

West Florida Corvair Club



The Chronic Corvair August 2025 - Get Ready for School!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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Since we did not have a meeting in June or July we have reprinted our Minutes from May. Our next meeting will be on the third Sunday, August 17th and we will take volunteers for the various events for our 41st Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday and Car Show in 2026.

Also, take note that the third Sunday is always our meeting date unless the host changes it and it is published in our newsletter. Why don't you host a meeting?

1. MINUTES:

MAY 18, 2025

WELCOME: 16 members were present.

MINUTES: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was given. Mary purchased stamps and drinks for the club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Helen report: Lots of nice cars/trucks were there. Traffic in and around Atlanta gets worse every year.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corvair Lovers Holiday: The date for next year's show is February 13, 14, 2026. Put it in your calendar so you don't forget. **Flash! We have contacted Kayla and our show has been penciled in.**

We talked about the fees for the show. We will keep it at \$20 **per adult** for pre-registration. Kids under 12 are free.

We talked a little about door prizes. Mary suggested we

do gift baskets and let people put their tickets in envelopes for individual prizes. This way you don't get something you can't use. Each family could donate a basket. This was discussed and tabled. Donna Kerr volunteered to work with this if we follow through with the idea.

Computer: The club computer is not doing so well. It is very slow. The club discussed purchasing a new one for June to use. It was voted on and passed that we purchase a new computer. A \$500 limit was set.

There was no other New Business.

The next meeting will be August 17th at Mark & Donna Kerr's house, 6450 Pilots Way, Milton, FL @ 2:30 pm. Directions to Mark and Donna's are at the end of this newsletter.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

One of the requirements of being a member of our club is to send in one article for our newsletter. We will be adding a new section in our newsletter and it will be called "Looking Back." We will also start a new Pictures Folder called "Looking Back" and fill it with your pictures. Please send us a picture of you and or your family and your Corvair from times past and we will put it in our newsletter with your story. You can send this picture by our Face Book page "West Florida Corvair Club" or by email at "wfcc@mediacombb.net." We think it will be fun to look back. We even want pictures of those who have passed so that we can remember them.

3. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Email the newsletter editor at:

wfcc@mediacombb.net

CORSA @ www.corvair.org

CorvairForum.com

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

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

4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

On July 4th, Ed and June Lindsay took Howard Furr's '62 Blue and Gold Rampside "Chief" and Gary and Mary Mierzwa took their Modified '65 Tangerine Pearl coupe with Wiley Coyote and the Road Runner to the July 4th Freedom Car and Bike show at their new location held at the Milton Chamber of Commerce on Avalon Blvd. in

Milton, FL. This show was usually held in downtown Milton along the Blackwater River each year. Many classic cars were there and it was Hot! Sonny's BBQ catered this event with BBQ Pork sandwiches, a drink and chips for \$10. They awarded many medallions for several different categories. One category was given for the Happiest Car. Other Categories were Most Likely to be Chased by the Police and Most Likely to be towed behind a Wrecker. Ed and Gary did not win an award, but they had fun talking about the Corvair to many who had never seen a Corvair before. It was fun to see people wondering where the engine was when they looked into what they thought was the hood.



Howard Furr's '62 Rampside "Chief"



Gary Mierzwa's Modified '65 Corvair

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our next meeting is on August 17th not the 18th as published in our June July Special Edition Newsletter? Come see Mark Kerr's new Fantastic Garage. Mark's wife Donna also has a work shop in this garage.

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 were listed in our June July Special Edition Newsletter.)

Birthdays

Jessica Lambert	08/04
Butch Sluschewski	08/07
John Stelzer	08/07
Brannon Hunter	08/12
Brenda Sluschewski	08/19
George Ruble	08/20
Samuel Lambert	08/21
Mandy Schemmer	08/24

Anniversaries

Harold & Louise Hartline "WOW"	08/01/53
Chris & Hope Harkey	08/07/04
Doug & Terry Stinehelfer	08/07/83
Kevin & Pam Mroz	08/15/87

7. Tech Tips:

So Your Corvair "Got Wet"

by Tony Underwood

I've rescued three different vehicles that "got wet" with good success and had each of them running in less than an hour. Two of them at the same time, although one wasn't that wet...got lucky. If you feel lucky and it's taking a while to get help for the cars, you may want to take matters into your own hands.

If nothing has been done yet, don't wait to long...First, get underneath and loosen the oil pan drain plug. You won't have to remove it completely, just loose enough for the oil to begin dribbling out...or water, if a worse case scenario. If oil comes out instead of water, I'd put the drain plug back then I'd pull the spark plugs and crank the engine. Watch what comes out of the plug holes. If water shoots out, you can expect that the carbs also have some water in them. Continue to crank the engine until NO water comes out. The carbs may be more of an issue that the layman may want to tackle in such a situation...but you will at least not have water sitting in the cylinders. In my worst case scenario I cranked the engine wit the chokes held shut to suck water out of the carbs until the engine finally began seeing gas instead of water. No, it didn't hurt anything. It eventually did start and run and blow steam out the exhaust which also had water in it.

