

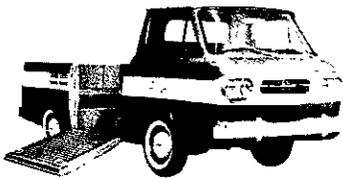


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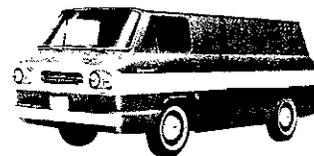
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GREENBRIER SPORTSWAGON



CORVAN

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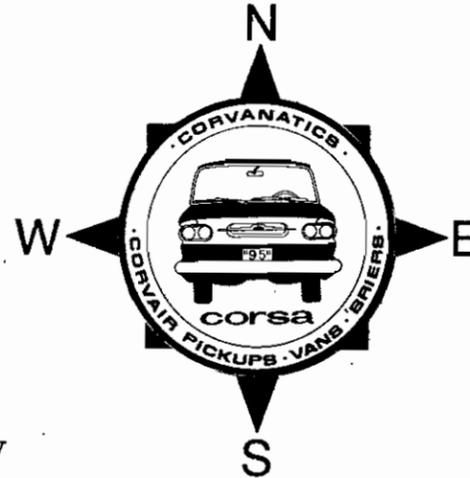
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Deadline for articles and ads is the 1st of each quarter: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st. Items for publication are always welcome and should be sent to the Editor: Pat Miller, 2034 Storm Canyon Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27106

An Important Announcement

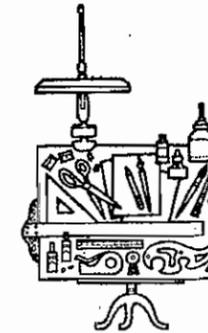
CORVANATICS is proud to announce the appointment of Caroline Silvey as our new secretary-treasurer! Caroline volunteered her services for this very important and demanding post and we're sure the members will support her enthusiastically.

Caroline and husband Tom are dedicated members of Circle City Corvairs in Indianapolis of which Tom is president. Circle City just recently "Corvaire-hosted" the giant Hoosier Auto Show.

Caroline's tenure begins November 1st - so please make a note of her address - as all applications, renewals, and requests for merchandise should be sent to her.

Caroline M. Silvey
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



No one has stepped forward to "volunteer" for the editor's post - so I'm still at the typewriter....(hmmm...let's see, that makes about 14-16 hours a day at the keys) including my 8 hours daily as a medical transcriptionist. I'm also the editor of 'VAIR HEELS, newsletter of CORSA NC and sec.-treas. of our local club, CLASSIC CORVAIRS. As you can see, my "spare time" has rapidly diminished this year. The pressure has been eased somewhat by the assuming of the sec.-treas.'s post (which I also had) by Caroline Silvey. I guess my biggest problem is not learning how to say NO!, but I do enjoy all phases of my vocation and hobby and it is difficult at times to turn away when I know my help is needed. This is where you - the member - can help. CORVANATICS needs your stories, photos and tech tips. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter, the only open line of communication with such a widespread chapter.

I hope you enjoy the "new face" CORVAN ANTICS is presenting this month. My typewriter at home is the large type style, necessitating a one-column page rather than two (the other issues I typed were done on a rental typewriter). A good feature of the typewriter is that it is a cartridge-type and therefore I can change from a nylon ribbon to a film ribbon for typing final copy. Film ribbon reproduces much clearer for printing.

CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION



By now, everyone should have received his/her copy of CORSA's new publication containing reports and results of the National Convention. So space will not be taken up here to repeat all of that information, only the highlights from a Corvanatics point of view.

Approximately 20 members and interested persons attended the Corvanatics meeting held in conjunction with the Convention. Former newsletter editor and now tech editor, Nico DeJong, spoke on the inception and past history of the club and the fact that Corvanatics founder, Ken Wilhite, has been made an honorary member. President Cecil Miller disclosed the fact that we are now a chartered chapter of CORSA as of April 10, 1978. He displayed a graph showing the membership growth since 1972. Thanks to Nico for the original drawing of the graph and to Cecil's brother Vince for the final artwork.

Dave Newell kindly agreed to display our club decals, newsletter and applications at his table in the vendor's area, resulting in a small boost to our club treasury and the addition of 9 new members to our roster. Many thanks to Dave for his willingness to do this for us.

