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Eddie's Stinger Takes to the Track

Calendar of Events

April 4 - 6	Charlotte AutoFair; Lowes motor Speedway; Spence Shepard; sshepard3@hotmail.com
April 12	CFCC Spring Rally - Brevard County - Watch your email for more information
April 15	Monthly Meeting—David Maus Chevrolet, Sanford, FL
April 18 - 19	SpringFest - Festhalle Helen, GA; Lillian Law 229-291-0567
April 25 - 27	Goodguys 1st All American Nationals — Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee, FL
Oct. 31 -Nov 2	CFC Fall Affair

The Pres. Says

by Eddie Meadows

Just a quick note. Thanks for all those who participated in the SECC autocross. I would like to encourage more of you to do so next time. Even if you just use your daily driver, not Corvair, and even a water pumper, it still is valuable to push yourself to keep your driving skills honed, something all of us need as we get older. This applies equally to the ladies, you too can benefit from this. As we saw the kids (Aaron, Catherine, and Victoria) getting better and better as they drove the course both days, I know they will be much better daily drivers especially if they are ever in the situation where they will need to take evasive action to avoid an accident (driver education does not teach this). So join the crowd and challenge yourself, you are never too old to learn!!!

Also, something else we as a club need to consider. The Miata group that were at the autocross had a really good time. They enjoyed driving the course, they seemed to enjoy our company, but even more important they enjoyed how we run an event. They expressed interest in taking part in more of our events. Ardis mention to a few of them about our upcoming April Rally. They asked to have information sent to them. Our decision is how much we want to get them involved in a Corvair Club function. There are several Miata clubs in Central Florida. If we invite all of them to our events, we will probably end up having more of them than us. This is something we will need to discuss at our April monthly meeting (Dan I would love to have your input on this). See you then.

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Central Florida Corvair

Meeting Minutes

March 18 2014

1. Call Meeting to order: The meeting was called to order @ 6:50 by Eddie Meadows (President). This month's meeting was held at Perkins Restaurant, 6425 University Blvd, Winter Park, Fl. 32792. The actual meeting began with 21 people having dinner.

2. Reading of last Month's Minutes: Last month's minutes were read by Barbara Kingsbury, motion made to approve and seconded.

3. Treasurer's Report: It was presented by Rosemary, motion made and it was approved as reported.

4. Recognition of new members and Guests: No new members or guests attended.

5. Old Business:

SECC Auto Cross - It was a great success. The weather was beautiful. Dan's friends from Dayton Maita Club were there. George Newman brought over the Nature Coast Club Car. He sold the car to Titus after he completed his 4 runs on sat. Both Titus and his two girls ran it afterwards. Seventeen people ran the courses. Gene won his class. Results will be printed in the next Temp Press.

NCCC Car and Truck Show – Both Norm and Eddie attended. There were around 140 cars registered. They met a young couple that had recently bought an EM. The money from the show supports the Sheriff Youth Ranch.

CFC Spring Rally – The spring Rally is April 12, 2014. Eddie mentioned it will be in Brevard County, starting at Sand Point Park in Titusville and ending at Mansion restaurant in Melbourne. More information to follow.

CFC Website – Roy showed us pictures that Roy had uploaded to our club website. Roy said we will need to redo the group photo in front of Dave Maus Chevrolet for our Facebook page Eddie will call Ashley at Dave Maus to see if we can park in the front parking spaces; Everyone will be encouraged to bring their Corvairs to the April CFC meeting at the dealership. Roy said he spoke to Dave Maus who said "thanks" for using his dealership and the picture for the web-site. Eddie mentioned that he spoke to the Service Manager about giving the group discounts on

service. He will give a 4 wheel alignment for (\$59.95)

6. New Business: CFC Corvair Affair – Eddie said we need to pick a date now.

Much discussion about other dates. Sarah had told Eddie she would like to try labor day weekend, Most agreed it is too hot in late Aug/early Sept and people would not come to Florida in that heat. After a review of other GA/SC show dates, the 1st weekend in Nov (30 Oct – 2 Nov 2014) seemed to be a good choice

Jim Barbuti spoke about the paint work on Barbara Kingsbury's car by David Jones who has a shop in DeLand. Told everyone to come out after meeting and have a look at it.

Gene mentioned that one of the timer sensors was hit during the runs. He did a field fix on it to get the system back up (cable pulled loose from connector) . He suggested we buy another cable for about \$30.00 from Amazon.com. The motion made and passed to buy the spare cable.

Roy shared with the group about his experience with his 1960 Corvair and the Club. Apparently he is very upset with some things in the club and wanted to express this. He will not be continuing with the Tuesday meetings and start working on his car. He will continue with the Internet site and Facebook. Members of the club will do what they can to help him.

Ed mentioned that Cecil had a heart attack and had a Stint put in. He was at the meeting and looking great.

Bob and Laura Bentz are back in Florida and ready to come back to the club.

Norm suggested when we use Angelina's again, we get their Meat Balls, "they are great".

Barbara spoke about the noise in Perkins and how hard it is hear and to take minutes. Ed will see what can be done.

Norm said he had someone who wants a Corvair with a gas heater.

7. Shows and Events:

18 – 19 April – Springfest, Helen, GA (check Communique for details)

12 – April – Spring Rally

15 April – CFC Monthly Meeting at Dave Maus Chevrolet, Sanford, FL

25 – April – Relay for Life – Downtown Winter Garden

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 & 2 – Corvair Fall Affair.

