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### 2023 Heart of Texas Reunion





# Our 50th Anniversary 2023

Thanks to the support of thousands of Corvair owners over the last 50 years, we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all this year.

-Joan & Cal Clark

**SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH DURING 2023:** Each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com).

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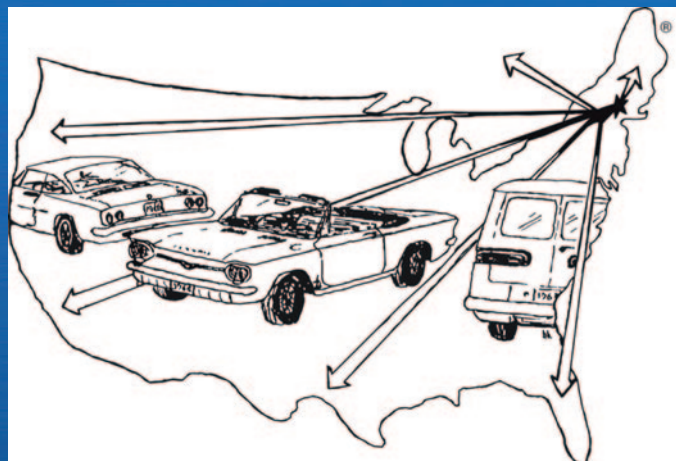


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# President's Message- Paul Sergeant, Lee's Summit, MO



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**G**reetings! Stefani and I just returned from the Great Plains Corvair Roundup. Alas, I didn't drive a Corvair but we had almost as much fun as if we would have driven one. What a great event! The event was held this year in Guthrie, Oklahoma, the territorial capitol of Oklahoma. A charming town with lots of history and honestly good food! There were about 150 registrants and

well over 50 beautiful Corvairs in attendance. I apologize for not taking any pictures but I was having too much fun visiting and looking at the beautiful cars! My hat's off to James Ergenbright and his team from the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association for putting on such a nice event. Oh, and let me tell you, the baked goods in the hospitality suite were out of this world! The weather was nearly perfect as well.

This event reminds me to take this opportunity and mention to all CORSA chapters who are planning upcoming events that CORSA would like to help! CORSA will provide assistance to you in several forms including: Liability Insurance certificate, free CORSA swag, free publicity and discounts on CORSA clothing and merchandise which you can use as door prizes or resell, and more. Contact your



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Clark's show in September - sounds like it was a big success even with the threat of soaking rains which didn't happen. I am sure that more will be published about it in an upcoming *Communique*. Our Eastern Division Director Titus Stewart was in attendance and presented Joan and Cal Clark with an Honorary

CORSA Membership in recognition of their 50-years of supporting the Corvair hobby.

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**Plans for the 2027 CORSA Convention:** I will continue to ask for chapters to step forward and help us with our 2027 annual convention. The normal rotation would place this event in the Central Division. How about someplace like Minneapolis, Minnesota? CORSA hasn't been there since

1977 or Nashville, Tennessee. CORSA has never been there. I know the Pontiac club just held their annual convention in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Medium-sized towns can work well as long as they have a hotel that meets our specifications. If you have any questions or would like to inquire about hosting the 2027 convention, please contact your regional director.

Until next month, enjoy the Corvair!



# Executive Editor's Message- Don Keefe, Clearwater, FL



## Staying on Target...

As we wind down 2023, I wanted to give everyone a detailed schedule for deadlines for the next year's worth of

issues of the *Communique*. With the realities of paper shortages and the resulting delays that they cause, I wanted to make sure that contributors, advertisers and the general membership had a solid handle on the production schedule. This will help with the timely publication of everything the magazine is comprised of, including convention previews, feature articles, display ads, event listings, classifieds and other notices.

As one can see from the schedule, we work on a six-week lead time for a given issue, so something that absolutely has to be in the

magazine, say for the January/February, issue, it needs to be in by November 15th to be in without question. Now, there is a little bit of wiggle room there, the period of time between "soft deadline" and a "drop dead," but it's no longer guaranteed to get in. I will make every effort to get it in and you still have about an 85-90% chance it will appear, but it's not something you can take to the bank. If it misses the drop dead, it will be considered guaranteed for the following issue, in that case, the March issue.

