

Yes, Virginia, there is an NJACE Breakfast on January 4, at the Cruisin' Diner

# NJACE Holiday Party

Saturday, January 18

Details Below



Our club's 44th annual Holiday Party is set for **Saturday evening, January 18**, at the Grain House Restaurant in Basking Ridge, beginning at **5:00 PM**.

This is the same location as last year's highly successful party, and this year promises to be every bit as good with a dinner buffet that offers salads, entrees with vegetables, potatoes and fresh dinner rolls, desserts, plus assorted soft drinks, coffee and tea.

The Grain House is conveniently located at the

Old Mill Inn, just off I-287 at Exit 30, North Maple Avenue. This is right in the middle of our membership's geographic distribution, so it will be easy for everyone to attend.

Thanks to our healthy club treasury this great dinner is being heavily subsidized by the club, so that each person's total cost is only \$25.00 – same as last year! However, we must meet a 40 person minimum so we need you to **RSVP by January 10!** Please contact Activities VP Ken Schiffner by phone at 201-236-0786, or by e-mail at [scrubbr@ix.netcom.com](mailto:scrubbr@ix.netcom.com).

## Holiday Party, continued

At the Grain House we will conduct both "**The Gift Game**" that has been so popular in recent years, plus a collection for the **Center for Food Action** as we have done in recent years.

For the Center for Food Action we are asking members to bring to the party non-perishable food items and similar products to be donated to the Center for Food Action in the club's name.

For 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. As Brian O'Neill noted on the previous page, some packages are easy to "guess," so think differently!

The Holiday Party, the Gift Game, and the collection for the Center for Food Action are together an excellent way for us to kick off the new year in a most positive manner. So please plan on attending our **Holiday Party at the Grain House on January 18**, and please RSVP to Ken Schiffner no later than January 10!

## The Gift of Giving

by Bob Marlow

As noted in the Holiday Party story above, for the third consecutive year we are using the holiday party as a collection point for donations to the Center For Food Action. As a club, we've made some well-received donations in 2011 and 2012... but we can do better!

Below appears a list of the CFA's "Most Needed Items." For each of the past two years I have taken this list and gone to the supermarket and purchased at least one of nearly everything

on this list. It has cost me well under \$50 to do this – about as much as a full tank of gas for my Corvair these days.

My challenge to the members is to do the same. Instead of taking a can or two out of your pantry, make a supermarket run. Of course, a contribution is not required and everyone should give only what they are comfortable giving. But I say, let's *fill* Tim Schwartz's Greenbrier for the trip to the Center For Food Action's drop-off location this year.

Here's the CFA's list of "Most Needed Items:"

- ✓ Supermarket Gift Cards – these allow the CFA to purchase what is not donated
- ✓ Canned Meat, Tuna, and Chicken, etc
- ✓ Canned Hearty Soup
- ✓ Canned Vegetables
- ✓ Macaroni & Cheese
- ✓ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ✓ Cereal (low sugar kids cereal welcome)
- ✓ Dry Milk (e.g., boxed Parmalat)
- ✓ Canned Fruit
- ✓ Instant Potatoes
- ✓ 100% Juice
- ✓ Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6
- ✓ Soap
- ✓ Dental Hygiene Products

The Center for Food Action in New Jersey is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and so you may also make a tax-deductible monetary donation if you wish. Simply write a check payable to "The Center for Food Action" and give the check to club treasurer Tim Schwartz or, if you are not able to attend the Holiday Party, mail it to

The Center for Food Action  
Attn: Stephanie McCaw  
192 West Demarest Avenue  
Englewood, NJ 07631

Learn more about the Center for Food Action here: <http://www.cfanej.org>.

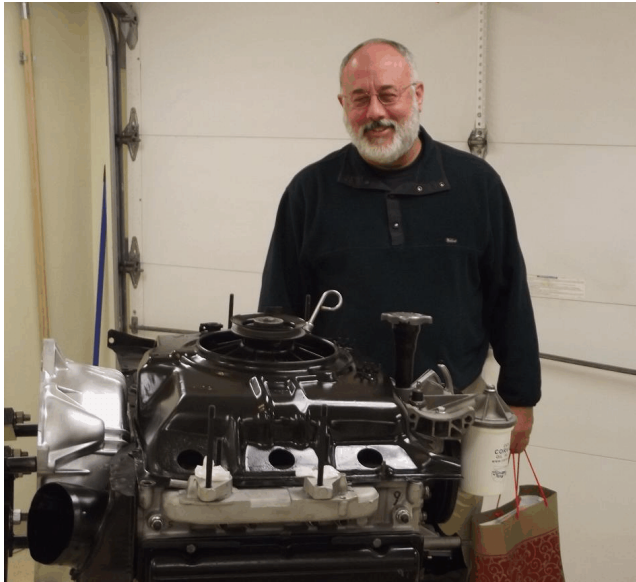
I thank you, NJACE thanks you, the Center for Food Action thanks you, and the families and seniors who benefit thank you.

# New Engine for an Old Car

by Al Kotkin

Brian gave me a ball-park parts estimate and was pretty close. And of course, Brian being Brian, he fully expected me to learn something from the experience. Sadly, little was learned other than to gain a greater respect for the knowledge and creativity of the guys who actually knew what and how to do things and joyfully with military precision, did them. I did finally get to see how the hip bone is connected to the leg bone, and gained some awareness of what goes on and why.

While the rebuild was done by Brian solo, in consultation with several of the members and Brian's hidden experts, the gang gathered up on December 7 to help with the installation at the Garage Mahal in Sparta. Everyone, other than myself, seemed to have a global view of what was going on, though each had specific responsibilities to accomplish in order to get everything ready for the installation.



