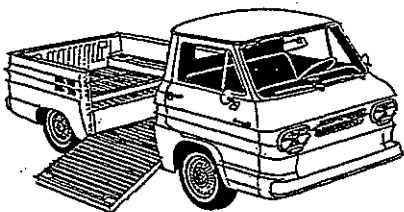




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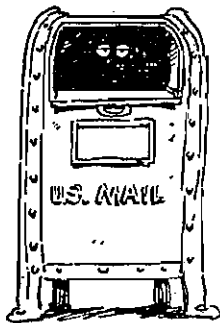
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Letter From The President!

I have a lot of "Thank You's" to go out to Corvanatic members. So let me begin with a very big "Thank You" to our outgoing secretary/treasurer Caroline Silvey and husband, Tom for all of their years of hard work and dedication to Corvanatics. Our outgoing president, Ward Bourgondien also deserves a "Thank You" for his efforts in directing Corvanatics through '96.

A very special "Thank You" goes out to Fran Schmitt and Tim Schwartz for filling the void at the Corvanatics meeting held during Corvair Heartbeat '96 CORSA Regional Convention. Since I was personally in charge of the convention, these two gentlemen took over and conducted the meeting on my behalf. And finally, I want to "Thank all Corvanatics members who were in attendance at the Corvanatics drive-in held in Columbus, Ohio.

Well enough of the "Thank You's" for now. So let's turn our attention to the future of Corvanatics. Of course, it's future is in the hands, hearts and souls of it's members. Without your continued support, we die as an organization. But, with ongoing efforts on everyone's part, Corvanatics will survive into the 21st century.

So let's all renew our own personal efforts to keep our Corvanatics group strong.

Drop me a note or call me about your concerns, thoughts or ideas for Corvanatics.

I ask that members also continue their support of our bi-monthly newsletter. I'm sure that David Hartmann would welcome as many articles and stories that members would care to submit. Our newsletter is our forum to share our thoughts and ideas with others. So, keep the material coming in for publication.

I am personally forming some thoughts and ideas for '97 which I'll be sharing with you in future issues of *CorvanAntics*. But I still want to hear from you about your thoughts. So drop me that note to:

Ray Mitchell
P.O. Box 328854
Columbus, OH 43232-8854
Phone (614) 491-4688

I look forward to hearing from you.

Vairingly yours,

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From Ben's Bus

Dear Fellow FC'ers,

The temperatures here are dipping into the low 50s, cold for this time of the year. This means two things: the changing of the leaves and the impossible task of heating the inside of a Greenbrier. Actually my heater does not work too badly since I got a deflector shield for the rear vent and cleaned my lower shrouds and thus cleaning the smell of the hot?? air coming out of the vents. With the deflector closed on the rear vent, the defroster even works fairly effectively.

Since I last wrote, I have become engaged to my college sweetheart, Lynn Marie. I took her to the drive-in movie theater in the van and had hidden her ring in the bottom of a Cracker Jack box. We had spent a lot of time working on the van together, so it seemed like as good a place as any to pop the question. Thankfully, after plenty of shed tears, she said "yes"

My last major trip in the Greenbrier occurred the weekend of September sixth to eighth. I took Lynn and the van to Catawissa to Indian Head Campground in order to attend a fraternity sister's wedding. My brother and his wife came along as well, and slept in their tent. They reminded me why I enjoy camping in the van rather than a tent. I like the idea of pulling into a site and being set. Tents, even new ones, are still way too much work.

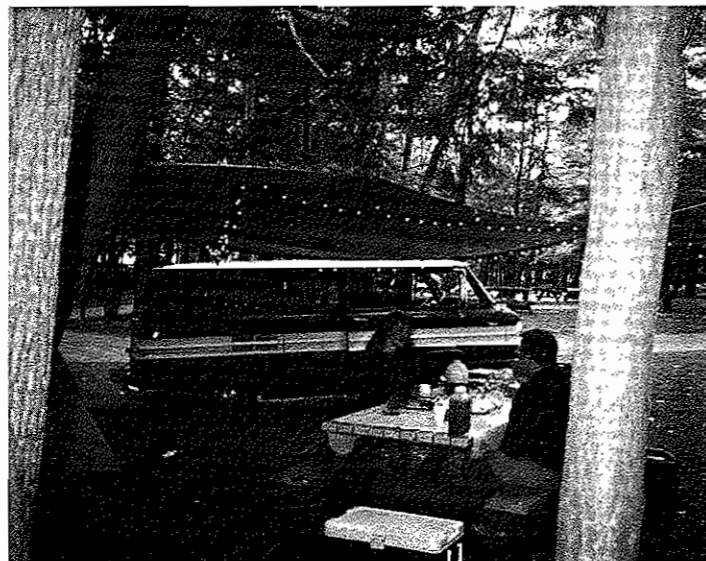
While my van was at the Corvair Ranch for final clutch repairs Jeff noticed that my rear wheel bearings were shot. He replaced them for me and offered me the opportunity to trade the axles and flanges from my parts van for the ones he used on my van. I quickly learned how to remove the axles, and was surprised to find out how little actually holds these things on. Just a few bolts between you and the road. But I'll take bolts any day over the plastic clips which hold cars together today. I was thankful to Jeff for this opportunity to trade parts with him; he saved a starving college student a lot of money with his excellent business ethics.

