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COVER PHOTOS....

This issue's front cover photo is a shot of Lee Richardson's Rampside camper. More photos and his story are inside under the "FC" column. On the back cover are two photos of a real "working" FC. This Loadside was spotted in Wichita Falls, TX. by Rusty Rose. Bad boy, Bad Boy, Who you gonna call?

EDITORIAL DEEP THOUGHTS....

First off, my apologies. When I received the updated information on the elections in Flagstaff, I made the changes in the issue I was working on, but forgot to change the masters. That resulted in an overturning of the elections last issue. Well, they've been overturned again. The proper information now appears in the box above. And I don't even live in Florida (advance apologies to all Florida residents)!

Congratulations are in order to David Hartmann on winning the Golden Quill award from Old Cars Weekly. This is indeed a very prestigious award, and David deserves all the accolades we can heap on him. See David's article elsewhere in this issue. Kind of gives me something to shoot for (in my dreams!).

I'm still working on the feature about what has happened to the center sections of our FC dashboards. If you've done something a little different there, snap a shot and send it to me. So far I only have photos of about six different vehicles—and you know what? None of them are the same. Send those pics, with year, make and be famous!

Garry Parsley

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RIDING WITH THE PRESIDENT



Well, here we are in 2003 already. I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season, and that Santa brought all those NOS parts you asked for when you visited him in the mall.

I feel as though I should do a year-end review of how things went within Corvanatics, but when our year starts in the summer, it's a little hard to do. So, with that in mind, I'll just thank all those who served the club this past year, and ask that you continue to support those who serve.

How about the direction the club is taking? Is everybody happy with the status quo? I know what you're thinking... what direction *is* the club going? What are we doing differently now? My point exactly. We really haven't changed Corvanatics in years. But then again, we only meet once a year. How can we change? This is as near to perfect as a club can be. Not too many arguments, nobody has to travel too far each month, the dues are dirt cheap. How sweet it is!! All joking aside, do you have an idea of something you'd like to see from Corvanatics? If so, drop me or any of the directors a line and we'll see what we can do about it.

Corbin Jayloe



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F.C. (FEATURED COLUMNIST)

Here are some pictures of the Camper I have on my 61 Rampside....The Pictures are a little dark on the inside... So I can tell you about them...The Camper sleeps 4, 2 over the cab, and 2 at the Dining Table. The stove and oven is a 3 burner made by "MODERNAIRE", and sits on the right wall of the camper when you come in the door.

On the front wall, at the back of the cab is a sink and some counter space, next to it by the door is a gas wall heater. It has a lot of cabinets all through the camper that are all shapes and sizes. They didn't waste too much space when they built it. Even is even storage under the seat cushions at the dining table. The table folds up against the back wall when you are set up for sleeping.



dows were all broke out). So later I went and looked at it. To my surprise it was not in that bad of shape for at least a 35+ year old camper. So for the price of renting some camper jacks and some shaky moments getting it on my Rampside, I brought it home. He told me that he was told that there were only 7 of these Campers ever made. The name tag on the back is worn off, so I don't really know who made it. If anyone knows I would like to know. The Corvaire 95 emblems on the



camper above the front doors of my truck, I believe are NOT original!!!!?????

Lee Richardson



The left cushion can be removed so you can get to the truck's battery trap door. It has 2 gas lights and 2 large electric lights-110 volts, and one outlet. There's even a place for a small ice box or fridge in the left wall. It has a 10 gallon water tank, and a

place under the front cabinets to store a Porta-Potty. It has a hook-up for water, and an electrical cord for 110 volts AC, but no 12 volt lights, only a wire for the clearance lights on the four outside corners. The little door next to the entrance door (outside) is where the 5 gallon Propane Tank is located.



