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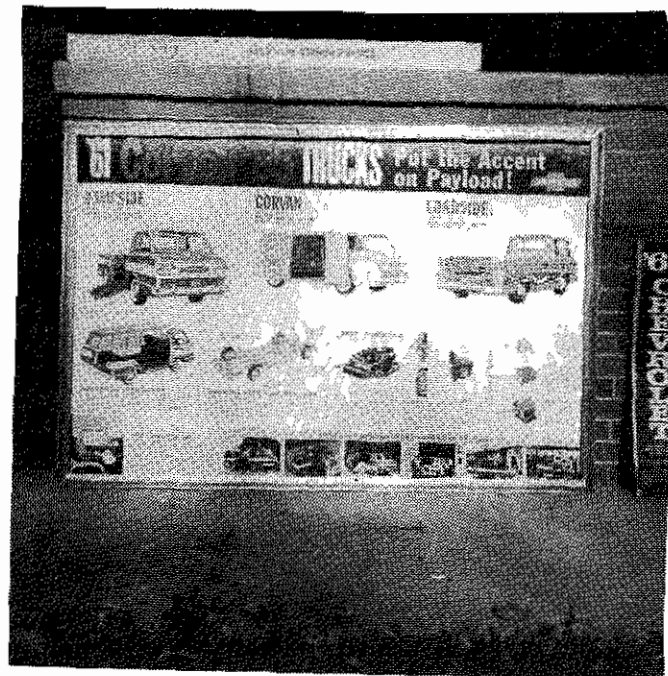


GREENBRIER SPORTSWAGON



CORVAN

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Newsletter copy: Anything to do with FCs (prefer text with pictures)

Newsletter deadline: First of each odd numbered month

Change of address: PLEASE send them to Caroline Silvey

Dues, applications and renewals: CORVAN ANTICS is published bimonthly by CORVANATICS, a chapter of CORSA and CORSA membership is required. CORVANATICS dues are \$6 (US) per yr and should be sent to Caroline Silvey. CORSA dues are \$14 (US) per yr and should be sent to :

CORSA, INC 2506 Gross Point Rd Evanston, IL 60201

CORVANATICS Merchandise available: Window decal \$1 ea; Back issues of CORVAN ANTICS \$1 ea; Complete set of 48; Jacket patch \$2.15 ea; Club stationery & envelopes \$.05 ea. All items can be ordered from Caroline Silvey

ON THE COVER:

There are some people who collect literature and there are people who collect BIG pieces (signs). This one belongs to our own Parts Finder - Larry Thomas. I remember the day he picked these signs up (yes, there are others). He found them at a swap meet and would just fit in his VW 412 so we rode home holding them on top of our heads. Gee, somethings that you do for a ride home.

INVITATION!

Don Collins and myself would like to invite Corvanatics to join Tri-State Corvairs at AuGlaize Village in Defiance, Ohio for a picnic and outing on August 14. There will be a Craft Fair and Transportation Festival with a Flea market scheduled. Bring food, drinks and table service. Krouse Road is just west of Defiance, 2 miles east of the RR crossing coming from the west of Defiance on US 24. Keep Corvairing..... Paul Henrich, 322 S. Brayer St, Holgate, OH

FORWARD CONTROLLING WITH THE PRESIDENT:

There is not as much going on relative to the hobby as I have seen in previous years. This is probably due to a number of reasons: Some of us have much less time to devote to the Corvair hobby and to "junk yarding", there are not many FCs to be found in salvage yards and some of us are preparing to go to the National Convention.

The National Convention is usually a real enthusiasm builder. After attending I usually rearrange my priorities to allow more time to working on the FCs but usual family, weather and lifes unexpected problems cause a new order of priorities.

I am looking forward to the Seattle convention and meeting the many Northwestern members. Hopefully you can attend the annual Corvanatics meeting. We will try to hold the business part of the meeting to a minimum so that most of the meeting time can be spent on technical questions and answers.

Patches, back issues of Corvan Antics, stationery and other club related material will be available. If you need to see the secretary/ treasurer or myself and can't find us , just look for a pale two tone green Superior motor home with a Corvanatics decal on the round window of the door. If we are not there leave us a note so we can get in touch. SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION.

TOM

CLASSIFIED*****

Free to members; non-members \$3/5 line ad. Commerical rates are available upon request. Approved, furnished 8½x11 inserts free.

