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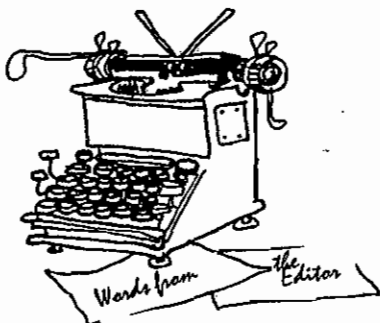
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Words from the Editor

Wow, "what a difference a day makes". Suddenly we have something approaching what spring should be. Actually we don't have spring in Wisconsin--it just goes from warmer winter to cooler summer over a period of two excruciating months. But at least it gave us the chance to work in the yard on Saturday--and get sun burned a bit.

Well enough of that. Our newsletter this month is a little different. No pictures, but a couple of interesting articles by Kent Sullivan on some widely differing topics--a listing of historic *CorvanAntics* publications, and a very in-depth study of what is stock for '64 FC seat belts, speedometers and steering wheels. In time this will be the Bible of those restoring any '64 FC. Thanks to Kent for a very complete study of the subject.

Again I didn't receive an article from President Jim MacDonald so this article is taking his space. Another how-to-do-it article from Ben Stiles and another "spoo" by Dave Palmer on his "Valveta" round out the articles included. Hope you enjoy the reading.

Our membership is holding at a little over 300 members which is good. Remember if you have changes of address etc. to send them to Secretary Diane Gali, as sending them to the editor only delays it and could keep you from getting your newsletter timely.

On another matter; more and more I am getting messages via e-mail. This is fine with one drawback. E-mail is not all that reliable and the sender has no way of knowing if I actually receive your message. I found a couple of stray messages that came floating into my mailbox really late. I will always try to acknowledge any message I receive from the membership, so if you do not receive one after sending me a message you can be pretty sure that I did not receive it and you can re-send it. Just a note of precaution! I guess that's it for now. Happy summer
Vairin.

David A. Hartmann, Editor

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FOR SALE: STRUCTO toy Rampside, exceptional shape. \$85 plus \$5 shipping. buttle@usmo.com, Bill Tuttle, 501 Cherry, Warrenton, Mo 63383. 636-456-3738. (I question whether the e-mail should be "btuttle" but this is what he had on the copy- Ed.)

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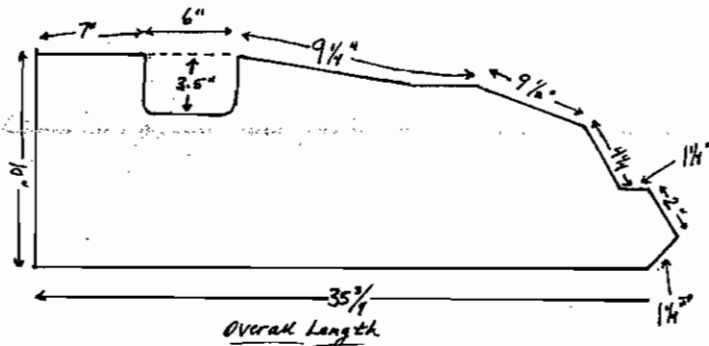
Tech Topics



Under Dash Parcel Shelf

In my columns, I talk an awfully lot about the Volkswagen bus. The reason is that these German transporters have provided inspiration for many of the modifications I have made to my van. It is easy to realize why these vans had better advancements and more options available through the years. As compared to our Corvaire trucks production range of five years, Volkswagen is celebrating fifty years of bus production. This tech tip is based on one such Volkswagen accessory that Chevrolet never made for Corvaire FCs.

