## News & Affairs of Corvairs

August, 2022

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY JEFF

Hello Corvair Friends,

The 2022 Corsa International Convention did not disappoint!

I always enjoy meeting new corvair people. It's also good to see those I have met at previous conventions and reconnect. It amazes me how far people travel to attend the conventions. Thanks to everyone who helped out at this years convention!

Enjoy the convention highlights in the newsletter to see what

some of our club members were up to at convention.

We are working to secure a place to have our club picnic. We are hoping the weather will cool off a little before this event. Hope to have more details soon.

Watch next months newsletter for more convention highlights.

Stay safe and enjoy the ride!



## **CORSA SC Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, August 9th

Dinner at 6:00pm

Meeting at 6:30pm (restaurant closes at 7pm)

Southern Fried Green Tomatoes 1175 Wood Crossing Road #8 Greenville, SC 29607

Phone: (864) 627-9088

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

AUG 20 -TECH SES-SION AT DEYOUNG'S GARAGE

SEPT 9-10 Corvair Gathering—Fontana Village

Sept—Corsa SC Picnic
Date TBD

Oct 7-8 Vaires at the Fair

Oct 13—14 Vairs in the Valley Maggie Valley, NC

## AUGUST EVENT—TECH SESSION @ DEYOUNG'S GARAGE

Meet up at 11am on Saturday, August 20th at DeYoung's garage. The plan is to begin with a brainstorming discussion on what is causing a corvair engine problem. Then, determine how we prove that this is the actual culprit of the problem.

Pizza will be served to all those helping to diagnose the trouble.

Dillard's Ice Cream!

Plan is to meet up at Dillards Ice cream in Greer, SC for dessert after the tech session.





## THE CONVENTION BY: SUSAN WILLIAMS

The Peachtree City International Corvair Convention was a blast and I for one had a great week! It was great to see friends, as well as, to meet and make new ones. I have always said the best thing about getting my Corvair is the people I have met and the friends I have made over the years.

This was the first time I had attended a convention for the entire week and it did not disappoint. Peachtree City was a neat place, the host hotel was set in the quietness of a wooded area and you never noticed the bustling city busily moving about until you ventured out in your car, or took a cruise in a golf cart.

The highlight for me was getting the opportunity to drive my Corvair on the Atlanta Motor Speedway...what a thrill! I would have to put it on my list of other great life experiences...going to China, and flying in a bi-plane, just to name a couple. It took me at least an hour to wind down from the excitement. It was also a blast to pass two other Corvair's on the track! I actually had to blow my horn at one of the driver's as I was making my pass because he started moving up on me coming out of turn four...for a minute there I

thought we were going to rub doors and trade some paint! Thank you, Billy Bruce, for making this opportunity happen. I will remember it forever.

Most of you know, my restoration has been slow, but steady, with lots of help and encouragement from my friends. I have driven it to many local cruise-in's over the years and had entered it in one show earlier this year, which was a point's judged event. My car did not even get a Top 25 in that show, but another Corvair did. I never presume that my car will win because there are a lot of nice/nicer Corvair's out there, but the work finally paid off as my car took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Coupe and Sedan Class at the Convention! I was excited, to say the least!

So, seeing/meeting friends, lapses around the Atlanta Motor Speedway and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in People's Choice, I couldn't have asked for a better Convention experience!



## PEACHTREE CONVENTION ADVENTURE BY: JERRY WELLS

Gail and I attended the Corvair National Convention in Peachtree City, Ga. We volunteered with Jeff and Kim. Gail helped with the raffle ticket sales and I helped Jeff with the valve cover race. I was the official starter for the races and really enjoyed the competition. My favorite was the wine bottle racer.

The highlight of the Convention was riding around Atlanta Motor Speedway in Susan's car at 110 mph with Tony Ellison behind the wheel.

Also, the tears from Gary Greenood, Jr when he accepted his awards tugged on everyone's heartstrings. Congrats Gary, Jr. We know your dad is very proud.



## CORSA SC NEWBIE BY: DENNIS MARION



Peach Tree City was my first convention and it was a Fantastic Adventure. As our upstate club knows, I do not personally own a Corvair. I am the caregiver for the late Bob Broughts vehicles. I drove his 1962 Greenbrier to the event with a few issues. However, I did make it there and home safely.

The Greenbrier took 2nd place in the Peoples Choice in the FC class!

Great people, Great Event, hope to do more of these in the future.

## WILLIAM L MITCHELL AWARD

Congratulations to Billy Bruce who was awarded the William L Mitchell Award for the highest scoring Corvair in the 2022 Concours. A beautiful car!

