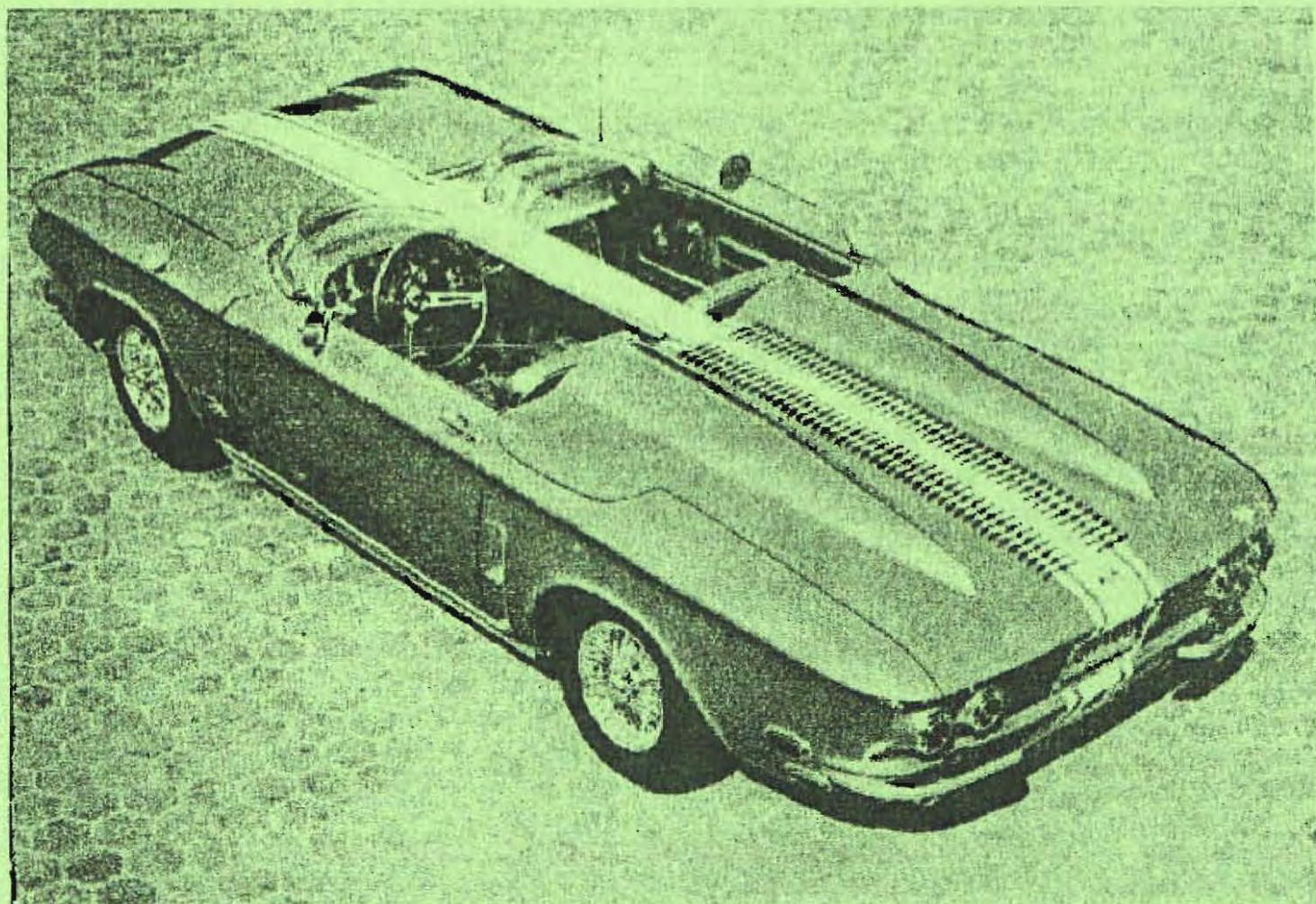


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"Presidents Word"

One of our Senior Club members, Mack Post, passed away on Oct. 2-97. We remember him as being soft spoken and kind, as some of the Club members visited him a few months before his death.

The TCA entered 6 cars in the Chris-Town Mall Car Show. The Cactus Club had 22 cars entered, for a total of 28. Nearly all of their members took part in putting the show together, as it took a lot of planning & effort.

This goes to show when members put forth their effort to participate, things can happen.

The Casa De La Ninos Car Show will be on Oct. 25, we will meet at EL Con parking lot between 7:30 & 8:00 A.M., and proceed to the show.

