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Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates

Corvanatics is proud to offer Official Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates. These certificates are available only for Corvanatics club members and for vehicles recorded in the Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry. The certificates document and decipher the VIN, data plate, and engine ID codes, and are printed on high quality bond carrying an embossed gold Corvanatics seal, suitable for framing. Additional historical information can be included on the certificate at the discretion of the club historian and available space.

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Corvair 95 light trucks The certificates are available now at an introductory price.

A single certificate: \$30 Each additional certificate: \$15 Shipping is included in the price. Certificates make great gifts.

For more information and to order certificates go to the Certificate webpage at <u>https://www.corvair.org/chapters/</u> <u>corvanatics/RegisCert.php</u> or use the website navigation menu

link shown to the left.

Corvanatics Board Of Director Voting—Open until 4/1 Candidate bios on **page 14** and the ballot on **page 15**.

Corvan - Antics is published for the benefit of the members of Corvanatics. We're the largest chapter of the Corvair Society of America and are **supported solely by membership dues**. If you are not a Corvanatics member, please consider joining us. Membership information can be found here, <u>https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/membership.php</u>.

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Found on Facebook

Pictures of our members/their vehicles randomly found posted on Facebook

Visit the Corvanatics—Corvair Trucks & Vans Facebook group

Bill Berger



Marvin Hickman



Heidi Olson



Tim Colson



Lance Fontinello



Larry Schmuhl



New member - Jon Massaro Rampside restoration





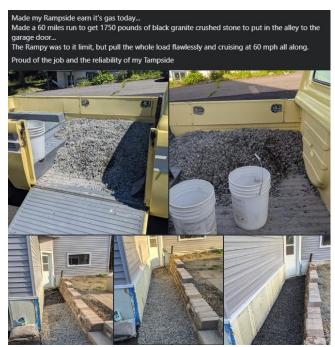
Michael Slotwinski



Don Proctor



Daniel Vallée



Greg Blakeney



Travis Fowler



Jon Buck



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Riding with the President-Ken Hand

Hi Everyone,

Spring is in the air and those of us in the north are getting excited about getting to our FCs again.

The Board is working on a lot of different things with our social media look and not just on Facebook. Also, we soon will be offering new t-shirts. These will be high quality with a custom Corvanatics screen printed design and a nice match for the embroidered hats that were recently provided.



For those of you going to the convention keep in mind that there is a President's award that I will present to an FC. If you bring your FC, be sure and come to the Corvanatics meeting where it will be awarded. Do not worry about the condition, the choice is mine and the award could go for anything, even the nastiest looking FC you have ever seen! So, even if you have an average run of the mill FC, you are NOT out of the running. Last year's winner was a very unassuming look, most people just passed it by, and it wasn't even 100% completed! In other words, this is not a "best of show" award.

Another reason you may want to attend our Corvanatics Annual Meeting is we have a couple of speakers for presentations. Our historian, Steve Spilatro, will talk about the Corvanatics FC Registry and Dave Palmer has agreed to do a talk about his '64 Van, which should be interesting. We also need someone that is willing to round up the FCs so we can get a group picture at the convention. If you happen to be a photographer, all the better. Please either get with me or Molly.

Lastly, by the next newsletter we will have installed our new set of Directors and there is still time to vote. See the last few pages of the newsletter. In mid-April the Directors will elect the club officers, so, this could possibly be my last report! You'll know in May.

Ken Hand

Corvanatics Prez

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Your 2025 exclusive membership freebie packet has just gone out in the mail.

The annual cling plus more fun items.

Watch for it.

