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December 5th Breakfast Meeting
9am at the Pronto Deli

December is the month for electing NJACE officers for 2010. We'll announce the winners at the Holiday Party at Rupert's.

The auction of Ron DeYoung's Corvair "cache" was a big success. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate.

Our annual gathering at Rupert's is on December 13th with the fun starting at 6pm. We hope there will be a good NJACE turnout.

Thanks to everyone that helped make 2009 a successful year for NJACE

Greg Gorski

Dash Away to Rupert's



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The View Through the Windshield by Bob Marlow

There is just one more page on the 2009 calendar now, and during December we have both our regular informal monthly breakfast and our annual Holiday Party. As luck would have it, I will have to miss the breakfast due to a trip to Rhode Island, but Sue and I most definitely will not miss the Holiday Party, a traditional event that has been on our clubs schedule every year for what

will be 40 years this time around.

The breakfast takes place on Saturday, December 5, at the Pronto Deli on Ridgedale Avenue in Cedar Knolls. Why do we have these breakfast gatherings here? Because it is very nearly the geographic center of our membership distribution, relatively easy to reach for everyone. Hey, if Joe Maurella can come to breakfast most months from his home in Pennsylvania, and Bob Boynton can make the trip from his home in Staten Island, you can make it from your New Jersey home.

The Holiday Party is all set for Sunday evening, December 13, again this year at Rupperts restaurant on Route 23 in Riverdale, just a short distance north of the Route 23 interchange with I-287. Actually, the restaurant is located in the modestly-sized Riverdale Square shopping center, and don't speed or you'll miss it. [See page 3]

Rupperts is again giving us their private room and serving their excellent food, and there is a full cash bar just outside the room. Aside from good food and great socializing, our agenda will include a brief formal business meeting (to take care of the election of officers for 2009) and the ever-popular Gift Game. By now you know the rules of the game, just bring a wrapped gift of nominal cash value (\$10-\$12 or so), and the fun will begin. Greater details appear on page 3 of this issue.

The New Jersey gubernatorial race is finally over, but December is election time in our club, and we will be voting in our club officers for 2010 during the Holiday Party. A ballot is included with this newsletter for those of you unable to attend or who wish to complete the ballot and bring it with you. Originally, I said that I would not be running for re-election, but I realize that with such events as our Food Bank benefit and more to be conducted during 2010, it would be fun to continue to wear the presidential hat. So my hat is back in the ring.

This past month was a special month for us, but bittersweet. We had a great time distributing the Corvair parts collection of the late Ron DeYoung via an auction on November 14, but as enjoyable as the day was, it was of course a reminder of Rons passing less than two years ago. Ron was an NJACE member for more than 25 years and a Corvair enthusiast to the core. An auction report appears in this issue.

Best Holiday Wishes to all, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the thirteenth.

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Dinner Details - Menu: bread, cold salad, sliced sirloin, chicken franchise, eggplant, green beans, chocolate cake and cookies for dessert. Pasta is penne pasta with vodka sauce.

Dinner..... price cost is \$20.00 per person. Cash Bar Ruppert's (973)-616-9800

Contact Ken Schiffner by December 7th - he will need a head count to submit to the restaurant.

Directions to Rupperts

From I-287: Southbound on Route 287, from Suffern, Mahwah or Oakland, take exit 53B for Route 23 North. Rupperts is in a shopping center about 3/4 of a mile on the right hand side.

-Northbound on Route 287 from Route 80 or points south, take exit 53B for Route 23 North. Rupperts is in a shopping center about 3/4 of a mile on the right hand side.

From I-80: From western New Jersey, take I 80 East to Route 287 North, follow directions for I-287 Northbound.

-From eastern New Jersey, take I-80 West to Route 23 North. Follow Route 23 North roughly 7 miles, Rupperts is on right about 3/4 mile past I-287.

From Bergen County: From Paramus take Route 4 West to Route 208 North. Follow Route 208 to the end which runs into I-287 South. Follow directions above for I-287 southbound.

The Gift Game Rules

At our Holiday Party on December 13, we will again play the "Gift Game," spearheaded by Ray and Kathy Coker a few years back and hugely popular ever since.

In the Gift Game each person or couple brings a wrapped gift valued at no more than ten to twelve dollars, for exchange. Just remember the gifts you bring should be unisex. The ladies generally don't care for things like spark plugs, men's cologne or wrenches. Items such as spice assortments for the kitchen, 6-packs of beer, perfumes, music CD's, cookies, wall calendars, games, mugs, bottles of wine, ugly vases, etc. are perfect gifts. Corvair-related items are okay, too, but think beyond Corvairs and car parts, be creative in the gifts, the crazier the better.

