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FROM THE EDITOR

I had a great time at Nationals. I took my 65 Monza Convertible with which I scored 94.82. This was the first Concours judging on this car so I was Shocked and thrilled. I have been working on my Corvair95. I added a few more horsepower with a 95hp FC engine that was built by Don Richmond and I have started to repaint it. I added the sliver band to see if I would like it. Now that looks so good I am going to have to repaint the whole thing.

It has been suggested that we try a theme to the news letters ie: Campers, Greenbriers or Rampsides. So if you

have any camping, greenbrier, rampside, loadside articles please send them in for an upcoming themed Newsletter



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Riding With The President

Hello All,

I have finally gotten a new computer (my old one had a catastrophic crash and lost every detail of the last 4 years and of course I hadn't backed it up) so now I can try to communicate again. Oh, the name you see on my address is my wife Barb Mee. I'm not really sure how to change that little detail yet since it comes from my provider, but the email can still be addressed to fivcent@bellsouth.net . My home phone is 828-626-3617 and my address is John R. Nickel, 480 Paint Fork Road, Barnardsville, North Carolina 28709. I have been a member of CORSA since 1996 and a member of Corvanatics since 2003. I am 65 years old, retired from the US Army in 1992 after 26 years and 6 months service as a Master Sergeant E-8. I am a licensed Landscape Architect, and presently am working as an independent contractor doing home maintenance and minor construction. I have been involved with Corvairs since October 2nd,1959 when my mother brought home a 1960 Corvair 700, Horizon Blue. Even though I was 15, I did get to drive it on that very special day! My parents later owned (new): 1962 700; 1965 Monza Ct 140 PG; and 1966 Monza Sedan. My first car was a 1965 Monza Coupe 110 4spd Tahitian Turquoise/ white interior new in May 1965. Since then I have owned about 12 more and now own or share ownership in nine: 1961 GB Deluxe, 1962 GB Deluxe, 1962 Rampside (daily driver/ race truck), 1963 Rampside (junk), 1964 GB Deluxe 8-Door (Show), 1964 GB Deluxe, 1965 Monza Sedan (also Junk), 1965 Monza Coupe (under Restoration) and a 1966 Monza Coupe (Barn Find). Ok, so I don't have anything to do. I do all my own mechanics (minor and major) and am learning body and paint.

I wish to pass on to the Galli family my sincere regrets on the passing of Diane on the 21st of July. Her contribution to Corvanatics was monumental and we shall miss her.

Tim Schwartz has suggested that we as FC nuts try to celebrate the introduction of the FC on the 7th of October 1960 by having at least three separate activities, one in each of the three divisions. I think that this ideas is a wonderful one and we should try to coordinate them as much as possible. I think that if you cannot attend one of these, try to attend a local car show at that same time to show others that they do exist and are truly fun to own and drive. If you don't feel that yours is "show" quality, please take my own example: I take my 62 Rampside daily driver/work truck to nearly every show I can to include the International CORSA Conventions and let me be the first to say that it isn't show quality with the peeling tan and brown paint, rust holes along both lower sides and rusty chrome west coast mirrors. However it is still fun to talk to all the people that come up and tell me that they never new that there even were Corvair Trucks. Some of you know that I and my wife do autocross that same truck and have earned trophy's for it (ok, none of you guys want to compete against an original 80 hp 4-speed straight stock truck I guess). Please think about it.

I would like to invite all members to attend our NC Mountain Corvair Club's 50th Corvair Birthday party from the 2nd to the 4th of October this fall. Details are posted in the Communique, or interested members may call or e-mail me at home.

It is an honor to become your president and I hope that I will live up to your expectations.



John R. Nickel

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Parting is such sweet sorrow, or something like that.

I really would like to welcome the new President to his position. I am sure that he will serve you well. I also would like to apologize to the members for not being able to attend the meetings. We all have life changes and I've had mine over the last 3-4 years. I hope in the coming years that I will be able to attend conventions and maybe I can enjoy a meeting instead of having to run it. Don't get me wrong here, I enjoyed every minute that the membership allowed me to be Prez and Vice President before that. I consider it a privilege and an honor to have served.

Thank You all. Ken Hand

From the Secretary

Convention 2009

Well, Jacksonville 2009 is now history. There was a great turnout. I even saw a Rampside that took the long bridge ride from Hawaii!

Last year for the first time instead of driving I towed a Corvair to Ventura. This year to make up, I let Herb Duplant use the Rampside, let my granddaughter compete with the 64 coupe and commuted with the Spyder convertible. That should make up for it. If I get the Rampside painted, it will go next year.

Convention Meeting

On July 14th, the Corvanatics annual meeting was held at the host hotel. President Ken Hand was excused, and Vice President Sam Christ conducted the meeting.

