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The Forward Control Corvair People



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## Two major member involvement items this issue. Director Nominations (details below) 2026 Cling FC Entries ([page 2](#))



Yes, it's that time of the year. Two Corvanatics Directors' terms expire this Spring.

Just a couple of qualifications: that your dues are up to date, that you have been a member for over one year as of January 1, 2026, and that you are a member in good standing. All duties can be found in the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures stored on the website under the Quick Links *Club Stuff* drop down menu at the top of the Home page.

The meetings are virtual, so you can attend in the convenience of your comfy chair or wherever else works for you.

To make the position even better than just supporting one of the best chapters in CORSA, these new perks have been added to the position. Officers' Corvanatics dues will be extended for the length of their term (three years) and also when you attend the CORSA Convention your basic registration fee will be reimbursed (basic does not include any of the events). **WOW!!** How about that?

If you are interested or you know someone who would be or have any questions, please contact any of the officers. Contact information is on [page 14](#).

**LEADERS LEAD!  
CANDIDATES WANTED**

**-CORVAIR 95-**

**Corvanatics Directors  
Nominations Are Now Open!**

**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

Become a candidate now!  
Email [Corvanatics@gmail.com](mailto:Corvanatics@gmail.com)  
to register or for more info.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS!

### It's that time again! Corvanatics Clings

Corvanatics is now accepting FC vehicle entries for our official **2026 Corvanatics Members Window Cling!**



This is your opportunity for YOUR Corvair FC to be the inspiration for our popular Dazzlerock Window Clings artwork for 2026! Plus receive some goodies with your FC's image on it like this artist-signed framed picture.



Open to all years, makes, models, and conditions – we love 'em all!

### 3 easy ways to enter...

1. Google Form [HERE](#): The fastest, easiest way for any member with a Gmail account.
2. Email [corvanatics@gmail.com](mailto:corvanatics@gmail.com) and include the below information and your photos.
3. Snail Mail: For members who still prefer to have Uncle Sam do the work! mail to: Corvanatics, 5425 Morrow Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624

Include a couple of pieces of information and send us a few current pictures of your FC.

- ⇒ Your name \_\_\_\_\_
- ⇒ In a few sentences, please tell us why YOUR FC should be featured as our 2026 Corvanatics Member Window Cling.
- ⇒ Be sure to send us a few gorgeous current photos of your FC! (We can scan and return mailed in photos).

Open to all Corvanatics current dues paid chapter members!

### Deadline to enter is October 10, 2025. Don't dilly-dally!

The winner will be selected by our Corvanatics BOD shortly thereafter and announced in our November 2025, newsletter! Then get ready for all members to receive the 2026 collectible cling plus some other cool goodies.

Have Fun, and Good Luck!

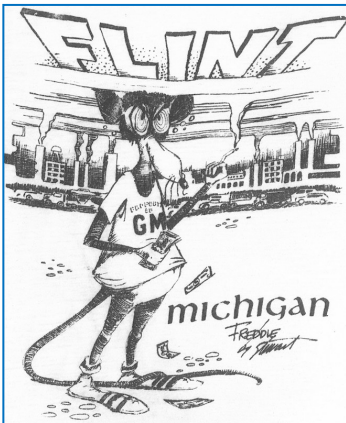


## Reviving the Rampside - Continued

By Joseph C. Nelson

Continuing my Rampside revival story from [Vol 51, Issue 2, March-April 2023](#), page 6, things have progressed rather well, slowly, and sometimes painfully slow, but well. The new gas tank is in, brake system components have been replaced, and the motor is back in and running. Like any restoration work on a 60+ year old vehicle there have been some challenges, obstacles to overcome and prior “restoration” work to redo. That being said, it lives and on June 20th it moved under its own power again after almost 25 years in my driveway on jackstands. Is it pretty? No, not by a long shot. Is it weather tight? No, not yet but it runs and that was my main goal. I wanted it on the road again and it’s there.

Since I first saw it, it’s always been called the Rampside, nothing special, just the Rampside. However, in going through the various part numbers and such to try and bring things back to original I have decided to call it Freddie. Freddie, you may ask. Why Freddie? The VIN tag is 3R124F100417, which makes it a Flint truck, an early 1963 Flint truck. A scrappy survivor. Back in the mid-1970s I worked a summer in Flint at a DuPont paint plant. While there I bought a tee shirt that had an artistic rendering of Freddie, an industrial rodent, mascot of Flint, Michigan. I always thought it was a cool drawing and kept the shirt till it wore out. Before throwing it away I even had the drawing scanned. That drawing depicted Freddie as a Flint survivor. My Rampside is a Flint survivor, so Freddie it is.



