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CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 10: CVCC Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, River City Diner, 803 E. Parham Rd, Richmond. Take I-95 Parham Rd Exit 83B (west).

Saturday, January 28: 13th Annual Polar Bear Run presented by Fred Fann. Details in this newsletter.

February 10 - 12: 50th Annual Rods & Customs Car Show by Asphalt Angels Car Club. "The Showplace Exhibition Center", 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, Va. 23223. Info: Phone Number: 804.225.8877 or check their web site www.asphaltangels.net

March 9 – 11: Spring Warm Up, Myrtle Beach, SC hosted by Central Carolina CORSA. **New location this year at the Hampton Inn & Suites**, reservations 834-946-6400 mention CORSA for special room rate. Show registration contact Carol Harris, 2410 Tindal Rd, Sumter, SC. 803-795-9434. Info in this newsletter.

May 18 – 20: Virginia Vair Fair, Howard Johnsons, Lexington, VA, I-81 Exit 195 at Rt. 11. Reservations 540-463-9181. Mention Corvair Show for special room rate of \$69.95. Show registration contact Wade Lanning, wblanning@comcast.net. More info & registration form in future newsletters.

July 25 – 28, CORSA International Convention, Sturbridge, MA. See more details in this newsletter or go to <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention/>

From the President

Happy New Year!!

It's January and there are several events already on the calendar.

First is our monthly meeting Tuesday the 10th. Later this month (the 28th) is the Polar Bear Run. It sounds like it will be a fun time. Dust off the winter weather and drive your Corvair that weekend. February brings another annual Rods and Customs show.

The big news on the calendar is the Vair Fair we are holding on May 18 to 20 in Lexington, VA. There is a lot of work to be done to put on this show. Take a look at the report a few pages into the newsletter and see what you can do to help.

December brought the club together for our Christmas Banquet, this year held in Ladysmith, VA. It was a great time of food and friends. Also on the last day of December the club was invited to see the Tucker collection in Alexandria. This was a good trip, and I got to spot more differences in the three on display. Including a mistake in the electrical system made during restoration on one of them. I also paid more attention to other display items and found pictures taken on the set of the movie Tucker. Several of those cars you see being assembled in the movie were actual cars they took apart to simulate the assembly line and assembly methods. Of course they reassembled them to return them to their owners.

Have fun and work on your Corvairs in this New Year!

Frank

In Memory

*We recently learned of the passing of former club member **Norm Wagenschein**. He passed away on February 19th, 2011 at the age of 93. He was our club's first Vice-president when it was formed in 1979. After retiring from Virginia Power in the mid-1980's he moved to Bridgewater, VA. Norm's wife, Min, passed away a few years ago. The '66 Monza coupe they owned since the club was formed is still being enjoyed by Wade Lanning.*

January Birthdays!!



4- Van White
5- Madyson Davis
9- Natalie Davis
12-Joan Riggle
13- Del Patten

17-Diana Riggle Pitcock
21-Betty Edwards
27- Reed Cook
29- Barbara Killen

Christmas Banquet

The Annual Christmas Banquet was held at **The Timbers Restaurant on Sunday, December 11**. Seventeen club members and two guests attended the banquet including Del Patten, Steven Wright, David Robertson, Mark Francis, Rex & Ann Buel, Jeff & Cherie Roadcap, John & Barbara Loth, Wade & Phyllis Lanning, Nelson & Joan Riggle, Ray & Natalie Davis, Frank DuVal, and Bryan & Ellie Blackwell. Bryan & Ellie were our guests from the Northern Virginia Corvair Club.

As we have done before, banquet attendees brought nonperishable food to donate to the food pantry. According to Ray Davis, we collected 132 pounds of food, which was later delivered to and most appreciated by the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. This was twice as much as last year! The FAFB serves Fredericksburg and the four surrounding counties. That is almost 7 pounds each which is a great amount of food for our little group! Many thanks for your participation!

Thanks to Mark Francis for recommending this excellent location for our banquet.



Santa Delivers!!

At least a couple folks reported that Santa made Corvair related deliveries. Mark Francis got a set of wire wheel covers and a gasoline heater for his '63 Spyder. Wade Lanning got a 1962 Chevrolet Dealer Showroom Album and NOS rocker panel mouldings for his '62 Monza wagon. It is understood that one young couple in the club looked at a very nice '65 Monza convertible before Christmas and will probably be getting it soon (too big for Santa's sleigh?). Watch this newsletter for more details on this!!

The February 2012 edition of *Hot Rod* features a very cool, well done V-8 Vair. Their story, "The Corvin8er", tells how this unique conversion came about.

