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President's Corner:

- By Dan Terry

We are now into February and it's time to start sprucing up your Vairs for the better (and I hope dryer) weather ahead. Our first event is the swap meet and cookout which will be held at Champ's Clock Shop in Douglasville. Now is the time to start getting the parts you don't need together. And as usual, there will be plenty of food, conversation and tire kicking. Please plan to come and notify me or Al H. if you plan to come, so we can get a head count. Look for details elsewhere in the **Connecting Rod**.

I would also like to extend a welcome to our new members: Tom and Susan Constanine. They live in Smyrna and have a 1965 Monza.

Looking ahead to April, in addition to Helen, we will have an unofficial meeting at the Galaxy Diner in Chamblee. This is a family type diner whose owner is a car enthusiast. He runs a free car show on one Saturday each month from spring to fall. It would be nice for an informal get together. And the food is good.

For Helen, I am working on a trivia contest. It's something that Jeannette Rudolph suggested and I think it would be great fun. That's all I'll say about that.

We'll see y'all at the swap meet.



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Paid-up Corvair Atlanta members are entitled to take part in all meetings, activities, and tech sessions, receive the Connecting Rod, a publication of Corvair Atlanta, and all club benefits. Regular business meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month, at a time and place published in the newsletter. Other monthly meetings or activities may also be held. The date, time and place are published in the newsletter. Guests are welcome.

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½ Page	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$110.00

February & March Birthdays



(Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.)

- Lynda Champion – 02/07
- Susan Raymond – 02/11
- Ted Worley – 02/11
- Mike Cobb – 03/06
- Keith Burkingstock – 03/09
- Jeanette Bernhardt – 03/16
- Maxine Allison – 03/19
- Sharon Burkingstock – 03/21
- Mark Ligler – 03/26



Map to March Corvair Atlanta meeting

Upcoming Events

March 13, 2010

Corvair Atlanta March meeting

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Champ's Clock Shop - 3834 King Drive Douglasville, GA 30135. We have a 5 bay Shed to house the swap meet under cover. Since we are having a special event also at the shop this same day, there will be quite a few folks visiting. If it's nice, you can put your cars on display for all to enjoy as well. Feel free to call my cell if you have any questions 770-827-1132. We are limited on seating, bring a fold out if you wish. We will be cooking hotdogs and providing drinks. Hope you have a great time. We have plenty of TIME for you. Please RSVP to Dan Terry by March 8, 2010

March 12 – 14, 2010

13th Annual Spring Warm-Up, Myrtle Beach SC

The host hotel is the Sea Mist Resort located at 1200 S. Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach, SC. Reservations must be made February 12th to get special room rates. Their phone number is 1-800-200-8687. Be sure and mention the CORSA group for special rates. For more info contact Carol Harris at 803-236-2686

March 13, 2010

Forsythia Festival Car Show, Forsyth GA

10:00 – 4:00 No registration fee. Food, games, arts & crafts, entertainment, live music, children's games - fun for everyone. Free admission to Forsythia Festival. Show car parking will be on Jackson Street (behind the Farmers Bank). Pre registration not required but appreciated. For more information call 478-994-9239 478-994-9248

March 27 – 28, 2010

SECC Southern Cross, St Augustine FL

Track event Saturday & Sunday at First Coast Technical Institute, St. Augustine, FL. Contact Sarah Beltrami 12 Pine Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32117 Tel: 386-615-0072 email: sarahvair@juno.com

April 3, 2010

Corvair Atlanta April meeting

4:00 PM at the Galaxy Diner, corner of Henderson Mill Rd. and Chamblee Tucker Rd., Chamblee GA
<http://www.galaxydineratlanta.com/cruisein2010schedule.html>

April 23 – 24, 2010

Springfest, Helen GA

Helendorf - 706/878-2271 - \$138.00 for 2 nights before March 1. Best Western Riverpark Inn – 800-435-3642 - \$59.00 per night before March 30. Super 8 – 706-878-2191 - \$55.00 per night. For more information, contact Lillian Law, 229/883 4123, lawjandl@aol.com

April 30 – May 2, 2010

Virginia Vair Fair, Leesburg VA

Hosted by Northern Virginia Corvairs. Mark your calendar now for hospitality, tech sessions, rally, people's choice car show, model concours, valve cover races, video racing tournament, raffles, great food, Corvair powered aircraft, vendors, and lots of fun for all. At the Best Western Leesburg-Dulles, 726 E Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20176, \$99 + tax room rate per night, Reservations: (800) 780-7234 or (703) 777-9400, ask for the Corvair Fair rate. For event information and registration, see <http://www.vairfair.com>, or contact Luke Duddridge, 703-724-0149 lcduddridge@hotmail.com

May 2, 2010

Classic Motorsports Mitty 2010, Road Atlanta GA

Held in conjunction with the Concours d'LeMons. Check <http://classicmotorsports.net/events/mitty-2010/> or <http://www.concoursdilemons.com/participantsGA.html> for more details.

