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Member's Car of the Month: Marvin Luke's 1960 at the Persimmon Hollow Car Show and Garage Sale

SEPTEMBER 2010		
2	Thursday 5:30 p.m.	Regular meeting at Tally's Café
12	Sunday	Board Meeting
12	Sunday 3:00 p.m.	Round-up Committee Meeting
24-26	Friday - Sunday	Great Plains Round-up
No J.C.'s Garage in September		
OCTOBER 2010		
2	Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Club Picnic
17	Sunday	Board Meeting
23	Saturday	J.C.'s Garage
NOVEMBER 2010		
4	Thursday 5:30 p.m.	Regular meeting at Tally's Café
21	Sunday	Board Meeting
No J.C.'s Garage in November		

From the Prez

By Marvin Luke

Amazing how fast this year is moving!

We've had several new members join us from a number of different locations in eastern Oklahoma; and most recently, our newest member added to the roster comes from Stillwater. Mighty fine '64 Monza coming into the club from Pat Silver.

The Persimmon Hollow show and sale was very successful. Thanks all who participated - - it was a terrific weekend. Everything that was brought to the sale (except for items people wanted to take home) was sold. We made almost \$300 for the club – great job, all!

Can you believe it - - as I'm writing this note, there are only 31 days until the Great Plains Round-up. There's still a lot to do . . . one of the biggies is getting more people to register, both from our club and others, too. Those that have, thanks soooooo much. If you haven't, please do soon – we're getting close to meeting our guarantee at the hotel, and I have already asked for an extension of more rooms. The 16th of September is the absolute last day for the Roundup Rates! Thanks to all that are working on the event to make it the best ever! We couldn't do it without you!

One more 'scheduled' planning meeting on September 12th.

See you all September 2nd for the next dinner meeting at Tally's.

- Marv

Upcoming Events

By Jennifer Chrest

GCCG will be hosting the Great Plains Round-up, September 24-26th. We are asking for club members to please donate items for us to use as door prizes. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated!!

Minutes from the Last Meeting

By Mary Baxter

MINUTES: General Meeting, **August 5, 2010**. Present were: President Marvin Luke, Vice-President Gary Baxter, Treasurer Steve Rayl, Secretary Mary Baxter, Director Forrest Andrews, Director Jeff Peterson, Marilyn & J.C. Ash, Jim Brewer, Felix DeGeyter, Barbara & Wayne Grieve, Pat & Bob Kinser, Richard Hawk, Bob Mooney, Ron Walton, Van Upky, and Mary & John Zink.

Marvin welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then reviewed the upcoming events and said to always keep an eye on the tulsacorvair.com calendar for changes and updates.

Persimmon Hollow Antique Village – 71st and Garnett.

Flea Market/Corvair Weekend/Day Car Show

Dates: August 7th and 8th. This event is on the website, in the Tulsa World, and flyers were given out at the Fuddruckers the Tuesday before this meeting. Marvin will be there at 4:30pm Friday, Aug 6th if people want to bring their donated items for the sale. Jeff and Forrest are to show their cars. There is an estimate of nine cars that are going to be there Saturday. The Village is open Saturday 9 to 5pm and Sunday Noon to 5pm. Marvin handed out maps to show how to get to PHAV. Steve Rayl will get change. Tables will be furnished.

Great Plains Corvair Round-up – Weekend of September 24th, 25th, and 26th

Registration forms to Felix DeGeyter or Marvin Luke. They need registration forms as soon as possible. Please go online and register. Fill the form out and print two copies, one to mail in, and the other for your records. The program will not save your information once you sign off. Marvin showed examples of door prizes for the Round-up to give everyone an idea of what to donate to the club. It was noted that the events of the Round-up need to be on the website.

Treasurer Report

Steve will give the actual funds amount of the club at the club meetings and will place a generic report in the newsletter from now on. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rayl.

Marvin gave a report how Luci Scott is doing.

Important Note from the Newsletter Editor

Everyone please submit your pictures, articles, etc. by the 24th of each month in order for Jennifer Chrest to have time to publish the newsletter in a timely matter. Marvin asked people to submit articles about their cars to continue the car of the month segment.

Forrest drove his gold car and asked people what cars were being worked on now (**Ed. note: Great idea for articles!!**).

