

West Florida Corvair Club



The chronic Corvair October 2026- Happy Halloween!

West Florida Corvair Club #325

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This 2026 October issue of the Chronic Corvair is dedicated to all of our new members to let them learn more about us!

We had a very good meeting in September! We hold most of our meetings in Howard Furr's big garage and picnic area above. If someone else volunteers to have a meeting it will be published in our newsletter. We send an email reminder of our meetings as well. Read more about our meeting and see more pictures in Section 9 of this Newsletter "CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY."



The picture above was taken by David Legerton at our meeting in September. Denis Palmer In the red shirt above, is sitting below his red '67 Coupe up on the four post lift.

1. MINUTES:

MINUTES September 20, 2026

WELCOME: 17 members were present.

MINUTES: were available in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: report was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Corvair Lovers Holiday: Butch & Brenda have agreed to man the door prize tickets & baskets. Karl needs to get a list of awards.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emerald Coast VW show: October 17th @ 5 Flags Speedway on Pine Forrest Rd in Pensacola. It would be cool to get a bunch of Corvairs at the show. We need to shut out that one Porsche.

Christmas Party:

Karl & Debbie are going to host this again. It will be held on December 6th @ 1 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Howard Furr: Howard is in a rehab center in Milton. Doing OK.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, October 17th at 1 pm. We are going to have it at the Emerald Coast VW show. Be aware, this is a different day of the week. **(On a Saturday)**

November meeting will be at David Leggerton's house in Baker. (Directions to David's is on the last page of this newsletter.)

By Mary Mierzwa Sec./Treas.

1A. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Our club is please to announce that we have new members. Alex and Elizabeth Suarez from Pace, FL have joined our club. Alex is a Collections Manager, and owns a 1961 4DR that runs and he hopes to learn more about the Corvair and make new friends. Besides being interested in Corvairs, he likes hunting and fishing. He and his wife Elizabeth were married in 1999 and have two children, Lucas and Jacob. Welcome to our club! We hope to meet them at our October meeting at the Rare Air VW Car Show on October 17 at Five Flags Speedway.

2. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERSHIP?

At our next meeting we will take nominations of officers. All offices are open.

ARTICLE III-OFFICERS

1. OFFICERS:

A. The West Florida Corvair Club shall have the following officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary-Treasurer, Activities Chairman and Newsletter Editor.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A. The officers of the organization shall be elected annually. The election shall be held by a show of hands at the business meeting in January. Nominations of officers will be finalized at the November business meeting with a listing of nominees published in the January newsletter. Nominations of officers may be submitted by email or by notifying any club officer. **(The names of our present officers and their email addresses are in Section 14 of this newsletter "HOW TO CONTACT US." All positions are open.)** Note: *If you would like to be an officer, please let a present officer know.*

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:



Tyler Whitehurst has been painting Keith Graham's Evening Orchid '65 Coupe for the past year. He brought Keith's car to Ed's garage on September 6th in the rain. Keith's Corvair still needed some work done it and Tyler spent most of the day buffing it out and will return later to finish.



5. DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Gary Mierzwa our Vice President and Mary Mierzwa our Secretary/Treasurer, went to one of the Friday night Cruise Ins at Whataburger in Pace, FL in their '65 Modified Corvair? Our new member, Chris Rivas was there too, in his '69 Corvair Coupe. Looking Good guys! See the picture taken by Mary Mierzwa on the next page.



Gary Mierzwa's Tangerine Pearl '65 Modified Corvair and Chris Rivas Blue '69 Coupe Corvair are pictured above.

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.)

October Birthdays

60 years of the 1967 Corvair	10/2
June Bug Lindsay is 80.	10/2
Ian Lambert	10/7
Phil Hartline	10/8
Benjamin Harkey	10/10
Christi Schemmer	10/11
JoAnn Verwey	10/14
Angela Sluschewski	10/18
Dan Avallone	10/26
Keith Graham	10/26
Harold Hartline	10/27
Cheyenne Kelson	10/31

October Anniversaries

Mark & Donna Kerr	10/3/1999
Bill & Jean Andrews	10/5/1973
Tommy and Kat Carter	10/8/____?

7. TECH TIPS OR ARTICLE:

Engine Cooling Tips

by Mike Dawson

CORSA Technical Guide

Engine: Oil/Cooling page 40

Keeping our air-cooled engines operating at peak performance includes getting the engine up to operating temperature as quickly as possible and also keeping the temperature in the operating range. This is partially dictated by fuel quality and ambient temperatures. This article addresses the item that we can control or improve on. Some items require major engine work and would be on a list of things to do when that occurs; others are easily completed. Previous owners may have done strange

things, so be thorough. The more you can accomplish, the better the engine will perform and the longer it will last. Turbo engines differ only in carburetion.

