

West Florida Corvair Club



The Chronic Corvair December 2025 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

West Florida Corvair Club, CORSA #325

In this issue:

1. Minutes
- 1A. Welcome New Member
2. What Is Expected of our Members?
3. The Wonders of Technology
4. How Corvair Lovers Celebrate Life
5. Did You Know?
6. Happy Birthday & Anniversary
7. Tech Tips
8. Looking Back
9. Chit Chat by June Lindsay
10. Coming Events
11. Club Stores
12. For Sale/Corvair Parts
13. Advertisements
14. Club Information/How to Contact Us

+++++



We celebrated Tyler Whitehurst's Birthday at our Club meeting in November.

1.MINUTES:

WEST FLORIDA CORVAIRS

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

WELCOME: 13 members were present

MINUTES: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was given

OLD BUSINESS:

RareAir show recap: Lots of VW's. Gary took first in the "other" category. Beat out a Porsche.

Corvair Lovers updates:

Shrimp Basket gift cards: They are no longer doing the deal of "buy one get one" so we have decided to move on from that door prize. It was suggested to maybe bump up the \$50 door prize to \$100.

Meat for show: We need to check with Dan about the meat for the show.

Door Prizes: Don't forget to gather stuff to make baskets. Door prizes, door prizes, door prizes.

Christmas party: December 7th @ Karl & Debbie Seltzer's home. The party will start @ 1 pm. Don't forget to bring a dish to share.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer nominations:

Current officers:

Ed Lindsay-President

Gary Mierzwa-Vice-president

Mary Mierzwa-Secretary/Treasurer

June Lindsay-Newsletter editor

Activities-?

Voting will take place at our January meeting.

Tyler is making Corvair t-shirts and stickers. If anyone is interested in having one made, contact him.

There was no other New Business.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party. No business will be taken.

The January meeting on the 21st will be at Howard Furr's garage. Please bring your door prizes to the meeting at 1:30 pm.

1A. WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

We would like to welcome as new members, Don and Marcy Inge whom we met at the VW Rare Air Car Show in October. Don gave Ed Lindsay two carburetors to rebuild for

Don's rare 1960 Corvair. Don and Marcy are from Cantonment, FL and Don is retired. Don and Marcy have four children and six grand-children. Don's other interest are Volkswagens and Motorcycles. He has a '65 VW Beetle, a VW '68 Convertible and a VW '74 Transporter Bus and a Harley Davidson. Don and his wife are planning to come to our Christmas Party on December 7th. Don came to our November meeting and did not know what a Valve Cover Race was. Here you go Don, see below.



The picture above is from our very first Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show at the Perdido Bay Golf Course in 2020 with Host Cottages around Common Areas and perfect for Corvair Lover Families! Most of our members stay at the Cottages on Friday and Saturday night at our show. Above, Ed Lindsay and Howard Ruble are lining up their Valve Covers racers at the beginning of the track. Ed Lindsay made a racer with a model Golf Cart on the top of it. Model Golf Carts were given out to the top three winners of the race along with Gift Certificates from Clark's Corvair Parts.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

We want as many members as possible to attend our Christmas Party on December 7th at Karl and Debbie Stelzer's, 9912 Edendale Lane, Cantonment, FL 32533. at 1:00 pm. Call Ed at 850-781-6350 if you get lost. Be there or be square!

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:

We got an update on Jack from Danielle Avallone. Danielle is our first "pass-around" baby of our club, Jack is the second. Above, Jack just went to a Renaissance Fair on the day Danielle took this picture and had a ball. He is

growing so fast! Jack looks more and more like his mother every day. So glad that Danielle keeps us informed. Danielle plans to bring Jack and her new baby to our car show in February! My, oh my! Three "pass-around" babies at the same time.



Danielle, above, is dressed in the Medieval Period.

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the original notification of our Car Show was sent to CORSA in October and we hoped that it would be in the December issue of the Communique? However, it will be in the January/February Communique` instead because CORSA lost our original email. Last year we did not get our

January/February Communique until the first of February. Boo! Remind us next year to send in our show notification in August or September and make sure the notification is **acknowledged**.

6. BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES:

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

Froop Mierzwa	12/14
Charlie Kelson	12/18
Lisa Dudak	12/19
Daniel Hunter	12/20
Holly Hunter	12/20
Kris Verwey	12/27

Anniversaries

Ken & Shirley Hosking	12/09/09
-----------------------	----------

7. TECH TIPS:

Parking Brake Cable Removal

by Marty Katz CORSA West
Corvair Technical Guide, Volume 4, First Edition
Brakes Page 2

If you've ever had to change a rear parking brake cable you know how nerve-wracking it can be to remove the old cable from the brake backing plate. The obvious way is to use three screwdrivers to depress the fingers on that retaining clip. But, that's tough with only two hands. So here's a neat trick that works well.

After removing the brake shoes and parking brake lever from the cable, use a small hose clamp by slipping it over the cable end and sliding it down against the backing plate. Tighten the clamp so it forces the fingers on the cable retainer to contract, and simply pull the cable through the backing plate.

Brake Line Removal

by Brad Hall
Corvair Technical Guide, Volume 4, First Edition
Brakes Page 15

To remove the long brake line in the tunnel of a late model, you must remove the tunnel covers and the plastic heater duct. You'll also need to remove pull back the front carpet from the "firewall." Then remove the steel cover over the short heater duct in the center of the car, then the defroster control box mounted on the short heater duct, and then the short heater duct. Now you can change that brake line. You might also consider changing all the steel lines connected to that long one at the rear of the car, as you will probably have some difficulty undoing the tube nut at the tee.

***Tech Editor adds:** As the line crosses the path of the parking brake cable, be sure to route the line correctly to prevent contact of the cable with the line. Also be sure the cable (brake or clutch) does not touch the wiring harness. (6/04)*

8. LOOKING BACK:

Below are Mary Anne Hanley and Lee Oxford at the Talladega Speedway on Oct. 7, 2012. Mary Anne and Lee are at the Miller Lite Party Deck. Those were the days!



9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

At our meeting in November, our members asked about Dan Avallone and Tim Bartley and Butch and Brenda Sluschewski. We had not heard from them in a while.



Chef Dan is above!

Can you find Gary Mierzwa in this picture?

A few days after our meeting in November, Dan Avallone, stopped by Ed Lindsay's and it is confirmed, Dan will be cooking the meat with a special request for his pasta salad also for our Car Show in February. Great Day! Dan needs to save his receipts for the meat and Pasta Salad. Everyone else will bring a side dish.

Tim is recovering from Pneumonia. As many of you know, Tim is on a waiting list for a lung transplant so this is a very hard time for him. At this same time, Tim is also looking after his daughter, Jordan, who is suffering from

breast cancer treatments. Jordan is staying at Dan and Tim's while in treatment. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them at this trying time and we hope that they stand strong.

+++++



Above is a picture of Butch and Brenda Sluschewski's '66 Yellow Convertible. We had not heard from them and after several calls and messages, Butch called and told that he and Brenda have been very busy visiting friends and family. They will not be able to come to our Christmas Party because they signed up for a Bus Tour on December 7th thru the 13th. They will come to our car show and they have volunteered to sell Door Prize tickets like in the past. Great Day!

+++++



The picture above is a picture of the Dash Plaque Magnets for our Car Show in February 2026. The design was created by Billy Cannon, a previous member of our club and a present member of the Vulcan Enthusiasts Club out of Birmingham, AL. Denis Palmer ordered the

Dash Plaques and brought them to our meeting in November for everyone to see. There were six Corvairs in our club to choose from. The six Corvairs were as the following: Butch & Brenda's '66 Yellow/Blk Convertible; Denis Palmer's '66 Evening Orchid Convertible and '66 Blue Coupe; Danielle Avallone's '66 Blue Coupe; Lee Oxford and Mary Anne Hanley's '66 Green Coupe; and Mark Kerr's Red/Blk '66 Convertible. Mark and Donna Kerr's Convertible was nominated and chosen as the Corvair for our Dash Plaques.

+++++



Above is a picture of our 2022 Car Display on Friday morning when only a few Corvairs were lined up.