According to the article, this very slick '66 Monza coupe is the creation of the father and son team of John and Cory Black. Power comes from a Chevy small block bored and stroked to 383 cubic inches, a popular and potent engine among hot rodders, but this one sits amidship. The 383 is bolted to a shorty Powerglide. Again, a common set up in drag racing. But this 'Glide has no tailhousing. Instead, it connects to the differential section of a C5 Corvette transaxle via an adapter John made. Shortened and resplined CV half shafts from a 'Vette transmit power to the rear wheels, where Eldorado rear disc brakes provide the stopping. The author says the rear suspension is, "a mix of Corvair, Corvette, and fabricated pieces".

The radiator lays flat in the front trunk. Two electric fans, one below and one above, provide airflow. Hot air exits the front deck lid through two large ducts. The front end uses a power steering box from a RWD mid-size GM (probably the fast ratio box that came in the Monte Carlo SS or Z28). John made his own steering arms and adapters for the Wildwood brand front discs.

He even painted the car himself, at home in their *attached(!)* garage. Believe it or not, it looks great and he is still married! The car is driven on the street, at the drag strip (according to the story, it runs the quarter mile in 12 seconds at 115 MPH), on road courses, and in autocrosses.

This one is definitely not your average Powerglide Corvair.

Vair Fair Report**by Alan White**

It's already 2012 and before you know it, the Vair Fair will be rolling around! It will be held May 18 – 20. We are excited to be hosting the Vair Fair this year and we have a wonderful event planned in Lexington, VA. The title for this year's Vair Fair is "Vairs with a View." This is the first time that the event will have been held in the western part of the state in many years so we hope you are as excited as we are to explore a different and beautiful part of the state! This year's "Goat's Milk Tour" was headquartered at the Howard Johnson Inn where the Vair Fair will be held and it looks like a great venue! This year's Vair Fair Co-Chairs are Alan White and Rex Buel. Being that they are both "rookies" at chairing this sort of event, they are asking for all the help they can get! The following people have "volunteered" as committee chairpersons.

Door Prizes - Paul Whelan (tentative)
People's Choice - Rex Buel
T-Shirts - Rex Buel
Rally - Alan White, Rex Buel, Jeff and Cherie Roadcap
Valve Cover Races - Alan White
Vendors – David Robertson
Trophies - Alan White & Jeff Roadcap
Corvair Games – (open position)
Photography - Cherie Roadcap

Registration - Wade Lanning
Hospitality - Frank Duval
Web Site - Bryan Blackwell
Publicity - Ray Davis
Hotel Liaison - Alan White
Program - Jeff Roadcap
Model Cars - Wade Lanning & Alan White
Putt Putt Contest - Alan White
Entertainment - Jeff Roadcap

As you can see, there are a few people wearing a lot of hats. If you have an interest in an area and would be willing to help, please contact the chair and volunteer. It will be greatly appreciated! In addition, everyone needs to be collecting door prizes and items for the hospitality packs.

The New Year is here, and with it all the excitement and anticipation of a fresh start.

2012 is not only the year in which the Corvair Convention comes to Sturbridge, but it also marks the 50th anniversary of a high-water-mark in Corvair history: The 1962 model year was the Corvair's largest-selling year, more than 300,000 vehicles in all.

What is also distinctive about the 1962 model year is that the greatest selection of body types was available that year. Only in 1962 did you have a choice of 2-door, 4-door, station wagon, convertible, Greenbrier van, Corvan panel van, Rampside pickup, or Loadside pickup.



Also in 1962 you could, for the first time, choose a Fitch Sprint, a Corvair modified by John Fitch and available through select Chevrolet dealers.

At the convention we plan to have on display the Fitch Sprint that is owned by the Corvair Preservation Foundation. But if you own a Fitch Sprint – no matter what year – we encourage you to bring it to the convention. Wouldn't it be cool to have the largest-ever gathering of Sprints in one location?



In fact, we encourage owners of *all* 1962 Corvairs to bring their cars to the convention this July. More 1962 Corvairs were sold than any other year – let's see if we can get more 1962 Corvairs at the convention than any other year!

Monza SS to be at Sturbridge

Mel Francis, from Wisconsin, has confirmed that the stunning Monza SS replica is coming to Sturbridge! If you are not yet familiar with this car, the quick story is that Mel and his partner, Dick Reinders, took it upon themselves to produce a modern replica of the achingly beautiful Monza SS show car – and they succeeded!

"It will be our first Convention with this car, since we missed the last two, during the build. I'll be putting it up on 12-inch tall display blocks when we show it, so anyone can check out the underside details, if they're interested."