This six-week schedule will have

## CORSA Communique Editorial Schedule 2024

Issue	Editorial & Classified Soft	Editorial & Classified Drop Dead	Ad Space Commitment	Ad Copy Drop Dead
Jan/Feb, 2024	11/15/2023	12/01/2023	12/01/2023	12/05/2023
March, 2024	01/15/2024	02/01/2024	02/01/2024	02/05/2024
April, 2024	02/15/2024	03/01/2024	03/01/2024	03/05/2024
May, 2024	03/15/2024	03/01/2024	04/01/2024	04/05/2024
June, 2024	04/15/2024	05/01/2024	05/01/2024	05/05/2024
July/Aug, 2024	05/15/2024	06/01/2024	06/01/2024	06/05/2024
September, 2024	07/15/2024	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	08/05/2024
October, 2024	08/15/2024	09/01/2024	09/01/2024	09/05/2024
Nov/Dec, 2024	09/15/2024	10/01/2024	10/01/2024	10/05/2024
Jan/Feb, 2025	11/15/2024	12/01/2024	12/01/2024	12/05/2024



# Club Office Report- Paul & Ramona Bergstrom, Long Lake, MN



## Membership Statistics

September, 2023  
New Members-20

October, 2023  
*Communique'* Circulation

Print- 2,393

Electronic- 663

Total- 3,080 -24 from October

## Bidding Adieu to 2023...

And as quickly as it came, summer 2023 is now in the history books. We're now deep into pumpkin spice season, the holidays will soon be upon us and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Also coming up soon is the annual "Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals" in Rosemont, Illinois on November 18th and 19th. I mention this because CORSA and CPF will have a display there with a special collection of four Corvair FC trucks. While they are not technically muscle-cars, they did come from the same era and are welcome at that event. Look for CPF President Mike Hall to be there as well as *CORSA Communique'* Executive Editor Don Keefe and Managing Editor Ann Haines to be in attendance that weekend. If you've never been there, it's a fantastic show for car enthusiasts of any stripe. We hope you can make it out.

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Ramona and I would also like to take the time to wish each of our members, as well as their friends and families, a very happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year. Stay warm and we'll catch up with you in January!

## Welcome New Members for September

Mary Farrell	Topock	AZ
Eric Libbey	Santa Ynez	CA
Andrew Bouchard	Terryville	CT
Eugene Haubrich	Highland Park	IL
Timothy Trimmer	Goshen	IN
Daniel Forbes	Leavenworth	KS
Lynn Cozzi	Hagerstown	MD
David Johnson	Boston	MA
Keith Korbut	Springfield	MA
James Marispini	Willmar	MN
John Weisensee	Platte City	MS
Corbett Battaile	Albuquerque	NM
Jon Burdick	Cicero	NY
William Gworek	Grand Island	NY
Greg Karle	Loveland	OH
Mark Smith	Williamsfield	OH
Michael Candianides	Boring	OR
Anne Wallace	Nashville	TN
Mark Pevey	Longview	TX
Brian Beresford	Shepherd	TX

the best chance of maintaining an on-time schedule in the face of the realities, which are currently, paper and ink shortages, scheduling delays and slowdowns with the postal system. Our last two issues have shipped late despite the fact that we met our production deadlines. Things happen downstream of the editing and layout process that we cannot control. Often, the

printer has little control on their end...and then there's the post office...

I hope that this makes sense and is a reasonable schedule that everyone can be aware of and use to maximize the effectiveness of the items that they want to have published in an upcoming *CORSA Communique'*. We will continue to do our best to bring you a high

quality publication and deliver it in a timely fashion. Your help with meeting deadlines will help reach our goals.

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On behalf of Ann and I, as well as the officers and directors of CORSA, we wish all of you a joyous, safe and fulfilling holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year...

# Director's Turn at the Wheel- David Dean, Ph.D, Mesa, AZ



**David "Doc" Dean,  
CORSA Vice-President &  
Western Division Director**

Roman statesman, scholar and writer, Cicero once said, "We were born to unite with our fellow-men [and women] and to join in the community with others." Since I am writing to members of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), I want to emphasize that we too are a community – a society, a world-wide organization with more than 3,000 members and 110 local chapters across the globe. The Society is our community.

Because we are a group of Corvair enthusiasts, CORSA, a non-profit organization, was incorporated to satisfy the common needs of individuals interested in the Corvair. As the bylaws state, the purpose of the Society is to "provide an organization which satisfies the common needs of individuals interested in the operation, preser-

vation, restoration, and enjoyment of the Corvair automobile and its derivatives." Among the Society's objectives are to aid and encourage the ownership, preservation, and enjoyment of all Corvair vehicles by providing publications with technical, historical, and social activities, promote local, regional, and national social events, guide chapters of the Society, establish standards for conducting participative and competitive events, encourage the availability of Corvair parts, and offer items of memorabilia to Society members. Yes, I am preaching to the choir, and all this is to say that the Society is, in many ways, a car club. Car clubs are indeed examples of Cicero's communities born to unite us.

