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Riding with the President *by John Nickel*

Seems like I just got done writing this piece only a few weeks ago! I'm glad we don't do a monthly newsletter. Speaking of the CorvanAntics newsletter, this is the last issue edited by Gary Moore. Gary volunteered to take over from Mike Moyer at the Convention in Denver in July 2011 and has been doing a bang-up job ever since. The newsletter has been an award winning newsletter at least twice since he took over and he should be proud of his work. I thank you personally, Gary!

Gary is being replaced by a volunteer that I kind of conned into taking over as editor. I promised that I would help her with the job and hopefully my wife Barb Mee will accept my help with it but keep it her own product. The November-December issue will be all hers, and since we don't own the software that Gary and Terry Kalp have been using, the newsletter will appear significantly different because we will be using MS Publisher to put it together. I suspect that it will be a bit retro in appearance for many of you that were members during Mike's tenure as he used Publisher as well. Please keep submitting your stories and pictures as you have been over the past years to Molly or to Barb. Please welcome my wife Barb Mee as the new editor. Her email is barbmee@rsnet.org, and her address is the same as mine.

There are still many opportunities to show our beloved trucks to the world in all their glory and uniqueness. Don't be afraid to drive your non-show ready Corvan/Rampside/Greenbrier/Loadside, they are always a hit with the public and other Corvair owners no matter their appearance! Have a great fall.



John Nickel and his wife Barb Mee, the new editor of the CorvanAntics. John's presidential articles will be on time from now on.

John Nickel

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Molly Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer



From the Secretary *by Molly Bacon*

The Winner Is
 Jess Corrigan
 \$10 Clark's Gift Certificate

Remember, you can only win if your dues are current



Hi all,

Hope everyone has been enjoying summer and going to lots of events. Unfortunately, Labor Day is the end of summer holiday, so enjoy as much now as you can before old man winter creeps in. This is the first time in five years Chris and I have not had a drivable Corvair powered vehicle. The Ultra Van is waiting for new heads (dropped valve seat), Chris' Corvan developed transaxle issues, my Rampside is still working its way up on the fix-it list but Chris has started some work on it. Finally the two wagons and the 65 Monza are up in Michigan and we're in Georgia. We miss being able to go out and about in something Corvair powered.

Since last newsletter:

266 members

5 new members

20 members renewed their dues

1 member was dropped

WELCOME !! to our new members

Art Sesso	NJ	
Richard Matson	NY	
Duane Baker	OH	1961 Corvan
Burt Mitchell	ONT	1964 Rampside

WELCOME BACK!! to our returning member

Dick Dean	ONT	1964 Rampside	rejoined after a year with a severe illness
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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 or request some of the Corvanatics business cards. Just email me at Corvanatics@gmail.com or call me to have these mailed.

Dues Due!!

Everyone should have a membership card. Please let me know if you don't or have misplaced it, I will send you another one. 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.

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.

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Last Chance

We still have a few members 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 and you become eligible again for the gift certificate drawing.

Due May and June – Final Notice

You are NOT eligible to receive a gift certificate even if your number is generated.

Steve Breines	May 2016	Darrin Hartzler	June 2016
Gary Anderson	June 2016	Daniel Vallée	June 2016
Matthew Dixon	June 2016		

Due July and August Second notice

You are also NOT eligible to receive a gift certificate even if your number is generated.

Eddie Iglar	July 2016	J.C. Salazar	Aug 2016
Greg Schupfer	July 2016	Larry Sherwood	Aug 2016
Benny Bonaminio	Aug 2016	Silas Johnson	Aug 2016

Coming due in the next two months (early reminder)

Due July and August– coming up, pay now! You're still eligible for the gift certificate drawing, so renew and stay eligible

Jonni Berkman	Sept 2016	Daniel Dood	Oct 2016
Eva McGuire	Sept 2016	Terry Dumerauf	Oct 2016
John Policella	Sept 2016	William Meglan	Oct 2016
Alan White	Sept 2016	Charlie O'Hare	Oct 2016
John Bailey	Oct 2016	Philip Raker	Oct 2016
John Bell	Oct 2016		

STOP THOSE PESKY FUEL LINE LEAKS

By Chris Brown

The 45° flare fittings used on fuel system connections work very well when they are new. However, after repeated dis-assembly and reassembly, the fittings wear and the flares become distorted. As the parts wear, getting them to seal becomes increasingly more difficult. First we over tighten them. Then we resort to Teflon tape, liquid thread sealer, or even custom made rubber washers. SAE flares



are not designed to seal at the threads. Gas softens Teflon and bits and pieces can clog the fuel supply. Thread sealer can make things even more difficult to separate, if it seals. Rubber washers can soften and even dissolve if the material is not gas resistant.

