

West Florida Corvair Club



The Chronic Corvair

January 2026 – Happy New Year!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1. MINUTES: Merry Christmas!

There were no minutes for December as we held our Christmas party at Karl and Debbie Stelzer's home. We held our Christmas Party on Dec. 7th, National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance and Karl and Debbie wore their Hawaiian bowling shirts to also celebrate Pearl Harbor Day and a "Day that will go down in infamy".



Above are Ed and June sitting at the table and behind them are Karl and Debbie Stelzer in the Bowling Shirts along with Jo Verwey standing next to Karl.

We had a great time and missed a few who normally attend this party. Karl and Debbie's home was decorated in Christmas Cheer! Those attending were: Karl and Debbie Stelzer, Mary and Gary Mierza, Ed and June

Lindsay, Lee Oxford and Mary Anne Hanley, Kris and Jo Verwey, Ron and Susan Schemmer and new members Don and Marcy Inge.



Above are Lee Oxford and Mary Anne Hanley at our Christmas Party. Ron & Susan Schemmer is sitting behind Mary Anne.



Don and Tracy Inge are the newest members of our club. Behind them is our bountiful buffet table.



At the bottom of the last page Marcy Inge and Kris Verwey are looking over Karl and Debbie's Valve Cover Racers. Don and Marcy had never seen one before. Marcy said she sees Don's thinking of making one for himself.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

Your dues are due in January! Register for our show in February and pay your dues at the same time and write only one check.

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. Send Friend Request!

4. HOW CORVAIR LOVERS CELEBRATE LIFE:

Below are pictures of our new members, Don and Marcy Inge's, '60 Corvair Coupe. Ed Lindsay is helping Don to get his transmission fixed. Don and his wife attended our Christmas Party in December.



5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our Production Meeting for our car show on February 13 & 14 will be held on January 18th at 1:30pm in Howard Furr's Garage. Bring all the door prizes that you have been collecting all year. What? You have not been collecting any door prizes? Bring all the goody bag stuff that you have been collecting all year. What? You have not been collecting anything for goody bags. Do you think all this stuff just miraculously appears? Bring all your Door Prizes and Goody Bag items to our Production meeting so we can make Door Prize Baskets and Goody Bags in advance!

This year our Car Show is on Valentines Day and where it all started in the beginning. Please come to our Production Meeting and pay your dues and register for our car show at the same time with one check. If it is too cold on the 18th, we will have our meeting at Ed and June Lindsay's home. Or, if you prefer, you can pay everything at our car show in February. Those of you who usually pay your dues in Helen can pay your dues at our vending table. Please don't make us bill you. Stamps are getting expensive. Also, now is the time to make your Cottage on the Green reservations before they run out of rooms. Call Kayla at 850-492-2214 or call her direct at 850-375-1385. It is also a good time to pay your CORSA dues.

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 and contact June Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or emails her at wfcc@mediacombb.net. (June and July birthdays are listed in our June, July & August newsletter that comes out in August.)

BIRTHDAYS

John Duzagadusmez	01/01
Susan Schemmer	01/07
Anthony Ruble	01/16
Katherine Carter	01/19
David Legerton	01/20
Araya Sunshine Dudak	01/20
Alex Ford	01/20
Ella Harkey	01/30
Donna Kerr	01/31

Anniversaries

None

7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

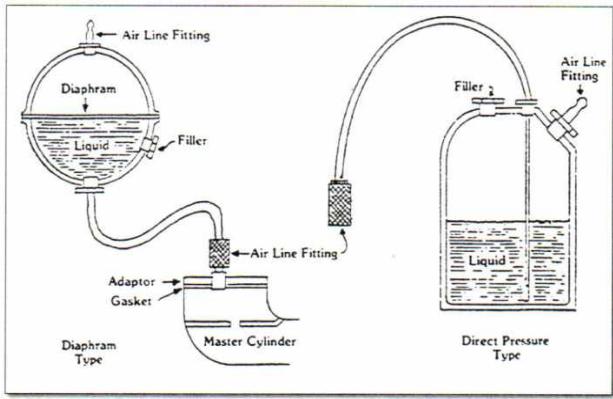
Brake Pressure Bleeding
by Mario Parran / Vacationland Corvairs
CORSA Tech Guide / Volume 4 First Edition
Brakes page 2

If you have ever bled brakes by the traditional pedal pumping method, especially if you had to recharge the entire system, you should be interested in a much faster method: pressure bleeding.

By this method a pressure tank, with brake fluid in it, is adapted to the master cylinder opening with the master cylinder already filled, and fluid from the tank is forced into the system at 50 psi until the effluent at the wheel cylinder bleeder valve is free of air until the effluent at the wheel cylinder bleeder valve is free of air bubbles. Bleed each wheel cylinder in turn starting with the left rear, then right rear, right front and finally left front. Bleed each wheel cylinder in turn starting with the left rear, then right rear, right front and finally left front.

Pressure bleeders are essentially of two types: diaphragm and direct pressure as illustrated in the following sketch. New commercial units cost about \$35.00, although I found mine at an auction for just a few dollars. The adapter plate can be made from a heavy gauge steel plate with a male air line fitting and a gasket to contact the top of the master cylinder. It can be clamped tight with a C-clamp. If you want to clean out the brake lines, this adapter can be connected directly to an air line.

