

AIR COOLED NEWS



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We have two very important things to remember:

First – The monthly club meetings during Daylight Savings time (March through September) will be held on the second Thursday of the month in the evening as they have in the past. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting starts at 7:30. This means **our April meeting will be on Thursday April 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Wreckfish Restaurant, 7690 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston.** As the club has no meeting in October and December due to the picnic and Christmas party, the remaining months of November, January and February will have their meetings on the second Saturday of the month at the same restaurant from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Second – The club has eliminated its post office box, due to the rising cost. Frank and Arlene Lux have graciously allowed the club the use of their address for our correspondence. Most clubs have been phasing out hard copies of their newsletters, so we just aren't getting enough of them to justify the cost of a post office box. If you wish for someone to contact our club please use the following address:

*Lowcountry Corvair Association
111 Hamlet Lane
Ladson, SC, 29456 - 5457*



Princess Molly and "The King"

What a great time was had by all at the Myrtle Beach show! As you can see, Norma Callahan's granddaughter, Molly, (and most of the women!) received the royal treatment from "Elvis" at the Saturday banquet. Our club was wonderfully represented when it came to awards. They are as follows:

- Dante Bernardini – First place Early Closed
 - Mark McKinney – Second place Early Closed
 - Jim Clees – Second place Early Open
 - Jerry Murray – First place Late Open
 - Paul Broyles – First place Forward Control
 - Dante Bernardini – Second place Forward Control
 - Don Marlowe – First place Valve Cover Race
 - Frank Lux – Second place Valve Cover Race
 - Karen Marlowe – Third place Valve Cover Race
- Karen and Don Marlowe also won a painting and Mary Graham some towels. Congratulations to all!

Here is a report E-mailed from Paul Broyles about the Antique Auto Club's show at O'Reilly's in Goose Creek on March 21st –

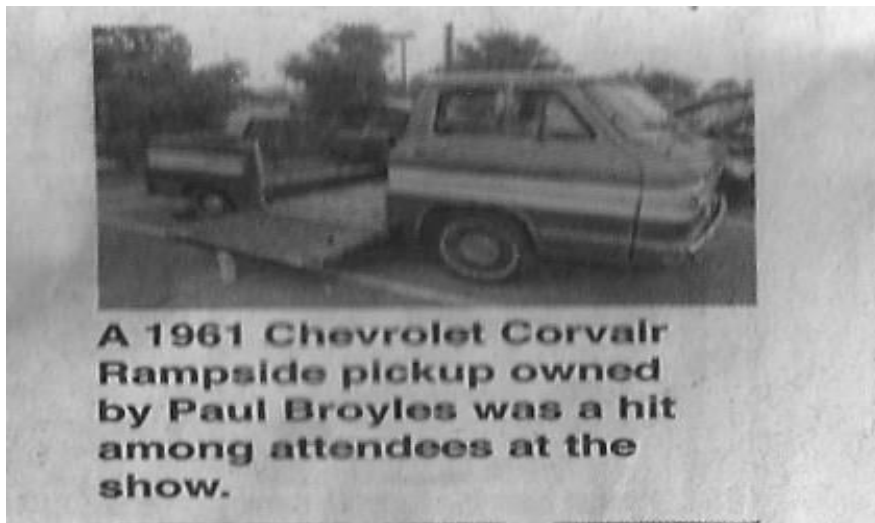
Well, we had 4 Corvairs turn out tonight, Donn Pittman took first, I took second, and Jerry Murray in his yellow convertible took 3rd.

