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## F.C.'s ON A SLIGHTLY SMALLER SCALE



ELDON RAMPSIDES



Some people collect FCs on a smaller scale, here are some examples. The Eldon Rampsides pictured here are virtually identical but the colors are flipped a medium blue and a light blue. The wheel rims are red on both of these but I have seen an example with yellow wheels as well. So far the blue is the only known color I've seen. This model seems to be fairly rare though I now have 2 and once had another which now resides in the collection of Joe Darinsig.

The Andy Gard Kennel truck is most often seen as the example on the left with no kennel and dogs. The attachments usually get separated over the

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## EDITORIAL DEEP THOUGHTS....

### SURPRISE!!

I thought a little change was in order. Any publication can get stale if allowed to, so I thought I'd shake things up a little, and see what came out of the computer. Let me know what you think. How many changes can you count? First one to correctly e-mail me with a list of the changes wins an all-expense paid trip to .....well, I'll just mention your name next issue, how's that!

Your central division director, Woody Thomas, and his wife Genia have decided to chuck it all and go full time R.V.ing. His e-mail is still current but the address and phone are now disconnected. Look out your window for a large blue and white motor home and give them a big smile and a wave. Genia promises to keep us updated with an occasional journal of their trip, and I'll reprint anything of general interest, or as white space filler if need be. So, those of you who want Forward Control content only, let this be your warning to send in those photos and articles!

My '62 Corvan project as hit a stopping point as I haven't been able to find it in my garage for the past 3 months!

*Garry Parsley*

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This has to be one of the first ads featuring the new Corvair Corvan. This ad was taken from "The American Airman" magazine and carried a publication date of October, 1961



## (FEATURED COLUMNIST)

### The Day I Drove the Rampside

Our family has not had the best luck with cars lately which leads me to write this article.

Our son had a car accident a few months ago and I loaned him my car to drive until his is repaired. (3 months later, the special bumper he ordered has finally come in.) That left JC and I with our Saturn, the Rampside and the '65 Monza. The '65 started leaking a good bit of oil so JC decided to take it out of commission to replace the oil seal. That leaves the Saturn and Rampside. About 3 weeks ago on our way to work, a car in oncoming traffic decided to make a left hand turn in front of us when we were only a few yards away from him traveling at 40 mph. Fortunately drivers and passengers were okay. Okay, we are down to the Rampside.

I have driven the '65 on many occasions and enjoy driving the car. The Rampside was intimidating to me and I had put off driving it. However, the day came when JC had to travel on company business and the only vehicle available to me was the Rampside.

We drove to the office on Sunday evening to pick up JC's rental car and I practiced driving the Rampside in the parking lot and then drove it home. I only scraped a couple of gears.

Monday morning and I am feeling confident that I can master the Rampside and I did make it to work without incident and no scraping of gears. I was thinking, "I can do this."

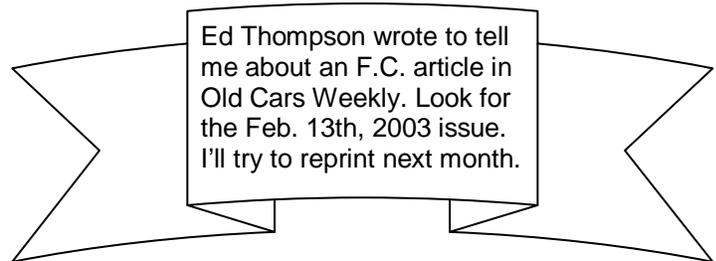
I had a doctor's appointment later that morning so I hopped in the Rampside and was on my way. That is until I was driving down a busy Charlotte street with parked cars lining both sides of the road and the Rampside just stopped going. There was no place to coast out of the traffic lane. I tried and tried to start it to no avail. No one would stop and I am thinking to myself, I can't just sit here forever, so I get out and start pushing and steering toward the entrance of a church parking lot about 20 feet away. I manage to move it about 5 feet. Finally a nice young man stopped and pushed it up into the parking lot.

I thanked him and went into the church to let them know that the truck was there because it had broken down. They were very kind and let me use the phone. I called the doctor's office and told them I was on my way and then called a good friend from work to come pick me up. Everyone was super nice and I was very grateful, but dreaded having to tell JC the Rampside broke down.