The secretary reported no outstanding bills and bank balances of:

· CD - \$ 2,270.74

• Savings: \$ 1,041.49

• Checking: \$ 3,503.30

Election of Officers

Officers for the 2009-2010 were elected by acclimation:

•	President	John Nichol
•	Vice President	Sam Christ
•	Eastern Director	Ben Stiles
•	Central Director	Mike Dobie
•	Western Director	Vance Piper
•	Secretary Treasurer	Larry Schmuhl

Meeting Business

- GM Heritage Collection is working on a Rampside and a Greenbrier for display
- Rusty Rose is looking for an unmolested gas tank, fuel sender and brake lines for possible reproduction models (I gave him a tank and sender)
- Report on the failing health of our long-time secretary Diane Galli
- Motion made and carried to donate \$250 each to CORSA, CPF and the Scholarship Fund
- Motion amended to make the donation in Diane Galli's name



Donations

Door prizes were awarded courtesy of Clarks and Larry's

Many members paid their dues, and we are making excellent progress getting up to date. We will no longer offer rosters for sale. I will publish a roster in the newsletter.

Paint Codes are now online in PDF form. If you want one free, send an e-mail to LSchmuhl@Juno.com. If I have to copy and mail it, the price remains the same.

Remember - If you move or change e-mail, please drop me a line.

We received word that Diane had passed away. I sent a sympathy card to Bob on behalf of the membership, and I sent the checks to Harry Jensen, marked in her memory. I received a thank you card from Bob Galli. Our prayers are with her family.

Thanks

...Larry

Third Annual Corvair Camping Weekend

Our friends Ray and Kathy Coker at the Pioneer Campground in LaPorte, Pennnsylvania, who own two show-quality Corvairs (as well as a 1967 Barracuda convertible), have scheduled their third annual Corvair Camping weekend for September 11-12-13.

What started in 2007 as a small event for members of their home club is now being promoted regionally and advertised in the area newspapers to bring out even more Corvair owners and enthusiasts for a low-key laid-back weekend of fun. The Pioneer Campground can accommodate those who camp in everything from pup tents to massive motorhomes. In fact, in the two previous events, we have seen just about all the possible combinations -- Corvair owners pitching tents, towing pop-up trailers, towing travel trailers, driving motorhomes - even camping in Corvans! For those who lack so much as a tent, the campground has a limited number of camping cabins available, but these sell out early so call today (contact information below). For those who just can't accept the idea of sleeping in the great outdoors, motel rooms are available at the Sullivan County Roadhouse at the end of the road that leads to the campground, but these too are limited so don't delay. The Roadhouse in fact can serve your needs if you don't want to cook over a campfire, either, because breakfast, lunch and dinner are available.

This is an unstructured weekend of relaxation and laughs for the whole family. Corvair owners are invited to swap stories, trade parts, and show off cars, but it is less about the cars and more about family fun around the campfire. We have usually laughed ourselves silly as the sky grows dark and the embers glow. The pool will be open, the hiking trail will be available for walking, the softball and volleyball fields will be open, and the game room will be available for the kids. Well-behaved pets are welcome. You can ask Ray about some of his innovative activities such as the Wet Hay

Ride and the Cardboard Boat Races. There will be a driving tour of the region on Sunday morning -- last year's tour included a stop at a private collection of beautifully restored Chevrolets, and in the prior year we toured to an impressive mountain overlook.

Bring your Corvair? Of course, we want to see as many as possible. But if it is not possible to bring your Corvair because you have a travel trailer to tow or a Winnebago to drive, that's okay too. People are what make this hobby.

Give Ray and Kathy a call and reserve your site. Their number is 570-946-9971. The campground web site is http://www.pioneercampground.com/

We look forward to having you join us!

CORSA CORNER

By Jack Pinard Corsa Western Division Director

If you can read this, then the first step in improving communications from the board to chapters is working. This is "new news" reporting about August 15, sent to your chapter email address.

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MANAGEMENT CHANGE STUDY

Following a year of research and proposals and sometimes contentious interaction, CORSA board of directors made decisions in a phone conference meeting on the future process of professional management of our society.

Last year, before I joined the board, questions were raised about operating costs. It was decided to obtain proposals from several companies that managed non-profit organizations like CORSA.

A committee of directors drew up the guidelines and sent to seven firms. Then four were asked to submit formal bids, including the current team M&PS.

PRESENTATIONS MADE

Presentations were made at the 12-hour Jacksonville board meeting July 13, but due to complexity of the issue and lack of time the vote was rescheduled.

A month of e-mail controversy ensued among about half the board. Several of the directors did not participate in the corsa.bod group mail. Unanimity was not reached on key points.

PAUSE FOR LENO

So there was some suspense on the outcome of the vote that Saturday morning. But first another piece of business was taken care of, the granting of honorary membership to Jay Leno.

Leno has a late 180 coupe and did a total restoration of a Rampside. The video on Jay's Garage website is a terrific promotion for Corvairs and CORSA.