Since the audience for this article is predominantly subscribers to the *Communique*, who are members of the Society, let me focus on how we join our community with others, as Cicero admonishes. The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF), - an affiliate of CORSA - is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the Chevrolet Corvair. This other organization, related to our shared passion for Corvairs, is open to all automotive history aficionados and those that support the mission of the Foundation to document all aspects of Corvair history and to preserve significant Corvair artifacts for the enjoyment and education of the

public. The Foundation is 100% funded solely from its own tax-deductible memberships and donations. Moreover, membership in CORSA does not provide membership in the CPF – and vice versa. While enthusiasts are welcome and encouraged to join both, CORSA membership is not required for CPF membership.

The Foundation's vision is to be the complete repository of Corvair history. Its two main functions of preservation and education are accomplished through its operation of the National Corvair Museum along historic Route 66 outside Springfield, Illinois; and administering the Frank Winchell Memorial Corvair Scholarship program, available to CPF and CORSA members, their children, grandchildren, etc. who are planning to enter their first year of college or vocational/trade school.

Interestingly, CORSA as a Society supports over 3000 enthusiasts, yet the Foundation has barely 120 members. Granted the Society functions as an active car club, supporting the cars and their usage, my encouragement here is to have CORSA members consider the Foundation's role in the long-term preservation of the Corvair legacy. I challenge Society members consider joining the Foundation and support the Corvair for future generations.

Now the Foundation is moving into a new endeavor to build a permanent location for the National





*Photo by Mike McGowan*

Museum and CPF operations. This capital campaign needs support from both Society members and automobile enthusiasts from all communities. One of the strongest ways we can demonstrate the importance of the Corvair is to show what these cars mean to us. As a CORSA Director, I am calling on the Foundation to start a new member initiative alongside the capital campaign to preserve the legacy of the Corvair and their owners.

I am asking for two new preservation actions. First, when folks join the Foundation, include a photo of the Corvair they own or drove, and stories or memories of how they enjoyed these cars, to be preserved and displayed by the Foundation at the museum or online. This will share our community with others. Secondly, I am asking the Foundation to recognize significant capital campaign donors that drove/have owned a Corvair with a memorial display that

includes recognition of their cars. Society members should consider when they retire from Corvair ownership, or pass their car along to a new steward, to offer the proceeds of their sale as a donation to the Foundation. This will preserve your Corvair story for generations to come. Society members should also think about including a legacy gift in their estate to the Foundation, passing their love for the Corvair on to others through

preservation of Corvair history.

The Society and the Foundation, two organizations connected at the heart. The Society for keeping our cars on the road and enjoying the experience of Corvair ownership; and the Foundation for preserving Corvair history and the legacy of our community for future generations. Consider joining the Foundation today and planning for your generous gift to preserve our shared history. Happy Motoring! 🚗

