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## COVER PHOTOS....

This issue's front cover photo is Jean Allen's Rampside Campside. See the article elsewhere. Do you have one of these? Send us some photos. The back photograph is Larry Schmuhl's Rampside in front of the County courthouse in Lockhart, Tx. Taken during the H.O.T. Roundup.

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## EDITORIAL DEEP THOUGHTS....

You may notice a few minor changes in this issue regarding the type fonts. Turns out that some of our fonts were not compatible with the printer's system, and they were having to do a lot of extra paste-up work to get the newsletter printed. Hopefully, the minor changes incorporated here will do the trick. I'm also trying some new photo formats to try and get your pictures a little clearer.

I'm working on a silly feature about how the center area of our F.C. dashes are being used. You know, the blank area in the center where the ashtray lives. So far I have taken pictures of about 6-7 dashes, none of which are being used the same way. What have you done with that area in your F.C.? Take a picture, identify the year and make, and send it my way either in a hard copy or via e-mail. I'd like to fill a couple of pages with photos.

With a recent job change, I haven't had much time to work on or even enjoy our F.C.s. I have managed a smidgen of body work on the Corvan, but that's about it. Of course the heat here in Texas doesn't help much. But then again, I guess we all have our excuses! I'll have to hurry it up some if it's going to be ready for the 2004 convention.

*Garry Parsley*

# RIDING WITH THE PRESIDENT



Well, here we are in the middle of August in Texas and the weather has been very enjoyable. It has been about normal temperature-wise, and we had above normal rainfall so it is very comfortable this year.

Speaking of nice weather, how about Flagstaff? Other than a few warm days, the weather was great. And what a good convention we attended. Our meeting was held outdoors in a tent and we had a very large group in attendance. The meeting went very well and I would like to thank Corvair Underground, Clark's Corvair, and North Texas Corvair for our door prizes. Speaking of North Texas Corvair, they now have 2003 Corvair calendars for sale, and it includes two months of forward controls along with some very nice cars and wagons. If you are interested in purchasing one of these calendars, please e-mail me at CTayloe07@aol.com and I will be sure you get one. They really are a nice calendar.

Well, we had our election of officers and directors at the meeting in Flagstaff. The results are:  
Corbin Tayloe—President

Bob Marlow—Vice President  
Diane Galli—Secretary/Treasurer  
Tim Schwartz—Eastern Director  
Woody Thomas—Central Director  
Lon Walls—Western Director  
Ben Stiles—Director at Large  
Garry Parsley—Editor

These will be listed elsewhere in this edition of Corvanatics along with e-mail addresses. If you would like to see some changes or different articles or more of this or less of that, please contact any one of us and we will do our best to act on your suggestions.

Now is a good time to show your forward control at shows in your area. Look in the newspaper, check with other clubs, and support your local Corvair Club. It's a fun thing to do. Also, start now on your plans to attend the convention in Carlisle next year. We should have a good turnout of forward controls at this convention.

Until next time...

*Corbin Tayloe*

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# F.C. (FEATURED COLUMNIST)

## RAMPSIDE CAMPSIDE

GM dealers sold a delightful little camper made to fit the Rampside. It provided a surprising amount of comfort within the confines of the Rampside bed. The camper itself was made and installed by the Traville factory in Marcellus, Michigan. It was not a separate unit, but was actually built into the truck bed. The suggested retail price for the camper was \$1245.00 F.O.B. Detroit. Traville Corporation would deliver the complete unit, driving it, for 11 cents per mile. I have heard, but not seen in print, that 300 of these units were produced.



