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The Forward Control Corvair People



Riding with the President

by John Nickel

Another CORSA Convention has been completed and preparations are beginning for the next one in Pittsburgh, PA. Even though Barb and I didn't have a Corvair at the event, we enjoyed the time seeing many old friends and many more "new" (to us) FCs on display. The presence of the Corphibian was one of the most interesting examples of engineering and innovation as applied to an FC. It was great to see it not only on display but participating in the Autocross and I understand was registered for the Rally and Econorun (I don't know if it did participate though). We hope to see you all again next year.

Our annual meeting was well attended as usual, but we missed having Molly Bacon's talents as she and Chris were unable to attend. I want to thank Beth Hand for substituting for Molly and doing a great job! All officers were re-elected by acclamation, so you all are stuck with me for another year as your President and I thank you. The updated



Corvanatics By-Laws were approved by the members in attendance and signed by the BOD. All members were given a unique Hershey's Chocolate bar with a Corvanatics wrapper disguising it. It tasted pretty good too and we got to save the wrapper as a souvenir (Thanks, Molly).

We were treated to two tech sessions presented by Ken Hand (FC springs) and Dale Dewald (anti-sway bars). I think that they

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Your Show Here

CorvanAntics Editor

Sometimes the space in the newsletter doesn't work out exactly as I would hope, and I have spots left over like this one. I've asked for your FC baby pictures, and now I ask you to send me info on upcoming shows. If I have space, I will publish the particulars.

This edition I've gone close to home, to Vairs in the Valley, put on by John's and my home club, North Carolina Mountain Corvairs. It will be October 13-14 in Maggie Valley, NC. Go to <http://www.ncmountaincorvairs.com/events.html> and scroll down to this year's show.



Corvanatics Merchandise

Details and pictures at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/merchandise.php>

Item	PDF	Mailed
Corvanatics Jacket/Hat Patch	N/A	\$2.50
Corvanatics Surface or Window Sticker	N/A	\$2.00
Corvanatics Magnet	N/A	\$2.00
Corvanatics Lapel Pin	N/A	\$3.00
Corvanatics Key Fob	N/A	\$8.00
Corvanatics Hat	N/A	\$18.00
Corvanatics Roster	Free	\$2.00
Powerglide Transmission Book by Bob Ballew	Free	\$10.00
Differential Booklet	Free	\$5.00
3-Booklet Set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint Codes (includes cars thru '64) • Prices and Options • Paint and Trim Combinations 	Free	\$5.00

From the Secretary

by Molly Bacon

The Winner Is Philip Hack \$10 Clark's Gift Certificate

Remember, you can only win
if your dues are current

Hi all,

IMPORTANT

As those who attended the annual meeting heard, we are raising the yearly dues for the mailed newsletter membership to \$15. Because the cost of the printed newsletter per member is just over \$2.00 for each edition, there will be more discussion on this during future Board of Director calls.

I am so sorry I missed those who attended the convention. Chris and I had an emergency come up at the last minute. I know you were all well taken care of at the annual meeting even without me.

Prepare for an address change

I have officially retired now and we decided it wasn't convenient enough to have a separate PO Box, so I will be receiving mail at the new home in Gladwin, Michigan in a few months. This will be a lengthy, complex move as we have to combine two fully furnished houses and move cars. We are shooting for "before the snow flies" time frame,



but next spring is also a possibility. I will keep everyone updated as things progress. Be assured your dues payments and correspondence will not get lost. Of course, PayPal and email are the easiest and safest to use.

Since last newsletter:

- 271 members
- 15 new members – 3 rejoined
- 20 members renewed their dues
- 11 members were dropped

WELCOME !! to our new members

Bill Ramsden	NC	1964 Greenbrier
Scott MacIntyre	British Columbia	1963 Corvan
Allen Short	IL	(2) 1961 Rampsides
Cliff Tibbitts	KY	1961 Rampside
Jerry Brown	SC	1963 Corvan
Roger Tucker	SC	
Jay Davis	WV	
Robert Bentz	FL	1962 Corvan (original Bell Telephone van)
Jan Bradley	IN	
Delmar Southall	FL	

Corvans' Members' Results from the 2017 Convention

by Molly Bacon

Edward N Cole Award

Dale Dewald	67 500 4 door sedan	1080.6 WINNER!
Philip Raker	63 Greenbrier	1072.02
Eric Prosis	65 Monza 4 door	1052.81
Gary Greenwood	65 Monza coupe	1038.06
Jonni Berkman	65 Corsa convertible	762.11

