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GREENBRIER SPORTSWAGON

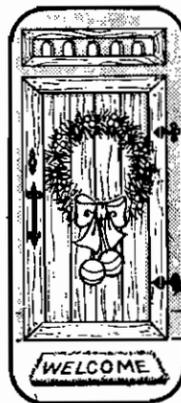


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Spotlight on People

COVER STORY

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By Bob Ehrenreich, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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NEWSLINE

Once again, the guidance of CORVANATICS returns to the state of its "birth" - Indiana. As of January 1st, 1979, EDWIN GRIDLEY of Franklin, Indiana assumed the presidency of our chapter. Past President Cecil Miller felt he could no longer carry out these responsibilities and so he turned to Ed who has been a most enthusiastic and devoted member since joining the club. He has served as our Central Director and also as 1978 Convention Chairman. He and wife Betty have worked diligently to instill their love for the FC's in other Corvair owners and have been successful in creating many new memberships in the past three years. The Gridleys are guiding forces in the Circle City Corvair Club of Indianapolis and were Publicity Chairmen for the Hoosier Auto Show. Let's give Ed our full support and cooperation as he strives to build CORVANATICS into CORSA's strongest chapter!



THE BOSS SAYS:

"I have accepted past President Cecil Miller's appointment to serve as your next President. I consider this an honor and am very enthusiastic about getting the club back on top again. It has a great future and with the work-load more divided, I feel we can get the newsletter back on schedule and work out some of the problems.

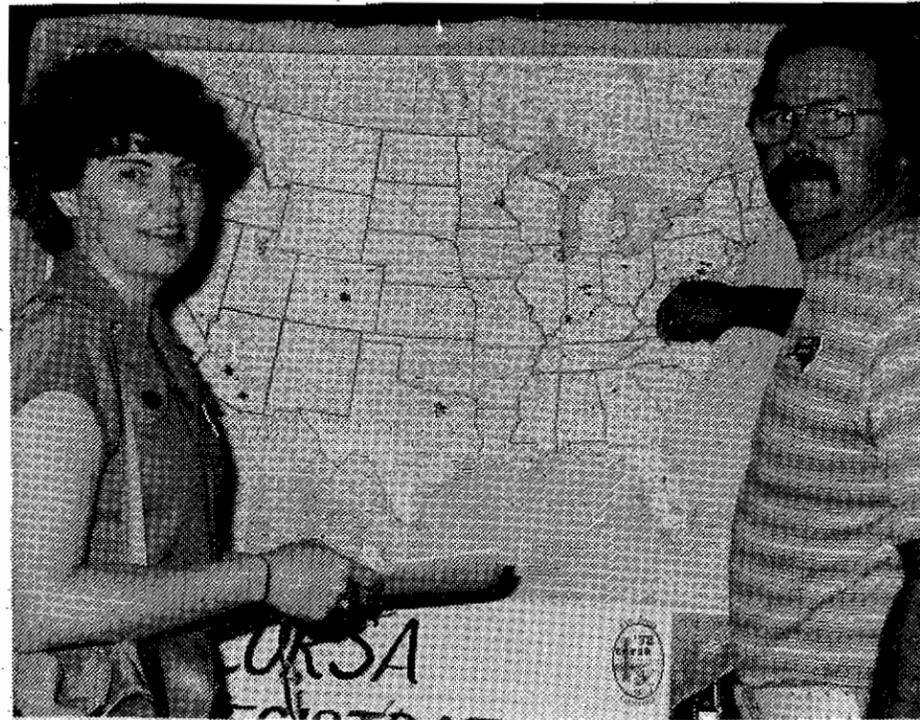
I plan to have several regional meets (possibly 4) and would like to incorporate these with scheduled meets of the same size. We are going to try to get a trophy for an outstanding FC for the regional meets.

I am pleased that Cecil is staying on as Director-at-large. Tom Silvey has been appointed Convention Chairman for 1979 and is ready to go! I would appreciate any help or suggestions that would make the club more interesting to FC owners as well as ideas for fund-raising to boost our treasury."

ED

NOTICE:

A membership roster will be printed in the Winter Edition of CORVAN ANTICS. If your address is incorrect or if you are moving, please see that CAROLINE SILVEY has your address as you wish it printed BY MARCH 1ST! Also, DUES ARE DUE and many are overdue! Your club cannot operate without funds so please get your \$5.00 to CAROLINE as soon as possible so a budget can be set up for 1979 expenditures.



President Cecil and Editor Pat pinning "their state" on the map at San Diego.

(Photo courtesy of Ron Fedorczyk)

On ourselves:

Four and a half years ago when Pat and I joined CORVANATICS and offered our services to the club, we never dreamed we would end up with the "whole ball of wax" to coin an old phrase, but that we did. While it has been a lot of work and at times frustrating, it has also been fun to share our love for the Corvair with other enthusiastic members. But now we feel it is time for a change - and what better time to begin than in the New Year. My job has often kept me away from home, our Corvairs and the club for a greater portion of the time I served as your Secretary-Treasurer and then President. Pat had to pick up the ball many times for me when her work-load was already a big one. When I became President, she stepped in to help with the Secretary-Treasurer's post and again when a vacancy was created in the newsletter editorship, she again came to bat. All these responsibilities have really been too much for two people to handle and handle well. But now - help has arrived! We have a new Secretary-Treasurer, Caroline Silvey, and as of this issue, a new President - Ed Gridley. Ed has some fresh, new ideas for the club and we're proud to be a part of this new team. I will remain as Director-at-large and Pat will remain as Newsletter Editor for the time being until a replacement can be found.