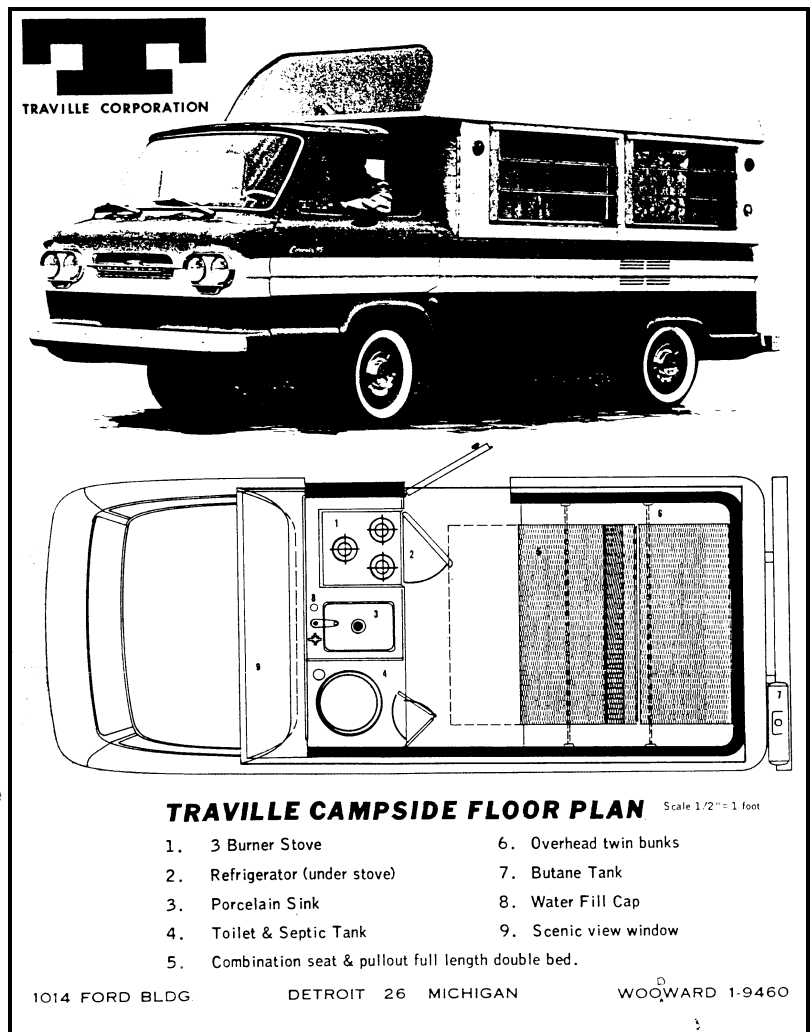
Here are two photos (see cover for first photo, ed.) of my 1963 Campside. During the time of manufacture, some changes were made in the details, but all the Campsides were basically similar. The amenities in my Campside include kitchen cabinets, counter top, gas stove, sink, gas refrigerator, marine toilet, 12 gallon water tank, 15 gallon septic tank, water pump, bench seat which converts to a double bed, hanging bed for a child (some units had two such beds), removable small table, roof vent, three large jalousie windows with curtains, gas space heater (optional), and electric lights (powered by either 12 volts or 110 volts). The basic utilities (toilet, sink, stove, refrigerator, and cabinets) are installed just behind the cab and forward of the camper door. Arrangements of these interior items varied somewhat over the years of production.

The structure of the camper shell is of welded heavy-gauge aluminum, (not wood, which is so often found rotting in other campers). In earlier models, the entire front panel above the cab was Plexiglas. By 1963 that front panel was aluminum with a slightly smaller window installed. Likewise, the earlier models had the propane tanks mounted at bumper height. Later, they were mounted on the camper shell just above the tailgate of the Rampside (presumably for safety reasons). The side door fits within the opening for the ramp, providing easy access without requiring a step. A large front window aligns with the rear window of the cab, providing a view of the road and of the interior of the camper. The exterior height of the entire camper is 90.5 inches; width does not extend beyond the sides of the Rampside. An exterior canopy slides into a track over the door of the camper to provide additional space, given the cramped nature of the interior.

Other types of campers were also made to fit the Rampside. The Cam-Pact 95, made in Nokomis, Florida, had a fiberglass shell with a shape similar to the Campside. Some campers had a more square look, and extended beyond the sides of the Rampside. GM literature also shows a camper made for the Loadside, with a rearward-opening door.

I've often wondered how many more styles were made for the Rampside, and how many may be left.

**Jean Allen**



# CORSA International Convention, 2002

My impressions;

Bob and I had a leisurely trip to Flagstaff, in the Greenbrier, took 2 days to get there. The convention was great, Cactus Corvair Club were most helpful when ever I needed help, The one tour we took, had a small glitch, the bus overheated coming up the grade on I-17 from Sedona, the bus behind fit several of us on and the rest stayed behind and got back a bit later under their own steam. Bob was one who stayed behind with a lot others for company.

The Concourse had some outstanding cars as did the Peoples Choice. Our own Billy and Eleanor Bruce won a first with Eleanor's car. Corbin Tayloe, our esteemed President did OK in the Senior division with his VERY nice Loadside.

That's all I can remember of the car entries. I am sure there are others we will see in the up coming Convention Issue of the Communique.

Not to mention all the rest of the awards Corvanatic members may have gotten for other events, like my Grandson Paolo Galli and his Greenbrier at the autocross.

