

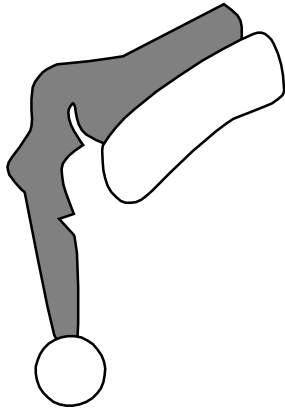


Fanbelt

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New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts



Holiday Party January 8th

It's Party Time, Again!

by Bob Marlow, Publicity VP

What? The NJACE 2011 Holiday Party, with our annual participation awards and the "Gift Game."

When? Saturday evening, January 8, 2011.

Where? The home of Larry & Donna Ashley, Succasunna – just around the corner from the body shop.

What time? We'll start at 6:00 PM. From there we'll go on as long as the food and fellowship lasts.

What do I need to bring? This year, the club (and Donna!) is providing all the goodies; you only need bring yourself, your family, and any adult beverage you wish to enjoy and share. But we are asking also that you bring a gift for the Gift Game (see separate item for details).

How do I get there? The address is **3 Radcliffe Drive, Succasunna, NJ, 07876**. Directions appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Holiday Party is one of two NJACE traditions that have taken place every year since the club was founded in 1970 (The other is the summer picnic.) Don't miss it! So that we can prepare adequately, please RSVP to Donna at 862-251-4163, or dashley726@optonline.net.

The Steering Column

by Brian O'Neill, President

Well, by now the word has spread! Old What's-His-Name is this year's NJACE prez. At the December breakfast meeting morphed into a business meeting by outgoing president, Bob Marlow, the slate of nominees in your last *Fanbelt* was unanimously elected. Thanks to Bob for a great couple of years and kudos to Greg Gorski for a fantastic job as newsletter editor. Bob has graciously accepted to step into Greg's shoes so you will continue to receive an informative and well done newsletter.

Bill Cohen is this year's VP. His job as secretary

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is now held by Frank Hunter. Ken Shifftner continues as our activities wizard and Tim Schwartz remains Treasurer-For-Life. This is a top notch line up and NJACE is in good hands. We are financially secure and have some fun things planned.

But – and there is always a ‘but’ – things are not all good in the Corvair community. CORSA, our national organization, is in dire straits. More than 350 members left CORSA between October 2009 and October 2010. Even more distressful is the total loss of more than 700 members since 2007. The three year membership drop has meant a reduction of more than \$30,000 in yearly dues income. Things just cannot continue like this.

The CORSA Board has taken steps to reduce expenses. In the near future the *Communique* will appear nine times each year. But this will be only a stop gap measure. The real solution is to increase membership. Now getting new members is easier said than done. There is a partial answer that would go a long way to help restore CORSA to financial help. There is a large number of local CORSA chapter members who do not belong to the national organization.

Here’s where the fairness part comes in. These non-CORSA members don’t pay their fair share of the event insurance that protects all NJACE officers and members. This insurance allows us to hold meetings and club events without the fear of personal liability. There are other reasons why we should all belong to CORSA. No need to go into all of them. Just let us agree that our hobby would suffer without a national organization.

Some CORSA chapters require 100 percent CORSA membership. There have been serious discussions about implementing this requirement for all chapters. I’m sure some readers may feel that they don’t want to be forced to join CORSA. Just remember the benefits that come from the national organization and that CORSA is one of a very, very small number of car clubs not requiring membership in the national.

A much more detailed review of these issues is in the December 2010 *Communique*. I’ll try to remember to bring a copy to our next meeting. I

could also FAX copies if anyone is interested.

So, my plea to NJACE members who are not in CORSA is to think of the fairness of some of us maintaining the national while everyone, non-members included, get the benefits. Join CORSA NOW!

MINUTES

Quarterly Business Meeting December 4, 2010 Cedar Knolls, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM

Minutes from previous business meeting are available from the Secretary.

A copy of the Treasurer’s report was made available (and is reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter).

Activities VP Ken Shifftner reported that the Holiday Party is scheduled for January 8, 2011, at the Ashley’s home in Succasunna. The annual Parts Auction will take place on February 19. For March, a trip to a Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Water Gap Country Club in Pennsylvania is being planned for Saturday, March 19.

Publicity VP Greg Gorski hanging up his pen, and he was thanked for his service to the club.

Old Business: NECC President gave an update on planning for the 2012 CORSA Convention to take place in Sturbridge Massachusetts. Volunteers are still being sought for several key positions.

New Business: None was brought forward.

Election of Officers for 2011: There being no contested positions for any office, Secretary William Cohen cast an affirmative vote for the following:

NJACE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✓ **Saturday, January 8:** Our annual Holiday Party, at the home of Larry & Donna Ashley in Succasunna. Complete information and directions appear in this issue. RSVP to Donna at 862-251-4163, or dashley726@optonline.net.
- ✓ **Saturday, February 5th:** Monthly Breakfast, at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, 9 AM. Informal as always.
- ✓ **Saturday, February 19th:** Our annual Parts Auction, indoors at Ashley’s Auto Body in Flanders.