Bottles of adult beverages have proven to be very popular Gift Game items, but again, we encourage creativity and uniqueness.

At the party, all the gifts are placed together in one location. Each person or couple who brought a gift blindly picks a number from a hat. Then, beginning with #1 and proceeding in numerical order, each person or couple chooses a gift from the pile and unwraps it – or trades it for a previously opened gift.

When you choose a gift you can't unwrap it unless you say you're keeping it. This way you don't know if you are trading away a nice gift to get one that is already unwrapped. If someone wants to trade gifts with you when it's their turn, you must trade.

The involves quite a bit of laughter because you can't hang on to a gift just because you like it. You must trade if you are asked. I remember one year when two members were each vying for a large Salami! Be part of the fun this year.

Remember, the rules of the Gift Exchange are:

- > Each gift has to have a maximum monetary value of ten to twelve dollars.*
- > Each gift has to be unisex.*
- > Each gift has to be wrapped.*

The Ron DeYoung Auction

by Bob Marlow

Our auction of the Corvair parts collection of Ron DeYoung on November 14 drew exactly 40 bidders, and the parts and collectibles were offered in slightly more than 150 distinct lots. Quite literally, everything sold except for eleven cylinder barrels which are being shipped off to Clark's Corvair Parts as cores. The proceeds of the sale are being turned over to Ron's family.

Congenital loudmouths Brian O'Neill and I were the auctioneers, and we were more than capably assisted by Frank Hunter and Roberta O'Neill recording every transaction both on paper and in a computer spreadsheet.

Still other members toiled behind the scenes, packing Ron's collection and moving it from the basement of the family home in Fair Lawn in the weeks leading up to the auction, and then unpacking it Friday evening before the auction. During the auction itself, Ron DeYoung's daughter, Kristen Kramer, and her husband Mark, stopped by and bought lunch for everyone in attendance.

Ron's 1965 Corsa turbo convertible was at the auction but it was not offered for bidding, because Kristen and Mark Kramer decided to keep it and return it to running condition. Ron DeYoung, I am sure, is smiling.

But this auction simply could not have happened without the generous and selfless support of Larry and Donna Ashley, who once again opened their place of business to us for our use. It is people like Larry and Donna that help make this club the great group that it is.

Some pictures from the auction proceedings appear on page 7 of the newsletter.

Corvair Wall Calendars on Line!!!

Check out this website for a 2010 Corvair Wall Calendar for \$18.00 not a bad price:

http://www.cafepress.com/+corvair_wall_calendar,31581461

Pioneer Campground Named as Top Rated

The LA Times has named Pioneer Campground to their list of Best Rated Campgrounds for 2009. The article can be found at the website link listed below:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/outposts/2009/11/campground-survey.html>

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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NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **December 5th, 2009 [Saturday]** - Monthly breakfast meeting at the Pronto Deli, Cedar Grove, NJ at 9am.
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, turn right on to Ridgedale Road and continue on it south past Prospect Place - the Pronto Deli is on the left.
- * **December 13th, 2009 [Sunday]** - Holiday Party at Rupert's Restaurant, Riverdale, NJ. Dinner and the Gift Game begins at 5pm. See page 2 & 3 of this issue for details.
- * **January, 2010** - No breakfast meeting and the activity will appear in the January Fanbelt.
Events marked with an [] count towards the NJACE Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards.*

The (Curmudgeonly) Laws of the Universe from Steve Calandra

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee

Law of Gravity

Any tool, or pill, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

The Starbucks Law

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Some pictures from the Ron DeYoung Auction at Ashley's Auto Body Shop



Bob Marlow finishing off a bid for a steering wheel.



Brian O'Neill presenting one of the auction items.



Bob checking on a bid from the crowd.



The finance table anchored by Frank Hunter & Roberta O'Neill.

New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

The Very Very - Last Call for Nominations!

Under the By-Laws of NJACE, during November we receive nominations for officers for the coming year. Use this form to submit a nomination as shown on the bottom of this page.

We ask you to sign your name as all nominations must come from members in good standing. When any individual receives a second nomination, the nomination will be considered to have been "seconded" and will be valid.

Elections will take place in December. Please participate in this very important process!!!

Please print clearly. You need not provide a nomination for every position.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Treasurer: _____

Secretary: _____

Activities Vice President: _____

Publicity Vice President: _____

Your Name: _____

If you wish to place a name or names in nomination, mail this form to: **NACE, Inc., P.O. Box 631, Ridgewood, NJ 07451.** Nominations must be received by **ASAP!!!!** , for publication in next month's *Fanbelt*.