(Fairfield will be considered for hotel)

8. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48. Norm won the 50/50 in the amount of \$15.00.

My First Corvair

by Gene Barr

My First Corvair: But before that, let me tell you about my first Corvair test drive. When they first came out in the fall of 1959 I saw the ads and thought 'I have to check this out', so I went to our local dealer in Aurora, IL. and got a test drive in one of the 4 red four door demonstrators they had. It was a 3 speed and I was impressed with the way it handled but it didn't have a lot of power. I told the salesman I liked the car, but at the time I was not able to buy it, as I had one child and one on the way and was working two jobs to save money for a down payment on a house. I told him 'maybe someday'?

Now for my first Corvair: In 1966 I was in my second new home as our family was growing. We had five children, one of whom was born with brain damage (she lived until age 18). This added significantly to our expenses so I took on a third job working with my brother installing TV antennas and towers on weekends. I found a Corvan and used it for this and as a daily driver. I gave up the part time jobs in the early 70's at the request of my full time job when I went into management. So I sold the Corvan.

I got back into Corvairs in 1982 with the purchase of a 1966 500 coupe, and in 1985 found the Fitch Sprint. I have bought and sold a few more and now have a 63 autocross car and a 61 Corvan.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it !!!

SECC 2014 Spring Autocross

First Coast Technical College (FCTC)

St. Augustine, FL

14-16 March 2014

Sarah did it again: the weather for this weekend was beautiful, clear blue skies with moderate

temperatures. The driving was also inspired with one of our own taking Fastest Time Of the Day (FTD) showing those water pumpers the way around the course. We had a total of 17 drivers (4 that were pre-registered did not make it) that made runs through the FCTC autocross routes. Once again, Saturday was more of a finesse course which included the serpentine portion and gates on the skid pad. Driving the car under control up to the limit to get as close as possible to the fastest line was paramount for a good time. Sunday was more of a wide open course that required more courage to get to the limit without going over it. Most all did this very well. We also had some new people that had never autocrossed before. All of those left with a smile on their face and addicted to the sport (a couple of those had only signed up for only one day but paid the difference so they could come back and run on Sunday). I had mentioned during the driver's meeting that you use the 1st run to get an idea of the correct lines through the course, the 2nd run you start pushing to those lines, the 3rd run you come close to achieving those lines, and the 4th run you might exceed either the car's or your capability as you go past those lines. This turned out to be more often true than not as many had their best times on their 3rd run. We had 6 water pumpers this year; several Mazda's, a Lexus and a Honda Civic. We also had our crack Corvair technicians (Dan and Gene) get one of our new member's car fixed with some carb work and elimination of some vacuum leaks that allowed him to participate both days.

Saturday afternoon runs went with out a hitch. The drivers were finding the limits and staying within them. Most all runs were run without hitting any cones. Almost all drivers improved their times on each consecutive run. There was plenty of time after the 4 timed runs to have fun runs. Some even improved their official timed runs during the fun runs even though they had a passenger ride along.

Sunday morning was cool which added an additional challenge of getting the tires to stick while running the fast course. All was going well till a

cone was knocked down at the finish line which affected one of the timing sensors. Even though Jeff and Gene tried to line up the sensors, they had trouble getting the timing to cancel at the end of each car's run. We went to stop watches to get us through the first heat of drivers. During the switchover to the second heat, they found one of the cables was pulled loose from the connection. A field fix was applied which allowed us to be able to time the 2nd heat. The only other delay happened when we had an off course event during a 4th run; the tow rope had to be brought out and the car pulled from the muck.

All in all it was a great weekend. All cars and drivers survived. The Stewarts once again had lunch for us both days for a very reasonable price. The Stewarts also bought the Nature Coast Corvair Club Car. Can't wait till next year. Below are the results and pictures.



<u>Position/ Driver</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Best Run Sat</u>	<u>Best Run Sun</u>	<u>Best Total Time</u>
1. Gene Barr	IS-1	93.297	71.166	164.463
Titus Stewart	IS-1	96.025	---	---
George Neuman	IS-1	87.657	---	---
1. Catherine Stewart	IS-1L	114.303	80.803	195.912
2. Victoria Stewart	IS-1L	146.281	98.94	254.211
1. Dan Kidder	IS-2	87.832	65.08	152.912
2. Norm Wright	IS-2	91.024	68.442	159.466
3. George Jones	IS-2	92.875	71,645	164.520
1. Bob Reynolds	IS-5	89.598	65.880	155.478
1. Chris Brito	CC	77.345	57.000	134.345 (FTD)
1. Anthony Ralston	WP-4	82.913	61.600	144.513
2. Jeff Kent	WP-4	88.484	65.70	154.184
3. Aaron Kent	WP-4	92.130	63.462	155.592
Chris Jones	WP-4	80.265	---	---
Christian Tran	WP-4	86.730	---	---
Dan Spry	WP-4T	84.273	---	---





From the Editor

by George Jones

Yeah, I know I promised you an article on gauge upgrades to a Corsa instrument panel, but, thanks to all of the contributions, I have precious little space left to publish that article. So, I guess you have to read my ramblings, or not.

I would like to reiterate Eddie's comments about getting more people involved in the autocross; if for nothing else, than to keep your driving skills honed and to understand how your car handles in extreme driving conditions. No one is going to criticize you for being too slow, and who knows, you're probably going to beat my best time.

With all that said, I'll leave you with a teaser for next month.....



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