If while cranking and no water exits the engine through the plug holes, put the plugs back in and start the engine. If it won't start, you may need to remove the distributor cap and dry it out. If any residual water managed to find its way inside the engine it won't be there long...Corvair engines run hot and any water will quickly boil away. No it will not harm the engine doing this. Many times a Corvair engine that only runs for for short periods in damp weather will accumulate enough moisture through the crankcase breather or PVC

plumbing to actually make "Chocolate Milk" under the oil Filler cap. With dry ignition and no water in the oil or cylinders it should start...let it run until hot.

Now: If water comes out of the engine crankcase drain plug, let it flow until no more water exits the drain hole then screw the plug back in. Then do the same for the transaxle drain to be sure. A Powerglide usually won't take on water unless the seals are flaky or the water rises above the transmission filler spout and if that happens water will be in everything. A gearbox transaxle can leak through the differential vent on the top cover... usually...unless it's clogged with road grime or dirt. Still, do the same water check on the bottom of the differential. With any luck there won't be any water in the transaxle.

One Corvair I rescued was completely submerged, all that was above the water was the windshield bow and the top outline (convertible) and the radio antenna. The Transmission was OK, differential had maybe a half-pint of water in it, had to drain the engine completely because it was full of water, and the oil had dribbled up through the dipstick tube ('62 Monza with the non-sealing dipstick) and greased up the engine bay and under the decklid. Carbs somehow managed to get very little water in them, amazingly enough. I had it running, as mentioned before, in an hour following fresh oil and filter and ignition dryout. Water did get into the real wheel bearings...I'd hoped to get away with not having to go there but the bearing seals were evidently not up to it. Both rear wheel bearing started making noise a month or so later. The car had various other water issues after the flooding but they got worked out along the way. It is still alive and well today after its very thorough soaking. No, there was no water in the gas tank. Just don't let them sit too long. (6/25)

Note: This article was written by Tony and printed on the Corvair Forum.

8. LOOKING BACK:



Dan Avallone sent us this picture of one of our camping trips to the Blue Angel Naval Recreational Area Campgrounds. Mark Pival is in the background sitting

by Ed and June Lindsay's #338 Corvair Powered Ultravan. Mark proved that day that you can fry anything, even Oreo Cookies. We are not sure what year it was but it was between 2007 and 2010 because Ed and June bought the Ultravan in 2007 and we held the 2010 Eastern Ultravan Rally at this same campgrounds.

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

One of our newest member, Tyler Whitehurst from Bonifay, FL, lost his home and shop in May after a bad tornado ravaged through his property. His wife, Children and dogs were all safe. All his Corvairs were also OK with only a few dings but nothing hurt. However, his shop moved to the neighbors and his home took a nap. He and his family are renting a place to live until he can get things back to some kind of normality.



If a Tornado was not enough to stop Tyler in his tracks, Tyler's Green Goblin '60 Coupe dropped a valve seat.

Tyler bought Dan Avallone's old Corvair years ago, so he pulled the engine from it and did a few things to it and got it ready to go into the Goblin.





Getting ready to go back in the Goblin



Looks like Tyler did more than just a few things! The engine is ready to go back into the Goblin. We are wishing Tyler the "Best of Luck" in all his endeavors.

10. COMING EVENTS:

Aug. 17: WFCC Club Meeting at 2:30pm at Mark & Donna Kerrs, 6450 Pilots Way, Milton, FL 32570. Call 850-781-6350 if you get lost. Directions to Mark and Donna's are at the end of this newsletter.

Oct. 25-26: Central Florida Corvair Club Picnic in Tavares, FL. We are pleased to announce this year we have the Pavilion for the **WHOLE DAY**. We will have a People's Choice Car Display, Indoor Vending, Door Prizes, Valve Cover Racing (complete with a new system for declaring close winners or one who just blew away the competition), Rally, and Dinner. **BEST** news is, we were able to secure a site for an Autocross for Sunday morning which is about a 10-minute ride (depending on lights) from the host hotel. Oh yes, we have secured room accommodations as well. **Host Hotel:** Inn on The Green. The cost will be \$129.99 + tax per night. Any guest with a pet is welcome for an extra fee of \$20.00 per pet per night, 2 pet max and required \$100.00 deposit either cash or credit card. The deposit is refundable as long as room is not damaged in any way. Call 352-343-6373 for reservations and mention Central Florida Corvairs. (Continued on next page)

Note: If you are not into Autocross, some members plan to take a Carnival Cruise after the show from Pt Canaveral. See Ed for more details on Cruise at: 850-781-6350 or email him at wfcc@mediacommbb.net.