Freddie the Industrial Rodent



Freddie the Rampside – June 2025

The work on Freddie isn’t done. There’re still parts that need replacing, rusted areas that need repair and somehow get the cab to stay dry on a rainy day but he’s on the road and is an instant car show whenever I stop for gas. All I can say is, “What an adventure!”





# Found on Facebook

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

Visit the [Corvanatics—Corvair Trucks & Vans](#) Facebook group

James Reich

Good company at Cars n Coffee today!



Dean Coclin



Michael Bednarchuk

This is the looks you get when you drive buy the Mopar guys



Steve Jabben

"gee, the motors in the back"





# More Found on Facebook

**Stan Gee**  
Mother Nature - 1



1963 Corvan 'Scooby' - 0  
Can you believe it still starts  
right up!



**Ben Stiles**

This past weekend the Rampside served as a GREAT attention-getting sign for our yard sale, and the Greenbrier served as our "office." I had numerous offers to purchase one or both and lots of stories were exchanged!



**David Wenzlick**  
Info here - [Kit to Build Your Own FC Receiver](#)

As mentioned in a post here a few month back, I'm now selling my "short kit" hitch parts to help owners build their own removable, 61-65 Corvair FC receiver hitch. I have all the sales info and details in a thread at Corvair Center. I prefer email for sales and my contact info is in the first post in the thread link below.

<https://corvaircenter.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=1184464>



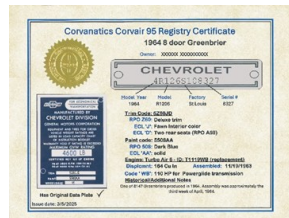


## Greetings from Ben's Bus,

The Corvanatics Board Of Directors has had many fruitful (virtual) meetings over the past 2-3 years. I can say that a more passionate, dedicated group would be hard to assemble. Each member seems to have a vision for the club, as well as, suggestions on ways to possibly make the organization run a little smoother. Additionally, each member constantly looks for ways to add benefits to membership, stretch funding, and enhance the overall Corvair FC ownership experience for every club member.

At our most recent meeting, one of the directors suggested something which brought together two separate topics discussed in recent CorvanAntics newsletters: Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates and the Corvanatics-sponsored CORSA/CPF educational scholarship. Specifically, it was suggested that the proceeds from the sales of Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates be donated to the Corvanatics-sponsored CORSA/CPF scholarship fund.

The Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates (see below) are a definite perk of Corvanatics membership and are a very handsome way to recognize your personal Corvair FC ownership.



Corvanatics sponsors one of the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) Franch Winchell Corvair Memorial Scholarship Fund scholarships in the amount of \$500. It is annually awarded to a deserving child/grandchild of a CORSA member who's planning to attend a college, technical, or trade school.

To secure an application, email Sarah Bruce, [sarahvair@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sarahvair@cfl.rr.com).



As a 26-year public school educator with a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership, and as a practicing school counselor in a technical high school, I am in favor of any opportunity to award deserving students with financial assistance to attend a post-secondary certification, technical, trade, associates, or four-year degree program for continuing education.

With this, and all chapter matters, the BOD welcomes Corvanatics membership input. Please share your thoughts on donating the proceeds of sales of the Corvanatics Corvair 95 Registry Certificates to the Corvanatics-sponsored CORSA/CPF educational scholarship with any officer or director of the club. Contact information can be found in every issue of the CorvanAntics newsletter, as well as on the Corvanatics website. We definitely welcome your input!

Ben Stiles (1962 Greenbrier: "Ben's Bus;" 1961 Rampside), Member, Corvanatics Board of Directors

## 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.

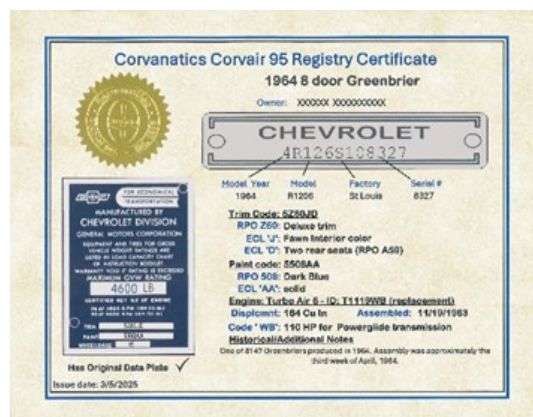
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For more information and to order certificates go to the Certificate webpage at <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/RegisCert.php>

## 2025 DACC Homecoming in Ann Arbor, MI this July.

By Kevin Clark, copied with permission from Aug 2025 Aircooler.

