

West Florida Corvair Club



The Chronic Corvair November 2025 - Honoring Veterans!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1. MINUTES:

No minutes in October as we only held a short meeting at the Rare Air VW show at Five Flags Speedway on October 18th. Those present who entered Corvairs were: Ed and June Lindsay, Gary and Mary Mierzwa, Howard Ruble, Ben Witte, Kris Verwey, and Charlie Kelson. Ron Schemmer, Tom Dudak and his daughter Teddie and Doug Steinhelfer and his grandson also came to the show. See more about the VW Show in our Chit Chat section. We did not see Ralph Nader?



This is Charlie Kelson's first Car Show! Beautiful!

We held a short meeting and talked a little about our car show:

Howard Ruble volunteered to list the cars at our show again this year and will try a new program for counting ballots. We need to announce to everyone at the Friday Night Hospitality Dinner to vote on Saturday and put their ballots in our Valentine Mail Box under the tent.

We forgot to tell everyone that in 2026, the Perdido Bay Golf Course has increased cottage prices to \$105 with the same one time \$25 cleaning fee. We will have the same tent as in the past.

June will send out a new flier and registration forms in November to all past attendees and clubs exchanges. Notification of our car show has been submitted to the CORSA Communique` Calendar and will be published in the next available issue.

Our Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 7th, at Karl and Debbie Stelzer's, 9912 Edendale Lane, Cantonment, FL 32533. Bring a dish or snack to share. Call Debbie at 850-478-9134 for suggestions of what to bring. More about the Christmas party at our next meeting in November.

Kris Verwey suggested that we not buy Shrimp Basket gift cards this year as door prizes. The cards go on sale in November. Dan Avallone suggested that we try the El Paso Mexican Restaurant at the foot of the Perdido Bay Bridge as an alternate suggestion. Dan knows the owner of this Mexican restaurant. We can talk more about this at our next meeting in November. Club organizers need to visit this restaurant to see what they may offer us.

Our next meeting will be held at Howard Furr's Big Garage on November 16th at 1:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. because of the time change and we won't have to drive home in the dark at 4:30pm.)

Note: These are not regular minutes. They are conversations that June made up while listening to everyone talk at our October 18th meeting and some things that she wanted to tell everyone.

by June Lindsay

That's All folks!

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

All Door Prizes for our Corvair Lovers Holiday are donated. Our club only gives a \$50 grand prize and Restaurant Gift Certificates. Our club has decided to make door prize baskets for our 2026 car show. Donna Kerr will be in charge of the baskets. It is never too early to start collecting **door prizes** to put into your basket. You can find baskets at Estate Sales or at stores like the Waterfront Mission. If you need a basket, the club has accumulated about four baskets and they will be available at our next meeting. Try to collect Car Show items and a few items for

ladies. We will accept other door prizes as well if you don't want to make a basket.

If you are planning to give a Grand Prize, please let us know so we can list them at the Door Prize ticket sales table.

We also need goody bag items. Dan Avallone has donated Tattoo Stickers from Defiant Tattoo in Ft. Walton Beach and our president is to get some refrigerator calendars from Modern Woodmen. Our club has a good supply of greeting cards and note pads. You can also solicit goody bag items or bulk items for the show from the businesses that you go to like your bank or your insurance company, etc. June usually makes up the goody bags before our third Sunday January Production Meeting along with all the registration packages.

3. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Email the newsletter editor at:

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CORSA @ www.corvair.org

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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:



This summer, Butch and Brenda Sluschewski visited with friends on Mackinac Island, Michigan.

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that everything for our 41st Corvair Lovers Holiday is to be done by our January Production

Meeting? The meeting is for last minute planning. Somebody has got to do it! Trophies, Dash Plaques, Door Prizes, Goody Bags, Registration Packages, Door Prize Ticket Sales, Hospitality, Valve Cover Races, Corn Hole Tournament, Parking Lot Set Up, Ballots Voting and Door Prizes. We still need someone to volunteer to sell Door Prize Tickets! If anyone has a problem with their event it should be identified at this meeting and someone has got to step up and do it!

