

West Florida Corvair Club



The Chronic Corvair January 2024 – Happy New Year!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1.MINUTES:

There were no minutes for December as we held our Christmas Party on December 10th at Karl and Debbie Stelzer's. Karl and Debbie's house was decorated with Christmas decor. They served pork roast, ham, a Cheese tray, rolls, vegetable trays and chips, crackers and dip and everyone else brought a dish to share of broccoli salad, meatballs, and roll ups. The table was beautiful and everyone was ready to eat. Those attending were: Ed and June Lindsay, Gary and Mary Mierzwa, Dan and Danielle Avallone and Tim Bartley, Ron and Susan Schemmer, Lee Oxford and Mary Anne Hanley, David Legerton and Lorraine King, Lamar and Donna Childs. All of the following pictures were taken by Dan Avallone. See our Face book page for more pictures.



Karl made Corvair favors for everyone. Cool!



Everyone signed Debbie and Karls Guest Book on the dessert table!



Debbie made a great punch!



Our Christmas Table was filled with good food.



Dan and Danielle Avallone. Danielle is in North Dakota now.



Ed and June Lindsay



Tim Bartley and Gary Mierzwa



Front left to right: Mary Mierzwa, Lamar Childs, Donna Childs. Back: Ed Lindsay, David Legerton and his friend Lorraine King, Mary Anne Hanley, Lee Oxford.



From left to right: Debbie Stelzer, Susan Schemmer, Karl Stelzer in the back, Ron Schemmer, and Donna and Lamar Childs.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

Your dues are due in January! Please come to our Production Meeting for our Car Show in February on January 21st at 1:30pm and pay your dues and register for our car show at the same time with one check. If you want, you can pay at our car show in February. Those of you who go to Helen can pay your dues at our vending table. Please don't make us bill you. Stamps are getting expensive and going up next year. Better get your forever stamps as soon as possible. Also, it is also a good time to pay your CORSA dues. Our club will mail your CORSA dues for you just by giving us a check for \$45 made out to CORSA.

2. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Email the newsletter editor at:

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CORSA @ www.corvair.org

CorvairForum.com

Visit www.oldcarsweekly.com and <Speak your piece in forums at Oldcarsweekly.com>

Facebook: [West Florida Corvair Club](#). Send Friend Request!

4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

Gary and Mary went on a cruise in November after the Central Florida Corvair Affair. We never got any pictures of the event or cruise but they had a good time.

Ed and June went on a six-day cruise the 1st week of December to Bimini and Nassau on the Carnival Spirit out of Mobile. Perry Martin, also a member of our club took Ed and June to the Cruise Terminal and picked them up when they got back. Perry is June's Nephew. Ed and June had a good time and didn't even get off the ship. The Spirit is a big and great ship.



There were six ships beside us in Nassau.



Ed wore one of our club t-shirts on the cruise and is sitting at the Blueelguana Cantina eating Huevos Rancheros, a Mexican Breakfast dish. Ed forgot his red Marine Corps ballcap and was very upset. He really likes the Military Tribute that Carnival Cruise has on every cruise.



The Blueelguana Cantina!

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our Production Meeting for our car show on February 16 & 17 will be held on January 21st? Bring all of your door prizes and goody bag things that you have been collecting for the show. Be prepared to pay your dues and register for our show.

Also, now is the time to make your reservations at Cottages on the Green. Call Kayla at the Golf Course at 850-492-2214. It is also a good time to pay your CORSA dues. Our club will mail your CORSA dues for you just by giving us a check for \$45 made out to CORSA.

6. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND 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 or your pet would like to be on the Birthday List, pay your dues, contact June Lindsay at wfcc@mediacombb.net or call her at 850-994-2161. (June and July birthdays are listed in our August Newsletter.)

Birthdays

Susan Schemmer	01/07
Vivian Dudak	01/14
Anthony Ruble	01/16
Katherine Carter	01/19
David Legerton	01/20
Ella Harkey	01/30
Donna Kerr	01/31

Anniversaries

None

7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

Fuel Pump Inspection

John Moody

CORSA Tech Guide Supplement – 1996

Fuel-Air system page 21

A quick recap of checks that should be made prior to installing any fuel pump seems to be in order. This requires disassembly of the pump, which may void the warranty of a new pump.

First: Make an index line down the side with a felt tip pen or check the alignment marks on the castings, because the five

screws fit only one way; otherwise, you'll have a Rubik's Cube to deal with on reassembly. Then carefully disassemble and check for the anti-flowback dam.

Second: Holding the stem/diaphragm assembly in hand, try to rotate one diaphragm against the other to check for proper tight fit at the center staking: Diaphragms should not rotate one against the other. Also check the diaphragm material for cracks and flaws.

