



the Fanbelt

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New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

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From the Editor...

It's nearly the end of 2006, my goodness the year passed quickly. I can't believe it's time to start planning for 2007, but it is.

When I look back over the past year, this club certainly offered members a wide variety of activities, from the very technical with our tech sessions and roving wrenches weekend, to the out of the ordinary wine tasting and trip to see a Corvair powered airplane, to the more traditional swap meet, small parts auction and ever popular summer picnic.

Now it's time to start all over again. Most of our Corvairs are safely tucked away waiting for the spring driving season, but there are some intrepid members who will use them all winter long...let's just hope they have good heating systems!

Before we get to 2007, however there is one more important club activity that must take place. Don't forget to complete and return your ballot for your 2007 officers. While the ballot enclosed with this issue of the Fanbelt only identifies one candidate for each position, that does not mean you can't write in a nomination for someone else, or yourself for that matter. It's good to get all club members involved in the voting process; this is your time to express your opinion.

This is my last Fanbelt and I want to say thanks to all for your contributions and feedback over the past few years. I have enjoyed the experience and hope you have enjoyed the information presented.

See you at a future club event – Kathy



Merry Christmas!!!



Happy Hanukkah!!!



Happy New Year!!!

NJACE it's time to make plans to celebrate the holiday season at our Annual Holiday Party

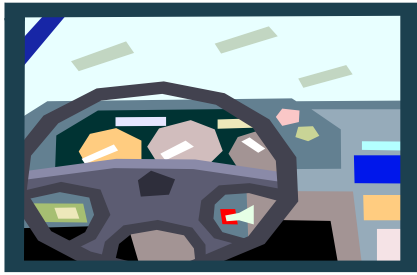
When: Saturday, January 14th from 6:00 til we're done

**Where: Ruppert's, 92 Rt 23 North (Riverdale Square Mall),
Riverdale, NJ
973 616-9800**

More information will be provided in next month's Fanbelt

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The View Through the Windshield

by Bob Marlow

The view may require an ice scraper in the near future, but as I write this at the end of Thanksgiving weekend we've enjoyed several pleasant days, suitable for motoring in the Corvair. As the calendar flips to the last page of the year, come on out one more time for our monthly breakfast meeting, this Saturday, December 2nd, at the Pronto Deli in Cedar Knolls. Time and directions appear in this issue.

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As a special bonus this month, following the breakfast meeting all members who wish to do so will be traveling to the home of longtime member Richard Van De Velde. Richard, a faithful Corvair owner and a loyal NJACE member, used to attend all the club activities until health issues prevented him from doing so, so we're taking the club to him. An additional treat for

members and spouses alike will be the Stained Glass shop maintained by Richard's wife, Georgia, right at the house. And if that's not enough, they're not far from the Rockaway Town Square Mall if you need to do some holiday shopping.

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Last month we enjoyed not only a breakfast meeting but also our last quarterly business meeting for the year, at Chevy's Fresh Mex. At this meeting we finalized nominations for club officers for 2007. Your ballot accompanies this issue of the newsletter.

While there are no real contests on the ballot, those who have volunteered to serve deserve and appreciate your support by returning your completed ballot. Whether you vote for the nominees or write in your own choice, please participate. The deadline for voting is Wednesday, December 20th, so while you have plenty of time, why not do it now while you're thinking of it.

While there will be changes among our officers, the transition will be smooth as we head into the New Year. Already we have plans in the works for our annual Holiday Party, to take place on Sunday, January 14, at Ruppert's Restaurant on Rt 23, just off I-287 in Riverdale. Complete details will appear in next month's newsletter, so make the date on your calendar now.

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One of the things being considered for 2007 is to move our quarterly business meetings to regular, repeatable dates, and to a single location. The location we have in mind is the Mount Olive Grille. While the Mount Olive Grille is not quite central to our membership, it welcomes us, it provides a private meeting room, and it has good food at reasonable prices. To go there four times per year appears to make sense.