May 14-16, 2010

Southern Hospitality, Charlotte, NC

The Queen City Corvair Club presents Southern Hospitality: concours & people's choice car show, autocross, valve cover racing, worship service. Sheraton Charlotte Airport, 3315 Scott Futrell Dr, Charlotte NC 28208, 704-392-1200. For more information contact Tom Husley, 919-876-1800.

June 21 – 25, 2010

CORSA International Convention, Cedar Rapids IA

<http://conventions.corvair.org/2010/>

January Minutes

This past month's meeting was held in Forsyth at "This Little Piggy". Those in attendance were Chuck Smith, Lillian and James Law, Dan Terry, Tye and Janet Howard, Jeannette and Bill Rudolph, Al and Paula Hilderbrand, Ted Worley, Raymond Paul, Keith and Sharon Burkingstock, and David and Heidi Clamp.

Chuck Smith welcomed everyone to our first meeting for 2010. Both James and Lillian Law and Shirley Smith have driven back to/from Kentucky to pick up their Corvairs that were on show at the Corvette Museum. Chuck Smith informed everyone that today's meeting hosts both the Heart of Georgia and Corvair Atlanta clubs in order to discuss planning for Springfest 2010 held in April.

Corvair Atlanta's newly elected President is Dan Terry. Dan would like to promote more activities where possible. Lillian Law provided a copy of the various committees needed for Springfest 2010 and we went through these various areas to identify where further volunteer help is needed. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please feel free to contact Lillian Law posted on the front of the newsletter. We could use all the help that anyone can provide.

Everyone that is attending Springfest 2010, **PLEASE**, be sure to bring one case of a soda drinks and one case of water. Also, every guy (gentlemen) **please** bring 2 bags of potato chips. For the gals (ladies) **please** bring 2 desserts, one for Friday night and one for Saturday night. Bringing these items is very important to ensure that we have plenty for everyone.

Springfest Notes from Lillian

Update on Springfest: Reservations are coming in and have had many positive comments. Thanks so much for all that have volunteered to help. Looking forward to a great show.

Bob Dunahugh, Central Corsa Director called to thank the Clubs for the donation to Corsa from Springfest. He also stated that all profits from the Convention this year would be donated to Corsa.

For Sale

If anyone is interested in a completely stock 140 engine and drive train (I think) posi trans axle complete in the car that has never been out of car, I'll have it there. I have removed the carbs etc. but the rest is all there. I have heard some say they could remove a drive train in 1 hour??? Well, we will have the tools ect there it is for sale for \$350.00. The heads alone are going for that on eBay. Let me know if anyone is interested and I will do whatever is needed to help remove it and load it for you. Jerry Lamb
WA3HCR@comcast.net or cell 678-360-3509.



A look in the rear view mirror

This is a second in a series of, "Looking backward," as I do a lot since being placed on the Witness Protection Program. This, however, is a peek at Corvair Atlanta in reverse. Some things are facts, some things absurd and some things beyond belief. It's up to you to do the weeding.

We left off in Jan. speaking of the predecessor to Corvair Atlanta, the COWARD group which died a quick death ... threw a rod so to speak. Although that attempt to organize was largely by Delta employees, it never got off the ground. The REAL C-A began with preliminary meetings here and there and finally emerged in October of 1976 with its first newsletter crudely printed off of a ditto machine. Among the names still recognized today are; Richard Ivie, one of the founders I assume (Oct. '76), who has maintained his membership off and on to this day. Next came Jerry Lamb and John Kirkman in Feb. of 1979, and Jack Allison in March of 1979.

So the story goes, Allison had purchase a 1960 Coupe in '79 and wondered if there was a Corvair Club in the vicinity. WRNG Talk Radio was in full operation at the time and he called the station for listener information. The last caller of the hour turned out to be Jack Corely, then a C-A member and Connecting Rod Editor, who provided the key info. Allison has since hung in to become one of two Honoree Life Members, the late Burnie Weddle (witness to the Nuremburg Trials), the other.

Corvair Atlanta began its first of many shows to come in 1979 at the Squire Inn over-looking I-75 in Marietta, and was called the Corvair Atlanta Fun Fest. Originally this show was to be at Cobb Co. Civic Center, but was diverted due to rate increases. Side events were a historic tour to the Kennesaw Battle Ground and a tour of the Lockheed GA. Aircraft Plant. When the exhaust cleared, there was \$52.00 in bad checks and \$297.44 in the C-A till, a far cry from today's balance.

