

West Florida Corvair Club



The chronic Corvair September 2026- Happy Labor Day!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

In this issue:

1. Minutes
- 1A. Welcome new Members
2. What Is Expected of our Membership
3. The Wonders of Technology
4. How Corvair Lovers Celebrate Life
5. Did You Know?
6. Happy Birthday & Anniversary
7. Tech Tips or Articles
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

+++++

1. MINUTES:

Welcome: 14 members were present.

Minutes: none. Last meeting was the club picnic.

Treasurer's report: Report was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

We learned that Ken Hosking had passed away last year. There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corvair Lovers Holiday: February 19 & 20, 2027 at the Perdido Golf Club. We have 5 units reserved. Cabins will cost \$105 per night plus a one time \$25 cleaning fee. Tent rental will be \$250 for the weekend. **Event Chairperson** Volunteers were taken for the various events at our car show: Registration, June; Hospitality, Mary; Trophies, Karl; Door Prizes & Baskets _____?; Valve Cover Races, Gary & Howard; Cornhole, Karl; Lady's Gathering, Debbie; Parking Lot, Ed; Dash Plaques, Denis. We need someone to step up and sell Door Prize Tickets and Door Prize Baskets. **Flash! Brenda and Butch Sluschewski will do Door Prize Tickets and Baskets.**

Door Prize Tickets & Baskets: We are doing baskets again this year. There is a minimum of \$20 value on the basket.

Dash Plaques: We decided to use Denis Palmer's '67 4-door for the dash plaques this year. This is the last year that the 4-door was made.

Seth Emerson: Ed has been in contact with Seth to order spark plug wires for the club stores. He has a choice of red, blue, black and yellow wires. We get a better deal if we order groups of 4 sets of wires. We are going to order 2 groups. As of the meeting, 5 sets are already taken. **Flash! There here!**

Name tags: Since we have new members in the club, it was suggested we need name tags. If anyone knows anyone that can make tags, let one of the officers know.

There was no other New Business.

Next meeting is September 20 @ 2:30. We will meet at Howard Furr's garage.

1A. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Our club is delighted to announce that Linda and Chris Rivas have become members of our club. Chris and Linda are from Pensacola and we met them at the WSRE 3 Feeding the Gulf Coast Food Drive Cruise In at the Milton Chevrolet. Chris is self-employed and he and his wife Linda have one child and three grandchildren.



Chris and Linda Rivas' new '69 Corvair Coupe!



Chris and Linda Rivas at our September Meeting!

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERSHIP?

Since we have a few new members, we will let you know what we expect of our members:

1. Pay your dues in January.
2. Attend at least one meeting a year (How about having a meeting at your house?)
3. Attend our Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car show every February and register for the show, bring a dish to share, make a Door Prize Basket, help Set-up the show. (Please let any Event Chairperson know where you can help out.)
4. Send in an article for the newsletter about you and your Corvair. ("How I got my Corvair" is a good theme. Or, send us a picture we can use in the "Looking Back" section of our newsletter.)
5. Come to our Spring Picnic and Christmas Party and relax enjoy fellowship with other members.

**Take advantage of everything we do.
Everything we do is for you!**

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:



California

Hudson and I left out at 3:30am this morning for a Father and Son trip to celebrate his 16th birthday. It's been a great day so far with more to come. We visited Petersen Automotive Museum and saw all of the cars on tour from the Fast and Furious Franchise as well as Back to the Future, Transformers, Mission impossible and even Indiana Jones. We visited Toretto's House and Market (Bobs Market in real life) as well as Dodgers Stadium and Elysian Park for views of the city, later we visited the site of the Azusa Street revival and currently we are at Peacock Theater watching the Las Angeles Symphony Orchestra and Choir

perform to Lord of the Rings Fellowship of the Rings. More adventures and memories to be made in the days to come.

By Chris Harkey

5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that June has gathered a few baskets for our club by purchasing them from estate sales? These baskets are first come, first served and will be available at our Production Meeting for \$1.00 Each in January. There is a minimum amount of \$20 for making each basket. (Yes, we expect our members to donate these baskets.) Think of a theme and stuff your basket. Dollar Tree has ribbon, confetti, and plastic wrap for \$1.25each. Last year Karl and Debbie Stelzer made three baskets with Stoneware made by Karl. They made one basket with a Spaghetti Dinner Theme. Howard Ruble went to Harbor Freight and bought a bucket and didn't need to wrap it in plastic. The year before last Mary made a Grand Prize basket with a Mexican Dinner Theme. Be creative! Think Corvair!



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.)

September Birthdays

Tommy carter	09/10
Billy Jean Andrews-Griswold	09/10
Lee Oxford	09/15
Melissa Mierzwa	09/16
Caroll Hartline	09/22
Mason Myers	09/28

September Anniversaries

None

7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

Oil Leak Prevention

CORSA Tech Guide Volume 4

Engine: Oil/Cooling Page 39 & 40, Con't. with Notes

Tech Editor Craig Nico notes: Although Viton crankshaft seals are sold by some Corvair vendors, Viton is not rated for rotating shafts such as the crankshaft Hub; polyacrylate rubber is the preferred seal material for crankshaft seals. Also, engineers select fastener grades that match clamping and gasket requirements for a given component. Installing bolts of lower or higher grade compared to the original specification is not recommended. Higher grade bolts, when installed and torqued to original specifications, do not stretch adequately and therefore may loosen in use.