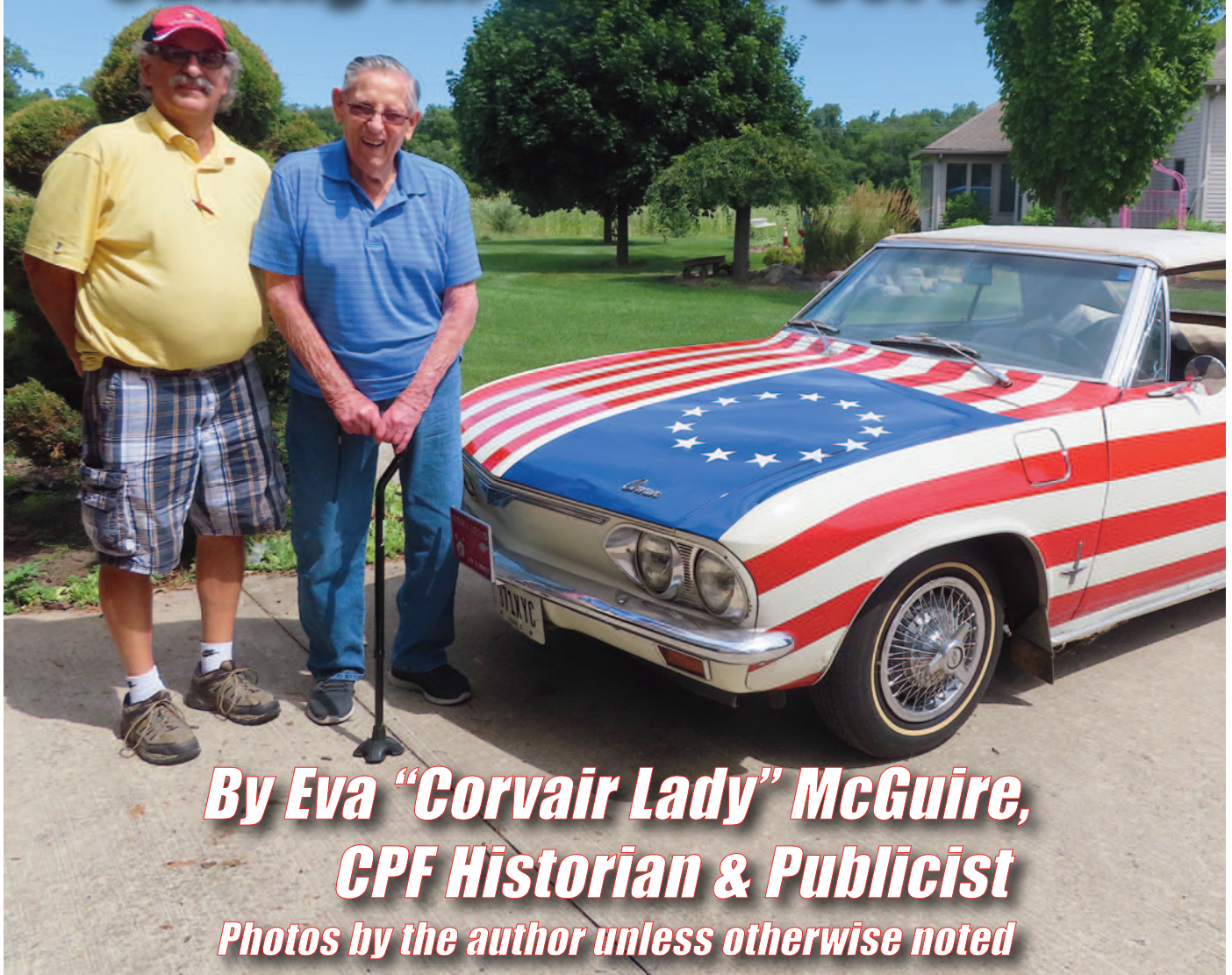


**We put the wrong photo up to illustrate Steven Dietrick's Silver Award in the September issue. We regret the error. The correct photo and caption:**

**Steven Dietrick- 1965 Corsa Convertible 95.86 Points: Silver**



## ***Stars and Stripes Spectacular: Calling All Shriner Corvairs!***



***By Eva “Corvair Lady” McGuire,  
CPF Historian & Publicist  
Photos by the author unless otherwise noted***

Left to right - Keith and Jim Winnie, the previous owners of my 1967 Shriners Corvair. It was purchased and converted with the distinctive paint scheme in 1975.

I'm pleased to announce that we will be having a CPF/National Corvair Museum "Stars and Stripes Spectacular" event featuring a display of some of the original Zenobia Shriner Corvairs at the Dayton CORSA Convention that

will be held at the Marriott at The University of Dayton on July 21-26, 2024. I've also been in contact with the local Dayton Antioch Shrine Temple to possibly do an event to bring awareness and hopefully, donations to their Shriner's

Dayton Burn Hospital while honoring the history of the Shriner Corvairs. We're also extending a special invitation to the Toledo Zenobia Shrine Temple members (who originally created these cars) to join us for the festivities. It's an



Ohio thing!

The next step is finding other Shriner Corvairs to invite. If you or someone you know has any knowledge of where one of these unique late model convertibles are, please contact me as soon as possible at [corvailady@gmail.com](mailto:corvailady@gmail.com). I've created a registry so we will know who the owners are, where the cars are located, along with detailed vehicle information and photos. Currently, we only know of six Shriner cars and one Greenbrier van. There is currently one 1967 Shriner Corvair convertible available for sale in Bryan, Ohio, that I'm helping the elderly owner try to sell as he doesn't do any social media. If you are interested in this Corvair, please contact me at the same email address.

**Brief History:** From what I understand from the former original owners who had my 1967 Shriner Corvair, these cars were actually created by accident. According to long time Zenobia Shrine Temple senior member, Jim Winnie (who owned my car before giving it to his son, Keith, who then sold it to me) stated that a guy by the name of Tom O'Neill, who was a Northwest Ohio Shrine Club member (and also happened to own a Corvair at the time in 1973) had a U.S. flag that had gotten wet. He threw the flag on top of his Corvair to dry out and when he later went to remove it, he noticed that the faded imprint of the stars and



Taking delivery of my Shriner Corvair in Defiance, Ohio in July 2022 (left to right - Keith Winnie, Eva McGuire and Sunny).



A scene from the 2023 Ypsilanti 4th of July Parade. Photo courtesy of John Barr.



# CORSA Historical Cover Feature



Keith Winnie is seen here showcasing his Corvair Zenobia Shrine Temple-embroidered shirt.