Event dates that are marked with ✓ count toward the annual *Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards*.

PRESIDENT, Brian ONeill
VICE PRESIDENT, Bill Cohen
SECRETARY, Frank Hunter
TREASURER, Tim Schwartz
PUBLICITY VP, Bob Marlow
ACTIVITIES VP, Ken Schiffner

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
William Cohen, Secretary

The Gift Game 2010

by Bob Marlow

During the upcoming NJACE Holiday Party, we will again conduct the Gift Game.

Those of you who have attended our Holiday Parties in recent years know of the comedy of watching gifts move about the room as people reveal their innermost desires. (Or, at least, their desires regarding gifts of modest value.)

In the Gift Game each person or couple brings a wrapped gift valued at no more than ten to fifteen 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.

The rules of the Gift Game are:

- ✓ Each gift has to have a monetary value of no more than ten to fifteen dollars.
- ✓ Each gift has to be unisex.
- ✓ Each gift has to be wrapped.

The procedure for the Gift Game is:

All gifts are placed together in one location. Each person or couple who brought a gift blindly picks a number from a hat. #1 chooses a gift from the pile and unwraps it. Oooh, aaah, nice gift.

#2 chooses a gift from the pile and doesn't unwrap it. #2 has the option of keeping that unwrapped gift or trading with #1 because they can see what that first gift is. If they choose to keep it then and only then can they unwrap it.

#3 chooses a gift from the pile, they can keep it and unwrap it or trade it off to either #1 or #2, when then can unwrap it, or not.

#4 chooses a gift and keeps it or trades it, and so on.

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.

It is important to note that participation in the Gift Game is not required. If you bring a gift, you're in, but you have the option of not bringing a gift and just watching the fun if you prefer.

Treasurer's Report
December 4, 2010
for the period
September 1 through November 30,
2010

Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2010	\$ 6,188.06
Income:	
Dues	\$ 55.00
Gillinder Glass Tour	30.00
Interest	<u>3.80</u>
	\$ 88.80
Expenses:	
Printing	\$ 4.26
Postage	44.00
Refreshments	89.21
August Baseball Game Tickets	<u>150.00</u>
	\$ 287.47
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2010	\$ 5,989.39
Certificate of Deposit Balance as of November 30, 2010	<u>\$ 5,074.01</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$11,063.41</u>

DIRECTIONS

to our Holiday Party
 Saturday, January 8, 2011, 6:00 PM
 3 Radcliffe Drive
 Succasunna, NJ 07876

If you have ever been to one of our club events at Ashley's Auto Body, then you know how to get to our Holiday Party because it is just around the corner!

► **From I-80**, take Exit 27 for Rt 206 South. Follow Rt 206 South, to the traffic light at Main Street. This is the third traffic light from I-80 and comes up after the entrance to the Oakwood Village apartments on the left. Turn left onto Main Street from the left turn lane, which will give you a green arrow. Then follow the directions below.

► **From I-287/I-78 and south**, take Rt 206 North. Follow Rt 206 North, to the traffic light at Main Street. This is the traffic light just beyond "The After" roadside restaurant on your right. Turn right onto Main Street and follow the directions below:

► **From Rt 206 at Main Street**, follow Main Street a short distance and bear left onto North Road. There is no street sign for North Road, so look for the sign that directs you to *Route 10 - Succasunna*. Follow North Road, which will become Hillside Avenue once you cross the railroad. Continue on Hillside Avenue, and when you pass Ashley's Auto Body on the left, take the next left onto Radcliffe Drive. It's the second house on the left.

The party takes place regardless of weather. We will reschedule only if there is a *serious* weather condition.

NOTE: There is no Breakfast Meeting this month, since the first Saturday falls on New Year's Day! We'll see you at the Holiday Party!

NJACE Classifieds for January, 2011

For Sale: *CORSA Tech Guide Vol. 3*. NJACE bought a case of these and now there is just one copy left! If you're interested, contact club Treasurer Tim Schwartz at (201) 447-4299.

For Sale: A treasurer trove of Corvair parts, available at the club's annual Parts Auction on Saturday, February 19 – mark the date!

Of Ferdinand & Co.

by Bob Marlow

Of the several persistent myths that surround the Corvair, one is that "Porsche helped design the engine."

It's hogwash. Aside from the fact that there exists no documentation of any involvement by Porsche, this myth fails to recognize GM's place in the automotive world and GM's corporate mindset at the time of the Corvair's development.

General Motors in the late 1950s was the world's largest and most successful auto company. It had on staff most of the best designers and engineers in the world. And GM had hubris. Not only did GM have most of the best designers and engineers in the world, *but they knew it*.

GM was certainly smart enough to look at all existing designs and we can be confident that virtually every air-cooled engine and rear-engine car extant at the time was examined. We can also be confident that they examined a wide array of potential designs. But there simply is no way that General Motors engaged an outside firm to "advise" them on how to design the Corvair's engine or any other aspect of the car.

Quite the contrary. The Corporate mindset at GM in those days was such that GM would show *others* how to do it.

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