VOTE ON HARRY AND MIKE

Back to the issue. Following a long discussion on contract changes, the M&PS team of Harry Jensen and Mike McGowan was retained in an 8 to 3 vote, including three proxies of directors not on the call.

Then a motion was made for the executive committee—comprised of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer—to negotiate contract modifications.. The president objected as the by-laws mention that the president conducts them.

WHO WILL NEGOTIATE?

A variety or reasons for and against greater participation were made. The resulting vote was a bigger split, with five favoring a team approach and six opposed.

Then a unanimous vote was made to give president Tim Mahler the right to negotiate a new contract with M&PS.

SUGGESTIONS REQUESTED

Mahler requested suggestions on cost reduction changes from directors within 10 days and promised to report to board. It was then decided to meet via phone conference on September 26.

SOME GET OLD NEWS

Your chapter has this important news now, within two weeks of vote. Others may not know for six weeks when they read the October Communiqué. This is because the chapter email list has errors due to failures to communicate, and the September Communiqué closed August 1.

DIRECTORS MAY UPDATE

Several directors like my suggestion for annual personal visits by directors to chapters to verify data and hold "town hall" discussions. A plan is being formulated to make the visits soon after club elections.

This outreach is part of the new spirit to improve communications by directors. It counters the old status quo attitude some expressed that "no one is interested".

WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS?

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Diane L. Gali

Diane L. Galli, 76, lost her battle with cancer and, surrounded by family, went to be with the Lord on July 21, 2009. Born Diane Lawrence in October 1932 in San Francisco to Martha Lawrence, she grew up with a sister, Patricia. As a family, they moved to Atascadero in 1948, where she graduated from Atascadero High School. It was there, through mutual friends, that she met the love of her life, Robert Galli. They married on July 1, 1950 and lived inseparably ever after. They moved to the Los Angeles area to raise their children and then back to Atascadero in 1975 to the property owned by the Galli family since 1927.

As a result of being a Corvair enthusiast, she had many good friends across the United States and, for the past 20 years, she and Bob have spent much of their time traveling and seeing the sights of this wonderful Country. Diane was very close with her family and devoted a lot of time to keeping in contact with her many loved ones. She was an avid reader, Bingo

player and a devoted sports fan. She could often be found cheering on her favorite teams of whatever event was in season.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Bob Galli; her sister, Patricia Knight; her four children and their spouses, Lee and Vonda Galli, Roberta and Dennis Herndon, Richard and Monica Galli and Christine and Randy Roeder; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Donations can be made to your local Hospice chapter.

Editors note:

Diane was our Sec/Treas for many years prior to Larry Schmul

Our condolences to Bob and Family.



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Thanks! Ben and Lynn Stiles

Although there may be no award category, this Corvair may be of special interest for long distance!



A Corvair from Hawaii, license "MMNICE", traveled 4,845 miles to CORSA convention. The long journey for the 1964 Rampside Deluxe paid off with a "One of the Top Three" trophy in Car Display.

It was transported to Orlando, Florida by boat and rail in 2007 by Steve Mills, son of Jack Pinard, who had intended to use it in a new roofing venture. It was driven in Orlando for a short time, then Steve returned to Hawaii leaving the car stored indoors.

I took title to the car and made plans to retrieve it from storage at convention time and return it to California. However a back problem prevented me from long periods behind the wheel. At the last minute Steve decided to fly from Hawaii to Orlando. He and dad rescued the Ramp. With fresh gas it started right up, but wanting proper servicing it was towed to Jacksonville.

With the help of local Glenn Smith, a member of Corsa West of Los Angelels, two rebuilt carbs, new fuel pump, alternator and plugs had it purring like a kitten Sunday. It was driven and displayed all convention week.

Friday afternoon Steve packed an ice chest and headed out Interstate 10 for Port Hueneme, CA, 2,478 miles distant. He arrived Monday without incident, no breakdowns or fixes, cruising at freeway speeds and averaging 24 mpg.

The reliable Rampside is now happy in My stable and Steve has returned to Hawaii. His daily driver is a 1966 Monza convertible with modifications, one of only a few Corvairs known to be operating in the island state.

PS: I also have 1964 Rampside 4-spd with 140 2 carb.



Ben's Rampside

I started tonight putting the level load floor brackets I have into my Rampside. I am surprised that the holes on the long floor bracket that runs along the driver's side wall do not match the holes already in the truck.

They are kinda standard at 13" apart. I guess I am going to drill new holes in the bracket instead of new holes in my nicely painted truck.

Oh yeah...and the blue paint on the brackets does not quite match. I am not sure of the kids used an entirely different color or messed up the paint somehow, but this is how they are, so in they go.

Ben





FC'S at Issaquah, Wa. Orphan Car show!

Submitted by Eric Taylor













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For Sale: I have a white birch plywood blank for the optional table for the Greenbrier. It is $2' \times 4'$ with a cut-out for the window handle and slight angled cuts at the other side. It is ready to finish and the price is \$50. My name is J C and the phone # is 818/362 3489

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