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NJACE!

It's Auction Time!

Our Annual Corvair Parts Auction

Saturday, February 15, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body

Details in this issue!

We're Rich!

by Brian O'Neill, NJACE President

One of the items in the "gift game" at last month's NJACE Holiday Party was a box of chocolate truffles. Not only was there a box of chocolate truffles but the giver had included four scratch-off lottery tickets.

I really wanted this item and for a while it was mine. Then my good buddy Ray Coker stole it from me.

My lovely wife, Roberta, knowing that I wanted to truffles (and I think she also had her eye on the lottery tickets) got it back on the very last round of the gift exchange.

Well, I've eaten a few of the truffles and they're great. But because she handles the household finances, Roberta told me it was her

job to check the lottery tickets. Guess what?

She was a winner. She won two dollars!

There were other lottery tickets among some of the other gifts. Anybody else hit it big time?

Monthly Club Breakfast
Saturday, February 1
9:00 AM
at the Cruisin' Diner
on Route 10 Eastbound
in Whippany



Historically Our Most Popular Event of the year Saturday, February 15

Our annual indoor **Parts Auction** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 15**, at Ashley's Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders, New Jersey. All interested persons are invited to attend. There is no admission charge and lunch is included!

At this event, new and used Corvair parts and accessories are sold at auction, with a 10% commission of the sale price going to the club treasury. You may bring parts to sell, you may buy, or you may do both!

Did we mention that lunch is included at no charge?

Directions appear on the next page. Here is what you need to know to fully enjoy the day:

First, plan on making a day of it. Due to the nature of how the auction operates, it is not possible to process any buyers or sellers until the auction is completed. **Doors open at 9:00 for set-up, we begin the bidding at 10:30 AM**, take a pizza break at 12:30, resume the bidding at 1:00 PM, and finish up typically around 2:30 PM. Only at that time can we tally the sales, collect from the buyers, and pay the sellers.

Second, plan on getting there early. We'll open the doors at 9:00 AM, to allow time to tag and display any parts you are selling, and to allow you to peruse the parts being offered.

If you're selling, you will need to fill out a Lot Card for each part or group of parts being sold individually, so please allow sufficient time to do this before the start of bidding. Want to get a head start? We can send you a PDF file of the Lot Card so that you can print your own and fill them out in advance.

If you are buying – or even if you think you are not buying – you will be issued a Bidder Number by which the auction desk will track all purchases.

We ask that items being offered be limited to Corvair parts or Corvair-related items, only. Typically we have upwards of 200 lots to get through, so we are not able to deal with items outside of this parameter.

Also, we ask that you not bring more than one of the same item to sell. It is difficult to sell, in an auction setting, multiples of the same thing. You can, however, sell multiple items in a "lot." You could offer, say, one lot of six oil filters, instead of six individual oil filters.

Remember that only quality items sell easily, and that greasy, rusty junk will not only not sell, our very picky auctioneers may not even *try* to sell it! Bent and broken pieces have limited appeal.

The club will deduct a 10% commission on all sales. You may also donate items for the full benefit of the club.

Again, the doors open at 9:00 AM for setup, on Saturday, February 15, rain, snow, or shine!



Directions to Ashley's Auto Body 274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, NJ

- **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 to Ashley's Auto Body on the left.
- **Parking** is available both in the body shop lot and directly across the street.

NJACE Donates to the CFA Food Bank

by Frank Hunter, NJACE Secretary

After the January 18 Holiday Party, Ken Shifttner's Subaru Forrester was filled with bags of groceries for donation to the Center for Food Action. We decided it would be nice to make the delivery in my 1967 sedan and get a nice photo.

With the weather forecast not the best, we decided to take a shot on Monday, January 20, a reasonably warm day. But it was the Martin Luther King holiday and food bank was closed, so Ken and I enjoyed a nice lunch at "The Grill" restaurant. The Corvair returned home and we waited for better weather the next week.

We all know that with the seat folded down there's quite a bit of space in behind the front seats. So I began to wonder just how much food can fit back there? How much food did the NJACE members collect?