JC arrives back at the office that afternoon and we call our daughter to come take us home. JC gets all the parts and tools he thinks he may need and we get in the '65 (after checking the oil level) and drive back to Charlotte (in the dark) to rescue the Rampside. On the drive over, I was explaining how the Rampside acted when it died and JC said, "I don't remember when I last put gas in it". My response was "you had better hope it is not out of gas". You see, the gas gauge is broken and since I don't drive this vehicle, I just know that JC would not have left me with an empty tank. We arrive at the abandoned vehicle and he checks the mileage (written in a book) and yes he thinks it may be out of gas. We drive to a gas station in the area and buy a gas can and gas, go back to the truck and put the gas in and guess what? It started right up.

I had to come up with a way to get a little pay back and this article serves that purpose. I ask each and every one of you to ask JC if he has gas in the Rampside the next time you see him or talk to him. I can assure you that I will ask him before I take off in it and I will probably still stop and put gas in regardless of his answer.

### Linda Nelson



Ed Thompson wrote to tell me about an F.C. article in Old Cars Weekly. Look for the Feb. 13th, 2003 issue. I'll try to reprint next month.

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APRIL 25-27, 2003

A Corvair & Camaro Event



Sacramento Marriott - Rancho Cordova Hwy 50 at Sunrise Blvd. Exit.  
Hosted by Classic Corvairs of River City & Co-Hosted by Camaro Generations of Sacramento

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name as well as others attending in your family that wish to have name tags)

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Saturday evening  
Awards Banquet - Raffle

Sunday  
Show & Shine - Swap Meet - Raffle until 12 Noon

## CLASSIC CORVAIRS OF RIVER CITY

Hi Corvair Enthusiasts!

*Sorry we're a bit late getting registration forms out to you, but I think this is the one event that you should come to this year if your going to go to any events at all.*

*We have a fantastic site for the mini convention this year and we're sure you won't want to miss it!*

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*We planned the event earlier this year in the hopes of escaping the extreme heat that comes later in the year.*

*We're all going to have a great time, and with the addition of sharing the spotlight with the Camaro Club of Sacramento, we can educate each other about our wonderful cars.*

*Hope to see you all at this event, it's one of our best so far!*

Sincerely, Ed DeGennaro: Chairman



One of the early prototype Corvair 95 pick-up photos taken by GM. If memory serves, I believe this was actually a Loadside

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years. It is very unusual to find one still in the package with most of the cellophane still intact, unused. The box states it is Safe\* Unbreakable\* and Educational. Though somewhat sturdy I would not want to try the "Unbreakable part", also nowadays the "dogs" would be considered too small to be "safe".

Finally pictured is a Japanese Tin Rampside. Now the Japanese I am sure designed these things basically from pictures cause there are a few inaccuracies. First there is a "ramp" on each side, also there is an outside handle on the ramp which makes it look as if the ramp opens like a door. These seem to be very hard to find, I actually found this one on ebay, and have seen few others. Pictured next to the tin rampside is a Tootsie toy, arguably not really very Corvair looking, but it has the outline of a ramp again on each side, and that is really a rampside only characteristic. For anyone interested in some of my "other" Corvair toys they are listed in a webshots album through this link.

<http://community.webshots.com/user/swi66>

**Gary Swiatowy**

## ARE WE GETTING OLDER?

We all know that we're getting older. How do we know this? For some it's the graying of hair, for others it may be the loss of same, or it may be those subtle, annoying little aches and pains. For still others it may be that we finally realized that we no longer have to get up at 6:00 a.m. unless we really, really want to.

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The ten signs of an aging Corvair owner are:

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2. That annoying spot on the driveway isn't quite as annoying as it was when you first spotted it – a couple of years ago.
3. You're beginning to believe that valve clatter is soothing.
4. You consider the extra steering slop to be an aerobic workout.
5. The cost of a mechanic isn't quite as high as it used to be.



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6. You're beginning to realize that the cost of adding A/C is quite reasonable.
7. You're emergency travel kit contains fewer parts and more credit cards.
8. You know what? It really is too cold to go out and work on it.
9. You're selling more than you're buying.
10. The strip searches at the airport are a highlight of getting to the convention.

Now some of you might think that this is all in jest. I can assure you that most of these comments I overheard at our last local meeting. The rest I firmly believe in. Are we getting older? What was that you said? Wait a minute while I turn up my hearing aid.....

# CLASSIFIEDS

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1-1962 Corvan, was AT&T service van  
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