Last month, five members from the Dayton club made a trip to Ann Arbor to attend the Detroit Area Corvair Club (DACC) annual Homecoming. Duane and Darcy brought their '66 blue Monza coupe, while Norbert Bir drove his '64 Spyder. It was tough to keep track of the total number of Corvairs since they kept coming and going. We counted at least ten FC's. There was just one Rampside, two Loadsides, and six Greenbriers, plus a Corvan. Unfortunately, Kevin and Susan couldn't drive their Corvan because of some fuel delivery issues.

The hotel's conference center is spacious, where the registration booth and valve cover race track were set up. An indoor pool and bar nearby provided some relief from the scorching summer heat. The hospitality room and indoor vendors room was just a short distance away, and just outside from the indoor vendors room is the outdoor swap meet.

You don't need to worry about packing food or drinks. The DACC crew will take care of that. They have a special room called Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room where you can get lunch and dinner, plus drinks, every day. On Thursday, they grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats, and on Friday, they served pizza. The host hotel also provides a free continental breakfast.

On Thursday, those who had pre-registered had lunch at the Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Museum. It's a cool museum that still has some vintage charm and was used as a dealership. It was the first Dodge dealership outside of Detroit around 1916. Later, Carl Miller sold Hudson cars there for 25 years, from Hudson Sales and Service until 1958. Carl was the last Hudson dealer in the world. Other tours included the Corvair Museum &

Firehouse Museum and a Cruise Night in Ypsilanti. On Friday, it was a road rally. Norbert invited DACC member Eva Karse, who volunteered to navigate, and Darcy and Duane to ride along. They didn't win, but they still had a great time seeing the scenery.



Registration booth in the Conference Center.



Larry Claypool getting set up for a Tech Session.

Larry Claypool from Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts gave a really informative presentation on different electric fuel pumps that are available. There are so many choices that you have to decide whether to switch from a mechanical to an electric fuel pump. Larry explained the pros and cons of each one.

Chris Hand showed his photo documentary slide show about his adventure with his dog, Radar. Chris drove his Corvan from Michigan to California to attend the 2025 Corvair Convention in San Luis Obispo. On his way to the convention, he had two breakdowns, and it took him 9 days and 2862.6 miles. Getting the Corvan there after the breakdown earned him the Hard Luck Award.

Also on Friday was a movie in the small auditorium. Mr. Holland's Opus with Richard Dreyfuss starring in the 1995 film. Everyone just had to see the Corvair as the star of this movie.

Saturday was packed with activities. One was the People's Choice car show. With so many Corvairs to choose from, you only needed to pick your favorites regardless of their class, and the top 25 winners were notified to get their pictures taken. Afterwards in the evening, the winners lined up for a Drive-Thru award presentation with Pete Cimbala as MC. With your paid registration, you'll receive their Top 25 Corvair calendar for next year.

The valve cover race had competitors in adult and kids classes. It proved to be a fun event for all ages.

Each valve cover race car was unique in its design and style. Sometimes it was fun to watch them crash over the finish line.

Other activities included the model cars and Corvair toy exhibition. They were always neat to see how well each display was presented in a small scale.

The DACC crew pulled in some serious cash by auctioning off donated items. They weren't always Corvair-related, though. If you had something you just couldn't bear to part with, it might've ended up in the hands of someone who really needed it.



The Homecoming is that good. Bring everything.

And finally, the last thing on the list was the wine and cheese tasting event. It was just for hotel guests who had pre-registered at an extra fee.

So, if you're looking for a fun three-day event in your Corvair, you definitely should check out the DACC Homecoming in 2026. It's going to be a blast.

(More photos on page 8)





Dale Dewald - 1965 Greenbrier



Rob Amsler—1962 Loadside



Jeff Tinsley—1963 Greenbrier



Tim Schwartz—1963 Greenbrier



Spencer Duffey—1963 Loadside



Raven Hand—1964 Corvan



Nick Richter—1964 Greenbrier

**Corvanatics  
members' FCs  
at the DACC  
Homecoming.**

*Gene Brier  
&  
his buddy "FC"*

When you get done,  
Dad, can I borrow it?

