

West Florida Corvair Club



The chronic Corvair

February 2026 – 41st Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1.MINUTES:



June Lindsay's new 8 month old kitten "George" is her new Goody Bag helper.

MINUTES

WEST FLORIDA CORVAIRS

JANUARY 18, 2026

WELCOME: 17 members, 1 junior member were present.

MINUTES: None. We had our Christmas party.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was given.

MAIL: We received a Christmas card from Rowe's Orphanage for Cats & Kittens. They are one of our charities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas party: All the food was good. Thanks again to Karl & Debbie Stelzer for opening their home to us.

Car Show:

Registration: So far we have 34 registrations.

Hospitality: Dan is making Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad & bread for Friday night dinner. Ribs, pulled pork and chicken for Saturday lunch. He said that it will take \$800 to do this. The club voted to increase the food budget. Club members were asked to fill in the rest:

Howard: Red beans & rice

Debbie: fruit salad & cookies

Michael: 2 cheese cakes

Mary: cookies, fluff and whatever else she thinks we need.

Mary will pick up all the drinks.

Door prizes: No Shrimp Basket gift cards this year. They weren't offering a very good deal.

\$50 in \$2's: It was asked if we wanted to increase this amount. It was voted to keep it the same.

Gift baskets: So far we have about 1/2 the baskets we need. Please let Mary know if your are bringing one.

Parking Lot: We are moving to a different parking lot for our car display. Not only does the golf course have 2 piles of sand but they have since added a pile of dirt and a storage box. We are going to swap parking lots and use the trailer storage lot for the car display and trailers can now park in the old car display lot. The golf club will put the tent on the lawn to save parking spaces.

Valve Cover races: Gary says the track is still in the trailer.

Corn Hole: Karl says he has it all under control.

Ladies get-together: Debbie has her subject and all planned out.

Trophies: David brought them to the meeting. (Mary took them home to bring to the show.) Mary paid David \$234 for the trophies.

Saturday night dinner: We are headed back to the Shrimp Basket.

It was asked if there was anything else that needed to be discussed for the show. We are not doing new t-shirts this year.

We plan to be out at the golf course on Friday around 12 noon. If we can't get into the cabins then we will head

over to the club house snack bar. If we can get into the cabins, then we will unload and then have lunch at the club house.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

Nominations for Officers were:

President-Ed Lindsay

Vice President-Gary Mierzwa

Secretary/Treasurer-Mary Mierzwa

Activities-David Legerton

Newsletter Editor-June Lindsay

These were all accepted as the incoming officers.

There was no other New Business.

The next meeting will be the show.

March 15th meeting will be at Howard Furr's garage @ 2:30pm.

by Mary Mierzwa, Sec.

1A. OUR CLUB IS SADDENED:



Our club is saddened to learn of the recent death of Lewis L. Martin from Daphne, AL who died from cancer. His wife Judith died last year from complications from a fall. Lewis and Judith is the father and mother of our long time member Perry Martin and brother-in-law to Ed and June Lindsay.

Both Lewis and Judith and Perry became members of our club when we held our Corvair Lovers Holiday car show at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Navarre Beach, FL. Judith helped June with registration and Lewis helped with judging. During our first Valve Cover Race, Perry Martin was the first to send a remote controlled car down and up the Valve Cover Track and that is when we made rules for the Valve Cover Races for the Corvair club. Lewis started a judging group for youth so they could learn how to judge classic vehicles. Lewis and Judith Martin as well as Ed Lindsay's family, Howard & Dottie Furr and Cilia and Don Liacone helped to make our show the success that it is today. It was a family affair! Both Lewis and Judith will be truly missed.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS?

What? You did not pay your dues in January? Send in your dues now or June will hunt you down! Twenty-seven members have paid their dues. Now it is your time. You can pay them with your Registration Form for our Car Show in February. Please save us from having to bill you! Let June Lindsay know your intentions by filling out your billing form and returning it to her. You will be billed at the end of April as we have members that pay their dues in Helen, GA at Springfest.

