

**From the Editor...**

Ahh, October...summer is officially over; the day's are getting shorter and there's a nip in the air. There are many things I love about October...crisp blue skies, the smell of fires as folks begin using their fireplaces, the glorious color of leaves; which of course leads me to the fall foliage tour. While we can never guarantee the weather or the color of the foliage, I can promise you that Raymond has spent countless hours driving the back roads of Somerset and Morris counties searching for the perfect combination of back roads and scenery. As a special treat we will join the Del Val Vairs at the Hackettstown Airport for a rare opportunity to see a Corvair powered airplane followed by a joint club dinner.

Another piece of news...elsewhere in this issue Bob has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election as NJACE President for 2007. Raymond and I will also be resigning our positions as club officers at the end of this year. It is time for us to move on to our next adventure in life. While we have both enjoyed our opportunity to contribute to the Club, it is now time for someone else to take over the reigns as Activities and Publicity VPs. If you are interested or have a candidate in mind, please participate in the nomination process that will take place in November. – Kathy



Just one of the scenes you will experience on this year's tour

## Fall Foliage, err Transportation Tour!!!

By Raymond Coker

Even though we always call the Fall club tour the "Foliage Tour" this year it could be called something else... "Transportation Tour" might be more appropriate. During our drive chances are we will see various forms of transportation from horses, horse haulers, trucks (large & small), tractors, motor homes, street rods, boats and we will definitely end up with airplanes. Not only a Corvair powered airplane but you aviation buffs will have a chance to walk among some older and newer two and four-seater magic flying machines. When I visited a few weeks ago, I was impressed at just how many owners of small airplanes call our destination, the Hackettstown Airport, their home and secure their trusty crafts there.

The date for our tour is Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Our drive will begin at the Shell station / Dunkin Doughnut store at the corner of RT 206 and SR 523. This intersection is about 3.5 miles north of I-78. You can get there by taking Hwy 206 south from I-80 or Hwy 206 north from I-78. Meeting at this location allows a chance to top off the gas tanks and grab a cup o' Joe and a donut if you wish before we start our tour. We will be leaving this meeting location at 12:00 sharp. Arrive early, allow yourself a chance to stretch those legs, greet the other club members, buy gas, buy a drink etc.

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## The View Through the Windshield

by Bob Marlow, President

October... I love it, and I hate it.

I love it because it is so beautiful. Cool, crisp weather, often with the bluest skies in daytime and ideal sleeping temperatures at night. Gorgeous autumn colors, typically "peaking" in New Jersey right in the middle of the month. Pumpkins, apples, hayrides, it's a great month.

But I hate it because it puts a stamp of finality on summer and I live for summer. Winter is coming, and October is an early balm to the painful anticipation of the harsh winter months ahead.

Still, I prefer to look at the bright side of things and that brings me to our club activities for October. The calendar includes both a convivial meeting and a Foliage Tour with another unique twist...

A number of our members will start the month off right away by attending the annual Lime Rock meet on October 1st and 2nd. Early October is especially beautiful in the Berkshire foothills of northwestern Connecticut at this time of year.

My wife, Sue, who is most certainly *not* a "car person," has Lime Rock on her "can't miss" list each year.

Here at home we begin October with our monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 7, at the Pronto Deli on Ridgedale Avenue in Cedar Knolls. Come enjoy your daily minimum requirement of eggs, sausage, cheese, flapjacks and waffles with your Corvair-owning friends. We have only once piece of business to address at the meeting, and that is the first round of nominations for club officers for next year.

Back when Corvair production was winding down, Lyndon Johnson famously said, "I shall not seek, nor will I accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president." I find myself thinking similarly, it's time for someone else to take their turn at the helm. Being president is not difficult -- writing this monthly column for the newsletter is about as stressful as it gets -- and if history is a guide a new president will have an excellent support staff in the form of the other club officers. So give it some thought, please, whether you are ready to serve or whether there is another member that you would nominate.

A week and a day after the breakfast meeting, on Sunday, October 15, we will get together for this year's Fall Foliage Tour, and a *great* tour is in the offing. Not only will be enjoy the

beautiful fall colors, but we'll enjoy them on some great rural roads discovered by route planner Ray Coker. Those roads will lead us to a Warren County airport, where we will meet Phil Maxson and his Corvair-powered airplane. Phil's plane is a Zenair 601XL, and was featured in the Star-Ledger earlier this year. Weather permitting; it is likely that Phil will in fact take off, because he flies his plane often.

(Want to know more about Corvair-powered aircraft? Check out;

<http://www.flycorvair.com>.)

At the airport, we'll also meet up with the members of the Delaware Valley Corvair Club (Del Val Vairs) who will be enjoying their own Foliage Tour. From there, we'll go as a combined group to a restaurant in the old German Valley (now Long Valley).

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the details on the time and the place for the start of the Foliage Tour. Don't miss it!

Finally this month, I am happy to be able to report that longtime member Ken Klingaman has been making an outstanding recovery from his recent heart attack and quadruple-bypass surgery. Ken was fundamentally strong and healthy, which has certainly helped him bounce back as quickly as he has. I am writing this a week before the Lime Rock meet, and it is Ken's plan to attend, just as he has attended every Lime Rock meet since 1973.

### Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, September 7, 2006, Flanders, NJ

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Marlow at 8:28 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting, as published in THE FANBELT, were approved. Treasurer Tim Schwartz provided a financial report noting that May 1st opening balance was \$3,959.48 and the closing balance of August 31st was \$3,715.12 (excluding August earned interest). Including the two CDs, the grand total was \$8,375.40. His report was accepted and approved by those members present.

Since both Publicity VP Kathy Stetler and Activities VP Ray Coker were absent, their reports were delayed until the next meeting (or until the next issue of THE FANBELT)

Regarding new business, Steve Calandra informed those present about the Del Val Vairs meeting with a "Cruise Afternoon" in the Ringoes area set for Sept. 23rd beginning at 2

PM. At 3 PM, a flyover by a Corvair-powered airplane is planned. Further details are available from member Ron Peles.

On Oct. 15 our Fall Foliage Tour ends at the airport at 2 PM where we are scheduled to meet the builder of the airplane.

Our next breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7th at the Pronto Deli where previous breakfast meetings have taken place.

Regarding old business, Brian O'Neill reminded members of the upcoming Lime Rock event in Connecticut. On Sunday, Oct. 1st, a Corvair show will be held at the Paradise Garage across from the track. John Fitch will be present to sign copies of his book. On Monday, Oct 2nd, the Corvair Time Trials will be held at the Lime Rock Track. Check the NECC website for additional details.

The Fitch Phoenix will be shown at the Sarasota Auto Museum as part of the Fitch Exhibit, available for viewing until mid Nov. On Saturday,

Sept. 30th, Bob Marlow will be traveling with other NJACE members to visit the Fitch Exhibit at this museum. Further details will be provided before the trip.

At 8:45 PM, Bob adjourned the meeting.



*From the Editor...A Tech Tip written by Jim Burkhard was published in the September 2006 Fanbelt. Due to space constraints, this Tech Tip was edited from a response that Jim made to an inquiry posted on the Virtual Vairs website by an individual who asked a question regarding why his 102-engined Corvair "pre-detonates". The source of the information and nature of the question should have been included in last month's issue.*



## NJACE of Events...

**Sunday, October 1, 2006 – NECC All Corvair Show, Paradise Garage Lakeville, CT** It's the car show the day before the NECC sponsored racing event at Lime Rock Park road course on Monday, October 2nd. For all you Corvair racing fanatics, this is a great opportunity to see Corvairs running on a local road course. For any of you not so inclined to spend the day watching cars on a race track, there's great shopping in the towns and villages close to Lime Rock Park!!!

**\*Saturday, October 7, 2006 – Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM. Directions: Ridgedale Ave intersects NJ Rte 10 just west of I-287 and just east of US Rte 202. From I-287 take the exit for Rte 10 west. Proceed through the traffic light at Ridgedale Ave, to the U-turn at Dryden Way. Return east on Rte 10 to Ridgedale Ave and turn right. The Pronto Deli is about one mile down Ridgedale Ave on the left.

**\*Sunday, October 15, 2006 – Fall Foliage Tour.** Meeting location is the Shell Station at the intersection of Rt 206 and SR 523. We will be leaving at 12:00 sharp. Check out story on page 1 for more details.

**\*Saturday, November 4, 2006 – Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM.

**\*Wednesday, November 15, 2006 – Quarterly Business Meeting,** Time and location to be published in next month's Fanbelt

**Events marked with an \* count towards NJACE Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards**

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Everyone will be given the route plans and off we go at 12:00. The tour will be about 1 ½ hours long with one stop in the middle of the route. Total distance is about 40 miles.

A word of caution. Look at your registration and insurance cards you are supposed to have in your cars and make sure they are both up to date. Kathy and I got quite a surprise a week or two ago while driving this route. We were both enjoying a beautiful day with the top down on the 65 Monza Convertible. The weather was great, the car was clean and running good and we both had smiles on our faces. That was until the flashing lights in my rear view mirror caught my attention and caused me to pull to the side of the road. I knew I wasn't speeding so my first thought was this police officer owns a Corvair and just wants to talk about them. As he approached my drivers' door I calmly said "You wanna buy it? Remember, I knew I was doing nothing wrong. His comment was "It is nice, but if I owned it I would make sure it's legal before driving it". Legal, what the heck is he talking about? A random check through his computer had turned up some disturbing news.

Kathy and I had forgotten to renew the NJ registration. Not only was it expired but it had expired 15 months ago. On top of that we had an expired insurance card also. Here we were driving a car that hadn't been renewed in the state of NJ for 15 months and we had no proof of insurance. The officer could tell by the looks on our faces we were completely unaware we were so lax in these requirements. He could tell the car wasn't stolen and because of the innocent look on our faces (yea mine to) he gave us a BIG break. He gave me one minor ticket for driving an unregistered vehicle and told me to turn it around and go home. He could have towed it away and left us stranded there. He was a very understanding officer and a nice person. Check your paper work!!

We hope to see all of you at the Shell / Dunkin Doughnut store at Hwy 206 and SR 523 the 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 11:30 for a 12:00 departure. Those of you that have joined Kathy and me on these drives know we really go all out to find scenic roads that offer different sights along the way, and I promise you, this one is very scenic!!!

A scene from the 2004 NJACE Fall Foliage Tour...what a great looking line-up of Corvairs!!!



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