

## *Hot Air Newsletter*



*Dan*



*Ed*



*Bob*

**Ok, Now this is a little different for a front page article but I thought we would start this year off with a little Humor. I asked on the Corvair Center Forum for the top 10 ideas why to Join Corsa and here is one Reply I got . Thanks to Bording Ostergaard from the Western Canada Corsa Club.**

- [\*] You haven't a clue about what's going on in life and it just seems like the right car
- [\*] The compact rear-engine design allows you to sleep comfortably on the front floor
- [\*] On rainy days you get your feet cleaned for free
- [\*] The turbo-charged models work great for wide-area mosquito control
- [\*] You want that rebel image but can't afford a Harley
- [\*] Most chicks think you're really trying to say "Corvette"
- [\*] Your in-laws all drive Mustangs
- [\*] The continuous excitement of always waiting to flip!
- [\*] Once they're broken in they never need an oil change - you just keep adding more
- [\*] You're always getting to meet the country's top experts in auto engineering and design
- [\*] Driving with the heater on is a real gas
- [\*] With the fold-down rear seat option you can carry at least 8 goats
- [\*] It makes a political statement about your commitment to conservation
- [\*] With the engine in the rear, what's protecting you in a crash?
- [\*] The cigarette lighter is interchangeable with most other GM models
- [\*] The trunk is exceptionally water tight and will hold at least 250 beers plus crushed ice.
- [\*] Most Corvairs come with spare change under the rear seat
- [\*] You can self-serve fill your car with gas without ever having to leave the driver's seat
- [\*] Ralph Nader sends you a Christmas card every year apologizing for being wrong
- [\*] It gives you something to talk about with Americans
- [\*] The engine fan will suck up shop towels better than a vacuum cleaner!
- [\*] Even the best of friends will try to deny knowing you
- [\*] Your spouse accepts it as the lesser of many alternate evils
- [\*] You get to meet people that won't go away for a lifetime .... of trying.
- [\*] When you flick things out the window they often come back in via the heater
- [\*] Being low to the ground, it's not so far for passengers to fall when getting home on Saturday nights
- [\*] In the right light and at the right angle they look just like a Fiat, a Scoda, a Yugo, a Mini...
- [\*] You can blame it on your drug-crazed days from the 60's
- [\*] It gives you something to look for in really boring movies

**And the number one reason to own a Corvair.....**

(drum roll please)

- [\*] The AMC car clubs stop asking you to join.

# Birthdays

## Happy Birthday!!

March 2nd Tim Vertheim  
16th Ryan Yax

April Patty Prudden

### Proposed Oct Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance-----\$712.32

**Income**

Dues:	Ray Paulson	\$20.00	
	Charles Johnson	15.00	
	Vern Sundbom	15.00	
	Roger Sundbom	20.00	
	Bob Saunders	15.00	
	Art Bringe	20.00	
	Pat Murphy	20.00	
WOW Show	Bob Saunders		15.00
50/50			17.00

**\$157.00**

**Expense's**

Stamps	42.00
Flowers	50.50

**\$92.50**

**Expense total**

**Ending Balance**-----\$ 776.82

### Proposed November Treasurers Report

**Income**

Dues:	Jim Linder	\$15.00
	Richard Dee	15.00
50/50		6.50

**Income Total** **36.50**

**Expenses:**

Sunshine committee	23.80
Toner	83.84

**Expense Total** **107.64**

**Ending Balance**-----\$705.68

### Proposed December Treasurers Report

**Income:**

Dues:	Glen Lemke	\$15.00
	Ed Jeffries	20.00
	John Herkenratt	15.00
	Roger Lesnski	20.00

**Income Total** **\$70.00**

**Ending Balance**-----\$ 775.68

### Proposed Jan Treasurers Report

**Income:**

Dues:	Dale Olson	\$20.00
	James Brandenberg	20.00
	Robert Johnson	15.00
	Jeff Gecas	15.00