A close-up of the original embroidered shirt from the Winnie family created in the mid-1970s for Corvair Club Zenobia Shrine members.

stripes remained on the car and he liked what he saw. Bingo! The idea was born and he later decided to have his Corvair (Shriner car #1) painted up in 1974. He then brought it to a Northwest Shrine Club meeting where Jim Winnie saw it and fell in love. Believe it or not, Jim relayed they were actually debating between whether they should use Corvairs or Mustangs for these Shriner cars! Yep! Thank goodness they chose Corvairs to represent their Shrine. Once the decision was made, some simple rules were put into place: You had to be a Mason, a Zenobia (NW Ohio) Shrine Temple member, the Corvairs had to be a late-model (1965-1969) convertible, and each member had to pay for their own car including the special stars and stripes paint job. The group decided on the Betsy Ross 13-star flag theme for its simple pattern and some of the guys were war veterans and due to the Vietnam War still fresh in mind, they didn't want to disrespect the American flag. Jim bought his 1967 Corvair Monza convertible in 1975 (originally red in color) and it would have been Shriner car #2, however, he had to do some body work on it first and wound up being Shriner car #5. Jim had the car painted white first and then had the rest of it custom painted in order to get it ready for the first parade they would enter as a group – The Bicentennial parade in 1976. I was told the same guy painted the first five cars and six to



eight cars were already painted by the time they appeared in the Bicentennial parade, according to Keith Winnie, Jim's son.

They organized a separate mobile car unit originally called the "Northwest Corvairs." It eventually became known as the "Corvair Club" under the banner of the Zenobia Shrine Temple. Once the Shriner's had created their separate club for these Corvairs, they went from simple rules to creating written by-laws. In addition to members buying their own Corvair and paying for the paint job, there were stipulations put in place as to how wide the stripes could be in order to keep the cars looking the same. If the club member wanted to sell his Corvair; he had to sell it to another Zenobia Shrine member. Also, only a male Shrine member was allowed to own and drive the cars in parades and special events. According to Jim Winnie, who is 97 years young and used to be a certified aircraft mechanic and pilot, stated that they even had a small Corvair Shriner newsletter where he wrote articles on tech tips on how to care for your Corvair. Jim got a lot of that information from joining CORSA and reading articles in the *CORSA Communique*. Sadly, they didn't save any of these newsletters for keepsake memories. Once the owners started getting older, could no longer work on their own vehicles, and some members had already passed on; the rules of who



Getting ready for the 2023 Fourth of July Parade in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

could own a Shriner Corvair changed. Now these special cars are available to be owned and appreciated by other Corvair enthusiasts, including CPF

President Mike Hall and myself.

Most of the Shriner Corvairs were equipped with CB radios (for parade communications), musical horns, Zenobia Shrine Temple



Front plate showcasing Shrine Temple member's name.

# CORSA Historical Cover Feature



One of the magnets used during parades for Shriner Corvair.

emblems, a Betsy Ross, Ohio, P.O.W./M.I.A., and U.S. flag that could be affixed to the chrome windshield header, custom front license plates with the Shriner member's name, Zenobia car magnets, and Shriner Corvair tie/shirt

pins. To be parade-correct, the Betsy Ross flag was flown on the driver's side of the car, Ohio flag in the middle (with the option for the P.O.W. flag), and the U.S. flag on the passenger side. The Shriners even had special outfits, shirts, red

striped ties, and fez hats that they wore when driving these cars in parades including a set of red or blue coverall jumpsuits in case the guys had to make repairs during parades in order to not mess up their good clothes. Most of the cars also had red car bras to protect the front end of their vehicle when not in parade use. I've included a photo of one of the original embroidered shirts created in the mid 1970s that I obtained from the former owner, Keith Winnie, along with a polo shirt that was created in the 1980s. I have a few extra new polo shirts that the Winnie family gave me along with some small Shriner Corvair pins that I've been gifting to those who own one of these special cars.

The Shriner's wives also got involved in the Corvair Club and even had their own custom-embroidered shirts made and were known as the "Corvairettes." It was reported by Jim's wife, Irene (98 years young), that the wives found puppets to purchase at one event and they used them to entertain the children along the parade routes thereafter. My particular Shriner Corvair came equipped with all of the parade swag items mentioned in this article including a Daffy Duck puppet. I debuted my car at the 2023 Ypsilanti, Michigan's Fourth of July 200th birthday celebration parade. I fashioned the car with a handmade 1960s-looking sign I placed on each side of the vehicle indicating the year made



A Corvair Club Meeting. Photo courtesy of the Winnie family.



and where it was built. The folks absolutely loved seeing this Corvair in the parade as they chanted, "YPSI BUILT!" "YPSI BUILT!" and "GO WILLOW RUN!" all along the parade route. In addition, the kids loved seeing and yelling out to the Daffy Duck puppet waving at them. I even had some Rosie the Riveter parade participants encouraging me to join their group as a member, and I told them they could borrow my Corvair anytime for their future parades and events. After many years of living in Ypsilanti Township where my favorite car was built (Willow Run) to finally be able to have one of my Corvairs (especially this one) in a local parade was a dream come true.