Third: Carefully reassemble, but do not overtighten the screws to the point where you deform (scallop) the lower casting.

Fourth: Pressure test for leaks and bd check valves. Put valves on inlet and outlet. Use low pressure compressed air as working fluid, not gasoline. Coat the pump and fittings with soapy water to detect leaks (bubbles). Pressurize inlet; stem should withdraw and hold. Release inlet pressure; stem should stay withdrawn. Pressurize outlet valve; stem should not withdraw. Slow valve leakage is allowable.

Fifth: Check for proper stem length. Shorten as necessary. The 1960-61 models should be changed to the late model pump and pushrod combination.

That's all there is to it. A properly inspected and corrected pump should run practically forever. (2/95)

8. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

2023 Year In Review!

January:



We had our Production Meeting for our Corvair Lovers Holiday. Just look at all those door Prizes.

We also added Stelzer Stoneware to our list of advertisers.

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February: We held our Corvair Lovers Holiday. The Best

of Show was won by Jack Green, from Oneonta, AL with his 1969 Glacier Blue, 500, 2dr.



Jack Green's '69 500 coupe.

March: We choose Kris Verwey's 1964 Coupe to be on our 2024 dash plaque for our Car Show on February 16 & 17, 2024.



Cris Verwey's '64 2dr

April: In April we attended Springfest in Helen GA. Ed set up a vending table and sold a lot of Corvair memorabilia. Many people hang out at our table and we look forward to it each year.



Ed Lindsay standing at his inside vendor's table.

May: In May we held our Spring Picnic. Dan Avallone did the cooking and everyone brought a dish to share.



Debbie Stelzer's made Chevy Bow Tie Cookies

June: In June, Keith Graham and Ed gets Keith's 64 Greenbrier ready for Keith's wedding. We are still waiting for a picture from his wedding.



July: In July, Gary and Mary Mierzwa attended the Ann Arbor, Mi National Corvair Convention.



August: In August, Ed Lindsay bought a 1966 Corvair from a guy in the Avalon Beach Area. It was originally black and had been under cover for 10 years.



September: In September, Old Rusty, Eds old Rampside was restored into a Handsome Fella!



Old Rusty!



What a Handsome Fella!

October: In October, we went to David Legerton's barn house for our meeting. We enjoyed His Model T, old Ford tractor and Model Showcase garage. See picture below.



November: In November, Lamar Childs gives us a great article about Donna and her sisters bikes, Broomstick #1 and Broomstick #2 and about the Penny Farthing bike he ordered. The Penny Farthing bike is being assembled at the factory and Lamar is anxiously awaiting its delivery..



December: That brings us back to our Christmas Party at Debbie and Karl's in this issue.

9: Coming Events:

Jan 21, 2024: WFCC Production Meeting at 1:30pm at Howard Furr's big Garage. Members are asked to bring all the door prizes and goody bag items that they have been collecting.

Feb 16 -17, 2024: 39th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday to be held at the Perdido Bay Golf course, 1 Doug Ford Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507. Call Kayla at 850-492-2214 to make your cottage reservations by February 1st. Corn Hole Tournament, Valve Cover Races, Hospitality Dinner and Lunch, Door Prizes, Awards Ceremony. Out to dinner Saturday night. Contact June Lindsay, 850-994-2161, wfcc@mediacombb.net.

July 22-25, 2024: Corvair Airborne, CORSA International Convention, sponsored by the Ohio Corvair Clubs, Host Hotel Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409, For more information see www.daytoncorvairclub.com

10: CLUB STORES: SALE!

**** Club Patches @ \$8** ****1960-69 Stickers @ 2.00**
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**** Note Card's \$1 (Dog & Cat)** ****Corvair Puzzle` \$25.00**
 CORSA Mmerchandise: 3" Inside and Outside window stickers \$3.00, CORSA Hat Pins \$6.00, mostly Small CORSA T-Shirts \$2.00 each or three for \$5. **(Good for grandchildren or great-grandchildren play clothes or night shirts for Christmas!** Contact Ed Lindsay at 850-781-6350.

