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Riding with the President by John Nickel

In just seven short weeks we will be in Knoxville, TN for the CORSA Convention! I thought I was going to have an easier time getting there than last year's 3000 mile trip, since it's only about 130 miles, but the 64-8-door has decided that I didn't have enough work to do yet. The differential has finally died and needs an urgent rebuild. Luckily I have all the parts, just need to find the time.

Just a final reminder: the Corvanatics meeting is on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:30 PM right after the CORSA annual meeting in the Knoxville Marriott. We will hold our annual election of officers. If you are interested in joining the team as a Director, President, and Vice-President or as newsletter editor, please let us know. There will be door prizes as usual and a lively discussion of all things FC. If you plan to join, rejoin or just pay your dues, our Secretary/Treasurer Molly Bacon will be there to help you. She will also have items for sale. Please plan to attend.

If you have never attended a CORSA Convention before, this one will be in one of the most central locations for most all the members in both the Eastern and Central regions. There are many activities to attend or take part in. The Knoxville area is rich with history, from Civil War sites to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Downtown Knoxville has a huge variety of restaurants and is accessible by free KAT Trolley from the Hotels. If you are staying in the Crown Plaza Hotel downtown, you can also use the Trolley to get to the Marriott Hotel on the Gay St Line instead of driving. Just remember, if you haven't registered yet you may do so on site, but the tours will most likely be filled. You don't have to be member of CORSA to spectate, but you must be a member to participate. Membership in CORSA will be available on site as well. Why miss out in all the fun?

See you there next month!

John Nickel



***Corvanatics Annual Meeting
Wednesday June 24 at 7:30pm
CORSA National Convention
Knoxville Marriott Hotel
Knoxville TN.***

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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	\$40.00 \$6.00
Corvanatics T-shirt	Small (only 2 left)	\$12.00 \$6
	Medium (only 3 left) GONE	\$12.00 \$6
Men's Polo Shirt	Small (only 1 left) GONE	\$18.00 \$8
	Medium (only 1 left)	\$18.00 \$8
Women's Polo Shirt	Medium (only 2 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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From the Secretary *by Molly Bacon*

Hi All!

Spring is here and summer's coming soon. That means car shows and events galore. Get out and show the world your Corvair. In fact, by the time the next newsletter comes out, the CORSA Convention 2015 will be history. Hope to see you all there at the Corvanatics business meeting.

The first winner of the Clark's Gift Certificate (electronically chosen) is Terry Kalp. Thanks Terry for for keeping your dues current. –Please pay up those dues, it could be you next issue.



*Terry Kalp of Valley Center KS
Winner of Clark's Gift Certificate*

WELCOME !! to our new members

Al Hilderbrand	GA	1962 Rampside
Stan Drake	VA	1962 Greenbrier
Addison Cook	NY	1964 Greenbrier
Ted Moon	CA	1962 Rampside

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 and you stay eligible for the gift certificate giveaway. See below that two of those overdue people were the first two pulled, but I had to generate a new winning number. 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 and you become eligible again for the gift certificate drawing.

Due January and February

You are NOT eligible to receive a gift certificate even if your number is generated.

Jerry Boyles	Jan 2015	Ed Bittman	Feb 2015
Mike Dobie	Jan 2015	Eugene Loibl	Feb 2015



Dues Already Owed

Due March and April Second notice

You are also NOT eligible to receive a gift certificate even if your number is generated. YES, two people on this list were pulled as the first two numbers, but they were not eligible since they had not paid their dues.

Andy Alexander	Mar 2015	Richard Cooley	Apr 2015
Tim McCann	Mar 2015	Rod Murray	Apr 2015
Bill Rudolph	Mar 2015	Greg Vargas	Apr 2015
		Bill Wallace	Apr 2015

Coming due in the next two months (early reminder)

Due May and June – coming up, pay now! Stay eligible for the gift certificate drawing.

Edwin Clapper	May 2015	Bruce Alexander	June 2015
Daniel Gabbert	May 2015	Bill Fenemore	June 2015
Michael Moyer	May 2015	Silas Johnson	June 2015
Marlon Weyand	May 2015		

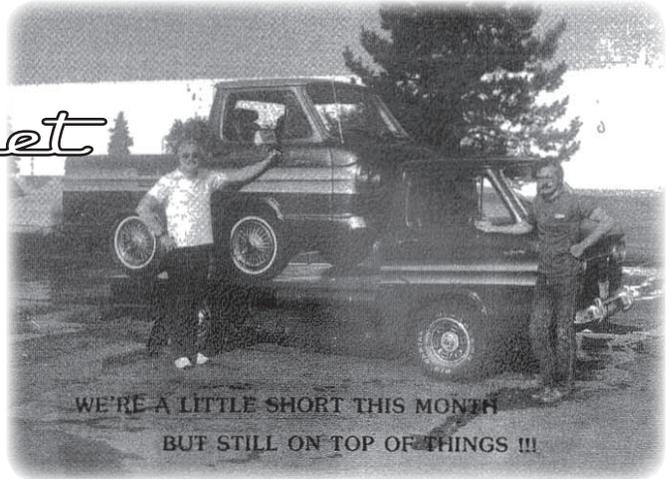
Remember, your dues can be paid for more than one year at a time. When you pay your dues, you will be sent an updated membership card with your new expiration date. Dues can be paid from the website with PayPal or sent "snail" mail with a check or money order.

