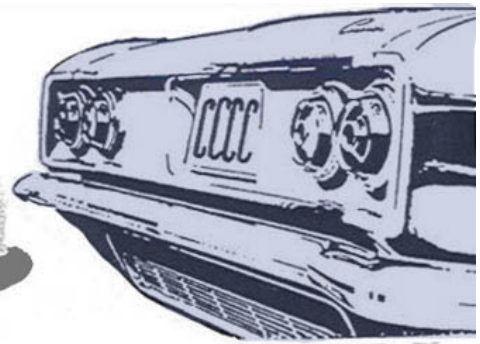


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# Exhaust



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The *Exhaust* is published monthly for members of the Capital City Corvair Club and other area enthusiasts. CCCC was formed in 1963 and became a chapter of the Corvair Society of America in June 1980.

Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), 2010 we will be meeting at Alt-N-Bach's in the back room. We are trying a special afternoon meeting starting at 1:00pm. We are going to play a few games of bingo and we would like you to bring your favorite or unique Corvair tool to show us. Directions: From the Interstate entering Madison, exit to the South Beltline (Hwy 12-14-18) and proceed west to Todd Drive. You will see American TV and their huge American flag flying at this exit. Exit Todd Drive to the stop sign and turn right. If you are coming from the West, exit Todd Drive and turn left under the bridge and turn right onto the frontage road (Todd Drive). On Todd Drive take the first left onto Whalen Lane. Alt-N-Bach's is located to the left at 2602 Whalen Lane.

Sunday, March 14, 2010 is our regular monthly meeting. We will have an afternoon meeting starting at 1:00pm. The details will be listed next month.

Sunday, April 11, 2010 is our regular monthly meeting. We will again meet during the afternoon. We have elections of officers and our sweets and treat auction.

May, (time and date to be determined) 2010 is our regular monthly meeting. We are putting together a special presentation by Larry Claypool one of the most renowned experts on all things Corvair and automotive. This is a "can't miss" event, and we would like to make this a day to remember.

May, 2010 Larry Fry and Bill Pursell are putting together a spring tour heading to northwest Wisconsin. It will be set up to be a one or two day event for participants. We will publish the details as they become available.

Tuesday, May 8, 2010 is our regular meeting. We will have our car show that evening. Quaker Steak and Lube has been our usual location for this event. We will confirm this soon.

June 21 through 25, 2010 is the International Corsa Convention hosted by the Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts in Cedar Rapids Iowa. The host hotel is the Marriott Cedar Rapids. Reservations can be made at 1-800-396-2153.

## A note from Joe

As our Corvair club heads into a new decade, we are off to a great start! First we would like to welcome new members Cheryl Rezabek and Bob Strous. We had a chance to meet them at our last meeting. Again, welcome Cheryl and Bob! We have picked up our first sponsor for our web site, Raffee Corvair. Raffee Corvair has a great website (be sure to visit it at [www.raffeecorvair.com](http://www.raffeecorvair.com)) that sells Corvair parts and has a tech section and lots of Corvair pictures. Curtis Henken our web master has been searching and recruiting sponsors for our club. You will probably see some ads in our newsletter and web site as vendors sign up with us.

Our meeting for February will be on Sunday, Valentine's Day (Guys: candy and flowers are the minimum), the 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the afternoon. We are trying this at the request of several members who, for one reason, don't want to drive at night especially in the winter when it's dark and the weather can make for a difficult ride home. We agreed at last month's meeting to try this for the next three meetings. It will be interesting to see how this works out. We will be gathering at Alt-N-Bach's in their private room for February. For entertainment we will play some bingo and the club will have some prizes to win. We would also like everyone to bring their favorite Corvair tool to share with us. If you have something special you use that makes a repair easier, bring it along. I'll bet we see some great ideas for keeping our Corvairs running. In May we will be hosting Larry Claypool, who will give a presentation of all things Corvair. We have begun to plan for this event and will again spend our meeting time putting together the details. Right now we are looking at a few locations that can hold a large group of people. We hope to confirm the dates and location soon, so we can start to get the word out on this special event.