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:

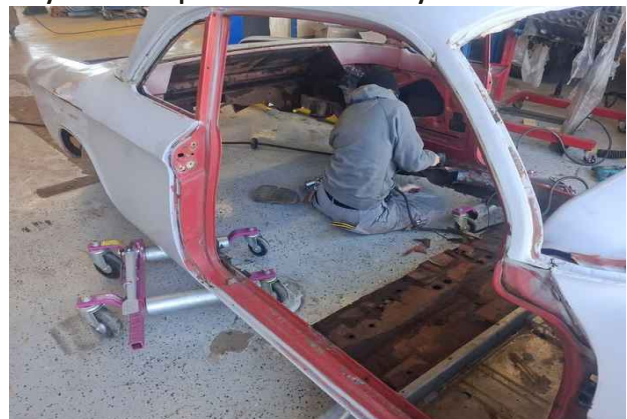
Danielle Avallone had her baby on January 17, 2026. She had a boy and his name is Max Rex Bowers. Jack, Danielle's first child has a little brother now who will always look up to him. Danielle will not be able to attend our Corvair Lovers Holiday in February and she will be missed by everyone.



Max Rex Bowers

5. DID YOU KNOW?:

Did you know that Tyler Whitehurst is turning early model coupe into a V8? This very unusual.





We all wish Tyler a successful transition!

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

Mike Ford	2/1
Jared Childs	2/5
Chris Harkey	2/12
A. J. Schemmer	2/12
Lindy Sluschewski	2/22
Louise Hartline	2/23
Susan Dooley	2/23
Terry Stinehelfer	2/28
Scott Morehead	2/28

Anniversaries

Gary & Mary Mierzwa	2/4/74
Don & Marcy Inge	2/22/22

7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

Dual Master Brake Switch

by Craig Nicol

CORSA Tech Guide / Volume 4 First Edition

Brakes page 17

I just checked a '67-69 brake valve/switch to confirm how it Operates. The "valve" is not a valve, it's just a switch. It takes 150-250 PSI difference between front and rear to operation the switch. The "valve" does not close off the failed circuit. The switch returns to center by itself.

With a system line failure, the master cylinder is pretty close to the end of its travel before and pressure is developed in the remaining good circuit. There's about 1/8" left of the one inch piston stroke (roughly, I didn't measure).

If you don't push the pedal to the floor, you won't get any braking and it's unlikely that you will even get full braking from the remaining circuit. If your set up is such that you don't get full stroke of the master cylinder or our brakes normally don't engage until the pedal is past halfway, its unlikely that you'll get braking from a dual master in a failed system.

It was educational to me to learn that the front and rear circuits in a '67-69Corvair are always 100% isolated from one another. The reason we can bleed the brakes is because of the master cylinder design. (4/11)

8. LOOKING BACK:



In 2022, Mary Mierzwa, above, is thrilled to get the Sarah White Ladies Choice Award at our Corvair Lovers Holiday at the Perdido Bay Golf course for her '65 Tangerine Pearl Modified Coupe with Wiley Coyote and the Road Runner. Also above, Mary's trophy was presented to her by Danielle Avallone. Mary purchases fresh flowers for our show each year to be given out along with the award. She purchased orange roses in 2022 and we all want to know how she knew she was going to be the winner? Her trophy was made by June Lindsay.

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

In January Ed and June Lindsay and Keith Graham went to Mobile to look at a Corvair in an Estate Sale.



Front View



Back View

Side View



Interior View



Dash View



Engine View

Do you see what Ed saw in these pictures? Ed says it has lots of good parts. You guessed it! The Corvair is now in Ed's back yard!

10. COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 13-14, 2026: Can't believe in only two weeks!

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@mediacommbb.net. Look for our Show listed in the January-February issue of the CORSA Communique`.

Feb. 28: 10th Annual Chili, Cars & Kids in the Santa Rosa County Administrative parking lot behind McDonald's in Milton, FL, Free registration, Best in Class, 50/50 Raffle, for Information call 850-623-1112.

March 15: West Florida Corvair Club meeting at Howard Furr's big garage at 2:30pm. We will talk about lessons learned at our car show and about our Spring Picnic.

