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**A younger Cecil Mills poses with his son, in front of their first Corvair, a new 1960 Monza 900 with fender skirts that set him back a whopping \$2,480.75.**

### Calendar of Events

- Aug. 15—17 Choo Choo Corvair Classic, Chattanooga, TN
- Aug. 19 CFC Business Meeting - David Maus Chevrolet, Snaford, FL
- Oct. 10 - 11 Vairs in the Valley - Maggie Valley, NC
- Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 CFCC Corvair Affair at St. Augustine Outlet Mall. Fairfield Inn (904-826-4068 for reservations)
- Oct. 25 Aircooled for Charity, Coral Springs, FL South Florida Corvair Club

## The Prez Says.

by Eddie Meadows

What a great turnout at the May monthly meeting – 28 people (it would have been greater if there were some other Corvairs there). It was great to see some folks we have not seen for awhile and a new member who just acquired an EM, Noah Musgrave, Randy's other son. The Golden Corral was a great hit; the room was private and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and deserts, especially the cotton candy!!! Anyhow, this will replace Perkins as our southern meeting place on the odd month 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday meeting time.

Couple notes for future planning. Sarah has gotten the Fairfield Inn to give us room rates of \$99.00/night for our Corvair Affair, 31 Oct to 2 Nov 2014). This is a great rate for a 4 Star hotel in season in Florida (regular rate is \$139.00/night). This will be our host hotel. It has a complete hot breakfast. Some at the meeting asked if we could see what the room rates would be for the Comfort Inn that is beside the old Knights Inn (it shares the big lot where trailers can be parked). I will have Sarah look into this.

Louise and Delinda are putting together some pretty nice door/raffle prizes for the Corvair Affair. They brought a couple of samples of the theme baskets they are preparing which are very unique. Cecil also emphasized that all of us need to think of something we could donate. (Meadows Automotive will be putting together a synthetic oil change kit (4qts of Amsoil 10w-40 high in ZDDF, oil filter, and drain pan – the once a year oil change).

The other schedule issue is we will not be having any Mid-months in July and August. Too hot and no one could think of any suitable indoor activity. We still will have our monthly meetings – June and August at Dave Maus with it being catered and July at the Golden Corral.

Linda's last check-up at the doctor the same day as our May meeting was very positive. However, she still has a few weeks of recovery before she will

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be allowed to return to her normal activities. Because Linda is a doer, she is very bored.

Our June Mid-month will be cooking/eating pancakes at DeLeon Springs, Saturday, 14 June. I will reserve 9:00 am as our cooking time. I will send out an e-mail next month to get a head count.

Still need more "My First Corvair " story. I have received 6 so far – need maybe 30 more.

## **My First Corvair**

by Cecil Mills

My first Corvair was one of the very first ones made, and the very first one delivered to my local Dealership in Columbus, Georgia in June of 1960. Although Corvairs had been out for several months in 1960, the Monza Coupe was a new addition to the Corvair line. The dealer decided to make this car his showroom model, and added every available option at the time on it. He added a fake chrome grill and fender skirts on the rear wheel openings. It was white with a bright red interior with bucket seats, nicer door panels etc. that had not been available on previous models. I thought this was the most gorgeous car that this 26 year old had ever seen, and I just had to have it.

Being so anxious to own this car, I am rather sure that I got a rotten deal, but I did not care. I wanted that car. Louise also fell in love with the car after seeing and driving it, and I am sure that when we retired that we bought and restored the 65 convertible that we now own.

Even our love for the car did not make it a better car. It was grossly under-powered (even Falcons beat me at traffic lights), and it leaked oil like crazy. Since these cars were new on the market, and Viton O-Rings were not yet invented, everyone assumed it was the valve covers leaking, and more and more Permatex was added to them, which did not slow down the leaking. Being a young hot rodder that drove the car with reckless abandon did not help matters. And at 23,000 miles the poor little car gave up the ghost and died. I could not even get it to back out of my driveway. Being well past the 12,000 mile warranty cars had back then, I had it hauled into the local dealership where I was to learn that the torque converter was shot, and the valves were burned.

Since my job required some travel, it was necessary for me to own a reliable car. I found it necessary to trade my pretty little car in on a full size Chevy Biscayne with a reliable V8 engine. Now that we are both retired and enjoying our love for the 65 that we restored, I decided one was not

enough, and therefore the purchase and restoration of the 67 coupe that we also own.

I still fight oil leaks, but that is just the bad that comes with the joy of owning Corvairs.

