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Corvairs

at BARBER

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From the Prez:

Thanks to Billy and his crew for a great weekend car show! Their hard work and dedication to putting this event on showed through at every turn. For those of you who missed it, I don't know what to say. Good food, great company and a trip to Barber plus laps.

Words cannot describe the Barber museum. From the time you turn the corner to drive in until you walk in the door you know you are in for something special. And you are. I've had several people describe the museum and grounds to me and all the descriptions rang true. The grounds are beautiful and the museum is an almost overwhelming visual experience. From the back of the museum you have an excellent view of the track and can watch while drivers are practicing.

An added bonus for me was meeting the guy who was in line to buy my convertible ten years ago. He just happened to be at the museum when we drove in and spotted my car in the bunch. From the Chicago area, he had seen the car advertised for sale and had come down to McCalla, AL to look at it. When I looked at it the owner told me there was someone who was going to buy it and if I wanted it to make an offer fast. I came back the next day with a wad of bills and the deal was done. Things like that just don't happen every day. While we didn't have much time

June 2017

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, 16 June

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fullness Christian Center

to talk, I came away with a little more history about my car and a new friend. It doesn't get much better than that.

If you didn't get a chance to attend this year, you may want to pencil in the date on your calendar for next year. I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Check our Facebook page for the pics and you'll see why.

Remember, the cruise-ins and car shows are up in full force so clean it up, crank it up and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!

John

VCE May Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by President John Cleveland.

Participants

With 17 members in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes of the previous Meeting

Minutes of the April meeting were published in The Oil Drop. Copies were distributed and reviewed by the membership before the meeting started. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented in The Oil Drop.

Financial Report

Financial report was presented by treasurer, Howard Tutt. Balances, Receipts and projected Barber expenses were provided to those in attendance. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the financial report as read.

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VCE Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Dues for 2017 are now due. To make a payment for dues or to register for Barber, please send your check to our Treasurer:

Howard Tutt
1945 Linden St.
Leeds, AL 35094

Committee Reports

Springfest

There was a solicitation for more people to work next year's Springfest. It will be the same weekend. It was reported that a couple of people had credit cards compromised at different locations in Helen this year.

Corvairs at Barber

This issue will explain the event in detail.

Membership

Mike Clark, who lives south of Atlanta, is joining the club. Chris Johnson from Hueytown is also joining. Welcome, Mike and Chris!

Old Business

The DAR needs as many Corvair convertibles as we can supply for the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade.

New Business

The Shelby County College/Career center show is tomorrow. Russ is taking 5 cars. At least 4 VCE members are going. Proceeds send students to a national competition for tech schools. Please see the upcoming events for other items.

Drawings

The \$30 gas money was won by Russ Thuleen.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, June 16, at Fullness Christian Fellowship.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Corvairs at Barber STATISTICS

50 Registrations with 5 no shows, 100 name dash plaques were made (sorry Danny).

5 clubs were represented from 6 states.

26 Corvairs in the parking lot at the Hotel.

20 cars participated in the Parade Laps with 1 to 4 people in the cars.

Old Corvair friends and new Corvair friends enjoyed great fellowship.

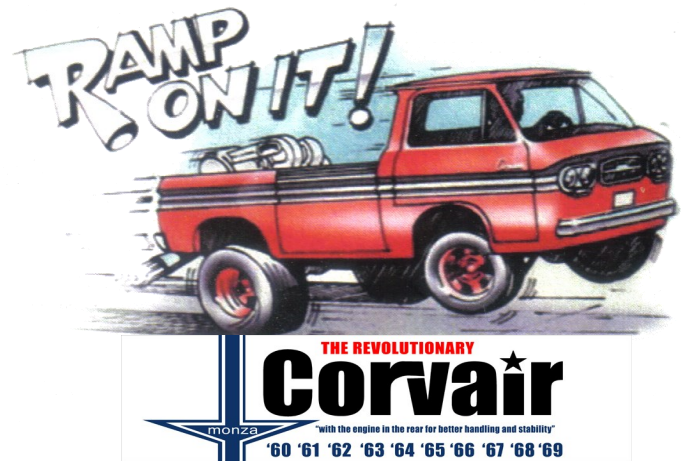
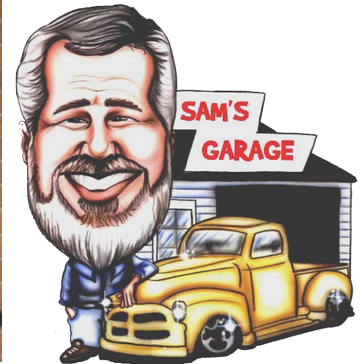
The weather was absolutely perfect on both days.

There were two \$200 gift certificates from Coker tire and three Corvair Floor mat sets given away along with many other nice door prizes.

