

West Florida Corvair Club



The chronic Corvair July, July & August "Dog Days"

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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1. MINUTES:

No minutes for May as we held our Spring Picnic at Howard Furr's big garage. Also there were no newsletters in June and July.



We had over 25 people attend our Spring Picnic. Ed Lindsay spent a lot of time before the picnic cleaning the area, mowing the yard and picking up pine cones as well as cleaning the garage area and moving Corvairs around. He was exhausted by the time everyone got there. Charlie Kelson and his friend Misty cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs that were provided by the club and everyone brought a dish to share. Howard Furr's and Ed's Rampsides were parked in the park area. Charlie Kelson drove his '65 Corvair Coupe, Ben Witte drove his 1964 4DR. Howard Ruble drove his '65 Blue Coupe. Mike Sullivan brought his 1964 Blue Convertible that we had never seen before. June had a special good time when June's nephew, Perry Martin and also a member of our club, came with his friend Beth and June's Great Nephew, Josh Martin, and June's great-great Niece, Shyann, and two great-great nephews, Blaze and Ranger, whom she had never met before.



Charlie Kelson's '65 Corvair Coupe.



Ben Witte's '64 4DR and
Howard Rubles '65 Coupe.



Mike Sullivan drove his '64 Convertible.
We had never seen this car before.



May 17th was Howard Ruble's Birthday and
we gave him a cake with a candle on it.
Happy Birthday Howard!



Howard's Corvair was our May "Corvair of the Month" on
our Facebook page

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERSHIP?

Members are expected to pay their dues in January; however, we wait until after Springfest in Helen, GA. Those who have not paid their dues have been taken off our membership list and can be reinstated at any time by paying their dues. Beginning in January of 2027 our dues will go up to \$20.

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 Friday, July 2nd, Gary and Mary Mierzwa and Ed and June Lindsay attended the Cruise In at Milton, Chevrolet. They served hot dogs and gave awards. WEAR TV sponsored this Cruise In for Feeding the Golf Coast. Ed Lindsay was live on the Channel 3 news that day. The Registration fee for this show was canned food or cash. Sorry we have no pictures of this car show; but our new face book friends, Chris and Linda Rivas recently picked up the Corvair below and attended this show. We hope that they will become members of our club.



Chris and Linda Rivas new '69 Corvair!

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On July 4th, Gary and Mary Mierzwa and Ed and June Lindsay attended the Freedom Car and Bike Show hosted by the Milton Chamber of Commerce on Avalon Boulevard and just a couple miles from Ed and June's. Gary entered his '65 Tangerine Pearl Modified and Ed entered Howard Furr's '63 Rampside. Proceeds were for the Santa Rosa County Chamber Foundation. There were many Bikes and Classic cars, food, and fun for the whole family.





The Roadster above won People's Choice!



Awards like Most Likely to be Towed Home and Most Happy (Herbie VW) and other unusual awards were given out on the front porch of the Chamber of Commerce. Adams Sanitation was a sponsors among others and they had many vendors. Pedro's served a \$10 lunch of chicken and ground beef tacos, chips, salsa, and drinks. We had a good time!



Thank goodness Gary and Mary Mierzwa brought their tent so we could get out of the sun. It was very hot on June 2nd for the Feeding the Gulf Coast show and again on July 4th. How hot was it? It was so hot that Gary's phone sent him a too hot to handle message.

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that on their way home from a tire shop, Tyler Whitehurst and Merlot decided to get married? They were married on March 30th. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Whitehurst! May you have many good years ahead.



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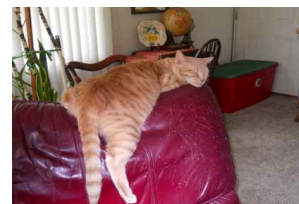
Did you know that Mary and Gary Mierzwa plan to attend the All Florida Picnic at Hickory Point Recreational Area in Tavares, FL on October? Looking for a great vacation this year? Why don't you join them? After the car show Mary and Gary will be going on a cruise. The cruise sails out of Tampa, FL on the Royal Caribbean ship, Jewel of the Sea. Mary and Gary will be visiting their Daughters and grandchildren in Coco Beach, FL before and after the car show. Checkout what to do in the Tampa area and also take a look at the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines website. Contact Mary Mierzwa for more details. They would love for you to cruise with them.

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, the editor 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 email her at wfcc@mediacombb.net. June and July birthdays are listed in our June, July & August newsletter that comes out in August.)

June, July & August Birthdays

Darren Grille	06/01
Suzannah Stelzer	06/05
Kent Zaiser	06/10
Jillian Mierzwa	06/12
Tim Bartley	06/14
Henry Harkey	06/14
Ed Lindsay	06/16
Gary Mierzwa	06/22
Don Inge	06/30
George Lindsay (He's 1 year old)	07/04



Denis Palmer	07/14
Donna Childs	07/15
Doug Stinehelfer	07/15
Jason Andrews	07/16
Hudson Harkey	07/16

Bill Andrews Jr.	07/17
Mark Kerr	07/17
Robin Hartline Hunter	07/18
Leah Hartline Meade	07/20
Bill Andres Sr.	07/24
David Stelzer	07/30
Jon Nowlin	07/31
Jessica Lambert	08/04
Jerry Moyer	08/07
Butch Sluschewski	08/07
John Stelzer	08/10
Brannon Hunter	08/12
Brenda Sluschewski	08/19
George Ruble	08/20
Samuel Lambert	08/21

(Can't remember this list being so long!)