**Income total** **\$70.00**

**Expenses:** Christmas Party 115.00

**Total Expense** **\$115.00**

**Ending Balance**-----\$730.68

*Jim Linder Treasurer*

# November Meeting Agenda

Head of the Lakes Corvair club Agenda

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008

Perkins East

Dinner 6:00 Meeting 7:00

Call to order at \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance -

- any new member / guests

Secretary's Report - Kathy Thompson

Treasurer's Report - Jim Linder

Oct 50/50 \$2.00 to Pat Murphy \$ 8.00 to club

Committee Reports

- Corvair Cavalry /Ron

Pete's.... Parts Order

News Letter - Ron Thompson

- Want ads & Articles

Merchandise orders -

Old Business

- Officer hand book -
- pictures by Aerial bridge Photo shop creation
- Christmas Party January 11, 1pm at Country Lanes Bowling

New Business

- World of Wheels
- Elections
- Detroit Homecoming (Peter)

National convention

Tech Talk

Any Other New Business -

Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_

Next Committee Meeting preceding the Club meeting at 6:00 pm March 3rd at Perkins

Next Head of the Lakes Corvair Club Meeting March, 3 2009 7:00 pm Perkins London Rd.

## Vendor List

**Corvair Underground**  
503-434-1648  
[www.corvairunderground.com](http://www.corvairunderground.com)

**The Source Inc.**  
[source@andc.com](mailto:source@andc.com)  
858-259-3843  
<http://www.thesourceparts.com>

**Larry's Corvair Parts**  
[K6RO@Earthlink.net](mailto:K6RO@Earthlink.net)  
310-070-9851  
[www.larryscorvair.com](http://www.larryscorvair.com)

**California Corvairs**  
[CACorvairs@aol.com](mailto:CACorvairs@aol.com)  
323 223-2775  
<http://www.californiacorvairparts.com>

**Dale Manufacturing**  
3425 Fairhaven Ave N.E.  
Salem, Oregon 97303  
503-364-8685  
[WWW.DaleMfg.com](http://WWW.DaleMfg.com)

**Clarks Corvair Parts**  
400 Mohawk Trail  
Shelburne Falls, Mass 01370  
423-625-9776  
[WWW.corvair.com](http://WWW.corvair.com)



# Thank You!!!!

I would like to say THANK YOU to Tim Verthein for Hosting our web page and Getting our newsletter on it every month. He also handles our on-line store. So on behalf of the whole club we say **Thank You!!!**

## A New Grandpa!!!!!!

OK, now I know this isn't Corvair news but I have to brag. On Dec 28 My youngest Daughter gave birth to a 5 lb 9 Oz 17 inches long baby Boy!!! It's my first grandchild and I'm on top of the world!! Mother, Baby, and Daddy are all doing fine, Grandpa is another story. I just had to share the news!!

*Ron & Kathy Thompson*

( Proud Grandparents)

Noah Edward Laessig

12/28/2008

Future Corvair Nut!!!



## Jason's 102HP Refresh



Well we tore apart Jason's old 102 HP engine yesterday and found one bad pushrod and a bunch of carbon. The cam was installed one tooth off so it had to be totally ripped apart. Also we found it has an aftermarket cam so he's checking that out to see what it is. New rings and rod bearings are on the install list. After a lot of cleaning of parts it'll be put back together. Then comes the fun. Jason has a Judson supercharger that's going to go on. This is going to be fun!!! More pictures to follow.

*Ron Thompson*

## CORVAIR UNDERGROUND

1974-2009

It would be trite of me to say that this is the hardest letter I have ever had to write. It would be trite and, well, untrue as well. All of us have had negative events in our life, some worse than others. On a scale of negativity this letter ranks pretty high, but I've seen worse.

In 1974 I was young and stupid. I started a part time business that, by any rational measure, looked like an eccentric lark. For reasons I still don't fully understand that excursion blossomed into a full fledged mail order business.

