

2015 CORSA International Convention

Corvair Crossroads at the Smokies

The Knoxville Area Corvair Club is down to the wire putting together the final touches to make this one of the best CORSA Cor-ventions ever. If you haven't registered yet, as they say in the south: Git 'er done! Pre-registration discounts are no longer available, but you can mail your form (on the inside back cover of this issue) so we receive it by June 17. After that please register online at corvair.org.

Car Haulers, RVs, Campers, and Trailers

For some of you looking for RV spots, there are 16 full service hook-ups (\$50 per night, or UltraVans can share a pole for \$25 per night). They are available on a first come, first serve basis on the top deck, Level E, of the parking garage at the Knoxville Coliseum directly across the street from the host hotel, Knoxville Marriott. You will need to go through the Knoxville Coliseum office for information about this so call 865/215-8900. We will try to have a CORSA volunteer on site to assist in staging the RVs. Parking only without hookup is free of charge.

This area will also be used for UltraVans, car haulers, and tow dollies. For any overflow needed, we will have access to Level D in the garage for trailers.

Other RV sites and campgrounds nearby were listed in last month's article. One addition is Maple Hurst Inn, 800 W. Hill Ave., 865/851-8383, a B&B with \$89 rate for UltraVan owners and parking on site.

Garage Parking Directions

From I-40 eastbound, take Exit 388A for James White Parkway. From I-40 westbound, take Exit 389 Hall of Fame Drive toward US441N/Broadway. Keep left to continue on Exit 388A, follow signs for TN 158W/James White Parkway.

Then, continue onto TN 158W for 0.4 miles till it becomes James White Parkway. Stay in the left lanes for 0.2 miles and take Hill Avenue exit. Turn left onto East Hill Avenue, then immediate left again onto Historic Preservation Drive. Go one block and turn right onto Honor Our Troops Drive. The top deck of the garage will be immediately on your left.

There is a pedestrian walkway from the top of the garage to the Marriott.

Knoxville Marriott Driving Directions

To go to the hotel entrance, follow the directions above to the Hill Avenue exit. Turn right onto East Hill Avenue and go 0.3 miles. The Marriott is on the right side.

The Crowne Plaza and other downtown hotels are very close by, so follow your GPS or ask the hotel for directions.

If you are flying into Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport, there is no hotel shuttle service. Taxis should be available at the airport, as well as rental cars. From the airport, the Marriott is only 17 miles. Go north on Highway 129, take I-40 eastbound toward Asheville, and follow the eastbound directions above to the Marriott. This is about a 30 minute drive.

Convention Events

Convention registration will be open in the main lobby of the Marriott starting Tuesday, June 23 and will be open daily through Friday afternoon. Registration for all auto events will end at 5:00 PM the day before the event is scheduled. If you can, please register in advance to allow for proper planning and preparation.

The Rally route has been finalized and will encompass 88 miles of scenic east Tennessee's best twists and turns. Be sure to have your best navigator riding shotgun and a full tank of gas.

We are really excited about showing off all the beautiful Corvairs at the Car Display to be held on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 2:00. This will be held on the grassy field adjacent to the Coliseum. We anticipate having food and beverage vendors at this event that will be open to the public.

Convention Tours

Both the Three Rivers Rambler train tour and the *Star of Knoxville* riverboat cruise embark from the Riverfront Landing just a few blocks from the Marriott, a relatively short walk away. Or if you are driving, there is plenty of parking available at both of these attractions. For the Dollywood tour, we'll travel in style and comfort aboard a charter bus line.

Downtown Knoxville Activities

There is no limit to downtown activities. If you are arriving early, the Slide the City event is being held on June 20 right across the street from the Marriott. This is a 1,000 foot "slip 'n slide" and a ton of fun for the whole family. See slidethecity.com/events/knoxville.

The Knoxville Outdoor Adventure Center is only a block away from the Marriott. This is the hub of all urban wilderness outdoor activities including stand-up paddleboards, canoes, and bike rentals. See outdoorknoxville.com/outdoor-knoxville-adventure-center.

Downtown Knoxville is easily accessible via the Knoxville trolley that picks up at the Marriott every ten minutes from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The Downtown Market Square hosts a Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9:00-2:00. Plus, there are lots of restaurants, unique shops, pubs, music venues, and even a movie theater easily accessible for your entertainment pleasure.

The fifth annual Knoxville Brew Fest will be on June 20 at the Southern Railway Terminal on Depot Avenue just north and within walking distance of Market Square. This is a fund-raising event that will be fun for all. See knoxvillebrewfest.com.

And if you are looking for entertainment on Thursday night, June 23, Market Square is host to the free summer concert series featuring jazz by Marble City. See cityofknoxville.org/events/mktsqconcerts.asp.

Summertime in the South

Summer will be in full swing by mid-June with average daily temperatures in the upper 80s and lows in the mid-60s, with 80% humidity. Bring your shorts, sleeveless shirts, sundresses, swimsuits, hats, sandals, sunscreen, and umbrellas.

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