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**NO Monthly Breakfast
for July**

This month, our breakfast meeting will not be held because of the July 4th celebration.

The activity for the month will be the National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Intrepid visit in June was most enjoyable. Bright sunshine and mild temperatures helped make the visit a success.

August's activity will be a late afternoon cookout at the Cohen's followed by a short trip to the Camp Jefferson Amphitheatre and the *Beatlemania* extravaganza. Details are in this issue.

Our new and continuing feature for our monthly breakfast meeting for this year is:

A FREE BREAKFAST

But, you will have to be there to see if you are the winner!!!!!!

Greg Gorski

CORSA Convention



**July 13-17
Jacksonville, Florida**

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The View Through the Windshield by Bob Marlow

During June, your club officers sat down and fine-tuned the club activities calendar for the coming months.

JULY: For July, not a thing! Well, that's not really true. The **CORSA Convention** takes place this month in Jacksonville, Florida, and a number of our members are going. But with the Convention falling mid-month, and with our monthly breakfast meeting date falling on the July 4th holiday, the officers made the decision to move directly to August for local activities. However, a multi-club planning meeting for our October celebration of the Corvair's 50th anniversary is planned for July 26, a Sunday, so persons interested in joining in the anniversary effort are invited to get in touch with me or with anniversary chairman Ron Peles.

AUGUST: On Saturday, August 1st, we will resume our monthly breakfast gatherings at the Pronto Deli in Cedar Knolls. One week later, on Saturday, August 8th, we will conduct the 40th – yes, 40th – annual NJACE summer picnic. The first one was in the summer of 1970, and the club has staged a picnic every year without fail.

This year, we are taking the picnic back to a popular location and we are combining the picnic with a special treat. The picnic will take place at the home of Bill and Marguerite Cohen in Sparta. We held several picnics there a number of years ago, and the Cohen's deck and yard, surrounded by deep woods and well-isolated from the neighbors, was always a most pleasant summer destination. Many members will remember when "Bambi" strolled out of the woods to join our picnic one year, so pastoral is the setting.

But, just as the sun begins to sink in the sky, we will move from the Cohen's to the nearby Camp Jefferson Amphitheatre to enjoy the national touring stage show, **Beatlemania Again**. This will be a perfect compliment to our day, in which we will celebrate our unique 1960s cars and enjoy a re-creation of the biggest popular culture phenomenon of the decade. The organizers of the **Beatlemania Again** show at Camp Jefferson have indicated that they may be able to arrange for close-in parking for some Corvairs, fitting as they are to the era. *The picnic* will begin at 3 PM, with our usual blend of *your* favorite grillables with club-supplied refreshments. The curtain goes up on the **Beatlemania Again** show at 8 PM.

Beatlemania Again is a full professional theatrical production and a highly-acclaimed performance that presents The Beatles in three separate eras of the group's existence. Three acts, "Meet The Beatles," "Sergeant Pepper," and the "Get Back Era" highlight the entire Beatles history. Costume changes, authentic instrumentation, full concert lighting, great visual effects and state-of-the-art sound are all part of the production.

The Beatles disbanded as a group in 1970, the same year that NJACE was formed. Last year's show at the Jefferson Amphitheatre was a literal sellout, and it is a great family concert. NJACE will be securing a block of tickets, which are priced at \$20 for adults, \$10 Senior (over 60), and \$10 Children (under 15). Children under the age of 7 are free with ticket-holding adults.

Mark the date, August 8, and plan on a great picnic followed by a rollicking musical event.

SEPTEMBER: Where originally we had planned a food bank benefit for September, we have now postponed that event to the Spring of 2010 by mutual agreement between the club officers and the supermarket corporation with which we are working. Our 50th Anniversary Weekend for the Corvair, in October, will be dominating our efforts by then, and the supermarket scheduling works better for the Spring. So next year it is.

But, September will bring our Quarterly meeting, back at the Mount Olive Grill, and it will bring our third annual Corvair Camping Weekend at Ray and Kathy Coker's Pioneer Campground in Pennsylvania. The camping weekend is not an event that is counted toward our annual participation awards, but if you ask anyone who has been at the 2008 and 2007 installments you'll be told just how much fun it is.

The meeting will be September 16, a Wednesday, and the camping weekend will be the preceding weekend, September 12-13. We will again skip the breakfast meeting in September because it falls on Labor Day weekend.

OCTOBER: The weekend of October 2-3-4 will find us in historic Cape May for our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair. The Corvair was first offered for sale on Friday, October 2, 1959, and so 50 years to the day we will be marking the occasion at the La Mer Beachfront Inn in Cape May. **You** have already received a separate invitation by mail, including an NJACE-member coupon for the hotel. But do not delay in making your hotel reservations; our room block is being held only until August 1, after which you will have to pay full price – IF any rooms remain available. Make your reservations right away by calling the inn at 800-644-5004 and mention "Corvair" to get our discounted rate.

Schedule and event registration information is being posted on the NJACE web site, although as I write not all the details are finalized. But our plans include a Friday night party with a re-creation of the 1960 new-car introduction for the Corvair, a Saturday all-Corvair car show in the heart of Cape May, and Saturday night 1960 movie party, and a Sunday driving tour through the historic community and on to the famous Cape May lighthouse.