## **Member Bio**

### **Rosemary van Wandelen**

by Louise Mills

Not too long ago Norm asked me if we could once again try writing articles about our club members. Thinking, since our membership has changed so much over the years, it was a good idea. Of course the name for our first member is someone we see quietly doing her club job as treasurer and has many hidden talents. Rosemary, now a widow, was born on November 19th in San Jose, California. She loves her 65 Monza and does lots of the work herself. In talking with her I was really surprised at how many hidden talents and hobbies she has. She is a registered member of The Bee Keepers of Florida, and all the honey she handles is organic; and I am told by those who have had the chance to taste it, it is the best honey around.

Her love for bee keeping is just the beginning, Rosemary also enjoys making all types of jewelry. She is a member of four different clubs and holds an office in each. From time to time she also does some classes. She also repairs and makes watches and clocks, something else she enjoys. Rosemary is in two woodworking clubs but doesn't have a specialty. She just makes all kinds of furniture and items. I am sure at one time or other you have seen some of the beautiful pens she has made. Rosemary is also an outdoor person and is into kayaking, fishing and ties and makes her own flies. She has plans for putting her kayak on top of her Corvair.

What will really surprise you is the fact that our mild mannered Rosemary is really a Marksman. She has been shooting since she was a teenager. She mentioned a 22 rifle but really likes her Dan Wesson. Not knowing much about guns, she explained. What is so different about this gun is it has a removal/changeable barrel. It has lengths of 2-4-6-8 inches. This is the one she is really working on becoming a crack shot with. I wouldn't mind seeing that myself.

In all these clubs she holds an office, and will probably hold office as president in one this year; of course, her proudest effort, for now, is getting the

Monza in shape, and she has many plans for it but I have been sworn to secrecy.

By the time we get this out to our members she will probably have a new talent or skill to add to this long list. YOU GO GIRL!!!!

## **Central Florida Corvair Meeting Minutes May 20, 2014**

**1. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Eddie Meadows at 6:35PM. Meeting was held at Golden Corral in Orlando, Fl.

**2. Reading of last Month's Minutes:** Motion was made, seconded and approved to forego reading of the minutes, and accept them as published in the April Temp-Press.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurers report for both CFCC and SECC, was made by the Treasurer.

**4. Recognition of new members and guests:** Randy Musgrave and his sons Paul & Noah made the meeting. Randy has a 66 Convertible and Paul has a newly acquired 64 4-door.

**5. Old Business:** Eddie requested input regarding continued use of Golden Corral, as opposed to Perkins. A motion was made, seconded and approved to continue using Golden Corral for future odd month meetings.

Linda Wright is improving after her surgery but could use an emotional lift. She had her CT Scan today and it shows she is healing well. Members wanted to know about visiting her. It was suggested that letters, cards and visits would be welcome. Everyone wishes her well and a speedy recovery.

Preparations for the Corvair Affair were discussed. Checking on-line about rates for Oct. 31 – Nov 1. Possible Comfort Inn but also checking Fairfield Inn. Sarah will try to lock in 2 different places with rates.

Eddie spoke about different things that we could give out as door prizes at the Affair. Bob Bentz offered up a stash of Corvair Hot Wheels cars that can be used in the registration packets. A motion was made to compensate him, in the amount of \$.50 each for the Hot Wheels.

Louise Mills and DeLinda Jones discussed the baskets they were assembling the ladies door prizes. A motion was made to provide them with \$300.00 towards their endeavor.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to cancel the July & August mid-month events due to the heat.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the meeting time for the June mid-month, for pancakes at deLeon Springs, would be 9:00AM, and not 8:30AM, as previously planned.

Eddie reemphasized that he wants to see some more "My First Corvair" stories; he only has six so far.

**6. New Business:** Gene and Sue Barr are planning a Yard Dart Party sometime in November.

**7. Shows and Events: No mention of future shows or events, other than the International Convention**

**8. Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

## **Central Florida Corvair Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014**

**1. Call To Order:** The June meeting of the Central Florida Corvair Club was called to order by Vice President, Gene Barr. There were 12 members and 2 guests present.

**2. Reading of last month's meeting Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and carried to forego reading of the May meeting minutes.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Rosemary provided the balance in both the CFC and SECC accounts.

**4. Recognition of new members and guests:** Two new people, Mr. Johnson and Gilbert, that have a restored Greenbrier.

**5. Old Business:**

Mid-Month at DeLeon Springs – Norm and Linda were there with their kids/grandkids

CFC Corvair Affair – We have a contract with Fairfield Inn Hotel at \$99.00/night. Phone for reservations is 904-826-4068. “New” community room has a back room with bath room that has running water. Ladies have over 50 “gifts” for raffle and door prizes.

July Meeting at Golden Corral – everyone wanted to go back. Eddie made reservation for 15 July.

**6. New Business:** Guy gifts for the Corvair Affair. Cecil mentioned we also need gifts for the guys. George has been in contact with the manager at a local Autozone and feels confident he will be able to obtain some car related gifts.