Concours

Senior

Clyde Jones	66 red Monza Convertible	98.07
Gary Greenwood	65 blue Monza coupe	97.08
Mike Hall	62 gold Monza Station Wagon	94.11

Primary

Gary Baxter	66 blue Monza coupe	97.69 – elevated to senior
Norbert Laubach	65 Blue Corsa coupe	95.40
Mike Dawson	61 green 700 station wagon	94.41
Helen Moore	61 red/white Rampside	94.19
Eric Proise	65 blue Monza 4 door	93.81
Jonni Bergman	65 red Corsa convertible	92.11
Philip Raker	63 green/white Greenbrier	92.02
Dale Dewald	67 tan/cream 500 4 door	87.60

Economy Run

Manual Transmission 2 carb

Eldon Dahl	66 Monza coupe	36.2 mpg	1st place
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Manual Transmission 4-carb

Jonni Berkman	65 Corsa convertible	did not finish or timed out
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Automatic Transmission

Dale Dewald	67 500 4 door	24.75 mpg	2nd place
Eric Prosis	65 Monza 4 door	19.86 mpg	7th place
Gary Greenwood	65 Monza couple	did not finish or timed out	

Forward Control

Clair Morgan	63 Greenbrier	did not finish or timed out
Philip Raker	63 Greenbrier	did not finish or timed out

Road Rally, Primary Class

Dale/Marilyn Dewald	67 500 4 door	3 points, 2nd place tie
Eric/Jodi Prosis	65 Monza 4 door	10 points, 4th place tie
Philip/Audrey Raker	63 Greenbrier	11 points, 6th place
Gary Greenwood/ Tony Elison	65 Monza coupe	12 points, 8th place
Tim Schwartz/James McDonald	63 Greenbrier	28 points, 11th place
Christy Barden/Andrew Allen	66 Corsa coupe	64 points, 19th place
Eldon/Linda Dahl	66 Monza coupe	129 point, 22nd place

Autocross

Improved Stock 2

Eldon Dahl	66 Monza coupe	69.397, 68.179, 65.285, 65.285
Gary Greenwood	65 Monza coupe	67.774, 67.489, 66.536, 66.536

Improved Stock 3

Clyde Jones	66 Monza convertible	97.195, 89.072, 84.153, 84.153
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Street Modified 1

Seth Emerson	66 Monza coupe	61.535, 59.152, 78.639, 59.152
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Street Stock 3

Dale Dewald	67 500 4 door	76.553, 70.305, 69.100, 69.100
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Street Stock 3 Ladies

Marilyn Dewald	67 500 4 door	DNF, 83.973, 81.814, 81.814
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Street Stock 4

Eric Proise	65 Monza 4 door	71.604, 70.863, 69.288, 69.288
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Street Stock 4 Ladies

Jonni Berkman	65 Corsa convertible	DNF, 147.297, DNF, 147.297
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Street Stock 5

Mike Dawson	62 Greenbrier	82.804, DNF, 79.152, 79.152
Philip Raker	63 Greenbrier	99.074, 81.451, 81.237, 81.237

Model Car Concours

Modified Class

Mark Corbin	Camaro w/Corvair engine	4 th place
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Promotional / Collectible Class

Jean Allan	Pair of Corvairs	1st place
Tim Schwartz	Red/White stripe Greenbrier	3rd place
Jonni Berkman	Red Late Model Convertible	5th place

Car Display

Forward Control

Tim Schwartz	1963 Greenbrier	top 3
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Concours

Eric Proise	1965 Monza 4 door	top
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CORSA Chapter Outstanding Website Award

Dayton Corvair Club, Chapter #454	Webmaster: Kevin Clark	1st Place
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Change to the Cost for a Printed Newsletter

Corvanatics dues are not going up, but after carefully evaluating of the cost of producing and mailing printed newsletters, the Corvanatics Board of Directors has voted to increase the price for the printed newsletter from \$2 to \$5 per year. It still doesn't quite cover the average cost of printing and postage, but it comes much closer than the \$2 fee had. The hope is that more members will choose to receive the newsletter electronically (in **color** and with active hyperlinks!), but still keep a reasonable rate for those who can't use the electronic version. This will be effective with your next membership renewal.