Also there will be a \$5.00 entry fee per car this year.

There will be a Show rep. at our Oct. 22 meeting to explain about the show.

OCTOBER TREASURERS REPORT 97

BEGINNING CASH ON HAND.....745.16

INCOME: (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE)

Ads.....	00.00
Badges/Pins.....	00.00
Raffle Tickets.....	27.00
Can Money.....	2.53
Fund Raising Raffle.....	58.00
Parts.....	00.00
Subtotal.....	87.53

Dues:

Larry Stallsnuth.....	22.00
Allen & Marianne Elvick.....	18.00
Larry Dandridge.....	15.00
Ron & Lynne Bloom.....	18.00
Total Dues.....	73.00

TOTAL INCOME: (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE).....160.53

EXPENSES: (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE)

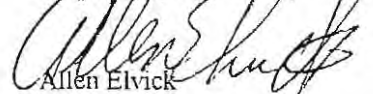
Badges.....	00.00
Parts.....	00.00
Memorial Donation for Mack Post.....	20.00
Stamps.....	68.85
Total.....	88.85

TOTAL EXPENSES: (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE).....88.85

ENDING BALANCE: (CASH ON HAND).....816.84

Ending balance does not reflect cost for the fund raising items and tickets.

Respectfully Submitted,


Allen Elvick

Chevy Corvair Comes Around



The Corvair first gained notoriety in 1965 when Ralph Nader deemed it "unsafe at any speed". AP Photo/Jim McKnight

Chevrolet's answer to the VW Bug, the Corvair has become "the poor man's Porsche" for collectors.

By Michael Hill
The Associated Press

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. —Listen closely as the sleek Corvairs motor around the Olympic speed-skating track, you might just hear them whisper: What goes around, comes around.

Nearly 1,000 Corvair enthusiasts descended on this Adirondack Mountain resort Thursday to show off their odd-looking cars and give the infamous model the kind of respect that eluded it in the 1960s.

"Once you see how they handle, they kind of get into your blood," said Jim Benak of Burbank, Ill., who with his wife, Barb, owns two '66 Corvairs.

The annual Corvair Convention, which runs through this weekend, allows owners to take part in a restoration contest, rallies, a parade and endless talk about The Corvair. More than 200 of the star-crossed, rear-engine cars are in town.

Unsafe at Any Speed

The Corvair was buried by the rise of the muscle car and by a 1965 book on auto design flaws, *Unsafe at Any Speed*. The expose—written by a then-unknown Detroit lawyer, Ralph Nader—said the Corvair had steering and control problems. The charges stuck, and the car's name became mud.

At the convention, Nader is persona non grata. "I don't want to pick on him too much," said Ray Fallot of Louisville, Ohio. "You know, he is the great protector of everyone. Well, I don't need any protecting."

The Corvair dates to 1960, Chevrolet's economy-line answer to the popular Volkswagen Beetle. The cars shared some distinctive features, most significantly an air-cooled engine placed in the rear. But the Corvair was bigger and sleeker than its German cousin.

The low-slung car with four front headlights became a popular seller. The line eventually included convertibles, vans and pick-ups (complete with a gate on the side).

It looked like nothing else General Motors put out at the time and it caught the imagination of people like Al Rich of Charlotte, N.C., who has immaculately maintained his father's '64 Monza.

Rich shined up his car in loving detail readying it for competition.

"My wife's jealous of it," he said.

Dad of Mustang, Camaro

The Corvair hit a bumpy road in the mid-'60s, when Ford came out with the Mustang—a car inspired by the success of the Corvair, according to mechanic and Corvair historian Larry Claypool.

The sportier Mustangs—available with V8 engines—began outselling Corvairs. And soon, Chevrolet began planning a more powerful car, the Camaro.

Corvair production ceased in 1969—but not Corvair interest.

The Corvair Society of America now boasts about 5,500 members, and part of the attraction is the price. Restored models can run as low as \$3,000, lending credence to the nickname "poor man's Porsche."

Enthusiasts are also bonded by a sense of vindication, a feeling that time has proven their car worthy, after all. Corvair innovations like unibody construction were later adopted by other cars. And government road tests later found the Corvair handled well too.

And maybe the biggest coup of all: A 1991 Corvair convention was attended by Nader, who cracked a few jokes about his infamy with the group.

"It was fun," said Mike Seversin of Madison, Wis. "We got him to sit in a Corvair and we got pictures of him."