I sure hope someone else writes a more comprehensive report on the convention.

Bob and I are off and running for the summer. Have a good one every one,

**Diane Galli**

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# ANNUAL CORVANATICS MEETING JUNE 28,2002

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 PM , by President , Corbin Tayloe. Refreshments were put out in the back of the room for all to enjoy .

Door prizes were given throughout the meeting, donated by, Clarks Corvair, Corvair Underground, and North Texas Corvair Club. Thanks to you all.

Woody Thomas led an impromptu tech session on various subjects, gas mileage, Loadsides, rear grilles for FC's, and other topics.

The minutes were read and approved, the Treasurers report was approved as read, by the Secretary/Treasurer, Diane Galli

New Business:

Mark Domzalski proposed that Corvanatics, be the back up club of record for the Portland, OR Convention, under submission to CORSA for the year, 2005. No action is required at this time.

Diane Galli moved we donate \$1000 to the CPF Scholarship Fund, it was seconded by Walter Johnson, and passed.

Mike Dobie talked about the convention nest year , 2003, in Carlisle, PA.

The following officers were elected to office:

President .....Corbin Tayloe

Vice President.....Bob Marlowe

Secretary/Treasurer....Diane Galli

Eastern Director.....Tim Schwartz

Central Director....Woody Thomas

Western Director.....Lon Wall

Director-at -Large.....Ben Styles

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Galli  
Secretary/Treasurer**



## GENERATION NEXT

I'd like to take this time to present a young boy, Izic (Isaac) Inman. He is from East Jordan, MI and he attended the 2002 National Convention. He spent everyday there with his grandparents, Beth & Pete Inman, walking around and going to meetings.



After the People's Choice Car Display was over, he came up to me, dragging his grandmother

along with him, to tell me what a great Rampside I have. This about blew me away, coming from such a young boy but he knew what he liked and said he even made his grandmother vote for it. He then turned to walk away and I asked if he would like to sit in it for a while. He was beaming from ear to ear as I lifted him into the driver's seat and told him to grab a hold of the steering wheel. I

then took a photo of him and said that I would see that he got a copy of it mailed to him. They all said thanks and departed, or so I thought. He kept hanging around and when I got ready to drive out for the night he was standing



at the end of the driveway smiling, and they were taking a picture of me and my Rampside. I pulled up alongside and asked his grandmother if it was alright to take him for a ride around the block. She gave her permission and lifted him into the cab and away we went. He was smiling and waving at everyone who would look his way. When we got back and I let him out, he told me he plays baseball and is a real good hitter. I acknowledged this and told him to hit a lot of home runs this year. He then promised



me that the next home run he hit was going to be for me. Well, I don't need to tell you how this made me feel and I hope that everyone takes the time to spread the news

and feelings about Corvairs and we will never need to worry about the younger generation being around to take

up the lead ropes of the CORSA Organization. I am waiting Izic, and I'll ask for an autographed ball when you make it to the major leagues, but until then, keep loving Corvairs.

**Ray Bagley**

## A FEW CONVENTION PICS



My apologies for not being able to identify each of the owners. The pictures were put out at the last NTCA meeting with no names attached. The only ones I recognize are Richard Jenkins and Woody Thomas (now sold).



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Ron Yaskovic (914) 375 1785 (noon)  
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**For Sale:** Approx. 25 Corvair F.C.'s for sale. Some are complete with drivetrains, some for sheet metal use.

Highlights:

1-1964 8-Door Van, very restorable, no drivetrain

1-1962 Greenbrier Deluxe, good body w/car drivetrain

1-1962 Corvan, was AT&T service van w/ original drivetrain.

3-1961 & 1962 Rampsides, restorable bodies, no drivetrains

1-1964 Corvan, good body but somebody added windows on each side, no drivetrain.

Also have large amounts of F.C. front doors, side doors (including 8-door setups), engine cover lids, rear doors, etc. Unsorted, but also available are many engines, transaxles, seats, glass, fuel tanks, and includes many early and late model cars of all descriptions. A few photos are included below to help you get the picture.

Call Herb Martin 541-967-9013 between 10:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. Pacific Time. If nobody is there leave a message and I'll call back.

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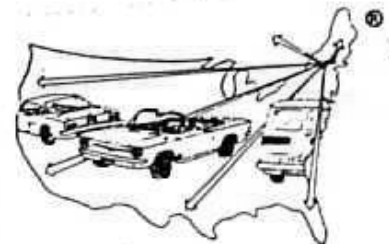
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