From a Corvanatics standpoint, the turn-out for the Concours part of the Convention was poor. Only (2) members' vans were entered, with new members Ed & Pat Lang of Highland, Michigan winning a 2nd place trophy with their meticulously-prepared '62 Greenbrier. Their van was a beautiful metallic blue with a silver blue stripe and a blue and white plaid interior.

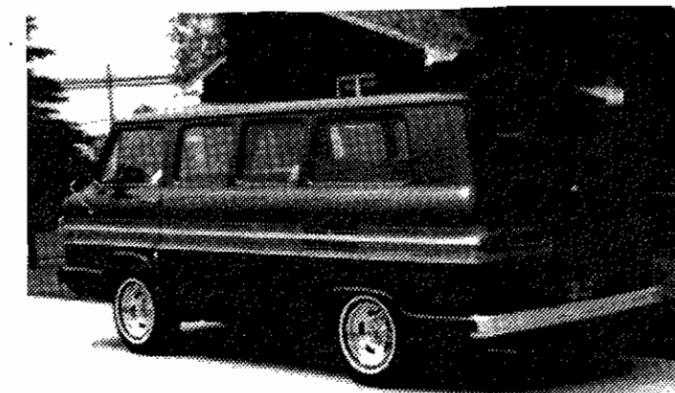
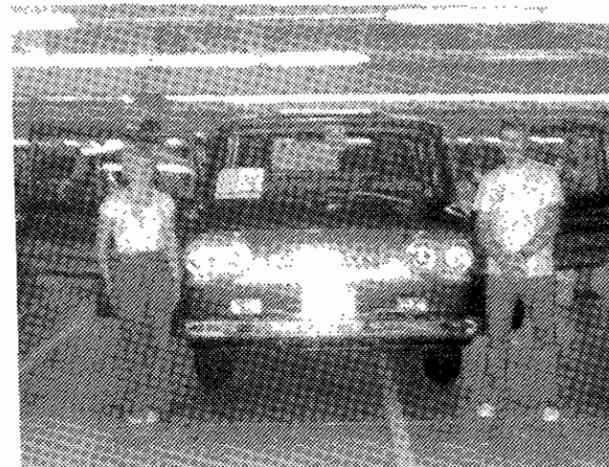
We also spotted Dean Hansen & wife of Chatsworth, California, competing in the gymkhana as well as the Concours with their '63 Corvan.

There were some equally nice rigs owned by members in the parking lot as well. Some of us convention diehards would have loved to have brought our 95's, but the distance was too great and the vacation too short.

Let's work on our 95's with the anticipation of a larger CORVANATICS showing in Detroit in '79! See you there!



Cecil & Pat Miller



THE WINNING COMBINATION

We actually came across our van through Allen Martin, CORSA's president. I was calling on some ads in the COMMUNIQUEs and he was one of the people I called. He in turn put me in touch with Barger Manufacturing of Statesville, N. C. They had been using the van as a bus and a "go-for" truck. So, after several phone calls and a trip South, we were the proud owners of an excellent (no rust) Corvaire 95 van. This was in August, 1977.

We immediately set about our task of doing a from-the-ground-up restoration. After many months of hard-to-find parts, large phone bills, skinned knuckles, broken needles on the sewing machine, sore fingers, long hours, and LOTS of patience, my wife and I rolled our "baby" out of the garage! We've been proud of her ever since. We both enjoy all the attention she gets when we drive her (and we DO drive her).

Our second place win in San Diego really put the frosting on our trip to California and made all the long hard hours worth it.

ED & PATTIE LANG
HIGHLAND, MICH.

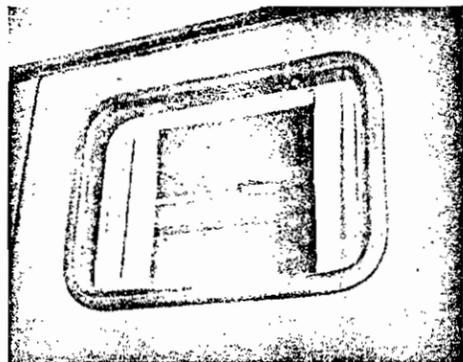
Thanks!

..... to North Texas Corvaire Association and their President, Clay Wispell for the "plug" regarding CORVANATICS in their August issue of TRANSAXLE TELEGRAPH! Clay is a new member of CORVANATICS.