At our Production Meeting we need as many people as possible to Register for the show so we don't have so many new registrations the day of the show. Most of all, let us know that you are coming!

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 or contact June Lindsay at wfcc@mediacombb.net or call her at 850-994-2161.

Birthdays

Marty Roesle	11/13
Tyler Whitehurst	11/16
Tom Dudak	11/23
Noelle Dudak	11/23

Anniversaries

None

7. TECH TIPS:

Matching Keys and Locks

by Craig Nicol

Corvair Technical Guide, Volume 4, First Edition

Body Page 45

As manufactured, an early (1960-64) Corvair used one key for all the locks, though over time as the locks are replaced this characteristic is sometimes lost. It isn't difficult to get back to "one Key" operation. You could conceivably code all the locks on all of your 1960-66 Corvairs so that they all operate with the same key. While that sounds convenient, it might pose a problem if you should ever sell one--the new owner might get greedy! You can take the mismatched lock to any locksmith or you can code the locks yourself; the only difficult part is getting the stainless steel caps off and back onto the locks. From 1946 to '66 all GM cars used the same groove pattern on the side of the key, so any lock in that range can be coded the same as another. The hex-head and round-head keys that are so familiar are only cosmetically different. 1967-69 Corvairs use locks with different side-groove patterns on the keys and these models used six different side-groove patterns in the three model years. Since the keys used in '67-69

model years won't fit in the other locks, the trunk/glove lock can't be easily keyed to the same codes as the door/ignition locks. If there's enough interest, perhaps we could publish an article about coding locks in a future issue of the Communique`. (7/05)

8. LOOKING BACK:



Above is a picture of Ed Lindsay, Bill Clemens, and Smitty Smith. They are looking at Ed's photo album back when Ed was in the Tidewater Corvair Club in Virginia of which they were all members. This picture was taken at the Hotel on Pensacola Beach, FL where we held our car show after having it on Navarre Beach, FL and before moving to the Golf course. Don't know what year.

Bill Clemens passed away the beginning of this year. He was a member of our club for many years and attended all of our shows until his wife Bobbi died and he moved back to Dinwiddle, VA to be closer to his children. Many of us traveled to Panama City to hold club meetings at Bill's house and attend Bill's Panama City, FL car show.

Smitty Smith passed away on September 18th. Smitty and his wife, Helen, attended our Corvair Lovers Holiday from time to time. Once when visiting friends, Smitty's transmission broke and he came to Ed Lindsay's house to swap out his transmission and he made it back home.



The picture above was taken by Allen Bristow, a good friend of our club and who was also a member of the Tidewater Corvair Club.

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

October, A Busy Month of Car Shows

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VW Rare Air Car Show at Five Flags:

Several of our members attended the VW Rare Air Car Show on October 18th. Those attending and entering their Corvairs shown in the picture below were: Ben Witte, Howard Ruble, Gary and Mary Mierzwa, Chris Verwey, and Charlie Kelson. Ed and June Lindsay had to park Ed Rampside in another row so he could put his ramp down. Those attending who did not bring a Corvair were: Ron Schemmer, Lee Oxford, Tom and Teddie Dudak, Doug Stienhelfer and his grandson. This was the first show that we have seen Charlie Kelson's 65 Modified Blue Corvair coupe and Ben Witte's '64 Beige 4dr Corvair. Ben's car is pictured below as the first Corvair in this row. Charlie Kelson's Corvair is at the end of this row below and was highlighted in the "Minutes" section of this newsletter.



We tried to have a meeting at this gathering under a tent; however, nobody seemed interested in having a meeting. We will try to have a better meeting in November.

Gary Mierzwa won a first place trophy in the Non-VW class and won over a classic Porsche. The owner of the Porsche dropped his trophy and drove off. Gary chased after him but could not catch him and turned his trophy into the officials at the show. The Porsche owner came back later and picked up his trophy.

Ed Lindsay had to park his truck in another row so he could lay down his ramp. Below you can see Chris Verwey's '64 Gold Corvair in front of Ed's Rampside and to the left in front of him is Charlie Kelson's '65 Modified Blue Corvair.