Thanks,
Molly Bacon

Corvanatics Annual Meeting
7:30pm Wednesday June 24
CORSA International Convention

Check the schedule for room assignment.

Flatbed Fred is Back on the Market



Fred originally appeared on the cover of the March/April 1986 CorvanAntics in a photo featuring Stu Lagerbauer standing alongside the "Crampside", which was loaded onto the back of "Flatbed Fred". The owner/builder of the flatbed, Ron Heinrich of Deshler, Ohio, stood next to Fred.

Flatbed Fred is again up for sale. Jack Bacon is selling Flatbed Fred. The truck was featured in last years May/June issue of the CorvanAntics. Jack is asking \$12,000 or trade for a nice Corsa coupe.

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Another Take on Wood Strip Floors

by Paul Broyles

After seeing the wood strip floor in the March/April 2015 *CorvanAntics*, I just had to share my idea for installing a wood strip floor. I wanted my wood to be removable so I could use my truck for something other than shows. I've had my wood floor in my 1961 Rampside for over three years now. I take it out so my grandkids can ride in the back for parades. I used Velcro on my wood strips and, as shown in the enclosed pictures, the strips are numbered so they can go back in as originally installed. The engine compartment strips are the only ones that are permanent, as both sides of the lid have the wood strips. These were installed with small brass screws from the opposite sides. I have a thick rubber mat for the engine cover that I use for parades as this is a sitting down only area. All other strips can be removed as required.



Completed Winter Project

by Rod Murray

My big winter project was getting a fresh, long-awaited power train installed in the Greenbrier. Engine is a rebuilt 110 originally assembled back in 2009 using an "X" case married to a Powerglide and 3:27 diff.

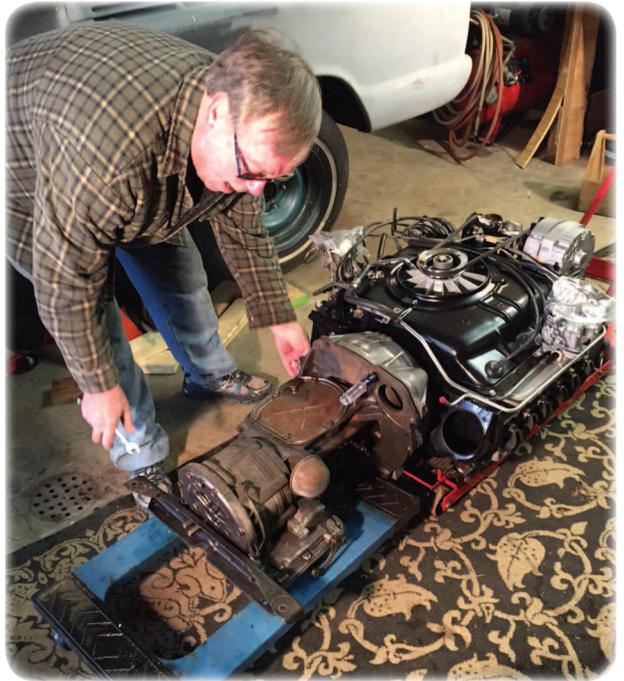
In my case, it takes a village for a project like this...Engine compartment and van interior was painted last fall with the help of my buddy Freddy (that's it, just Freddy). Credit my good friend John Sweet (ie John's Corvair Parts) with much of the heavy mechanical lifting, including overall tutorial direction and hands-on power train prep. – I can't thank John enough for all the help and encouragement he's provided.

Tim Colson was able to provide a correct FC tranny cover and serviceable oil cooler pipes. Some minor pipe work required but otherwise all good to go and all Tim asked in return was that I make him a Corvair Spyder Hubcap Clock.

I already had the original FC tranny cooler but it was rather dinged up - my father-in-law Bill pointed me towards a \$6 Harbor Freight radiator rake to straighten up the cooler fins – very easy to do this .

Western PA Corvair Club member Jim Madden provided the powdercoating services for the engine shrouding – he does good work.

Then, on the day of actual installation, Three Rivers Corvairs buddies Kurt Foltz and Jim Weppelman stopped over to help – saying they are good guys is an understatement. Lots of subsequent work around the engine compartment followed, including installation of all the firewall pass-thru items, starter, tranny hookup, heater motor and lower shroud heater setup, etc. Still need to pickup a fresh battery, but otherwise It's pretty much all in at this point other than the exhaust, which is on hold pending final body prep and undercoating. Exterior paint is on track for sometime this summer.



John Sweet has the power pack on a motorcycle lift and a dolly ready to slide under the Greenbrier.



John Sweet, Rod Murray and Jim Weppelman made short work of getting the rebuilt drive train back into the Greenbrier.



Rod straightened the fins on his Greenbrier using a radiator fin rack from Harbor Freight.