Even before we got married, Lynn had her opinions. One of her stronger ones was her dislike of the "stuff" which always seemed to collect on top of my dash. She found it distracting. Arguing worked for a while, then we decided upon a solution. A below dash parcel shelf! This was perfect: it let me keep my "stuff", but it was out of sight. Construction is easy. Follow the approximate dimensions on the accompanying drawing. This shelf has



Drawing not to scale. Under dash parcel shelf basic shape and approximate dimensions.

a lot of strange shapes, due to the intrusion of the heater ducts and other imperfections in the below-dash area. Mine was built using 1/4 in luan plywood glued and screwed to 1" x 4" pine sub-framing. This was done before final shaping was completed. Once the basic shelf is glued onto the pine, cut the back to shape. Remember, dimensions on my drawing are a close approximation. Some trial and error will produce fantastic results! I included a one-inch lip on the front of the shelf to keep things in place. This was also constructed from luan. The shelf is attached with an angle bracket inside the passenger door, one on the front was behind the radio box, and a strap attached to the right mounting screw of the forced air heater controls. The shelf makes a nice-looking and useful addition to my Greenbrier.

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Notes on '64 FC Seat Belts, Speedometers & Steering Wheels

I own a '64 Rampside. I was curious as to how many components on the truck were factory original items, how many were probably dealer-installed, and how many were something else. Eventually I plan to restore the truck to stock condition, so knowing the status of various items is important.

To answer my questions, I dug through the 1964 Corvaire FC Assembly Manual, the 1964 Chevrolet Accessory Installation Reference Manual, and the 1964 Corvaire FC Standard Equipment, Tires, Options, Prices, and Colors Information. I also looked through various *Stock Is* . . . articles written by Larry Claypool. Not all of my questions were answered though so I discussed details with Larry, Bob Marlow, and Jody Anderson (owner of an Impala restoration shop in Minnesota). This article summarizes the information I found regarding seat belts, speedometers, and steering wheels.

SEAT BELTS

The seat belt story is fairly complicated for 1964. The information is divided below into factory and dealer installations.

Factory Installation

1964 was a transition year for factory-installed front seat belts for passenger vehicles, including the Greenbrier. Larry Claypool stated, "Front belts (driver/passenger) did not become standard equipment until January 1, 1964. Greenbriers (and cars) built from start of 1964 production to about the first of October had only the deluxe style belts available as extra-cost (RPO A37 or A49) or as dealer-installed. (See below.)

On about October 1, 1963, Chevrolet announced availability of RPO A20, a lower-cost belt. This had a plain plastic buckle with no emblem. There is no boot on the ends--it's just your basic belt. It was available in black, blue, red, and fawn, with a note that colors were expected to be available for 30-60 days, then only black would be supplied. This more or less coincided with the cheaper belts becoming the standard equipment belt on January 1. RPO A37 and A49 continued to be available as extra-cost options."

RPO A37 provided Custom DeLuxe front left and right seat belts for Greenbriers while RPO A49 provided the same belts as A37 plus retractors for Greenbriers. The Custom DeLuxe belt was black with a textured buckle. The buckle featured a circular emblem with a Chevy bow tie. This same belt was available from the dealer for all FCs (see next section).

Finally, RPO A62 deleted front left and right seat belts in Greenbriers once they became standards equipment.

No belts were factory-installed in 1964 for the Greenbrier front center passenger, Greenbrier rear seats, or trucks (Rampside and Loadsides). Below is a summary of factory-installed front left and right seat belts for Greenbriers:

Time Period	Standard	DeLuxe	Deleted
Before 10-1-63	N/A	RPO A37 or A49	N/A
10-1-63-12-31-63	RPO A20	RPO A37 or A49	N/A
Beginning 1-1-64	Standard Equip	RPO A37 or A49	RPO A62

Dealer Installation

All Corvaire and Rampside seat belts were dealer installed. Front center belts and rear belts in Greenbriers were too. The dealer-installed belt for all seat locations was a black belt with a textured buckle. The buckle featured a circular emblem with a Chevy bow tie. This belt was somewhat fancier than the standard belt available from the factory for the Greenbrier but was identical to the deluxe factory Greenbrier belt (RPO A37/A49). Below is a summary of dealer-installed seat belt part number applications:

Model	Front Left or Right	Front Center	Rear
Corvaire	985842	985835 if RPO A54 installed	985842
Greenbrier	985835	985842	985842
Rampside	985842	985835	N/A