First, simply make sure your engine cooling system is functioning properly in its stock condition. Check for proper belt tension, lower shroud exhaust air doors working properly, all engine sheet metal in place, all engine to body seal in place proper spark plug boots installed, dipstick grommet in place all crankcase vent tubes cleaned out, correct weight of clean oil in the crankcase, air baffles in place under the cylinders, heat shields installed between all mufflers and valve covers, oil cooler cover in place over the (clean) cooler, and recirculate plate installed for summer if applicable (or block the recirculation holes). The fresh air hose at the front of the engine needs to be in place, and for Powerglides the access cover on the torque converter housing needs to be installed. Bent exhaust pipes or loose baffles in mufflers that restrict exhaust are rare but possible. Check the air inlets from the outside on Greenbriers for loose insulation.

The carburetors must be balanced off-idle to endure that one carburetor does not lead the other when accelerating or cruising. Out of balance will cause pinging, overheating, and poor fuel mileage. Correcting this may include replacing or repairing the cross shaft, down links, throttle shaft holes, and look for loose throttle shaft ends where they are peened. Check that there are no vacuum leaks to include base gaskets, balance tube hoses, vacuum advance ports, vacuum modulator hoses, choke pull-offs, and PCV hoses. You must have the correct PCV valve or proper size of fixed orifice on the engine may run lean and hot. Disassemble carburetor to match venturi clusters and re-jet carburetors to 0.052-0.055" depending on your preference. Be sure all parts match between both carburetor, and specs match to them. If you have hot idle valves be sure they are open at idle and closed off-idle.

Note: This article will continue in our November and December issues of the Chronic Corvair newsletters.

8. LOOKING BACK:

Ten years ago, in 2016, Ed and June Lindsay, our President and Newsletter Editor are standing in front of "June Bug" in the parking lot of the Days Inn on Pensacola Beach. "June Bug" is a 1964 Monza with Kelsey Hayes wheels and Wide Whitewalls. Her Kelsey Hayes Wheels were sold to our club member, Steve Lambert from North Carolina. Steve still has her Wide Whitewalls. Darren and Eric Grille from Baton Rouge, LA, bought "June Bug" several years ago. The Grill Brothers wanted to take her to the National Convention this year but her engine did not sound very good; however, she is mentioned in the Results of the Convention that was published in the Communique. Whoo! Hoo! Would have loved seeing her again!



9. CHIT CHAT BY JUNE LINDSAY:

We put one picture of our members at our September meeting at the beginning of this newsletter because we had such good attendance. We held our meeting at Howard Furr's big garage. Our new member Chris Rivas came for a second meeting and we are so thrilled. Sometimes we get new members and never even meet them. See other pictures of our meeting below. After the meeting the guys went over to Ed's garage to get an early model windshield out of the rafters for Ben Witte's 4 Door. See more pictures of our meeting taken by David Legerton below.



June Bug Lindsay above, our Newsletter Editor, is getting some popcorn out of Howard Furr's Popcorn Machine. Yes we have a popcorn machine and a home made Ice Box. Howard Furr also has a saw mill and along with his rug making and embroidery machine, he keeps busy. Howard is 97 years old.

In the next picture, Ed Lindsay, our president, is enjoying the good food that our members bring to our meetings. We just enjoy good food and fellowship at our meetings.



We talked about our 42nd Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show to be held on February 19 & 20, 2027 at the Perdido Bay Golf Course. All of our ladies in our club are very active and all of them are good cooks and some people at our Car Show in February call our food "Phenomenal." Our club also has a Chef and caterer, Dan Avallone from Crestview. Dan makes the best BBQ and Italian Food. However, next year, for the Hospitality Dinner on Friday night and to reduce costs we will ask Dan to just cook the BBQ and the club to donate all of the side dishes. We will finish off all left-overs on Saturday at Lunch. Most of our members get rooms at the Perdido Bay Golf Course Cottages and spend the whole weekend.



Next to the members on the right are a row of eight Engines and they are all For Sale!



David Legerton and Chris Verwey are looking over the under carriage of Denis Palmers red '67 Corvair Coupe that was up on Howard's four post lift. (See the picture at the beginning of this newsletter.)

10. COMING EVENTS:

Oct. 2nd: Happy Birthday Corvair!