By 1979, they had 10 Shriner Corvairs and one Greenbrier van. Here's a first time-revealed story about the origin as to why a Corvair Greenbrier van was added to the group's mobile unit. According to Jim Winnie, there was a guy by the name of Red Walters who wanted to be in the Corvair Club but he had allergies and was very skin sensitive to the sun so he couldn't purchase a convertible. To keep everything Corvair true, he bought a Greenbrier and painted it white with a red stripe. It was after he purchased the van that the group decided it served well as a mini Corvair parts department along with hauling parade supplies. When Red bought the van, it had a V-8 engine in it and was being used



A cardboard Shriner Corvair, polo shirt, pin, and fez hat.

for racing! Jim Winnie said that he and other club guys helped him put a Corvair engine back into the van to make sure it complied with



Wives were known as "Corvairettes." Photo courtesy of the Winnie family.



# CORSA Historical Cover Feature



This shot was used as the front cover photo for the October, 1979 issue of *CORSA Communique*.



15 At Oshkosh with five WW2 P-51 ace pilots (rear l to r, Thomas Hayes, Clarence "Bud" Anderson, Chuck Yeager (white hat), Chesley "Pete" Peterson. Leonard "Kit" Karson is seen in the front passenger seat.

Clarence "Corvair air-cooled only" status. I'm sure there's an interesting backstory on how this conversion took place.

The Shriner Corvair Club members attended the 1979 Detroit CORSA Convention and had a photo taken of nine of their Corvairs at the GM Tech/Design Center which appeared on the cover of the October, 1979 issue of *CORSA Communique*. Jim Winnie's car is in that photo. By the mid-1980s, the number of Corvairs made for the Zenobia Shrine Temple grew from a subtotal of 13 cars and one van to a final grand total of 22 cars plus one Greenbrier. This 23 total vehicle figure was separately confirmed to me by another original senior Ohio Shrine member. After many years of speculating, we finally know how many were made.

One final little story that I thought would be cool to share was when Jim and Keith Winnie told me about taking their former '67 Shriner Corvair to an Oshkosh Fly-in event in the early 1990s. At the event, it was a tradition to parade performing pilots up and down the flight line in vehicles. A photo was taken and published in the November, 1992 issue of *Plane & Pilot* magazine of Jim Winnie (who was a flight engineer on C-47s and C-46s during WW2) driving his Shriner Corvair with five WW2 P-51 flying ace pilots on board who were none other than Chuck Yeager, Thomas Hayes,



Clarence “Bud” Anderson, Chesley “Pete” Peterson, and Leonard “Kit” Karson.

**Shriner Fun Facts:** Founded as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 1870, the fraternity's first official meeting was in 1871 and the Mecca Temple was the first chapter established in 1872. There are now more than 195 chapters in countries around the world under the Shriner's International banner.

In order to be a Shriner, you have to be a member of a Masonic lodge (be a Mason).

According to Shriners International, they are a “fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.” Shriners are one of the world's largest fraternities and philanthropic organizations consisting of men of good character who seek fellowship, brotherhood, family support, self-improvement through education, community involvement, and serve others through resources of its Shriner's Children's hospitals, and numerous other activities. The Shriners are known for their parades which included vehicles like Corvairs and Rupp Chevy Jr. go-karts. Parade rule fact: You can only be a Shrine member to be in a parade route from beginning to end. The Northwest Shrine Club (within the Zenobia Shrine Temple) encompassed the four counties in Northwest Ohio which included



Zenobia Shrine members in parade. Photo courtesy of the Winnie family.

Williams, Fulton, Defiance, and Henry counties. The Shriner Clubs in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin are all part of the Great Lakes Shrine Association.

Why the fez hat? The famous red

and black tasseled fez hat (named after Fez, Morocco) served as a symbol of membership in the fraternity and was adopted as the official headgear in 1872 as it represented the Arabian theme the fraternity was founded upon.



Shriner car owners at the GM Tech-Design Center in 1979. The Winnie car is third to the right from center.