Notes:

- The part numbers for the dealer-installed units were for complete kits (included mounting hardware). The only differences between the various dealer-installed belts were the length (fixed or adjustable) and presence/absence of boots. Continued on page 4

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2. Kit 985835 included boots to cover the mounting brackets. Kit 985842 did not, because the belt was of adjustable length. A boot would have interfered with the extra belt length gathered at the bracket. Both kits differed substantially from those offered in 1963. The boots on 985835 were quite short as compared to those used in 1963, and the mounting hardware used for both kits utilized brackets and bolts instead of scissor clasps and eye bolts as seen in 1963.
3. Each part number provided a belt for one person. The maximum number of belts was nine, found in a Greenbrier equipped with the optional third seat (RPO A59). (RPO A59 was not available for Corvans.)
4. With all front seat belt installations, four (not six) mounting holes were used. When the center belt was installed, it shared the inboard holes for the left and right belts. In all rear seat belt applications, six mounting holes were used.
5. For front seat belts in Corvans and Rampsides (and Greenbriers with RPO A62), the factory prepared the inboard belt mounting locations because they were inaccessible once the vehicle left the factory. The factory drilled holes, installed captive nuts, and inserted rubber plugs to keep water out. The outboard mounting locations were dimpled but not drilled.

6. The standard front seat for Corvans was a bucket seat for the driver only. Corvans equipped with a full-width front seat (RPO A54) could have a front center seat belt installed by the dealer.

SPEEDOMETERS

Two significant changes were made to Corvair FC speedometers in 1964:

1. A 100 mph speedometer was used in all Greenbriers (except during a period of weeks at the beginning of production; the exact changeover date is not known). This was identical to the 1964 car speedometer.
2. The 80 mph speedometer, found in Corvans and Rampsides, no longer had shift points (1-2-3) painted on the speedometer face.

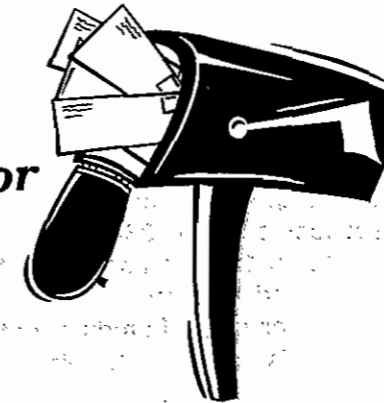
In previous years, all FCs used the 80 mph with shift points (even on those equipped with RPO M35, PowerGlide transmission).

STEERING WHEELS

The standard steering wheel for all 1964 Corvair FCs was 17" in diameter, had a shallow "dish", and was painted a solid white color. The steering wheel found in rigs equipped with RPO Z60 (DeLuxe Body Equipment) varied depending upon the model:

1. Corvan and Rampside: Exactly the same wheel as standard except painted two-tone (always white and fawn). continued on page 5

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Thanks to President Jim MacDonald for publicizing the FC information on my web site in his *CorvanAntics* Vol. 28, No. 1 column. However, it looks like a spelling checker did a little too good of a job "correcting" two of the three addresses. It's probably best for folks to go to my site's home page, <http://www.corvairkid.com/> and then click on the item of interest under the "Features" heading. There is a '62 FC area (with a '62 Loadside registry), and '64 FC area (with a '64 Rampside registry), and a '65 Greenbrier area (with registry). Each of the three areas also includes information on standard equipment, regular production options (RPOs), and paint codes for that year's FCs.

I encourage anyone with knowledge of a '62 Loadside, '64 Rampside, or '65 Greenbrier to contact me so that it can be added to the registry. The registries have been in existence long enough that we may have most of the running vehicles listed (but please check and send info on any not listed). Non-running vehicles, vehicles in salvage yards, and even vehicles that no longer exist are also welcome (as long as at least the VIN is known).

Finally, to round out my "last year of" FC registry collection, I could start a '64 Corvan registry. Please contact me if you are interested in seeing one created.