When my 2nd wife and I separated in 1982 I almost lost the business. But I kept stubbornly plugging away and, with the help of Linda (whom I married in 1983), managed to rebuild the Corvair Underground into a legitimate International player in the Corvair parts market.

35 years is a long time for any business to last, but very little lasts forever. 2009 marks the year that Linda and I will begin to liquidate our corporation. We've seen and had to make many changes in the way we've done things. That's how you survive 35 years.

But the past 3 years have been just a bit much. First we tried to sell the business for somewhat less than it was worth. Then we tried to sell it for a lot less than it was worth. Then we almost gave it away. In every case the "serious" buyers passed up on a real opportunity, mostly because of a lack of funds.

I have had health problems before, but my heart/stroke surgery 2 years ago really threw a monkey wrench in everything. Add that to failed attempts to sell, losing my key employees in the process, and a general downturn in the economy has made the going rough. Truthfully I promised Linda Winter before last that we would not struggle through another Winter (Our traditionally slowest time of the year). And here we are.

It's time for me to do something else. What that is, I have no idea. But I do know that it's time to wind this business down.

Our intention is to have Corvair Underground closed by late Spring of this year. Whether that will be possible or not remains to be seen. Even though our operation is considerably smaller than our "heydays" of the past 35 years, there is still an unbelievable amount of inventory here. I would still claim that we are the second largest inventory of new and reproduced Corvair parts in the world. We also have about a quarter mile of shelving and a lot of other equipment and stuff.

Is there a buyer out there? Time's running out. I may have to dump all this stuff on the open market and though "garage" sales. Not really looking forward to that.

If you have even a passing interest in our clearance make sure you're signed up for our electronic NEWS. It's free and easy. Just log into our website at [www.corvairunderground.com](http://www.corvairunderground.com). That will be the primary way I will be announcing open house sales dates and other breaking news.

So far as continuing to take and process your mail orders - that will not change at all. A number of our reproduced items will NOT be replaced and some inventory that requires large purchase commitments will not be replaced either. In the meantime we'll keep processing orders for the foreseeable future just as we have since 1974.

Has Corvair Underground been a positive force in the Corvair parts market these past 35 years? Well, the age of self-promotion of my business has ended for me. Other people and history will answer that question, eventually.

Lon Wall

**Trivia answer: Uni-body**



2/24/2009

# Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



## Corvair Classifieds

**For Sale:**  
 1966 Monza 140 4 speed  
 Ran when parked. Stored in heated garage.  
 Ray Mlaskoch  
 Willow River, Mn  
 218-372-3693 218-380-9922  
 \$3,500.00 11/07

**For Sale:** 1959 Ford T-Bird 390 C.I. 4-Barrel  
 Auto Trans, PWR Windows, PWR Seat, Electric  
 Wipers, New Interior, Many new parts, California  
 car  
 \$15,000.00  
 Contact: Glenn 715-462-3978



11/07

**FOR SALE:**  
 1960 & 1964 Corvair's  
 Located out in Pattison Park Area.  
 Parts cars.  
 I work with the owner so if interested contact me.  
 I have pictures also.  
 Ron Thompson  
 715 392-4634  
 corvaid50@aol.com 1/09

**For Sale:** 1965 Corvair Corsa 4 speed 63,000 miles  
 Evening orchid VERY NICE!!!  
 \$6,800.00  
 1964 Corvair Convertible 4 speed Many new parts  
 \$4,500.00 Possible trade, looking for a Loadside or  
 rampside truck.  
 Art Bringie 218-7213050 2/09

**List your parts or car for sale here.  
 Free to members and \$7.50 to non Members. Just send all the information and I will get your ad  
 in here. Send all ads to:  
 Ron Thompson  
 3932 E 8th ST  
 Superior,Wisc  
 54880  
 or  
 corvaid50@aol.com**



### Corvair Trivia

By Glenn Lemke

Offered for only three months during the 1966 model year, what was the rare Z83 option?  
 Answer on page 6 NO PEEKING!!

