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Thank You, Roger

No doubt, all GCCG members are aware of the untimely passing of our long-time president, Roger Scott. But it is impossible to publish this newsletter, the first since his passing, without acknowledging how much he has meant to the club over the years.

Roger approached GCCG with the same energy, enthusiasm and dedication he applied to the legal profession, his church, his family, the Boy Scouts, and his Masonic Lodge. Roger's drive and ambition inspired all of us to reach for greater things for GCCG, hence our bid to host the CORSA National Convention in 2001. Our bid was not chosen because the CORSA Board was concerned about a club our size putting on such a big event, but all board members were tremendously impressed by the bid package Roger put together. And, of course, this effort eventually led to our cooperation with the clubs in Wichita, Oklahoma City and Kansas City in establishing the Great Plains Roundup.



Roger also inspired other GCCG members by his enthusiasm. As a result, the club provided some of the most elaborate and imaginative displays ever to grace the "old cars" part of the Tulsa Auto Show, as well as upgrading our presentation of the annual Orphan Auto Show and the annual All-Corvair Show. Roger also undertook the job of revising and updating the GCCG Bylaws, and four years ago Roger accepted the responsibility of publishing the monthly newsletter.

GCCG owes a great deal of our recent success to Roger. We will miss him greatly, both as our club president and as our good friend. No doubt, his family will miss him even more than we do, so our prayers and best wishes go out to Luci, his children and his grandchildren. Thank you, Roger.

August 2009		
8	Saturday	Gatesway Car Show, Claremore Details elsewhere in this newsletter
14	2 nd Friday 5:30 p.m.	IRREGULAR meeting at Shiloh's, B.A. Expressway and 145 th E. Ave. Note this is the SECOND Friday in August and a NEW LOCATION
16	Sunday	Board Meeting
22	Saturday 9:00 a.m.	J.C.'s Garage
September 2009		
4	Friday 5:30 p.m.	Regular meeting at Shiloh's
20	Sunday	Board Meeting
26	Saturday 9:00 a.m.	J.C.'s Garage
October 2009		
2 – 4	Friday – Sunday	Great Plains Roundup – Wichita Details elsewhere in this newsletter
9	2 nd Friday 5:30 p.m.	IRREGULAR meeting at Shiloh's
10	Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Annual All-Corvair Show Location to be announced
18	Sunday	Board Meeting
24	Saturday 9:00 a.m.	J.C.'s Garage

The BIG 5-0 Celebration is Here!

As most of you know, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair. It was on October 2, 1959, that the general public first got to see GM's revolutionary compact car. The other new compacts introduced that same year – the Ford Falcon and the Plymouth Valiant – were just smaller, cheaper versions of the “normal” American car. But the Corvair was different. GM engineers asked themselves what a small car should look like if they had the opportunity to start from scratch. The result was the rear engine, rear drive, air-cooled Corvair.

Many Corvair clubs across the country are having special events to commemorate this big anniversary. GCCG has the distinct privilege of participating in a major event, the **Great Plains Corvair Roundup**, for our celebration.

This year's host for the Roundup, the Wichita Club, has been busy planning for, and working on many improvements and new events for this year's get-together. For example, they have reworked the well-used track for the valve cover races, and they have added a “Peoples Choice” judging of the valve cover race cars. Some new treats are also in store for the moving events, such as a “slow drag race”. No doubt, this year's **Great Plains Corvair Roundup** will be the best one ever.

DON'T MISS IT!

GREAT PLAINS CORVAIR ROUNDUP EVENTS

Friday, October 2	Valve Cover Race Hospitality Room
Saturday, October 3	Concours Peoples' Choice Car Show Model Car and Valve Cover Racers Peoples' Choice Tech Sessions Hospitality Room Moving Events (details to be announced) Banquet and Awards
Sunday, October 4	Send-off Breakfast

Accommodations

The host hotel is the Best Western Airport Inn and Conference Center, Exit 7 off I-235 on the west side of Wichita. Pets are allowed at the motel as long as they are under 25 lbs. and on a leash; they are not allowed in the commons areas. There is parking for motor homes, but no electrical or sewage hookups.

Registration forms for the Great Plains Corvair Roundup, as well as more information about events and accommodations are available at: <http://www.tulsacorvair.com>.

Highlights of July 10th Special Meeting

This special meeting was called by GCCG vice president Bob Mooney so that the members would have a time to come together as a group after the passing of our President, Roger Scott, on July 1, 2009. A sympathy card was circulated for everyone to sign for Luci. Roger will be missed very dearly.

