



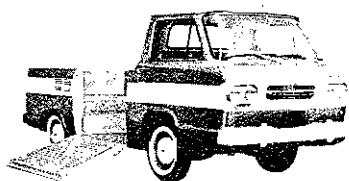
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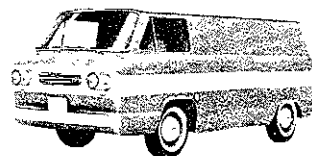
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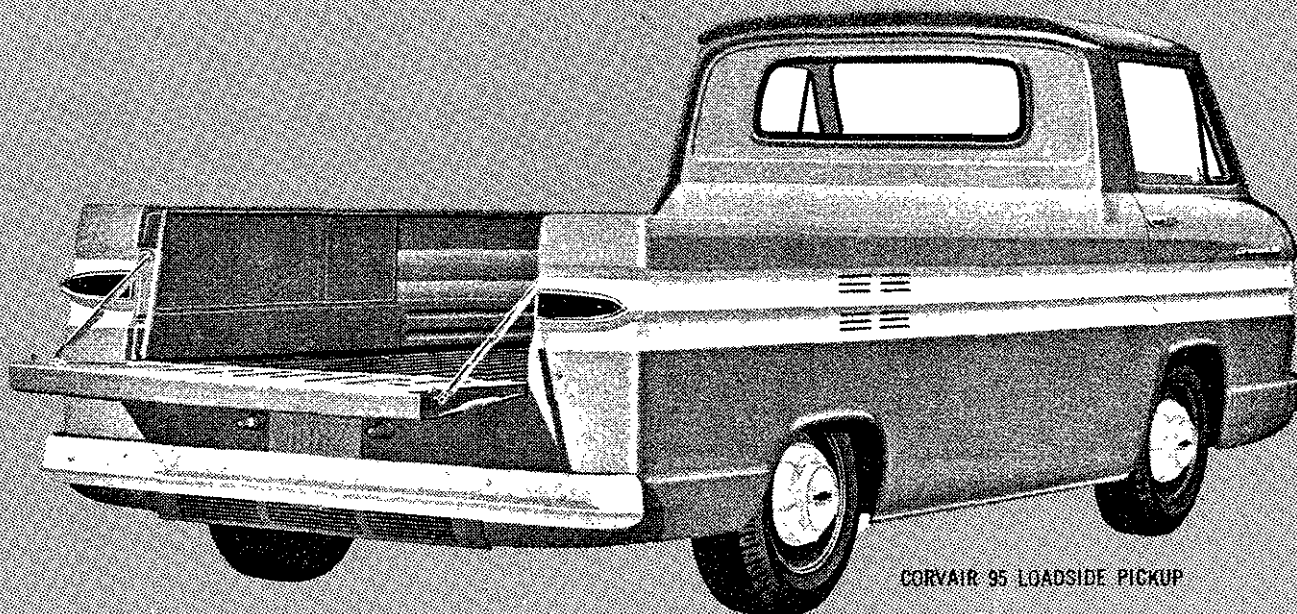


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'll start this column by welcoming all the new members who have joined in the past few months. Judging from the requests for applications and letters I've received, our membership has increased substantially. I might also mention that if you try to find new members, it will benefit the club greatly. That's all for now. See you later.

KEN

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

As the membership will recall, at my appointment to this position in July '75, CORVANATICS was "in the red," financially. I am pleased to report that the balance in our treasury now stands at \$219.75. The old-member up-date in September '75 was disappointing from the standpoint of updated forms returned. Of the 74 members polled, only 25 replied. Therefore, many older members had to be dropped because of unpaid dues. However, we continue to be pleased with the growth in new membership since our last newsletter - 39 - making a grand total of 108 members. I would like for club members to send me photos of their vans and trucks, to be included in a planned display at the 1976 CORSA National Convention in Philadelphia. CORRECTION: Last line of my Fall '75 report should read "... we can make CORVANATICS a Super Club for all to enjoy!"

CECIL

CORVAIR 95 LOADSIDE PICKUP (FRONT COVER)

Highlighting the Loadside model in this edition, it was identical to the "Rampside", except for the absence of a rampgate in the R.H. pickup box side. Corvaire connoisseur Dave Newell writes us, "Chevy treated the Loadside as a 'me too' item with the Rampside in '61 and '62 literature." Following are some statistics:

Model: R 1244	1961 Production: 2475	Curb Weight: 2705 lbs.
Wheelbase: 95 inch	1962 " : 369	Payload Capacity: ... 1895 "
Cubic Capacity: 175 cu.ft.	Total Production: 2849	Gross Vehicle Weight: 4600 lbs.