Here's how I got the unit. I have a few Corvairs in my yard. One Sunday afternoon after church, a gentleman knocked

on my door. He said he noticed that I had a couple of Rampside in my yard, and wanted to know if I wanted a FULL camper for my Rampside. I told him that I did. He said he had one and he would let me have it FREE! told him that I would like to see it FIRST... (for that price I was thinking that it probably was all beat-up and the win-

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True Confessions by Bob Marlow

When last I wrote for Corvan Antics, in the 1999 March-April issue, it was to explain how the "Corvaire Disease" had its grip on me, and how this led to an ongoing personal crisis – too many cars in the driveway, yet more Corvairs singing their siren song. I ended that article suggesting that, with four Corvairs in the fleet at that time, I might sell something.

Well, I did sell something, but it was the 1964 Monza convertible that Sue and I drove to the Daytona Beach convention in 2000. This was sold to a gentleman in Delaware who had two other 1964 Monza convertibles, one white, and one blue. Mine was red, and with it he was completing his patriotic fleet. Nature may abhor a vacuum, but a Corvaire owner's garage abhors empty space, and so a 1964 500 coupe came home to become my "track car."

But I am here to admit that I wasn't done divesting. I next sold one of my two Greenbriers. That Greenbrier, my 1964 "plain-jane" model, went to a good home, in Kansas City. And my life in suburban New York City, where a one-car garage rents for \$150 a month, became simpler with 25% fewer Corvairs overall. But I still miss that van. And where just a few years ago my Corvaire holdings consisted of 100% Greenbriers (and 1964 Greenbriers at that), today there is but one Greenbrier here, and it accounts for a mere one-third of my Corvaire fleet. I can justify all this to myself, by telling myself that I own a nice representative sample of Corvairs, one early model, one late model, and one Greenbrier. But no matter how I slice it, I own fewer Greenbriers than I did not too many years ago.

This may explain my having been unceremoniously booted from the roster of Corvanatics officers. Having been elected VP at the Flagstaff convention, I find with my November-December issue of the newsletter that past president Jim MacDonald's name now appears under the Vice President's title. Jim, I figure, must own at least two FCs to have been granted the post that formerly was mine. So I must claim in my defense, that my devotion to Corvaire 95 models has not dimmed! Practical considerations, principally the cost and availability of garage space, determine my choices, but I still long for more FCs and I still daydream when a decent vehicle appears on eBay or elsewhere. And Sue, who is by no means a "car person," has mentioned that she thinks that Rampside are "cute" and that having a pickup truck would be useful. (Potential Rampside sellers take note.) Before I am drummed out of the corps, before I am forced to walk the plank, before former friends turn the other way when they see me, let me cry out, "I still love Corvaire 95s!"

editor's note: let this be a small warning to all officers
"SEND ME AN ARTICLE NOW AND THEN!!"

CORVAN ANTICS RECEIVES GOLDEN QUILL AWARD

David Hartmann, former editor of *CorvanAntics*, was recently notified that YOUR newsletter, *CorvanAntics* has received the prestigious "Golden Quill Award". This award is presented annually to newsletters that are judged as "outstanding efforts in the communications field of the old car hobby". The award is made by Old Cars Weekly, a



weekly magazine published by Krause Publications. The certificate is signed by Greg Smith, Publisher, and Keith C. Mathiowetz, Editor.

A lot of the credit goes to all the people who have submitted articles for publication over the years. Keep this in mind, the editor, no matter who he is or how talented can only "edit" what is submitted by the members. So if you like reading "the good stuff", you must continue to submit it. The editor can dress it up and clean it up all he wants, but the basic stuff must come from you. So, as they say, keep those cards and letters coming (and some pictures would help too).

David Hartmann



OUR SUMMER TRIP

Bob and I left home in the Ultra Van on July 6th, 2002, for Oregon, visiting friends as we went. The object was a rally in Salem of Ultra Van folks, followed by more visiting in Oregon before heading east, to Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. From Missouri we went back to Illinois, and then back to Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandles, New Mexico, Arizona and back to California on September 28th, 2002.