# ***The 25th Annual Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion***

***By Howard King***

***Photos by the author and Ricki Janise***

This year's Heart of Texas Corvair Reunion returned us to the origin of the event, Brenham, Texas. The Silver Anniversary for the gathering of Corvair enthusiasts from around the state and beyond was headed up by our HOT Chair, Greg Wrobleske and of course, Sandra. Greg thought that it should return to Brenham where it all began twenty five years ago as his brain child. Thank you, Greg and Sandra, for your faithfulness to Corvair Houston and to the idea that

Corvair owners not only like to enjoy their cars, but also love gathering together, visiting and having fun with other like-minded Corvair owners.

This time Greg coupled up with some of the Brenham folks to provide us with a wonderful time. First on the Silver HOT was a fun run on Friday to various sites around the area. We began with a private showing at the Barnhill Visitor Center of a historical movie about the history of the area. Then we were guided on a tour of the down-

town sights. This was followed by a driving tour which included the Blue Bell® Creamery, Antique Rose Emporium, The Lavender Farm and lunch in Chappell Hill at Grapevine on Main.

Friday night was capped off by the BINGO called by the so capable Mike Boyle of the North Texas Corvair Association. A fun time and prizes for sure was had by those attending. I heard that the marked BINGO card that won so much during the previous game was somehow lost. So sad! Sandra con-



tributed greatly with the theme of a Mexican Sombrero for each game winner along with a goodie bag.

On Saturday after breakfast at the hotel we lined up for the trip to the classic car feature of the 133rd Brenham Maifest downtown parade. Some of the HOT Corvairs were further decorated for the Brenham dignitaries that rode in them. WOW, I haven't done a parade in many years and enjoyed it immensely.

Ricki Janise took the parade photos for us and did a great job, even centering up on the courthouse in the background for each of the Corvair photos. Thanks, Ricki! From the parade route we drove to the park to participate with other registered Corvairs for the car show and People's Choice judging. We were visited by some new interested Corvair owners and an old friend, Fred Mahler.

During the banquet the car show results were revealed and the door prizes awarded to lucky ticket holders. There were also two hard luck awards handed out; Bo, Howard Tutt for a failed fuel pump and myself for an engine fire.

During the dinner we were treated to an informative and enjoyable HOT historical slide show presentation by Ricki. I am sure many hours went into that one.

Great time again in Brenham, Texas. And, a hearty thanks to all who made this time with our Corvairs and friends enjoyable. We hope to see YOU next year!



## 2023 Heart of Texas Show Results

### Best of Show: Ed Murphy- Corvair Houston

#### Early Open

1st: Richard Jonec- Corvair Houston

2nd: Robert Freeman- North Texas Corvair Association

Early Closed: No entries.

#### Late Closed

1st: Ed Stock- Corvair Houston

2nd: Barry Beaux- New Orleans Corvair Enthusiasts

3rd: Mike Cheek- Alamo City COrvair Association

Late Open: Was a complete shut out by Ray Morales-NTCA, as his was the only entry.

#### Forward Control

1st: Ricki Janise- CH

2nd: Greg Wrobleske- CH

3rd: David Brown- CH





# CORSA Event Coverage



Ed Murphy receives the "Best of Show" award for his Early Open Corvair. He is a member of Corvair Houston.

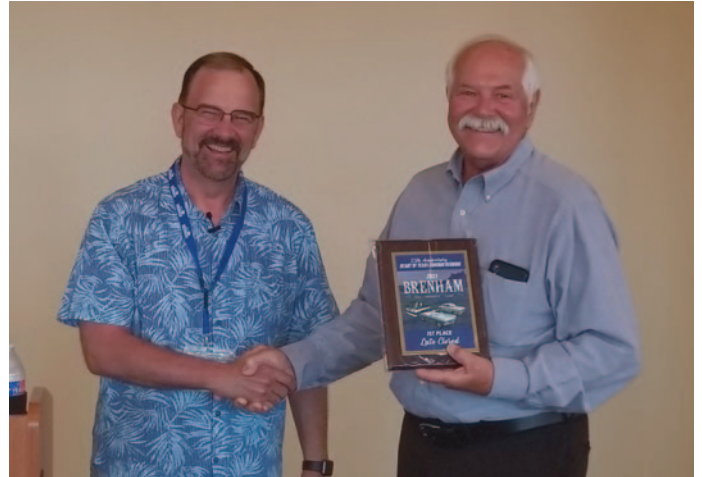


Richard Jonec receives a First Place award for his Early Open Corvair. He is a member of Corvair Houston.



Robert Freeman receives a Second Place award for his Early Open Corvair. He is with the North Texas Corvair Association.





Ed Stock receives a First Place award for his Late Closed Corvair. He is a member of Corvair Houston.