SELL: 1961 Loadside, good body, 4-speed, chrome bumpers, rebuilt 110 engine, Spyder dash, rebuilt brakes \$850 or best offer will consider parts as partial trade must go too many vehicles Larry Thomas, Box 4, Goshen, OH 45122 (513) 722-2871

SELL: 1964 Corvan 95/Camper combo, professionally newly rebuilt (1965) 140 HP engine, 4-speed, 3.27 rear, including high performance clutch, Buckskin color with jealousy side windows. \$3500 Brayton Nye, A11 Sea Aire Apts, Somers Pt, NJ 08244 (609) 927-9371

SELL: 1964 Corvan with 110 HP, 3-speed, with spare 4-speed transmission Original solid body, no rust holes or bondo. \$700 Lloyd Milby, 9292 St Route 201, Tipp City, OH 45371 No collect calls (513) 845-0747 days or (513) 667-4650 after 6 PM.

SELL: Gas heater for forward control with spare from 1960 car. Both good to my knowledge \$225 for both of them. John Schaub, 9807 Rimpark Way, San Diego, CA 92124 (619) 292-1569

SELL: Gas heater complete for FC \$150. Mike Demeter, 7108 Ravenwood Dr, West Chester, OH 45069 (513) 777-7981

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PO Box 1544
102 Garzoli
McFarland, CA 93250
(805) 792-2989 business
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WHEELIES:

Remember the picture of Pete Huerta's Mexican Jump'n Bean 427 Chevy powered Corvair Pickup and Jim Craig asked asked if there were more. Jim remembered an FC with the cab in the rear. Well, you can always count on our readers! Ben Brown sent me these two pictures with the following explanation:

