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**FROM THE EDITOR**

I apologize for the late issue . It was all me. Very busy with work and home projects. Unfortunately I have nothing exciting to fill this issues pages with as I have not gotten anything new from the readers to put in print.

Mike Moyer Editor



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# Riding With The President

I have been very busy during the past couple of months on many different projects, not the least of which is the "restart" of my preparation of the 8-door for the trip to Denver in three weeks. The frame straightening went very well on the 3rd of May, the process removed the majority of the bends in the fenders and roof, and has realigned the rear suspension to be true again. The interior has been repainted, seats are nearly done, engine repaired and new bumpers are on hand for installation. I have not been able to locate any bumperguards to replace the bent ones, so I may leave them off for now. If you have 4 good ones, please bring them with you to Denver and I'll buy them. Paint and bodywork are next, but I don't know how much will get done.. might be pretty ugly still when I get there ! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the convention and hope that all has gone well in your preparation and travels to Denver. I will be departing Asheville, NC on Thursday the 21st and plan on taking 5 days to make the trip, averaging 350 miles per day. My route will be following I-40, I-24, I-57, I-64 and I-70, so if you see my Blue and White 64-8-Door please wave!



Just a reminder that the Conventions meeting is on Wednesday night July 27th from 9:00 PM to 10:30 PM and that we will be holding elections during that time. Please come with your questions, ideas and maybe even be willing to volunteer to become part of the board and executive committee. We will have door prizes and hopefully coffee and soft drinks to keep you all awake.

See you in Denver!

*John Nickel*

President

## Dave Munaco's Rampside.

It had recently finished a 5 year rotisserie restoration



# From the Secretary

Welcome new members

Tom Simmel – Milford CT 61 Rampsides  
Bruce Alexander – Loomis, SD 61 Rampsides  
Alan Clark La Mesa CA 61 Greenbrier

Congrats – Tim Palmer was first to use PayPal, Dave Ziegler second. Use [Corvanatics@Gmail.com](mailto:Corvanatics@Gmail.com) for any mail related to address, phone changes or patch/decal orders or anything else for me.

## 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.

Chuck Hanson	7/2010	Walter Huntoon	10/2010
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Stephen Brown	8/2010	Corbin Tayloe	8/2010
Robert Crawford	8/2010		
Paul Leimer	8/2010		
Ray Paul	8/2010		

## 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.

Jean Allen	12/2010	Red Badgett	3/2010
Paul Campbell	3/2010	Brently Cooper	6/2010
Terry Dumerauf	12/2010	Rich Greene	12/2010
Frank Justavick	12/2010	Rick Rhodes	8/2010
Kevin Thompson	9/2010		

Hope to see you in Denver

Larry Schmul

## An Excellent Point!

by Fran Schmit

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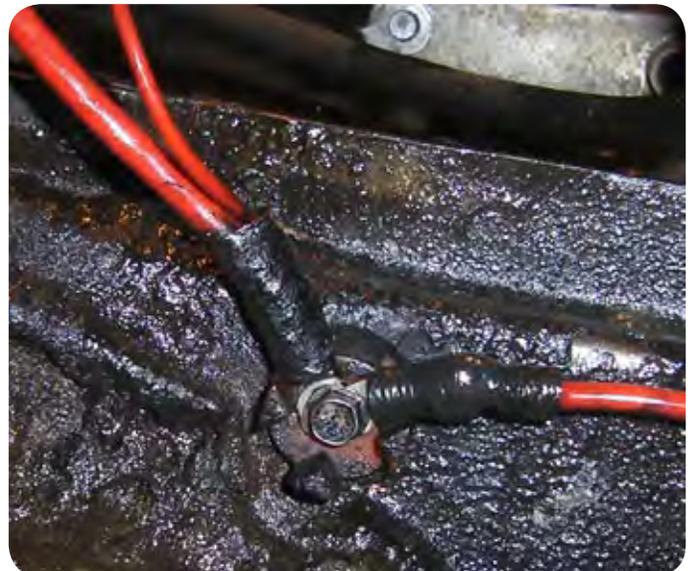
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### Things that need double (or regular) checking:

**Oil Filter Bolts:** Some of the fiber washers used under the head of the oil filter bolt will crush just enough under heat cycles and vibration to cause the torque (20 ft lbs) to vanish. Almost all of the various filters in use have the problem to a certain extent. I reviewed all of my cars recently and found two of the bolts one half turn loose. One car I know of began to leak oil on the highway from that exact problem. Best defense would be to check the bolts, including the right angle adapter, on a regular basis until you are sure the torque has stabilized.

**Belts:** Most new belts will need to be adjusted at least once after a break in period. If you install a new belt, be sure to recheck the tension after a period of time. A brand new belt would be particularly susceptible to loosening up after high speed driving. As was mentioned above, check until you are sure the belt has stabilized. If you have belt guides, adjust the clearance to 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch.

**Carburetor Inlet Nuts:** These also loosen up from heat cycles and vibration, however, when you tighten the steel line nut, you should make sure that the spring action of the line is not trying to unscrew the inlet nut. Gently bend the line once you have tightened the flare nut so that the line is at least neutral and possibly even trying to tighten the nut. Gaskets, if needed, are available in an inexpensive plastic pack on O'reilly's shelf.

**Gas Filler Pipe Pocket:** The early model cars have a drain and a plastic insert with a rubber hose leading down the back of the wheel well. If that small hole in the bottom of the filler pocket gets plugged with debris, collected water could rise above the fuel pipe if any of the following occur: the hoses connecting the pipe to the tank have been replaced and are a little shorter, the gasket under the cap has shrunk or the vent opening may be on the low side of the cap. Late models have a bigger drain and the filler pipe is higher.

**Battery Cable Ends:** These should be removed from the battery about every six months and you should clean both the inside of the clamp and the battery post. They may appear clean on the outside but that is only for show ó the real issue is the mating surfaces. Not attending to this item causes all electrical operations to cease, usually at the time you turn the key to start.

**Oil Pan Bolts:** If you have a cork or rubber pan gasket there is the potential for leaks as the gaskets experience hot and cold cycles along with vibration and oil sitting on the gasket at all times. A regular check of the bolts may be necessary. My favorite method for the pan is to use a late design pan that you have carefully straightened, a hard paper gasket (allows use of a torque wrench), high temp RTV on both sides of the gasket, use of ¼-20 grade 8 bolts by ¾ inch length with lock and flat washers. Torque to 10 ft lbs.

**Fuel Pump Mounting Bolt:** Check your pump simply by grabbing the top towards the front of the car and attempt to move it ó any movement or clicking sound needs to be corrected by loosening the lock nut and tightening the mounting bolt, then tighten the locknut. The mounting bolt should have an "L" stamped on the head ó if not, shorten the point slightly as it may try to punch through the pump casting when you tighten it properly. (See Vaircor 09/09)

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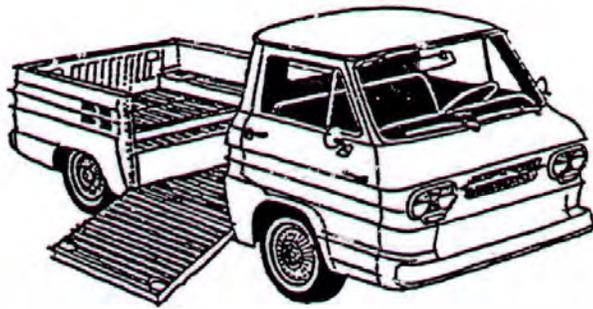
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