Seen at the 2017 Convention in Independence

photos by John Nickel

You probably noticed that while we got photos, we didn't get owner and vehicle information. If you see your FC in these photos, please email CorvanAnticsNews@gmail.com with your info. Don't forget to specify the page and position of the photo. -Ed.



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Seen at the 2017 Convention in Independence

Though we don't usually use photos of non-members FC's, we tried to get and publish a photo of every FC at the convention, and even extended the definition to include the one Ultra we saw. If we missed yours, we apologize, and ask you to send a photo so it can be published next edition. -Ed.



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Corvanatics Annual Meeting

by Beth Hand

Here are the draft minutes of the Corvanatics Annual Meeting on June 28, 2017 at the CORSA Convention in Independence, MO. Special thanks to Beth Hand for taking the minutes.

The minutes won't technically be final until approved at the next meeting, but who wants to wait a year to find out what happened? If you were at the meeting and see something here that should be changed, please contact Molly Bacon using the information on page 2.-Ed.

Meeting opened by John Nickel at 9:13 pm

- Elections: All positions will remain the same - no new volunteers: Pres. John Nickel, VP Ken Hand, Secretary/Treasurer Molly Bacon, Central Director Dale Dewald, Eastern Director Tim Schwartz, Western Director Steve Brown, and Director at Large Chris Brown. Motion to pass



by Billy Bruce, 2nd by Gary Baxter.

- Ken Hand distributed Corvanatics candy bars to all.
- Bylaws were updated this year - Mary Baxter asked what changes were. Wording was updated to clarify and to add that we have policies. Published in the newsletter for review. No comments were received. Vote to accept as published? Motion to approve Claire Morgan, 2nd Steve Brand. All in favor, none opposed.
- Financial report: \$7,649 beginning, \$3,419 income, \$4,314 paid out, \$6,754 ending balance. Spend a lot on postage for newsletter, raised fees. Encourage digital copy instead.

- John asked for donations to Corsa, CPF and scholarship - \$500 each. Gary Baxter motion to pass, Ken Hand 2nd. Question asked to define CPF (Corvair Preservation Foundation.) All in favor, none opposed.

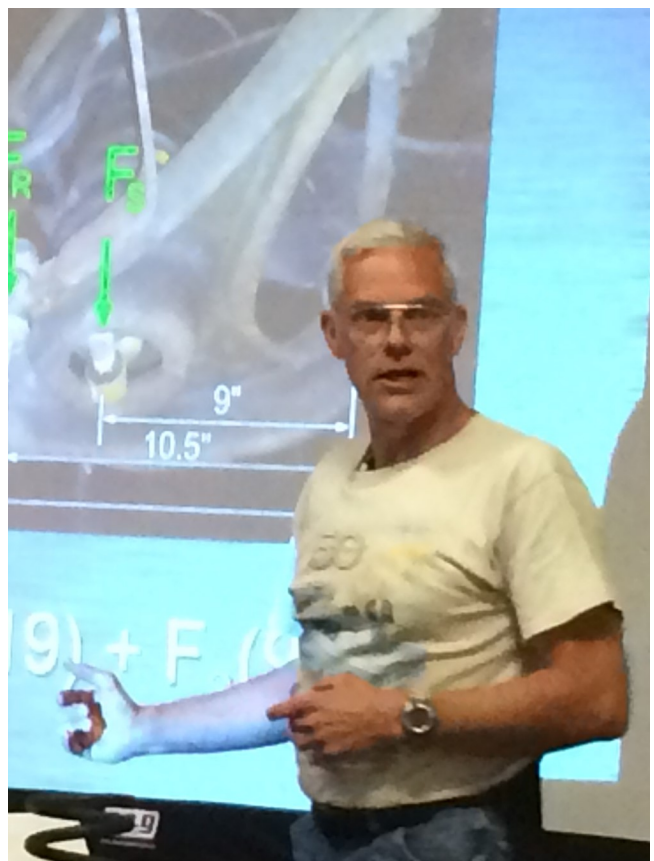
- Tech session on front springs/shocks presented by Ken Hand in coordination with Dale DeWald.

- Tech session on anti-roll bar/suspension/sway bars presented by Dale Dewald.

- Both Dale and Ken will submit articles to the newsletter.

- Comment: if anyone is interested in topics for next year, let us know (for tech sessions, etc.)