## **We Love Our Molly**

When our 17 1/2 year old dog died last winter, Carol and I promised each other not to have any more pets. We wanted to begin traveling now that we are retired, and it would be too hard with a pet at home.

Move forward to the food drive at Super One this year. President Patty Prudden brought a cage full of kittens. My daughter, a long time cat lover, always thought we should have another cat. (Our 17 1/2 yr old cat died about 4 years ago). Well, I called her about the kittens and she finally wore me down, and I just might consider a new kitten. When she arrived, I was already holding our new baby girl. My daughter went into the store and picked up 2 large bags of necessities. Then I let her bring our new baby to my very understanding, very upset, even outraged wife of 43 years. I find it easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission.

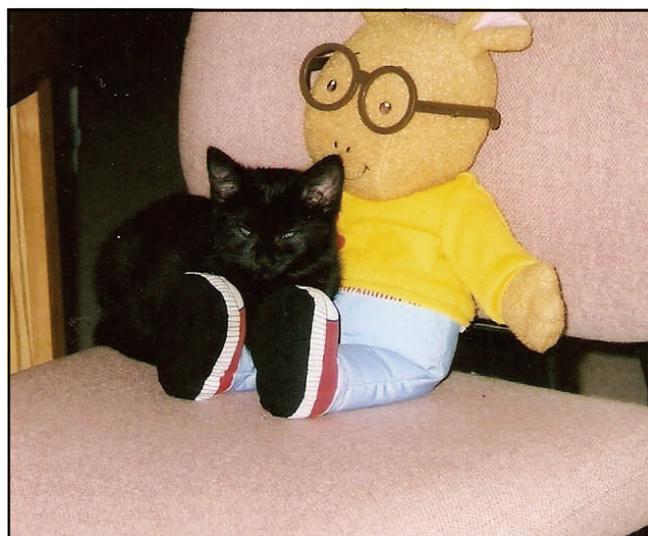
Since October 25th the day I broke my promise to Carol she still holds our kitty up and tells her "I don't like You", and then gives her lots of kisses. Talk about mixed emotions!! Then to top it all off, when we returned home after the food drive, my daughter and wife already named her "Molly" without even realizing that Pete and Patty's daughters name is Molly also.

notice how long our pets have lived in the past? Carol says at our age a new pet will out-live us. Therefore no freedom to travel not even at age 85, because by then, we would be too old to go anywhere and wouldn't remember how to get home. Especially with Art's ability to follow directions, as many of you are aware of that have gone places with Art.

Art is still living at home, still married, but has to change the litter, pay for all the many veterinarian bills and be responsible Daddy at his old age. This almost makes the military dump truck look like a good deal.

Carol and Art Bringe

Here's a picture of our Molly and Arthur.



Trivia question answer: Highway Emergency kit

## ***Activities and Events***

- March 3 Committee meeting 6 pm Perkins London road 1 hr before regular meeting
- March 3 Regular membership meeting 7PM Perkins London Rd



# Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile

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February 2009

RE: Jacksonville Convention Raffle Car

Dear CORSA Chapter,

The Florida Chapters are pleased to announce there will be a Raffle Car at the Convention this year in Jacksonville, FL.

The Corvair being raffled is a 1964 Monza Coupe, 110 4 speed with only 19K original miles. The car is a documented National AACA Seniors car. It is our intention to run this car through Concours in Jacksonville. At this point it is still undetermined which class it will enter. We feel very confident this car will be placed in the Factory Stock Restored Class. As you can see by the enclosed pictures we have a few things we need to correct in order to get the car into the class. We feel very strongly this car will make senior status during the convention.

Enclosed are tickets we hope you will sell to your members or the club could possibly purchase them and then distribute either buy selling or giving away tickets throughout the course of the next few months.

In order to encourage more ticket sales we are offering extra tickets as incentives. The cost of the tickets are \$5 each. If a person buy \$20 they will get 1 extra tickets, \$50 will get 3 extra tickets, \$100 will get 7 extra tickets.