If you do not receive yours shortly, please contact <u>corvanatics@gmail.com</u>

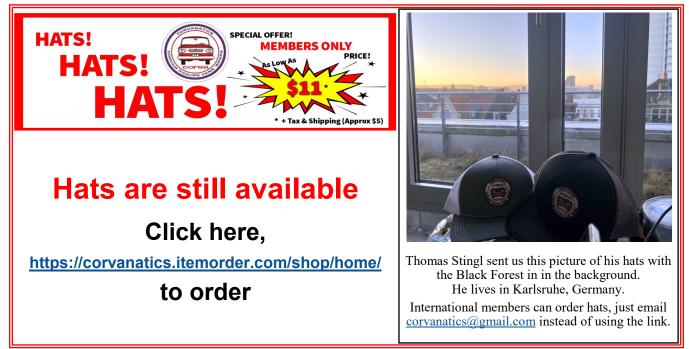


March 2025 Newsletter Social Media Updates

CORVANATICS LOGO HATS

Happy to report that our members have purchased so far almost 100 of our recently-released Corvanatics embroidered logo hats. That's a lot of hats! And why not? These are great hats, priced at just \$11, with several different styles and lots of colors, plus, if you want, you can customize your hat FOR FREE with your FC type and year! AAAND Corvanatics club members get that exclusive "Club Cost" pricing – you pay what we pay so there is no markup! On the other hand, I know several members bought more than one hat. So that means there's at least 200+ more members that haven't jumped on this offer yet. What are you waiting for??? Visit our Member's Only store and get yours now! You'll be ready and looking good for driving season!

On a related note, we also sold a few of these hats on our non-member Corvanatics Enthusiasts store (posted on our Facebook Group page) using a \$21 "hat + 1 year's club membership" offer. Unfortunately, this deal netted only 4 sales and new members. So, we're ending the membership offer and replacing it with a flat \$17 hat price. We still hope to sell a few hats this way, but we'll always prefer to get enthusiasts to join the club and enjoy the perks of Corvanatics membership...like saving \$\$\$!



COMING SOON...A new line of Corvanatics Logo and Window Cling design-inspired shirts!

A new line of Corvanatics t-shirts and polos is being finalized and should be ready to launch on our online stores very soon. Different styles, colors, and high-quality brands will be offered, along with silk-screened designs or embroidered logo options. Again, Corvanatics Members will receive preferred pricing on all items at our Members Only store. Stay tuned on this one!

CORVANATICS SOCIAL MEDIA – WE NEED YOU!

Social media has lots of popular platforms – Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, etc. that offer fast, easy ways to spread news and information to an incredibly broad, diverse audience. A few Board Members are actively developing a general vision and purpose to do just that for Corvanatics across these platforms, and we need your help. We need some members familiar with these platforms to join our Social Media Committee to help us plan, and then implement, a strategy to promote our Club and our vehicles. Who's up to give us a hand? This isn't a heavy lift – frankly if it's not fun, we're not doing it right! Please reach out to me or any other Board member if you're interested, have questions, or just a few suggestions.

Thanks!

Rod Murray, Corvanatics BOD Pittsburgh, PA 64 Greenbrier <u>Rmurray8996@gmail.com</u>

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From the Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Hi all,

Still time to vote. Please do!! See pages 14-15. There are a few new and exciting things to make you a proud Corvanatics member, especially the new Registry Certificates, see page 1. Also, if you haven't already received it, your 2025 member packet is on the way.

IOTE FOR ME

Since the last newsletter :

332 members7 new members21members renewed their dues6 members dropped

WELCOME !! to our new members

Joseph Block	WA		Ellen Mitchell	TX	
Bill Berger	IL	1961 Rampside	Marty Walker	МО	1961 Rampside
Jon Massaro	CA	Rampside	Bruce Davis	MI	1963 Greenbrier
Dean Coclin	MA	-			

Dues Expiring

Easily renew online <u>https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/membership.php</u> You will not be penalized for paying early, your due month stays the same.

Due in March		
Bill Chellis	Howard Gaass	
Larry Grizzle	Robert Hall	
Lynn Houk	Dmitriy Kleyman	
Elvis King	Daniel Vallée	
Larry Wolf		
Due in May		

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Sharon Lawson	Gary Martinson
Walt Matenkosky	Jim Reich
David Wood	MiLana Wright

Due in June

Jim Craig	Mike Gassmann
Christopher Heckel	Troy Hull
Gordon Hunter	Greg Kosmatka
Ted Moon	Rod Murray
Jason Van Fleet	Greg Vargas
Dave Ziegler	

PAY YOUR DUES

The Winner Is Lilian Shortle

\$10 Clark's Gift Certificate

Remember, you can only win if your dues are current



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The 40th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday and car show at Perdido Bay Golf Course, Feb 14 and 15, Pensacola FL

By Chris Law

The West Florida Corvair Club, led by Ed & June Lindsay, put on a great weekend. It was mine and Joan's first time there and we drove the '64 convertible.