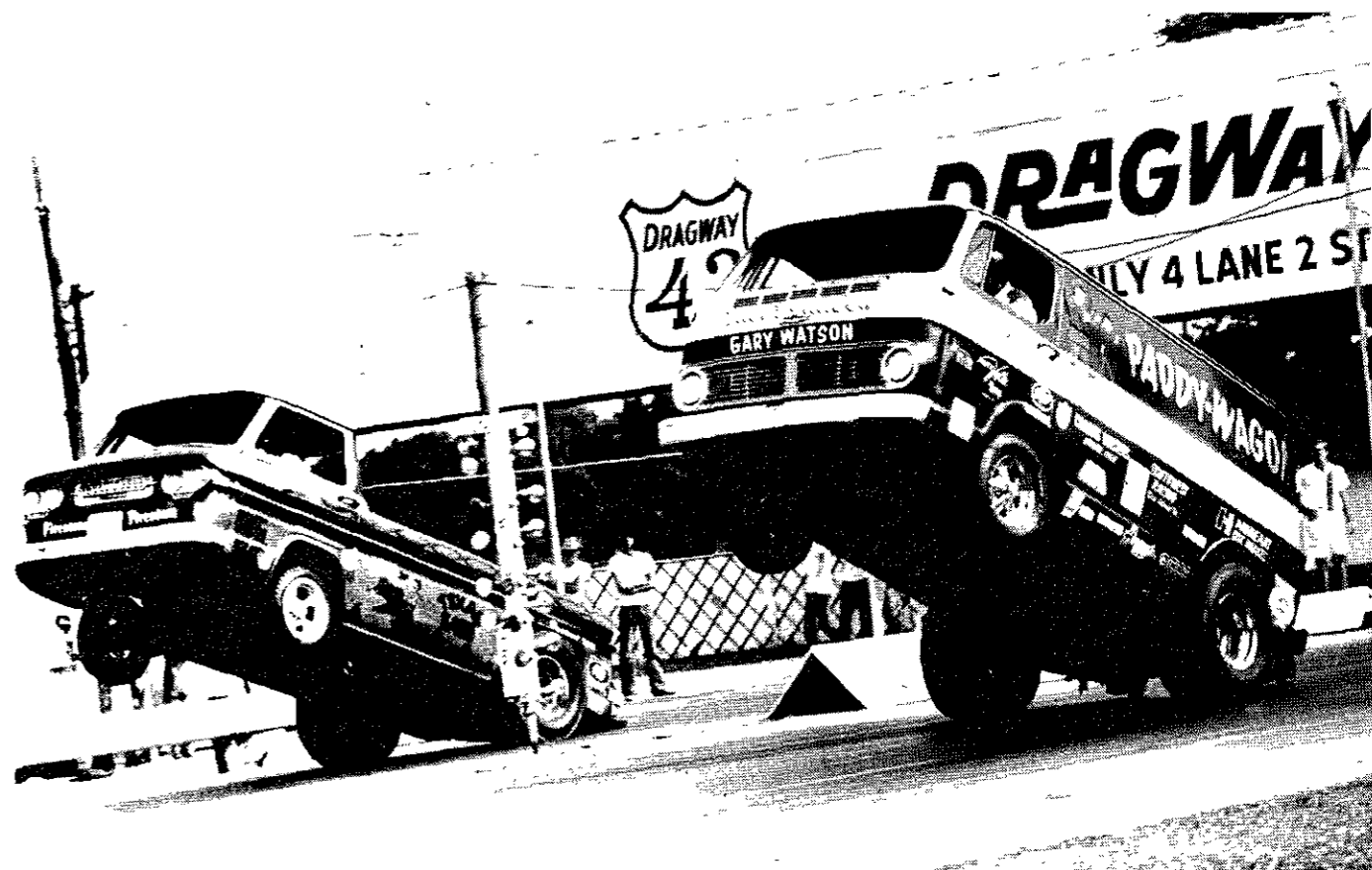
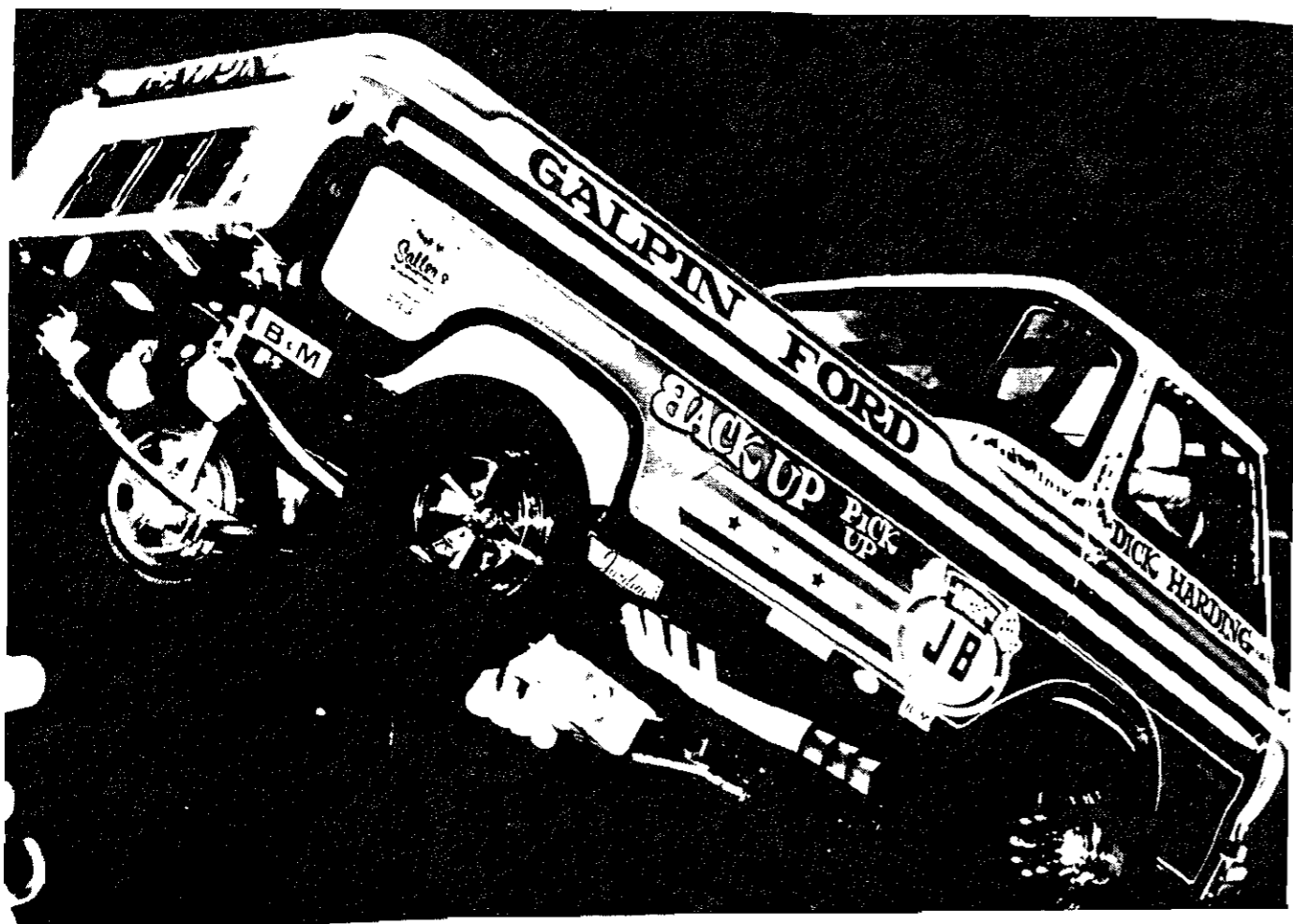
As you can see by the photo, Dick Hardings "Back Up Pick Up" was NOT a Corvair. As far as I know, his was the only "Back Up" type ever exhibited. The last address I had for him was 240 Vennum, Mansfield, Ohio (he was originally from California)

The "Texas Rare Bear" Corvair wheelie truck was built by Roy Trevino of Corpus Christi, Texas. As I recall, it was destroyed in a highway accident in Mexico. Roy then built a really trick El Camino with a big block engine behind the rear axle. He may still be exhibiting it but I gave up the exhibition promotions in 1974 and got out of touch with the wheelstanders.

