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I am also looking for info for an article on the Double Rumpy found on Page 6 or similar trucks. See you in Buffalo

Thanks Mike Moyer

# RIDING WITH THE PRESIDENT

*Ken Hand*



**Hi everyone, you will probably be reading this just before the convention, maybe just after. Either way we have a few issues to take care of at the meeting and I need to let everyone know that we will be needing a new Secretary/treasurer. Diane feels it is time for her to step down and I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart.**

**That being said, we will be needing a new Secretary/treasurer. I know the shoes will be hard to fill, but is someone willing to step up? Let me know, Please. Does anyone have any ideas for a program for the meeting at Buffalo? Hey, I'm only the Prez, can't do everything! Find me at the convention or email me if you can, even call. All my info is in the newsletter.**

**The coming year will be quite busy for me as I am also the Chairperson for the upcoming 2007 Convention in Detroit. I will try to get my reports out and not neglect the club here. I may even have to have the VP run the 2007 meeting, depending on how things go then. So much for then, let's think about now. I hope that many of you will be making it to Buffalo and that we have a very large meeting on early Wed evening.**

**See you there!  
Ken Hand**

## From the Secretary's Desk

It is with deep regret I will not be running for Secretary/Treasurer this year.

I feel it's time to step down and let someone younger than I take over this very Rewarding office.

I have been Secretary/Treasurer for longer than I thought when I first accepted the office in 1995( I think it was). I have certainly enjoyed it.

I feel I have made some very fine and lasting friends in my tenure as Sec / Treas of Corvanatics.

The job has come a long way from hand written records to the Computer age, so it will be very easy to hand the job over and a lot less cumbersome than when I "inherited" it from Carolina and Tom Silvey

I will continue to come to CORSA International Conventions and of course come to the meetings every year, but it's time to relax and smell the roses as they say.

I had a wake up call first last September, when I had a detached Retina that really put me behind in the depositing of the checks as I couldn't do anything regarding reading for 2 weeks, and very little reading for another 2 weeks, then in March of this year, I went in for a routine physical, and we discovered I had Cancer in one kidney, it was successfully removed, and I am one hundred percent healthy, but it sure makes you realize how fragile we all are,

I would hope whoever accepts this job is willing to attend every convention, this job is a commitment to over 300 members.

As Ever,

Diane Galli

Hi you all,

Bob and I will be on our summer long trip starting June 30th, to sometime in October. Our daughter will be making deposits while we are gone. No one will be delinquent till October when we return the home.

Hope to see a lot of you in Buffalo, NY July 24 - 30, 2006  
Diane



# F.C. Valve Cover Racer

Niagara Frontier Corvair club member Dennis Dorogi has been working on a valve cover "Rampside Racer" for this year's National in Buffalo. I am a bit amazed myself at the work and detail involved in this. He has created the "trim" out of aluminum.

He has sent me some photo's that I have posted on my webshots album pages.

Follow this link, and look for it:

<http://community.webshots.com/user/swi66>

He also has a full size rampside, that I have pictures posted there as

well.....same color.

Thought this might be of interest in the newsletter..... Gary Swiatowy



# German FC'S

1963 Corvan, imported 1999 from Lake Elsinore, CA to Germany (Thomas Stingl Karlsruhe, Germany ),



since April 2006 officially registered in Belgium by new owner Damien Seynave.

Hopefully the Belgium guy Damien Seynave, who bought both my Greenbrier

project and the Corvan, will have some interesting restauration stories in the future.



Greetings,

**Thomas Stingl**

## From Virtual Vairs

### Hidden VIN on a FC

Started out the week in my favorite way . . . I went to the local DMV to have my recently (out of state) purchased '61 Loadside's VIN certified so I could get it registered.

Well they didn't like the looks of the rivets in the door tag so they searched for the hidden VIN, but didn't know where to look. They didn't find it but let me pass anyway. I know on the LM's the hidden VIN is in the passenger wheel well near/behind the suspension upright . . . I have even seen a few. Anyone know where it could be found on an FC?

**Terry Kalp**

It has been a while since I had to find it, but as I recall it is on the bottom side of the frame rail on the left side - in the area where the frame rail heads upward - essentially under the cab. It may have been on the inside side of the frame rail - I don't recall for certain. It is a series of individually stamped numbers - which are the last several maybe 6?) digits if the VIN. It is not the entire VIN

.Later, JR



1961 Rampside, only one known in Germany, integrated in a Art & Design school exhibition, within a converted WW-II munitions factory.





Wanted:

I am looking for the aluminum pieces that trap the rubber that surrounds the driver and passenger doors on the GB. These cover almost the full radius that follows the wheel well. Mine are pretty beat up but functional... would like something much prettier. If someone also has the pieces at the bottom of the door, that would be absolutely awesome!

Also, if someone has a good radio without the pushbuttons they are willing to part with.... I want it... gotta have it... it was the only choice available for the GB in 62.

thanx!

Merv Krull Salmon Arm, BC

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## DOUBLE RAMPY

I would like to know more about double rampys. are they real or a hoax? I saw a picture of one at Portland a guy had in his wallet. I guess he still owns it but it needs engine work. I took a picture of his picture, along with his name badge and the tin model of a double rampy he paid big bucks for in the flea market. I guess I lead a sheltered life, because I don't remember ever hearing about them before. now someone told me a few were made out west. (Colorado and California) for utility companies like power and telephone. any more photos or info out there? Maybe enough for an article in the newsletter or communiqué? I can share the pictures I have (3) for what they are worth. maybe the owner would come forward.. regards, Tim Colson

The owner is Walter Hundertmark of Manitou Springs, Colorado. It has two ramps, not sure that it came from the factory that way. Walt is computer challenged and doesn't own one.



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## **FC Toys**

I was forwarded this question and information from Jim Enfield (a Corvanatics member). About whether a Greenbrier die cast toy was ever made.....!?? The answer is: "no."

There were numerous Greenbrier and Corvan tin toys manufactured, all Japanese. Such as KTS, A.L. Toys (Asakusa). Structo made the yellow Greenbrier (metal) School Bus version, as well as all the Rampside trucks in many colors.

Amway made two Corvan shampoo plastic vans, similar to the Avon cars/trucks. One was molded in white polyethylene plastic, and the other was green. Also, a small blow mold type Greenbrier; about 4 1/2" long was made with the Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program name on the side. It was in white, and could be used as a bank.

Again, referring to you original question: there was "no" Greenbrier die cast toys produced. As Gary Swiatowy also mentioned, there was some resin cast repro Greenbrier/Corvans on Ebay in two sizes. And, there was "no" plastic model kits ever produced either on a Greenbrier or Corvan.

I have over 600+ Corvair toys in my collection, ranging from Promos, built/inbuilt model kits, die cast, Tins, other materials. Hope this information helps on your question...

**Joe Darinsig**

## **NEW FC REGISTRY**

Merv Krull of Salmon Arm, BC, Canada has graciously volunteered to start a registry of all known Corvair FC models. E-mail Merv at [krupross@sunwave.net](mailto:krupross@sunwave.net) and supply the following information:

**Make:** Greenbrier, Rampside, Loadside, Corvan

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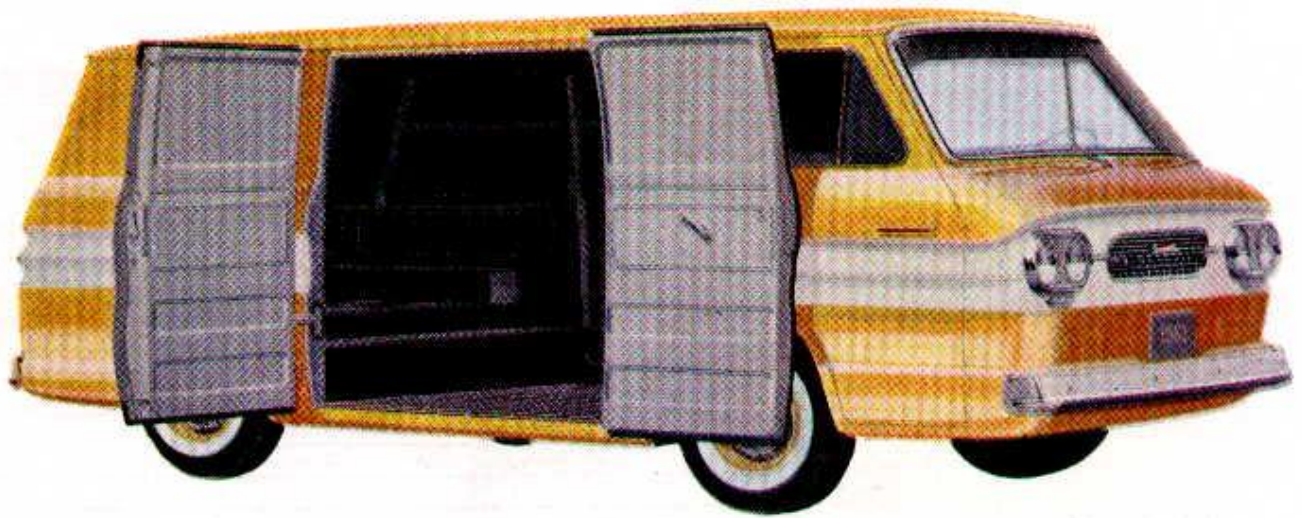
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I'm sure any interesting short notes would be appreciated by Merv. He says you can send up to 3 jpeg pictures with the information. Thanks from all of us for taking on such a large task Merv.







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