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Group

# THE REAR VIEW

Serving Northeastern Oklahoma Corvair Enthusiasts

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JULY, 2007

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6	Friday, 6:00 P.M.	Regular dinner meeting at Full Cup Restaurant, 4634 East 31 <sup>st</sup> Street
14	Saturday, 10:00 A.M.	Advance Auto Show: <b>see website for details</b>
30	Saturday, 10:00 A.M	Trinity Restoration Car Show: <b>see website for details</b>
AUGUST, 2007		
3	Friday, 6:00 P.M.	Regular dinner meeting at Full Cup Restaurant, 4634 East 31 <sup>st</sup> Street.
SEPTEMBER, 2007		
7	Friday, 6:00 P.M.	Regular meeting at Full Cup Restaurant, 4634 East 31 <sup>st</sup> Street.
21-23	Friday-Sunday	Great Plains Corvair Roundup: Kansas City. See website for details.

## FAREWELL TO HAP'S: *End of an Era* by Gary Baxter

“It was both sad and sort of ironic that Earth Day this year also marked the end of Hap’s Salvage. Hap’s, located northwest of Owasso, had long been known as the Corvair salvage to go to, having been started as a Corvair salvage over 30 years ago. Over time, as the value of Corvairs declined and the number of people fixing them also declined, other makes made their way into Hap’s. The cars were always old, and thus cheap, but most of the ones out there seemed to be there because it had reached the point where to have a garage fix the car would be more than its value. This meant that most were not wrecked and could provide a lot of good trim and body parts.

The salvage was run by Ina Hart, an interesting woman to talk to. As most Corvair people who went there know, she ran it in the way of the old time salvages where you wandered around the rows of vehicles and took off what you wanted yourself. The cars were arranged in rows, sort of, on 20 acres of field. It was never mowed and in the summer the critters might carry you off. She took in the stray dogs that had been abandoned and made sure they got their shots. This meant you could not arrive unannounced and that you usually had companions while you searched for that elusive part.

Ina has reached the point where her health did not allow her to run the salvage any longer and has moved into an assisted living center in Collinsville. She was instrumental in starting Green Country Corvair Group by putting me in touch with Glen Mausopust Jr. of Muskogee, who was a member of Corsa and wanted to start a chapter here.

Word got out that the salvage was closing and that a crusher crew was due to come in. Tim & I made several trips trying to save what we could for our project vehicles while the rain and wet ground stalled the crew. Unfortunately not long enough to save all that we would have liked. People from other car marquees were also trying to save

some of the more valuable items, such as a group of Chrysler 440 engines. Among the Corvair items lost were several gas heaters, late a/c systems, or at least the interior parts, dull, but dent free and unusual '63 700 rocker trim, tinted glass for all body styles except FC's and wagons, a straight Lakewood, complete with drive train,, but with rusted our floors, several vans, including an 8 door that was mashed in front, and many other good trim and body parts. There were probably over 200 Corvairs alone that went away, and that many of other makes. RIP."

**MINUTES: June 1, 2007:** The regular meeting of Green Country Corvair Group was held June 1, 2007 at the Full Cup Restaurant, "officially" starting at 6:00 P.M. Actually many members arrive earlier to chow down ahead of the crowd. Present were Bob and Pat Kinser, Glen and LaRue Bevel, Van Upky, Roger Scott, Jim Brewer, Bob Mooney, Tim Palmer, Wayne and Barbara Grieve, Mark Boynton, Roland Taber, Carey Perry, Felix and Patty DeGeyter, Gary and Mary Baxter, Forrest "Smokey Bones" Andrews, Marvin Luke and Richard Hawk. The members were introduced to new member Mark Boynton who made a few remarks about the Corva ir he purchased and his hope to gain knowledge and assistance from members in its restoration. Ten members of the club are participating in the Plymouth Belvedere "unearthing" and the car show that will be held June 16-17 as part of the Tulsarama celebration. Badges and window signs were passed out along with instructions to all participants. The participants will meet at the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church west parking lot, 13<sup>th</sup> and Boston. They will convoy to the show site. Marvin Luke discussed the forthcoming Trinity Restoration car show on June 30. Felix DeGeyter delivered several pre-paid copies of Glen Prays book and took orders for additional copies. Any member interested may purchase one from Felix. The cost is \$60.00. Roland Taber had his recently re-painted 65 coupe for all to admire. He did a real good job. He did it himself! Everyone was reminded to check our website for the calendar of events;

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Marilyn Ash, our Treasurer, reports a bank balance of **\$2,308.79** as of June 5, 2007. Your continued support of the Club by payment of your dues is essential to the success of the Club. Thank you for your support!

**DUES REMINDER:** The following members' dues are now due or overdue:

**Overdue:** Art Maimbourg, Lloyd Anderson, Richard Klabzuba, Jerry Henry, Billy Taylor,  
July: J.C. Ash,

August: Jerry Rotert;

Please pay the \$15 dues to Marilyn Ash, GCCG Treasurer, either in person or by mailing a check to 4250 S. Oswego, Tulsa, OK 74135.

**WEB-SITE INFORMATION: CALENDAR.** Marvin Luke and Brian Mitchell have been working on improving the website, [www.tulsacorvair.com](http://www.tulsacorvair.com). They have added a Calendar section and the members are urged to consult the calendar for a schedule of Club events as well as other area events. If you have an event to add to the calendar please let Marvin know. We are trying to make this website more informative for everyone.

**ANTIQUA AUTO CLUB PICNIC:** Several GCCG members attended the Antique Auto Club's annual Picnic at Chandler Park on Sunday, June 3. We had six Corvairs and one Comet on display, along with Art Maimbourg's Corvair-Cord. It was a beautiful afternoon for a Picnic and a great time to ogle the cars. Attending were Wayne and Barbara Grieve, Gary and Mary Baxter, Roger and Luci Scott, Glen Bevel, Bob Mooney, Jim Brewer, and "Smokey Bones" Andrews. Our Corvairs looked great lined up on the front row so everyone driving by could get a good look.



All lined-up, ready to go!

## MORE PICTURES FROM THE PICNIC JUNE 3, 2007



63 Corvette: split rear window



Wayne Grieve's 65 Corsa



Forrest Andrews' Comet



Where's the food?



Roger Scott's 63 Convertible



Art Maimbourg's Corvair-Cord



Fiat Convertible



32 Model A. Coupe



Early Mercedes Coupe



Corvairs in a row



A pair of Hawks



Rear Window: 63 Corvette

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**GCCG MERCHANDISE:** The Club has a new jacket complete with logo.

The Club also has adopted a knit golf shirt and a cap with the logo embroidered. All items are available to all members by special order. Also name-tags are available with club logo and your name, also by special order.

To order merchandise or to suggest new club items, contact our resident rag merchant **Marvin Luke at 250-1500**, or see him at the next club meeting.



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Remember our website at [www.tulsacorvair.com](http://www.tulsacorvair.com) Watch this site for current news about your Club. Please inform your officers if you note any problems with the site. Check the new calendar section for all upcoming events.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 6, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M. AT FULL CUP RESTAURANT: BE THERE TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS**

**REMEMBER: GREAT PLAINS CORVAIR ROUNDUP: KANSAS CITY, SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2007**