Score of 99.9



## HARD LUCK STORY BY: JAMIE CHEEK

I fell at my parents house and broke my wrist which kept me from going to the Ultra Van Rally the week before the Convention. We arrived in Peach Tree City on Sunday afternoon. On Monday, Dad and I went to meet my brother, Jim and his wife, Nona to pick up Zane who had gone with them to the Rally. Charlotte, my Ultra Van, started overheating and blowing smoke so that Jim had to pull over to let her cool which made them late to our meeting place. It was decided that Charlotte would need to be towed. Off to Lowes to get a different size ball for my truck. We traveled the

backroads going 40 mph because she would fishtail at a faster speed. Dad pulled her into Jim's yard breaking the upper ball joint on the driver's side. We filled up the truck with gas and started back to Peach Tree City arriving around 2 am. Dad didn't want to drive through Atlanta on Monday morning during rush hour.

Because I broke my wrist, I was unable to drive in the Rally and Auto Cross. I was very disappointed but otherwise had a good time at the Convention.



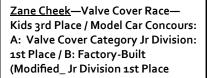








James Cheek—Valve Cover Race 2nd Place / People's Choice-Specialty 3rd Place



Jamie Cheek—Valve Cover Race 1st Place / Model Car Concours: A: Diorama Category: 2nd Place / B: Valve Cover Category: 1st Place / C: Factory Built (Stock): 1st Pace





My Opa helped me put axels and wheels on my new Valve cover at the Children's Workshop and I raced it later in the day. I finished third so Opa will

need to work on it to help it go faster. My Opa and Aunt Jamie raced after the children did. Aunt Jamie beat Opa by a flash of the timing light. Aunt Jamie signed the track by my name and Opa's.



## TED'S CONVENTION TECH SESSION BY: DONNIE BIRD

Ted had two parts to his tech session with the first being a slide show presentation. In the presentation he talked about how he got started in Corvairs and how the idea of fuel injection came about and how it got to where it is today. Then he had slides to show the different views you can have to what is going such as temp sensor, MAF sensor and tach and others. Then how to go into the fuel tables to make adjustments and how easily the timing could be adjusted. There were a lot of good questions and there were over thirty people in attendance.

Then we went outside to swap a motor that was running on points and carbs over to his EFI setup. He got ready to leave that morning to head to the convention and immediately saw he had a flat tire on his truck. After driving to a tire store that was closed fixed the tire himself with a plug. Then headed out and an hour into the journey discovered the bearing on the trailer was not going to make down and back and headed home to replace both trailer bearings. Made it to the convention

without anymore delays with the motor in tow. Group gathered around as Ted talked about the process explaining the parts and how it all worked together answering questions as he went. After hooking his laptop up to the EFI computer and verifying parameters were loaded it was time to start the engine.

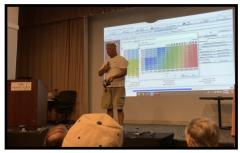
Ted took his trusty screwdriver to the starter and it started right up! There was a cheer and Russ who made the mistake of standing in front of the muffler was greeted by a cloud of smoke.

It was a good presentation and enjoyable to watch the conversion and see it start!

Videos of the presentations on YouTube and go to Ted's site for more info.

https://www.corvair-efi.com/







# Choo Choo, Knoxville, and NC Mountain Corvair Clubs Presents the 1st: "Fontana Village Corvair Gathering" September 9-10th, 2022

Host Lodge, Fontana Village Resort in Fontana Dam, NC., \$105/Room. For Reservations call Local: (828)498-2211 BEFORE September 1, 2022. Mention 'Knoxville Area Corvair Club' to get the discounted Room Rate!

All meals will be on your own. Friday Night Just Sit & Socialize. Saturday Corvair Display & 'Tame The Dragon'! 'Songs & Smores' Live Sing-Along Music Saturday Evening and a 50/50 Drawing.

No Judging- No Trophies- Maybe a Tech Session Just GREAT Corvair Fun with Corvair Friends!



## Vairs at the Fair sponsored by Heart of Georgia October 7-8, 2022.

Friday night hospitality and Saturday night dinner. We lead the parade into the Georgia National Fair Saturday morning. Quality Inn In Warner Robins is ready to take your room reservations. Rates are \$75.00 regular rooms and \$85.00 Suites. Rates good October 6-8. 478-953-6866.

contact lawjandl@aol.com .

## Vaires in the Valley 2022

Registrations received before Oct 10, 2022 will include a dash plaque, goodie



bag and a special early registration door prize ticket. Lodging: The Smoky Park Falls Lodge, 2550 Soco Road. Call (828)926-7440. Our alternate motel is Travel Lowes Motel, 3194 Soco Rd (828)926-1732. A block of room will be held until August 31st. Mention Corvair Show when you call. **Schedule of** 



Mike Callahan - 4th Jerry Brown - 7th Jim Garren - 10th Kim Murrell - 17th Eleanor Bruce - 18th

## Happy Anniversary

Kelly & Dustin Stouffer - 2nd Donnie & Jane Bird - 6th Chris & Hope Harkey - 7th Russ & Kathy Tallyen - 22nd







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