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. 17: Listen Up! Our October meeting will be held on a Saturday, October 17th! Our WFCC Club Meeting will be held at the 30th Annual Rare Air VW Car Show above at 1pm at Five Flags Speedway, 7451 Pine Forest Rd, Pensacola, FL 32526, in Pensacola, Florida. We will take Nominations for officers. Nominations will be finalized at our November Meeting and voted upon in our January Production Meeting for our Car Show in February. Call Ed Lindsay at 850-781-6350 if you get lost. Bring a lawn chair and sit under our tents. After the awards we will be going to Founaris Brothers on Hwy 29 for a late Greek or Italian lunch. Come join us.



Some of our Corvairs at last year's VW Show!

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.)

Nov. 15: WFCC Club Meeting at David Legerton's, 6275 Sherman Kennedy Rd., Baker, FL at 2:30pm. Directions to David's house/barn in Baker, FL, is at the end of this newsletter. We will Finalize nominees for officers in November and they will be voted upon at our January Production Meeting. Call Ed at 850-781-6350 if you get lost.



Above is a picture taken at one of our past meetings at David's Barn/Garage house! David collects old tractors and Model A's. This will be a nice day to drive your Corvair!

Feb. 19 & 20, 2027: 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 are **\$110** with a 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. Notification of our 42nd Corvair Lovers Holiday will be in the Calendar section of the November/December Communique. Flies will be send out in November!

11: CLUB STORES: SALE!

CLUB MERCHANDISE:

****1960-69 Stickers @ \$2 each (No 62's or 66's)**

**** Club Pins @ \$2, **Club Car Window Sticker @ \$2**

**** New digital Patches @\$3 each, Plug Wires \$55, 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 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:

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Eddie Meadows Automotive
991 Foxfire Trail
Oviedo, FL 32765
407-36-09748

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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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Repairs – Restorations

Woody Woodfin
Lake City, FL
386-406-0606

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Charlie Kelson Plumbing

kelsonplumbing@gmail.com
Call: 850-221-9905

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Piercing by Dan



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

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Thane Taylor
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<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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15. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Howard Furr who is in Rehabilitation after having a small heart attack. He was up and walking to physical therapy on 10/21/26. Howard is amazing! In March of 2027 he will be 98 years old!



In the picture above, Howard Furr and Ed Lindsay his Step-Son and our president, are in a golf cart at our 2022 Corvair Lovers Holiday at the Perdido Bay Golf Course.



Above is Howard Furr's '63 Rampside winning Best of Show at our 2022 Corvair Lovers Holiday at the Golf Course.

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16. DIRECTIONS TO DAVID'S:

Directions to David Legerton's Place in Baker, FL

- From Pensacola:
- Take I10 to the Holt exit. Turn north on FL 189 towards Holt.
- At the "T" (Rt 90) turn right (east) towards Crestview.
- Go east for 2.75 miles on Rt 90 and turn left on the Galliver Cut Off (Rt 189).
- The road will "T" onto Hwy 4 after 4.5 miles- turn left (north).
- Continue straight on Hwy 4 into Baker. At the light continue straight for an additional 1.5 miles and then turn left on County Road 4A.
- After 0.75 miles turn right onto Jack Stokes Rd.
- After 0.75 miles turn left onto Justice Johnson Rd (dirt). DO NOT make the sharp left onto McVicker Rd.
- Go to the "T" (about 0.4 miles) and turn right onto Kilcrease Rd.
- Go for 0.1 mile and turn left onto Sherman Kennedy Road.
- We are about 0.5 miles down on the right- 6275 Sherman Kennedy Rd. Look for a Blue/Cream color Pole Barn Building.
- From Defuniak Springs:xit north from I10 at the Crestview exit. This is FL Route 85 (S. Ferdon Street).
- Continue north for 2.5 miles until you reach Route 90.
- Turn left (west) on Rt. 90. Go for 4.25 miles and turn right onto FL Rt 4.
- Continue straight on Hwy 4 into Baker. At the light continue straight for an additional 1.5 miles and then turn left on County Road 4A.
- After 0.75 miles turn right onto Jack Stokes Rd.
- After 0.75 miles turn left onto Justice Johnson Rd (dirt). DO NOT make the sharp left onto McVicker Rd.
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17. VOTE FOR ONE:

Below are two Proofs that Billy Cannon, of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts in Birmingham, made for us to be used as our 2027 Dash Plaques. Please vote for one!

Denis Palmer's 1967 4DR Celebrating 60years of the 1967 Corvair.

(Note: 1967 was the last year that they made the 4DR.)

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Denis Palmer likes this one the best!

B



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. 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.)

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