

# West Florida Corvair Club



## The Chronic Corvair April 2018

### West Florida Corvair Club #325

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#### 1. MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING:

##### MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2018

WELCOME: 8 members were present.

MINUTES: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was given.

CLUB STORES: Same stuff. Call to see if we have what you need.

##### OLD BUSINESS:

###### Corvair Lovers Holiday:

Profit/Loss Statement: We made some money from the show.

Animal Charities: The club will donate \$100 each to the two animal charities that we decided on before the show.

Good Stuff: It was a beautiful day for a show. We have gotten to the point that the show runs it's self.

Bad Stuff: We need to make sure those that paid for the Valve Cover races get to race.

Next year some of us need to remember to bring their luggage out to the beach. Others need to remember to take it back home.....

There was no other Old Business.

##### NEW BUSINESS:

Helen: There are quite a few of our club members heading up to Helen. It will be great to have our club represented.

Panhandle Cruiser's Show: May 12th at 5 Flags Speedway. It was proposed and passed that the club would sponsor trophies again this year. Our club name will be on 3

trophies and we get 1 free car entry. For those participating in this show, we will put names in a hat and draw for the free car entry. For the time being, Gary will put his name on the car entry.

Spring Picnic: The Spring Picnic will be on April 15th at 1pm. It will be held between Ed Lindsay's and Howard Furr's houses. Howard has cleared an area and laid sod. Bring your chairs and a dish to share.

Dues: We have 34 paid memberships. 14 have yet to pay.

New show location: Club members have started looking for a new location for our show. If you have a chance, check around your area for hotels. We need a big enough hospitality room, a parking lot to handle the cars and a place to store trailers. Things for the wives to do while the husbands talk Corvairs. Navarre has a Days Inn that is next to a convention center. Rooms are around \$63 in February and to use a portion of the convention center it's \$150 a day. We are looking at February 22-23, 2019 for the show.

There was no other New Business.

By Mary Mierzwa, Sec./Treas.

#### 2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

If you have paid your dues, you have completed your responsibility as a member of the West Florida Corvair Club. If you attended the Corvair Lovers Holiday in February you have done one of the things that is expected of you. You don't have to register. If you registered for our car show and registered your Corvair you are a "Super Member." Again, you don't have to bring your car.

Our car show is a social event more than a car show. What we like the most about our show is seeing the friends that we have from other clubs over the years. Our show is a good way to get away from home. You can spend a couple days at the beach by staying at the host hotel for a couple nights; however, don't forget your suitcases? Ask Karl and Debbie Stelzer and Ed and June about this?

#### 3. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Email the newsletter editor: [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net)

CORSA @ [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

CorvairForum.com

Clarks Corvair Parts@ [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com)

Visit [www.oldcarsweekly.com](http://www.oldcarsweekly.com) and <Speak your piece in forums at Oldcarsweekly.com>

Facebook: [West Florida Corvair Club](https://www.facebook.com/WestFloridaCorvairClub). Send a Friend request!

Chevy Truck Ad: Go to YouTube at the address below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKhCzA38I> (Note: the last letter after A38 is not the number 1, it is the letter I)

#### 4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

Mike Delapp and his Son Colton represented WFCC at the Bonifay Down Home Street Festival. Colton, Becky and Mike did all right. Both Mike and Colton were in the top 25 and won a socket set as a door prize. It was a very successful day!!



Isn't Colton a handsome guy!

#### 5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have thirty-four (Flash! 37) paid up members for 2018? Thank You! Two members have resigned: Joe Cannella and Dale Hunt and they will be put on our "Friends of the Club List."

Twelve members have been billed. Please send back your "Notice of Intent" by April 30. After April 30, any member who has not paid their dues will be removed from our membership list and can be reinstated at any time by paying their dues.

We have gained six new members this year: Nelson Munn, Charlie Kelson, David Legerton, Dean Wolfrum, Mark Kerr and Eddie Meadows.

#### 6. HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY:

If your birthday is not listed below it is because you don't have a Birthday listed on your personal profile or because you did not pay your dues. (Or, I goofed!) If you would like to be on the Birthday List, pay your dues, contact June Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or email June at [wfcc@mediacommb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacommb.net).

##### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Stelzer	04/02
Jean Andrews	04/10
Dean Wolfrum	04/11
Ken Hosking	04/12
Brian Mierzwa	04/12
Lacy Cannella	04/14
Maggie Hunt	04/14
Daniel Stelzer	04/18
Devin Clark	04/18
Billy Cannon	04/21
Sandra Kent	04/22

Shirley Hosking	04/25
Lamar Childs	04/28
Mary Mierzwa	04/30

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Stewart & Linda Smith	04/25
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#### 7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

##### How To Keep Your Corvair Alive!

By June Lindsay

You buy a Corvair and it runs good for about six months then it starts to run poorly. Kris Verwey came over the other day to talk to Ed about a problem he was having with his Corvair. Kris said that he really wants to learn more about how to work on his Corvair. He was also surprised of what he knew about his Corvair without having any training. Kris has a natural gift and could one day dig into an Engine Rebuild. Ed says when your Corvair stops: Fuel, Fire and Air.

I found an article in the 1996 CORSA Tech Guide written by Larry Claypool entitled "The Ten Commandments of Engine Rebuilding" in the Engine – Mechanical Section page 23. Larry lists ten things that you need to know about the "peculiarities" of the Corvair and it might be a good idea to read all of the peculiarities at some point while learning how to keep your Corvair alive. Larry lists the cost of an engine rebuild at \$800 in 1987 and \$2500 in 1996. Can you imagine how much it would cost to rebuild and engine in 2018? Ouch!

What I want to do is come up with a list of "Ten Commandments" for keeping your Corvair alive, or Preventative Maintenance. We need to compile a list of the ten most important things that every Corvair owner should be able to do himself.

One sure place to start is to join a local club. Welcome to the West Florida Corvair Club! Here you can find information and learn where to get parts as well as get the advise of a Corvair person who knows how to work on Corvairs. In our club, Ed Lindsay is not only our president, he is your club "Historian" and helps members learn how work on their Corvairs. Ed has all kinds of books and magazines about the Corvair. Ed also might have some used parts available that might be helpful; however, Larry Claypool says if you are going to work on your Corvair you should use as many new parts as possible because the old parts will go bad and eventually and you will break down again.

I found another of Ed's books entitled "How To Keep Your Corvair Alive" published by HPBooks out of Tucson, AZ and written by Richard Finch. (You have probably heard of this man.) This book lets you lean about Preventive Maintenance, Tune-Ups, Inexpensive Improvements, Engine Modification & Assembly, Wheel Alignment, Tires, Brakes, Trans-axles and Special Tools You Can Make. Some articles in this book talks about enhanced performance; let us not get into that. All we want is to keep our Corvair alive and when we get comfortable working on our Corvairs we want to one day delve into Engine Rebuilding. Every Corvair owner should have this book along with the Corvair Owner's

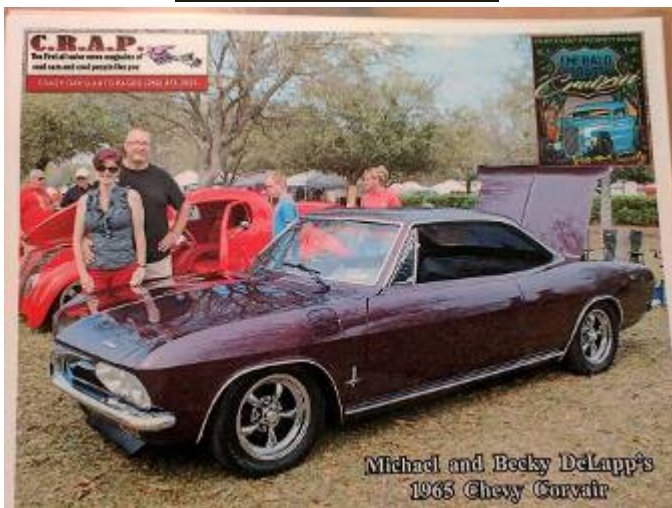
**Manual or Shop Manual (A Shop Manual is the Basic Rebuild Bible)** that comes with your Corvair. If you don't have these books you need to order them. (You might find some of these books at Springfest in Helen, GA)

Let's begin our list of the ten most important things we need to learn to do to keep our Corvairs Alive:

- #1 Join your local Corvair Club
- #2 Obtain Reference Books
- #3 Have a Preventative Maintenance Plan and Notebook to record oil changes, mileage, etc.
- #4 Always think about Personal Safety
- #6 Oil Changes: Always change the filter when you do an oil change, also change the Transmission and Transaxle oil and the Chassis compartment
- #7 Wash and wax your Corvair, wash the interior and engine compartment
- #8 Learn how to do a Minor Tune Up: Points, Plugs and Condenser and Timing
- #9 When you feel comfortable doing #1 through #8, you can begin your Engine Rebuild by buying as many new parts as possible.
- #10 Learn how to do a Major Tune Up, Carburetor overhaul with Timing and Engine Rebuild.