Al and the freshly-rebuilt engine

I wasn't sure what I was getting into when Brian O'Neill reminded me of the old adage... "do it right the first time."

After Steve Calandra and Brian reviewed the "patient" and came up with a diagnosis, we knew we had to do something major and with my wife's reluctant blessings, it began.



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The Patient

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### *New Engine for an Old Car, continued*

When I commented that it was a remarkable sight to see everyone working together and seemingly agreeing on the whole process, I was advised that there weren't any disagreements because no-one was listening to anyone else; kind of reaffirmed my belief that NJACE is one big family!

Once the "package" was complete, the physical and creative part began of jacking up the engine into the compartment. While some near misses occurred with the jack, all went well and nuts and bolts were tightened securely into place. At that point, Brian gently dismissed us.



*In a remarkable feat of strength, just one hand lifts the car while the engine is rolled into place!*

The real highlight of the day however, was the great lunch prepared by Roberta... soups, fresh muffins, etc., and her pleasant company, a nice alternative to the family "dictator."

I am looking forward to finally being able to participate as a member in full, bringing the car to different events.

And I must give thanks to everyone who had a hand in the restoration and installation, especially Brian, Al, Frank, Pennsylvania Joe and Steve.



*Tired but happy*

Had I not joined NJACE, I'd still be working with my old friend who is great on muscle cars, but lacks the finesse and knowledge to "do it right the first time" and we'd probably have pulled the plug on the project and unloaded the "patient."



*Nick & Richard wonder what they've gotten themselves into...*

# Membership Meeting Minutes

## December 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Brian O’Neill at the Cruisin’ Diner in Whippany, NJ. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the October 6, 2013, were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Tim Schwartz reported account balances as of November 30 as \$ 4,027.00 in checking and \$5,456.00 in a CD, for a net total of \$9,483.00.

Activities VP Ken Schiffner provided an update on the annual Christmas Party, to take place in the Old Mill Inn’s Grain House restaurant. Date is Saturday, January 18th, from 5-10 PM. The club will subsidize the cost of the event such that the per-person price is \$25.00. In addition, the date for the annual Parts Auction has been set for Saturday, February 15, at Ashley’s Auto Body.

Publicity VP Bob Marlow was not in attendance but was recognized for the excellent monthly newsletter. *[Editor’s Note: Frank included this in the minutes. Honest!]*

Old Business: Those in attendance were reminded of a tech session to follow the meeting, to install a rebuilt engine in Al Kotkin’s Corsa convertible.\

New Business: Brian O’Neill discussed fire extinguisher safety tips.

Elections: There having been no further nominations and no write-in votes received, upon motion duly made and seconded the Secretary cast an affirming vote for slate of candidates as listed on the ballot. Elected were: President, Brian O’Neill; Vice President, Ken Schiffner; Treasurer, Tim Schwartz, Secretary, Frank Hunter; Activities VP, Rob Wanthouse, Publicity VP, Bob Marlow.

David Main won the drawing for a free breakfast.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was closed at 9:51 AM.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Hunter, Secretary*

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## Treasurer’s Report

### November 30, 2013

Checking Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$4156.47	
INCOME:		
Dues	\$146.00	
Checking Interest	<u>1.01</u>	
	\$147.01	
	+ \$147.01	
EXPENSES:		
Food & Refreshments	\$ 26.75	
Holiday Party deposit	<u>250.00</u>	
	\$276.75	
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Checking Balance as of November 30, 2013	\$4026.73
CD Balance as of November 30, 2013	\$5456.24
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Total of accounts as of November 30, 2013	<b><u>\$9482.97</u></b>

*Tim Schwartz, Treasurer*

## The NJACE Planner

Saturday, January 4  
Regular Monthly Breakfast  
at the Cruisin' Diner  
9:00 AM

Saturday, February 1  
Regular Monthly Breakfast  
at the Cruisin' Diner  
9:00 AM

Saturday, March 1  
Regular Monthly Breakfast  
at the Cruisin' Diner  
9:00 AM

Saturday, January 18  
Annual Holiday Party  
at the Grain House Restaurant  
5:00 PM

Saturday, February 15  
Annual Indoor Parts Auction  
at Ashley's auto Body  
10:00 AM

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## Here Comes the Hard Part

*by Bob Marlow*

What's the most difficult job in NJACE?

President? No, the President just stands in front of the room and flaps his jaw. Vice-President? No, just as at the national level, the Vice-President only waits around for the President to leave town. Treasurer? No, he has to be able to add and subtract and reconcile a bank statement, but that's about as hard as it gets. Secretary? No, this position requires the ability to take notes, but not much more. Publicity VP? No, if I can do it how hard can it be?

Without question the most difficult job in NJACE is Activities VP. It is the Activities VP who develops the schedule of events and keeps the club interesting and engaging.

For the past several years, Ken Schiffner has very capably filled this role. But now Ken has stepped back (to the relative ease of the Vice-Presidency) and Rob Wanhouse has stepped up to become Activities VP.

We know that Rob is going to do a great job for us. But just as Ken could not do it all on his own, neither can Rob. He needs and deserves our help.

What activities and events would *you* like to see the club undertake? We have several "givens" on our calendar, such as the Holiday Party this month and the Parts Auction next month and the summer picnic and the Fall Foliage Tour. And we have a few favorites to which we may return, such as the VCCA car show and the All Air-Cooled gathering. But there is plenty of room for new ideas (Rob has a few) and your ideas (about which Rob will know only if you tell him).

What might you suggest? Speak to Rob at one of our first-Saturday-of-the-month breakfasts or contact him at [rwanthouse@panynj.gov](mailto:rwanthouse@panynj.gov).

Welcome to  
**2014**