7,120 miles later here I sit writing about it all, or attempting to do so. I drove a lot of 2 lane back roads. How else to see the good ole USA? Remember that old theme song "See the USA in your Chevrolet"? Dinah Shore sang that one every week. Well you might say Bob and I do see the USA in OUR Chevrolet. We will continue to do so, as long as there are parts to be bought and a Corvair engine to rebuild I guess.

One of the highlights of the trip was the Grand Opening of the Corvair Museum in Ypsilanti, Mi. A museum with Hudson and Studebakers, etc., well worth the trip, if you are in close proximity. So many Corvanatic friends were there, as well as just plain old friends in the CORSA community. The Detroit Area Corvair Club was the host for the event, and they did a bang up job. It's not very often we are able to be in the area of something like this, so it was a welcome opportunity for us.

We saw lots of corn and soy beans. South Dakota was in the throes of a major drought, and was hard pressed to find enough corn to decorate the Corn Palace, one of our favorite places to visit along the I-90. From there it's a small trip North and then east to Pipestone, MN, this year it was Civil War days. Such a scene you have to see. Major battles re-fought, ladies dressed in the dress of the times, Union soldiers, Confederate soldiers, cannon, muskets, and a bugle at 6 AM on Sunday to awaken me followed by cannon shot! What a call to Sunday! Of course Bob slept on his "good" ear so he missed it all. There were "snake oil" salesmen selling their wares to the unaware, politicians speaking for and against the "cause", depending which side you were for, North or South. This happens every 2 years, and a good time is had by all. It all happens across the road in a natural amphitheater from the RV park. Every year in August the pageant of Hiawatha is staged there. We haven't been there to see it, but hear it is well acted.

We spent Labor Day weekend, Thursday to Tuesday, in a campground south of Ypsilanti, in the town of Jonesville. The RV park is named "The Way Back-In Campground". Had a great time there, Bob and I did all the antique stores in the next town south, Allen, MI. self billed as the Antique capitol. They had what we wanted though, BOOKS. Then we drove through South Bend, IN. drove by Notre Dame U. Spelling is suspect there. What a town

to drive through, but I made it in one piece. Some days I drove very little and stayed awhile, some days I drove as much as 100 miles. When you can take 2 weeks to drive 400 miles, you know I drove slowly and stayed awhile. What a way to do it though.

We next spent 10 days in Hannibal, MO. The home of Samuel Clemons, AKA Mark Twain. Not to mention all his characters, Tom, Huck, Becky, and Injun Joe. Actually, it is a BIG tourist trap, but anyone who has gotten this far in my narrative, has read where we went to the Corn Palace, in Mitchell, SD. Another tourist trap, but we fell in love with it many years ago.

We also paid homage to Fibber Magee, and his wife Molly, AKA Jim and Marian Jordan from Peoria, IL. Now some may be too young to know who they were, but in the glorious days of radio, they had a radio show I never missed as a child and I don't think Bob did either. There I go showing my age once again. Oh well, I am as old as I feel and I don't feel that old!

From Hannibal, we headed north about 60 miles, then headed west for the final time this summer. This was definitely a summer of red highways, till we got to Tucumcari, NM and had to take the I-40 home to California. We are home now, I have finished a 4 hour stint at the computer entering all the dues, and merchandise requests that came in while we were away for 3 months. Our daughter took care of copying the checks, and making the deposits every month we were gone, but she couldn't send merchandise as she didn't have it to send. So now Bob and I will get all your requests together and get them off ASAP.

Hope you all had as good a time reading this as we did doing it, there is lots more, but in the essence of not boring you, I have greatly condensed our summer on the road. Suffice it to say, we had a great time, and are looking forward to doing it again next year, on our way to Carlisle, PA., and then the Ultra Van Convention in September, in Pipestone, MN. Then again the following year to Lexington, KY. Both CORSA conventions should be great, Ward Bourgondien is hosting next year along with a few others, and it should be a convention to look forward to! Remember the 1991 convention in DC? So everyone start planning, get your reservations made, and we will see you in Carlisle, PA.

Diane & Bob Galli



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