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Newsletter of CORVANATICS*, whose members still appreciate the Corvair Automobile, particularly the Corvair 95 series pickup, vans and wagons.

* a branch of the Corvair Society of America (CORSAR) Inc.
The President's Corner...

I want to thank some of the members for their patience during the transition to a new editor, and to apologize to those members who — because of errors in the membership roster — have not received their copy of CORVANATICS, and to members of the Armed Forces serving our country in different parts of the world. Three countries were represented in Chicago: U.S., Canada, and one from the U.K. in addition to several members of the Armed Forces serving our country in different parts of the world.

It was truly an international gathering this year. As you know, there are CORSA members in Australia, Canada, England, Iceland and several in addition to several members of the Armed Forces serving our country in different parts of the world. Three countries were represented in Chicago: U.S., Canada, and one from the U.K., and one from the U.K. in addition to several members of the Armed Forces serving our country in different parts of the world. Three countries were represented in Chicago: U.S., Canada, and one from the U.K.

Next morning was Concours Time! An unprecedented collection of 83 stock and modified Corvair and Corvair-related vehicles were proudly displayed in the Holiday Inn parking lot. Each entry was the result of much TLC, patience and ingenuity on the part of the owners — all there to compete in their respective classes for the favor of the Concours judges, following are the results for Corvair pickups, vans, wagons and campers; courtesy of Paul F. Dehnert, C.C.E. Concours Chairman, and a special thanks to him for all his help in preparation for and during this event.

**Concours Class 4 — Rampside—Loadside Group:**

1. #399 Don Colburn, Eau Claire, Wisc. 322.5 points '63 Rampside
2. #16 Ted Haap, Chicago, Ill. 315 " '62 "
3. #29 Roger D. Harris, Montello, Wisc. 307.5 " '61 "
4. #58 Richard E. Hires, Georgetown, Ill. 294 " '61 " (cont'd on p.6)

"... including CORVANATICS, AIR-VAIR, LAKEWOOD and YENKO-STINGER Groups, we might add. Next issue will include a chart, showing how they fit in the CORSA organization.

Backfire... Readers Respond

"... I think it would be a good idea to place an ad in the CORSA COMMUNIQUES to inform all previous members of the change and an invitation to any CORSA members to join."

John E. Howell, Jr., Lenoir City, Tenn.

Right on, John! By copy of this newsletter we're asking Ed Connolly, CORSA COMMUNIQUES editor, to do just that, and kindly give us a plug in his next edition. (Letters and articles to the editor of this newsletter are greatly appreciated and may be abridged for publication. Please address any technical letters and articles to your technical editor, Russ Long.)
1974 CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION, AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A CORVAIRATIC....

Close-up of the right rear window of Dave Newell's Greenbrier which he drove all the way from Hayward, California. Dave has been the 1974 CSA president.

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We've asked secretary-treasurer Howard Mayhew to compile a current list of all paying members so we may carry it in the December issue. Meanwhile, we'll appreciate it if you would forward your dues for 1976 in addition to sending the new member, we'll be doubling in club size. Happy hunting!

CONVENTION (Cont'd from page 3)

Concourse Class 4 - Corvair-Powered Group:

1. #23 Nico N. DeLos, Cedar Falls, IA. 296 points '61 Greenbrier Camper
2. 60 Bob Kuchler, Louisville, Ky. 271 " '64 Corvan
3. 75 Michael A. Manthe, Minneapolis, Minn. 262 " '62 Corvan
4. 72 Ted Mick, Fraser, Mich. 229 " '62 Greenbrier

Concourse Class 5 - Corvair-Powered Group (not in CORSA competition):

* #67 Joe Ellis, Louisville, Ky. 246 points '67 Ultra-Van Camper

* Special Award from the Chicago Corvair Enthusiasts.

John Jr. and I missed out on admiring much of that beautiful machinery in detail and "find out what they've got that we ain't got." We were near the bottom of the list, so the judges came to see us later in the day. As a result we spent much of that waiting time washing, polishing, touching up and fixing dozens of other details. Also, since we had a CORVANICS display board on the back of our Greenbrier, there were many questions to be answered. But the best part of all was that it helped us attract five new members and renewals!

We thoroughly enjoyed this Convention. It would have been even nicer if we could have met more CORVANICS members in person, and we missed General Motors participation, which -- as we understand it -- is in compliance with its policy on CORSA conventions. But then, even policies are subject to change, so we're still optimistic, OHL!

