



# The Wind Mill

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## “New Kids On The Block”

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Since moving to Lubbock almost 4 years ago, I have been a bit disappointed. I have been involved with Corvairs since buying my first one over 8 years ago. I have found that the majority of Corvair owners are some of the most helpful, cordial, and just plain nicest people I've ever known. The only problem has been that it has been difficult to meet owners in the South Plains area, as there has (up to now) been no official local organization devoted to the ownership, preservation, and enjoyment of the Chevrolet Corvair – one of the best (and most misunderstood) American-built automobiles of the last 50 years.

Hopefully, this situation is soon to improve. I have decided to create a local club here in Lubbock, to be called The South Plains Corvair Club. You are reading the first club newsletter, which I have named (for lack of a better idea) The Wind Mill – to combine this area's farming/ranching heritage with the air-cooled (Wind) engine (Mill) design of the Corvair.

The newsletter will initially be distributed to club members via e-mail attachment. A copy will also be posted on our website: [www.southplainscorvairclub.com](http://www.southplainscorvairclub.com), where it will be available for online viewing or download.

The club's main focus will be to organize, assist, and offer fellowship to Corvair enthusiasts on the South Plains. We hope to stage and host some local events, and participate as a group in other events throughout the area.

It's easy to join. While this may change later, at this time there are no yearly dues. We will try to hold meetings, possibly electronically via the Internet. If there is enough interest, formal meetings will be held, probably quarterly, maybe more often. This will depend on membership desires. To join, just send your name, address, phone #, and e-mail address to: [pvsinger@hotmail.com](mailto:pvsinger@hotmail.com).

So, join us! We look forward to hearing from you!

## Treasurer's Report – September 2008

We're **broke...**

### Minutes of last "meeting" – August, 2008

- "Charter" members met individually w/Vince Singer @ various area classic car shows and cruise nights (or were chased down on the Interstate) during July, August, and September 2008.
- Individuals brave enough to volunteer personal information were informed that they had "joined", whether they intended to or not...
- Got URL, created website, sent membership e-mail announcement of same.

Got any ideas for things we can do as a club? I'm all ears – e-mail them to me, and I'll include them in the next newsletter.

A few ideas (would require some ambition and participation):

- Our own "car show"
- A spring, summer (no air conditioning...), or fall cruise
- A trip to a car show as a group in a "nearby" town (Amarillo, Big Spring, Hobbs, etc.)
- Host an autocross
- Participate in an event with another local car club ("orphan" car show?)

Use your imagination, and let me know what you come up with...

Hope to see/talk with you soon!

## Meeting Soon?

Several folks have mentioned wanting to get together and meet sometime soon. The consensus so far is for a Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday "holiday" meeting to "get to know each other better". I think Saturday or Sunday would be best, "noonish", as some folks aren't interested in driving after dark (And I don't blame them – right now it's DEER season, and cute little Bambi will mangle anything you're driving if he gets in your way...). Please - e-mail me with your thoughts on a date and time, or if you know of a suitable meeting place. Spouses welcome and encouraged to attend...

## Membership List

I will compile and place a membership list at the end of this newsletter. It is my intention to post this on the club website, and I don't think that most of you would like your e-mail address posted for the world to see (and try to abuse...). This page will not appear in the posted version of the newsletter. If the membership would desire, I could hide the address/phone # page on the website, to be accessible only through an "easter egg" (a link known only to members). Again, please let me know what you think, either at the meeting or in an e-mail.

## Photo Page

If interested in including photos of your car(s), Corvair or not, on a page to soon be started on the website, please submit some shots of you (and your spouse) with your car(s) to me as e-mail attachments. I will be starting this project soon...

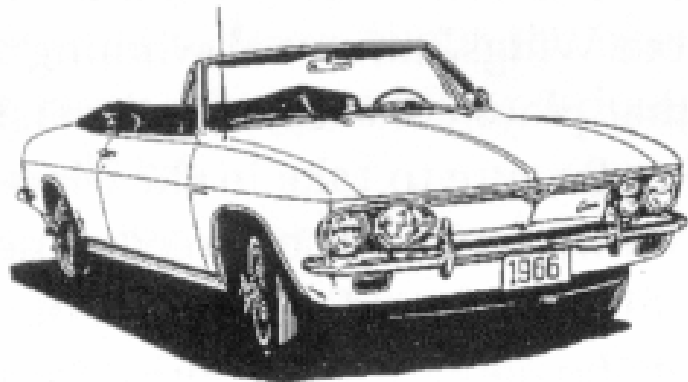
## New feature – “Meet A Member”

Our first victim, er, I mean voluntary participant, is Gordon Tatro, of Odessa, TX. Gordon joined after I sent an e-mail announcing our venture to several Corvair websites. He had e-mailed the Alamo Corvair Club in San Antonio, and they directed Gordon to us.

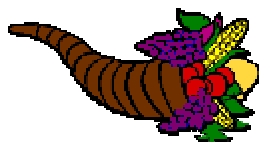
Gordon's dream car is a red 1965 Monza convertible. He bought the car in Odessa a little over a year ago. It had been sitting in a barn for several years and appeared to be in better shape than it was. "But I had my rose colored glasses on that day and bought it on the spot. Mice (Rats?) had eaten all the electrical wiring in the engine, later to find also the rest of the body harness. I have become a good customer of Clarks' Corvairs. I spent most of the winter re wiring the car and this summer installing wheel cylinders, etc... With the help of a friend, we rebuilt the starter motor and now the engine runs fine. After 9 months up on jack stands I will take it down this weekend, ready to run. I still have a list of minor fixes - bad grounds, turn signals, heat sensors, radio - just a few."

"You might say, 'why has it taken all summer?' I have a few other hobbies, perhaps you can relate... Our car club here in Odessa, the Permian Basin Oil Burners chapter of the Veteran Motor Club of America (VMCCA) hosted a week long show at the Fair, a fund raiser swap meet a month later, and then in October hosted a national rally. I am the Senior Steward of Fellowship Lodge 1385 Masons and an active ham radio operator (K5GLT). I am an Environmental Chemist at Flint Hills Resources in Odessa, in the old Rexene Plastics Plant on the south side of I-20, and have a masters degree in Environmental Studies"

"I look forward to meeting the other members of this new club and sharing our Corvair experiences. This is my 5th Corvair and my second '65 Monza convertible. Other cars I have restored are a '48 Plymouth P15 Coupe, a '55 Chevy 2 door wagon, and the '64 Comet my son drove to high school, just to name a few."



Want to let us get to know you better? Type up a couple of paragraphs about yourself and e-mail them to me. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, and punctuation. I'll clean things up if needed (MS Word has a pretty good spell-checker).



# Happy Thanksgiving