Friday 14th was a beautiful day for the drive down and uneventful. We didn't have car trouble and didn't get lost. We arrived to find the golf course is a great location, the cottages were very nice and everything was conveniently located. We got settled in, then off to registration for our packet, and door prize tickets, some catching up and a little later a FEAST.



Saturday morning came and brought more food, then out to get lined up and cleaned up, as it seems we had picked up some extra-large bugs on the front of the Rampside. Then, you guessed it, lunch, and it was over the top. We had ribs, pulled pork, and all the trimmings and I ate WAY too much.

Back out to the show, there were 4, couldn't believe it, station wagons, 4 Rampsides, 1 Greenbrier, and the rest were '64s and '65s and 22 vehicles in all. They had a Valve Cover Race and a Cornhole tournament too.



Back at the cottages in the wee hours, there was a little storm that blew through. The next morning the only damage we had was a wet floor. It seems the window seals leaked, but not too bad, so we headed home. It turned out to be another beautiful day only with very strong winds, so back home with no problems. Hats off to the West Florida Corvair Club for a great weekend.



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Corvan - Antics - thru the years

Steve Spilatro - Historian

50 years ago, Corvan - Antics, Volume 3-2, March-April 1975

The club was struggling to survive and this, the first newsletter of 1975, arrived late as the Spring issue. In the "President's Corner", Founder and President Ken Wilhite Jr. expressed concern over the dire condition of the club. There were 81 members, but few were paying their membership fee (\$5 annual). Most directors were not contributing much, and the Secretary/Treasurer Howard Mayhew Jr. reported the club's treasury balance had declined to a mere \$10.88!

40 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 13-2, March-April 1985

In this issue the rear wheel bearing shortage was under discussion. Cal Clark had found a bearing manufacturer with the necessary tooling but required a rather large minimum order. So, members were being surveyed for their needs and willingness to pay \$100 - \$120 for the bearings. [Reportedly there was a single run of those bearings.] Today, reproduction rear wheel bearings are no longer available. \$120 in 1985 would be ~\$350 in 2025 dollars, typical of the

f the you can find 'em.

The professor assigned the students

A young student raised her and

young man in the next row blurted out:

"Oh, you know, he's that guy on

to read a report on auto safety by

asked who Ralph Nader is. Before the professor could answer, a

Ralph Nader.

current asking price for NOS bearings, which makes them a good deal, if you can find 'em.

30 years ago, Corvan - Antics Volume 23-2, March-April 1995

There were only three issues in 1995, and this one covered all of the Spring months. Bob Slusher reported disappointing repro part news – there had been little interest in the reproduction turn signal cams, and Lon Wall would be selling them for cost at the Underground. We were also given a sampling of poor Corvair humor, shown in the box.

20 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 33-2, March-April 2005

This issue leaned more toward used rather than new parts. The cover and other pictures showed parting -out of a Greenbrier donated by Clay Wispell. The van had done its duty, logging over 350,000 miles. Though the efforts of the "National Corvair Donor Society" (NCDS) many of "Brier's" body parts were surgically removed to save lives of other FCs. [I believe that the NCDS has since itself been parted out, so to speak.]

10 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 43-2, March-April 2015

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In Memorial

Patrick B. Skiver, December 11, 1961 - January 31, 2025

Patrick B. Skiver, age 63, passed away Friday, January 31, 2025.

Cherished husband of Susann (nee Stubbs) for nearly 36 years; beloved son of the late Larry and Patricia (nee Patrick) Skiver, Sr.; brother of Larry Skiver, Jr. (Karen); uncle of many nieces and nephews; and treasured friend to many!

Pat had worked for RTA as a painter for nearly 29 years, retiring in 2009.