I finally brought the Travel Equipment Corporation Pop-top camper home from the ranch. After taking it off the old van, I just tied it to my van for the ride home. I've been having a good time locating parts for this project. I will be using plastic lumber in place of the original wooden frame and completely stainless steel hardware. I finally located stainless angle iron for the metal superframe, stainless piano hinges (72") from a marine dealer here in York and Aluminum sheeting (1/4") to form the curved sides. They are now flakeboard, which is pretty flaky right now, covered with their aluminum sheeting. Little by little things are coming together, and I am excited about finishing it. I recently decided to completely reconstruct the rollers on the front because the nylon wheels and rusty angle brackets are shot. I found replacement wheels at Lowe's for \$2.00, and I will replace the rusty angle brackets with stainless brackets. The top was supposed to outlast the vehicle it was put on. I will tell you that the van I took it off of is beyond restoration, but the top is also very rough, but restorable. Needless-to-say, by using the plastic lumber and all stainless steel components, the top will definitely outlast my van now!!

I was having trouble with water leaking in my back doors. I wrote it off to old weatherstripping and adjustment. After fixing these two things, I still got water in on my bed cushions after a hard rain. While I was parked at work one day, I saw something promising. The van was parked with the back end lower than the front. Water had collected and was running out of the rain gutter above the back doors. The drain holes are located too far front. I solved the problem by drilling two holes, side by side, right on the corner of the rain spout, right on the curve. Then I filed them straight so they look just like the factory drains. After treating them for rust and painting them they now work great in letting the water that used to collect in the rear gutter run down and out. I no longer get water in the van. If any of you are having trouble with this, you might want to add these additional drain holes. (I think a 5/16" drill bit is about right, but check for sure.)

Right now I am running on five cylinders; number three is out-lost a valve seat. Other than that, the Greenbrier is running well, and now that I am back at school, it is once again racking up serious miles. It is now up to 532,000 miles! Have fun with those FCs! Until next issue.

Benjamin A. Stiles
York, PA



Ben Stiles and fiancée, Lynn Marie, camping with Ben's Bus at Knoebel's Campground. Upper picture Lynn Marie with their friend, Bob.

Did You Miss Your CorvanAntics Last Month?

Secretary, Diane Galli, asks, "Did you miss the September-October issue of *CorvanAntics*?"

It seems that two copies were returned to her with labels missing. So if you are missing that issue and would like to receive it, please contact Diane and she will rush a copy to you.

Also, when your dues are sent or you have a change of address be sure to send it to her, not the editor, for the quickest response.

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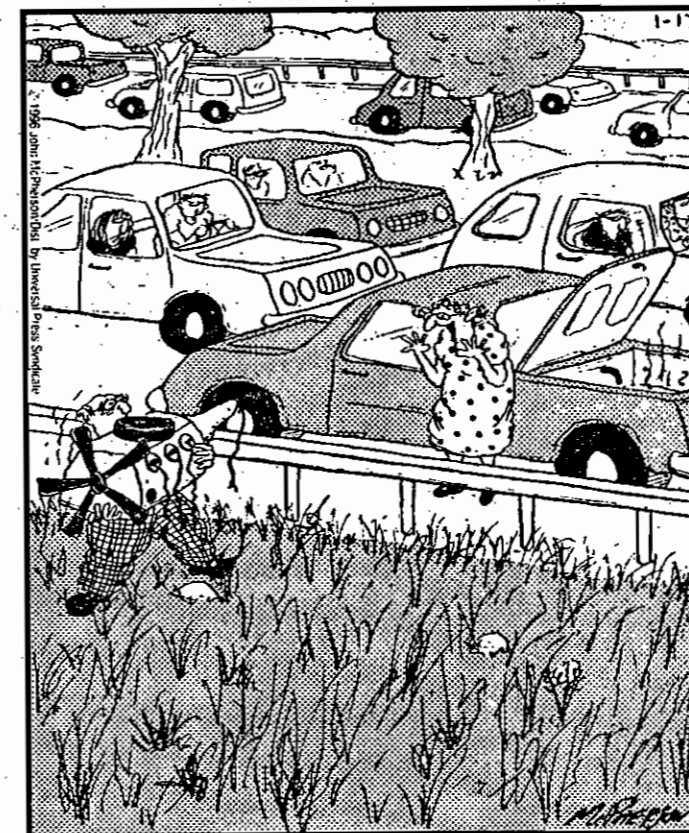
If anyone in Texas lives somewhere in or near Ovilla, Texas would they please have Woody Thomas send his new address to Corvanatics?