11: For Sale: (If sold, let us know)

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

For Sale: Early & late model Corvair parts: including FC parts. What do you need? I might have it! Ed Lindsay at wfcc@mediacombb.net or call him at 850-781-7350. 6/15

For Sale: 1980 TR8 Convertible, \$10,000 OBO, Lee Oxford, 102 Dee Court, Daleville, AL 36322, (334)714-0100. 2/23



For Sale: #407 1968 Ultravan "shell" for sale \$1500, contact Ed Lindsay, 5670 San Vair Steet, Milton, FL 32583, 850-781-6350. Thinking about putting in a drive train and the price will go up. All washed and getting some interest. The price has gone up. 9/22



For Sale: 1962 Monza S/W, 4 speed, bench seat and is mechanically perfect. Runs, drives and stops perfectly. New floor pans. Paint is about 6-7 years old and 9 out of 10, I drove it about 20 miles in the last year, \$10,000 Firm, Ken Smith, chevymann@yahoo.com Samson, Alabama about 80 miles from Pensacola/Milton, FL. 9/22



For Sale: Corvair Memorabilia, Model cars, Hot Wheels, Franklin Mints, you name it I probably got it! Old Corvair manuals and periodicals, you name it, I probably got it! Ed Lindsay 850-781-6250. 7/22

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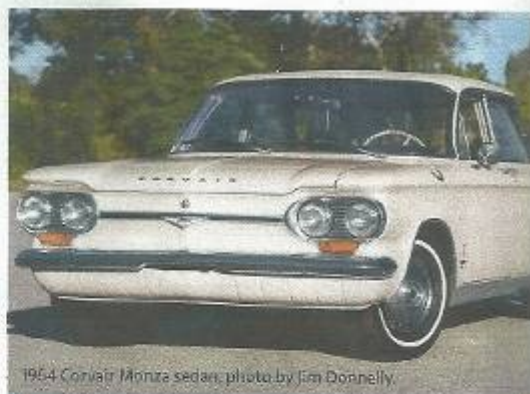
BY TOM COMERRO



The 1929 Ford Model A Town Car of Stanley and Mary Sorrells, 2023 AACA Zenith Award runner-up.

AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN THE D.C. AREA

The 2024 AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Annual Convention will take place near the nation's capital as it prepares for a busy year. The Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, located in Chantilly, Virginia, will serve as the host hotel for the event that serves as a launching point for the club's upcoming season. There will be seminars to help attendees make the most out of shows and touring events, a trade show, judging schools, banquets, and the highly anticipated national awards that honor AACA members' best vehicles displayed during 2023 in various categories. There will also be a trip to the Air & Space Museum among the tourist attractions in and around the Washington, D.C. area. The convention will be held from February 8-10. Visit aaca.org for booking, discounts, and more.



1954 Corvair Monza sedan, photo by Jim Donnelly.

CORVAIR DREAMING

The 39th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday and Car Show will take place at the Cottages on the Greens, Perdido Bay Golf Course in Pensacola, Florida, this winter. The two-day event encourages Corvairs from all points to make their way to the Sunshine State. The itinerary will include banquets, a car show, tech sessions, valve cover races, prizes and more. Awards will be given to Corvair owners in various categories, including longest distance traveled, People's Choice, hand luck, and best of show, among others. The show, which will be hosted by the West Florida chapter of the Corvair Society of America, will take place February 16 and 17. Email wfcc@mediacombb.net for more details.

PETERSEN'S "SPLENDOR AND SPEED"

The Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, California, pulled together some of the rarest cars and artifacts in the museum's collection for its "Splendor and Speed: Treasures of the Petersen Collection" exhibit. Located in the Bruce Meyer Family Gallery at the facility, the exhibit features a mix of Brass Era to modern day vehicles with emphasis on style, design, performance, and rarity.

"The display is a fitting reflection of the exceptional assortment of vehicles we have in our collection," said the Petersen's director, Terry L. Karges. "We are delighted to have visitors view the museum's most cherished vehicles and artifacts."

Some of the highlights of the display include a 1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Aerodynamic Coupe by Jonckheere that features unusual styling cues, including circular doors and dual sunroofs; Steve McQueen's 1956 Jaguar XKSS; a 1953 Cadillac Series 62 by Ghia; and the 1932 "Ray Brown Roadster," among many others. In addition, there are nearly 100 mid-20th century design models and concept artworks, plus film footage and artifacts representing the Petersen non-vehicular archives.

There's plenty of time to check out the "Splendor and Speed" display, which will remain available for viewing until June 2. Visit petersen.org for tickets and more information.



STEVE McQUEEN'S 1958 JAGUAR XKSS



1925 ROLLS-ROYCE PHANTOM I AERODYNAMIC COUPE

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, Executive & Editorial Offices: 1448 Seagull Drive, Apt. 312, Palm Harbor, FL 34685. You may contact them at their Web Site: www.corvair.org. Executive Secretary: Paul & Ramona Bergstrom, P.O. Box 68, Maple Plain, MN 55359, 630-403-5010, you may email them at corcluboffice@gmail.com. CORSA publishes a monthly magazine dedicated solely to the Corvair. You may contact them at: Executive Editor: Donald Keefe, 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. (The address of our club is that of our Newsletter Editor.)

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