#### **8. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:**

##### **You Can't Have Just One**



Pictured above are Mike and Becky Delapp. Mike and Becky and their son Colton joined our club in 2015 and have become really big Corvair enthusiasts. Mike worked for the Florida Department of Corrections for 23 yrs. He worked his way up from Correctional Officer to Major. The job carried Becky and Mike all around the panhandle of Florida. Upon retiring, Mike and Becky wanted to move to a "small town" also wanting to be closer to Mike's (aging) parents. Mike and Becky found a great house in Marianna FL that fit their needs perfectly.



They got involved with the Corvair through Mike's son, Colton. Colton found a '64 Spyder as his first car at the age of 16 then it began. They just seemed to be at the right



**Colton's '64 Spyder**

place at the right time and have gotten some great deals on some good Corvairs. Their collection consists of '63 Convertible, a '64 Spyder, a '65 Monza custom, a '66 (parts car), a '67 Monza Convertible and a '64 Rampside. Three of the Corvairs are running vehicles; one short-term project ('63 Convertible) and one long term project ('64 Rampside).



**'63 Convertible**



**'65 Monza Custom**



**'64 Rampside**



**'66 Parts Car**



**'67 Monza Convertible**

Mike is now in the process of having his own shop built (60x30 @ 1800sq.ft.). He is so excited about it. This garage will house his growing collection of Corvairs. After the long haul of building his garage is completed, Mike hopes to host a monthly WFCC meeting and possibly a tech session. He would like to see if folks would be willing to make the drive?



**Mike's present garage**

(Day Trip! I am ready to go. How about you? I miss the day trips in the 50's and 60's my family in Indiana used to make on weekends.)

### **9. Events:**

**Every Saturday Night:** Panhandle Cruisers "Show N Shine" held from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Virginia College on 9 Mile Road every Saturday but November and December. For more local car shows visit the Panhandle Cruisers Face book page or website, Panhandlecruisers.com. Sorry we can't list all car shows in the area. The Panhandle Cruisers get many of their car show listings from Ragtops and Running Boards, [ragtopsrunningboards@hotmail.com](mailto:ragtopsrunningboards@hotmail.com). Let us know if you have any information on Cruise Ins.

**First Friday Cruise In:** at a Strip Mall in Pace/Pea Ridge on Hwy 90?

**Second Friday:** no longer at Dillard's I-10, Exit 38?

**Third Friday Cruise in:** at Sandy and Bubba's Chevrolet in Milton

**Last Friday Cruise In:** at Pensacola Home Depot on 9 Mile Road

**April 15:** West Florida Corvair Club meeting and Spring Picnic! To be held at Howard Furr's new park area at 1:00

pm, 3032 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., Milton FL 32583. (Across the Street from Ed's Garage 850-287-3576) If it rains we will go to Howard's garage. We will have Hamburgers, Sausages and all the fixing prepared on Howard's grill and drinks will be on the club. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. Call June at 850-994-2161 to find out what you might want to bring. Need buns (for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers) and snacks, relish and fruit tray, casserole dishes and desserts.

**April 27-28: "Springfest 2018"** 34 years of Corvairs in Helen, Georgia, sponsored by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia, Queen City Corvair, and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts. Clarks Corvair Parts will be there! Hospitality party Friday night, Friday autocross, Saturday car show and banquet, Hotels: Helendorf River Inn 1-706-878-2271 \$104, Baymont Inn 1-706-878-2111 \$74, Super 8 1-706-878-2191 \$99, Make reservations by March 20. Several members are attending this event and if you ever wondered what a National Corvair car show is like this one is a good example.

**May 12:** Panhandle Cruisers National Annual Car Show at Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola. Last year we had eight Corvairs attend this event. We hope more will come this year. We will hold our 3rd Annual Valve Cover Race and Corn Hole game.