Dainer's Rampside, Then and Now

By Dave Palmer

In the May/June 2012 *CorvanAntics* newsletter I wrote about my fathers '62 Rampside. I had mentioned the brief history Dad had with it and how it was now in my garage getting a new restoration. My goal was to get it done so Dad could see it again finished. Dad was 87 and did not drive much. In recent years he managed to put almost 300 miles a year on the Rampy but most of the time it just sat. I remember telling him the 110hp engine needed Premium gas and how he would tell me that every third tankful, he put in "good" gas! Obviously the bad gas was just worse so I would fill the tank with Premium most times I went up to visit him.

Well, progress on restoring it moved along as best as I could do while still working and taking every other weekend to drive the 100 miles north to visit him. The bodywork took lots of hours, as it does. I welded up all the drilled holes in the body that I did not want, such as mirrors, the antenna he had put on the drivers side, and the handles that did not belong. For some reason the engine lid cover in the bed had lots of drill holes. It took a lot of welding to get these all filled in and the metal worked out. There were also a lot of little rust pinholes that needed to be sand blasted and welded. Nothing serious, as this Rampside has spent it's entire life in Southern California. Dad did manage to nudge the workbench in his garage from time to time when he parked the Rampside and managed to nicely push the center ridge of the passenger's door stripe inwards about 3/4 inch. No crease, but a nice inward push. I didn't think I would be able to draw that one out, but after making a special tool, I was able to push the point of the stripe out perfectly from the inside.

The drivetrain is in good condition. The last time the engine was out was about 27 years ago. It's running fine but I want to clean it up and add forged pistons and a billet cam gear, along with rebuilt heads and other upgrades. So the engine will be next.

As I mentioned, the body was in remarkable condition. Another tough job was getting the two applications of Zolatone bed liner and several coats of paint out of the entire truck. I really like the clean look of a painted truck bed, so two and a half years of work getting ready for paint ensued. One panel at a time I stripped the Rampy to a rolling body. All the removed parts were detailed or replaced. Thank goodness for a bunch of marked Zip Lock sandwich bags.

Without them, I would have never found everything to reassemble it. While redoing the bed I also added these red oak wood slats—an idea I got from Jay Leno's Rampside restoration. Please don't ask how many hours I have in this. It doesn't matter!

I sent it off to the paint shop last November and got it back just after New Years Eve. I was able to do all the re-assembly with NOS emblems, a new tinted windshield, Deluxe trim inside and out, S-10

front air dam, new custom upholstery (keeping the stock look) and stone guards on the headlights. These are the last pair Cal Clark had. His father made them and apparently no more will be made.

Unfortunately my Father passed away last year at the age of 90. I was able to show him in-progress pictures of

his truck but at the time of his passing, the Rampside was still a shell on wheels. I'm sure he sees it and can be proud that his little truck, which he enjoyed for about 27 years, is looking nice. I have built this Rampside as a tribute to Dad. In his childhood he was nicknamed "Dainer" by his brothers and sister so we call this little truck "Dainer's Rampside!" There are still a lot of things to detail, even before I do the engine,

but it's been a real joy. I don't plan on building "Dainer's Rampside" as a Concours truck. I have done that in the past with several Corvairs. But that won't stop me from entering it in that kind of event. We, the family, will in the mean time enjoy the truck at cruise nights, shows and just for fun. I'm proud to tell people, "This is my dad's truck."



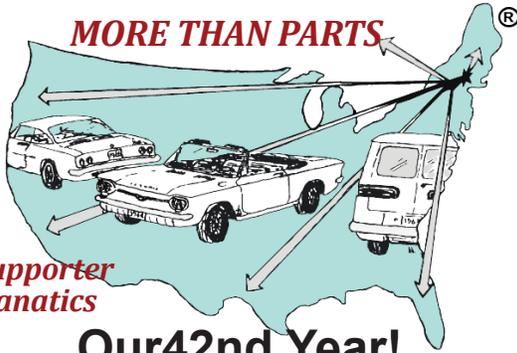
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Charlotte Autofair, Charlotte Motor Speedway by Molly Bacon

What a beautiful weekend after days and days of rain. Queen City Corvair Club has a reserved car club spot each year on the infield. We asked if we could join them this year. The club president's wife, Dee Charest, had the only FC there, a rampside, and QCC was the only Corvair Club though this event is put on for any classic car club. There was Corvette, Mustang, Camaro, Studebaker and every other imaginable club. Plus, on the outside in the parking lot are hundreds and hundreds of vendors. Finally, we even got to drive the Ultra Van on the race track. This is a really neat event put on by the Antique Automobile Club of America's (AACA) local chapter. You should try to attend if you're ever in the Charlotte area in April or September. Yes, they hold this twice a year.



New Member Photo

Al and Paula Hilderbrand of Dawsonville, GA own this 1962 Rampside equipped with a 1965 164CI/140hp and powerglide transmission. It is Al's daily driver.



Meet the Makers

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Ypsilanti, MI
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May 14

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*Dave Palmer's father's Rampside
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