If you look at the Events page of the newsletter you can see we have several events going on for this year. I could only fit the activities up to the month of June. We have several events planned and will probably add some tech sessions and other activities throughout the year. I try to plan a little of something for everyone and hope that everyone considers joining us for one event or another, especially if you haven't participated in the past. We are a casual and very welcoming group, so please don't hesitate to join us.

I overheard a comment about booking rooms for the Corsa Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at last month's meeting stating "reserve your room in your own name and not through Corsa, because if you cancel there will be a reservation charge if booking through Corsa". I'm not sure if I heard this right or not, but would like to know if there is a price discount if booking through Corsa and the pro's and con's of how to book your room. Thanks for any insight you can give to clarify this.

Respectfully submitted, Joe



## January's Journey

Last month George loaded up the truck and we hit the road to attend "It's a Gas", a gas and oil show in Columbus, Missouri, that we vend at every year. Sam Russell is a member of the Capital City Corvair Club and his father runs "It's a Gas". Funny, we knew his dad long before we ever new Sam. Small world. On our way, we stopped for the night in Alton, Illinois, home of Fast Eddie's Bon-Air. Fast Eddie's is always the highlight of the trip for me. For those of you who attended the National Convention in St. Louis years ago, you may have crossed the river to go to Fast Eddie's for dinner. That's how we found it George loves to look at all the old signs on the walls; gas signs, oil signs, soda advertisements, beer ads and gas pumps. I love it for the live band and cheap eats. The city is steeped in history and the restaurant is as well. In 1921 Anheiser Busch decided to open a tavern and called it Bon-Air. About ten years later they had to sell the tavern due to a change in the statues which prohibited breweries from owning drinking establishments. Sam Balico and later his son Lottco owned and operated the Bon-Air for fifty years. Then, in 1981, Eddie Sholer (aka Fast Eddie) bought it. Over the years it quadrupled in size going from eighty chairs (and a few cans of beer) to 420 chairs. In 1985 he added a food bar serving jumbo cocktail shrimp for 29¢ each, half pound burgers for 99¢, chicken on a stick for \$1.99 and pork kabobs for \$1.99. The beer prices have gone up to \$2.50 for a large frozen mug, but the food prices remain the same as they did in 1985! In 2008 he added a patio addition. It's a huge, completely enclosed patio with heat, AC and a full bar. And it seats another 420 people. Over 4000 half barrels of beer and thousands of cases of liquor are served each year. We always go on Thursday. The band plays mostly 70's songs, "our oldies", so we love it. Bands play Thursday through Sunday, but weekends you have to stand outside and wait to get in. Thursday's band, cheap eats, cold beer and GREAT ambiance. I recommend it highly to everyone.

And, if you've driven all the way there, you might as well see the sights. Alton was home to "World's Tallest Man", Robert Pershing Wadlow. He stood 8'11" and wore a special made size 37 shoes. One of his shoes is on display at Fast Eddie's. Alton is also home of the final Lincoln Douglas debate, Illinois first state prison, which was built in 1833 and housed thousands of Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. There are also many parks and monuments and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Did you know that the Corp of Discovery started there journey here? And the last thing to see is the Clark Street Bridge, a beautiful suspension bridge that's all lit up at night. It is breath taking.

Submitted by Jackie Johnston



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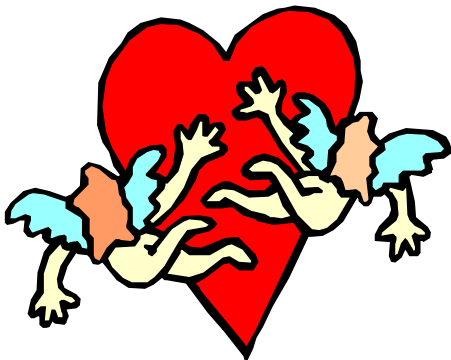
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