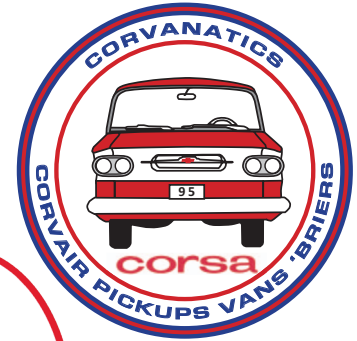
There is a readily available item that will compensate for wear and allow new and used 45° fittings to seal without excessive tightening. Commonly used in air conditioning, 45° copper flare gaskets are available in 1/4" and 5/16" sizes to fit Corvaire fuel lines. Manufactured by Parker-Hannifin, they are available from multiple vendors on-line. Local refrigeration or industrial suppliers may also be a source. 2GF-4 is the number for the 1/4" and 2GF-5 for the 5/16".

Don't Forget

Corvanatics Business Cards

Email, call, write me or order online at the Corvanatics website in the merchandise section for a "stack" of Corvanatics business cards to give out whenever you see an FC.

Thanks,
Molly Bacon



Concours d' Lemons

By: Eva McGuire "Corvain Lady" 1963 Chevy Corvan "Blupy"

I went to the Hagerty Insurance sponsored lemon car show elegantly called the "Concours d'LeMons" where ugly is the winning ticket. It takes place the same day as the fancy car show "Concours d'Elegance". I decked myself and Blupy (1963 Corvan) in full Hippie Gear and we won the WTF? AWARD with the prize of an in-home marijuana testing kit (because I had a cooking saucepan in a bag that was labeled "THE ONLY POT I HAVE"). That's what I get for bribing the judges. I wrote a poem that they had me recite at the award ceremony. It goes like this:

I AM HERE AT THE CONCOURS D'LEMONS,
IT'S NOT HELL, BUT IT'S CLOSE TO NADER HEAVEN.

I'LL THINK I'LL BRIBE A JUDGE AND TAKE THEM TO DINNER,
IN HOPES THEY'LL DECLARE ME THE RALPH NADER NIGHTMARE WINNER.

WHERE UGLY IS IN AND THE TALK IS TRASH,
BUT IF I WIN, HEY I THINK I'LL TAKE THE CASH.

IT'LL HELP ME GET HOME IN MY OLD CORVAIR VAN,
SO I CAN BUY MORE FANBELTS AND OIL BY THE CAN.

BUT IF I BREAK DOWN DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME,
'CUZ I GOT GOOD INSURANCE THRU HAGERTY.

SO HELP ME ALONG TO SING THIS SONG,
IT'S A SOUR LEMONY TUNE, BUT, HEY, I CAN'T GO WRONG.

BECAUSE I AM HERE AT THE CONCOURS D'LEMONS!
IN PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

editor's note: Song can be sang to the tune of the Beverly Hillbillies, sort of.



Where's the Fire?



Keepin' Em on the Road

By George Conboy, Rochester NY

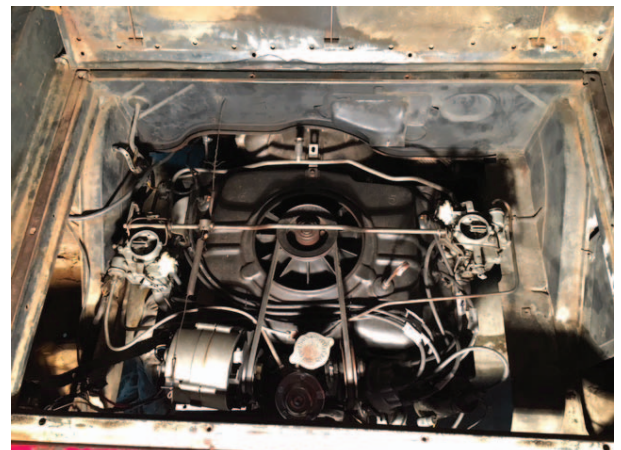
Since you asked, and since I happen to be down at the warehouse where I keep my 62 Greenbrier, here's what's going on with my project:

I bought this van 4 or 5 yrs ago, it had a bad motor but I had a good strong motor from a 68 coupe that I could put into it. With the help of my local Corvair club, Association of Corvair Nuts or ACORNS, we put in the motor and mated it to the four-speed transmission.

Drove it for year and then one day on the highway it started making a racket, going slower, smoking, and running really hot. I managed to limp home. A compression test showed the 1- 3-5 side as having plenty of compression, but the 2-4-6 having none.

We pulled the motor and found holes the size of a nickel in the number four and number six pistons. So we commenced to re-build the motor with some new parts and some salvaged. Finally fired it up and got it to idle nicely just last weekend.

While I was down here fine-tuning the motor on the Greenbrier, some ACORN friends showed up with another project that has been in the works. A literal "barn find:" a 1960 sedan, powerglide, believed to be very early and original. The original owner passed away in the 80s and it has been in a garage since 1985, the last year it was registered. We made a deal with his widow to buy it and bring it here with the intention of rubbing out the paint and seeing if we can get the engine to run. A strong scent of mildew is pretty off-putting in the interior, but everything else about the car is very promising, very original and untouched and everything is in great shape. Our club will make it roadworthy and find it a home.