*D. Anderson*





# From the Secretary & Newsletter Editor

by Molly Bacon

Hi all,

Lots of club member business in this edition. Director nominations, 2026 Cling submissions, dues increases, Corvanatics funded CPF Scholarship and Certificates for you FC. The Corvanatics Board of Directors have been busy. WOW!! That's not all as they have been "stirring the pot" with lots of other things. Be prepared.

## Since the last newsletter :

326 members

4 new members

19 members renewed their dues

15 members dropped

## WELCOME !! to our new members

**Lizzy Cushman** MN

**Dean Crane** VA 1961 Rampside

**Jeremy Thorsness** CA 1963 Rampside

**Cameron Low** NC 1961 Rampside



## Dues Expiring

Easily renew online <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/membership.php>

**You will not be penalized for paying early, your due month stays the same.**

### Due in September

Scott Allison	John Amen
Jon Buck	Elaine Durden
Brent Jacobson	Jeff Kent
Lynda Neuner	Donald Phillips
Arden Robinette	Bill Rudolph
Scott Saint	Odin Turner
Ken Zindel	

### Due in November

Joe Covert	Michael Dawson
Matthew Dixon	Joseph Pierce
John Policella	Dan Reis
Bob Weideman	Bill West

### Due in October

Scott Akrie	John Bailey
Benny Bonaminio	Billy Cannon
Terry Dumerauf	Gary Duncan
Anthony Gervasio	Randy Howell
Joseph Lipiner	Joel McGregor
Steve Morton	Timothy Palmer
Simon Pike	Greg Schupfer
Larry Sherwood	Linda Steiner
Corbin Tayloe	Mark Thompson
Edward Warzee	

### Due in December

Ron Bloom	Kevin Clark
Miner Fleming	Tony Gerhold
John Hamel	Stig Holm
David Hudak	Eric Kirven
Eva McGuire	Heidi Olson
Doug Rojas	Kent Sullivan
John Wieringa	William Wise

The Winner Is  
**Matthew Welder**

**\$10 Clark's Gift Certificate**

Remember, you can only win if your dues are current

## Riding with the President—Ken Hand

Hey everyone,

It seems our summer is starting to come to a close here in the great white north, but I know there are lots of shows to go to yet. With that your Board has been hard at work trying to make this the best club. We will start with the ever-popular window cling. The rules are posted on [page 2](#). Keep in mind we do not want a 20 year old photo! Please keep it current.

The next hot topic is Director nominations. Two director's terms expire this spring, so we absolutely have to replace those positions. If you're reading the newsletter cover to cover, you will have already read all about it on the front page. If not, please go back and read it. Either you may want to run, or you may know that perfect person.

The Board has also been discussing ways to get the almost 3000 Facebook members to join our club. It seems that many of them think joining the Facebook group makes them automatically members of the Corvanatics CORSA Chapter. Being members, you already know all they get from joining the Facebook group is the information out there but none of the perks that are offered to our real members. If anyone has ideas, we would like to hear them.

One last thing, along with the Policies and Procedures changes that enhance the Board's positions perks you've already read about on the front page, the Board is talking about starting small member Zoom meetings. Though Zoom is known for its visual presentation you don't have to have cameras, and microphones, you don't even have to have a computer. You can use any type of phone, even a telephone bolted to the kitchen wall with a long coiled cord! See more below from Rob.

Happy FC'ing, Ken Hand, Handy Car Care, 248-613-8586, [www.corvairmechanic.com](http://www.corvairmechanic.com), [vair-mech@aol.com](mailto:vair-mech@aol.com)



### We want to hear from you, PLEASE!

As Ken mentioned above, your Corvanatics Board of Directors (BOD) Leadership would like to engage with all of the membership through recurring, small group virtual chats in an effort to ensure we are meeting your needs and driving the group in the right direction. Keeping touch with the current and future needs of our chapter is one of the primary tasks of the Board. If you aren't aware, the BOD meets every month via ZOOM in often well-spirited discussions for an hour or so. In the same vein of sharing information and ideas we would like to do the same with YOU, the Member!



The rough-sketch plan now is for the membership roster to be divided up and each of our Directors to schedule a 30-minute Zoom meeting chat with 10 or so Members at a time. Hopefully this will allow a smaller more manageable discussion and an opportunity for YOU to voice your ideas/concerns/opinions. Keep in mind that while perhaps preferred, you DO NOT need to use a computer to participate - a regular phone works great too. Look for more information shortly on how and when these chats will roll-out.

