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Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043 From the Prez: Fall is in the air! It's darker when the convertible and I go to work in the morning and the afternoon sun definitely has that fall shimmer. It has also been cooler and a lot dryer than the summer which is great for putting the top down and enjoying owning a convertible!

As fall and the holidays approach the club has several things we need to be thinking about and acting on. Vairs at the fair is coming fast, Oct. 6 and 7 is next weekend. Information is on our facebook page and the COR-SA web site. Maggie Valley is the following weekend so October is a busy month for some quality Corvair shows.

November brings the show at Lineville, AL the first Sunday in November . If you've never seen hundreds of classic cars gathered in one place I highly recommend this show. We have had a contingent going to this one for several years and it is definitely worth it. The money goes to the Shriner's and that's worth it too.

Also coming up in November is the Veteran's Day parades in Anniston and Birmingham on November 11, a Saturday. I have asked for some Corvair convertibles to support the Alabama Daughters of the American Revolution in the Birmingham parade and as always the club supports the veteran's organization in Anniston. There's still time left to sign up for Birmingham. Notify me with your car information including make, year, tag #, color, driver's name and license number. Because of the size of this parade officials are requesting this information for increased security. Notify Billy Cannon if you are planning on going to Anniston for that parade so he can have a head's up on the number attending. These are both great opportunities to support our veterans and to support our club and our cars.

With December comes our club Christmas party and election of officers. There was some discussion about the party at our last meeting. One suggestion that got a lot of support was having the party at a restaurant that has a banquet room. Since there wasn't

October 2017

Next Meeting: Date: Friday, 20 October Time: 7:00 PM Place: Fullness Christian Center

enough attendance at the meeting to do any official business I assigned Russ and Howard to look in to a couple of venues by executive order. They will report back to the group at our October meeting on the 20th. Dues are due in December also and we usually take up donations for a charitable cause. The recipient of that donation will be on the agenda at our October meeting.

Last but certainly not least is our preparations for Barber 2018. Howard has sent out information and is asking for volunteers so he can start getting slots filled for everything that needs to be done. The committee is looking at alternate motels and banquet rooms in the area and any and all ideas . Remember, clean it up, crank it up and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!

NO VCE Meeting Minutes were recorded for last month!

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>

Emily & Pete Wood – October 17 Sherri & Steve Daniels – October 18 Judi & Billy Cannon – October 30

<u>Happy Birthday</u>

Phil Hartline – October 8 Rozelle Doughty – October 10 Debbie Noble – October 14 Howard Tutt – October 23 Steve Daniels – October 24 Harold Hartline – October 27

OLD CORVAIRS NEED LOVE TOO!

Let's Face It! Your Corvair is indeed a great car!

Did you know that there is a group of enthusiastic Corvair lovers in this area?

See other side for details. . .

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The Corvair Society of America (CORSA), Inc. is a club formed in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair automobile. The club has grown to include more than 6,000 members nationwide.

The Birmingham Chapter of CORSA, the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, has over 50 members who meet regularly to continue efforts to keep the Corvair alive.

For further information, detach the return mail card, fill in your name, etc., and mail it right away. Your response does not obligate you in any way to join our club (but we hope that you will!) If you prefer, call _______ at

YES! I am interested in learning more about the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts club.

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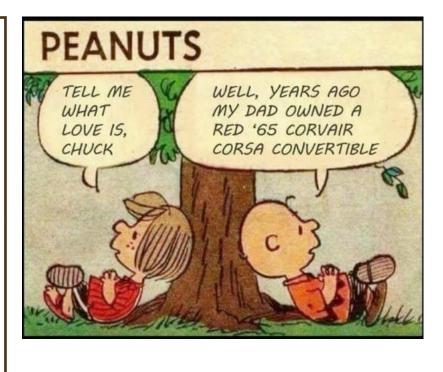
Address _

Phone

I own _____ Corvair (s).

THIS REPLY DOES NOT OBLIGATE ME IN ANY WAY.







Future Events

Date	Event	Place
10/6-7/2017	Vairs at the Fair	Warner Robins, GA
10/13- 14/2017	Vairs in the Valley	Maggie Valley, NC
11/11/2017	Veterans Day Parades	Birmingham & Annis- ton, Al



Barber 2018 Committee Call

Please look over the committee list below and be prepared to add your name to our committee(s) at our October 20th meeting. So your talents can best be utilized, a brief description of each responsibility is shown below each committee. *Registration:* B. Cannon, C.Tutt, L.Thuleen

Register and distribute information and T shirts

Advertising Sales: Banner/"T" shirt H.Tutt, _

Our budget needs approximately \$500 in advertisement sales in order to break even. We can target auto part dealers, oil change providers, etc... All necessary brochures and pricing data will be provided.