March 21: CALLING ALL CAR CLUBS! Join us at the FarmHouse Fair for a fun, family-friendly community event. Santa Rosa County Fairgrounds – Milton, FL. Why Join? Showcase your vehicles, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy great exposure, food, vendors, and family fun. Seeking Car clubs, classics, hot rods, muscle cars, trucks, jeeps, customs & specialty vehicles. Interested? Email: farmhousefairevent@gmail.com Include your club name, vehicle type, and estimated number of cars and contact information. **(We can discuss that at our meeting on March 15th to get a number of who is going and then notify them.)**

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 cjlw1973@gmail.com. Registration opens January 2025.

May 21: 11th Annual Bugs on the Bayou, Mullet Festival Grounds, Niceville, FL, 32578, SR 85 South to 293, Top Ten, Best in show, and other awards, 50/50 Raffle, Camping w/110v power, \$10 with Vehicle Registration, \$30 without, Cruises, Drive-in movie, lantern walk, and other events. Corvair and other rear engine cars welcome, \$20 online registration \$30 at the gate., BugsOnTheBayou.com. Bring a non-perishable food item or hygiene product for food bank.

May 22-26: 2026 International Corvair Convention in Historic Gettysburg, Host Hotel the Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle., Gettysburg, PA 17325-8397, Hotel Reservations at 717-339-0020 and use the code name CORSA National Convention for convention rate, **Monday June 22:** Concourse Meeting, Cole participant Meetings, Model Car set up, Convention Kickoff, Car Show, Valve Cover Builder Workshop + racing. **Tuesday June 23:** Concourse d'Elegance, Battlefield Tour Bus with guide, Rally Participants Meeting. **Wednesday June 24:** Rally, Pre-Auto Cross Tech inspection. **Thursday June 25:** Autocross, Banquet Table Assignments. **Friday June 26:** Econo Run, Driving Tour, Battlefield Tour Bus with Guide, Banquet. Please refer to upcoming issues of the Communique for convention previews and also check our website, www.corvai.org for further updates and online hotel reservation links.

July 9 - 12: Ann Arbor, Mi Corvair Homecoming Mini-Convention, Where the Corvair Families get together for fun! This is a three-day event that we do every year. We have become better than the traditional families. We are with each because we want too! Many activities take place over the days, tech sessions, value cove race, road rally, lots of food to enjoy, movies, wine & cheese event, funkana etc., Wyndham Garden Ann Arbor 2900 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, Contact Pete Cinbala, 821-621-9866 or hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

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**

**** New digital Patches @3 each, Note Card's \$1 (Dog & Cat), ** 2 butterfly note pads \$1 (Dog & Cat)**

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)

SOLD! It pays to advertise in The chronic Corvair: The nicely sorted 1967 Chevrolet Corvair Monza in Butternut Yellow and owned by Tom Host in Mobile has been sold and is now in New York!

New! For Sale: 1964 Monza Coupe, 110/4speed, with factory Options Simulated Wire Hub Caps, Clock, bumper guards, Factory Wood Steering Wheel, needs nothing. New Tires, battery Clutch, brakes, shocks, suspension and more. Asking \$18,000, Edgewater, FL. Rick Sanford

843-231-2257, or ricksandord2020@gmail.com or Bill Sanford 407-6147-3325, wags12202aol.com

New! For Sale: 1965 Corsa Turbo Coupe: Second owner for 58 years. Less than 1,000 mi on new Tony Ellison-built engine. This pampered beauty its on carpet in its own Florida climate Controlled garage. CORSA Convention 97.5 Gold Winner. at 80+years is time to let another Corvair enthusiasts enjoy owning it. Super value at \$24,900, Earl Wright 864-378-4545.

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: 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.

13: ADVERTISEMENTS:

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991 Foxfire Trail
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407-36-09748

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www.corvairmechanic.com

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918-753-2486

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Dan Avallone, 850-974-9429 or 850-226-8298

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Charlie Kelson Plumbing
kelsonplumbing@gmail.com
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<https://www.etsy.com/shop/StelzerStoneware>

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www.CaliforniaCorvairParts.com

More than 30 parts categories including everything from
New, Used, Rebuilt and NOS items. The store currently
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adding more every week. For those of you who enjoy
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284-3555, 15090 La Palma Dr., Chino, CA 91710.

Thanks, Jeffrey Williams, CC

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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 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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