**May 18-19:** Barbers Motorsports Park in Birmingham, AL Open car show, dinner & movie at drive inn, miniature golf, motorsports museum, Corvair laps on the track, free t-shirt, Commemorative Plaque, 50/50, drawing for Free Barber Weekend Package (a \$300 value), Host hotel Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 811 Old Grants Mill Road, Birmingham-Irondale (East), AL 32510, 205-757-1555, \$79, make reservations by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, VCE 936-524-7611 or 256-839-1905, or email them at [www.facebook.com/group/VulcanCorvair](http://www.facebook.com/group/VulcanCorvair)

**July 23-28:** 2018 CORSA National Corvair Convention Pittsburgh PA, Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club, Host

Hotel DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15205, 412-922-8400, Group Code CCA, [corvair.org/2018hotelreg.html](http://corvair.org/2018hotelreg.html). For more information, see: [corvairpittsburgh.com](http://corvairpittsburgh.com).

**10: CLUB STORES: SALE!**

- \*\* Club T-Shirts various colors, sizes XL-XXL, \$15.00
- \*\* Plug Wires: \$45
- \*\* Club Hat @ \$8 Sale!
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Contact the Club Historian and Storekeeper:

Ed Lindsay at [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net) or 850-994-2161.

**11. FOR SALE:**

**For Sale: New! For Sale!**

1963 Corvair Convertible, 64 running gear & Spyder Dash, 1964 Corvair Convertible Spyder no drive train, 1964 Corvair Convertible body only for parts, Kent Zaiser, Tallahassee, 850-576-5835 or 559-4290.

**For Sale:**



2017 Wildwood X-Lite Travel Trailer 201BHXL \$15,950. 23 Ft 7 Inch Bunk house model sleeps 6, Still under factory warranty, 4233 Lbs unloaded trailer weight, bath, 2 bunks, queen bed, 28 inch LED TV, 3 burner range, microwave, large sink, 40 gal holding tanks, A/C and furnace, Electric awning, electric tongue jacks and leveling jacks, 6 cu ft refrigerator, 6 gal water heater. Contact Lee or Mary Anne at 334 379 6792.

**For Sale:** 1966 CORSA Convertible, Marine Blue with white top, custom set of 15" Turbine Style Wheels with 65 CORSA centers in the pop off pylons, call Richard Cleveland at 903-603-0226 for more information or email him at [elpsokid42@gmail.com](mailto:elpsokid42@gmail.com)

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**For Sale:** One late model and one Rampside Parts Cars for sale. Ed Lindsay 994-2161 or 287-3568. 8/17

**For Sale: Sold! It pays to advertise in the Chronic Corvair!**  
White/w Red Stripe, 4 new tires, new battery and brake work done recently, Some usual small issues for a car this age but really runs great, \$5000 Email Dale Hunt at [Dale.Hunt@JBTC.com](mailto:Dale.Hunt@JBTC.com). See more pictures on Craigslist. 8/17

**For Sale:** Early & late model Corvair parts: including FC parts. What do you need? I might have it! Contact Ed Lindsay at [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net) or call him at 850-994-2161 or 850-287-3576. 6/15

**Wanted:** We know a guy who is looking for a good Late Model coupe body. Call Ed and he will get in touch with him for you. 850-287-3576. 7/17

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Thanks, Jeffrey Williams, CCPI

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**Valve Cover Races and Corn Hole Tournament held in the Parking Lot at our Corvair Lovers Holiday in February**

### That's All Folks!

**13. WEST FLORIDA CORVAIRS, INC.** is a chartered chapter # 325 of the Corvair Society of America? We advocate membership in CORSA of which dues are currently \$45 annually. Send Dues to CORSA, P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60439. CORSA publishes a monthly magazine dedicated solely to the Corvair. You may contact them at 630-257-6530, Fax 630-257-5540, Web Site: [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) - Executive Secretary: Paul & Ramona Bergstrom [corosa@corvair.org](mailto:corosa@corvair.org). Executive Editor: Donald J. Keefe [communique@corvair.org](mailto:communique@corvair.org). Membership Dues for West Florida Corvairs, Inc. is presently \$15 annually in January. We meet on a regular basis on the third Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at a predetermined place for our business meetings. Social gatherings are arranged for family enjoyment as weather permits. Both meeting places are published in our newsletter. Anyone who has an interest in the Corvair is welcome to join us at any of our meetings. Thinking about becoming a member? Three complimentary newsletters can be mailed to you. Contact our club c/o Ed Lindsay, 5670 San Vair Street, Milton, FL 32583, and Phone: 850-994-2161, E-mail: [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net).

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