"T" shirt: B. Cannon, ____

"T" shirt design and advertisement placement on T shirt. Order T shirts.

Banner: D. Robertson, _

Banner design and advertisement placement.

Movie: J. Cleveland, R.Thuleen,_____

Movie choice and coordination with drive in. Also car show coordination with theater.

Car Show: R. Thuleen,_____

Develop car show for movie customers to vote on people choice awards (customers will not know Corvair terms i.e.: early, late, open, closed, FC)

Banquet dinner: H. Tutt, ____

Determine caterer and negotiate pricing and setting up & serving of banquet dinner.

Trophies / photos D. Robertson, _____

Taking, printing and placing pictures in plaques for awards and commemorative photos.

Hospitality: Saturday B. Cannon, L. Thuleen, ___

Procure and set up Saturday lunch including drinks and chips. Procure and ice down drinks and set up finger foods Saturday night. *Barber Motorsport / Hotel / Hospitality Room / Banquet Room* H.Tutt, _____, ____,

Procure best pricing for group rate at hotel. Negotiate hospitality room rate. Determine banquet room location and negotiate price. Co-ordinate with providers as necessary.

Corvairs at Barber 2018

he Barber Committee met Friday 9/15/2017 and the following items were discussed: This year we will be changing the format for Friday. We will be going to dinner and having a car show at the Coyote Drive-In here in Leeds and viewing a "car" type movie or any of the other movies that are playing at the theater. The movie / car show, dinner and movie snacks as well as a round of mini golf is included in our registration price. Saturday will begin with photos and will be followed by parade laps at Barber. Ending the day will include a catered banquet / Awards presentation followed by hospitality get together in the hospitality room at the hotel for those with the energy to partake. While the cost this year is a little higher (\$75 / person or \$125 / family) it is our hope a reduced hotel rate will more than offset the registration increase, not to mention the increased value of the entire event. With help from all the Vulcan members we can provide more smiles per gallon and create memories of a life time.

The Barber Committee members will chair the various subcommittees and other Vulcans will complete those committees. The subcommittees will be shown in the Oil Drop and we can volunteer at the next regular meeting. Hopefully the hands of many will make the load a lot lighter.



Howard's search for a LM four door

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The unfortunate turn of events resulting from hurricane Harvey has affected one of our own. As some of you know, Howard Tutt bought the four door that was in Richard Stolzman's barn. The car was taken to Texas where Howards son was going to get it running and driving so that when a visit was in order, Howard would have an air conditioned Corvair to drive around in the Texas heat. Russ has been helping Howard with the rebuilding of the engine while the rest of the car was in his son's storage building in Houston.

Needless to say the flooding that so many in Houston suffered also got to the storage building and destroyed not only the four door, but also furniture and other items that his son had in the unit.

So now a freshly rebuilt motor has no where to go! Howard's current '66 Monza coupe was bought from Mr. Raffield's "Corvair Ranch Of The South"



in Cookesville, TN. There also happens to be a '67 four door that is in pretty good shape available. Howard, Russ and I recently took a day trip up to Cookesville to check it out. According to Howard, the car will be suitable for his new engine but it was just TOO HOT that day to load it up and bring it back to Leeds.

Meanwhile, the three of us enjoyed meeting with the proprietor and checking out all his cool Corvair Stuff:

A VERY low mileage '65 four door that he states that he will be buried in and another low mileage '64 coupe that is all original and is his 'daily driver'.

Ultravan #509 is there and is one of the best examples this writer has seen up close and personal.

An original 'Corvair by Chevrolet' working neon sign and lots and lots of cars and trucks in Tennessee's own Corvair Graveyard.

So as soon as the weather get a little cooler, another road trip (with the trailer) will be coming up after 'Vairs in the Valley'.

The leaves will be turning and looking good, so ya'll come and join us in the mountains of Tennessee for another Corvair adventure.





Heart of Georgia Corvairs presents its 28th Annual Dixie Corvair Classic Vairs at the Fair October 6-7 2017 In Perry, GA

Friday Night Southern Hospitality Party

Friday Swap Meet in the hotel parking lot

Saturday Parade and Display at the Georgia National Fair

Saturday Night Bar-B-Q Dinner, Raffle, 50/50. No judging, just good fun with Corvair people.