June, July & August Anniversaries

Karl & Debbie Stelzer	06/05/71
Howard & Lynn Ruble	07/03/71
Ed and June Lindsay	07/30/91
Harold & Louise Hartline	08/01/53
Chris & Hope Harkey	08/07/04
Doug & Terry Stinehelfer	08/07/83
Ella & Aaron Hamby	08/16/25

(Harkey)

7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

Oil Leak Prevention

CORSA Tech Guide Volume 4

Engine: Oil/Cooling Page 39 & 40

Continued addressing the Valve cover, Oil Filter/Alternator Adapter and Engine Top Cover

Valve Covers: Although there are some six hole covers (for six hole heads), most are divided into two categories: the narrow sealing area covers, and the wide sealing area covers that also utilize the spring reinforcements. If possible, use the second design cover (wide sealing area) with the spring reinforcement. I find the current rubber gaskets work fine, put on dry and tightened until the spring reinforcement bends in the just touches the cover. There are six-hole gaskets available if you have those heads and covers.

Be sure and straightedge the areas of the head between the bolt holes; many heads are warped slightly. You can use sealer between the bolt holes to compensate for a slight warp. Always check for warp if the heads are off since they can be straightened at a machine shop.

The threaded holes in the head are a problem, sometimes, usually because of somebody before you chased the threads and you can use one inch long bolts for a more secure job: you may also be able to use the longer one inch bolts if the existing threads are in poor condition. If you have stripped holes that longer bolts do not help. Helicoil installation is the preferred method of repair. The 1/4-20 kits are available at any auto parts store but some do not include the drill bit which is 17/64".

Oil Filter/ Alternator Adapter: This aluminum housing has a thin machined sealing surface that must seal against full oil pump pressure, the sealing surfaces must be clean and free from scratches and dents. A light coat of spray Coppercoat on the gasket has worked well for me and I use 15 foot-pounds in lieu of the stock 13 when applying torque. An additional help item is to cut the heads off of two 5/16 x 2" coarse thread bolts and use them for guide pins. This helps keep the gasket from moving when mounting the housing.

Engine Top Cover: The steel baffle is secured between two aluminum castings so you have different coefficients of expansion plus oil being sprayed on the area continuously. Added to that is the fan belts trying to lift the front of the cover up. You need a complete cleaning and checking for good sealing surfaces to prevent seepage or outright leaks that the cooling air picks up and send over the crankcase and cylinders. Use a light coat of RTV and I like to use 1 1/2 bolts, medium blue Loctite, flat washers, and lock washers, and torque to 15 foot-pounds.

In some of the above applications I prefer to use Grade 8 fasteners regardless of the need for that high strength. It's just my preference. This may help the next generation in removal operations after finding our cars sitting in barns with mouse nests or under dripping trees. An equally good choice would be use of anti-seize compound with the original strength bolts.

Note: In our next issue of our newsletter we will print all of the notes from all the Tech Editors about leaks.

8. LOOKING BACK:



Not a very good picture, but the picture above is back in 2017. How do we know? Because Dan Avallone's hair was growing back too. Ed and June Lindsay and Brenda and Butch Sluschewski all met along Hwy 98 near Mary Ester, FL and Dan was cooking BBQ plates in his Bow Tie BBQ trailer. Danielle Avallone and Dan's mom were there too. That was a great day! Thanks for the memories Dan.

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

In June, Dan Avallone stopped by Ed Lindsay's driving his brother's Stingray. Dan's brother gave it to him to drive for a couple years. (What a great brother Dan has!) Dan has even built a new garage for it at his home.



Ed and June took a ride in the Stingray. The inside looks like the cockpit of a Blue Angels jet and you should see how the Convertible Top comes down; it appears more like the ejection canopy roof on a jet.



Ed and Dan standing by the Stingray!



Dan says it is a Jet!

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Below are some pictures taken at the National Corvair Convention in Gettysburg, PA from June 22 thru 26 that were posted on our Face Book page. Sorry, I don't know some of the Corvair owners names.





Some Early Model's at the Convention.
We think we see Dan Kidder's and
Abigail Marion's Corvairs among them.



The five Corvair Lovers in the picture above, won Trophies at the Convention. All were from the Central Florida Corvair Club. Dan Kidder, Eddie Meadows, Chris Shepherd, Jeff Kent and Abigale Marino. (Eddie Meadows is also a member of our club.) Congratulations goes out to all and most of all to Abigail Marino for winning four big trophies at the Convention. We all knew she would go places.

10. COMING EVENTS:

Aug. 16: WFCC Club Meeting at Gary and Mary Mierzwa's, 4568 N. Spencerfield Rd., Pace, FL 32583 at 2:30pm. We will take volunteers for the various events at our Car Show in February and decide what Corvair will be on our Dash Plaques. Call Ed Lindsay at 850-781-6350 if you get lost.