Barry Beaux receives a Second Place Award for his Late Closed Corvair. He is with the New Orleans Corvair Enthusiasts.



Ray Morales picks up his First Place award for his Late Open Corvair. He is with the North Texas Corvair Association.



# CORSA Event Coverage



Ricki Janise receives a First Place award for his FC Corvair 95 pickup. He is a member of Corvair Houston.



Greg Wrobleske gives himself his Second Place Award for his FC Corvair 95 pickup. He is a member of Corvair Houston.



A shot of the Award Banquet dinner.



The Award Banquet dinner from another angle.





Robert Freeman drives his early Corvair convertible with members of the North Texas Corvair Association.



Ray Morales chauffers members of the Chappel Hill Historical Society in his late Corvair convertible.



Ed Murphy drives some local dignitaries in the parade with his early Corvair convertible.



The Bingo game looks like a fun time with some great prizes. Sombreros were not required but were welcomed.



A field trip to the Blue Bell Creamery added calories and fun to the HOT weekend.



A gathering of HOT attendees at the Toubin Park water cistern, which was built back in 1880.



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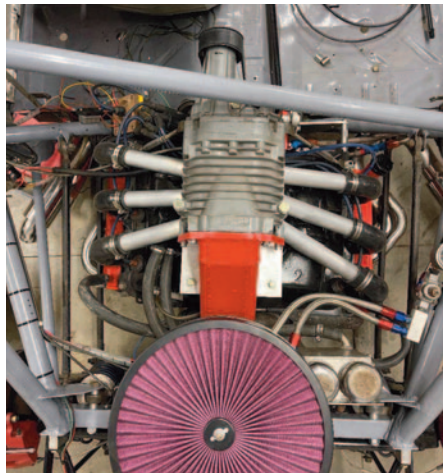
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**1964:** Original radio rear speaker fader switch, \$20; '62, '63, '65, '66 Monza hubcaps, \$12 each, one pair rear '66 Clarks shocks new \$50; one only, '66 axle shaft with new U-joints, \$75; one. gen oil and alt oil filter assembly \$20; '60 to 66 engine lid supporters, \$15; '65 headlight bezels \$40/pair. All prices plus shipping. Mike Downey 402-493-3944 (NE) (07/23)

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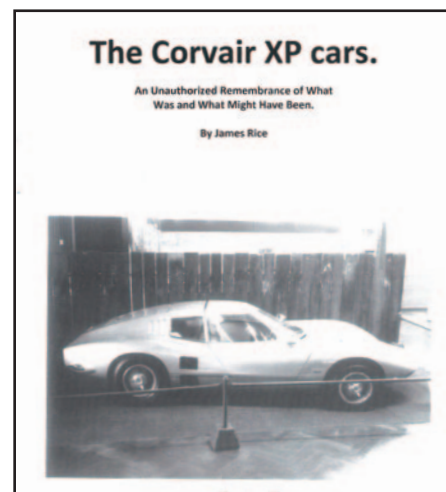
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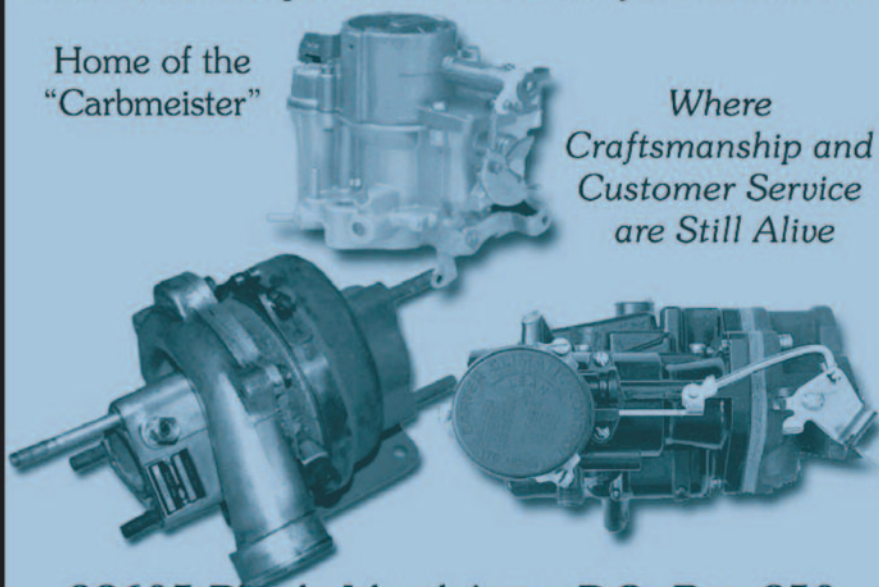
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