Host Motel is the much improved Quality Inn & Suites located at 215 Margie Drive in Warner Robins, GA. Phone 478-953-6866 for reservations.

Ask for Corvair Room rate of \$65.00 per night, or \$75.00 per night for a suite. Rates good Oct. 5,6,7 2017 Reservations need to be made by September 1,2017.

Come a day early and visit the Museum of Aviation New and refurbished planes on display.

Contact:

Lillian Law (Show Chairperson) at 229-291-0567 or email at <u>lawjandl@aol.com</u> 163 Laurelbrook Drive Leesburg GA 31763

The 'Corvair Tractor'

1940s-50s Allis Chalmers Model G enjoys relevance again with the debut of the CleBer LLC Oggun tractor

Jim O'Clair on Sep 18th, 2017 (Hemmings)

Six decades after the manufacture of the last Allis-Chalmers Model G small tractor in Gadsden, Alabama, a new company is beginning to produce a similarly designed tractor that could revolutionize small subsistence farming in the U.S. and abroad. CleBer LLC is now building the Oggun Iron Horse tractor in <u>Fyffe, Alabama</u>, but the eye-opening fact that is stirring attention is that the tractor can be bought for less than \$13,000 and none of the parts are proprietary, meaning if the tractor breaks down in Chile, the owner doesn't have to wait weeks for replacement parts.



1948 Allis-Chalmers MODEL G. made in Gadsden, Al

Several different engine options are available, and buyers can specify a 19-horsepower Honda or Kohler gas engine, while international customers can also specify a Kohler diesel engine. The Oggun, which has a 123-inch wheelbase and a five-gallon fuel tank,



uses hydraulic steering and brakes and weighs less than 1,800 pounds.

CleBer LLC was founded by Horace Clemons and Saul Berenthal, a native of Cuba who thinks a small tractor like the Oggun would be welcome in his home country because of the affordability, size, and adaptability in the field. The width of both front and rear wheels gives the Oggun, like the Chalmers Model G, the ability to navi-



gate narrow field rows, making it ideal for many crops including corn and ground vegetables. The front wheel track with 12-inch tires can be adjusted between 39 and

58 inches, while the rear 24-inch wheels can be adjusted between 35 and 50 inches. The tractor offers 17 inches of ground clearance and the three-point hitch is compatible with all Category 1 attachments (front and rear cultivators, single and multiple seed planters, chisel and turning plow, grading blade, etc.), which CleBer also sells, but none of which are priced at more than \$400 per attachment.

While CleBer's main goal currently is to produce and sell these tractors to Cuban farmers, the Oggun has already been demonstrated at dozens of venues around the U.S. and in other foreign countries, and has been well received. Kudos to Mr. Clemons and Mr. Berenthal for thinking a 60-year-old tractor design can contribute to the sustainability of today's agricultural market, especially on farms where such a tractor is needed most, the small single-family homesteads that are producing just enough food for their needs and the needs of their local economy. Those are the same kind of farms America had 60 years ago when the A-C Model G proved successful.

More information on the Oggun is available on their website <u>ThinkOggun.com</u>.











Please consider my application for membership in the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts A Chartered Chapter of CORSA (Corvair Society of America), Chapter 352

Date of Application:

Submit application to: Howard Tutt 1945 Linden St. Leeds, AL 35094

Or better yet, come to a meeting the third Friday of each month at Fullness Christian Fellowship at 2575 Columbiana Rd., Birmingham, AL 35216.

Information About You										
First Name		Las			Name					
Address										
City					State					
Zip					Phone					
Email address										
Family Member(s) to be listed with the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Membership								rship		
First Name				Last Name			Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Anniversary										
Information about your Car										
Year	(Color		Ту	ype			Engin	e CI	
Horsepower	(Other								

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR PER FAMILY, DUE JAN. 1

Initial Dues Pro-rated by Quarter (Jan-Mar: 100%, Apr-Jun: 75%, Jul-Sep: 50%, Oct-Dec: 25%) Are you a member of Corsa? Y / N

Signature: _____

The Travelling BillBobbery:

The escapades and ramblings of an official Corvair NUT!

his month's adventure found yours truly in our nation's capital and with an opportunity to meet a fine bunch of fellow Corvair 'nuts'.

