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Jay Leno and his 1961 Corvair Truck

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1961 Corvair truck

On the day before Jay Leno's last broadcast of the Tonight Show, he drove his new 1961 Corvair Rampside truck to the studio, fully restored and like new.

Leno has quite a collection and remains very fond of Corvairs, cars he loved as a kid. Finally, down the road from him sat an old, rusted with 4 flat tires, a non-running rare Corvair Rampside truck needing just about everything. Seems like it had been just sitting there for over 20 yrs, long before Leno was around. Like Jay said, someone had to save this, so he parted with \$600 and towed it to his garage where his mechanics worked on it.

Jay invested over \$50,000 in restoration costs (parts and labor) having 2-3 mechanics work on it. The truck was literally taken apart to a skeleton, all parts were cleaned or were new. The restoration is totally stock this time. Now, Jay jokingly states, he can sell it for \$12,000. Where else can you find a return on your investment?!

Jay also is restoring a 1966 Corvair Corsa, so like many men his age, there is a fondness for the Chevrolet Corvair stemming from their youth when they came out. Jay's restoration costs obviously were not an issue to him, a guy who makes millions. But for many, like myself (I own two Corvairs) such costs are real issues. If money is such an issue, you can find many Corvairs in much better condition than what Jay found, from \$1000-4000, that require very minor restoration because much of it is done. For instance, my 1967 Corvair cost me \$900. Shipping it to Calif from Colorado ran \$600. The car needed a paint job but mechanically, the car with only 52K on it, had been restored or had been well protected. The engine and tranny required little but for cleaning the carbs and adjusting. The car came with fairly new tires and although the interior some work, leather car seat covers worked wonders over the old torn vinyl. Once painted, it looked like a new car.

Point is, if you shop around and timing is good, you can find similar Corvairs. Some of the offerings on [Ebay](#) or Craigslist are good buys, others, a total rip off simply because it is Corvair.

Secretaries Report---Meeting Minutes---February 2010

Lowcountry Corvair Association Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2010 meeting.

President Joel Swaney brought the meeting to order at 6:55 pm on February 11, 2010, at Perkins. We decided to place our food orders, eat, and then have the meeting – just this once. Future meeting will continue at the regular scheduled time of 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of every month.

MINUTES: January'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. We now have 38 members. Welcome to our newest members, Dennis and Jenny Gwinn of Moncks Corner. It was reported that they have a 65' convertible.

CORRESPONDENCE: Frank Lux put all of the correspondence on the silent auction table to be read and perused by the club. Frank also has applications for the Spring Warm Up in Myrtle Beach and the show in Helen, GA.

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS: (1) Spring Warm-Up in Myrtle Beach sponsored by the Central Carolina Corsa March 12-14. (2) Helen, GA April 23-24. Frank Lux has applications should you need one. (3) Joe Bessingers on College Park Road, Summerville on March 24, 6-8:30 pm, and every fourth Wednesday of the month. (4) Show in Charlotte, NC, May 14-16, more information to come next month. (5) Rick Wood reported that the Corvette club is trying to put together an indoor car show at the Shriner's in August.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) ROAD TRIP TO BLACKVILLE. Paul Broyles reported for Jim Cleese that the proposed date for the road trip is March 6. The weather is supposed to be most favorable for this date (So promises Jim!). The plan is to meet at Shoney's on 17A at 9:00 am and caravan to Miller's Restaurant in Blackville. After lunch, Jim is planning a tour of the railroad museum, and then on to the healing springs. We plan to make a day of it. Donn will send out an email if the date changes.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) No new business.

TECHNICAL SESSION: No tech session scheduled for February. TOO COLD!!

GOOD OF THE CLUB: (1) Rick reported on the Winter Warm-Up held at the Gaillard. There were 57 cars in all. There were 4 Corvairs. Jim won 1st place, Frank and Paul tied for 2nd, and Rick won 3rd. CONGRATS. (2) Paul's car is repainted and looks beautiful. (3) Joel Swaney won the 50/50.

SPECIAL NOTE: Jerry Brown's brother has been diagnosed with cancer and Jerry and Mary will be moving temporarily to Idaho in April to be with his brother. Please keep Jerry, Mary and his brother in your prayers.

Don Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenna Goodyear, Secretary

March 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, March 11th at 7:30pm. Please bring your items for the silent auction. Any submissions for the newsletter is appreciated.



Our thoughts and our prayers go out to Frank Lux and his family for the recent passing of his sister

Corvair Links



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

Corvair 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

A nice 1965 Corvair Convertible located in Lexington, SC, 140 hp engine 4 speed. No rust, good rubber and about 87,000 miles. If interested, call Tom Comerford at (803) 892-3936 or E-mail him at: tcomerford@pbtcomm.net for more info.

1965 Corsa. 2-door coupe Mist Blue, white interior, 140hp will trade for automatic with air of equal value or \$6,500.00 OBO
 Call: 843-200-7444 or 843-571-1626

1964 Corvair Monza Red - convertible - Monza on side emblem 110 on rear deck, Automatic \$3,000.00 OBO New top put on about 6 years ago and keep a cover on it.
 Call: Arlene 423-213-5025
 Elizabethton TN



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Dennis & Nennie Gwinn of Monchks Corner have joined the Lowcountry Corvair Association. They are owners of a 1965 Monza Convertible and we look forward to their participation. Again, "Welcome".

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2010

SPRING WARM-UP Myrtle Beach, SC Central Carolina CORSA March 12, 13 & 14, 2010
ALL CORVAIR SHOW!!!

March 12, Registration 1pm-6pm, March 13, Registration 8am-11am Peoples choice show 11am-1pm

Wheels of Yesteryear Cruise In Myrtle Beach, SC Hwy 501 near Tanger Outlet 11am March 12, 13 & 14, 2010

3rd Annual Above Reality Auto & Bike Show Santee Outlets, Santee, SC March 13 & 14, 2010
 For more information call 843-864-1861

Run to the Sun Car and Truck Show, Myrtle Beach, SC (www.peedeestreetrodders.com) March 18, 19 & 20, 2010
 Proceeds from the show go to the Children's Miracle Network & the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
 Show all three days each day 8am-5pm. Day of Show fee is \$40.00

Charleston-Lowcountry Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America Summerville, SC
 At Joe Bessingers Bar B Que 1114 College Park Rd Registration is \$5 Show 6pm-8:30 pm **March 24, 2010**

East Cooper Cruise-In Mount Pleasant Andolini's Pizza 5pm-7pm March 27, 2010

APRIL 2010

Bessingers Bar-B-Q Open Car, Truck & Motorcycles Show
 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC Registration is \$5 Show 6pm-9pm **April 7, 2010**

SCCA Auto Cross North Charleston North Charleston Coliseum April 10, 2010
 Registration 7:30am 30.00 for non members

Cruise Hollywood Car, Truck Tractor Show/Swap Meet Hollywood, SC St. Pauls Academy April 17, 2010
 Registration 7am-12pm \$25 pre-reg, \$30 day of show go to www.stpaulsacademy.org for more info

East Cooper Cruise-In Mount Pleasant Andolini's Pizza 5pm-7pm April 24, 2010

Charleston-Lowcountry Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America Summerville, SC
 At Joe Bessingers Bar B Que 1114 College Park Rd Registration is \$5 Show 6pm-8:30 pm **April 28, 2010**

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