A New Rampside



The progress that Cal Clark is making in the restoration of his Rampside is sufficiently impressive to justify our calling it a "new" Rampside.

From the earlier posts on the convention website blog you can see how thoroughly Cal dissected the body, excising all vestiges of any rust and installing new metal extensively.

Here we see that paint being applied to the restored body shell. The original fleet orange is gone, replaced by a rich deep red with a contrasting white stripe.

Note, by the way, how that stripe extends onto the door jamb. Your convention blog editor and Cal had discussions about where the stripe should stop, and apparently, the end of the stripe varied from year to year. On your blog editor's 1964 Greenbrier, still wearing its factory-applied paint, the stripe extends only partially into the door opening. Other Corvair 95 vehicles examined by Cal had the stripe extending more fully onto the door jamb. Cal has applied the paint in the manner he believes to be the most accurate reflection of what would have been done when his truck was new.

You can see this truck, and many more, in Sturbridge this summer!

The Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center will be the scene for the action at our convention:

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
366 Main Street (Route 20)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
Reservations: 1-800-582-3232
Front Desk: 508-347-7393
Fax: 508-347-3944
Email: info@sturbridgehosthotel.com
<http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com/>

Now Accepting Room Reservations: The Sturbridge Host Hotel is now ready to take reservations for the Convention. Ask for the special room rate of \$99 per night. The toll free reservations number is 800-582-3232. Our group's online code is: 1207CORVAI. You can make the reservations by way of telephone or by way of the hotel's website. It's probably easier to make your reservations by phone, but the online method produces a written confirmation for your records.

For more details go to the convention website at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention/index.htm>. You can get good instructions on how to make online reservations at this website.

(Note: Bob Marlow is the convention website blog editor and one of the organizers of the 2012 CORSA convention. Ed)

Welcome to the 13th Annual Polar Bear Run. This could be the last one if those Mayans are right about the world coming to an end on December 21, 2012. December 21 was my mother's birthday and you know that didn't happen by chance. Go on this run because there might not be another one. All are welcome on the run including clunkers, beaters, drivers, show queens, rust buckets, any vehicle you think is special and even modern computerized pieces of carbon fiber. We will be leaving from the exact location as we did on the very first Polar Bear Run. We will go to a huge antique store where you will help the economy by buying a large amount of good stuff. Then we will go to an all you can eat buffet for only \$7 a person (subject to change when the restaurant folk see those big bellies coming in) and they have real ice cream! I can't wait to see how much some can eat at this place. Afterwards there is even more to do unless you have to run home to the old battle ax. For those getting this newsletter by email, sign up using this [form](#), otherwise see sign up info below.

The Shocking Details

> > > We will leave the BP station at Route 10 and 106 near the Benjamin Harrison bridge at precisely 8:30 AM Saturday January 28, 2012. The exact address is 10101 James River Drive, Hopewell, VA 23860 ([Directions to Start Point](#)). Make sure your gas tank is full and your vehicle is capable of 60 miles per hour cruising speed.

> > > We will journey about 2 hours including a mid-run bathroom/coffee/snack/tire kicking session.

> > > We will go to a very exciting store full of stuff from my childhood. Bring your money.

> > > You will eat all you can hold and then some more at a wonderful buffet luncheon provided especially for the Polar Bear participants at only \$7 a mouth.

> > > We will journey back where you will have the opportunity to see even more stuff that you can buy.

> > > Checklist – be sure your vehicle can make it there and back! We don't stop if you break down. Be sure your vehicle has working brakes – I don't need another dent in the back of my truck.

> > > Be sure to sign up using the info below. I need to warn everyone that you are coming!

You MUST Register!

Just give me a call, send me an email or use the form on the website at <http://double26.com/pbr13/> to let me know how many are coming (for the restaurant).

You can contact me by phone or email below, or sign up on the website above.

Fred Fann

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15th Annual Spring Warm-Up



Hosted By
Central Carolina CORSA

The 14th Annual Spring Warm-Up will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC on March 9-11, 2012. This year we will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites Oceanfront, 1803 South Ocean Blvd • Myrtle Beach. Oceanfront rooms will be available at \$89 USD plus tax per night. Oceanview rooms are \$79 USD plus tax per night. 2 Bedroom Suites are \$189 USD per night plus tax. Your room reservation can be made directly at (843) 946-6400 and mention "CORSA 2012" for the special rates which will be honored up to 3 days before and 3 days after the show dates. The Hampton Inn has a strict No Pet Policy; contact Carol for information on nearby motels that allow pets. The cut-off date for these room rates is February 10, 2012, so make your reservations early. Cancellations accepted by phone up to Friday, March 9, 2012.