Group Corvair is the local club for The National Capital Area. They meet on every third Tuesday of the month and I was cordially invited (actually I invited myself and they accepted) to attend their 19 September meeting at Fratelli's Restaurant (The Old HoJo's) in Hyattsville, MD. The food was great and the camaraderie and fellowship was even better. I presented one of David Hausenfleck hand made Vulcan plaques to their club as a memento of the visit.



Jerry Yates and Jim & Marolyn Simpson Corvairs



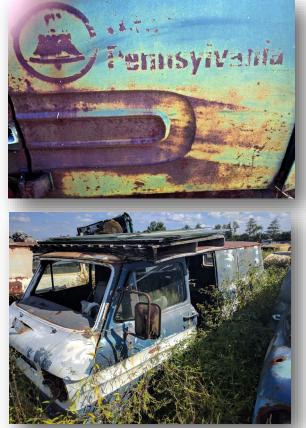
Gus & Barbara Torbert, Jim Govani, BillBobbery, Jerry Yates, Jim & Marolyn Simpson, Bob Hall and Bob Lewis



Group Corvair's president, Jim Govoni and I with the VCE plaque.

Whenever I am within a reasonable driving distance from The Corvair Ranch, I always try to make time to visit Jeff and Jeb even if I don't really need to get anything to bring back to Alabama. I was however, looking for a set of doors and headlight buckets for the current eight door project. But alas, I came back with an empty truck bed this time. You will see in the pictures that there are a couple of eight doors out on the lot but the doors were in no better condition than what we currently have. I did enjoy walking through the Corvair Graveyard once again and talking with Jeb about his wife's daily driver, an eight door Greenbrier. He has configured the doors and seats so that she can get the kids safely into their car seats by opening only one of the double doors. Pretty neat idea!









ART & VICKI BOLTON HAVE A '64 COUPE FOR SALE

Monza with powerglide - very good driver with good interior & glass. It has been sitting for about 5 years and of course 'ran when parked'. Will need tires, brakes, fuel lines, etc. to get it safely back on the road. \$3,000 OBO

CALL: 205-988-5356

CORVAIR FOR SALE

THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO PLACE AN AD:

I'm sending this message for someone who doesn't have a computer. But, he does have an old Corvair that he needs to sell because he has recently had to move into a small apartment. I think he's had the Corvair for a long time with the intention of restoring it, but is no longer able to do that due to age and poor sight. It is stored in a storage shed in Huntsville. You'll need to contact the owner for details.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please send me a name and telephone number...I will give it to him. Or, if you want to call him:

Andy Slayden 256-316-9591

FC Reproduction Standard Front Floor Mat

Thanks for purchasing this reproduction FC front floor mat. It has been cast from a used mat that required a variety of repairs. The repairs have left some surface imperfections, but these are not readily apparent when the mat is installed.

Steering column

1. Cut the seam to allow positioning the mat around the base of the steering column.

For standard transmission

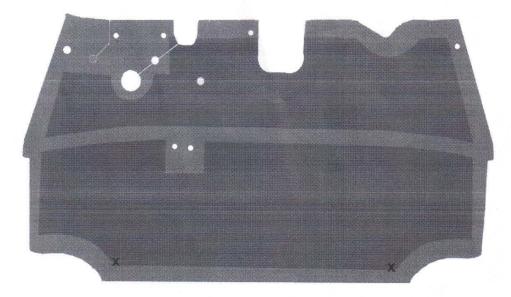
2. You will need to cut the seam and remove the hole filler for the clutch pedal.

3. If you have a late style shifter (on the floor), you will need to cut a hole to fit around the square housing of the shifter assembly (see picture). You should use a single edge razor blade or sharp box cutter knife. Partially install the mat and position it correctly with the mat rolled up to the shifter to locate where the hole should be cut. Alternatively, remove the shifter assembly so that the mat can be laid flat to locate the cut out.



Carpet rear retainer holes

4. The mat does not have holes for mat retainers along the rear edge (see X's in diagram below) since these were not present in all the mats I've seen. You can cut holes there if appropriate for your FC.



Originally below the FC front mat were a jute fiber pad ($^1/4''$ thick), an asphalt impregnated fiber sheet ($^1/8''$ thick), and fiber space filling blocks. Replacements for these are available from Clarks on page 282 of the catalog.

Money back guarantee – if you are dissatisfied with the mat, send it back unaltered for a full refund. Steve Spilatro, 625 Fifth St., Marietta, OH 45750 spilatrs@marietta.edu

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