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*Happy*



*Valentine's Day*



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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

When you read this I will be in sunny Hawaii, you can all picture the hula girls that I will be seeing.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for letting me serve as your president this year.

We had a good time at the tune up clinic, but my car still has some problems. After I put new points, plugs, distributor, generator, I hope to have it solved soon.

Saturday February 11, 1995 we went to the Marana car show. They had the people do the judging. Alan Elvick took the Corvair division.

Once again thanks for a good year.

YOUR CORVAIRING PRESIDENT

*Vernon Griffith*

Vernon Griffith



## TOP 10 REASONS TO COME TO THE MEETING

Jeff Caldwell

10. No dress code
9. Sleeping in is grossly overrated.
8. So you can see a Corvair outside a garage.
7. Being a closet Corvair club member is pushing you over the edge.
6. No peer pressure.
5. So we can update your picture for the post office.
4. To see what the Abate's drive to the meeting.
3. To help us decide who makes the motion to adjourn the meeting.
2. To observe sleep disorders firsthand.
1. Because you really don't have a life, and this is as good as it gets.

Only the names have been changed  
Stolen from the Valve Clatter

Jan. 25, 1995  
Picadilly Cafeteria

Members: 21

Cars: 5

Visitors: 6

The January meeting of the T.C.A was called to order at 7:20 p.m by our President, Vern Griffith.

The minutes of the November meeting were a proved as printed in the Corvairsation.

Visitors this month were Don and Marti Bartle, Ottis Griffith, and Micheal Parks.

The Treasure, Al Crispin, reported that we now have \$ 960.00 in the bank plus checks and cash to be deposited.

A supply of Jim Wilson's merchandise is in stock with our chairman, Don Robinson.

Beverly Baker reported that she will have a new library inventory sheets available at next meeting.

A motion was passed we leave the decisions about a copier up to the board members.

Those persons going to the Marana car show on Feb. 11 will meet at Mc Donalds as near I-10 by 8 A.M . There is a \$ 5.00 entrance fee.

We would like to welcome new members, Marti and Micky Bartle and after over a year of trying we finally got Micheal Parks in our clutches.

We would like to wish Mack Post a speedy recovery from his recent medical problems.

License plate prize was won by Ruth Griffith.

Raffle prizes were won by Beverly Baker, Barry Cunningham, Alan Gray, Easther Alex, Lynn Bloom. I didn't win this month.

We would like to wish a very happy anniversary to Gordon and Verne Cauble, and Vern and Ruth Griffith.

We had a very good turn out for the tune clinic.

A talk was given by Barry Cunningham about input shafts and problems with his 140 eng.

Raffle prizes next month will be brought by Alan Gray, Barry Cunningham, Beverly Baker, Dave Asher & Larry Dandridge.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.



## Treasurer's Report

Balance Jan. 9, 1995.....\$ 1123.58

### Income

Raffle .....	\$ 23.00
Dues .....	\$ 114.00
Merchandise sales & cans.....	\$ 20.81
Advertisers.....	\$ 16.50
Parts.....	\$
Flower Donations.....	\$ 12.00
Name tags.....	\$
Misc.....	\$ 559.72
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 746.03</b>

### Expenses

Postage .....	\$ 32.00
Jackets & embroidery.....	\$
Mid-Month (Ice, Soda, Etc.).....	\$
Flowers/card/misc.....	\$
Copier printing.....	\$ 32.94
Name Tags.....	\$ 4.28
Parts.....	\$
Bank Exp.....	\$
Christmas decorations.....	\$ 19.93
PL.....	\$ 73.83
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$ 162.98</b>

Balance Feb. 9, 1995.....\$ 1706.63

Al Crispin



## Details, details

As many readers must know, painting an engine in detail can be very difficult when afterwards you must try to remove overspray from the carb base, distributor, and other hard-to-reach areas. After much experimenting, I removed the spray valve stem with the six-inch long plastic spray tube from a can of Gumout and used it to replace the spray head on my can of engine enamel. This enabled me to reach between the ignition wires and into other less accessible areas without getting paint over everything in sight. You must be careful, though, since the paint now *flows* rather than sprays.

All I can say is that I have saved myself a lot of time and clean-up effort after painting an engine. I hope this tip helps others in detailing their engines.