Spark Plug Equivalents

J. A. Martinez CORSA Communique Dec96

General Motors recommendations for the Corvair are limited to the following:

1960-61, 80 HP AC-46F (.035" gap)
 1961, 98 HP AC-44F (.035" gap)
 1962-63, 80, 84 HP AC-46F (.035" gap)
 1962-63, 102 HP AC-44F; AC-R44F;
 AC-R44CF (.035" gap)
 1964-65 FC, 95 HP AC-46F (.035" gap)
 1964-65 FC, 110 HP AC-44F; AC-R44F;
 AC-R44CF (.035" gap)
 1964 car, 110 HP AC-44F; AC-R44F;
 AC-R44CF (.035" gap)
 1964-68 car, 95 HP AC-46F (.035" gap)
 1964-65 turbo: AC-44F; AC-R44F;
 AC-R44CF (.030" gap)
 AC-R44CF (.030" gap)

1965-68 car, 110, 140 HP AC-44F;
 AC-R44F; AC-R44CF (.030" gap)
 1969: AC-R44F; AC-R44CF (.030" gap)

The designation codes for AC are simple. The "R" at the beginning, if it appears, stands for resistor type plug. The first number, always a "4" for Corvairs, specifies a 14mm thread size. The second number is the heat range; higher numbers are hotter. A "C" after the numbers indicates a copper core center electrode. A single "F" means the reach is 1/2", a double "FF" means the reach is 3/4" fully threaded; "FF" is preferred for Corvairs. An "S" indicates an extended tip plug.

The following conversion table shows various AC spark plugs which have been recommended by some GM-oriented commentators or other respected independent Corvair sources for diverse Corvair applications. This chart is intended as a guide only. For more accurate technical assistance, each manufacturer's spark plug catalog should be consulted.

Following each AC plug designation is a list of equivalent plugs in other brands.

AC-41 F

Autolite 4092
 Bosch W2AS, W3A, W4A1, W4A2, W4A5
 Champion L4G, L5, L78C
 General Motors 5614011
 NGK B8HS, B8HS-10, B8HV
 Nippondenso W24FS, W24FS-GU,
 W24FS-U, W24FS-U10
 Split Fire SF409B

AC-R41F (AC-R41CF)

Autolite 411, 2653, 4092
 Bosch W2AS, W3A, W4A1, W4A2, W4A5
 Champion L4G, L5, L78, RL78, RL78C
 General Motors 5613816, 5614067
 Harley Davidson HD4-5

Mopar PL5, PL78, PL81
 Motorcraft AE1 X, AE901, AE901 X NGK
 B8HS-10, B8HV, BR8HS, BRSHV
 Nippondenso W24FS, W24FS-GU,
 W24FS-U, W24FS-U10, W24FSR
 Prestolite 14E1
 Split Fire SF409B

AG-42F(AC-42FF)

Autolite 4092, 4093
 Beck Arnley 176-5006
 Bosch W4AS, W5A, W5AC, W5AS
 Champion L6G, L82, L82C, L85
 General Motors 5612394, 5612871
 NGK B6HS, B7HS, B7HV
 Nippondenso W22FS, W22FS-U
 Split Fire SF409C (for AC-42F only) Split Fire
 SF409B (for AC-42FF only)

AC-R42F

General Motors 5614073
 Split Fire SF409C

AC-R42FS (AC-42FS, AC-42-6FS)

Beck Arnley 176-5076, 176-5114
 Champion RL82Y, RL82YC
 General Motors 5613527
 Split Fire SF412C

AC-R42CF

Autolite 413
 Bosch W4AS, W5A, W5AC, W5AS, W7A
 Champion LOG, L82, L85, RL82, RL82C,
 RL85
 General Motors 5613817
 Mopar PL85
 Motorcraft AE2, AV2X
 Napa X531
 NGK B7HV, BR7HS
 Nippondenso W22FS, W22FS-GU,
 W22FS-U, W22FSR
 Prestolite 14E2
 Split Fire SF409C

AC-R42CFS (AC-42FS)

Beck Arnley 176-9023
 Bosch W5B, W5BC
 Champion L81Y, L82Y, L82YC, RL82Y,
 RL82YC
 General Motors 5613824
 NGK BP7HS, BPR7HS
 Nippondenso W22FP-U, W22FPR-U
 Split Fire SF412C

AC-43FS

American Part Products 35T
 Champion L92Y
 General Motors 5613099, 5613215
 Split Fire SF412C