Thanks,

Kent Sullivan
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2. Greenbrier: 16" diameter, deep dish, two-tone (color-keyed to interior: white/red, white/green, white/turquoise, or white/fawn) and featured chrome accent bands.

The 1964 Greenbrier deluxe wheel was the same as a 1960-63 Monza steering wheel and used the 1963 Monza horn ring and button. Due to the deeper dish, this wheel sat closer to the driver. Larry Claypool said this wheel "made the driver feel like Ralph Cramden". (Jackie Gleason's character on the old TV show *The Honeymooners* was a bus driver.) Bob Marlow commented, "I much prefer this wheel's size and location! It's the bigger, flatter wheel that makes me feel like a bus driver." One thing's for sure: One of the two wheels for the Greenbrier is pretty much bound to make you feel like a transit system employee!

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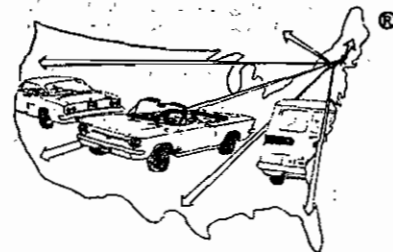
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Kent Sullivan

Valveta Rides Again

One advantage of owning an FC is the adventures that present themselves, even close to home. Such is with my '64 Brier Deluxe, around town and the open road.

Being a true Forward Control, I sometimes have fun with passengers in the front seat. What I'm referring to is how close and quickly you can pull up to a stop sign behind a semi-truck or a block wall in a parking lot, still leaving a couple feet of clearance, but giving your front seat passenger one heck of a thrill. Without the proverbial front hood sticking out there, our guests get quite a start.

Parades are fun too. With the 95-inch wheel base, the FC can zip around in a O turn where few vehicles of this size can. Also, rocking the van left to right is fun too and really looks wierd to the spectators. This maneuver requires total, well-timed participation of all passengers on board.

One of the greatest FC advantages is visibility. I always lead or bring up the rear of a car tour. All those little cars can see Valveta from a long distance and know where they are in the pack. With the wide ribs of my roof rack, I can climb up on the roof to wave and holler at the people who got lost on the way too.

One time I was involved with a local Antique Car Club show and Bar-B-Q. The show was on the grounds of the local convalescent care center and the Bar-B-Q was a few blocks away. Valveta went into service as a shuttle van for participants and guests. So . . . Taking full advantage of the situation, I fabricated some window signs advertising the Ralph Nader Corvair Shuttle Van Service. "We Roll Over to Serve You" complete with his picture stolen from an old magazine.

It's still amazing how many people don't relate our FCs with Corvairs. "You mean they made Corvair Vans and Trucks?"

An then there was the horse trailer. Not just any horse trailer, but an extra large thoroughbred, two-horse trailer . . . extended version! You see, we had to transport a sick horse about thirty miles to a special vet clinic. Oh ya! I got a stout hitch on the van, anchored to the box frame of the engine. But it sure looked funny! But hauled okay. Even with the trailer almost twice as large as the van. But then again there is that story out of the San Francisco area of a dude who-hauled his 1960 sedan show car to events behind his Honda Goldwing motorcycle!!! You see . . . I'm not too crazy after all.

Then there is crossing streams in back country roads . . .

Just how deep will it go? Pulling stumps, helping friends move, and racing out in front of a tour group, just to place Berma-Shave signs on the road, are just a few more things Valveta and I have done.

Oh, yes, let's not forget several years ago on a fishing trip up in the mountains. And prior to a scheduled paint job . . . Well, lets just say that we helped widen the old quarry road just a bit of over-grown brush on the way to a favorite fishing hole. You know, if you get the speed up just right, then bushes just snap off nice as can be, and it makes the return trip to camp a heap less obstructed!

And finally, back on the farm, I found that leaving those old empty pop cans in the driveway, the van flattens them out quite nicely for recycling.

Owning an FC is definitely an adventure! Did I tell you about the time we were abducted by aliens? . . .

Dave Palmer Fillmore, CA


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