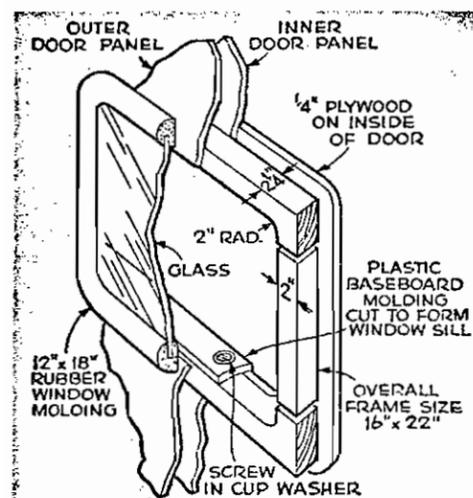
TECH TOPICS by Nico DeJong... Please send technical questions pertaining to Forward-Control Corvairs direct to one of CORVANATICS' technical advisors, listed on inside front cover for best results and quickest reply. Advisors are requested to send me a copy of all questions and answers for possible publication in this column. NICO

CAMPING VANS - BUY OR BUILD - PART III; ADDING WINDOWS*:

(cont'd from Spring '78 C.A.)
Chatman added four windows; two on the door side and two in the opposite solid wall.



Professional-looking windows like this one can be installed by yourself with stock auto-glass parts. Opening is first cut in outer body panel with a saber saw (with blade broken off short to avoid striking inner panel). Inner panel is then cut in same way. Wood filler blocks are screwed between the panels to form a solid rim, as shown below. Rubber window molding hooks into the opening, and glass snaps into the molding, locking into place.



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Submitted by Pat Miller

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FORWARD CONTROL TECH TIPS by Bob Menefee:

- Make that 145CID TRUCK BLOCK into a 164 CID. There are a lot of FC's that have been changed to car engines, but they present a problem when checking and adding oil. If you can find a 145 CID truck block, but you need or want a 164CID, it can be done. Use all 164CID parts, except the block. The 145CID block will have to be cleared for the crankshaft and rods. The 164CID blocks ARE cleared; so you will have a pattern as to where to clear the 145CID block.
- Don't overfill your FC CRANKCASE with oil. The FC dipstick tube is located at an angle that will give you a false reading if you're not careful. Be sure your dipstick has a half-round spring-type retainer near the bottom end. This keeps the stick in the center of the tube for a more exact check. I have found that putting the stick in slowly, and pulling it out slowly, will give a more exact check. Personally I never add a quart of oil until I run the FC again and check at a later time - to be sure it's a quart low. Overfilling will aerate the oil and this is bad on an engine and especially on an air-cooled engine.
- Protect your FC AIR CLEANER. The spring that holds the air cleaner to the carburetor will scratch your paint when you remove or replace the air cleaner tops. I have found that if you cut a piece of 3/16" vacuum hose about 2" long, and slip it over the end of the spring retainer, then work it up until it is on the straight part of the retainer, this will keep from scratching the paint. It may go tight, but won't harm anything.
- Keep that van COOL. My Greenbrier and maybe some Corvans have insulation that is glued to the inside walls of the air ducts. You can look inside the side air grilles and see them if they are there. If you don't see them and there is no sign of any glue or insulation on the inner wall, your FC may not have had them. If they have fallen down into the air intake ducts, they may cause a cooling problem. They can be removed or replaced by taking the inside rear side panels out of the FC.
- Keep those FC CABLES working. I have found that it is good preventive maintenance to spray your clutch cable (if you have one), throttle cable, and emergency brake cables with a light oil occasionally. There is nothing worse than tight cables on an FC.
- Clark's CARPETING for up front in FC's in my judgement is the best I have seen. BOB

(to be continued)

Classified Ads...



FOR SALE:

FOR ALL 95's - N.O.S. rocker panels and full wheel panels, left & right. GM # 3777857. \$200 for the pair includes insured shipping.

N.O.S. FC rocker panels (for under door). GM # 3769946. The pair for \$60 or \$35 each; includes shipping and insurance.

CONTACT:

John F. McCullen, 6420 Woodbine Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151 (215) 877-1364

WANTED:

For '63 Greenbrier - fiberglass heater duct that connects fan motor to heater outlet just above lower floor.