AC-R43FS

American Part Products 35T
 Autolite 273, 274, 275, 276, 284, 515, 516,
 517
 Beck Arnley 176-5073, 176-5095, 176-5113
 176-9021, 176-9024
 Bosch W6B, W6BC, W7B, W7BC, W8B
 Champion L87Y, L87YC, L92Y, L92YC,
 RL87Y, RL87YC
 General Motors 5613387, 5613526, 8990459
 Mopar P54PA, P56PA, PL87Y
 Motorcraft AE22, AE32, AE42, AE62,
 AER32, AV42, AV52, AV82
 Napa X936
 NGK BP4H, BP4HA, BP4HS, BP4HS-10,
 BP5HS, BP6HS, BP6HS-10, BPR4HS,
 BPR4HS-10, BPR5HS, BPR6HS
 Nippondenso W14FP, W14FP-L, W14FP-U,
 W14FP-UL, W14FP-UL10, W14FPR-L,

W14FPR-U, W16FP, W16FP-U, W16FPR,
 W20FP, W20FP-U, W20FP-U10, W20FPR,
 W20FPR-U
 Prestolite 14E22, 14E32, 14E42, 14E52,
 14E62, 14E82

AC-44F(AC-44FF)

Autolite 414, 415
 Beck Arnley 176-5031, 176-5052
 Bosch W7AC, W8A, W8AC, W8AD, W8AO,
 W8AS
 Champion L9G, L86, L86C, L88A, L89,
 L89CM, L288
 General Motors 5612125
 NGK B5HS, B6HS, B6HV
 Nippondenso W16FS, W16FS-U, W20FS,
 W20FS-U
 Split Fire SF265F

AC-R44F

Autolite 414, 415, 425
 Bosch W8A, W8AO, W8AS
 Champion RL86, RL86C
 General Motors 5613525
 Split Fire SF265F

AC-44FFS

American Part Product 378T
 Champion L15Y, L95Y
 General Motors 5612585
 Split Fire SF265F

AC-R44CF

Autolite 414, 415, 425, 426, 2655, 2656
 Beck Arnley 176-9022
 Bosch W6AS, W7AC, W8A, W8AC,
 W8AD, W8AO, W8AS
 Champion L9G, L86, L86C, L88A, L89CM,
 L288, RL86, RL86C
 General Motors 5613315, 5613815
 Mighty M4E4
 Mopar PL86, PL88A
 Motorcraft AE3, AE3X, AE4, AE4X, AE6,
 AER4, AER6 NGK B5HS, B6HV, BR5HS,
 BR6HS
 Nippondenso W16FS, W16FS-U,
 W16FSR-U, W20FS, W20FS-U,
 W20FSG-U, W20FSR, W20FSR-U
 Prestolite 14E3, 14E4, 14E6, 14ER4, 14ER6
 Split Fire SF265F
 Valley Forge 134

AC-45F (AC-45FF)

American Part Products 35T
 Champion L90
 General Motors 5612095, 5612525
 Split Fire SF265F

AC-45FFS

General Motors 5612443
 Split Fire SF265F

AC-46F (AC-46FF)

Autolite 416, 417, 535
 Bosch W1 OA
 Champion L10, L90, RL90
 Mopar PL90
 Motorcraft AE
 NGK B4H, BR4HS
 Nippondenso W14F, W14FR-U, W14FU
 Split Fire SF265F

AC-46FFS

General Motors 5612950
 Split Fire SF265F

Technical Editor notes: Many plugs have been included in this listing, but not all may be currently available

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— Have you ever noted the number of Cadillac drivers who drive as if they've already arrived where they wanted to go and they don't care whether anyone else gets there or not?

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Just Desserts

HOMEMADE sweets can warm menus when there's a chill in the air! Here are several ideas with autumn appeal.

MINCEMEAT APPLE CAKE

For a festive touch, Priscilla Gilbert of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida suggests, "Glaze the cake top and decorate with red and green candied cherries."

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup prepared mincemeat
- 1/3 cup applesauce
- 1/3 cup apple juice
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

LEMON SAUCE:

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

In a bowl, combine the first six ingredients. Combine eggs, mincemeat, applesauce, juice and butter; stir into dry ingredients. Pour into a greased 8-cup fluted tube pan. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. For sauce, com-

bine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Stir in water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in butter until melted. Add lemon peel and juice. Serve warm with the cake. Yield: 10 servings.

GLAZED ORANGE DATE SQUARES

Notes Cincinnati, Ohio field editor Ruth Stroops, "Orange, chocolate and chewy dates make a memorable combination."