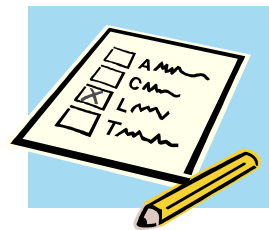
We've been trying to move the quarterly meetings around geographically, so that at least once a year the meeting comes near you. But the unintended consequence of this is that most members would lose track of when the meeting was and where it was. So, but sticking to a set location and a set date, we expect to improve attendance.

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Finally, this will be my last "View" as I am not standing for re-

election as your President. However, I'm not going away, I'm just moving to a different chair, having volunteered to run for election to the Secretary's position, which Frank Burkhard is vacating after many years of excellent service.

We really have a good slate of incoming officer candidates, in my opinion, so please support them by supporting your club and participating in its activities.



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local Corvair clubs ●going to the drag races or the horse races ● celebrating birthdays ●attending Summer cruise nights as a group ●organizing a miniature golf outing...and I know that all of you have your own ideas on fun group events.
One thing is for certain, this is a strong club with many committed members along with some that should probably be committed, only kidding. While there are many fine Corvair clubs throughout the country, you are part of a great organization right here in New Jersey. But...NJACE is only as good as its members, so get out and enjoy the planned activities, volunteer for projects, suggest ideas and become a greater part of the Corvair Family.
I'm outta here as an officer but you will see me at as many club events in the future as I can attend... ☺

Looking Back and Enjoying the Memories

By Ray Coker

I'm sure you know that this is my last term as Activities VP. While a change in career next year will take up most of my spare time; that is not why I decided not to run for re-election. I agree with many members that new faces, fresh ideas and energy are necessary in any officer's position to keep the club moving forward. Those that have raised their hand and accepted the responsibility and challenge of being an NJACE officer in 2007 will without a doubt do an outstanding job.

In all honesty my favorite part of the Activities VP position was organizing the annual Fall Foliage Tours. It allowed Kathy and me a chance to explore roads that we would have never had a chance to see or even a reason to be there. Yes, getting out for an afternoon or morning drive with your sweetie is always fun but when there is the possibility of 20 or other club members joining you at a later date, you always look for the more interesting areas to cruise through!

I always found myself playing a guessing game when looking behind houses at garages that obviously hadn't

been opened in years. I always wondered what was in the garage and asked myself, "Would they mind me asking what treasures they were hiding? Would a peep through the windows result in looking down the wrong end of a gun?" You never know. On our last Fall Foliage tour, we passed an Air Stream Camper Trailer sitting in someone's front yard. Hmm, is that for sale? Chris Parisi had that same thought and went back another day to investigate. It was for sale but needed more work than Chris was willing to put into a weekend retreat. If you or someone you know is interested in selling a good, used camper please let Chris know, he has quite the collection and is always on the lookout for more!

I also liked our cookouts, whether at a swap meet or the summer picnic. Of course those of you that know Kathy and me personally know that we LOVE TO COOK and entertain. Besides NJACE activities, large crowds, good food and live music are things we both enjoy. At our most recent party we had the unexpected pleasure of having an American Idol finalist perform in our back yard. Yep that's right, a *finalist*. If you watch American Idol in 2007 look for Kelly Caruso, she is an amazing 19 year old singer/performer. Of the thousands that audition she is one of

100 that will be sent to Hollywood. You might say music runs in her family. Her dad who is also a musician played one time with Jimmy Hendricks and was in a band that opened a concert for the Who. Who is the Who you say?...just a rock band from the 70's that some of you may remember.