Please return a check and or a check and any tickets not sold (as well as the stubs if you like) made payable to Central Florida Corvairs by May 1, 2009 to:

Central Florida Corvairs

12 Pine Trail

Ormond Beach, FL 32174

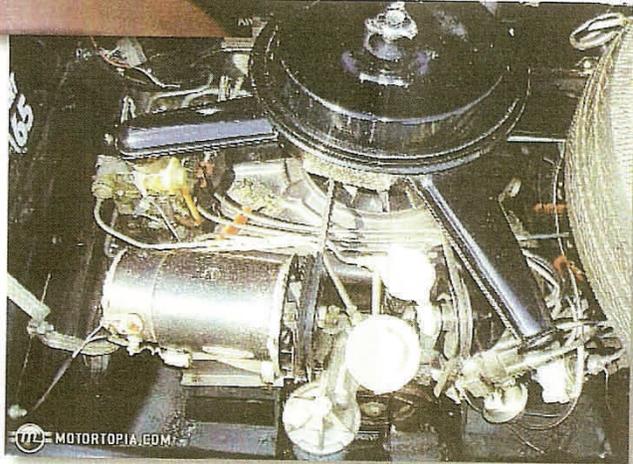
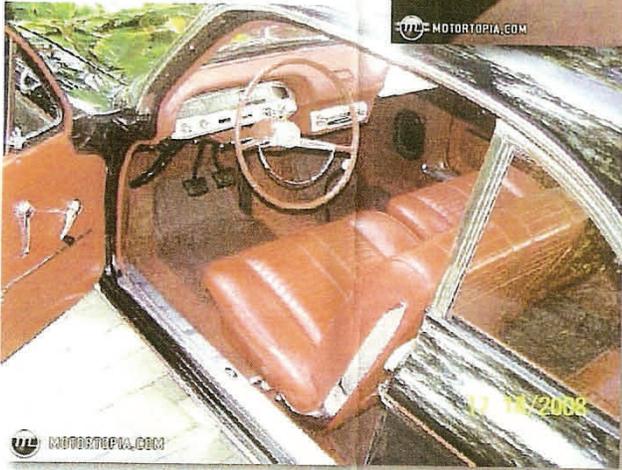
The winner does not need to be present to win. Thank you again, and we look forward to seeing you in July.

Sarah Beltrami

Convention Chair

Enclosures: Pictures, Chart, Tickets

# Florida Convention Car to be Raffled off



**Crusin!!!**  
**Spring is on the way, and we all love showing  
off our cars!**



This summer, Mn Hwy 23 is scheduled to be rebuilt, going from 4 lane to two lanes, from Gary new Duluth to Jay Cook State Park.

Hi-Way 210 is a great road course thru the state park to Thompson, and Gordys' Hi Hat is just a few miles down the road from there. If you haven't been there before, it is a muscle car paradise, wouldn't you love to show up in your air cooled wonder to show off?

How about sometime in May before construction is supposed to start? I'll come up with maps, we could start in Soup town, cross the Bong Bridge and make our way thru Morgan Park, New Duluth and Fon Du Lac. From there up to Thompson and then to Gordys...

This is a nice way to get together, have fun and show the locals who we are! We could even invite some other clubs/ individuals to join us.

It would be great fun if we could plan some trips up the shore, the Range and perhaps down towards Glens place, {Home of the original Famous Daves I believe} to support some of our members that don't live in Duluth-Superior. Perhaps the local establishments would be willing to give a group discount price, doesn't hurt to ask! This is a GREAT WAY to show support for our club members in other areas, and a chance for a nice drive.

So, if you have any ideas, drop me a line! My email is [upnorth1@gmail.com](mailto:upnorth1@gmail.com), or Bob Saunders 704 east 5th street  
Superior, Wi. 54880

Buy the way, I was checking on auto glass for my van, and asked the gut about Corvair glass. A windshield may run in the \$ 130 area. He will check all glass prices for us.

More info to come.  
Bob Saunders

**2006-07**

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