This special weekend will be a don't miss event.

NJACE Calendar of Events

Monday through Friday, July 13th - 17th, 2009 - CORSA National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Hosted by the Florida CORSA Chapters

* *Saturday, August 1st, 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.*

* *Saturday, August 1st, 2009 - Monthly Breakfast at the Pronto Deli.*

* *Saturday, August 8th, 2009 - NJACE Picnic at the Cohen's followed by Beatlemania at Camp Jefferson Amphitheatre. Saturday/Sunday; September 12th & 13th- Trip to Pioneer Campground.*

* *Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 - Quarterly meeting at the Mt. Olive Grill, Flanders, NJ.*

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

The Intrepid Experience

June weather has been less than enjoyable - but on June 6th it was perfect. And for those who spent the day at the Intrepid Air, Sea and Space Museum we could not have asked for a better day. **After** a hearty breakfast at the Pronto Deli and a brief Quarterly meeting, about a dozen of us drove off to the Port Imperial in Weehawken and the ferry across the Hudson to 39th street. From there it was a short walk to the Intrepid Museum.

We started our tour at the flight deck, observing the array of aircraft that graced the carrier from WWII through the Vietnam War until it was decommissioned on March 15, 1974. I spent much of my time listening to the conversations of Brian [O'Neill], Tom [Ludwig] and Tony [Gervasio] recalling their military experiences as it related to the aircraft on the flight deck. We took a few pictures [including a group shot] before we started to split up to the different levels of the ship.

The next area I went to was the Hanger Deck. A brief 8 minute show in the Lutnick Theatre, described the history of the Intrepid and the men who served on it. This deck had a variety of hands-on activities and historical items to view with visual and/or audio explanations. I continued my self-tour to the rest of the ship - the radar control room - combat information center - air operations and the Flight Deck.

Lunch was purchased on the third deck in the Galley. While seated with Brian and Roberta we had a conversation with an Arkansas native who served on the Intrepid. He was up for a visit to see the parts of the ship that he was unable to see while he served on it. He also had an album of pictures he took at various ports of call during his tour of duty. Very interesting to say the least!

It was mid afternoon as I got into my Corsa for the trip home after a fun and interesting day.

Thanks to all who attended the event.

Greg Gorski



NJACE group picture in front of **McDonnell F3H-2N (F-3B) Demon.**

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50th Anniversary Corvair Coin



The Corvair 50th Coin measures more than an inch and a half in diameter and is a full ten gauge, the heaviest coin we could buy. It will be made from burnished, simulated gold with a black wash to bring out the fine details and then lacquered. The edge of the coin will be reeded, which is an engraver's term for the ridges that you see and feel on U.S. quarters.

Every Corvair 50th Coin will come with its own presentation jewelry box, a premium steel box covered and lined in black velour. In addition, each coin will include a protective crystal clear plastic capsule which opens easily if you wish to examine the coin closely. Also included is an Authenticity Certificate signed by the artist.

Purchase this coin at the Corsa website:

http://members.corvair.org/index.php?mod=product&id_prd=27

Glub Glub by Bob Marlow

You don't need me to tell you how astoundingly wet the month of June has been. The month is not yet over as I write, and the rainfall total for the month stands at three times the normal amount. A whole host of outdoor activities has fallen victim to the wet weather, including -- almost -- our club trip to the Florham Park Cruise Night on June 15.

With thunderstorms all around and even a dramatic hail storm in Bergen County, several intrepid NJACE members nonetheless motored over to Florham Park. In addition to Sue and myself with our 1966 coupe, there was Bill Cohen with his 1966 convertible and Tony Gervasio with his 1964 convertible. Don Tabalt stopped by, although he was driving his late 70s Cadillac Seville.

And that, friends, was it. The organizers has obviously taken cover, because there was no other sign of a Cruise Night. Eventually, a gentleman with an MG-B showed up, followed by a fellow with a 1949 or 1950 Ford coupe. But nobody else braved the questionable weather.

After checking out each other's cars and kicking tires, we all had to admit defeat. We disbanded, although Bill joined Sue and myself for dinner at one of the restaurants across the street before heading home.

NJACE WILL BUY YOUR BREAKFAST!!!!

Starting with this month's breakfast meeting, one lucky member will have their breakfast check paid by the club. In an effort to boost attendance, while at the same time possibly easing in a slight way the financial pinch that most of us are feeling, a drawing will be held at each breakfast meeting. The winner of the drawing will have their breakfast check paid for by the club.

The club payment is limited to the member whose ticket is drawn, **not** to that member's entire family, friends, and table-mates.

This promotion will continue through 2009, so come on out to our monthly breakfasts!

INTREPID MUSEUM PICTURES



Front: Joe [Maurella], Tony [Gervasio] and his brother. A casual picture of everyone enjoying the day.
Back: Roberta and Brian [O'Neill].



A group picture in front of **McDonnell F3H-2N (F-3B) Demon.**



Tony and Joe in front of a Coast Guard helicopter.

Some of the aircraft on the flight deck.



The cockpit of the Concorde.

The NY skyline as a backdrop to the Intrepid.

