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**Monthly Breakfast Meeting
January 3th - 9 am at the Pronto Deli**

NJACE Officers Elected

Happy New Year!!!!!!

The start of the year brings new and interesting plans for NJACE.

The officers for this year are set, with Bill Cohen picking up on the Secretary's duties.

The main event for this month is Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Music of America".

If you have any ideas for an NJACE monthly activity, contact any of the officers. We are always interested in something different!!!!!!

In February we will have a parts auction at Ashley's Auto Body followed by our Quarterly meeting in March. And each month we'll be at the Pronto Deli for breakfast.

I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting year!!!!
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Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

January 31st Dinner Show

see page 2 for details

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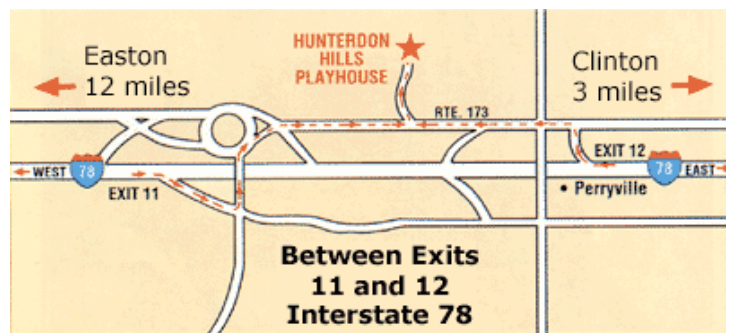


NJACE January Spectacular

NJACE is going back to the **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse** for a presentation of the ***“The Music of America”*** . Ken Schiffner has arranged for members of our club to enjoy an entertaining early evening dinner and show. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is proud to announce an **EXCLUSIVE** engagement of one of the most **EXCITING** and **FUN** entertainment productions in years. This country-themed show will celebrate America’s most beloved and enduring form of popular music in a **FRESH** new presentation that will leave your toes tappin’ for weeks! Country music’s sagas and stories have always paralleled America’s own attendant culture. It is as old fashioned as wax recordings and as modern as the Internet. In fact, there is hardly a musical form that has not been influenced by the country sound. From the lyrics of singing cowboys to the breakdown of bluegrass pickers; from the raw rebellion of rockabilly to the heart and soul of the Nashville sound, you’ll witness the evolution of America’s cultural fabric reflected in a **RIP-ROARING** music and dance party featuring tunes spanning from Jimmy Rodgers to Kenny Rogers.

Directions: *The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is conveniently located three miles west of Clinton, New Jersey, just off Interstate 78*

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
88 Route 173 West
Hampton, NJ 08827
1-800-447-7313



YOU’LL BE SORRY IF YOU MISS THIS ONE!!!!!!!!!!



The View Through the Windshield
by Bob Marlow

Well, surprise, surprise, I was elected NJACE President at the Holiday Party on December 14.

Considering that I was the only candidate whose name was on the ballot, I somehow managed to get more votes than “Anybody Else” and “My Neighbor’s Dog.”

Seriously, as I prepare to take the helm I have to thank both Rich Ribble and David Main for their

service to the club this past year. When we lost President Ron DeYoung to cancer in early 2008, Rich, then VP, stepped capably into the leadership role. “Ribs” chose to leave Ron’s name on the masthead for the balance of the year and to assume the position of “acting” president, a fitting tribute to Ron.

But Rich, too, was not able to complete the year, retiring from Lucent Technologies in September and skedaddling off to Texas, the state which he likes to claim as home despite having lived in New Jersey more than four times longer. David, who had been appointed to the Vice-Presidency after Rich stepped up, then smoothly led the club for the balance of the year. David, too, chose to be considered as an “acting” president. At year-end he decided not to run for election to the presidency but he did agree to be a candidate for the Vice Presidency for 2009. In the balloting he narrowly edged Tony Gervasio.

This little tale speaks to the health of NJACE, that the loss of an officer, heartbreaking though it was in Ron’s case, did not knock the club off course.

Bill Cohen was elected to the position of Secretary, while the balance of our 2008 officers, Treasurer Tim Schwartz, Activities VP Ken Schifftner, and Publicity VP Greg Gorski, were re-elected.

The election was but a tiny portion of the festivities at the Holiday Party. Roberta and Brian O’Neill conducted a Christmas Carol Quiz. Donna Ashley orchestrated the Gift Game. And the kitchen at Ruppert’s saw to it that no one went hungry. This was our third consecutive year at Ruppert’s, and the restaurant continues to be popular with our members.

One bit of business that did not take place at the Holiday Party was the announcement of our winners for the Mary Paxton Participation Award and the Bill Ableson Corvair Driver Award for 2008. This was my fault, because the physical awards are sitting in my Midland Park office. Sue and I had gone to Florida for the occasion of my mother’s 85th birthday during the prior week, and we quite literally drove in from the Sunshine State on the day of the party. I had no opportunity to pick up the awards. We’ll handle this at the first quarterly meeting of 2009.