"Wow! If we can make \$297.44 by the side of the road, imagine what we can make from a National event?" That seemed to be the hue and cry of the members, especially those who didn't do anything at the Spring Fest. So, a bid was made to CORSA and was accepted! A delegation from CORSA even came to survey the scene and meet short tempered Co-Chairman Bill McBride and his most personable wife, Donna, along with other Committeemen. The dignitaries even bought breakfast (grits optional). A budget of \$24,500 was approved with an expected income of \$26,300. The Cobb County Civic Center was named to house most of the main events.

Got your attention? Didn't think so, but I'll ramble on about the '80 Convention some more in April.

Leeroy 7, your aging Historian



SPRINGFEST 2010

HOSTED BY

Corvair Atlanta & Heart of Georgia Corvair Club
At The Festhalle in Helen, Georgia
April 23-24, 2010

To our Corvair friends & new ones we hope to meet,
please pre-register so you can save money and help us plan.

Concours, people's choice, car display, tech session, ladies and girls
activities,
drive around north Georgia, 50/50, raffle for prizes.
Valve cover races
Valve Cover Tech Session (kits \$9.99 and \$15.00)
Go-cart races and Hospitality party Friday night,
Car Show and a banquet prepared by our famous cooks on Saturday.

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc. will attend this year.

There will be a drawing for \$35 for those who pre-registered.
Swap meet new & used parts - Inside tables each \$10.00
Outside spaces \$12.00

Festhalle open at 10:00 a.m. Friday

Motel information (Ask for Corvair club rates):
Helendorf River Inn: phone 1-706-878-2271 \$138 for 2 nights
(2 night minimum) by April 1, 2010.
Best Western: 1-800-435-3642, \$59.00 per night by March 30, 2010.
Deluxe continental breakfast included.
Super 8: phone 1-800-535-1251, \$55 per night.

Check www.helengeorgialodging.com

Note: after hours hospitality at Best Western

We have rented city parking lot for Friday and Saturday. Show check-in is at
the Festhalle.

For information; contact Lillian Law at 1-229-883-4123 or
lawjandl@aol.com

SPRINGFEST 2010 Registration Form
Hosted by Corvair Atlanta and Heart of Georgia Corvairs
April 23-24, 2010 in Helen, Georgia

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Club Affiliation: _____ Email: _____
 Any young children in your group: _____

You must be registered to take part in any event.

Registration Fee: \$15 per person or \$30 per Family* / Friday through Sunday (pre-registered) \$ _____
 \$20 per person or \$35 per Family* / Friday through Sunday (On-site) \$ _____
 \$8 per person or \$16 per Family* / Saturday only (pre-registration) \$ _____
 \$10 per person or \$20 per Family* / Saturday only (On-site registration) \$ _____

* Family = 2 adults and their children under 18

Vendor Fee: \$10 per table inside / \$12 per outside space \$ _____
 Go Cart Racing: \$20 per person for Friday night races \$ _____
 Valve Cover Racing: \$5 per racer \$ _____
 Corvairs Display: \$4 per car (Displayed cars that are not in Concours or People's Choice) \$ _____
 (Non-judged cars) \$5 per car (On-site registration) \$ _____
 Concours: \$12 per car (Show Division) (pre-registration) \$ _____
 \$15 per car (Show Division) (On-site registration) \$ _____
 \$8 per car (People's Choice) (pre-registration) \$ _____
 \$10 per car (People's Choice) (On-site registration) \$ _____

Awards Banquet & Dinner Buffet (Saturday night) \$15 per Adult (pre-registration) \$ _____
 \$18 per Adult (On-site registration) \$ _____
 \$6 per Child under 12 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Pre-registration deadline: Thursday, April 10, 2010. Please make checks payable to Springfest.

There will be a drawing for \$35 for those who pre-registered.

Concours Information: (Early means 1960 – 1964, Late means 1965 – 1969)

Vehicle description: Year: _____ Color: _____ Model: _____
 Check all that apply**: Early Closed Early Open Late Closed Late Open
 Forward Control 4-Door class (includes Lakewoods) Specialty-modified
 Senior class***

Show Division (Concours)

People's Choice

** Concours Chairman and the Inspection Supervisor have the final decision about the class your car will compete in during the show.

*** Senior cars will be judged this year.

Liability Clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Corvair Atlanta Inc. (Members and Officers), Heart of Georgia Corvairs (Members and Officers), and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of this show, from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his or her personal property (including family members or friends).

Signature of Registered Guest _____

Signature of Registered Guest _____

Date _____

Pre-registration Mailing Address:

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