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CORVAIR RACER UPDATE

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2016 PERFORMANCE CORVAIR GROUP WORKSHOP!

Dates: Friday to Sunday, March 4-6, 2016.

Location: Kokomo Automotive Museum, 1500 N. Reed Road, Kokomo, IN, 765-454-9999

Hotel information: Kokomo Hampton Inn & Suites. 2920 South Reed Road, Kokomo.

Rates are \$104/night. 765-455-2900. Mention Corvair/PCG to ensure the group rate.

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FROM RICK NORRIS' CORVAIR ALLEY:

This time last year, I had the opportunity to do some remodeling and cleaning of my shop. That was due mainly because I had sold and shipped my Sunoco Corvair race car to a guy in the UK. England, not the University of Kentucky! I was also actively looking for another likely candidate to build a replacement.

After having considered a few offerings, I came back to one I'd originally had in mind. It was one that had sat in my driveway years earlier. It was at this time in the hands of David Clemens. David and I had talked about the car earlier in my quest but I turned it down because I wanted a more ready



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for the track car. As it turned out I didn't find any that met my expectations.

David in the meantime was actively trying to pedal his car to me. After some active back and forth dealing he made me a deal I really couldn't refuse so I became the new owner of a soon to be road race Corvair. "Soon" was the active word here.

My goal was to get the car ready for the upcoming Mitty in April which would have been my seventh in a row. I had a streak going on and I wanted to maintain it.

On February 11, 2015 Janet and I traveled to Roanoke VA and brought the "ragged red racer" as I nicknamed it back to its new home at Corvair Alley. After seriously flogging on it for days on end in a futile attempt to turn it into a viable race car worthy of a trip to Road Atlanta it became apparent the "soon" part was rapidly becoming "not soon enough".

After walking around my shop with a wrench in my hand that I'd spent half an hour looking for, it became apparent that it was time to cry "uncle" along with a few other choice words and admit defeat. However, I said I would be at the Mitty and I was but it was not like I'd wanted.

I had no car to drive but I didn't pain myself too much about it and had a good time with Michael LeVeque, Mike Levine and James Reeve who did have cars to play with. As we have said many times it's really about friends who have become family.

Mike Levine sez:

Okay folks, we have the Lester Paddock at Road America for the Weathertech International Challenge in July. That's thirty two covered stalls!!! When filling out your entry form put a note on there that you are part of the **50th Yenko Reunion.**



Let's find 32 Corvair race cars!!! In the event that we do not have enough race cars, the spaces will go to street cars. Not sure how we will dole them out though. Remember, our current record for number of Corvair race cars at a race stands at 15 which were at the 2012 Mitty.

Can we do it? It's a long haul for most of the regulars but we should see some new faces and cars.

Tracy LeVeque sez:

ATTENTION ROAD AMERICA ATTENDEES!! I am in the works on booking a hotel at a group rate. I am speaking with the manager on Monday. Will post details as I get'em.

Rick Norris sez:

As some of you know, we have two members who will be attending the two day SCCA drivers' school at Roebbling Road Raceway to be held 20-21 Feb. There are several of us licensed drivers who will be there to support Barry and Jeff.

I had thought I would try to enter the school just to get some seat time plus I like the track. It's where I earned my permit back in 2009. Since I am no longer an SCCA member nor hold an SCCA driver's license I was curious as to how they would work it since our HSR license is honored by the SCCA. Needless to say they were not prepared.

At first they did not understand I was not trying to get a license, just fill out their field and get some seat time. They wanted me to get another physical. I said I did not want to spend more money doing that as my HSR license clearly says my physical is good until 2017. I never got a clear answer for the school.

I also asked how they would handle me trying to enter a regional race. They passed it off to the local region. They said the SCCA does honor HSR permits but to check the sups (supplemental rules and regulations) for that particular race.

I think Mike Levine's idea is the way to go. Just show up with the entry fee, an HSR permit and a car that will pass tech and see what happens!

Michael LeVeque sez:

I am contemplating selling YS160. I still plan on racing my other car but I need the revenue from this car to help in another endeavor. This will not be sold cheap! I'm offering it here before it goes to eBay. For more info please intact me off line 765-617-9307.



Here's a great opportunity to own a proven track ready Corvair race car and it's a Yenko Stinger! With a racing license you could be having the time of your life running with us in the coming season. Call Michael today.

FEATURED RACE CAR:

Bob Coffin's LeForge D Production the "Rat Basturd"

**I need individual race car updates photos of your race car or cars.**

Send them to ricknorris@suddenlink.net Subject line should say racer update .

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