Russ Thuleen won the 50/50 drawing.

Our guest speaker and awards presenter was TV and radio personality, Sam Memmolo from the Velocity Channel and Sam's Garage Radio Show. He and His wife Diana joined us Saturday afternoon.

Pictures of the awards presentations are on page 8.



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Corvairs at
BARBER
MOTORSPORTS PARK

May 26-27 2017

Happy Anniversary
Claudia & Howard Tutt –
June 1

Happy Birthday
Ed Lindsay – June 16

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NOTE: PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN THE 25TH OF THE MONTH.

VCE IS on Facebook...Click on the link:

[Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page](#)



FRIDAY



The Host Hotel provided ample parking and general public visibility for all the Corvairs



Heading out for 'familiarization run'.



CORSA is now on [Facebook](#)



SATURDAY



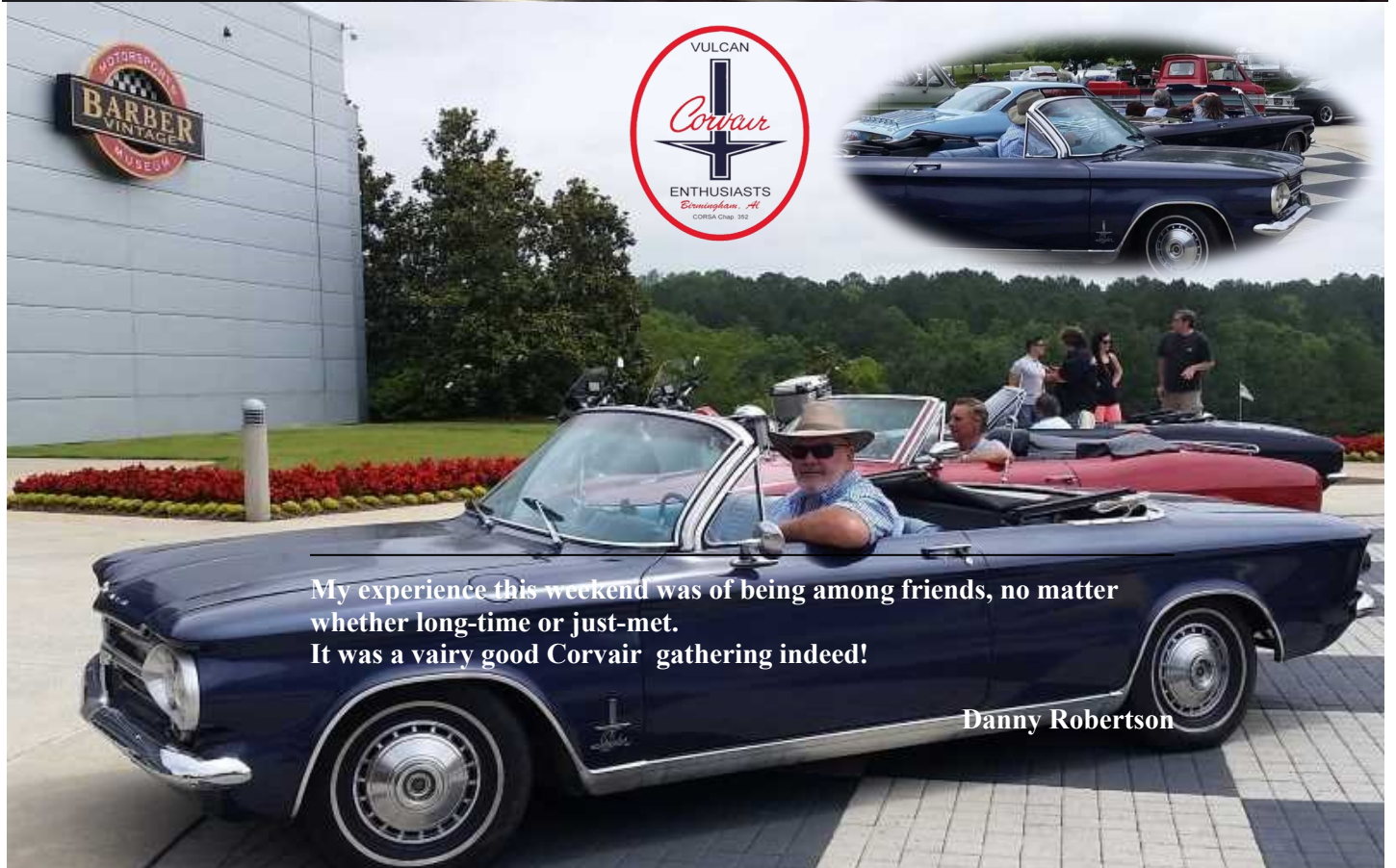
Pre-Stage in the museum's 'Winners Circle' for taking of commemorative photos.