Our new Activities VP nominee, Ken Shiftner will welcome your ideas for new activities and feedback on past activities. Here are some to get you thinking:

- bowling ●tech sessions ●small parts auctions ●programs during quarterly business meetings ●Fall foliage tours, or a Spring Fling tour ●a game of Pictionary during a quarterly meeting ●attending a minor league baseball game ●returning to Wall Stadium Race Track for Saturday night races ●holding a Chili Cook-off ●participating in Public Service /Volunteer activities such as Adopt a Highway Litter Program, Habitat for Humanity, working in a soup kitchen or collecting Toys for Tots ●holding a board game or Poker night ●caravanning to Detroit for the 2007 Corsa Convention ●attending a concert or a play ●organizing and participating in an activity with other
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NJACE of Events...

***Saturday, December 2, 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.

No other official NJACE activities in December, enjoy the holiday season!!!

***Saturday, January 6 2007– Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM.

***Saturday, January 14, 2007– Annual Holiday party at Ruppert's**, Rt 23 just off Rt 287 in Riverdale, NJ, check out the information on page 1 and more details in next month's Fanbelt.

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

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, November 15, 2006, Parsippany, NJ

President Bob Marlow called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting, as published in THE FANBELT, were approved. Treasurer Tim Schwartz, though absent, provided a written financial report indicating that August 31 balance was \$3,718.49 while October 31 ending balance was \$3,729.52. Including the two CDs, the grand total was \$8,457.99. His report was accepted and approved by those members present.

The major upcoming activity is the election of officers for the upcoming year. A "Call for Nominations" was sent to members along with the November issue of THE FANBELT. All members are encouraged to submit their forms with nominations for one or more officers. At this time the following nominations have been received and these nominees have all accepted:

President:	Ron de Young	Secretary:	Bob Marlow
Vice President:	Rich Ribble	Activities VP:	Ken Schiffner
Treasurer:	Tim Schwartz	Publicity VP:	Greg Gorski

In the matter of new business, Brian O'Neill announced that the Blue Mountain Corvair Club is having a Parts Sale in Pennsylvania at John Edgerton's home. Brian also suggested that to encourage attendance at NJACE events, we send a postcard reminder of upcoming events to our members.

Ron de Young has set up a visit on Saturday, December 2 after our monthly Breakfast Meeting with Rich Van DeVelde, a longtime NJACE member in declining health. Contact Ron for further details. At 8:28 PM, Bob adjourned the meeting.



The Low-Down on Phoenix Charlie

(An NJACE Member's Perspective)

By Steven J Calandra

During my trip to Phoenix Arizona, I chose to go where not too many men have gone before...to see firsthand what all the hubbub was about on the Corsa Communiqué's Open Forum regarding Charlie Dye and his oddly worded advertisements.

After searching for contact information, I got up the nerve to call him, introduced myself as a Corvair enthusiast and asked if he would mind my stopping by to chat awhile. I must say, he was very pleasant and friendly. We talked at length about parts, repairs, and exchanged a few Corvair breakdown stories.

I asked him about the strange wording on his ads in the Communiqué. He told me he felt going into too much detail would increase the cost of his ads so he chose key words in his description. While many of us might believe it is better to run one big ad instead of the same short cryptic one over and over again under different headings, I decided not to get into that debate because I would rather be tolerant of his point of view and know him as a friend rather than antagonize him. Who knows, I might need parts from him some day if I decide to travel out west.

I must say he seems like a fairly generous guy to me, he gave me a nice pocket planner, a copy of the Corvair Junkyard Primer and a sample of some of his rust free sheet metal (the rear section of a belly pan for a late model

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which fit neatly in my suitcase and pass security on the flight home).

Charlie lives in an average house. His property is not cluttered with Corvairs and parts (like mine), but is kept at a yard about 20 miles away from his home. He's not some weirdo eccentric waving a commie flag nor do I get the impression that he's a rip off artist like a couple guys in the repair and parts business, (who shall remain nameless because we all know who they are). He's just a 70 year old guy that has a lot of car stories to tell, just like most of us.

It is my opinion that we all need to take the time to understand him. Think about how you'd feel if you were him the next time you read more scuttlebutt about him.