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The Forward Control Corvair People

Riding with the President

by John Nickel



Happy New Year to you all! 2015 promises to be another busy year with more projects than I can complete, but it means that I haven't given up on them either since they are on my to do list.

A new year also means that we will be attending another CORSA Convention, this time in Knoxville, TN from June 22nd to the 27th. It's only 100 miles away from my home in North Carolina so I won't have much of a trip to make to attend. A 200 mile round trip beats the 7000+ miles to attend last year's Convention in Tacoma. My local club is helping the Knoxville folks by putting on the Rally for them. The Knoxville Marriot Hotel and facilities are outstanding with nearly all activities within walking distance. There is sufficient parking for RV's (with a special place for Ultra Vans) and trucks with trailers as well as covered outside vendor space and an all-Corvair level of the parking garage that are directly accessible from the hotel via a covered walkway and elevators. The Concours and car display will be next to that same garage on a large grassy field. The Autocross will be less than six miles away as well.

Knoxville has a "Trolley" bus system that is free. A station is at the front doors of the hotel and a trolley comes by every 10 minutes. It provides convenient access to the vibrant downtown and Market Square areas where there are a large variety of restaurants that are both affordable and serve great meals. Inside vendors are very convenient with plenty of space and registration will be in the hotel's huge atrium space within sight of the hotel registration space. Hospitality has two rooms that look out on the outside pool and promises to be a great place to meet. The meeting rooms are large and conveniently located on the main floor. I am very impressed with the entire venue. I hope that you are planning to attend.

My newest member of the herd, Ultra Van #452 – also known as "Marshmallow" will be ready to go to Knoxville as will my 64-8-Door Greenbrier. All I have to do now is figure out the logistics of getting them both there and back without making two trips. Now, if it would just warm up....

We hope you have a great year ahead and are able to get out there and drive all your FC's and other Corvairs. I know you have more than just one, or you are really a disciplined Corvair nut. Remember that they are just like potato chips, you can't have just one!



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*Closeout Sale - When these
are gone, they're gone!*

Item	Size	Price
2014 Convention Poster Closeout sale – soon to be a collectible	24"x31" Shipped rolled (only 8 left)	\$10.00
Corvanatics Canvas Tote Bag	15 1/2" tall x 15" wide	\$10.00 \$6.00
Corvanatics T-shirt	Small (only 2 left)	\$12.00 \$6
	Medium (only 3 left)	\$12.00 \$6
Men's Polo Shirt	Small (only 1 left)	\$18.00 \$8
	Medium (only 2 left)	\$18.00 \$8
Women's Polo Shirt	Medium (only 3 left)	\$18.00 \$8
	Large (only 3 left)	\$18.00 \$10
	X-Large (only 2 left)	\$18.00 \$10
	XXL (only 1 left)	\$22.00 \$10

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<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/merchandise.php>



From the Secretary *by Molly Bacon*

Hi all,

Happy 2015. Get prepared for spring and be ready to get your FCs out and drive them.

Merchandise. The clothing was not the big seller we had hoped, so now it is clearance time. Check the sales prices and availability on page 2 of the newsletter and send off your order. GREAT DEALS!! We still have plenty of our staples: patches, stickers, magnets, key fobs, pins, and we have a new shipment of hats. You're missing out if you don't have at least a key fob for those FC keys. Both our clearance stuff and the staples can be easily ordered on the website. We wouldn't recommend PayPal if it wasn't the safest easiest payment process there is. There is also an order form that can be printed from the website or call me and place your order over the phone, 706-628-4470.



Bob Sullivan's 1962
Rampside

WELCOME !! to our new members

Bob Sullivan WA 1962 Rampside
Bryan Jaumot WV 1964 Rampside
(his membership was a Christmas gift from his wife)

Welcome Back!!

Doug Bell OR 1961 Rampside,
1966 Ultra Van – Doug rejoined after a 2 year absence

Please encourage any FC owner you see or communicate with to join Corvanatics. I can provide you with a PDF of a welcome letter and membership form you can print and pass out.

Just email me at Corvanatics@gmail.com or call me to have printed ones mailed.

Dues Due!!

Everyone should have a membership card. It has your "Good till" membership dues due date on it, so everyone will be able to keep up with when to send in their dues. That way your name doesn't get published in the newsletter. Send those dues in on time or even early and pay for multiple years, too! Paying early doesn't cheat you of any time on your membership. It will be renewed to the number of years from your current due month.



Last Chance

We still have a few members on the last chance list. This list is folks who are seriously 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.