### **7. Shows and Events:**

15 July – CFC Monthly Meeting at Golden Corral

21-25 July – CORSA National Convention, Tacoma, WA

31 Oct to 1 Nov – Corvair Affair at St. Augustine Mall

**8. Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at

## **Central Florida Corvair Meeting Minutes July 15, 2014**

**1. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Meadows at 6:40. There were 15 members present.

**2. Reading of last Month’s Minutes:** No minutes were available to be read.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Rosemary presented the CFC Club bank balance.

**4. Recognition of new members and guests:** New members, Aaron Albert and Ray Johnson who own a restored Greenbrier, were present.

### **5. Old Business:**

*CFC Corvair Affair* – Eddie mentioned that host hotel is the Fairfield Inn, which is the new 4 star hotel on the road into the Mall; rooms are \$99.00/

night. Eddie recommended making reservations soon to be able to get this rate. The phone number is 904-826-4068. Eddie checked on [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com) for a couple other hotels: Knights Inn at I-95 is \$54.00/night, Comfort Inn is \$109.00/night.

- Eddie passed out pictures of the “new” Community Room. Even though it is not as large as the one from last year, it still is big enough for our needs. It also has a back room with a bathroom.

- It was decided to keep the Corvair Affair a 2 day event, with valve cover and soup and sandwich dinner Friday night, and the car display, autocross, and award dinner Saturday. The Friday meal will start at 6:00pm and will be a casual affair with subs from someplace like Subway and CFC members will bring crock pots of soup and/or chili and desserts.

- The car display will be at the North end of the mall, probably just outside where the Community Room is located. For the autocross, it was voted to allow the Miata club (or others non-Corvair Club members) to run and charge them a \$10.00 admin fee that will qualify them as associate members, which will allow them to be covered by the CORSA insurance.

- We will have Sonny’s cater the award dinner at the Community Center at 6:30pm Saturday evening.

- We decided to add an individual registration of \$15.00 and keep family registration at \$25.00 for those registering by 1 Oct 2014. After that date, the cost will be \$20.00 for individual and \$30.00 for family. The remaining event costs will remain the same as last year [Valve Cover (\$5), Car Display (\$5.00), and Autocross (\$15.00)].

- It was also decided to add a model car display and bring back the Barhart/Bentz award.

- It was decided to investigate trying to reproduce the original coffee mugs that were given to all the registered participants at the original Corvair Affair, that had several types of Covairs and CFC Corvair Affair name printed on them (Cecil will look into).

- Limited trailer parking will be permitted behind Mall but those people will need to fill out a form and forward it to the Mall management before the affair.

- Again we will have certificates instead of trophies.

- Louise and DeLinda reported that they have several great “prizes” for raffle/door prizes. Cecil mentioned that they have spent many hours putting all

of those together and are of high quality. Cecil also mentioned that we need to make sure there will be items for the guys. He will donate several items and Eddie mentioned that Meadows Automotive will donate a Synthetic oil change kit. George told Eddie that he has talked to the manager at his local Autozone and he believes he will provide some merchandise. Eddie also mentioned that we will need to assign people that will be in charge of all the above events at our future meetings.

*Meeting at Dave Maus* – We had more food than we needed at the June meeting because of low attendance. It was suggested to raise the cost to \$10.00 and Eddie said he will send out e-mail and only have enough food for those who respond.

*Keys* – Aaron asked if the club had any spare keys. Norm said there were a few at the club garage, and Eddie mentioned that he had a jar with more than 30 keys.

#### **6. New Business:**

*Temp-Press Status* – George will print a summer edition of the newsletter once he receives the July meeting minutes.

*Replacement Secretary* – Barb's health requires her to resign. Laura Bentz said she would do it for the meetings she and Bob can make until we can

have the election in 2015.

*Club Tools/Cars* – Cecil asked if a list could be generated of the club tools and what cars are at the club garage that belong to the club. Eddie said he had the club tools that were given to him many years ago by Chuck Madsen, and that they are in a cabinet in his garage. This includes a complete set of shop manuals and some specialty tools. He will inventory and send a list to George for inclusion in the Temp Press. Norm said there are 4 cars that were donated to the club; a Spyder, a 63 4-door, and Eddie's two 65 coupes. Norm said he had set aside a separate room for club tools – couple jacks (one broken), etc.; he also will provide a list of tools available to the club members. It was suggested that we have a tech session where we determine what we have and the condition of some of the items on the donated cars that are in working order.

#### **7. Shows and Events:**

21-25 July– CORSA National Convention, Tacoma, WA

19 Aug – CFC Monthly Meeting at David Maus Chevrolet

#### **8. Meeting Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

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