Pre-made adapters to fit the various Corvair master Cylinders are also available from larger parts stores.



8. LOOKING BACK:

Below are a group of really great people! We are at Dan Avallone's for a fall picnic in November of 2022. We first met Chris Harkey and his family at this picnic.



We really miss these picnics at Dan's.

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY: 2025 Year In Review!

January:

Corvair Lovers play in the snow. Milton Florida, where Ed and June Lindsay live and Howard Furr's big garage where we hold most of our meetings, had a record of 10 inches of snow in January of 2025. All roads were closed including I-10. We were snowed in and had cabin fever. See below:



Corvair Lovers Play in the snow!

February:

In February we held our 40th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday. The Best of Show in 2025 was won by Bryan and Clyde Cork. Their '64 Spyder is pictured below.



March:

At our March meeting Denis Palmer drove his new Blue 1967 Monza Sport Sedan Corvair that he just bought to our meeting.



April:

In April several of our members attended Springfest in Helen, GA. Gary and Mary Mierzwa trailered their Modified Corvair and it was so much fun driving through Atlanta.



Gary & Mary Mierzwa's 1965
Tangerine Pearl Modified Corvair

May:

We had so many car shows to attend in April that we had to put out a Special Edition of our newsletter in June and July. Denis Palmer took his new blue sedan to a car show in Lucedale, AL.



June: Also in our special June & July Edition of our newsletter, Ed Lindsay won a trophy at the Harley Davidson Car Show in Pensacola.



July:

In July, Ed Lindsay took Howard Furr's Rampside to the July 4th Car Show held by the Milton Chamber of Commerce.



August:

In August we held our meeting at Mark and Donna Kerr's and chose their Corvair to be on our 2026 Dash Plaques.



Mark Kerr's 1966 Convertible

September:

In September we learned that Danielle Avallone is going to have another pass around baby in January? January? This Month! OMG! OMG!



October:

In October we Went to the the VW Air Cooled Car Show at Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola, FL. This was the first car show that Charlie Kelson took his blue 1965 modified coupe to.



November:

Several members went to the All Florida Picnic held by the Central Florida Corvairs Club. Below, Gary Mierzwa won a 1st place trophy for the Valve Cover Races!



Also In November our new member, Don Inge, brought his VW to the Harley Davidson Marine Toys for Tots Car Show in Pensacola.



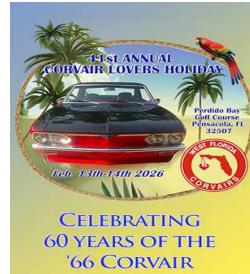
December:

That brings us back to our Christmas party in December. The End!

10. COMING EVENTS:

Jan. 18th: West Florida Corvair Club Production Meeting at Howard Furr's big garage at 1:30pm. We will gather all door prizes, goody bag items, and take care of any last minutes problems. We will also vote for our new officers.

Feb. 13-14, 2026:



The Dash Plaque for our 2026 41st Annual Car show is designed by Billy Cannon of the Vulcan Enthusiasts Club.

41st 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 or direct at 850-375-1385 to make your cottage reservations by February 1st. Corn Hole Tournament, Valve Cover Races, Hospitality Dinner and Lunch, Door Prizes, Car Display, Top Ten and more awards, Awards Ceremony. Out to dinner Saturday night. Contact June Lindsay by calling 850-994-2161, or email her at wfcc@mediacombb.net. Look for our Show listed in the January-February issue of the CORSA Communiqué.

March 15: West Florida Corvair Club meeting at Howard Furr's big garage at 1:30pm. We will talk about lessons learned at our car show and about our Spring Picnic.

April 17-18: Springfest 2026, The Ultimate Corvair Experience Weekend, the largest Corvair display in the Southeast. There will be awesome events, games, prizes, food, and fun nestled in the Bavarian Themed Helen, GA, where you will experience a friendly environment for friends and family. Location 726 Brucken Strasse, Helen, GA 30545. For more information, visit our website at corvairspringfest.com or contact Chris Law, (229)347-1479 cjlaw1973@gmail.com. Registration opens January 2025.

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

11: CLUB STORES: SALE!

CLUB MERCHANDISE:

**1960-69 Stickers @ \$2 each (No 62's or 66's)
** Club Pins @ \$2, ****New** Club Car Window Sticker @ \$2
** Note Card's \$1 (Dog & Cat), ** **New** Digital Patches @ \$3, Only one 40th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday T-Shirt left size XL \$24.

CORSA MERCHANDISE: 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!**)

EMBROIDERED CORVAIR HATS and T-SHIRTS by Howard Furr and **STELZER'S CORVAIR STONEWARE**.

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: 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 strog@comcast.net



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: 1969 Corvair Monza Coupe 110/P VIN 1188. This car has been gone through mechanically by a known Corvair Shop. This car's 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.

13: ADVERTISEMENTS:

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Thanks, Jeffrey Williams, CC

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Also In November, Ed Lindsay took his Rampside
and Gary Mierzwa took his '65 Tangerine Pearl Modified
Coupe to the Harley Davidson Marine Toys for Tots Car
Show in Pensacola. Both Corvairs brought a lot of
interest. Ed won a 3rd prize trophy in the Antique class.

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, 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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