Ref.: '61 Corvaire Shop Manual, pages 1-8, 10-72,73,74; CORSA COMMUNIQUE July '73, p.5
 Front Cover Photo: Courtesy Mark Ellis, Radnor, PA. Thanks very much, Mark!

TECH TOPICS by Russ Long, Technical Editor... The mail has piled up with questions, so let me see how many I can answer for you this time:

(1) Ed Hayden of Walnut Creek, CA, asks three questions: "What kind of aftermarket WHEELS can be used without butchering the wheel wells; what is the largest TIRE that can be used; and what must be done to a passenger car block to move the OIL FILLER to the standard van location?"

Either 14 or 15x7 inch are as large as I've seen mounted without any fender flaring. The critical thing here is that the offset of the WHEEL be towards the center of the vehicle (negative) in order to clear the rear fenders. "Deep Dish" will not clear unless you are a proficient bodyman.

The largest diameter TIRE I have seen has been a CR78x15 on a 6" Chevy wagon wheel. The fattest cross-section I have seen is GR60x15 BFG Radial T/A's on 8" rims with flared fenders. The most comfortable fitting tire I've seen has been a GR70x14 on 6" Chevelle wagon rims. This combo did not require any wheel well modifications at all.

The FC and 61-62 station wagon blocks have a cast-in boss on the RH side of the block for the OIL FILLING APPARATUS. Some 65 Turbo blocks also had this boss cast in. In order to convert a passenger block, you would need to have an FC block as a guide, and access to a good heliarc welder and machinist - or find an FC block. Any FC block can be converted to the 164-inch specs with some careful machine work to allow for connecting rod clearance. Bill Fisher's book has some detailed drawings on this, and any competent machinist could do the work. Otherwise, you might try putting a piano hinge on the forward edge of the engine lid and make do.

(2) New member James Emmi of North Syracuse, NY, asks: "... information on installing a TRANSVERSE LEAF SPRING on my van..." This is indeed a good modification if you plan on carrying a considerable amount of weight in your van. It has no effect on the handling; it did not on the 64 sedans, as is popularly believed. To make this modification, you will need the following parts from a 64 sedan: rear axle case, leaf spring and attaching hardware, rear control arms (for study only, as FC arms are slightly longer) and all the various nuts and bolts involved. Some parts are still available from Chevy, although the attaching bracket to the bottom of the transaxle has been discontinued; so you will need a good used one. The axle case is required because the 64's have a boss cast-in as the upper support for the spring, and the control arms have a plate welded to them for the attaching hardware on the ends. I've been contemplating this mod myself, and it is still in the planning stages, although mine will be easier since my 64 has the provisions for the spring already there, except for the control arms. The above is as much information as I have to go on, so maybe someone who has completed such an installation can help us both out...

For lack of more space I'll have to keep you in suspense and give you my answers to other questions in the next edition.

RUSS

BACK ISSUES... By popular request, here's a listing of all CORVAN ANTICS newsletters, published till now. Ordering instructions and prices are always at the end of paragraph 2 of the inside front cover.

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You may also want to consider ordering attractive binders for your favorite newsletter at \$2- each from fellow-Corvanatic and CORSA secretary Mark Ellis, 145 Ivywood, Radnor, PA 19087. One of these will hold and protect all 1972 through 1974 CORVAN ANTICS editions - without the need for punching holes. With these binders in mind, page numbering has been made continuous, as of the Spring '75 edition, for your convenience. Some day we also hope to have an index available for each binder for turning your bound volumes into handy quick-reference guides. Any volunteers?

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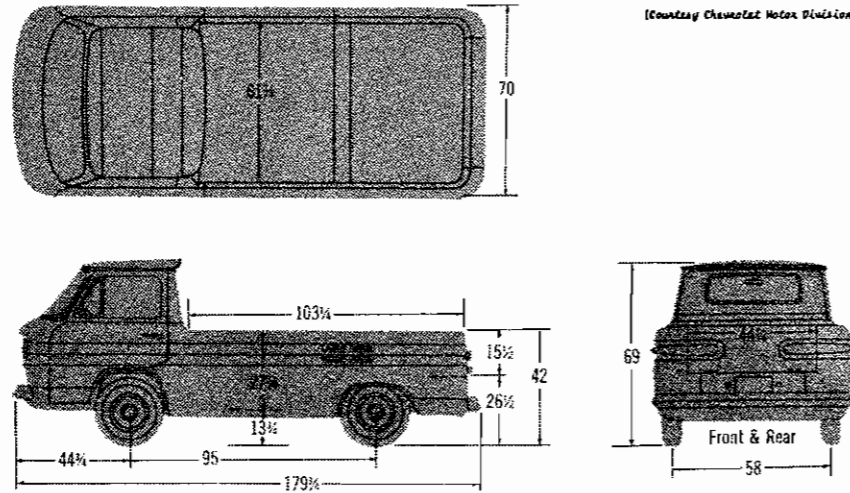
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* Paid-up at least till 1 Jan.'76. ** C=Corvan, G=Greenbrier, L=Loadside, R=Rampside