- 1-1/4 cups chopped dates
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

ORANGE GLAZE:

- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1/3 cup milk

In a saucepan, combine the dates, sugar, water and butter. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until dates are softened. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate chips. Beat eggs, milk and orange juice. Combine flour, baking soda

FALL FLAVORS spark tempting treats like Glazed Orange Date Squares, Mincemeat Apple Cake and Golden Raisin Cookies.

and salt; add to date mixture alternately with orange juice mixture, mixing well after each addition. Stir in walnuts. Pour into a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool. Combine confectioners' sugar, butter and orange peel; stir in milk until glaze reaches desired consistency. Spread over bars. Yield: 3 dozen.

GOLDEN RAISIN COOKIES

"Since my children are grown, I make these light buttery cookies for the neighborhood kids," relates Isabel Podaszwa of Lakewood, New Jersey.

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 eggs
- 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 package (15 ounces) golden raisins (2-1/2 cups)

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add lemon juice and eggs. Combine dry ingredients; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in raisins. Roll into 1-in. balls. Place on greased baking sheets; flatten with a floured fork. Bake at 400° for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Yield: about 6 dozen.

BLUEBERRY APPLE CRISP

From Milford, Indiana, field editor Harriet Stichter says, "Here's a family reunion choice from our dessert lovers."

- 4 cups sliced peeled tart apples
- 2 cups blueberries
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, divided
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

Place apples in a greased 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Top with blueberries. Mix brown sugar and 2 tablespoons flour; sprinkle over fruit. Combine sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and remaining flour. Stir in egg with a fork until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit; drizzle with butter. Bake at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve warm. Yield: 12 servings.

Jokes You Can Tell Mom

The Bear Facts

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside. Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear was charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh, Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: Please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, bless this food I am about to receive..."

Larry Hofmann

TAMA, IOWA

SHE CAN'T PLAY

When Minnie Pearl was a young girl who was asked to play the piano for some guests. "Oh, I can't play," she said to her mother, attempting to shy away from the task. Her mother replied: "Don't tell them you can't play, show them you can't play!"

— From *Minnie Pearl*,
by Minnie and Joan Daw

Doggone Truth

A man tried to sell his neighbor a new dog.

"This is a talking dog," he said. "And you can have him for \$5."

The neighbor said to the man, "Who do you think you're kidding with this talking dog stuff? There ain't no such animal."

But the dog looked up, teary-eyed, and spoke: "Please buy me, sir," he pleaded. "This man is cruel. He never buys me a meal, never bathes me, never takes me for a walk. And I used to be the richest trick dog in America. I performed before presidents. I was in the Army and was decorated 10 times."

"Hey!" said the neighbor, "he *can* talk. Why do you only want \$5?"

"Because," said the seller, "I'm getting tired of all his lies."

Judy Raphael

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Arresting Experience

On a rural California road a state trooper pulled over a woman driving an RV and said: "Ma'am, do you realize your husband fell out of the sleeping compartment several miles back?"

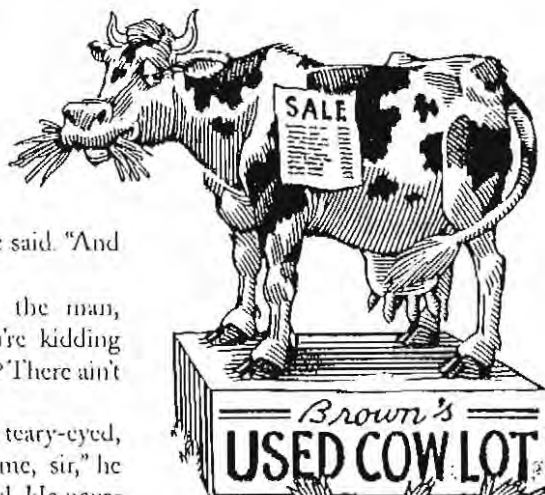
The woman replied: "Thank God! He'd been snoring since Texas. I thought I had gone deaf..."

Jim Freitag

EAGAN, MINNESOTA

Cash Cow

The local car dealer, who was widely known to have taken advantage of several people in town, informed Farmer Brown that he was coming over to the farm to purchase a cow.



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UPHOLSTERY:	179.90
FERTILIZER GEAR:	330.40
4x4 TRACTION	
DRIVE ASSEMBLY:	864.18
SUGGESTED	
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DEALER PREP:	300.00
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Harold D. Weller

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