Bob called the meeting to order and told the group that he did not desire to hold the office of president of GCCG. At that point, he opened the floor for nominations for president in a special election. Jeannette Peterson nominated Marvin Luke, and Marilyn Ash seconded the nomination. Marvin agreed to accept the nomination, and he was elected by acclamation. Jeannette Peterson thanked Marvin and Marilyn for making all of the phone calls to let everyone know what happened to Roger after his untimely passing.

Marvin gave members the opportunity to share their stories about Roger. Some of the things that came to light were that Roger had a paper route that helped put him through school, and that he often helped his friends with their legal needs and didn't charge for his services. Roger meant a lot of good things to a lot of people.

Jeff and Jeannette Peterson brought a slide show of the different car shows our club has participated over the last year, and also a poster collage of photos. Members took home the photos they wanted, and Jeff and Jeannette also offered members the opportunity to get a CD of all the pictures. Members were reminded of the Advanced Auto Show the next day, July 11, from 10am to 2pm. We will start setting up around 9:00-9:30am.

Ned Madsen and his wife Kathy, from the Wichita Corsa Chapter, were also in attendance. Ned filled us in on some of the details about this year's Great Plains Corvair Roundup, to be held in Wichita the weekend of October 2nd. Some of the special events at this year's Roundup may include slow drag races, and this year's valve cover races will take place on a new Formica tarmac.

In his capacity as a CORSA Director, Ned also suggested that there might be some advantages to establishing term limits for Club President. This would have two advantages: first, we would probably not have become so totally dependent on one person, as GCCG became dependent upon Roger; and second, we would be less likely to “burn out” any one person.

Club members were reminded of the August 8th the Gatesway Car Show (Balloon Festival) in Claremore and the September 12th Bluegrass Festival in Claremore.

Our next meeting will be **August 14th** at Shiloh’s in Broken Arrow right off the BA and 145th Ave. (Hwy 51 and Aspen) by the Clarion Hotel (it used to be a Holiday Inn). The website, www.tulsacorvair.com has more information, maps and pictures.

Gatesway Balloon Festival and Car Show

This year’s Gatesway Car Show in Claremore is a special one for us Corvair owners. This year there will be a special classification for Corvairs. AUTOMATIC TROPHIES! Gary Baxter is looking for lots of fellow GCCG members to show off their cars and COME HOME WITH SOME GOLD.

Show registration is 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8. For more details and exact location in Claremore, check out the website <http://www.route66cruisersok.org>.

There are other special events associated with the Gatesway Festival that may be of interest to GCCG members. On Friday, August 7, the day before the show, there will be a cruise. Route 66 Cruisers will meet at the NeMar Shopping Center, 1000 W. Will Rogers (Claremore) at 5:30. There will be DJ music, and the group will cruise to the Festival at 7:00. Then, at the festival grounds, there will be a “balloon glow” at 8:30 (If you have never seen one of these, you are really missing something.) and a “flame throwing” contest at about 9:30. Saturday afternoon during the show there will also be lawn mower races, and the Glue Dobbers will be flying their remote-control model aircraft. And, of course, there will be the usual food and craft vendors.

Note that this show has caused a change in our previous schedule of club events. The cruise to the Daryl Starbird Museum, originally scheduled for August 1, has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

Red Hot Show

In spite of the heat, we still had 10 Corvairs show up for the 3rd annual GCCG sponsored Advance Auto Parts Show on July 11th. Many thanks to Rafee Luan of Rafee Corvair Specialists for participating, even in the in-tents heat.



Help Wanted

Newsletter editor needed. The GCCG Board has asked our newsletter *editor in absentia* to pick up the responsibilities for the newsletter for a month or so, until a new editor can be found. If you are interested in working with GCCG to produce the monthly newsletter, please take some time to put on paper your ideas of what our newsletter should look like, then submit your suggestions to Marvin Luke for consideration by the Board. No doubt, there are lots of good ideas out there in GCCG-land, so let us see yours. (“...And please do it soon!” – *ed.*)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Rayl reports that the club now has \$875 in the treasury. He also reports that dues are now past due for Ron & Terry Schroeder, and will be due in September for: Tim & Becky Palmer, Carey & Meredith Perry, and Jeff & Jeannette Peterson.

Please pay the **\$20** dues to **Steve Rayl**, GCCG Treasurer, either in person or by mailing a check to 11608 South 99 East Avenue, Bixby, OK. 74008. Please make checks payable to Green Country Corvair Group

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1963 Rampside. Nice paint – orange with white stripe. New tires, brakes, interior, windshield, front and rear window rubber. Three-speed transmission. Runs and drives well. \$8,000. Phone 918-830-5704. Berryhill area.

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Keep an eye on the calendar for all upcoming events!