Meeting concluded at 10:15 pm



Cole award winner Dale DeWald presents a tech session at the Corvanatics meeting.

Corphibian at the Convention

by Barb Mee

The Corphibian was in attendance at the Convention, and even more, registered for all three moving events! According to various sources, the Corphibian is an amphibious vehicle, that features an extended body and fiberglass hull.

It was built by Chevrolet Engineering with the Hulten-Holm Company of Pontiac, Michigan, and it was the only one built. It was featured in the December 1981 Communique and in volume 24 (4) of CorvanAntics in 2000. The Corphibian is in the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville. You can find out about the museum at www.lanemotormuseum.org.



Meeting Again

by Barb Mee

In 2014, while driving from North Carolina to the CORSA Convention in Tacoma, we saw a beautiful '61 Loadside on the freeway in South Dakota. We were not driving a Corvair, but that didn't deter us from catching up, driving next to the truck, and honking and waving John's Corvair hat like fools... err,...ah, like eager enthusiasts.

When the people in the truck took an exit, we followed, pursuing them into a parking lot. Fortunately, they realized that we did not have ill intent, and we visited for a few minutes.

The owners had heard of a local club in South Dakota, but that wasn't close to home, so they hadn't contacted the club yet. We encouraged them to join CORSA and to meet people in the local club.

I guess they must have found the club, because we saw Alex Becker and his family, along with that still beautiful truck at the Convention in Independence.

The message: reach out, share your hobby, and never assume someone is already in the club.



Tech Tip: Retractable Tie Down Anchors

by Gary Baxter



There was a Rampside at Tacoma with several interesting ideas, that was brought from BC by Eric.

HINT: Eric, if you are reading this, we would like some articles about what you have done.

Anyway, among the changes he made, were some nice looking tie downs. All he said was he had to modify them. I went online and found several styles, most with similar mounting systems. They use a plate with ears that fit under the lip of the stake pocket hole and is held in place by tightening screws. I decided on Bull Ring Retractable Tie Down Anchors, part number 4003, which fit most regular pickups. Other styles and finishes are available. They consist of a plastic base, which incorporates a bucket that the ring retracts into, a trim plate, and the mounting system below that. They are sold in pairs, which leaves an extra one – more about that latter.

The FC stake pockets are approximately 1.41" x 2.03", which is smaller than regular trucks. The bucket is 1.47 x 1.97. That means the sides of the bucket need to be ground or filed slightly to fit into the hole. The left front one was the easiest. After trimming the bucket sides, it fit with no further modification. The sides will have to be



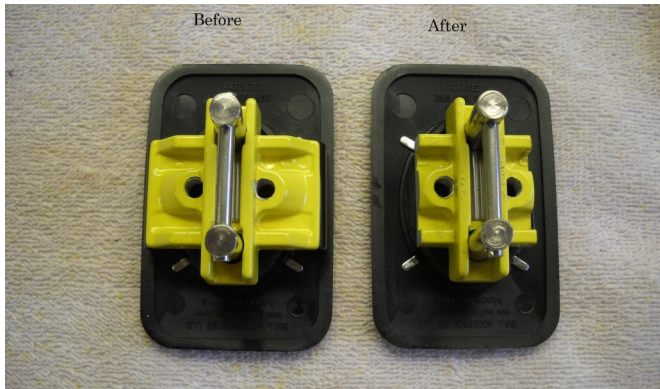
trimmed for all the stock location pockets.

Next are the middle ones. The FC has a brace inside the hole at the rear outer corner, which interferes with the mounting system. Notching the mount at one corner, as shown in the picture, is all that is needed to fit. Remember it is a different corner that needs to be modified for each side.



Then there are the rear holes. They are not made like any of the others, or a regular truck. The inner structure boxes in the hole, so there is no lip for the mounting system to hook to. It will not even fit into the hole. The mounting ears have to be cut off so the assembly can fit into the hole. I used pins across the hole, going between the

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screws and the legs of the tie down eye. You have to remove the side panels to drill the holes for the pins. The pin holes are 0.63 down from the top of the body, and 0.47 between centers, centered on the opening. The modified assembly is then dropped into the hole, pins inserted, and then the mounting screws tightened after putting the side panels back on to hold the pins in completely. I cut 16d galvanized nails to length for pins. Do be cautious as you drill through the outer side of the stake pocket. A dimple, or worse a hole, on the outer side panel of the bed is not something you want.