His newsletters are coming back and his dues are paid through July, 1997.

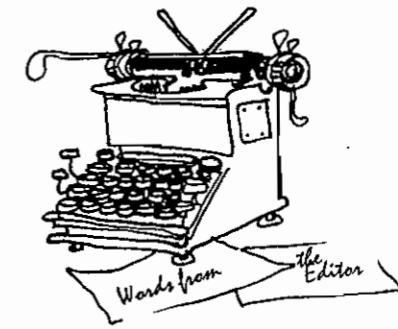
We'd really like Woody to get his newsletter. Thanks!

Diane Galli
Secretary-Treasurer

CLOSE TO HOME



"Thank heavens you were able to find it!
Now all you need to do is hook it back up!"



Words
from
the
Editor

Summer is over in Wisconsin and Fall is here -- witnesseth the 32° we had this morning. As I write this on October 19, I have not received a lot to publish this issue. We do now have the minutes for the Corvanatics meeting at the national in Albuquerque. And you will be reading what I hope will be a regular article from our new president, Ray Mitchell. He, best of all, can keep us abreast of what's happening in our chapter. So a welcome and a "thank you" to Ray.

Of course, the responsibility for writing for *CorvanAntics* doesn't rest only with Ray, or any of the officers for that matter. That responsibility rests squarely on your shoulders. Each member must support this newsletter or it will soon not be worth the mailing costs and it will become so boring that you will not want to read it. There is only so much baloney that the editor can come up with just to fill space. So that's my editorial for this issue. You want a good newsletter, support it with your events, your activities, your news, your ideas, your tech questions (or answers or responses), your stories, your projects & pictures. If you think "George" will always do it, you'll soon be looking at blank and boring pages here.

David A. Hartmann, Editor

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Corvanatics
c/o Ray Mitchell
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Columbus, OH 43207-3547

Dear Ray,

I would like to thank the members of Corvanatics for the donation at the CORSA Convention to the Corvaire Preservation Foundation. Support of CORSA Chapters and members for CPF has been instrumental in its success and growth of the Corvaire Museum. You should be aware that we are in the process of planning a special exhibit at the museum on Corvaire FC's. This will be publicized in the *Communicate* upon completion.


Due to the amount of your donation, Corvanatics will be listed on the CORSA Chapter Recognition Plaque at the Corvaire Museum in Richmond, Virginia. In addition, appreciation for the donation will be expressed in the "Foundation Focus" column in the August *Communicate*.

Enclosed are a couple of copies of the museum brochure for your club's use. Thanks again for the donation and I'll see you at the Regional!

Sincerely,

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Are FCs Really All That Rare?

If you are like me when I drive my Rampside you are always hearing the comment, "There sure must not have been many of those made!" Let's look at the production book for 1961 thru 1965 and see what we see.

	Corvaire	F.C.
1961	282,075	47,557
1962	292,531	35,969
1963	254,571	26,968
1964	191,915	15,199
1965	235,528	1,528
Totals	1,256,620	127,221

So, it appears that there was roughly one FC manufactured for each Corvaire during the years of FC manufacture. Just thought those figures may be of interest to you.

Have you heard about the new drink? Local hardware stores are selling it. You take milk of magnesia, vodka & orange juice to make a Phillips screwdriver.

I just noticed after printing that there is an error in the caption under the pictures of Ben Stiles and his fiancée. The lower picture is of Lynn Marie and their friend, Bob. The upper picture is of Lynn and Ben.
Ed.



