



THE REAR VIEW

Serving Northeastern Oklahoma Corvair Enthusiasts

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3	Friday, 5:30 P.M.	Regular Meeting: Mazio's at the Farm 61 st and Sheridan: Election of Officers
25	Saturday 9:00 A.M.	J.C.'s Garage
MAY, 2009		
1	Friday 5:30 P.M.	Regular Meeting: Mazios in the Farm.
2	Saturday 10-2:00 P.M.	Orphan Auto Show: Bass Pro, Broken Arrow
23	Saturday 9:00 A.M.	J.C.'s Garage
JUNE, 2009		
5	5:30 P.M.	Regular meeting: TBA

MINUTES: March 6, 2009 (by Marilyn Ash) Present were: President Roger Scott, Vice-Pres. Bob Mooney, Secretary Marilyn Ash, Treasurer Steve Rayl, Shirley Rayl, J. C. Ash, Jim Brewer, Gary, Mary & Jennifer Baxter, Wayne & Barbara Grieve, Jeff & Jeannette Peterson, Roland Taber, Glen Bevel, John & Mary Zink, Tim Palmer, Kenneth & Tony Nelson and their four children (Madison, Gene, Garrett and Hudson). **The Tulsa Auto Show** was the first order of business. Roger asked Gary Baxter for a report. Gary said, the ten posters that he designed for the show are ready. He had one on display. We will have at least one car for each of the 10 years and the posters will sit on easels near the cars. We will have a fence around out display. We will start sitting up the display on Wednesday morning March 18th, about 8:00 AM. The cars that will be in the show are: 1960- (Marvin Luke)?? 1961- Mike & Marla Sweaney, 1962- Carey Perry, 1963-Roger Scott, 1964-Bob Kinser, 1965-Larry Mills, 1966-Gary Baxter, 1967-Forrest Andrews, 1968-Mike Phillips, 1969- Mike Phillips.

We are looking for a new location for the **Orphan Show**. It will be on May 2nd. Roger askrd if members would like to have a car cruise to the **Starbird Museum** near Grove, Ok.? Most agreed that it would be a good summer activity. Meeting adjourned.

DUES REMINDER: The following members' dues are now due or will be due or past due:

- Past Due:** Carey Perry; Chuck Andrlle, Bill Brafford, John Jordan, Bill McLean, Larry Mills, Gary Cooper, Felix DeGeyter, Jesse Hodge,
April: Roger Scott, Dick Ellis, Marvin Luke, Van Upky, Ron Walton
May: Mark Boynton, Bob Mooney,

Please pay the \$15 dues to **Steve Rayl**, GCCG Treasurer, either in person or by mailing a check to 11608 South 99 East Avenue, Bixby, OK. 74008.

TULSA AUTO SHOW: The Club participated in the recent Tulsa Auto Show at the Quik Trip Center at the Fairgrounds. The show was a bit “ho hum” due to the economic climate and the downturn in the auto industry. But there was no “ho hum” as far as Green Country Corvair Group was concerned. We displayed ten Corvairs, one each representing the ten years of Corvair production. The 1960 model was kept under wraps with posters on it stating it was due on October 2. It was a “mystery” car. Everyone had a great time. Those displaying cars were Jennifer Baxter (the mystery car), Mike and Marla Sweany (1961), Carey Perry (1962), Roger Scott (1963), Bob Kinser (1964), Larry Mills (1965), Gary Baxter (1966), Forrest Andrews (1967), Bob Mooney (1968) and Marilyn Ash (1969). There were a couple of “ringers” in that group but the public never knew the difference. A big THANKS goes to Gary Baxter and Marilyn Ash. They worked hard organizing our display and did a wonderful job.



J.C.'s GARAGE: REPORT: The weather may not stop the U.S. Postal Service, but it did a good job on J.C.'s Garage scheduled for March 28. IT SNOWED! And how! Many areas received from 6 to 10 inches of heavy wet snow. However, a few “brave” club members made it to J.C.'s, including Forrest Andrews, Jeff Peterson, Bob Mooney and Wayne Grieve. Mike and Marla Sweaney tried to make it from OKC but gave up at Stroud and “wisely” turned back. The snow did not dampen the spirits of the group and all enjoyed Marilyn’s hot coffee and fresh baked blueberry and pumpkin muffins. Although the problems of the world were solved, no Corvair problems were solved. There was no Corvair to work-on. By 11:00 A.M. the brave but now “wiser” members headed home. At last report all got home safely. We will hold J.C.'s Garage in April on the 25th.

ORPHAN AUTO SHOW: MAY 2, 2009. At time of this issue we are waiting on confirmation from **Bass Pro Shop** at Broken Arrow for permission to hold the Orphan Show at its facility. Your editor has been negotiating with Bass Pro for two weeks satisfying its legal and insurance requirements. Although not definite yet, it is probable the show will be held at Bass Pro. More about this when confirmation is received. We will have to get to work fast to publicize the new location.