My People Haulers

Stig Holm, Sweden

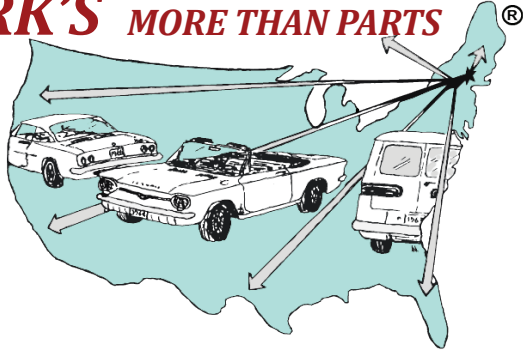
I can't resist adding a great picture to go with last month's article. Pictured is my Greenbrier with the bus I drive at work (actually I was a Boeing 737 captain, this is my retirement employment). Big brother - little brother



The Niagara Frontier Corvair Club was asked to put on a display and presentation at the Kenmore-Tonawanda NY History Museum regarding the Corvair and particularly the motor which was built at the nearby Tonawanda Engine Plant. The presentation was well received by museum members and guests. NFCC members Bob Guerin (Rampside) and Eric Holz (Greenbrier) brought their FC's to the display. Gary Swiatowy



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Corvanatics is open to anyone with an interest in Forward Control Corvairs. Annual dues are \$10 for an emailed newsletter and \$12 for a mailed newsletter. Application and payment is made to the Secretary/Treasurer either through the Corvanatics website at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/membership.php> or by mail. If mailed, please include a completed membership form. Forms can be printed from the website or obtained directly from the Secretary/Treasurer.

Stories, articles, photos, memorabilia, or any other item for publication should be sent to the editor. All of these can also be sent by email to: CorvanAnticsNews@gmail.com.

Technical material will be sent to the Technical Editor for review. Authors are also asked to submit a photograph of themselves for the article.

For advertising in the newsletter, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer. Members can have a free small ad in the newsletter. Display advertising is also available at the following rates:

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- Quarter Page: \$10;
- Business Card (2 x 3.5): \$5;
- Photos for ads are \$6.00 each and can be color or black/white.

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DACC Homecoming 2016



As always, this is one of the best events you can attend in the northern Midwest.

This was our 5th year and it exceeds itself each year. The best part of it is the FUN. You can tell this by Corvanatics member, Eva McGuire, as co-pilot for Corv-Air airlines, during the period dress up just before the Saturday evening awards pizza party. More fun is the outdoor “drive-in” movie.

Every meal is furnished; breakfast by the hotel and other meals by attending Corvair clubs and this year, even a meal by Hagerty Insurance.



Eva McGuire, co-pilot for Corv-Air Airlines.



Movie night Featured "Its a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World."



Everyone knows the Rampside Pick-up was the star of the Movie.

When it isn't meal time, Ken Pepke's got the best Hospitality Room you could ever find. You really can't go hungry.

This year, it was a great privilege to hear Nick Gigante, grandson of Frank Winchell, who was VP of General Motors and Director

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of Engineering for the top secret Chevrolet Research & Development Group & GM's expert witness during the trials against the Corvair, discuss how his grandfather got his job at GM and then to see the GM film, A Car on Trial, which was prepared by GM to educate local attorneys about the Corvair, and the physical laws to support the safety of the vehicle.. This was shown at the GM Heritage Center, which is a side trip available every year. It was again shown the next day in the hospitality room, so no one would miss the chance at seeing it.

There were probably well over a hundred Corvairs and a handful of FCs. Unfortunately, over 3/4s of the FCs were not Corvanatics members. Chris put Corvanatics business cards on each non-member's FC. Plus, Chris and I set up our Corvanatics table and signed up three new members, sold some merchandise and collected renewal dues from five members. We also got to show off our new Corvanatics flag. No one can miss us now.

Vice President, Ken Hand had his new Ultra Van and his Yenko race car there. There were quite a few other members and it's always fun



A Car on Trial



Rich Blanchard



Chris Brown and Molly Bacon display the new Join Corvanatics flag.



Tim Bramble



Eva McGuire

to be able to talk to some of our Canadian members since they are only a few miles away and a large group come every year. The weather was great except for a mid afternoon shower on Saturday during the road rally, but it cleared up in time for the pizza party and drive through awards. I know I've said it before, but this event needs to be on every Corvair owners bucket list.



Donald Phillips This is NOT a Greenbrier, but a Corvair. Jeff at Corvair Ranch has crawled under and verified the hidden VIN.



Jim Diell, did not have his FC this time, but deserves recognition since he received one of the top 25 awards for his convertible.





2001 Corvair National Convention, Chicago, St. Charles-Pheasant Run. Photo by Terry Kalp



July 25, 2014 Corvair Forward Control Vans and Pick-ups at the CORSA International Convention in Tacoma, WA. Photo by Gary Moore



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