PARADE LAPS



When Vulcan Corvair held their first mini-convention, we got to take a parade lap around the track at Talladega before the Winston 500 race. I was 16 years old, and my dad let me drive his Corsa. In those days, nobody drove that car but him, so it was a special treat that he let me take the wheel going around the track. 40+ years later, Vulcan Corvair finally did another parade lap, this time at Barber Motorsport Park. I planned to drive my Spyder around that track, but wasn't able to get it running in time. We still have that old Corsa, but it hasn't run in years and is patiently waiting its turn to be put back on the road. So, we took the trip in my sister's car, a '66 Monza coupe. I say it is my sister's car, actually it now belongs to my nephew Daniel. He is 14 years old, the same age I was when I got my Spyder all those years ago. It was a special treat for me to drive his car around the track, and have him ride along. The drive I made when I was 16 was a memory to last a lifetime, and I know this one will be as well remembered.

Phil Hartline, May 31 2017



My experience this weekend was of being among friends, no matter whether long-time or just-met. It was a vairy good Corvair gathering indeed!

Danny Robertson

THIS is what a successful event is all about:

Ed and Carol Keller, Harold, Robin & Louise Hartline, Eleanor & Billy Bruce, Sandra & Richard Sande, Richard Stolzman, Tyler Swearingen, Travis Lowery, Leslie & Russ Thuleen, and Olivia, Kayli & Lexi Williams.





BARBER MOTORSPORTS PARK:
PHOTOGRAPHY PROVIDED BY:



DashCam
Cindy Cannon and Brenda Epperson entering Barber Motorsports Park



First thing we see is a beautiful view of the on track waterfall.



DashCam
Middle straight view of the grandstands and VIP suites



Participants relax inside museum as we wait for track to clear



Phil Hartline and John Cleveland exit turn #8 in front of museum viewing area



Forward Control:

Billy Rudolph
Greg Blakeney
George Miljus



Late Closed:

Harold Hartline
Russ Thuleen
Scott Ham



Late Open:

Jim Guider
Travis Lowery

Early Open

Eleanor Bruce
Ed Keller



Specialty:

Paul Liewellyn





Leeds First Baptist Church

Provided their Fellowship Hall and Kitchen Services. Many thanks to John, Richard, Carol, and Brenda for volunteering to serve up the delicious food.



Harold met a new friend!

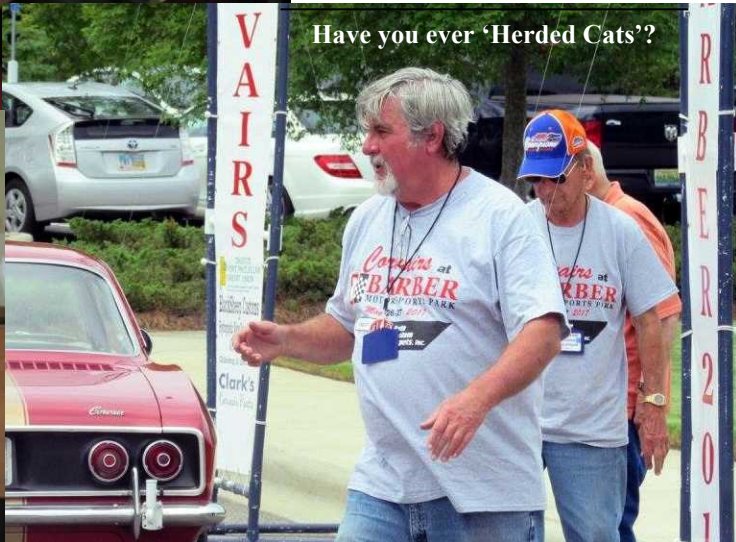


Hospitality Room:

ALWAYS A GOOD TIME AND PLACE TO CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW CORVAIR ACQUANTICES.



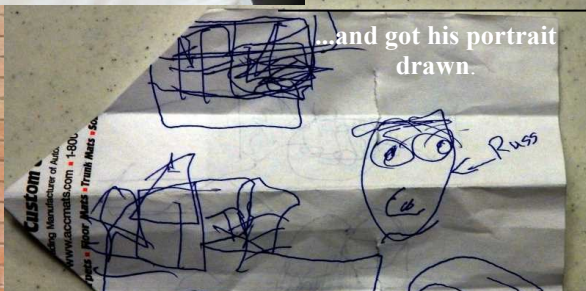
Russ won the 50/50.....



Have you ever 'Herded Cats'?



Kayli has her eye on you!



...and got his portrait drawn.

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Will see you for *Corvairs* at Barber Motorsports Park 2018

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VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.