He was an avid collector of numerous things. Among his collections, he had an array of unique and vintage cars, including a one of a kind custom Corvair. He also had a vast collection of toys, particularly die cast cars and trucks. He had also devoted hours to building models, which he proudly displayed! Pat abarred his passions with others as a member of both the Model Car Club and the



shared his passions with others as a member of both the Model Car Club and the Corvair Club.

Once his wife, Sue retired, she and Pat were able to begin enjoying week long camping trips throughout Ohio with others who shared their enthusiasm for vintage trailers as part of the Trailerite's. Over the course of several years and many camping trips, their group became more like a family to both Sue and Pat!

With his love of camping and the great outdoors, joy in acquiring new additions to his various collections, both large and small alike, his penchant for jokes and storytelling, and his enthusiasm in sharing it all with Sue, Pat was more like a big kid than a man of 63 years. His zest for life, his laughter, and his big bear hugs most of all, will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him!

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, Bedford. 440-232-1441 www.johnsonromito.com

Mike Anstine, former DACC president and friend of Patrick's, provided this additional information.

Sometime prior to 2014, Patrick submitted a concept drawing of a blue Greenbrier to Hot Wheels for consideration. They later contacted him and shared the picture of the yellow Greenbrier as the proposed prototype.





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Then, in 2015, they sent the actual rendering of the model they would produce and sell which would be the orange version also pictured below.

Since then, there have been at least 4 variations, including the first. The model was produced under the Heritage collection and later in the pop culture Real Riders collections. There may have been other types, but these are all I have found.













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Corvanatics is open to anyone with an interest in Forward Control Corvairs. Annual dues are \$10 for an emailed full color newsletter and \$15 for a mailed black and white newsletter. Application and payment is made to the Secretary/Treasurer either through the Corvanatics website at <u>www.corvair.org/chapters/</u> <u>corvanatics/membership.php</u> or by mail. If mailed,

include a completed membership form. Forms can be printed from the website or obtained directly from the Secretary/Treasurer.

Stories, articles, photos, memorabilia, or any other item for publication should be sent to the editor. They can also be sent by email to <u>CorvanAnticsNews@gmail.com</u>. Authors are asked to submit at least a photograph of themselves for the article with any other photos.

Technical material received will be sent to the Technical Editor for review.

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:

- Full page \$25
- Half page: \$15
- Quarter page: \$10
- Business card (2" x 3.5"): \$5
- Photos for ads are \$6 each and can be color or black/white

Please submit print-ready or typed copy and pre-payment to the Secretary/ Treasurer. Authorization and payment must be received prior to each issue. All ads must be Corvair-related.

Deadline for publication is the 15th of February, April, June, August, October or December.

Awards

Old Cars Golden Quill Compact Chapter Award - 2023, 2022, 2021 2020, & 2002

CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award - 2024 2nd place, 2020 1st place, 2019 2nd place, 2018 2nd place, & 2015 3rd place

Reminder:

With the newsletter only being published bi-monthly, it is not practical to publish advertisements of vehicles or parts for sale. Too often they sell before publication date frustrating potential buyers. With so much online, the best bet for selling is either eBay, Facebook, or the ever-popular Corvair forums, Corvair Center and Corvair Forum. Thanks for your understanding.

Corvan - Antics uses material from many sources and may not always give appropriate credit. If your material appears without acknowledgement, we thank you for your contribution. It was used in good faith to help preserve, maintain, drive and enjoy our Corvairs.



Founded in 1969, **CORSA** is group of automobile enthusiasts working to satisfy the common needs of individuals interested in the preservation, restoration, and operation of the Corvair. CORSA's long range goal is to promote reproduction of parts and render technical assistance to increase your enjoyment of the Corvair, and to further the general public's appreciation of the car.

Corvanatics encourages membership in CORSA. Visit their website, <u>www.corvair.org</u>

Director Candidates

Michael Hill (Mike)

Email: jetmechmike@yahoo.com Residence: Connecticut Member of Corvanatics for 2 years

My first exposure to Corvairs was in 1966 and I was 5. My eldest sister had a '62 Monza convertible, yellow with a black top, she called the "bumble bee". My eldest brother had a white '62 Greenbrier that he drove back and forth several times across the country without any issues. It met its demise when my other sister borrowed his van and surprised him (so she thought) by filling the engine oil to the top of the fill port then driving it until the motor exploded (as she recollects). More is better, right?