I'm glad you're curious because there were: 110 various canned goods, 10 boxes of pasta, 2 each of Rice-a-Roni, muffin mix, soup mix, rib sauce, 7 boxes of cereal, 4 jars of spaghetti sauce, barbecue sauce, chicken and Teriyaki sauce, Balsamic herb sauce, Red cabbage in a jar, fruit jam, sock, 3 fruit juices, rice sides of chicken & cheddar, 7 boxes of mac & cheese, 3 boxes of oatmeal, ginger snaps, cake mix, 3 hamburger helpers, mayonnaise, fudge mix and 6 bars of soap & shampoo. We also collected a \$20 cash donation.



As you can see it all looks great... until that first curve! Thanks to all helped make this year's food collection a success.



The delivery to the Center for Food Action

February Tech Session

by Larry Ashley

On Saturday, February 1, after the regular breakfast meeting, we are conducting the first tech session of 2014 at my shop (directions on the previous page). Weather in the winter is always an issue so there is a backup plan in place.

Nick Ford, one of our newest members, just purchased a 1967 Monza Coupe from long-time member Bob Grub. Even though it is a turn-key restored car, it has been sitting more than running in recent years. The theme for the tech session is to look over the car and see if there are any issues (big or small) that need to be addressed. My guess is probably not, but it is great to have many eyes and hands on to check out the car. For new members it is a great way to learn how to evaluate your own car, and even when looking for a car.

Even though Nick's car will be the focus, the session is open to anyone who wants to get their own car checked out. Again, we don't know what weather we will have in the beginning of February, but we will wait and see what happens.

Any car that we look at, can be worked on at future tech session, as we will make it a regular event again in 2014. Between Brian's "Garage Majal" and my shop we can accommodate whatever mechanical issues, and also body and interior (more to follow). If you have something on your car that needs attention, feel free to email me at lashley327@optonline.net to sign up for this tech session. If not, just show up and we will take a look.

The backup plan? If the weather is ugly, we will try again after the March breakfast.

Last but not least, when purchasing a Corvair, NEVER do it alone! Do not buy sight-unseen online, as many have been ripped off! The members of NJACE are here to help. An informed Corvair owner with lots of experience, will tell you if the car is junk or if it is a real find! Just ask Nick and he will fill you in!

See you at the auction and the tech session!

Cars Changing Hands

by Larry Ashley

Speaking of Nick Ford's new-to-him Corvair, I am reminded of the many cars that have changed hands within our group.

When I had my first Corvair in High School (1968 Monza Coupe) I didn't know about NJACE or CORSA. I was mad that Bill Ableson never mentioned it to me. I sold the car to a guy in Belvedere and never saw it again.

In 1992 a 1960 Monza Coupe came into the Ashley family, and this time I knew about the clubs and joined them both. Many years this car was driven by my sister Lynn. She even named it Felix. The car was sold to Pete Koehler, and he sold it to Larry Asheuer from Pennsylvania. I understand now the car is for sale again.

After the Monza, Dad bought the 1967 500/ Monza Coupe (ask me about that sometime) from Brian O'Neill. Brian was the second owner, and it was his daily driver for several years before he sold it to Dad.

In 1997 Donna and I bought the 1966 Monza convertible from Ned Van Houten named Oscar. That car always was and is a temporary car. (The ownership that now has spanned sixteen years was not the original plan.) We bought it to drive to Lake Placid in 1997 and we did! We also drove it to the Lexington convention in 2004. Most don't know it but that car was previously (before Ned) owned by Frank Burkhard.

Right before Ray and Kathy bought the campground in Pennsylvania they sold me their 1961 Rampside. I was driving it for a while, but it is now resting until some other projects wrap up.

I don't really know if this counts, but I bought a 1965 Monza four door from Ned Van Houten many years ago. It was just a parts car, and I believe Ned bought it from Jack Rogers. That car has donated so many parts to different cars, and is now undergoing the final dismantling to the junk pile.