To all of you who wrote and called - to those of you whom we met at the last four National Conventions - thanks from both of us for your continued support when we needed it most.



YOU MEAN A LOT TO US

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Cecil & Pat

LOADSIDE LUNACY by Dave Anderson...

Well, the bug has finally bit - and bit hard (the "95" bug). I didn't realize just what it would do to a person. For the past few years, Mike Demeter ('76 president of the Corvair Club of Cincinnati) has been telling us that "FC" Corvairs are "neat."

This year everyone told me I should buy my wife something for her birthday that she wouldn't buy for herself, so I did - a '62 Greenbrier (nice Winter project). I was hooked, but I didn't know how much until I got a call from Larry Thomas.

It seems that on the last trip to visit some of his in-laws, he came across a '61 Loadside. He walked around it three times before he noticed that it didn't have a ramp (just assumed it had to have a ramp). It was in good shape and the price was right. How would I like to go and help bring it back? "Sure, why not?" I said.

So we borrowed a pickup (won't mention the name, but it's a four-letter word), and rented a car hauler. Now, only Corvair truckers would rent a trailer for a local run (1 day) and drive over 500 miles for a '61 Loadside.

We decided to go on a Wednesday (if you don't get sick, you have to use those sick days for something). We headed Southeast in the rain, but as the sun came up, it cleared up as we crossed into West Virginia. We only made one wrong turn, but then, Larry usually makes at least one wrong turn in our rallies.

As we drove along the side of the mountain with houses above us on one side and looking over the roofs of houses on the other, I kept wondering if I should have brought my mountain climbing gear. We finally stopped at the top of a dirt drive that dropped off to the right (and I mean dropped). We walked over to a house trailer with 2 or 3 early models laying on their tops with stripped bodies. We purchased the truck and asked how we could get out. The lady showed us how they get out in the Winter!!!

So we backed the trailer up to the truck, got all our chain and a borrowed com-along (it weighed close to its 1 1/2-ton capacity). After much sweat (and a few blue words), we got it up on the trailer and chained down. We were two proud truckers (for first-timers anyway). Then we drove

out of the valley, and then drove and drove. We must have driven ten miles to find even a possible turn-around. Then we had to go another ten miles before we were even at the starting place. Gee, West Virginia is neat.

Our trip back was quite uneventful, except for once when our pickup suddenly lost power. Looking in the rear view mirror, Larry noticed that one of the doors of the Loadside (which was still on the trailer) had come open - instant "air brake." We kept the CB on all the way home and not one wise crack!

The unloading was easy; we unchained it and just pushed it off. It fit very nicely in a spot next to the garage, and Larry was pleased as punch. To help ease the arrival of another Corvair, I had brought an offering to Larry's wife, Charlene, of 6-8 fresh-cut roses from our garden.

Well, Mike was right. The Corvair trucks are "neat" and CORVANATICS got two new enthusiastic members in Larry and me. Keep up the good work!!

DAVE



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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

FORWARD-CONTROL CORVAIR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: "Why are the speed-o/clutch main wire harness/ accelerator cables clipped behind the gas tank? If they are in right, they can't be taken out without much-chewed knuckles."

MIKE DALTON

A: "The real answer to that would have to come from the designer, but I would say it was done to give the best route for the cables to pass and operate satisfactorily without reducing tank capacity. Unfortunately it leaves them rather inaccessible."

WALLY BRENNEMAN
Kalona, Ia.



FORWARD-CONTROL TECH TIPS by Bob Menefee:

-FRONT SHOCK REMOVAL can be a pain on F.C.'s, especially on the right front side where the heater duct is so close to the top of the shock. There are shock tools that will work very well if the shocks are not too rusted. If all else fails, I drill a 3/8" hole in the frame, directly out from where the nut is, and drill through the nut and shock if necessary. A nut cutter sometimes works, but space is a problem with most cutters. A cutting torch can be used, but it is dangerous, and who wants to take the chance of burning up an F.C.?

-Do you need a COVER FOR YOUR CORVAN OR GREENBRIER? I have just purchased a van cover for my Greenbrier which I think is one of the best of its kind. It is made of soft Bluegard, a 100% cotton fabric. It fits beautifully and is light and washable. I had looked for one for a long time and it now gives me much peace of mind. I got it from Beverly Hills Motor Parts, 200 S. Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211, phone 213-657-0200. The cover, storage bag and postage cost \$82.00.

-Replace the TRANSMISSION OIL COOLER HOSE AND CLAMPS when the hose begins to look bad. This may keep you out of a lot of F.C. trouble.

