metal? And, I can't find a straight hard line that's approx 75" long for the under the bed line. ANY SUGGESTIONS ??

I made a short radius tubing bender by stacking a fender washer, then the diameter's worth of regular washers, then another fender washer. I cut a notch in the fender washers for the nut to fit in and clamped it in a vise. With that I was able to bend lines which turned 90 degrees in less than an inch of distance from the MC.

--Bryan

NEW FC REGISTRY

Merv Krull of Salmon Arm, BC, Canada has graciously volunteered to start a registry of all known Corvair FC models. E-mail Merv at krupross@sunwave.net and supply the following information:

Make: Greenbrier, Rampside, Loadside, Corvan

Year:

Model:

Vin Number:

Features:

Location:

E-mail or phone number:

Status: Running, under restoration, parts, junked

I'm sure any interesting short notes would be appreciated by Merv. He says you can send up to 3 jpeg pictures with the information. Thanks from all of us for taking on such a large task Merv.





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