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AIR COOLED NEWS

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From Hemmings Classic Car Magazine August 2010

The cover story is entitled "Jay Leno's Top 10 American Collector Cars". Featured on the cover is a picture of his 1966 Corsa two door hardtop. This is the best possible publicity for our Corvaairs. The story is as follows:

1965-66 Chevrolet Corvaair Corsa Turbo

"This is one of the really affordable post-war classics that people can actually buy, that's genuinely unusual. This is a genuinely attractive American car and it's the most outlandish car GM ever built. An air-cooled flat-six engine in the back, with a turbo? It was a decade before the Porsche 930, and I don't think it's an insult to call this a poor man's Porsche."

To Jay's way of thinking, the Corvaair is significant not just for what it is, but for what it means. "The Corvaair but the kibosh on anything new or different out of Detroit. When the SAE came out with their report, the Corvaair was deemed to be as safe as, if not safer than any other American car of the period. It was one of the best built too, and later is was completely exonerated. VW and others got beat up (in Ralph Nader's book, *Unsafe At Any Speed*), but in the case of the cover-up being worse than the crime, GM was so incensed that Nader went after the Corvaair, that they went after him, and tried to set him up with a hooker. Eventually, in the Senate subcommittee, the panel asked, "Why's the biggest company in the world going after this one lawyer?" It hit the fan and everything fell apart.

"From that point on, American cars had the engine in front, the transmission in the middle, a life axle in the back and the car companies didn't want any problems. Resolving safety issues is good, but at some point, you can't try anything new. Today, carbon-fiber and plastic gas tanks are perfectly safe, but you can't make them because some lawyer will say, 'Your honor, the gas tank was made of plastic!' They're thinking it'll melt like a plastic model car kit."

Secretaries Report—Meeting Minutes—July 2010

MEETING MINUTES

Lowcountry Corvair Association Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2010 meeting.

President Joel Swaney brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on July 8, 2010, at Perkins.

MINUTES: June's minutes were accepted as printed in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was made by the Treasurer, Paul Broyles, and was approved as presented.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Delivered by Fran Pittman.

CORRESPONDENCE: Frank Lux put all of the correspondence on the silent auction table to be read and perused by the club.

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS: Lisa has done a wonderful job listing all of the upcoming car shows in the Newsletter. Please refer to the listings contained in this Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Fran reported that Norma had contacted someone about making the patches and that it sounded like the best deal so far. Norma was not at the July meeting and will report on the patches next month. (2) Be prepared to present your suggestion of a charity to the Club at the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) It is time to nominate and vote on new officers to be inducted in October. There are a few offices that will need to be filled. The current officers or board directors have served in the current positions for two years. The positions to be filled are: Secretary, and two board seats. Just remember, if you are not at the August meeting, you could be voted in!!!!!!!!!!

TECHNICAL SESSION: No tech session scheduled.

GOOD OF THE CLUB: (1) Alan Miles donated a framed numbered print of a 64' Corvair to the Club. The Club will be selling raffle tickets at the next several meetings for a chance to win the print. (2) More discussion regarding a trip to the bird sanctuary, winery, or tea plantation when it cools down. Jim will give us more information in the next month or so. (3) Remember we will be having a club picnic in October, at Joel's if he will let us.

Don Pittman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenna Goodyear, Secretary

August 2010 MEETING

The next meeting of the Lowcountry Corvair Association (LCA) will be held at the Perkins Restaurant located at 7451 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston on Thursday, August 12th at 7:30pm. Please bring your items for the silent auction. Any submissions for the newsletter is appreciated.



Please remember to support our troops!

Charles King
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Thank you, Charles!!!



Corvair Links



Corvair Society of America (CORSA)
www.corvair.org

Cvair Ranch, Inc.
www.corvairranch.com

Larry's Corvair Parts
www.larryscorvair.com

Rafee Corvair Specialist
www.rafeecorvair.com

Clark's Corvair Parts
www.corvair.com

Opus Corvair
www.opuscorvair.com

Corvair Underground, Inc.
www.corvairunderground.com

The Vair Shop
www.vairshop.com

FOR SALE

1964 4-dr, PG, new tires & suspension, new Brown paint, no dents, new interior. Smooth new metal floor, stored since 1985, nob body rust ever, good solid car.
 W. C. Chiles, 301 Yorkshire Dr,
 Greenville, SC 29615
 \$4,500.00 (864) 244-6753
 (cell)(864) 423-1908

1969 Corvair coupe,
 dark blue,
 straight, great to resto,
 titled, 4 speed,
 needs starter, minor rust,
 \$950 Call
 864 878 1144, Pickens
 SC



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2010

- Dukes Barbecue and Bill Bennett Classic Cars** **August 18, 2010**
 Top 10 Awards plus "best in show" 949 Robertson Blvd, Walterboro, SC Reg \$5 Contact Bill Bennett (843)538-3940
- Hutchinson Square in Summerville Cruise In** **August 19, 2010**
 Sponsored by D.R.E.A.M For more info call (843)821-7260
- Cruisin the Georgetown Boardwalk** **August 19, 2010**
 Sponsored by Winyah Cruisers Front Street, Georgetown, SC Registration Free Show 6pm-9pm
- Lowcountry Shine & Swapp "Anything on Wheels"** **August 21, 2010**
 Sponsored by Lowcountry Mopars Benefits Happy Days & Special Times Registration Free Show 10am-2pm
 Top 10 trophies Call Betty @ (843) 797-3246
- 2010 SMAF/Hooters Summer Scorcher Series** **August 21, 2010**
 Hooters, North Charleston Registration \$10 Show 11am-3pm
- Charleston-Lowcountry Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America** **August 25, 2010**
 At Joe Bessingers Bar B Que 1114 College Park Rd Summerville, SC Registration is \$5 Show 6pm-8:30 pm
- Summer Cool Down Indoor Car Show** **August 28, 2010**
 Sponsored by Coastal Carolina Corvette Club at Omar Shrine Temple Limited to first 80 cars 30 trophies Registration is \$20
- East Cooper Cruise-In, Andolini's** **August 28, 2010**
 Mount Pleasant, SC 5pm-7pm

September 2010

- Bessingers Bar B-Q Open Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show** **September 1, 2010**
 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC Registration is \$5 Show 6pm-9pm
- 2010 SMAF/Hooters Summer Scorcher Series** **September 18, 2010**
 Hooters, North Charleston Registration \$10 Show 11am-3pm
- Open Car & Truck Show, Marchant Chevrolet** **September 18, 2010**
 Ravenel Benefits Camp Happy Days Registration is \$10 Show 11am-3pm
- Charleston-Lowcountry Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America** **September 22, 2010**
 At Joe Bessingers Bar B Que 1114 College Park Rd Summerville, SC Registration is \$5 Show 6pm-8:30 pm
- East Cooper Cruise-In, Andolini's** **September 25, 2010**
 Mount Pleasant, SC 5pm-7pm
- SCCA Autocross** **September 26, 2010**
 North Charleston Coliseum Registration at 7:30am \$30 for non-members

October 2010

- Joint Base Charleston Car Show** **October 2, 2010**
 Charleston AFB Picnic Grounds Registration fee \$10 due by 9/17 Show 10am-2pm



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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Q: Why are his gloves wet?

A: His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Q: Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not?

A: No, he carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

Q: How often are the guards changed?

A: Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

Q: What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

A: For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty **FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES**. They cannot swear in public **FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES** and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way.

After **TWO YEARS**, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb.

There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first **SIX MONTHS** of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred.

Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends **FIVE HOURS A DAY** getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

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