

## MY 1960 CORVAIR 500 SEDAN

by Donald Jennings



**Figure 1 ACCORDING TO MY SISTER CAR HAS BEEN SETTING FOR 12 YEARS**

My sister purchased this Corvair in February of 2007 for my brother Bob.

The purchase price was

\$650 and the car is

Alabama car. It

originally purchased from Dement Mollison of No

Birmingham.

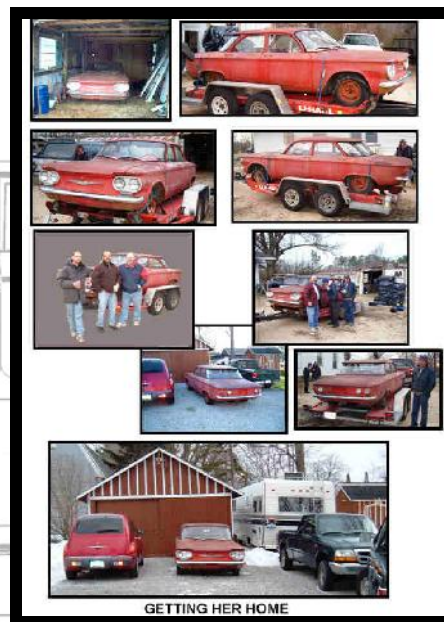


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My brother, his son , Chris and I rented a U-Haul car trailer in Adrian, Michigan and took a trip to Alabama to pick up the car.



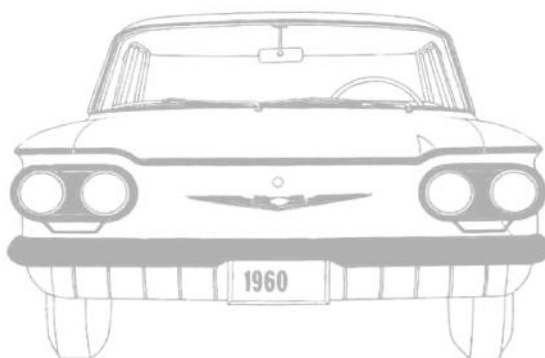
**Figure 2 We go down to Alabama to pick up the car**

After sitting all those years in Alabama the car was full of long leaf pine needles and mud dauber nests.



**Figure 3 The power train was a mess - we did get it running before removing from car but the engine knocked so we replaced it with a used engine.**

After Bob removed the drive train and his son Chris rebuilt the transmission Bob got impatient with the time it was taking to get the car on the road so he purchased a running 1960 700 Coupe.



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In October of 2009 he gave me the 500 for helping him add onto his garage.

In May of 2011 I was able to drive this car for the 1st time - see photo below.

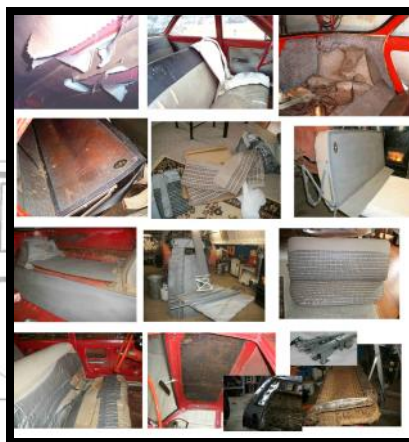
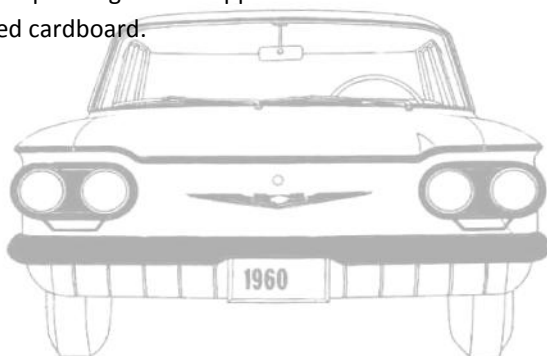


**Figure 4 1st time running after 16 years**



**Figure 5 1st car show - Twins Drive-in In Clio Aug 2011**

Now that I am driving this car time to make the interior more comfortable. I was able to obtain a set of NOS seat covers off of e-bay. They look decent and I decided to try painting the cardboard on the rear seat back and storage area with the gray trunk splatter paint - gives the appearance of the stock printed cardboard.



**Figure 6 Now that we can drive it we needed to make the interior more comfortable**

The rear floor was badly rusted so I replaced it. The seam beneath the heater, wiper motor and master cylinder in the trunk was rusted thru & many of the body seams had surface rust beneath the seam sealer - I removed all that and repaired the rust holes.



**Figure 7 Doing some necessary body work**

After driving the car for a while I realized the suspension rubber bushings were shot so I have now replaced them.

I hope to have the car all back together and on the road again before the Corsa meet in Kalamazoo this summer.

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Figure 8 Rebuilding the suspension

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The 1960 model is distinctive among early model Corvairs because of the concave panel between the headlights (hence the nickname of “CAVEMAN” for 1960 Corvair owners), and the Corvair “wings” grill bar. The 700’s accessories included wheel trim rings, side view mirror, and bright trim around the gas hatch. Some other accessories; back-up lights, bright trim around the rear license plate recess, and a chrome extension on the exhaust pipe. If you opted for a heater, the only one available was a gas fired unit designed by South Wind.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the national CORSA convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 8:30 pm till 10 pm in the Crane room of the host hotel.