MEMBER'S FIRST CORVAIR: Last month Rear View featured John Zink who acquired his first Corvair on introduction day, October 2, 1959. He claims undisputed first place in being the member who acquired a Corvair first. However, the next in line is life member **Herb Karner**. Herb sent in the following report:

“John Zink may very well be the earliest owner of a Corvair because of his father’s proximity and connection with General Motors, but down here in flyover county I bought the first Corvair that was shipped to Bradley Chevrolet Company in Broken Arrow, the **FIRST** week of October, 1959. It was a green, 1960 four-door “500”, automatic transmission, the rear seat folded down to allow carrying additional luggage. **NO HEATER**, or other niceties

When I drove the Corvair off the showroom floor, onto the street and headed home I was not prepared for the rough, bouncy ride, so I turned around and headed back to the dealer, complaining about how rough it rode. It turned out they did not have the proper air pressure in the tires, i.e. the front tires had 40 lbs. pressure. I was told this was common practice for hauling a car. With proper pressure, 15 psi in the front and 25 psi in the rear, made a **HUGE** difference.

The next Monday I headed for Kansas City to cover a meeting, and when I was a few miles south of Pittsburg, Kansas the little red warning light on the dash came on, indicating trouble with the fan belt. I limped into Pittsburg to the Chevrolet dealer. No help, they had no Corvair parts or belts. So I visited a hardware store and by trial and error found a “V” belt that would work. Would you believe it, that belt lasted for 35,000 miles. Later I installed a Southwind gasoline heater—that’s another story. In the meantime there were all kinds of carburetor problems caused by icing in certain weather conditions—a factory modification that allowed manifold heat to the carburetor fixed that.

I drove the 1960 Corvair some 60,000 miles—still had the original tires and traded for a 1961 coupe, which had been added to the line. I traded every year through 1965 when the dealer and I had a disagreement over service—another story”.



Herb Karner

Some members may not know Herb but he was an original member of the Club. He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. After returning from Korea he entered the University of Tulsa and earned a degree in English. Upon graduation, he went to work for the Tulsa World and served as Farm Editor from 1955 to 1981 when he retired. In a recent conversation we learned he was responsible for the name “Green Country Corvair Group”. In addition to the Corvairs he described above he has owned several more throughout the years. He was the first editor of the Club newsletter. Herb lives in Broken Arrow and is still very interested in old and classic cars.

Send your “First Corvair” story to Rear View Editor, Roger Scott for publication in a future issue.

GCCG SWAP/SELL LISTS: At a recent meeting several members stated they had Corvair parts to sell or swap or even to give-away. If you have any such part, please send Roger Scott an email listing the parts and whether you want to sell, trade or give them away to members. He will compile these lists and circulate them to all members via email. This will be a great way for members to find out what is available and put more of those parts to good use.

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Non-commercial ads are free to members on a 'space available basis'. Call or write the editor for information concerning commercial advertising. All articles, ads, technical tips, etc., must be submitted by the board meeting date to be included in the next issue. Articles can be sent to Roger Scott at roger13@mindspring.com :

GCCG MERCHANDISE: The Club has a new jacket complete with logo.

The Club also has adopted a knit golf shirt and a cap with the logo embroidered. All items are available to all members by special order. Also name-tags are available with club logo and your name, also by special order.

To order merchandise or to suggest new club items, contact our resident rag merchant **Bob Mooney at (918) 652-0944**, or see him at the next club meeting.

CORVAIR PARTS SUPPLIERS:

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc. <http://www.corvair.com/>
Route 2, Shelburne Falls, MA, 01370
Phone: 413-625-2558 Catalog: \$5.00

Corvair Underground <http://www.corvairunderground.com/>
P.O. Box 339, Dundee, OR, 97115
Phone: 1-800-825-VAIR Catalog: \$4.00

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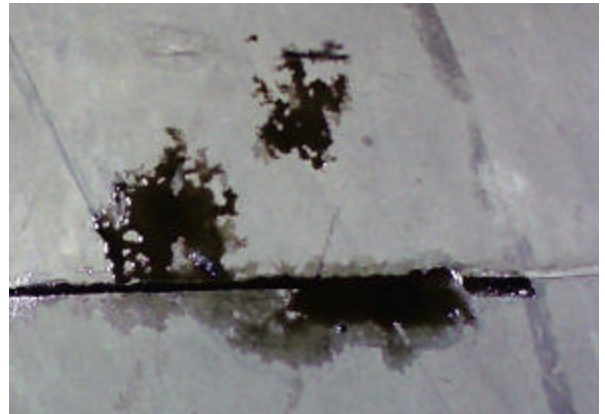
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"CORVAIR HUMOR"



Lake Baxter. Newest wonder of the world, discovered at the conclusion of the Tulsa Auto Show. No swimming allowed.

J.C.'s Garage March 28.



They made a snow man instead of working on a Corvair.