Steve Breines	Oct 2014	Paul Huelskamp	Oct 2014
Robert Grieshaber	Oct 2014	J.R. Protteau	Oct 2014

Dues Already Owed

Due November and December. Second notice

Gary Anderson	Nov 2014	Gary Duncan	Dec 2014
Alan Clark	Nov 2014	Ray Freidhoff	Dec 2014
Rich Greene	Nov 2014	Finn Halbo	Dec 2014
George Conboy	Dec 2014	Jamison Hiner	Dec 2014
Greg Czopek	Dec 2014		

Coming due in the next two months (early reminder)

Due January and February – coming up, pay now!

Jack Bacon	Jan 2015	Bill McCurdy	Jan 2015
Richard Boxdorfer	Jan 2015	Leroy Rogers	Jan 2015
Jerry Boyles	Jan 2015	Darrell Woofter	Jan 2015
Mike Dobie	Jan 2015	Cole Adcock	Feb 2015
Kenneth Drye	Jan 2015	Ed Bittman	Feb 2015
Robert Hall	Jan 2015	Robert Gold	Feb 2015
Ron Hinz	Jan 2015	Ralph Gubser	Feb 2015
Don Hudock	Jan 2015	Harold Layher	Feb 2015
Earl Jones	Jan 2015	Eugene Loibl	Feb 2015
Jerry Lentz	Jan 2015	Jerry Murray	Feb 2015

Remember, your dues can be paid for more than one year at a time. When you pay your dues, you will be sent an updated membership card with your new expiration date. Dues can be paid from the website with PayPal or sent "snail" mail with a check or money order.

Thanks, Molly Bacon

Reproduction FC Factory Mirrors

by Dave Palmer

After a 30+ year search, at least for me, the FC factory mirrors are available again. I have and I like the West Coast Coronado mirrors. If I have my information right, these were mostly installed by dealers. I am trying to remember from 40+ years, the round 5-inch mirrors were mostly factory mounted because of the internal anchoring plate that requires disassembling the door to install. I'm sure there were plenty of exceptions. I also seem to remember that Chevrolet did not like mounting mirrors because they got broken off in shipment from factory to dealer.

I was all ready to restore another set of West Coast mirrors for my Rampside project. Earlier this year however, Dann mentioned to me that he *may* be making up these extremely hard to find original mirrors. I told him, "even if I get my Rumpy on the road I'm waiting for his mirror Re-Pop before I drill any holes!" I am so glad that I took the time to weld up all the mirror mounting holes in both doors when I did the pre-painting metal work. Surprise! These mirrors just came out a couple months ago!

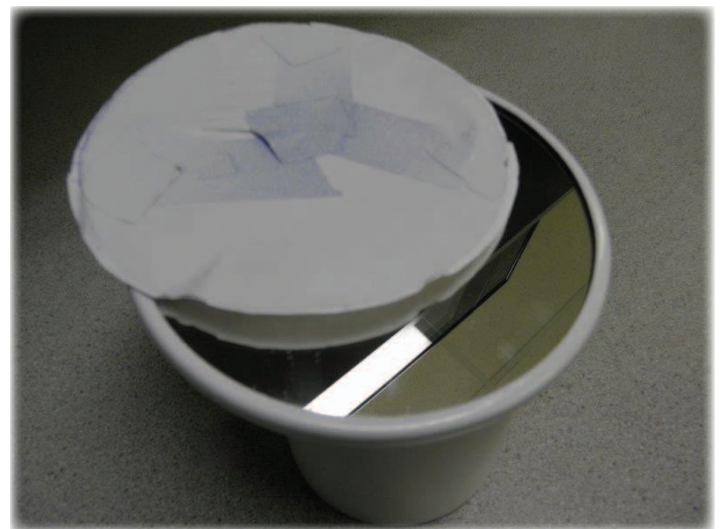
True to form, the detail is exceptional. Even the original casting marks are visible on the mirror base. Dann tells me that there is a slight unnoticeable shrinkage from



casting. These new units are cast in bronze. He made these up from only one original right side mirror base. The left casting is a mirror image of the right. Dann also made the metal backing plate that goes inside the door. This has the captured nuts, as original. Provided are 3 mounting screw-bolts. The originals had slotted heads. These are Philips and I believe made of stainless steel. You get everything you need but paint.

The mirror head is also hard to find. The pivot is off-set just the same as original. Center pivot mirrors are everywhere and will work, but are not correct for our FC's. Even the acorn nut to mount the mirror head to the base is as original.