LOADSIDE FROM TEXAS by Tom Clarke

It all began in August, when I was climbing my way up Mount Evans, Colorado. Cruising along on the world's highest paved "road" (if you want to call it that), I suddenly saw this Greenbrier camper, taking a break three fourth of the way up the mountain. That's how I met your friendly editor and family in their "Flying Dutchman". We were soon talking Corvairs, as most "Vair" owners do. Before long I found myself joining CORVANATICS at 14260 feet, and Nico asked me to do an article on my Loadside.



The pickup is the second member of my Corvair family of four, which includes a Greenbrier, a Corvan and a Monza. I found the Loadside behind the U.S. Post Office of Canutillo, Texas, where it had been used as a doghouse, among other things. My Corvan had a bad rear axle, so I got the Loadside for parts. Well, Nico almost got sick when I told him that I had almost taken it to a steel mill for lack of space and because I had all the parts I needed by then. After pointing out that Loadside's are the "white elephants" in the Corvair family of 95-inch-wheelbase pickups, vans, and wagons (only 369 units of my '62 model were made), he convinced me to put it back into running order. So - that's what I'm doing.

I plan to keep it stock, except for a 110-hp engine and automatic transmission. The body is all there, and the unit runs, but it needs a good overhaul. Maybe I'll report to you again when everything is back in good working order.

Sorry I couldn't get any pictures for this edition. The owner of the place where the Loadside is stored for the time being is on a long vacation, and I hope the factory drawings of top, side, and rear views with dimensions will do as an acceptable substitute. I'm looking forward to reading about the experiences of others in future CORVAN ANTICS newsletters.

TOM
Canutillo, TX

ROSTER AND DUES... The membership roster on pages 28 and 29 is the result of the combined efforts of your secretary-treasurer and editor. Please report any inaccuracies to Cecil. We're also asking everyone to pay particular attention to the last line of your mailing label from now on. As of the Fall '75 edition we've been showing your EXPIRATION DATE (day, month & year) which we "calculate" by simply taking the date on your latest \$5- check or money order and adding 1 year, or adding 2 years to the date on your latest \$10- check or money order. If your dues are due, or almost due, your E.D. is followed by the line "SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL INVITED". This method not only (1) eliminates the need for sending out separate renewal notices, but also (2) keeps us from sending newsletters to folks who are not paying their dues - thus (3) helps keep your club's treasury in the black. By comparing your E.D. with your latest date of payment, you can (4) check to see if our records are correct, and - finally, as a practice followed by most periodicals, it will (5) help you keep your CORVANATICS membership in force, which will keep your name on the mailing list for this newsletter.

SCALE MODELS... With reference to the news item on Corvan scale models on page 23 of the Fall Edition, we received a friendly reply from the Amway Corporation, in response to our inquiry. There are none left at their headquarters, but they promised to check with their distributors.

BACKFIRE... Quite a few of you have written, and we appreciate the response - keep those cards and letters coming! Unfortunately we again lack the space to answer you in this column. But please be patient; we will react to your needs one way or another. As Ken explained in his "President's Corner" of the '75 Fall Edition, sending your inquiries to the right people will help speed up action. We will publish your stories and articles in future editions, providing you added a good illustration (black-&-white photo, sketch, drawing, diagram, or cartoon). Thanks again for writing!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK... I apologize for this edition reaching you late - caused by much overtime, a legal problem in connection with the passing away of my parents, income tax filing, and overdue columns. I'll try to get back on schedule. CORVANATICS owes secretary-treasurer Cecil Miller, capably assisted by his wife Pat, a big Vair hug for putting our treasury back in the black in less than half a year after he accepted that position - despite much regular-job travel. If at all possible, plan to attend your annual CORSA convention, to be held on 15-18 July in Philadelphia this year. It promises to be one of the best ever! The impressive number of new members is very encouraging. But we mustn't rest on our laurels. Unless we raise the dues, we'll need more members (1) to meet price hikes, such as the increase in postage and printing rates, and (2) to maintain and improve services to members. I believe it can be done, if we all try a little harder. We finally broke the 100-Corvanatics barrier, and you may wonder when we'll be hitting the 1000-mark. Actually that day doesn't need to be as far ahead as you might think. A little simple grade-school arithmetic shows that if, as of now, every member will start finding only one new member per year, we'll have 1000 members in less than THREE years from now! So what do you say we resolve to do just that for the next three years? Happy Bicentennial!

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(See story on page 6 of CORVAN ANTICS Spring 1975 edition)

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