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Glovebox Contents, 1963 – '65

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In this installment of *Stock Was* . . . we look at the glovebox contents of 1963 – '65 FCs. Readers will recall that the previous installment covered the contents of the '61 & '62 models, as well as the document storage envelopes and battery warranty cards. The Owner Plan Booklets were issued for either passenger vehicles, which included the Greenbrier, or for trucks and commercial vehicles, which included the Corvan and Rampside and will be referred to here as the "R10" FCs.

1963 Glovebox

GM's faith in the Corvaire 95 paralleled the precipitous decline in sales during 1961 and its failure to rebound in 1962. Discontinuation of the Corvaire-95 owners guide was one of the various cost-saving measures implemented in 1963. Henceforth, purchasers of a new FC would receive a booklet shared with the car. The combined booklet placed most information about the Corvaire 95 in a section on pages 24-29, with a few other FC figures and paragraphs, such as on jacking, toward the rear of the book. The '63 Guide was published in 3 editions, but the Corvaire 95 section changed very little. Revisions to Owners Guides were always implemented without altering the pagination of the booklet and allowing the Corvaire 95's section to expand beyond its relegated 6 pages. New features barely received any coverage, and sometimes only after an extended delay.

The second and third editions of the '63 owners guide had only modest revisions, such as adding fan belt inspection guidelines and consolidation of the bore and stroke specifications. The oil change guidelines on pg 33 were revised in the 2nd edition from

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1963 Dispatch box 1 - Owners Guide #3821483 (three editions); Warranty booklets for Greenbrier **2** – version 1 #3821481 (yellow, two editions), **3** – version 2 #3838412 (pink, two editions) and for R10 **4** – version 1 #3821490 (orange), **5** – version 2 #3838413 (Greyish-green); **6** – Greenbrier Camper Brochure # 3822013.

every 6000 miles (as for the car), to every 4000 miles for the Corvair 95 – but this distinction was reversed in the 1964 Guide. Might this change have been a precaution for the high compression 102 HP engines made available in mid '63?

There were a number of changes in the content and formatting of the Owner Protection Plan (OPP) booklets in 1963, only the first version of the truck-OPP is the same size as the 1962 booklets, whereas the latter editions were larger (7 in x 4.5 in). The first edition is relatively rare and would be correct only for low serial number FCs. This is because in September Chevy and the other GM divisions issued improved warranties published in booklets with new part numbers #3838412 (Greenbrier) and #3838413 (R10).

The 1963 Greenbrier camper brochure was little changed from the 1962 version. It remained a 3-fold pamphlet printed in full color. The most significant change was to the camper unit itself, which was redesigned and now numbered 985654).

1964 Glovebox

The 1964 Owners Guide saw some minor text “tweakings” and more substantive changes from the 1963 guide, most dealing with the car. The Corvair 95 section now included the instructions for the gasoline heater, discontinued in the car but not FC. Gone was the image on page 24 showing the 80 MPH speedometer dial with the shift points, since these were no longer labeled in the speedometer of Corvans and Rampsides.

There were a variety of changes pertinent to the Corvair 95 in the second edition. There were two long overdue changes: deletion of the erroneous statement found in all previous owner guides that the “second seat is factory installed in the back of the rear compartment in the optional third seat position” and the reference to the early style shifter linkage. Also deleted were the requirement to change Corvair 95 oil “every 4000 miles or 60 days”,



1964 Dispatch box: Top - Owners Guide #3841543 (two editions); **Middle** - Owner Protection Plans for the Greenbrier, #3841541 (yellow, two printings) and R10, #381545 (blue); **Bottom** - Greenbrier Sports Wagon brochure #3838631.

restoring every 6000 or 60 days for cars and FCs, and identification of the Conelrad civil defense markings at 640 and 1240 on the radios, which was no longer Federally required.

Although the 1964 warranty was the same as the previous year, there were a number of changes to the Greenbrier and R10 OPP booklets. For example, the detachable “Owner Acknowledgement of Receipt of Warranty” was deleted and the “Verification of Resale” card was reformatted. The second issue of the Passenger car OPP is the only one to be labeled as the second “printing” rather than “edition” and has only trivial differences from the first issue – changes to two words on the resale cards.

The Greenbrier camper brochure had a horizontal orientation in 1964. Interestingly, even though the brochure was larger than the '63 and '62 versions, much of the landscape of the brochure consisted of large illustrations of the camper itself. The options available with the camper unit were significantly reduced - gone were the child bed, canopy-like shelter unit, cargo net, and under seat drawer.



1965 Dispatch Box: Top -1965 Owners Guide #3859590 (two editions); **Middle** – Owner Protection Plans for R10 #3859596 (yellow) and Greenbrier #3859595; **Bottom** - Greenbrier Camper Brochure (#3860619).

1965 Glovebox

The 1965 Corvair Owners guide has several changes to the Corvair 95 section. The section is now labeled “Corvair Greenbrier” rather than “Corvair 95”, reflecting the demise of all other models. Which also explains deletion of the section about the Rampside. Added, at last, were instructions for operating lever for the front air vent door, which was first introduced in the 1964 model.

One might wonder if any Greenbriers actually received the second edition since the publication date of Jan, 1965 would have been after Corvair 95 production had ceased. Little does it matter since it differs only with the added statement to not add antifreeze to the windshield washer bag.

The 1965 Passenger car OPP was notable as the first in which Chevrolet included a Protect-O-plate (PoP), although they had been in use previously by other GM

divisions. The PoP was an embossed metal or plastic card attached to the booklet. Using an old-fashion click-clack imprinter, the POP could easily imprint owner and vehicle information to service paperwork. Consequently, serial-numbering of OPP booklets and their Verification Vouchers were discontinued. As usual, the truck-OPP booklet was much smaller with only 20 pages.

The '65 camper brochure was graphically much different than the '64 version – with one picture oddly encouraging children to pet wild bears – but the camper and other options were essentially identical.