I have found that a tie down just behind the cab on the right side could have been handy many times, so I added one on the side just under the cab lip. I used a 1.50" diameter hole saw to cut two holes for the ends of the opening, and then ground flat the space between them. The first



hole was centered 1.56 back from the cab and 1.13 down from the body seam on the side. The second one is centered 0.50 back from the first. Note,



you cannot cut one hole completely or you will cut out the center for the second one. I cut slightly at an angle, so the hole saw cut the ends more than the center, and worked back and forth between the holes. Tape was used over the area to be cut to protect the surrounding finish. After touching up the paint on the cut edge of the hole, the extra tie down anchor can be inserted without any modification to it.



From the Secretary, continued from page 3

Welcome to new members, continued:

Ken Brown FL 1961 Rampside
Paul Motz CO

WELCOME BACK !!

to our returning members

Richard Hall CA 1961 Corvan
1962 Rampside
1965 Greenbrier

rejoined after a 9 year absence

Craig Wilson IA
rejoined after a 9 year absence

J. R. Protteau TX 1962 Greenbrier
reinstated after being dropped in April

***Dues Due!! Dues Already Owed
and you will be dropped 8/31***

Ed Connor, Daniel Monestario

***Coming due September and October
Be proactive and pay now. You will never
be penalized for paying early.***

Danny Davis Sept 2017

Dick Dean	Sept 2017
Bill Fenemore	Sept 2017
Richard Matson	Sept 2017
Burt Mitchell	Sept 2017
John (Jay) Nugent	Sept 2017
Donald Phillips	Sept 2017
Art Sesso	Sept 2017
Gary Baxter	Oct 2017
Billy Cannon	Oct 2017
Ed Graveline	Oct 2017
John Howell	Oct 2017
Timothy Palmer	Oct 2017
Bill Prichard	Oct 2017
Larry Sherwood	Oct 2017
Kevin Thompson	Oct 2017

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

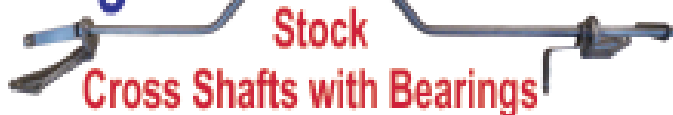
Thanks,
Molly Bacon

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were an excellent addition to our meeting and that we should encourage members to attend the meeting if for no other reason to learn more about our FCs. We intend to do at least two tech sessions again next year. During the meeting we voted to make our annual donations to CORSA, the CPF and the Scholarship fund. These donations are used to help promote the Corvair throughout the world. I was happy to note that the CPF has been able to locate and is negotiating for a permanent Corvair Museum in De-

catur, IL within the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum. We were asked to leave the Ypsilanti museum and have transferred nearly all of our displays and vehicles to the Decatur location. I mention this because the CPF needs to build up the Endowment Fund so that we can continue to use this great site. Any moneys you donate to this fund are 100% tax deductible and I encourage you to consider donating to this fund.

Please drive your FC's as they are our best means to encourage their preservation and presence among the public. Happy FCing!

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Stories, articles, photos, memorabilia, or any other item for publication should be sent to the editor. All of these can also be sent by email to CorvanAnticsNews@gmail.com.

Technical material will be sent to the Technical Editor for review. Authors are asked to submit a photograph of themselves for the article.

For advertising in the newsletter, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer. Members can have a free small ad in the newsletter. Display advertising is also available at the following rates:

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In Memoriam

by *Chris Brown*

We are aware of the passing of two of our members, Tom Hulsey and Brian Tucker. We are diminished by their loss, and we offer our condolences to their family and friends.

Tom Hulsey of Raleigh NC passed away June 27 2017. Tom was active in CORSA, CORSA NC and Corvanatics, and was serving as Secretary/Treasurer for CORSA NC at the time of his death. Tom was a regular vendor at Corvair events from Michigan to Florida.

Brian Tucker of Pelzer SC passed away January 23, 2017 at the age of 43. Brian joined Corvanatics in 2012. In the short time that he was a member of the club, Brian displayed one of his three Greenbriers at 'Vairs In The Valley and at Springfest. Brian was also a contributor to our newsletter.

Please let Club Historian, Chris Brown, know of members' passing so we can honor them. Chris' contact information is on pg. 2 of this newsletter.



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