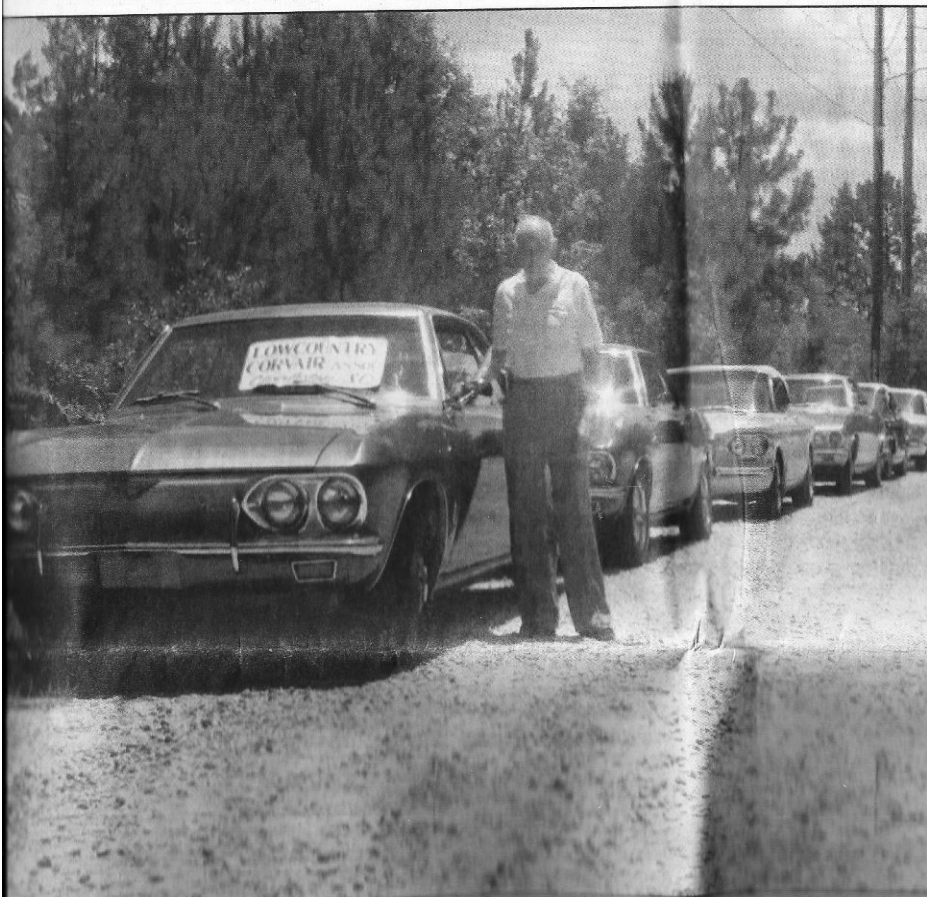
Donn Pittman also won the 50/50 of 47 dollars; he racked up tonight! Fran take note 50 50 and a gift certificate to Alex Restaurant for \$10, just thought U ought to know.....

PS Donn Pittman also wanted to know if he could tap dance in the bed of my truck so this is why I'm being a little birdie and tattling heheheeeee !!!!!!!!!!!

(Note to Paul – Fran has been digging holes in the back yard trying to find this hidden stash of wealth!)

Here are a few other articles submitted. The first shows a photo of Paul Broyles Rampside from the October 27, 2012 *Post and Courier* regarding the Street Thunder car show on October 13, 2012. The second covers the club outing to Ridgeland and Yemassee on July 8, 2006 as reported in the *Jasper County Sun* on July 12, 2006.





CorvAIR COOL

■ Safe at almost any speed

WILLIAM H. WHITTEN
JASPER COUNTY SUN

Popular support for the 1960s Chevrolet Corvair may have been crippled by Ralph Nader's criticism and Ford's introduction of the overnight sensation, the Mustang, but Corvair loyalists are still around, being "cool" with their air-cooled engines.

Members of the Lowcountry Corvair Club recently motored over from around Charleston to Yemassee and Ridgeland at the invitation of member Joe Schilling.

The drivers had lunch in Ridgeland and then lined up their vintage cars near the Blue Heron Nature Trail learning center for a photo opportunity.

Schilling found his 1966 Monza 2-door sedan in a San Juan, Puerto Rico junkyard and had it shipped to Charleston in a container when he returned from overseas in 1984.

"I was looking at this bunch of wrecked and junk cars and they were disappearing, being hauled off. I asked

Schilling, an automotive devotee, with his Chevrolet Corvair, at a recent gathering of the vintage rear-engine cars in Ridgeland.

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CONVAIR

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how much the Corvair would bring for scrap and was told it was worth \$40. I paid the \$40 and later \$15 to have a key made," said Schilling.

It's valued at about \$6,000 today on the collector's market.

The car had 49,000 original miles on it. It had just sat there for about 10 years until it was frozen up. I think someone stationed there with the military or-

dered it but never picked it up," he said.

"I bought parts from a guy who was going out of business. Other parts are easy to get," he said.

The vintage car was put back in working order, shined up and has been driven off and on for some 20 years, getting about 31 miles to the gallon of gas.

"I have even driven it to Myrtle Beach a couple of times," he said.

And when he wants music, he has to settle for the mid-60s state of the art AM radio.

What's a Convair?

LCA MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2013

I) CALL TO ORDER

Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.
14 members in attendance.

II) READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February minutes were read and approved.

III) TREASURER'S REPORT: (From Paul Broyles)

Approved as read.

IV) MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (Donn Pittman reported)

35 paid members. 4 reminder notices sent.

V) UPCOMING CAR SHOWS/EVENTS:

A) Saturday, April 13, 2013: 1st Annual Car & Truck Show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 776. \$10.00 registration fee. Proceeds go to their summer camp fund.
Location: Ridge Baptist Church, 2168 Ridge Church Rd. Summerville, SC

B) Saturday, April 27, 2013: Trident Technical College's 21st Annual Spring Spin-off.
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration by April 15th, \$20.00. Registration day of show \$25.00

VI) OLD BUSINESS:

A) The Post Office box fee is now \$72.00 per year. To save money, club will not renew but have mail sent to Frank & Arlene's home.

V) NEW BUSINESS:

A) Changing meeting days back to Thursdays.

At the February meeting it was decided to change meeting days from Thursdays to Saturdays. However, many of our club members including officers would be unable to come on weekends during the summer months.

After much discussion, the following motion was made by Donn Pittman & seconded by Arlene Lux.

January meeting on Saturday at noon. February meeting on Saturday at noon.

March through September meetings on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

October: Picnic- no regular meeting.

November meeting: Saturday at noon.

December meeting: Christmas Party- no regular meeting.

This will also eliminate members having to drive "after dark". In order to vote on matter, a quorum of at least 12 members was needed. 14 members were in attendance and ten sent in proxy ballots resulting in a total of 24 voting members.

Motion was passed by over 90 % of membership.

VIII) **GOOD OF CLUB:** Nothing reported.

IX) **TECHNICAL SESSION:** None scheduled.

X) **NEXT LCA MEETING:** Thursday April 11th at the Wreckfish Restaurant.

XI) **ADJOURNED MEETING** at 1:40. No 50/50 drawing or silent auction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donn Pittman

POP QUIZ: Which national chain used Corvairs as shuttle service back in the day? (*Answer on Page 5*)

UPCOMING LOCAL CAR SHOWS/EVENTS

April

- 6 Charleston Cars and Coffee** 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Brookgreen Center, 730 Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant
- 13 Charleston Cars and Coffee** 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Brookgreen Center, 730 Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant
- 13 Cruise – In** 5:00 p.m. Sonic Drive- In , 660 College Park Ave., Goose Creek, SC Sponsored by Street Rods Unlimited
- 13 1st Annual Car & Truck Show** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ridge Baptist Church, 2168 Ridge Church Rd., Summerville, Registration is \$10.00. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 776
- 13 Charleston Cars and Coffee** 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Brookgreen Center, 730 Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant
- 18 Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show** 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. O'Reilly Auto Parts, 205 N. Goose Creek Blvd., Goose Creek, SC Registration is \$5.00. Sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club
- 20 Charleston Cars and Coffee** 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Brookgreen Center, 730 Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant
- 20 Cruise - In** 5:00 p.m. Northern Tool & Equipment, 5900 Rivers Ave., N. Charleston, SC Sponsored by Street Rods Unlimited
- 20 Cruise - In** 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Sonic Drive- In, 660 College Park Ave., Goose Creek, SC Sponsored by Lowcountry Muscle Car Club
- 27 Charleston Cars and Coffee** 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Trident Tech, 7000 Rivers Ave., North Charleston Pre-Registration until April 15 is \$20.00. After April 15 and day of show is \$25.00. Day of show registration time is 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Separate class for Corvairs!**
- 27 Car/Truck/Bike Show** 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Belk Shopping Center, 391 Bells Hwy., Walterboro, SC Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., and is \$15.00 Bring old trophies for display. Sponsored by Colleton Co Rice Festival

May

- 1 Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bessingers Bar-B-Q, 1602 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC Registration is \$5.00.
- 4 Charleston Cars and Coffee** 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Brookgreen Center, 730 Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant

BE SURE TO CHECK THE SATURDAY EDITION OF THE POST AND COURIER AUTO SECTION TO SEE ALL THE UPCOMING CAR SHOWS. THEIR WEBSITE IS: www.postandcourier.com

POP QUIZ ANSWER:



As you can see from the advertisement, there are a couple of Corvair vans in front of Holiday Inn waiting to whisk folks to the airport. If the picture was in color, the vans would be Holiday Inn gold with orange striping.....lovely! Ralph Nader can't be blamed for that decision!