Gary Watson, also of Corpus Christi, gave up the van in favor of a mid-engined Vega wagon, and the last I heard he was leasing the drag strip in Corpus Christi.

The best as I can recollect, the FIRST ever Corvair wheelie truck was built by Dick Belfatti of Willow Grove, PA. Somewhere in my files I may come up with his photo.

Ben Brown



MURPHY'S LAW AS IT APPLIES TO CORVANATICS:

Dave Anderson

1. If anything can go wrong it will.
2. The availability of any part is inversely proportional to its need.
3. Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself
4. Nothing is ever as simple as it seems.
5. Everything you decide to do costs more than first estimated.
6. Whatever you set out to do, something else must be done first.
7. If you tinker with a thing long enough, eventually it will break.
8. Everything costs more money than you have.
9. Left to themselves, things always go from bad to worse.
10. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
11. If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will go wrong is the one that will do the most damage.
12. Experience is directly proportional to the amount of equipment ruined.
13. It is a fundamental law of human nature that nothing ever quite works out.

HELP!



INFO.
NEEDED!

STOLEN

FRI. APRIL 8 (8 PM)

From South Windsor Ten Pin Bowl

1962 CHEV. CORVAIR VAN

School Bus Yellow with White Band around the middle

LOOKS LIKE NEW!!!

- * License # 549AYD Conn.
- * Serial # 2R126F115195
- * 9 Passenger (3 seats)
- * Double Doors on Passenger Side and in Rear
- * Shorts Classic plate on front

With A N Y information: Call Art Shorts 203-643-9589

203-646-4962

Or Local Police Dept.

*1982
1st Place
National Winner*

Please HELP,

Perhaps you met me and my wife at the National's last year or more likely you saw our Van. Of all the antiques and other vehicles I own I think we enjoy this the most.

I need your help and input concerning any ideas you have concerning the finding of this Van or parts of. It may have left Connecticut which the State Theft Dept seems to think or some kids are on a joy ride which is always a possibility. It could not be missed by a Corvanatic even if it was painted a different color. We need leads NOW!

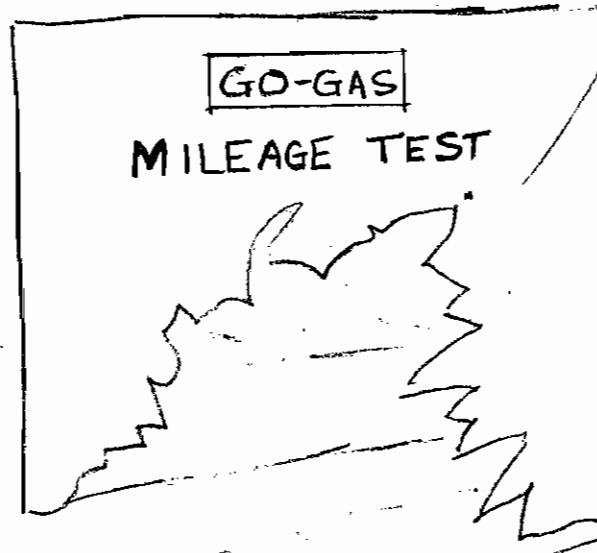
A Corvanatic description of some of the part defects incase they may turn up a lead.

- * Drivers seat bottom has a 1" tear in center of driver area.
- * 3rd seat has a 8" stain on the bottom in middle. Also this seat has the vinyl along the top ridge with a melted area about 3" long front to back and about 1 1/2" wide.
- * The fiber board headliner over the drivers seat has a small gouge in it about 1/2" in diameter.
- * A rusted out hole in the lower left? corner of the left side door opening.
- * Rust beginning to pop through the top portion of the bottom of the drivers door opening(seat height) about 2" by 2".
- * Large White Chevy West Coast Mirrors on either side. They both needed restoring and have signs of splattered rust on left one.
- * Drivers door cannot be closed from outside. To close door tight you had to be inside it and close and push down handle at same time.
- * The front double side door would not stay closed, would jump off latch when driving along and come ajar. Notice four thin layers of asbestos under the top latch as spacer material.
- * A black antenna plug near lower left corner of drivers side of windshield.

Sincerly yours,

Art Shorts
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481 Porter St.
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Gene Brier
+
his buddy "FC"



D. Anderson

Oh, no, that wasn't our car!

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FIRST CLASS