On pages 4 and 5 is a photographic report on the "truckers-a-campers section" of the Convention. As we mentioned earlier, the '75 Convention is scheduled to be held in Seattle, Washington. Why not start planning now on attending? See ye all there!

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TECH TOPICS

Further to the pat on the back we gave our technical editor Russ Long in June for his fine technical articles, we belatedly also want to recognize Lee Hart of Houghton, Mich., Russell Chevrette of Portland, Ore. and Bill Wheeler of Indianapolis, Ind. for the valuable contributions they made to earlier newsletters. Hopefully we'll be hearing more from them and others in the near future. We are planning publication of CORVANICS on a regular quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. Your editor therefore would like to have all copy from Russ Long by the first of those months. So please send Russ your technical articles and suggestions a couple of weeks before the first of each of the above months; this is his first attempt at going ILLUSTRATED (no precedent -- too expensive!). We hope to see you the hassle, all re-install the light switch. Turn on the parking lamps and check the marker operation, then turn again with the headlights on. You will notice that the parking lamps now remain on. If you turn out the marker lights, the front markers will blink either with the turn signals, or alternate, 31a '71 on GM. You don't want this at the rear, however, because it gives you the appearance of a snowmobile accident. We understand that his parts mailorder business continues as per usual. On behalf of the entire CORVANICS Group we wish you a speedy recovery, Art! Your council is working on a CONSTITUTION in preparation for ELECTIONS. More in December!

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INGNITION WRENCHES.

Wiring is the easiest part. In the rear, connect one lead to ground, and the light-colored lead to the light-colored lead on the taillamp wiring (light-blue on mine). Up front connect both marker leads to the turn signal leads, matching light to light and dark to dark. Now comes the trick. Take the plug connection off the headlamp switch. Locate the purple wire, located at terminal 7. With a small screwdriver, depress the tab on the plug and remove it by pulling out of the connector. Insert this plug into the unused terminal 9, making sure it locks in place. Plug the connector back onto the light switch, and re-install the light switch if necessary. Turn on the parking lamps and check the marker operation, then turn again with the headlights on. You will notice that the parking lamps now remain on. If you turn out the marker lights, the front markers will blink either with the turn signals, or alternate, 31a '71 on GM. You don't want this at the rear, however, because it gives you the appearance of a snowmobile accident. We understand that his parts mailorder business continues as per usual. On behalf of the entire CORVANICS Group we wish you a speedy recovery, Art! Your council is working on a CONSTITUTION in preparation for ELECTIONS. More in December!

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FOR SALE

'64 GREENBRIER, $800-. 2 '62 PICKUPS for parts, $100- each. Moving; must sell. All rust-free Southern vehicles. Orville Lippert, Rt.4, Box 275, Defuniak Springs, Fla. 32422. Phone 904-892-2907.

'65 GREENBRIER, rebuilt engine with 140HP heads, engine and clutch balanced, new HD shocks, metallic brakes, Gates XT-70 belted tires, body has NO RUST, only small dings, $800- firm. Richard Harris, 61 So. Hooker St., Denver, Col. 80219.

'63(??) RAMPSIDE(?), discovered by a thoughtful Studebaker Driver's Club member approx. 38,000 original miles, clean interior, very good chrome and body, bad Powerglide; can probably be purchased for $100-. Save it! Contact Howard Davis, Rt.1 Davis Dr., Searcy, Ark. 72143.

'63 GREENBRIER, Brown's bus; gold, sunroof, Blaupunkt AM-FM, F-70x14 tires, C-D ign' n, Sun tach, 3 seats, metallic brakes, needs clutch, brake line and paint, $800- or best offer. Don Arsenault, 614 Argyle Ave., Ambler, Pa. 19002, 205-646-9336.

'62 RAMPSIDE, expertly converted to camper, NEW 110HP installed at 54,181, NEW 4-SPD. installed at 70,000, along with new clutch and accessories as needed. The camper has base cabinets, a 2-burner stove, space heater with stack, and a table which converts to a bed for two. Everything is in as new condition. $1200- or best offer. Ted Kennedy, 8965 Rosewood Rd., Sacramento, Cal.

* CORSIA COMMUNIQUES, Sept.'74