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THE REAR VIEW

Serving Northeastern Oklahoma Corvair Enthusiasts

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6	Friday, 5:30 P.M.	Regular Meeting: Mazio's at the Farm 61 st and Sheridan
28	Saturday, 9:00 A.M.	J.C.'s Garage
MARCH, 2009		
6	Friday 5:30 P.M.	Regular Meeting: Mazios in the Farm.
19-22	Thurs-Sunday	Tulsa Auto Show: Quik Trip Center, Expo Square
28	Saturday	J.C.'s Garage
APRIL, 2009		
3	5:30 P.M.	Regular meeting: TBA

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY

MINUTES: by Marilyn Ash, Secretary, January 2, 2009. Present at the meeting were: President Roger Scott, Vice-President Bob Mooney, Secretary Marilyn Ash, J. C. Ash, Bob & Pat Kinser, Wayne James, Gary, Mary & Jennifer Baxter, Sean Chrest, Richard, Janice & Christine Hawk, Mark Boynton, Jeff Peterson, Wayne & Barbara Grieve, with grandsons, Nichols and Nathan, Ron & Pat Walton, Van Upky, Felix DeGeyter, Marvin Luke, Jim Brewer, Glen Bevel and Kenneth Nelson and son Garrett.

Roger introduced new members, **Wayne James** and **Kenneth Nelson**. Wayne is looking for a Corvair and Kenneth has a 62 Monza Convertible.

The first business on the agenda was the **Tulsa Auto Show** coming up in March. Roger took a vote on whether the club wanted to participate this year. It was a unanimous "Yes". He ask for volunteers for the planning committee. They are Gary Baxter, Jeff Peterson, Marilyn Ash, Bob Mooney and Jim Brewer. Roger will set up a meeting in the near future.

The next **J.C.'s Garage** will be on January 24th. The first project will be the brakes on Glen Bevel's car. Bill Brafford will be bringing a transmission that needs work. There may be other projects as well. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM.

We are still looking for a better place for our monthly meetings. Members were asked to let Roger know of other possible locations. However, until further notice, we will continue to meet at Mazzio's at 51st and Sheridan.

TREASURER REPORT: Steve Rayl, GCCG Treasurer, reports a \$1,402.68 balance in the bank account with all known bills paid. Your support of Green Country Corvair Group is appreciated.

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

Past Due: Carey Perry; Chuck Andrle, Bill Brafford, John Jordan, Bill McLean, John Harris, Forrest Andrews

February: Jim Brewer, Taylor Brown, Larry Mills,

March: Gary Cooper, Felix DeGeyter, Richard Hawk, Jesse Hodge,

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. Please make checks payable to Green Country Corvair Group. Until March 1, however, please mail to 4250 South Oswego, Tulsa, OK. 74135.

CORVAIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY NEARS: Although dubbed the 1960 model in 1959 the Chevrolet Corvair was unveiled to the public as the first American rear engine car. The name "Corvair" was trademarked by GM August 6, 1959 and the car was introduced October 2, 1959. (The first production Corvair was actually built July 7, 1959). In 1959-60 all major car makers introduced "compact" cars. Chevrolet, led by General Manager Edward N. Cole, designed a radical departure from the competition, a revolutionary compact car called "Corvair". It boasted a new 80 hp. air-cooled, horizontal six-cylinder aluminum engine, mounted in the rear of the car behind the swing axle, driving the rear wheels through a compact transaxle. Fisher Body constructed the first unibody design for the car, with no conventional frame. The styling also was unusual for the time, with no fins or chrome grill. Originally the only models were a coupe and four door sedan, with minimal trim or extras. Only the "700" had exterior body trim. Corvair was so unique that *Time* magazine put it on its cover and *Motor Trend* selected the Corvair as Car of the Year for 1960. However, the Corvair did not fare well in the marketplace at first. Competitors' compact cars, the Ford Falcon and Chrysler Valiant, were cheaper to produce and were more economical to operate than the Corvair. Not until the sportier Monza was introduced did Corvair become more appealing to the public.

The only 1960 Corvair owned by a present member of Green Country Corvair is the one recently restored by **Marvin Luke**, a "500" four door sedan. It is scheduled to be the anniversary show piece at the Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Wichita later this year. The Wichita Club will kick off the celebration of Corvair's 50th birthday at that show. Members will remember that Green Country Corvair is a co-sponsor of this annual show and we will be hosting it again in 2010. The "birthday party" will still be going on when we have the show back in Tulsa.



Marvin Luke's 1960, "500" Four door Corvair

The "official" celebration for this anniversary, however, will be in 2010 according to Corsa. The event will be celebrated at the 2010 Corsa convention in Iowa. This will also be observed when Green Country Corvair Group hosts the Great Plains Corvair Roundup in 2010.

TULSA AUTO SHOW: MARCH 19-22, 2009. Despite the financial woes of the United States auto industry, the annual Tulsa Auto Show will be held again this year at the Quik Trip Center in Expo Square. At our last meeting, members of GCCG voted to again participate in this show. Mark these dates on your calendar

and be ready to join in the fun. A committee has been selected to organize our display and you may be called upon to put your Corvair in the display. If not, you will be needed to assist and greet persons who visit our space and to tell them the “Corvair story”. Let’s have a big turn-out for this event.

J.C.’s GARAGE: REPORT: J.C.’s Garage tech event was held January 24 at (of all places) J.C.’s garage west of Sand Springs. This has become an outstanding tech event for the club giving members an opportunity to schedule their cars for some needed repair or improvement. The hosts, J.C. and Marilyn Ash are very gracious and welcome GCCG members to their home, and his shop, for this event. At the last session, Glen Bevel’s convertible needed some front brake work and that was easily taken care of. However, when Glen later left to go home he only got about a block before returning with an engine problem. Ultimately the car was left at J.C.’s for future repair. Bill Brafford brought his “ailing” transmission for diagnostic and repair work. The team found a broken ring that was jamming the proper operation of the gears. A part will be ordered and the “patient” will return next month for further repair. Marvin Luke put his Rampside on the lift for a “Work Order” full of various needs. Last seen the truck was still on J.C.’s lift. 18 members attended J.C.’s Garage which is a record. Everyone had a great time despite the cold weather. Mark Boynton brought some parts for a “swap meet”.



Now come to order!



Yes Sir!



Who is making that noise?



Well Doctor, will it live?



Hapless patient.



.Let’s try this.



Boynton’s swap meet



The noise came from here



Here’s how we did it in Iowa.

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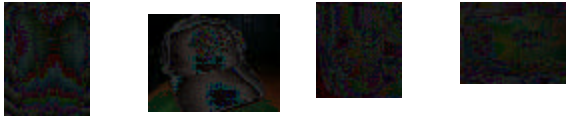
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GCCG MERCHANDISE The Club has a new jacket complete with logo.

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.



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