These mirror assemblies come complete, but painted an Army green like color. The glass is not removable. So for painting I cut some paper disks that I could slide under the face frame to protect the mirror glass. The pivot is also made into the housing. DO NOT remove all of the 3 screws that lock the pivot ball. There is no way to fish the plate out and remount the screws! I got longer 8-32 cap screws and replaced these one at a time for the painting. The longer screws allowed the pivot to fall inward for masking.



We can thank Dann Weinoe for these. He is the same fellow who is making the beautiful Rampside, tailgate and ramp latch assemblies. Detail on these latches is absolutely amazing, the mirrors have the same attention to detail.

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Reproduction FC Factory Mirrors

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From the information I was able to get, these mirrors were originally either all black, or they were painted the color of the truck with the 5-inch mirror faces painted Chevrolet White.

I have seen very few of these mirrors over the years. They certainly do not have the visibility of West Coast mirrors, and that may also be why there are so few. With further research of 50's and 60's Chevrolet Trucks, it also looks like these were Corvair FC only! The other Chevrolet trucks had longer brackets and the triangular base was in a different position. Whereas the West Coast mirrors are all quite similar regardless of the Chevy Truck they were installed on. If this is indeed the case... Dann's Re-Pop mirror is a real great example of an exceptionally rare Corvair accessory. I could not be happier with these.

I just got my Rampside back from paint, so I'm working with Dann to come up with a better layout for mounting position for these mirrors. The factory assembly manual is not real clear where these are supposed to go. They indicate the right mirror is actually mounted more to the rear than the drivers left mirror. I will work this out when I mount mine.

Check your favorite Corvair parts vendors for these FC mirrors. They should be available soon. Fantastic job Dann!

Dave Palmer
Ventura Calif



Out of the box, the brackets are bare brass, the mirror backs are painted drab army green.



When painting the mirror back do not remove all three screws, the backing plate will fall inside the housing.



Mirrors prepped, painted and ready to go on Dave's Rampside restoration project.



Dear Members and Officers of Corvanatics,

I am involved with a wonderful project and I need your help! Please allow me to tell you a little about myself, my involvement with Corvairs, and, most importantly, the project I would like for you to become a part of.

My name is Jeff Barrett. I have owned Corvairs since I was a teenager in the '70's. I have been a member of CORSA, Inc. since 1979. I am past President of my home chapter, CORSA/ N.C. Nationally, I am past Edward N. Cole Award Chairman and a certified CORSA concours judge. I hosted the 1988 Corsa International Convention and I have been responsible for hosting or co-hosting an annual regional show in North Carolina since the mid-'80's. I am responsible for the cosmetic restoration of the Corvair Preservation Foundation owned Super Monza. I own and restored the bizarre "LOST CAUSE" Corvair (see 12/2004 Communique). I say all of this to help you know I am a sincere "Corvair Lifer" hoping to do good things for the Corvair community and for kids in crisis.

Next Spring, I am going to drive a 1965 Corsa literally from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. I am doing this as a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish America. If you are not familiar with this amazing organization, look at www.Wish.org for a concise summary of their mission. Make-A-Wish grants special "wishes" to children who have life-threatening illnesses. Sadly, many times these wishes are the last happy memory the child and his family is able to share together. Make-A-Wish does an amazing thing for kids and their families who are in crisis.

This journey will create tremendous exposure for Corvairs, CORSA, Inc., and local Corvair clubs. Numerous media sources will be with us along the way and various National automotive magazines will be picking up the story. As part of this journey, we will also be participating in the Route 66 Fun Run (www.azrt66.com). This is basically a three-day parade of 800+ vintage vehicles along 140 miles of old Route 66, which will yield even more media coverage. I will depart from coastal North Carolina on April 23, 2015 and arrive in Bogada Bay, California on May 9, 2015.

My goal is to raise \$100,000 for Make-A-Wish. To do this, I need your help! Several Corvair clubs have already made donations to this project, but I would like to see all CORSA chapters involved. I am hopeful your club, and individuals in your club and in your community, would be interested in being a part of this with a financial contribution. Please share this with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, people in other car clubs you belong to, and anyone else who will listen.



Additionally, the exact route has not been finalized, but I am hopeful Corvair clubs along the route will be willing to help with local fundraising events when I pass through your area. I will contact those near the route when I know exactly how I will go. Finally, please know that all personal expenses along the route (food, fuel, lodging, etc.) are my donation to Make-A-Wish. No donated funds will be used for my personal benefit.

If you need more information, please contact me at 828-713-1893 or jortplace@charter.net. If you are ready now to help the kids that Make-A-Wish supports, please send checks to Coast to Coast for the Kids, 8 Lynnette Drive, Fairview, NC 28730. Make-A-Wish has 501-C non-profit status and receipts will be issued for tax purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Barrett".

