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FROM THE EDITOR

I have had a busy 2 months since the last issue. I have been catching up on yard work which is never ending here in Florida. But most important I have been making progress on the 61 Loadside. The 110 HP fc engine has been installed and it has successfully been converted to powerglide, I found a new gas tank and now it moves under its own power. Body work is slow but the new paint colors have been chosen and I am starting to paint small parts.

Work on the Sandrail has come to a stoping point and it has been put away until I get farther on the truck



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Happy springtime everyone! I can't believe that we are only six weeks away from the convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Hopefully all of you that plan to go have made your reservations and are registered as time is running out to do either. I and my wife Barb will be there on Sunday night and are staying until Friday afternoon, so be on the lookout for the rusty brown Rampside 'racetruck' around the show. We are both looking forward to racing and ralleying and seeing all the people we haven't seen in a year. Remember that the Corvanatics Group meeting is on Tuesday, June 22 from 5:00 Pm to 6:30 Pm and plan to attend if you can. We will be discussing many important items of interest to all Forward Control owners and enthusiasts with emphasis on preserving, enjoying and promoting our favorite small trucks and vans. We will also be conducting election of officers and handing out door prizes. If you will not be able to attend, but would like to have a topic discussed during the meeting, please contact any of the officers or directors that are listed on the second page of this newsletter. If you are attending and want to be heard, please speak to us all. I will be shamelessly advertising my club's Fall show 'Vairs in the Valley, celebrating 50 years of FC's and wagons, which will take place in Maggie Valley, NC, October 15 - 17, 2010. I would like to know if other clubs are celebrating and how they are doing it. I also am looking forward to seeing Pete Koehler's MuseumBrier!

Please get out and drive your Corvair, it's the only way to generate interest in its preservation and it's just plain fun to drive and show every day (ask me how I know).

See you in Cedar Rapids

John Nickel

From the Secretary

I apologize for not having the roster. I was on the west coast, and to get it to Mike in time isn't possible. I'll try and get it out ASAP.

We need another Cole winner this year. Please consider competing if you go to Iowa. You don't need perfection, just do well all around. The schedule for our annual meeting is in the convention guide.

I'm looking at parting with my 64 coupe. It's a 110 PG with A/C (needs the condenser). Nice wheels and tires, Clark's seats, recent paint, AM/FM CD. It will make a good daily driver with some TLC. My granddaughter drove it through high school, and it was the turquoise and white one running around the Jacksonville convention (rally, econo and autocross

Welcome new member

Daniel Montasterio Guadalajara, Mexico 64 Greenbrier Deluxe, 62 Rampside

Thanks

...Larry

MuseumBrier Log

Pete Koehler's Traveling Corvair Road Show

2/4/2010 Snow? In February? In Pennsylvania? Maybe, but the members of the Keystone Corvair Club are planning a "Corvair Fun Day" at Barry Musellman's Corvair Garage and Club Hangout tomorrow, Feb. 5th in lovely Martinsburg, PA. Since Barry's shop has a wood-fired heater we won't be deterred by bad weather outside. The agenda for tomorrow's "Fun Day" will be to reassemble the former Tim Colson Greenbrier and make it operational once again. With that task completed the next order of business will be to convert it into the "MuseumBrier". This will be the central feature of a ten city tour that I am planning for this summer's car show season. I've posted the schedule here before, so we are moving forward with the van repair to assure that it will make it through the entire 7,000+ mile journey that starts in April at the Auto Fair in Charlotte, NC and concludes at the Fall AACA Hershey event in October. I will probably "retire" the 'Brier in November!!

I've been in touch with the Corvanatics club and also have received some support from Cal Clark himself. This is shaping up to be a very good platform to promote the Corvair hobby from. Stay tuned for more details!! - Pete "Ralph Kramden" Koehler

3/23/2010 Hey out there in CorvairLand! Are you planning to go to the AutoFair in Charlotte, NC next month? I am. I've been wrenching on the 'Brier but it isn't quite done yet. However, we're not going to let that stop us, are we? Nope. I'll just load 'er up on a stretcher and carry the van and the museum displays down to the show. Most everyone on this list has seen a Greenbrier. Many of you have owned, driven and loved one or more. Me too! My current pet project is a somewhat rare light gray and white six-door that is getting closer to stock with each day that I work on it. I've had a lot of help along the way. My major "corporate" sponsors are Cal and Joan Clark who sent me several items to get the van up and running again and looking good. Thanks!! But the MuseumBrier is not the star of the show. In working with the Corvair Preservation Foundation I have gathered several unique Corvair-related items that you just couldn't see up close and personal unless you attend one of the MuseumBrier's tour stops this car show season.

How about the only remaining prototype Rochester Fuel Injected Corvair engine? Cool! Or, would you like to check out one of two known to exist 1970 Corvair modular engines? Ever see an aluminum case Corvair four speed manual transmission? They made two. We have one on display. Would you like to see a model of a 1958 Holden Suburban? What the heck is a Holden Suburban? We call 'em FC's, now. Back in 1958 GM used the code-name of Holden (GM's Australian Division) to mask work on the new Corvair line. The CPF has a 1/12th scale plaster model of a pre-production Greenbrier/Corvan proposal. You can see that at the AutoFair as well.

We will be adding more cool stuff as the tour progresses.