Speaking of 2009, members can expect no great upheaval in the club calendar for the coming year, but we will be tweaking a few things as we search for the best mix of activities and events to serve the interests of the membership. To this end, the officers will be having a strategy session in early January. But Ken Schifftner has not been sitting around, as he has planned our first group event of the year for January 31, an evening at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. This is a prime Saturday evening “night out” for members and their spouses and families to enjoy dinner and a show. As you read this it may be too late to get in on it if you have not already signed up, but call Ken to get the official word.

Our first “car-centric” event of the year is already confirmed, too: Our annual Parts Auction is all set for Saturday, February 7, indoors at Ashley’s Auto Body in Flanders. And, of course, we will be continuing our purely social monthly breakfasts, beginning on January 3rd.

About the time that this issue is being delivered, a small group from NJACE and the Del-Val club will be making a road trip to investigate sites for a planned 50th anniversary celebration in October. Yes, in October, 2009, we will mark 50 years since the introduction of the Corvair. More news will be forthcoming on this special event.

Best Wishes to all for a healthy and happy New Year!

NJACE Future Activities??????

from Ken Schiffner

In an effort to come up with new ideas for the upcoming year, I've listed some possible places to go/ things to do. So, take a look and if you have any other suggestions - let us know.

1. 50th Anniversary Year for the Corvair - possible sites are Cape May, NJ; Long Branch, NJ; Hoboken, NJ
2. Intrepid Sea - Air - Space Museum, NYC [www.intrepidmuseum.org]
3. Ellis Island - Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ [www.nps.gov/stli]
4. Mult-Club Picnic with the NJ Late Greats
5. Duke Farms - Hillsborough, NJ [www.dukefarms.org]
6. The Historic village of Waterloo - Stanhope, NJ
7. Adventure Aquarium - Camden, NJ [www.adventureaquarium.com]
8. Battleship NJ - Camden, NJ [www.battleshipnewjersey.org]
9. River Queen Dinner Cruise - Brielle, NJ [www.weddingsnj.com]
10. Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Lighthouse, Highlands, NJ [www.nps.gov/gate]
11. New Egypt Speedway, New Egypt, NJ [www.newegyptspeedway.net]

Got Tires?????

In recent issue from the NJACE & Del Val Club member, Ron Peles submitted a brief - but important information regarding tires for the Corvair in the DelVal Club newsletter. I thought that this information needs to be known to all Corvair owners. Ron noted that you can find correct size tires [185R80 x 13] for your Corvair from the following companies:

1. Kumho Touring AS, \$60 each from [www.superbuytires.com]
2. Maxxis M8008 ST, \$53 each from [www.OnlineTires.com]
3. Maxxis MA-1, \$50 each from [www.OnlineTires.com]
4. Hankook Radial H714 4 Groove, \$36 each from [www.OnlineTires.com]
5. Firestone FR 380, \$40.85 each from [www.roadwaywholesaletire.com]

Ron noted that he favors the Firestone and a set of 5 [including the spare] will cost about \$205 plus shipping and they are made in the USA!!!

Thanks Ron for the information!!!!!!!!!!!!

NJACE Calendar of Events

- * *Saturday, January 3, 2009 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 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.*
- * *Saturday, January 31, 2009 - Music of America at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse; details on page 2.*
- * *Saturday, Febuary 7, 2009 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting and Parts Auction at Ashley's Auto Body in Flanders; February 7th - 10am start time.*
- * *Saturday, March 7, 2009 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 am*
- * *March Quarterly Meeting - to be determined*

Events marked with an [] count towards the NJACE Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards.*

MARY PAXTON PARTICIPATION AWARD - Adopted 11/04/92

This award was established in 1985 to honor the memory of Mary Paxton, an active NJACE member who passed away in 1984. Mary Paxton had been a part of NJACE for a relatively short time at the time of her passing, yet she had become an active participant in meetings and events, and served as host for both a July picnic and a Holiday Party at her home in Nutley.

The award is presented annually to the member or members who have the greatest measure of participation, as determined by attendance at scheduled NJACE meetings, events, and activities. By signing an attendance sheet at each meeting or event, each member accumulates points toward the award. A point is given for each meeting or event attended.

Each regularly-scheduled monthly club meeting is to be included in the award tally, as are those additional club events and activities designated by the Activities Vice-President and the President and included in the club's calendar of events in the newsletter. It is the responsibility of the Activities Vice-President to circulate, collect, and tally the attendance sheets.

Award points are to accumulate for the calendar year, January through December, with the award presentation to be made at the first regularly-scheduled meeting of the following year. All members are eligible to earn the award. The award itself is to be a suitable plaque, trophy, or certificate, as designated by the Activities Vice-President and the President.

BILL ABLESON CORVAIR DRIVER AWARD - Adopted 11/04/92

This award is established to honor the memory of Bill Ableson, an active NJACE member who passed away in 1992. Bill Ableson had been a part of NJACE since the club's earliest years, and was a skilled and knowledgeable Corvair mechanic who operated Ableson's Automotive, a Corvair Parts and repair facility, for nearly 20 years.

The award is presented annually to the member or members who have the greatest measure of participation with their Corvairs, as determined by driving their Corvairs to scheduled NJACE meetings, events, and activities. By signing an attendance sheet at each meeting or event, and indicating whether or not the member drove to the meeting or event in a Corvair, each member accumulates points toward the award. A point is given for each meeting or event attended in a Corvair.

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