Dues Reminder The following members' dues are now due or will be due or are overdue:

September: Tim Palmer, Carey Perry, Jeff Peterson

October: Glen Bevel, Bill Brafford, Paul Brinker, Jesse Hodge, Mike Sweaney, John Zink

Please pay the \$20 dues to **Steve Rayl**, GCCG Treasurer, either in person or by mailing a check to 11608 South 99 East Avenue, Bixby, OK. 74008. Please make checks payable to Green Country Corvair Group. Your support of Green Country Corvair Group is appreciated. Please continue to support the Club with payment of your dues.

Herb Karner 1915-2010

By Gary Baxter

Herb's association with the Corvair goes back before being one of the founding members of Green Country Corvair Group. He bought the first Corvair in Tulsa, the day they were unveiled, and promptly upset the dealer because he would not let them keep it on display over the week-end. True to his style, as Farm Editor for the *Tulsa World*, he had places to be and stories to write. He soon headed north, learning all about carburetor icing and tossed fan belts.

While on loan to a friend, the car was wrecked, so he bought one of the first '61 models. It too met a sad fate when traveling home on County Line Road; someone coming the other way crossed the center line and ran him off the road. He hit a culvert, which sent the car flying, landing just in time to hit the next culvert. That didn't deter him from his long love of Corvairs. He preferred late convertibles, but also had many others including a couple of Greenbriers. His favorite probably was Golden Rod, a candy gold '65 Corsa convertible with a brown and white rolled naugahyde interior.

Herb was instrumental in getting the club going, and liked to drive. That meant he was always ready for a road trip, and went to many regional and national conventions. He retired as Farm Editor in 1981, and about that time became Editor of *The Rear View*. At that time, that meant not only gathering the articles, but typing them, cutting and pasting the master together, copying it, addressing each copy, and then mailing them each month. He continued to do that throughout most of the 80's.

When his Corvair became old enough, he joined the Antique Auto Club of America and became interested in the large tours, like the Glidden, that are limited to how many can come, and you have to be invited. Someone decided they really wanted his Corsa, and, about that time, a really nice '55 Olds hardtop came along and became his cruiser.

Every time we saw him he wanted to know how the club was doing and all about the members he knew. The last time we saw him was in June at the AACA picnic, where he was celebrating his 95th birthday and had his big '73 gold Thunderbird there.

(Ed. note: For more information, and a neat old photo of Herb, see:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/ourlives/article.aspx?subjectid=58&articleid=20100827_11_A13_CUTLIN127879&rss_inlk=11)

A (Very) Personal Corvair Anniversary

By John Zink

It was just 50 years ago, August 15, 1960, that I moved to Birmingham, Michigan, with my parents. I was a teenager about to enter my last year of high school, and we were moving from Milwaukee, back to the same neighborhood we had left eight years earlier.

The movers were still unloading the van when I heard a familiar Corvair sound on the street outside. But it sounded different than, say, the 1960 80-hp Corvair sedan I had been driving for the past ten months. I looked out and, to my delight, I saw the “Super Monza” drive by. This is the same car that had just been on the cover of Motor Trend magazine that very month. What an introduction to the neighborhood! I later learned that the car belonged to one of the daughters of Bill Mitchell, GM vice president of design, who happened to live a few houses down the street. (The car is now part of the Corvair Preservation Foundation’s museum.)

Later that same day, our new next-door neighbors invited my parents and me over to get acquainted. That was when I first met their daughter, who was my age. As time went by, she and I found many occasions to go for long walks in the neighborhood, all of which found us strolling past the Mitchell house, so I could admire whatever unique and beautiful cars Mr. Mitchell had chosen to bring home from work that day. Among what seemed to be his favorites were the original Corvette Stingray and Shark, and the Corvair Monza GT, Monza SS and Super Spyder.

I am still not sure whether the girl next door was my excuse for walking past the Mitchell house, or if the Mitchell cars were my excuse for going for walks with her. But I guess it doesn’t matter. What does matter is that Mary and I are celebrating a “sort-of” 50th anniversary this August 15th. And she is still putting up with my being a car nut.

Persimmon Hollow Car Show and Garage Sale

Photos courtesy of John Zink and Marvin Luke



Overall, the show was a success. Thanks to all who made it possible!



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GCCG Merchandise is available to members and non-members alike. Contact Marvin at mkluke@cox.net for jacket, polo shirt, coffee mug, name tag or ball cap, all with a full color GCCG logo.

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Keep an eye on the calendar for all upcoming events!