There's More

San Diego Corvair Club would like to introduce you to their annual technical booklet, "Vair Tips." These booklets consist of technical tips for the serious restorer and for the persons who use their Corvairs daily. These booklets are printed on quality material with the cover in color. They are guaranteed to save you money, time and heartache. The 1974, 75, 76 and 77 issues are available now. Prices are as follows: \$2.00 each, \$7.00 for a set of four, or \$20.00 a dozen in any combination. Make checks payable to: San Diego Corvair Club and mail to San Diego Corvair Club, P.O. Box 23172, San Diego, CA 92123 Attn. "Vair Tips"

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Wanted...



1964 Corvair pickup truck. Good body with little or no rust or dents; standard transmission, engine not important. Prefer from Southern states area.

CONTACT: John E. Howell, Jr., Route #1, Box 74, Lenoir City, TN 37771
Tel. (615) 986-8898 *****

4-speed transmission front cross-member for '64 FC.

CONTACT: Richard Misfeldt, 3208 Teton Dr., Huntsville, AL 35810

Gas heater for Greenbrier.

CONTACT: Robert Ehrenreich, 1728 Manor Parkway, Sheboygan, WI
Tel. (414) 458-1170

Names in the News

Across The Nation

CORVANATICS members have been "popping up" in the news in area shows around the country and CORVAN ANTICS would like to recognize them for their participation in these events.

CORVAIR ROUNDUP - TEXAS

CONCOURS: TRUCK - ALTERED STOCK - 1st place - Michael Dawson, Kansas City, MO
TRUCK - MODIFIED - 1st place - Al Grille, Jefferson, LA

ECONOMY RUN: FORWARD CONTROL - 2nd place - Al Grille, Jefferson, LA

HOOSIER AUTO SHOW - INDIANA

#60 - FC - STOCK
1st - Ed Gridley, Franklin, IN .
2nd - William Amey, Alexandria, VA

CORSA NC 2ND FALL CORVAIR AFFAIR

CLASS 7 - VANS & TRUCKS - STOCK
2nd - William Amey, Alexandria, VA

#61 - FC - ALTERED & MODIFIED
1st - Bob Menefee, Mt. Crawford, VA
2nd - Harold Dexter, Fenton, MI
3rd - Frank Davies, Fortville, IN

CLASS 8 - VANS & TRUCKS - ALTERED
1st - Bob Menefee, Mt. Crawford, VA

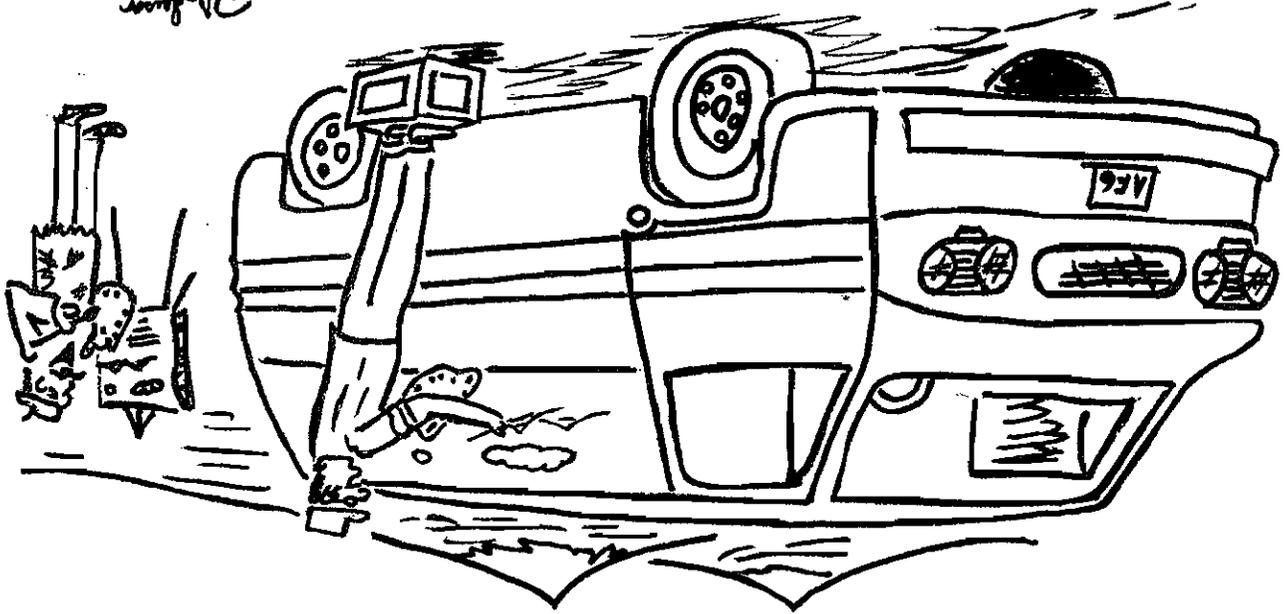
Bob Menefee of Mt. Crawford, Va. has been promoted to CORSA's Senior Division with his '64 Greenbrier. Bob also holds the distinction of having the ONLY Greenbrier in Senior Division.

Congratulations

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Gene B. Moore
has buddy "F.C."

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