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this and that

ORDER FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Window decals	3" in diameter; \$1.00 each
Club stationery	8 1/2 x 11" with logo; 5¢/sheet, 5¢/envelope.
Applications	FREE

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Back issues (22) \$1.00 each; complete set 25% off (prepaid)

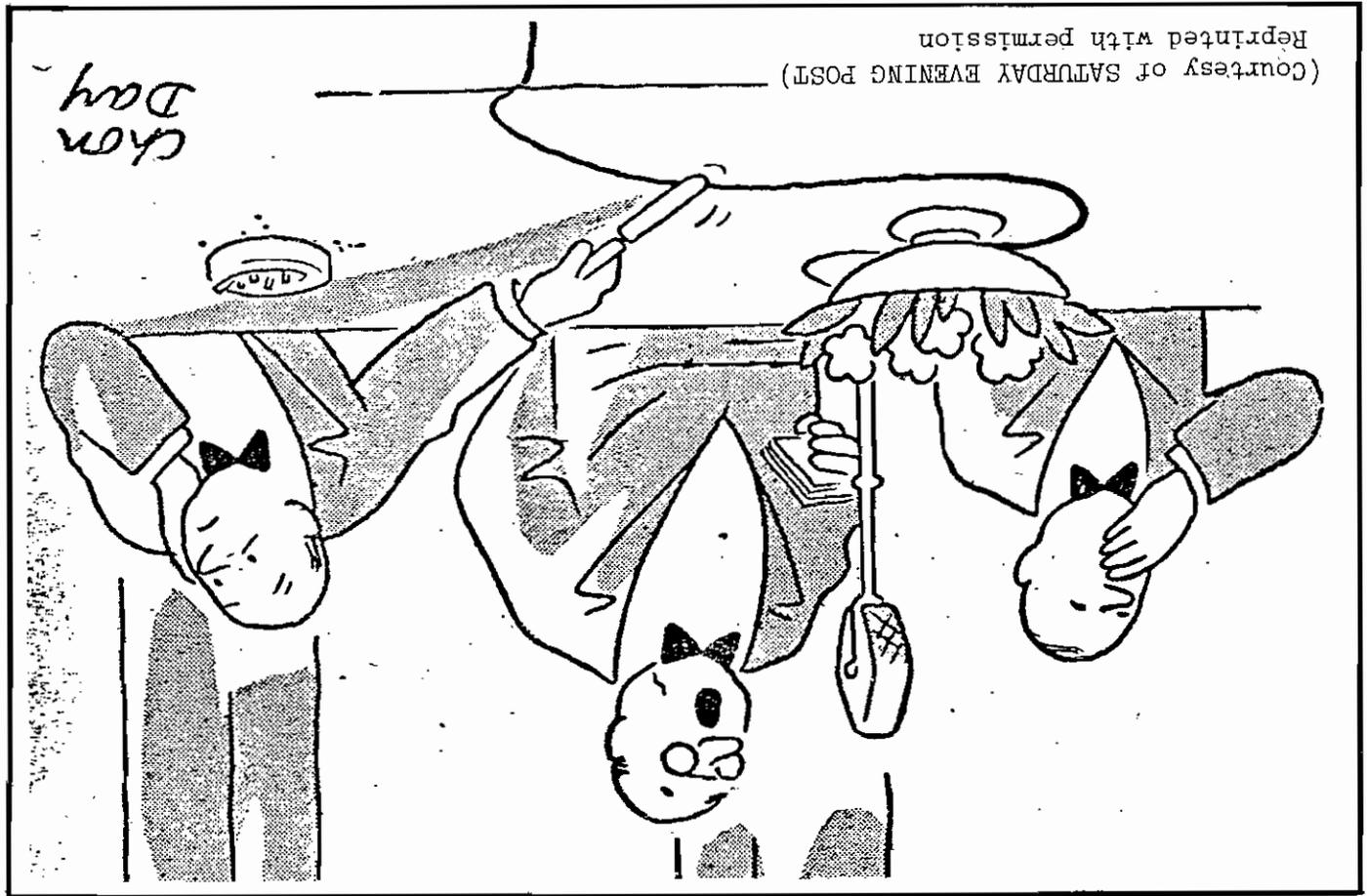
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What's Up . . .

The FALL issue of CORVAN ANTICS is in the process of being assembled for mailing during the month of December. If you have articles or ads for inclusion in this issue, please rush them to the Editor!

We're trying to catch up, folks !!





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