I am retired from 2 careers: 22 years in the USAF (1979-2001) and 22 years in the aerospace defense industry (2001-2023). I have logged over 4 million miles traveling the globe in these careers working with our defense industry and allies and it's time to unpack! So now I have free time.

My first Corvair was a '66 Monza coupe with a 3-speed I purchased in 1985. I lived in Las Vegas at the time and there is where I fell in love with the car. Indestructible is what I recall. It loved the desert. I had an assignment to Iceland and was looking to sell the car before I left. I did not advertise it at all and one night on my way home from work I was pulled over by a cop, for the simple reason of asking if it was for sale. That worked out well.

I have been involved in car clubs since 1990, during my assignment Panama City, Florida. I was the president of a club there (Sunshine Cruisers) and was driving a '59 El Camino, '65 Grand Prix, and a '68 GTO (and Fieros, lots of Fieros). Great times, great shows, and great folks.

In my spare time, I am usually traveling with family or working on a car or house. My middle brother has a '66



Monza convertible that I get to work on occasionally as well. We recently completed a 3-day 1100-mile road rally through 7 states without incident! So proud of that car!

I currently own a '62 Rampside that I absolutely love to drive. I happened upon and purchased a zero mile '62 Motobecane Mobylette moped to match. I call the truck "Britney." My brother named her as he says, "she looks good for an old gal, but still has some demons."



So, that's my story. I am here to promote the Corvair and this hobby at every opportunity, whether online or in person. I absolutely love taking it to every car show I can and talking to the folks.

I want to ensure this hobby, and these vehicles continue long after I am gone. It's truly an underappreciated platform, and I would like to try and change that with your help!

My name is **Chris Law**, and I am currently President of the Heart of Georgia Corvair Club. I just turned 70 yrs old on 12/20. I am a second generation Corvair and FC person. My dad and mom were James and Lillian Law. I grew up with Corvairs, we had an early when I was 6 or 7, then later, in high school, I built my first Corvair, a '62 Monza coupe. I dated my girlfriend in it, and she still married me. Now all these years later (51), she is still with me and our 3 Corvairs. After high school I attended Nashville Auto Diesel College, taking automotive and diesel courses as well as the welding course. I worked as a mechanic for a truck leasing company, then a Hyster forklift dealer. Then I was hired by Carlton Co., a Caterpillar Dealership and for over 27 years, served in many different positions. In December 2002 Carlton Co was bought out by Yancey Bros., which I also served in many Parts Dept. positions, until I retired in Oct. 2020.



Before I retired, my wife and I resurrected a Corvair Trike, which we showed with mom and dad for several



years, even at the Hilton Head Concours Car club Showcase, and placed as one of the top 25. During this time, I had started to drive and work on dad's Rampside, as his eyesight had started failing. So now it has been approximately 15 years, and I am still trying to learn all I can about FC's. Most of you are familiar with my '63 teal and silver Rampside. Dad showed it for many years as have I, It was used for the 2022 Convention advertisements and also the 2024 Corvanatics window cling and calendar. My belief is Corvairs are some of the most innovative vehicles made and of them, the Rampsides are probably the most versatile pickup truck ever made. We should all strive to get our Corvairs, in particular FCs, on the road, to shows, parades, and displays for more people to see how special they are.

Director Elections

At the start of each year the membership will elect two directors. For 2025, Steve Brown and Dale Dewald, are rotating out and two new Directors will be installed into office.

Now, it's time to elect those two new directors.

We have two candidates. Read about them on page 16.

Vote either online here, <u>https://ultravan.org/corvanatics-2025-directors-election-ballot/</u> or by mail-in ballot (detach and send the below ballot). If not voting online, mail to: Corvanatics, 5425 Morrow Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624

Voting is open until 11:59pm eastern time, April 1, 2025

Corvanatics Director Election Ballot

Select only <u>two</u> for the 2025 Director's election. Please vote and show your support for these members.

Chris Law

Michael Hill

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