June 22-26, 2026: Save this date! 2026 International Corvair Convention in Historic Gettysburg. More to follow!

11: CLUB STORES: SALE!

New! Embroidered Club Hats \$10 and T-Shirts \$15 by Howard Furr.

CLUB MERCHANDISE:

****1960-69 Stickers @ \$2 each (No 62's or 66's)**
****Club Pins @ \$2, **Club Car Window Sticker @ \$2, ** Note Card's \$1 (Dog & Cat), Digital Patches @ \$3, Show T-Shirts: One left size 2X, \$24**

CORSA MERCHANDISE: CORSA Key Fobs \$11, Hat Pins \$6, CORSA Patches \$6, CORSA Decals Inside/Outside \$5.00, All size Small CORSA T-Shirts & Polo's \$3 each or two for \$5. (*Note: Good for grandchildren or great-grandchildren play clothes or night shirts for Christmas!*) Contact Ed Lindsay at 850-781-6350.

12: FOR SALE: (If sold, let us know)

For Sale: This nicely sorted 1967 Chevrolet Corvair Monza in Butternut Yellow. \$10,000

- Refreshed paint, carpet
- Refreshed brakes (master cylinder, hoses, shoes, wheel cylinders, front disc brake conversion)
- Rear suspension overhaul including bushings, shocks, motor mount, transmission mount
- Front suspension overhaul including bushings, ball joints, tie-rod ends, shocks, brake calipers, and steering box
- 195/60/15 on front, 225/60/15 on rear
- Transmission synchro's and seals replaced
- Differential seals replaced, new u-joints
- New engine seals, lifters, rings, gaskets
- New clutch, disc, flywheel
- Dual exhaust
- Fuel system service including cleaning tank, new sending unit, fuel lines, hoses, fuel pump
- New heater hoses, cables, blower
- Halogen headlights, LED tail lights, blinkers, dash lights
- Kicker dual-amp stereo with six speakers plus subwoofer

This is a solid car ready for cruising and car shows.

Contact Tom Host at storg@comcast.net.



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 850-781-6350.

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: 1969 Corvair Monza Coupe 110/P VIN 1188. This car has been gone through mechanically by a known Corvair Shop. This cars body and interior are disassembled (drive train is in the car and the car runs) for Body Work and Paint. (Everything has been bagged and tagged) car is Lemans Blue with matching interior. Contact Scott Good from Gastonia, NC at 704-813-8981 or, email him at Rscottgood66@gmail.com. This ad sent to us by Rick Sanford from Myrtle Beach, SC 843-231-2257.

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 850-781-6350.

13. ADVERTISEMENTS:

Eddie Meadows Automotive
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vairmech@aol.com

Charlie Kelson Plumbing
kelsonplumbing@gmail.com
Call: 850-221-9905



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Stelzer Stoneware



<https://www.etsy.com/shop/StelzerStoneware>

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California Corvair Parts:

We would like to let everyone know about our growing online parts store at:

www.CaliforniaCorvairParts.com

More than 30 parts categories including everything from New, Used, Rebuilt and NOS items. The store currently features over 560 parts available and we are adding more every week. For those of you who enjoy shopping online we invite you to have a look. We accept all credit cards and of course Pay Pal payments too. 951-284-3555, 15090 La Palma Dr., Chino, CA 91710.

Thanks, Jeffrey Williams, CCPI

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Clark's Corvair Parts

400 Mohawk Trail

Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

www.corvair.com

413-625-9776



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Directions to Mark & Donna Kerr's

Fantastic Garage:

From the West, take I-10 to Exit 22 turn left onto Avalon Blvd. and continue about 5.1 miles to Hwy 90. Take a right onto Hwy 90 and continue about 1.7 miles to Dogwood Drive and take a left, (CVS & Walgreens Pharmacy) continue on 3.6 miles to Hwy 87/89 (Stewart Street) and take a left. Go about 0.4 miles on Hwy 87/89 to Oakland Drive and take a left, go 0.5 miles and take a right onto Kembro Rd., continue on 0.3 miles and take a left onto Pilots Way (Kembro Rd changes to Twilight Drive to slight right and Pilots Way to the left.)

From the East, take I-10 Exit 31 and continue on to Hwy 90 and take a left to Milton, go about 7 miles and take a right on Hwy 87 (Stewart Street). Continue on 3.6 miles to Oakland Drive and take a left, go 0.5 miles and take a right onto Kembro Rd., continue on 0.3 miles and take a left onto Pilots Way (Kembro Rd changes to Twilight Drive to slight right and Pilots Way to the left.)

Note: Pilots way appears to be a private drive. Follow Pilot Way and curve to the right and then curve to the left to a wooded area. Mark and Donna Kerr, 6450 Pilot Way, Milton. FL, 32570. Their house is back off the road.

We will have signs along the way that say Corvair.

That's All Folks!

14. 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 corsacluboffice@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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