But, I think we have a pretty good start. What do you think? - Pete "More than a Caveman" Koehler



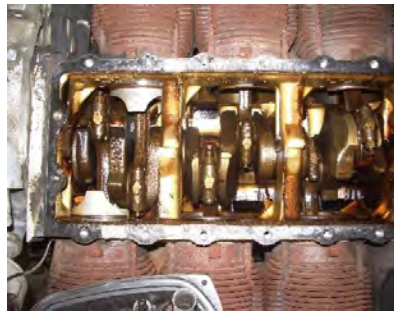
Pictures of the Museum Brier @ the Vair Fair provided by Jerry Moyer

BEATRICE



I thought I would "update" you on the work and upgrades i am about to finish on the Corvan known as "Beatrice" , the retired fire dept van from Beatrice Nebraska.this started with a trip to VT last fall , where the blower bearing failed , and it blew a head gasket. I think at least part of the problem might have been insulation/ noise absorbing sheets came loose and mostly blocked the air intakes on both sides. The joke about this was , about the same failures happened to him the year before on the same trip with his 64 spyder coupe , which i did about the same amount of work to all last summer.

I am doing a lot of work on it for it's present owner , Phil Domser , of Utica NY. i put new octane .020 clarks pistons and cylinders on it , along with a set of the correct heads reworked by Lundin Machine in mass. i replaced the bad blower bearing , and generally went right thru the motor , differential , and changed it to a 4 spd from the original 3 spd transmission. I also added the better heater blower motor.



I am trying to keep this wonderful original 27,000 mile vehicle as original as the owner will allow. It now has chrome bumpers in place of the painted ones. I spent a ton of time cleaning and detailing every piece i touched , including making sure all hardware is correct. one mystery i encountered , slight orange overspray inside the top of the motor!?

Most of the shrouding has now been powder coated. new u joints and repacked bearings with synthetic greases. I rebuilt the starter and generator. next it will get the interior floors repainted the dark grey. i am hoping to add a 2 way radio of that period , and other things that were probably the cause of some of the extra holes that were drilled in it , such as fire extinguishers etc.



I feel that it is a very nice interesting vehicle for display. (should be in a museum!) I took it for the first test drive yesterday , and it runs great. look for it at shows soon. This should partially explain why my own stuff is not finished yet , but I did build new exciting motors for my rampy (based on a 140 PG crank and cam, 060 over pistons , cylinders etc) and my 64 A/C coupe (020 over etc 110), new home built wiring harness with spyder dash and other options in the coupe.

Regards , Tim Colson , Memphis NY



Crampy

well , for better , or for worse , i am now the owner of the short-ened rampside known as crampy". looking this project over last night almost gave me night mares , but then things started falling into place. trouble is , this is a "desert" which HAS to wait a long time until the main course (3 other involved projects!) is done. so if you are interested in seeing what i am starting with (got a strong stomach?) keep your eyes on the cnycorvair web-site. it may be next week before updates are posted. lots of neat ideas coming , using materials I already have here. Well I probably should have my head examined , but people already know i am a nut case. this project looks different thru anybody's eyes but mine. it is a rusty crusty project and needs it all redone. I have a lot of plans for it , and I have most of the parts I think I need to put it together . I am going to call it my "desert" project , something waiting for me to finish the main meal. I have a ton of dreams for this vehicle . i have just about all of the parts here to do them already. plans are to get it in the air and rip everything off it and start over from scratch. new brake work , steering work , motor , transmission , differential , and adding metal to replace missing structure. then look out , a lot of custom ideas are in my head. some of these ideas are going to be added to the rampy also someday.



I hope to paint it to match the rampside. I even have the paint here! hope i live long enough!



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law wheels with 60 series tires. I have original wheels and tires (tires are rotten from sitting) Fc bucket seats Gas tank was removed and cleaned. Carbs rebuilt. 1960s Orange

Shag Carpet in back. I installed a Greenbrier third row seat to haul kids. (Also have a center seat but not installed) Has front and rear Sway bars installed. Lowered the front springs and installed new front shocks. Installed Greenbrier side wall and door panels.

(Need recover) Put 6k on it since I purchased it in 2008. I would not be afraid to drive this anywhere. Fun driver just not enough time or garage space to keep them all

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For Sale: 1964 Rampside Deluxe 4-spd. First of only 94 known, 4R124S100130. Eagle Alloys 17x8 with 245/45/17. Grant steering wheel, Spyder dash. Bucket seats. Chrome bumpers. Good glass. Smooth running 180 engine w/2 new carbs, internal alternator, fuel pump, plugs. Rust areas. Cruised I-10 from Jacksonville to Santa Monica, 2400 miles in 72 hours, 24 mpg without incident. \$5,000 before e-bay. Photos. Jack Pinard, corvairjack@yahoo.com, 805 340-6533.



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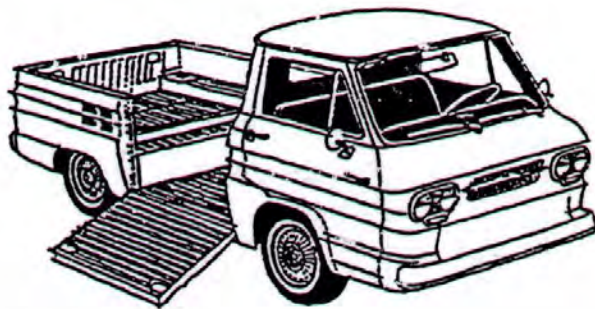
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