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awk-shun (noun)

1. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder.
 2. One of the highlights of the NJACE year
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**Our annual Corvair Parts Auction
is set for Saturday, February 21,
indoors at Ashley's Auto Body.**

Everything you need to know about the auction – including the fact that **LUNCH IS FREE** – is in this issue

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Neither snow nor rain nor ice stays these Corvairs from the swift completion of their appointed rounds

Breakfast / Meeting

Saturday, February 7
Breakfast at the Empire Diner, with our first quarterly business meeting of the year





Our annual indoor Corvair Parts Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, February 21**, at **Ashley's Auto Body**. All interested persons are invited to attend. There is no admission charge and lunch is included!

By now virtually every member knows where Ashley's is located and how to get there, but if you are a "newby," the address is **274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, New Jersey**.

After more than 30 years of these auctions, virtually every member knows how the auction works, too, but it is always helpful to review:

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, or you may just come to enjoy the fun.

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 as one, so please allow sufficient time to do this before the start of bidding. The lot card form is included as part of this newsletter, so you can print what you need and fill them out in advance. But you can also get blank lot cards that day.

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. Greasy, rusty, 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.

Did we mention that lunch is included at no charge?

Again, the doors open at 9:00 AM for setup, on Saturday, February 21, rain, snow, or shine!



Holiday Party Report

by Bob Marlow

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."

The famous opening of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* can be applied easily to our Holiday Party last month.

It was the best of times? Yes, a fun afternoon with great friends with absolutely delicious food. **It was the worst of times?** Yes, the weather was a big factor, with the cold and icy conditions keeping more than a dozen persons at home who had planned to attend.

It was the age of wisdom? Yes, we are wise to celebrate Chevrolet's innovative Corvair and to do so in such great company. **It was the age of foolishness?** Yes, we had laughter and silliness with Joe Maurella's entertaining video and the "gift game."

At the party we presented our annual awards:



Rob Wanthouse (left) is presented with the **Mary Paxton Participation Award** for 2014 by club president Brian O'Neill. There was a three-way tie for the award, but Rob won it on the tie-breaker, he drove his Corvair to more club events than did the other two.



Steve Calandra, a previous winner of the **Bill Ableson Corvair Driver Award**, won it again for 2014. It is fitting, because Steve drives Corvairs regularly, and he started out 2015 by driving his Corvan to the party despite the lousy weather.



Ken Schifftner was chosen as **Member of the Year** for 2014, for his service as a club officer and for his selfless generosity toward other members.

We understand if the bad weather kept you at home, because the roads were indeed treacherous in many locations. But not only did you miss a great time, we missed you!



Photos by Frank Hunter

President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

The NJACE Holiday party was an unqualified success no matter how hard Mother nature tried to put the kibosh on it.

The staff of the Cannon Gate Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal didn't let icy roads interfere with putting out a most delicious spread. Every dish on the "All You Care To Eat" Buffet was extremely tasty. Our own in-house DJ, Stevie J aka Steve Calandra, entertained us with a varied selection of music and also delighted us by singing a few.

The NJACE highlight video put together by "Pennsylvania Joe" Maurella was professionally done. Memories of the annual campout at Ray and Kathy's Pioneer Campground; the Parts Auction; road trips and tours, and numerous tech sessions were all filmed by Joe. If you missed it, come to this month's Parts Auction when we will show it again during lunch. The fun was capped by the traditional gift exchange again under the direction of Donna Ashley.

Unfortunately, the sudden icy roads prevented some members from attending. The club had to pick up the cost for these folks. If you were one who couldn't come because of the weather, the decision to reimburse the club treasury is yours alone.

The second in a series of tech sessions focusing on making sure cars are ready for the summer driving season and trip to the CORSA convention will take place right after the February 7th breakfast meeting. As usual the location is Ashley's Auto Body Shop.

Two cars were given the eagle eye at the January session and both are ready to travel this summer. Make sure yours is in tip top shape. If you want to participate with your car at one of these sessions let us know at the breakfast meeting.

Also on the agenda – if the parts are available – is to finish up Mike and Ginger Sharp's engine. We had it running at the last tech session but flooding carbs prevented us from running it long

enough to drain the oil and replace it and then do a final adjustment on the valves.

Dispatch from Florida

Al Kotkin, recently relocated to Florida, sends these photos along with a Twitter-style note: **"Found some 'crazy' guys down here too!"** No word as to the occasion or why the background fence is made out of shipping pallets...



The blue sign reads "South Florida Corvairs."

What happens in Atlantic City stays in Atlantic City...

no, that's Las Vegas

Arrive on vacation, leave on probation...

no, that's also Las Vegas

Arrive in a police car, leave in a Jitney...

now THAT's Atlantic City

by Ray Coker

You may recall reading a story of mine printed in the FANBELT a couple of years ago about watching the Gamblers Classic indoor auto races in Atlantic City. Remember where I described the outrageous RPMs they run the engines and to keep the cars on the track they spray Coke syrup on the concrete floor for traction? The races on Jan 31st of this year proved to be as exciting as ever with tight racing action during every lap.

They run TQ (three-quarter) Midgets which are powered by 4-cylinder motorcycle engines and are very very fast. They also race the Slingshot Class which are half-scale Northeast DIRT Modified racers powered by 39+ HP Briggs & Stratton Racing engines. And last but not least they race Champ Karts which are one of the few types of go karts that have a roll cage. Champ Karts run 4-cycle engines. The Briggs Raptor and Briggs Animal are the two most popular choices. All of the above provide more speed and excitement than you can imagine.

I could go on and on about the fun the entire evening provides but I won't. I would like for you to make plans one year from now to attend the races with us. It would be nice to see many NJACE members there taking up a whole row of seats while watching and listening to our own Bob Marlow pretty much run the show. Yes, Bob "the Mayor of the Gamblers Classic" is in his own universe during this weekend of racing.

Is it a chance to show off your Corvair? No. Is it a chance to mingle with other club members? Yes. It's also good for some spouses (you know which ones) and kids and grandkids as well. It can be a family affair.

Now about that police car ride... It all started when four of us drove from upper PA to Atlantic City with an in-car GPS unit and each of us in possession of a smartphone. That meant a possibility of five GPS units in one car. If Amelia Earhart had that much navigation equipment she would be alive today. I was the driver so for safety reasons I took myself out of that equation which leaves three people using five GPS units.

We were all aware that the races were held near one of the Trump facilities so I was directed to and told to park in a certain Trump facility parking lot. