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## FROM THE EDITOR

As usual I have been very busy with Corvairs. Just finished a 1968 coupe 140Hp Powerglide and then was able to find it a new home in just a couple weeks after finishing it. (Isn't Craigslist just wonderful)

The Corvair projects are moving along. I am working on my Corvair Sandrail and rebuilding the engine for the 65 greenbrier. On hold right now for .10 rod bearings. Found out from the Vendor today that he doesn't have them anymore after waiting a week and a half for the parts I ordered.

Sure would like to get the Brier back on the road

**Mike Moyer**

Editor



# Riding With The President

In the last issue of Corvanatics I told you the the 64-8-Door was well on the way to making it to Denver in July, and that I had learned a lot about body work... All that was true until I was rearended on the 21st of March! Now it seems there will be a slight delay before it will really be ready for that trip. Since I do not keep collector car insurance on my Corvairs, nor do I have any arrangement with the insurance company as to agreed value... the van has been declared 'totalled' and I received \$2507 for it and then had to pay \$300 salvage to get it back. It is going into the body shop this week for frame straightening and "unbending" and will return in a week or so. I guess I can start over getting it ready for Denver! One of my thoughts as a result of this accident was that I wonder if headrests would have been a good idea to have as well as the lap/shoulder belts that were in the van. I was lucky in that my neck muscles were only sore and no other physical damages resulted from being hit by a car going 35mph. Does anyone make aftermarket headrests? See my article further on in this issue.



I will be representing Corvanatics as well as CORSA/NC on the 1st of May during the dedication of the restored 1961 Rampside to the NC Transportation Museum. I hope that some of you can come and bring your FC's. I think I gave you all the particulars in the last issue. Looks like I'll be driving my Ramside instead of the 8-door.

You will notice that the Corvanatics meeting in Denver is scheduled for Wednesday evening, the 27th of July from 9:00 to 10:30 PM! I wonder who thought that those hours would be so great. We will try to have some coffee available and/or other stay awake beverages and snacks to help you through the meeting. Don't forget that annual board elections are being held during this meeting and we would certainly welcome new nominations and volunteers to become more active in this chapter of CORSA. Please join us, the work isn't hard and you do get to meet a lot of like-minded Corvairs Nuts.

I'll let you all know about the "restoration progress" in the next issue.

*John Nickel*

President



# From the Secretary

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Busy month for me – new job 300 miles from home

Long commute – too hot in Boca Raton for the Corvairs so I wimped out with A/C cars

At long last we are entering the new century (who says I'm slow?)

New E-Mail is:

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By the time you get this you will be able to pay dues and buy stuff using PayPal at that address. Please use it for Corvanatics mail starting right now.

## Last Chance list

This list is folks who are more than a year overdue. If you are on it, this is your last newsletter unless you pay your dues. There is no penalty. Please pay up so this list goes away.

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## Due Now

These folks are now a overdue. Please don't make me drop you. The rest of us would be very sad to miss your smiling faces.

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## Another Cool FC Toy

Awhile back I sent in pictures of a Yonezawa airport truck that I recently purchased. At that time I also mentioned there were also “companion” fantasy FC’s including a dump truck and fire engine. Here are pictures of the dump truck version. Like the others there is a spring loaded mechanism that when actuated lifts the dump body. This is one “that got away”. E-bay auction bidding got a little bit over what I wanted to spend on this one, so it went to a new home other than mine. At least I got the pictures from e-bay to share with everyone.

I compile pictures of rare and unique Corvair toys, both cars and FC’s and compile them in my webshots album, in case anyone is interested!

<http://rides.webshots.com/album/578889291vGZiFk>



## Yet another Rampside toy, this one by Eldon.

I have 2 of these already, but have never seen the box before. Some came with red wheels, and some came with the two-toning of the plastic reversed.

Gary Swiatowy



# A Temporary Setback ( I Hope ! )

By John Nickel

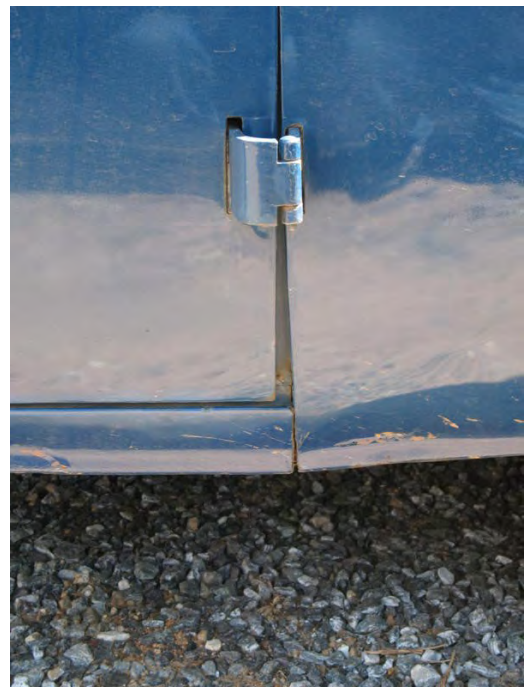
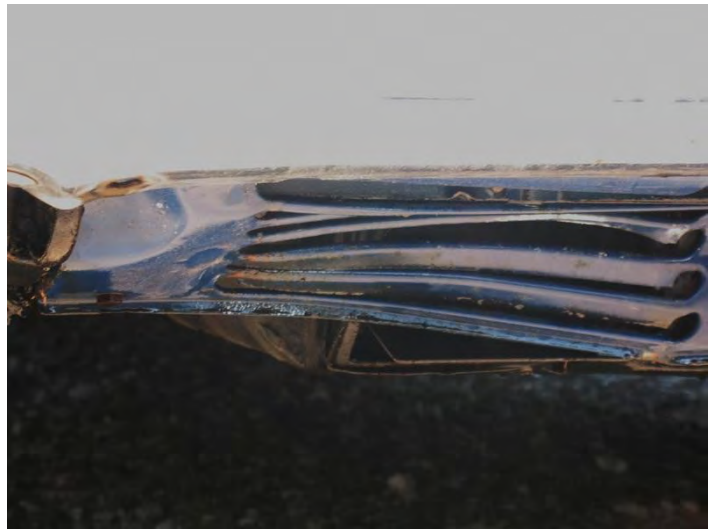
My 1964 Greenbrier Deluxe 8-Door that I was preparing to take to the CORSA convention in Denver has met up with an unexpected setback. I had already made sure that it was totally ready for the long trip by driving it to Sarasota Florida and back in February (1500+miles) and drove it to the Myrtle Beach Spring Warmup (700+miles) for further confidence building. On the morning of the 21st of March, while driving it from my home into Asheville, I had stopped for a DOT flagman at a road repair site. However, a 2002 Toyota did not stop and rearended me at about 35 mph! He hit me hard enough to bend the roof and jamb all four intermediate doors, while moving the left rear frame rail forward about an inch and a half, shattering the oil filter adapter and bending the fuel pump to further crack the rest of the adapter. If you didn't know Corvair Vans, a quick drive by would not have impressed you with the damage to it, but the Toyota was a different story. The collision moved his entire front end rearward about a foot and a half and engaged the airbags as well. Neither of us was hurt ( my neck muscles were sore for two days ). The unfortunate thing was that I had just received an entire new interior for it on the Thursday before from Clark's (NON-refundable \$1200)! I had also just purchased all new interior door handles and window cranks from Scott Morehead at the Myrtle Beach show. All this neat new stuff is still sitting in my livingroom taking up space with nowhere to go.

I contacted my insurance company and they have since TOTALLED the vehicle and reimbursed me a whole \$2607 for it. That reminds me, if you can at least get an agreed upon value from your insurance company, the loss wouldn't be as painful. I bought the van back for \$300 salvage value and have arranged to have the frame straightened if possible through Jeff Barrett's work and have purchased a new rear bumper ( I had to cut the bolts off the old one to get it off ). The bumper guards did a pretty good job, but both are ripped and I don't know if they can be repaired. I have removed the power train and other accessories for its trip to the body shop next week. Luckily, I had just bought a "new" access hatch from Ray Hatchell, so the cracked one can be replaced ok. I have on hand most of the other parts of the engine that I need to replace including an engine mounting bracket ( the one on the truck was also bent forward nearly to the balancer). I intend to do any body work that still needs to be done after the straightning myself and to do a temporary paint job until a new one at a much later date.

I will try to take pictures and keep you informed on its progress throughout the process. It is my intention to still drive it to Denver in July, but we'll see.









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Regards----

Earl Jones





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Darrell G. Woofter Nixa, MO [woofcorvair@aol.com](mailto:woofcorvair@aol.com)

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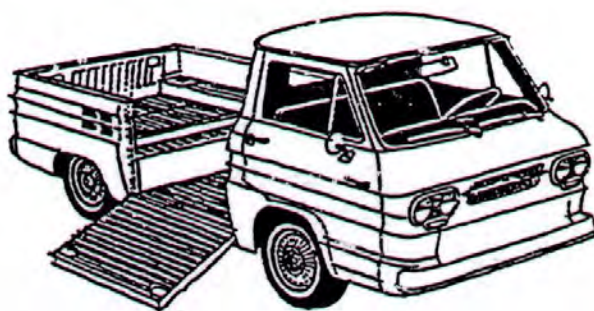
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