Looks like we are sure to have another fantastic Corvair Lovers Holiday in 2026. So far we have 19 people tell us they will be attending our show. Others are encouraged to send June an email letting her know you are coming, if you are bringing a Corvair and if you plan to come on Saturday only. She can make up your registration packages in advance at the pre-registration price. Last year we had so many come to our show that we did not know about and did not have enough registration packages for everyone and we had made up only 5 extra packages. However, we did have enough food. Please help us out this year! We can't let Dan and Mary know how many will be at our Hospitality Dinner on Friday night and Lunch on Saturday if I don't know that you are coming. That's our story and we are sticking to it! We can't complain; however, because we got about six new members last year. The day of show is just not the time to start planning!

10. COMING EVENTS:

Dec. 7: WFCC Christmas Party at 1:00 pm at Karl and Debbie Stelzer's, 9912 Edendale Lane, Cantonment, FL 32533, Call Ed at 850-781-6350 if your get lost. Bring a dish to share. Debbie says to bring what you want. The club will provide the meat and pasta Salad. No business will be conducted at this meeting.

Jan. 21, 2026: WFCC Production Meeting for the 41st Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday. Bring all Door Prizes, we will vote for club officers. Activities Office is still open.

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, Lunch, Valve Cover Races, Corn Hole Tournament, Awards Ceremony, Out to dinner Saturday Night. Fliers and Registration forms have been emailed to previous attendees, friends, our Club Exchange and to all members and is on our face book page. Fill out your registration form and send it along with your check (Check Preferably) to June Lindsay, 5670 San Vair St., Milton, FL 32583-6062, Call her at 850-994-2161 or email her at wfcc@mediacombb.net. You know the drill! Hope to see you there!

April 17 - 18, 2026: Springfest 2025, The Ultimate Corvair Experience Weekend, Celebrating 60 years of the '66 Corvair, games, prizes, food, and fun nestled in the Bavarian Themed Helen, GA. For more information, visit our website at corvairspringfest.com or contact Chris Law, (229)347-1479 cjlaw1973@gmail.com. Registration opens soon.

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

11: CLUB STORES: SALE!

Great Gifts for Christmas below!

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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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.

13. ADVERTISEMENTS:

Eddie Meadows Automotive

991 Foxfire Trail
Oviedo, FL 32765
407-366-0974

Able Auto Repair

Service you're Able to Trust
Ron Schemmer & Chris Deloney
6548 Mobile Hwy
850-332-5162

Handy Car Care – Ken Hand

1896 S. Gregory Rd.
Fowlerville, MI 48836
248-613-8586
www.corvairmechanic.com
vairmech@aol.com

Piercing by Dan Avallone

122 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Ft. Walton Beach, FL!
Dan Avallone, 850-974-9429 or 850-226-8298

North Florida Corvair

Repairs – Restorations
Woody Woodfin
Lake City, FL
386-406-0606



Thane Taylor
850-341-1330

Mention WFCC & get a discount equal to the Tax

Bill Cotrofeld Automotive, Inc

Call or write for a free brochure:
America's Oldest Corvair Shop
3630 Route 7A Arlington
P.O. Box 235
East Arlington, VT 05252
802-375-6782

Wolf Enterprises

Carburetors & Collectibles
32605 Rhode Island Ave.
San Antonio, FL 33576
E-mail: GyoungWolf@earthlink.net
Write, call, or send an email to request
your Free Catalog at 352-588-0645

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

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

Stelzer Stoneware



<https://www.etsy.com/stoneware>

+++++

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

+++++

Clark's Corvair Parts

400 Mohawk Trail

Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

www.corvair.com

413-625-9776



+++++

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.)

How to contact us:

President & Club Historian & Club Stores	Ed Lindsay	5670 San Vair St., Milton FL 32583 wfcc@mediacombb.net	850-994-2161H 850-781-6350C
Vice President vairzwa@hotmail.com	Gary Mierzwa	4568 N Spencer Field, Pace, FL 32571	850-994-539
Sec. /Treas.	Mary Mierzwa	4568 N Spencer Field, Pace, FL 32571 wfcczwa@hotmail.com	850-994-5399
Activities	Dan Avallone	104 Butler Circle, Crestview, FL 32536	850-974-9429
Newsletter Editor	June Lindsay	5670 San Vair St., Milton FL 32583 wfcc@mediacombb.net	850-994-2161

West Florida Corvairs, Inc.
5670 San Vair Street
Milton, FL 32583
wfcc@mediacombb.net

First Class

