



# SECC: SouthEast Corvair Council

## *News & Events*

### **From the President:**

Here we are at the end of the year and I hope you have had a good year. We had a good time at the track this past March and the dates for 2008 are March 29-30. That will be the week after Easter and I hope everyone will be able to attend. Keep in mind this will be the site of the 2009 convention autocross, and attending will give you one more opportunity to have a leg up on others. Eddie Meadows does a great job setting up fun courses for us to run. One day it could be a skilled course and the other day will be "how fast are you willing to go" course. Who knows – maybe it will rain on Friday again and I will be able to break the new clutch in (ha ha).

This past November at Corvair Affair '07 autocross, the new timing light was on display. Gene Barr picked out a timing light display that helps make the time be more visible. When you see Gene please tell him "Thank you" for taking the time to search out a nice light that works with what we have. I am sure he spent a lot of time researching this and it really looks nice.



If you get the newsletter online you can tell I hand painted the Pig so it will no longer be the "rusting away" car. I painted it Safety Yellow and I think it is visible by the Space Station on a bright sunny day. If you have made any modifications to your Corvair please let me know and it will be in a future newsletter. If you want to share anything about your Corvair that you are so proud of let me know and we will all enjoy reading about it or seeing pictures.

See you next year,

*Donnie*



### **2008 Dues are Due**

The dues for 2008 are due and if you have not sent them in please do when you receive this. Send \$10.00 check payable to:  
Gulfcoast Corvair Club-SECC  
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## Results of 2007 CFC Autocross *FIRST COAST TECHNICAL CENTER*

### Autocross Results

CFC Affair 17 Nov 2007

#### Street Stock - 4

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Bill Mueller, Jr  | 79.717 |
| 2. Bill Mueller, Sr. | 87.278 |

#### Street Stock (T) - 3

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| 1. Tony Ellison  | 72.152 |
| 2. Buddy Mangold | 74.832 |

#### Street Stock (T) - 4

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| 1. Don Marlowe | 67.591 |
| 2. Jerry Lopez | 72.217 |
| 3. Frank Lux   | 75.501 |

#### Improved Stock - 2

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| 1. Terry Davis | 76.250 |
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#### Improved Stock - 3

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| 1. Gene Jacobs | 63.462 |
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#### Improved Stock - 5

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| 1. Scott Trunkhill | 63.408 |
| 2. Chuck Armer     | 64.632 |

#### Street Modified - 1

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| 1. Kevin Poe  | 60.579 |
| 2. Steven Poe | 64.177 |

#### Competition Class

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|----------------|--------|
| 1. Chris Brito | 59.182 |
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#### Specialty Class

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| 1. Rick Beltrami | 76.413 |
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#### Water Pumper

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| 1. Bill Mueller, Jr | 66.414 |
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#### Fastest Time of Day

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|-------------|--------|
| Chris Brito | 59.182 |
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## Mountain Racing Experience

By Dan Giannotti

What a Blast....Words can't express how wonderful our experience was this weekend in Banner Elk, and the Eagles Nest Resort Hillclimb, Just getting away from the 100 degree weather and experiencing the cool mtn.air was wonderful. The only negative, it was only 3 days..The 2008 Event plans are in the works, they are planning on making the whole experience even better, looking forward to going back..

The paving company that just paved the new 1.5 mile road did an excellent job, everyone raved about the smoothness and surface grip. Narrow in places, very technical, at least 18 corners, blind spots, and the most exciting downhill launch I and other s have ever seen in Racing. Very tough keeping your car staged, braking, clutching, keeping the revs up without stalling then launching into a left spiral around a very blind corner into an immediate right hander exceptionally close to a large tree

at the roads edge...Good stuff, especially on cold tires. The engine noise revirberated off the rock bluffs.

As the weekend went on I was able to shave 12 seconds off my first official time, got within 2 seconds of JK Jackson, a 35 year legend in Hillclimbing driving his '72 Triumph,(GT3), very highly modified with his recent 4 thousand dollar shock package. George Bowland kept telling me that JK was getting concerned with that Corvair..I finished 19th out of 46 entries, the first 5 places were all open wheel rockets. George blew everyone away..I staged behind him once, when he left all I saw was a vapor. I was very

happy with the performance of the Racer, shaving time on every run. I loved the group return trip down the mtn. as we cranked up the cars about as fast as we went up. Was able to play with Rich Shafers #82 SPO Camaro coming down, especially hanging the car out in the corners. Some guys broke engines, trans and other stuff, however the #8 never missed a beat.

There is some video of the Event showing up on You Tube, including my car, many film crews were there, even got a line on a Stinger in mothballs.....

That Autocross Stuff was harder on my tires then having runs up the mtn. I did show alot of front brake dust on the wheels, the bias seemed neutral.

We are entering the Crow Mtn. Hillclimb at the end of Sept. and finishing off the high speed part of the schedule at Roebing Roads in Nov. There was alot of talk amongst the guys about running some NASA Events, especially when they go to Barber Motorsports Park.

I hope JK Brings one of his 2 Triumph Racers to Roebing Roads, then we will have some real fun.

Alot of people sure enjoyed telling us about their Corvair exper iences, it is and was America's Compact Car..

Now Spence and others, get going your missing out on way toooo much fun.....

Check out the video of this racing experience: <http://video.google.com/videosearch?hl=en&q=corvair+hil+climb&um=1&sa=N&tab=ww>





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*Plant City, FL*

**Submitting Articles or Ads**

We hope you enjoy the new newsletter for SECC. We want everyone to feel free to submit articles. They can be as long as you see fit, but we hope you understand they might have to be edited for space.

Regarding ads, if you are a member of The SECC all ads are free, but we ask that you keep them down to business card size (2 x 3.5 inches). Any car ads should also be kept down to this size as well.

If you have any questions please let us know by emailing us at [dabirds@bellsouth.net](mailto:dabirds@bellsouth.net). We look forward to hearing from you!

*Jane and Donnie Bird - Editors*



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