Note: If you want to have a meeting at your house, this fall, please let us know.

Oct. 2-3: Maggie Valley, NC, Vairs in the Valley NC Valley Corvair club. The 2026 Vairs in the Valley Weekend will be held at the Maggie Valley Festival Grounds, 3374 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Details to follow, including a full schedule of events. Follow this QR code to directly access the official website: <https://vairsinthevalley.com>.

Oct. 17: 30th Annual Emerald Coast VW Car Show will be held at Five Flags Speedway, 7451 Pine Forest Rd, Pensacola, FL 32526, in Pensacola, Florida, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday **RAIN OR SHINE**, Preregistration \$25 until Oct. 15, DOS \$30, See www.getoutgarage.com or Rare Air VW event site, (right lane preregistered and left lane day of show) **YOUR CAR MUJST BE JUDGED BEFORE PARKING IN THE DISPLAY AREA**, registration and judging ends at 12:00 Noon, awards ceremony 2:00PM, awards ceremony at 2:00pm, 50/50, 20 1st and 2nd awards plus several special awards. (Primitive on-site camping (limited water/power Fri-Sat night; contact Five Flags Speedway 850-944-8400.)

Oct. 24: 2026 Central Florida Corvair Club Annual Picnic & Car Show sponsored by the Central Florida Corvair Club. The Central Florida Corvair Club will again host a picnic at the fabulous Hickory Point Park in Tavares, FL. This year we will include People's Choice Car Display, Road Rally, Valve Cover Races, door prizes and more. Park location: Hickory Point Park, 27341 Route 9, Tavares, FL, 32778. Contact: <https://centralfloridacorvairclub.com/event/cfcc-annual-picnic-and-car-show/>. Or Contact: Rob Amsler at 407-506-8897 or infor@centralfloridacorvairclub.com (Looking for a fun vacation this year? Mary and Gary are planning a cruise after the show leaving on Oct. 27 out of Tampa on Royal Caribbean Jewell of the Sea, if you want to join them, contact Mary or Gary Mierzwa at wffcczwa@hotmail.com.)

Feb. 19 & 20, 2027: *We are booked!* 42nd Corvair Lovers Holiday and Car Show sponsored by the West Florida Corvair Club, to be held at the Perdido Bay Golf course, 1 Doug Ford Drive, Pensacola, FL, 850-492-2214, make reservations by February 1st, 2027, Cottages \$105 with one time cleaning fee of \$25. (Kayla no longer works at the Golf Course and they are under new

management.) Meet & Greet and Hospitality Dinner Friday. Valve Covers Races, Corn Hole Tournament, Sarah White Ladies Get Together, Lunch and Peoples Choice Top Ten Car Display on Saturday. Awards Ceremony at 4pm Saturday then Out to Dinner of your choice. Contact June Lindsay at 850-994-2161 or email her at wfcc@mediacombb.net.

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

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)

New for Sale!: (If you have been looking for a Rampside, this one is for you!) 1962 Rampside, Dk Gray w/ Maroon, Maroon Interior, Iroc Wheels, 4SP, Overhauled engine and runs good, no leaks. \$20K, Stewart Smith 334-449-3244, or, chevymann@yahoo.com, Samson, AL about 80 miles from Pensacola/Milton, FL.



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

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: 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: 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: 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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Eddie Meadows Automotive
991 Foxfire Trail
Oviedo, FL 32765
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Handy Car Care – Ken Hand
1896 S. Gregory Rd.
Fowlerville, MI 48836
248-613-8586
www.corvairmechanic.com

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Rafee Corvair
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2695 Bengal Rd.
Wister, OK 74966
918-753-2486

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North Florida Corvair
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Woody Woodfin
Lake City, FL
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kelsonplumbing@gmail.com
Call: 850-221-9905

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

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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, CC

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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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4. OUR CLUB IS SADDENED:

Our good friend, Bill Rudolph from the Heart of
Georgia Corvair Club and Springfest inside vendor has
passed away. Bill will be truly missed. Our thoughts and
prayers goes out to Jeanette and all of their family.

We remember when Bill and Jeanette were dancing
at the Holiday Inn Holidome on Navarre Beach, FL when
Bill dropped Jeanette and they both fell too the floor.
Below is his obituary.



*Mr. William E. Rudolph, age 90, passed away on June 5,
2026. William was born in Staten Island, NY on January
12, 1936 to the late William Rudolph and the Late Grace
Ellis Rudolph. He was preceded in death by his sister,
Irene Afferdour. Surviving members of Mr. Rudolph's
family are his Wife of 37 years, Jeanette Rudolph; step-
daughter, Connie Schleusner (Larry), son David Rudolph;
grand children, Cody Schleusner, Cameron Schleusner,
Brianna Whatley, and sister in law, Wanda Cook. Grave
side services were held on June 1st, 2026 at 2026 at
Nancy Hart Memorial Park in Hartwell, GA.*

That's All Folks!

15. 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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