Our awards dinner including awarding of trophies will be held at the Hampton Inn Saturday evening at 6:30 pm. Entertainment will follow the dinner. Please see back for menu and other details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

- 12:00 - 6:00 Registration
- 6:00 - 8:00 Hospitality Room (finger foods & drinks)
- 8:00 Valve Cover Racing

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

Complimentary Breakfast with all Hampton Inn room reservations

- 8:00 - 11:00 Registration in the Hospitality Room
- 8:00 - 4:00 Car Corral & Swap Meet
- 10:00 - 1:00 People's Choice Concours & Static Display
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch in the Hospitality Room (Burgers with all the fixins')
- 1:00 BINGO in the Hospitality Room
- 2:30 - 4:30 Poker Run/Rally (Scavenger Hunt) Begins in Hospitality
- 6:30 AWARDS DINNER
- 8:00 ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!!!!!

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**Central Carolina CORSA Spring Warm-Up
 March 9-11, 2012 in Myrtle Beach, SC**



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Phone	
Email Address	
CORSA Chapter Affiliation	
Additional Name Tag Names	

EVENT	COST	TOTAL <small>All payments must be in USD</small>
Registration	\$13 USD / person	
Valve Cover Race	\$5 USD per entry	
People's Choice	\$10 USD per car	
Static Display (non-judging)	\$5 USD per car	
Poker Run	\$8 USD per car	
Awards Dinner	\$26 USD per person (not available at the show)	
Vendor Space	\$10 USD without registration	
T-Shirts (Order DEADLINE February 1st for T-Shirts) Breast Cancer Research	\$15USD each S M L XL \$17 USD 2XL 3XL (Shirts will include the ribbon logo / pink corvair)	
TOTAL	➔	

CLASS	YEAR	COLOR
Early open		
Late Open		
Early Closed		2DR or 4DR (circle one)
Late Closed		2DR or 4DR (circle one)
Forward Control		
Station Wagon		
Special Interest		

Hotel Information: Hampton Inn & Suites - 1803 South Ocean Blvd • Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
Reservations: (843) 946-6400. Mention CORSA 2012 for special room rates.
For more information, contact Carol Harris at 803-795-9434 or Georgia Allsbrook at 803-847-1608.
You can also email us at centralcarolinacorsa@hotmail.com

Local Ethanol-free Gas from Mark Francis

Ethanol-free 89 octane gas is available at Adam's Oil Company on Rt. 60 in Powhatan County near the intersection of Rt. 60 and Rt 522 (Maiden's Rd). There is a Chubby's at that intersection. Traveling west and just before getting to Chubby's, Adam's Oil is on the north (right) side of the road. They only have 89 octane mid-grade ethanol-free gasoline now, but are getting geared up to carry high test too! You can drive in during their day time hours (weekdays only) and fill up your car.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Corvair body cart. Has heavy duty steel wheels with caster on one end. Will support a Corvair with the drivetrain and suspensions removed. Has anchor pins that align with holes in LM frame supports so the body won't slide off. Great for parting out Corvairs and still being able to move the body. Pictures available if interested. ***Will deliver to club meeting.*** \$50. Wade Lanning, 804-586-1023 (cell) 804-861-5748 (home) or wblanning@comcast.net. (6/11)

WANTED: Set of rear floors pans for an early (buy or trade) and maybe a set of alum 14' rims to fit an early. Russell Davis, 757-642-0665 or bluechipmach@verizon.net. (10/11)

FOR SALE: Rare, original tissue dispenser (not a repro). I believe it is the 66-67 style. In very good condition. \$40 obo. NORS idler arm for early car. TRW 18534, made in USA. \$50 obo. Selling for Percy White. Contact David Robertson 804/266-7295 corvairdave@MSN.com. (1/12)

FOR SALE: Various Corvair Owner's Manuals from 1963 – 1969 cars (no FC's). Wade Lanning, 804-586-1023 (cell) 804-861-5748 (home) or wblanning@comcast.net. (1/12)

SERVICE: Russell Davis can provide your specialized Corvair tool and machine needs. Machining heads to reduce compression to allow use of regular gas (below left) and carb high performance modifications are just a couple areas of expertise. He makes special Corvair tools including bearing greasing tools, headlight bezel tool (below right), harmonic balancer puller that can be used without lowering the engine and EM axle bearing pullers. See more pictures, details and order online at <http://bluechipmachineva.com/index.html> or call Russell at 757-642-0665 to discuss your needs.