Thanks for Your enthusiasm! – Corvanatics Director, Rob Amsler (407) 506-8897,



# Corvan - Antics - thru the years

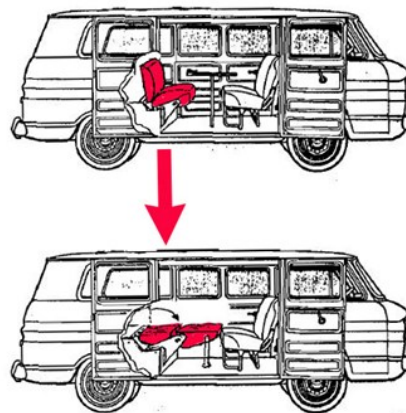
Steve Spilatro - Historian

## 50 years ago, Corvan - Antics, 3-3, Fall 1975

By Fall 1975, The finances of the club were becoming more promising. The numbers were being looked after by Cecil Miller, the new club Secretary-Treasurer, who reported that membership stood at 103 with the recent addition of 21 new members. Thus, surge in new members reflected an ongoing membership drive, "refer two new paying members [to] earn a free 1-year free Corvanatics membership and subscription to the newsletter" and the Corvanatics display at that year's national convention in Seattle.

## 40 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 13-5, September-October 1985

Bob Kirkman described the one-of-a-kind FC folding rear seat. The seat was designed by Chevrolet Engineering and a prototype built for a '61 Greenbrier. As shown in the illustration, both the seat bottom and back would fold-forward. Bob reported that the seat never went into production and although the prototype had been salvaged its whereabouts were unknown. We now know that the seat, shown in the picture to the right, still exists in 64 Greenbrier S103963,



## 30 years ago, Corvan - Antics, September-October 1995

No Newsletter was published for September-October 1995.

## 20 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 33-5, September-October 2005

The club finances were again rather tight, a consequence of the rising cost of publishing the newsletter and some excessive generosity to the membership. The problem dated back to 2003 when the membership subscription rate was raised from \$6 to \$10 but allowing members to continue at the old price with a three-year subscription for \$18. It was a good deal and accepted by 125 members. However, the transient increase in revenue turned into a deficit in 2005 since the old rate \$6 was not enough to cover the publication costs. We have been shifting to a digital newsletter due to the ever-increasing costs of publishing in paper form . . .

## 10 years ago - Corvan - Antics Volume 43-5, September-October 2015

. . . which again, 10 years later, necessitated an increase from \$10 to \$12 for the printed newsletter. The price for the e-version remained the same. In other news, FCs made a good showing at the Detroit Area Corvair Club (DACC) Homecoming and the Choo Choo Corvair Classic in Chattanooga. And finally, Scott Allison wrote about his legendary "double Loadside" – that's right, an FC pickup lacking a ramp on both sides – and that's all I'll say about that!



# SAVE THE DATE!



The 2026 CORSA Convention is being presented by four clubs:

- Mid-Maryland Corvair Club
- Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club
- Group Corvair
- Northern Virginia Corvairs

We hope that you will join us for what is gearing up to be the biggest and best convention to be held on the East Coast! Come join in the fun and the history of Gettysburg- tour the battlefields, take a ghost tour, and dine at historic restaurants!

You can even visit wineries, tour car museums, and even spend time at the world-famous Hershey chocolate factory and the fun-filled HersheyPark.

Like the country life? Gettysburg is a short hour drive from the heart of the Amish communities in Lancaster PA where you'll find fantastic dining and shopping.



What's the schedule of events? Take a look at what we have planned:

- Monday, June 22nd: Welcome Party
- Tuesday, June 23rd: Concourse
- Wednesday, June 24th: Road Rally
- Thursday, June 25th: Autocross
- Friday, June 26th: Econo-Run
- Friday, June 26th: Banquet and Awards

Tours, technical sessions, and other fun and exciting activities and events are in the works!

Mark your calendars and start planning to

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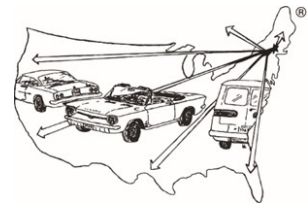
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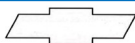
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- Half page: \$15
- Quarter page: \$10
- Business card (2" x 3.5"): \$5
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CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award - 2023 2nd place, 2020 1st place, 2019 2nd place, 2018 2nd place, & 2015 3rd place

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