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Lowe's Car Show in Milton, FL:



Gary and Mary Mierzwa's '65 Tangerine Pearl Modified at the Lowe's car show in Milton Florida and weekend after the VW Show in October.



Ed and June Lindsay brought Howard Furr's 62 Rampside. Ed got an award. Notice below that June is wearing a hat embroidered by Howard with Ed's 61 Rampside on it.

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All Florida Picnic on October 25 and 26:

Several of our members attended the All-Florida Car Show at the Hickory Point Recreational Area in

Tavares, FL. Those attending were: Eddie and Ardis Meadows, Titus Stewart and Lisa Shairy, David Legerton and Lorraine King, Ed and June Lindsay, and Mary and Gary Mierzwa. None of our local members brought their Corvair. The host hotel was the Inn on the Green in Tavares, FL and the hotel rolled out the red carpet for our Corvair group giving each registered guest a gift bag of Goodies.



There was a total of about 12 Corvairs present but a lot more Corvair Lovers attended this popular event. Saturday they had the car display with awards and lunch and dinner. They also held a Valve Cover Race and Gary Mierzwa won a first place trophy.



Lunch was prepared by Rob Amsler on his Corvair Grill.



Above is Ben Nowlin, Mary and Gary Mierzwa's grandson and Gary lining up his racer along with Dan Kidder officiating the race.



Gary Mierzwa with a 1st Place Valve Cover Race Trophy

On Sunday they held an Auto Cross but we had to leave after the sit down dinner and awards ceremony on Saturday evening because we had to catch the Carnival Vista Ship for a cruise on Sunday morning.

Thanks goes out to the Central Florida Corvair Club for putting on such a great event again this year and we hope they continue this tradition.

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Carnival Vista Cruise October 26 to November 1st:

David Legerton and Lorraine King, Gary and Mary Mierzwa, and Ed and June Lindsay all went on a cruise to Carnival Cruise Lines private islands of Celebration Key and Half Moon Cay and then later stopped at Nassau. The Vista is one of Carnivals bigger ships that sails out of Pt. Canaveral.



Every night we met at the same table in the dinning room and talked about what we did during the day. Our ship mostly ran around in circles because of Hurricane Melissa. Instead of going to the Dominican Republic we stopped at Nassau. Corvair Lovers dress up purdy good don't ya think?

This was a Halloween Cruise and our group joined in on the festivities by wearing costumes.



Mary dressed as a Queen Bee and Gary dressed as an escaped inmate.



Lorraine King and David Legerton dressed in the 1920's fashion.



June Lindsay dressed as Minnie Mouse

There was one more goblin at our table but was not recognizable. Can you tell who this next person is?



Guess Who?

We had a wonderful time on our cruise and hope that one day you can come with us too.

10. COMING EVENTS:

Nov. 11: Veterans Day!

Feb. 13-14, 2026: 41st Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday at the Perdido Bay Golf Course, 1 Doug Ford Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507, Call Kayla at 850-492-2214 for reservations by February 1st. Make your reservations early because last year we almost ran out of rooms. Fri Meet & Greet and Hospitality Dinner, Saturday Car Display, Valve Cover Races, Corn Hole Tournament, Awards Ceremony, Out to dinner Saturday Night.

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. Corvair Embroidered Hats \$15.

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: Going Out of Business, Catering Trailer located in Crestview, FL, some damage in back. Call Dan Avallone at 850-974-9429 or 850-226-8298 for best offer or price.



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: 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: 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.

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: 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
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- Differential seals replaced, new u-joints
- New engine seals, lifters, rings, gaskets
- New clutch, disc, flywheel
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Scott Morehead

Buying Corvair lots - the bigger the better - not looking for the Gold Standard - but if you or know of someone that is looking to move their parts at an affordable price whether NOS or USED - doesn't matter if it is a mix of other non corvair parts - if it has corvair parts - I'm most likely interested - send me a note - I'm in Charleston, South Carolina - so let's limit the travel to 14hrs +/- one way, and if you want to meet me within the 14 hrs if u r further away..., (Note: Milton, FL is 7.54 hours away)

Best Regards, Scott Morehead
843 - 478 - 4223

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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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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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