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Cars Changing Hands, continued

That is my story, but there are some others that need to be mentioned. Bill Cohen had a 1966 Corsa convertible that he owned before I joined NJACE. He sold it to Dave Cavagnaro, and Dave has since sold the car and it is undergoing a conversion to Cadillac V8 power. Bill however replaced it with another yellow 1966 Corsa convertible owned by the late Mike Rich.

Bob Marlow bought his Rampside from Cliff Young who was an NJACE member and AACA member at the time.

Tim Schwartz owns a 1965 Monza coupe that used to be owned by Ethan Russell. Ethan's first Corvair was a 1966 500 coupe that ultimately became Brian O'Neill's race car. As a side note, it was Tim's 1965 Monza that got me interested in Corvair time trials. My first time running a Corvair around the track at Lime Rock was in Tim's car. Once I tried it I was hooked.

After borrowing rides for many years at the track events, I decided to buy my own "track car". Ed Symonds (another AACA member) had purchased a 1965 Corsa Coupe from an estate sale. After some work to the car, his interest changed and he sold it to me. After a number of track events including Lime Rock, I still own this car and have had lots of fun with it.

As noted a few issues back, Greg Dittrich recently bought a Rampside from Ed Brygier.

I am sure there are other stories of members cars going to other members and out of state. I would guess there even could be cars going out of the country (Bob Marlow's 1964 coupe nearly went to the UK before a US buyer showed him the money). I am putting together a list of member cars and where they have gone. Feel free to email me at lashley327@optonline.net with any info.

Back to Nick's car, Bob Grub had been trying to sell his 1967 Monza coupe for some time, and Nick was looking for a late model coupe. Brian and I set up a Saturday meeting and Nick bought the car on the spot. He has already registered the car and driven it home to Parsippany.

My goal for 2014 is to get as many member cars running and on the roads – including my own! More info to come as to how it is all going to come together. The tech sessions will continue in 2014!



**NJACE Treasurer's Report
for the FULL YEAR 2013**

Checking Balance as of January 1, 2013	\$4813.77
INCOME:	
Dues	\$1149.00
Checking Interest	4.57
50/50	83.00
Parts Auction (net)	649.00
Tee Shirt Sale	<u>10.00</u>
	\$1895.57
EXPENSES:	
Food & Parties (net)	\$1178.23
Logo Design	1206.00
Banner & Stand	152.04
Post Office Box Rent	186.00
State Filing Fee	<u>25.00</u>
	\$2747.27
Checking Balance as December 31, 2013	\$3962.07
CD Balance as of January 1, 2013	\$5336.70
CD interest for 2013	<u>130.77</u>
CD Balance as of December. 31, 2013	\$5467.47
Total in both accounts (Checking & CD) as of December 31, 2013	\$9429.54
Total in both accounts (Checking & CD) as of January 1, 2013	\$10150.47
Operating LOSS for 2013	\$720.93

Tim Schwartz, Treasurer

A Record-Breaker

by Bob Marlow, NJACE Publicity VP

52, count'em 52, people signed up for our annual Holiday Party last month, the highest number ever!

They came from far and wide, Ray & Kathy Coker easily racking up the greatest number of miles, traveling 175 one-way miles from their home in Pennsylvania.

They included new members such as Rick MacNamara, as well as over-40-year members such as Dick Cashion.

And, as a special treat, we were joined by Joe & Donna Petrella, *founding members* of the club in 1970!

Everyone enjoyed a truly excellent buffet prepared by the Grain House restaurant (and subsidized substantially by our club treasury).

Attendees brought non-perishable food donations for the Center for Food Action and they brought gifts for our rollicking "Gift Game."

Oh, yes, the Gift Game. We encouraged members to think differently with regard to gifts this year and some people clearly did just that! I doubt that any car club in the country has ever had a gift exchange that included a pair of boxer shorts emblazoned with *Who's Your Santa*. Yet somehow, the adult beverages remained among the more popular "stolen" gifts.

Dr. Horne was there with his at-the-ready scalpel to open well-sealed gifts... at least until one of his patients went into labor and he was called away.

It was, simply, a great night enjoyed by all.



Below: Nick Ford begins to re-think his purchase of a Chevrolet