Jeff Barrett

Lending a Helping Hand

On January 1 Stan Darke was traveling with his girlfriend on a trip covering WV, VA, NC, SC and GA. As he neared Asheville NC his Greenbrier started making a scratching noise from the left rear axle. He stopped and posted on the Corvair Forum asking for advice. Members of the forum correctly identified the problem as a failing wheel bearing, very dangerous on early model and FC Corvairs. The advice also included the webpage for NC Mountain Corvairs, where Stan found John Nickel's information, luckily John lives a few minutes north of Asheville. So at 6pm on New Year's Day John received a call from Stan. John was quite familiar with bad wheel bearings and offered to bring him an axle assembly with a good wheel bearing. John called fellow NC Mountain and Corvanatics member Bill Prichard, who lives a few minutes east of Asheville, to see if he could meet him the next day at the B & B where Stan was staying. They got to know Stan and soon had the van back on the road. (Stan left with CORSA and Corvanatics membership forms in hand.)

From Stan's Corvair Forum post

I have to give a shout out to the NC Mountain Corvair Club guys, John Nickel and Bill Prichard. After luckily making it to our B&B in Asheville, and calling John at 6pm on New Year's Day, John and Bill arrived to the rescue at noon the next day. John, with an axle in hand, and Bill, with tools and much knowledge, I was



John Nickel watches as Bill Prichard repairs Stan Darke's 1965 Greenbrier

back on the road by 2pm. And it would have been sooner if we hadn't been chatting about our beloved cars so much. Bill showed me every step of what he was doing, and I learned a lot. John and Bill really came through and I can't fully express my gratitude. The next day we drove 9 hours from Asheville to Weirton, WV, and the following day, back home to Northern VA. In all, we drove 1800 miles, from Falls Church, VA to Durham, NC, then to Charleston, SC, then Savannah, GA, then Asheville, NC, then Weirton, WV and back home. Needless to say, my Greenbrier, Levi, deserves a rest. Thanks again, guys!

Corvair Performance Workshop

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Performance Corvair Group
March 6-7



Springfest in Helen, Georgia

Best Western
Helen, GA
Corvair Atlanta
Heart of Georgia Corvairs
Queen City Corvairs
April 24-25

Meet the Makers

Ypsilanti Automotive Museum
Ypsilanti, MI
Detroit Area Corvair Club
May 14

For more informaton on these and other Corvair Events goto: WWW.Corvair.org

Tri-State Corvair Rally

Hampton Inn
Durango, CO
Rocky Mountain Corsa
May 29-31

VIRGINIA VAIR FAIR

Howard Johnson Lexington
Lexington, VA
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May 29-31

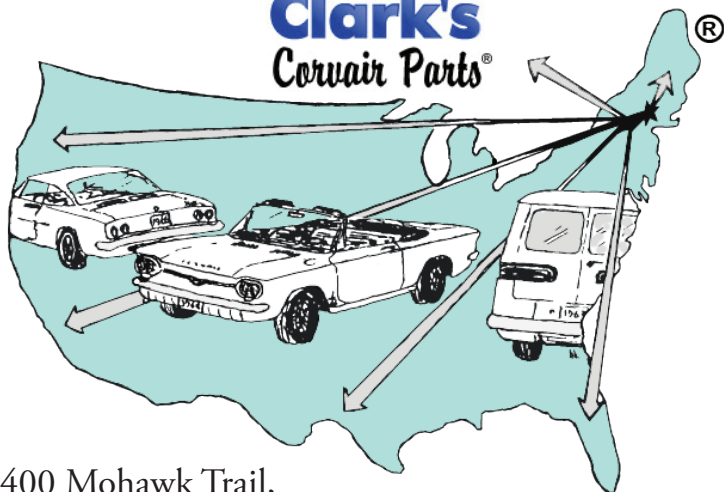


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Today's Date:	CORSA ID# (required for membership)
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New member gift selection (choose one)	Patch	Magnet	Window sticker (adheres to inside)
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Year	Model	Year	Model

If desired, provide pictures, information, or a story about your Corvairs on the reverse side. If included, can they be published? Yes No

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or

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For the past few years just before Christmas John Mellies' Mystery Machine (Corvan 95) is stolen by persons unknown (his son Wes and friends from HACO) and taken to Kansas City's Country Club Plaza. Scooby Doo started appearing the second year. Hundreds of holiday shoppers stop to pose with Scooby and the Mystery Machine. It was all in fun, no Scooby Snacks were accepted (or given away).*

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