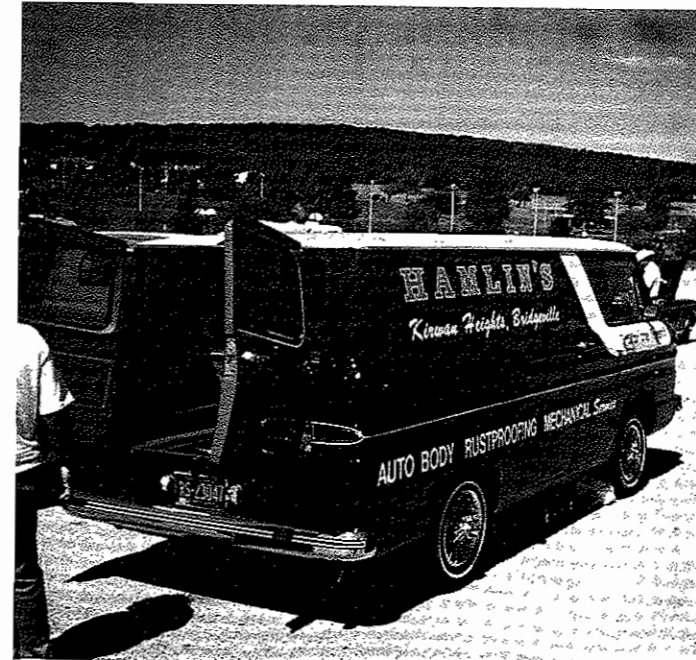
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1963 CORVAIR 95 (panel van), 80 hp/4-speed, very straight body, good paint (brown/creme roof & belt line) 3 seats; new tires, battery & exhaust system; rebuilt generator; 3rd owner. \$1895. Jim Pennell, Sacramento, CA (916) 392-1722.

PARTS FOR SALE- FC muffler & correct crossover, both Clark's. \$90 for the set. Gas heat exhaust pipe repro, \$30. NOS Hyatt rear axle bearings in Chev exp housings. Details if interested. 2 pcs. \$135 each. Clevite .001 main bearings \$56. 6 pcs '64 cyl. .020 \$95 outright. Add shipping, or \$3 if it goes in special post office envelope. Bob Kirkman, 1820 Moffat Road, Leonard, MI 48367, (810) 628-2431.

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Wanted: One Coleman ice-box from the original factory camper unit. Good to very good condition. Ben Stiles, 21 N. Kershaw St., York, PA 17402



Val Hamlin's seamless van described in great detail in Fran Schmitt's article in the September-October issue of *CorvanAntics*.

Did you know that old mufflers never die; they're just exhausted!

TECH TOPICS



New Tool for Easy Removal of Pilot Bushing

I found this tool at my local "Big-A" auto parts store. It is part no. FASF DT-100. The cost is about \$14 (in 1993) and it's called a Hydraulic Clutch Pilot Remover.

This tool make the job of getting Corvaire pilot bushings out somewhat easier. (The usual method is packing grease in the old bushing and using an input shaft as a driver to get the bushing out.)

This tool is self-tapping, so you screw it into the old bushing and then use your grease gun to supply hydraulic power to force the old bushing out.

Which method is better? I find that using this tool makes less of a mess for this particular job. And besides, I can use this tool on cars other than just Corvairs.

Jim Stranc from a '93 Milwaukee
Corvaire Club newsletter

Minutes of National Corvanatics Chapter Meeting in Albuquerque

The annual Corvanatics Chapter meeting was brought to order by President Ward Bourgondien.

Secretary-Treasurer Caroline Silvey gave the annual treasurer's report with a balance of \$4,411.03 at the end of May, 1996.

New officers for the forthcoming year were elected:

- President - Ray Mitchell
- Vice-President - Ken Hand
- Secretary-Treasurer - Diane Galli
- Eastern region director - Tim Schwartz
- Central region director - Fran Schmitt
- Western region director - Lon Wall
- At-Large director - Bob Marlow

Former President Ward Bourgondien noted that Caroline Silvey had served in the office of secretary-treasurer for seventeen years, since 1978.

It was voted to donate \$250 from the treasury to the Corvaire Preservation Foundation Fund to help the Corvaire Museum.

A technical question and answer session was conducted by the newly-elected president with most questions answered by Corvaire repair specialist, Larry Claypool.

The meeting adjourned after expiration of allotted time for use of the meeting room.

Respectfully,
Caroline Silvey, Sec-Treas.

Caroline M. Silvey
Ray Mitchell President.

Ray Mitchell

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