An Old Cars TECHNICIAN badge goes to **Bob Shaffert** of **Maple Shade, N.J.** To join the fun, send your Reader Tech Tip to: **Old Cars Tech Editor**, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.

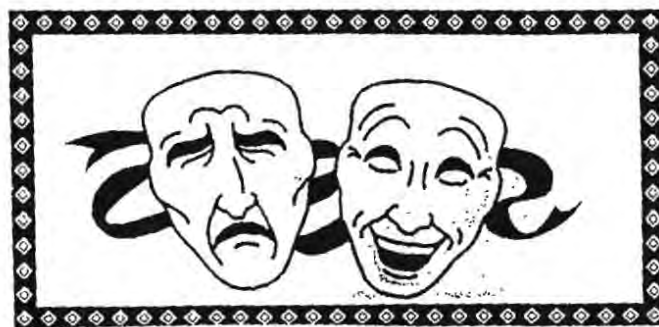


"Hand me that monk ... uh ... wrench."



## *I'm Drinking from the Saucer*

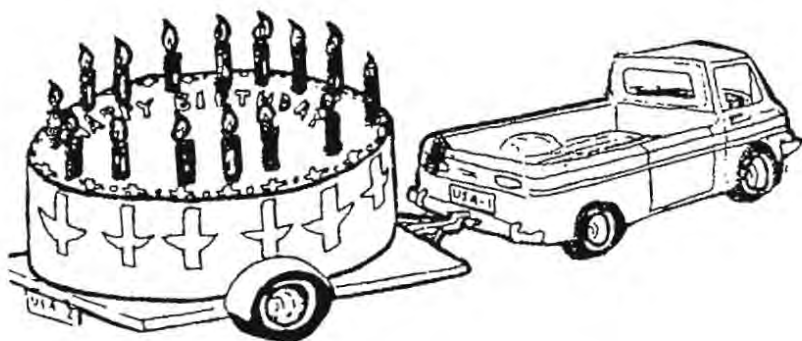
*I've never made a fortune,  
and I'll never make it now;  
But it really doesn't matter,  
'cause I'm happy anyhow.  
As I go along my journey,  
I'm reaping better than I sowed:  
I'm drinking from the saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.  
I don't have a lot of riches,  
and sometimes the going's tough;  
But while I've got my kids to love me,  
I think I'm rich enough.  
I'll just thank God for blessings,  
that his mercy has bestowed;  
I'm drinking from the saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.  
If you give me strength and courage,  
when the way grows steep and rough;  
I'll not ask for other blessings,  
I'm already blessed enough.  
Then I'll be drinking from the saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.*



Cecil Alex was admitted back into the hospital Sunday Feb. 12. Please call Cecil and Esther. Cards and visitation are excepted. Cecil is in the N.W. Hospital.

293-4156

PRESENTED BY:  
Mack Post



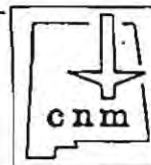
### BIRTHDAYS

A great big happy Birthday goes out to our very own Mack Post, Cecil Alex.

Mack's birthday was Feb. 4.  
Cecil's birthday was Feb. 7.



Here is you desert dog, Lynn!



## PUBLIC DOMAIN TECH TIPS

From Central Virginia Corvair Club's  
Newsletter via SDCC Vairmail.

1 - Dentists' picks are great for removing lifters from bores. Sometimes, dentists will give their old ones away [naah!].

2 - To prevent carburetor gaskets from sticking, try using Chapstick. Teflon lubricants also work well.

3 - Apply a full charge to batteries which will be stored for a long time, and store in a cool place. Discharging is more rapid as it gets closer to 80°.

4 - WD-40 works well for removing sticky "goo" left by decals on windows. Wax and tar remover (Prep-Sol) also does the trick.

5 - When looking for an electrical short (or checking to see if a trunk light stays on when closed), follow this procedure: Remove the positive battery cable and connect a test light between the cable and battery terminal. If the test light comes on, there is current flow somewhere in the

system. The battery will eventually become discharged by this "leakage". Many electricians prefer to use the negative battery terminal instead, as exposure to accidental shorting is decreased.

6 - Ziplock sandwich bags are great for storing small parts. Write the identification on the bag with a magic marker.

7 - To help remove water from your air supply to your spray gun, submerge the bowl of the water separator filter in a large bowl of ice water. This chills the air, helping to condense moisture. Be sure to drain the filter more often.