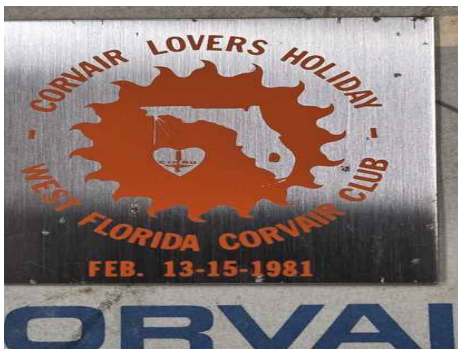
Tech Editor Larry Claypool notes: I also have had very good service from Viton crank seals. I would recommend Permatex Right Stuff over unspecified RTV; my experience is that Right Stuff holds up much better particularly in areas exposed to hot oil.

For oil pan sealing I use 5/16" flat washers under the pan bolts, even though the bolts themselves are only 1/4"; the 5/16" size is as large as will fit within the sealing rail of the pan; it will not fit in one location which is front center (bellhousing), that one must use a 1/4" flat washer. Flat washers vary tremendously, so I look for the thickest common ones. I have not found the need for lock washers in addition to the flat washers. Flat washers vary tremendously, so I look for the thickest common ones. I have not found the need for lock washers in addition to the flat washers.

A caution with using longer oil pan bolts: only the outboard pan bolts are open holes. The four inbound holes in the crankshaft, and all three bellhousing holes, are blind. The center bellhousing hole is particularly of note, I have seen where somebody installed a longer bolt here, bottomed it out, and cracked the bellhousing area around the bolt hole, causing a major oil leak. (7/13)

8. LOOKING BACK:

It is confirmed, our First Car Show was in 1981, we didn't have our show on three occasions and 2027 will be our 42nd Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday! The Saw Blade!



Thanks to Ken Hand for the Memories!

9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

Pictured below were pictures taken at our August 2026 Meeting at Gary and Mary Mierzwa's. Our club gives a prize when we have three Corvairs show up at our meetings. Dennis Palmer won an Embroidered Perdido Bay Golf Club hat for driving the longest distance in his '67 4dr Corvair. (Sorry about the poor quality of the picture. June is not too steady these days.)



Mary Ann Hanley and Lee Oxford



Ed Lindsay and Don Inge



Howard Ruble, Denis Palmer, Karl and Debbie Stelzer and June's finger.



We all like to go to Mary and Gary's.
Mary really puts out a Spread!

We voted to put Denis Palmer's '67 4dr on our Dash Plaques for our 42nd Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday at the Perdido Bay Golf Course in 2027. Also, when we have three Corvairs show up at our meetings we give a prize. Denis Palmer won a 2026 Perdido Bay Golf hat embroidered by Howard Furr for being the Corvair that drove the farthest distance. He drove his 1967 4dr from Mobile. The 1967 Corvair was the last year that they made the 4dr Corvair.



Denis Palmers '67 4DR Corvair!

10. COMING EVENTS:

Sept. 20: West Florida Corvairs club meeting at 2:30pm at Howard Furr's big garage, 3032 N. 29th Ave., Milton, FL 32583. Call Ed at 850-781-6350 if you get lost. 1 mile north of I-10 exit 22. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite drink.

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 MUST 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 wfcczwa@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, Contact Stewart Smith at chevymann@yahoo.com or call him at 334-449-3244, 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:

Eddie Meadows Automotive

991 Foxfire Trail
Oviedo, FL 32765
407-36-09748

Handy Car Care – Ken Hand

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

Repairs – Restorations

Woody Woodfin
Lake City, FL
386-406-0606

Charlie Kelson Plumbing

kelsonplumbing@gmail.com

Call: 850-221-9905

Piercing by Dan



Miracle Parkway, Ft. Walton Bch, FL
Dan Avallone, 850-974-9429 or 850-226-8298



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



+++++

Stelzer Stoneware



<https://www.etsy.com/shop/StelzerStoneware>

+++++

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

+++++

Clark's Corvair Parts
400 Mohawk Trail
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
www.corvair.com
413-625-9776



+++++

LISTEN UP!

DO YOU NEED A CLUB NAMETAG? LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED A NAMETAG. DO YOU WANT ONE FOR YOUR WIFE AS WELL? WE WILL PUT YOUR NAME ON OUR LIST TO HAVE NAMETAGS MADE.



NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ULTA VAN ON OUR NAME TAGS. THE ONE ABOVE IS IS GLUED ON.

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 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. An increase to \$20 for dues will take place in January of 2026. 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	850-994-2161 H or 850-781-6350 C
Vice President	Gary Mierzwa	4568 N Spencer Field, Pace, FL 32571 vairzwa@hotmail.com	850-994-5399
Sec. /Treas.	Mary Mierzwa	4568 N Spencer Field, Pace, FL 32571 wfcczwa@hotmail.com	850-994-5399
Activities	David Legerton	6275 Sherman Kennedy Rd, Baker, FL 32531 laugarvatn214@yahoo.com	407-619-3675
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