8 - Apply a couple layers of masking tape to edges of bumpers when installing them to prevent marring your paint.

9 - Masking tape placed over the head of a bolt will help hold it in the socket when trying to install it in tight places.

10 - Hair driers work well for removing wrinkles from newly installed head liners which have creases from packaging.

## "Otto Mechanic"



## Forgive us our trespasses

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in large city and attached the following message to his windshield: "I have circled this block 10 times. I have an appointment to keep. *Forgive us our trespasses.*"

When he returned to his car, he found this reply attached to his own note, along with a ticker: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I lose my job. *Lead us not into temptation.*"

## FOR WOMEN ONLY



Our collector car hobby is really a lot of fun, but women sometimes see things from a different perspective. Such as with the "parts car." Printed below is a portion of an enlightening story from the ECHO for December, 1984. The author is Stephanie Ragan and her story probably rings true for a few of you.

"I would suggest that you prepare yourself for the imminent arrival of - The Parts Car. Maybe, for some folks, it ends there, just like he promises, but then there's 'You know, Honey, this darn car is just too good to part out.' Yes, on the grounds that it would be a criminal act equal to the slaughter of the innocents, the plans for the removal of parts was abandoned and we ended up, in due time (about 48 hours) with another parts car - for our parts car."

## OVERHEARD:

Wife, calling husband to dinner:  
"Mark, come in now and get your roast duck, apple pie and champagne!"

Mark: "Are you kidding me?"

Wife: "No, the neighbors!"

A physician recommended to one of his patients that he lose about 40 pounds. The doctor's instructions were to run 5 miles a day for the next 100 days. The overweight patient called the doctor exactly 100 days later and complained that he was unhappy with the weight-loss program.

"But haven't you lost the weight?" questioned the physician.

"Sure I have," the patient replied.  
"BUT I'M 500 MILES FROM HOME!"



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FROM THE CORSA KITCHEN OF GEORGE TUCKER

### TASTY MEAT BALLS

INGREDIENTS: 1lb. Hamburger 1 cup Green Peppers  
1 cup Onion 1 cup bread crumbs  
Mix together and shape into balls, a little smaller than golf balls.

### SAUCE FOR MEAT BALLS

Ingredients: 1 cup Catsup 2 Tblspn Sugar 1/4 cup Vinger  
1 Tblspn Worcestershire Sauce

Mix together, and pour sauce over meatballs.  
Bake at 400° for about one hour.

If you want to serve this recipe at a party, you might want to make the meatballs smaller.





#### Membership Statement

At present we have 41 members. If any of you know other Corvair owners, try to encourage them to join the club. Members with dues due in Feb. are, Don Davis and Don Chastain.

Larry Dandridge  
Secretary & Membership Chairman

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CLARK'S 1993 SUPPLEMENT, PRICE LIST  
CORVAIR UNDERGROUND, WALL'S CATALOG, 1993  
CAR COLLECTORS MAGAZINE, 1979  
CORVAIR DECADE  
CORVAIR AFFAIR  
HOW TO HOT ROD CORVAIR ENGINES  
CHILTON'S REPAIR AND TUNE-UP GUIDE FOR THE CORVAIR  
WINDMILL, 3-1-71 TO 10-1-72  
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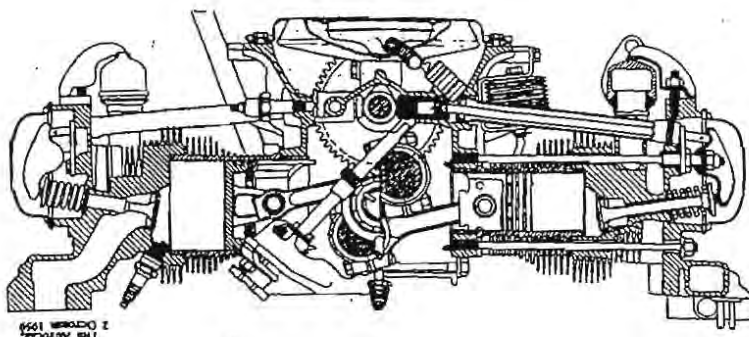
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THE ARTIST  
2 OCTOBER 1999

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6:00 pm: Parking Lot Bull Session  
6:30 pm: Dinner (optional)  
7:30 pm: Meeting starts

~~CC~~

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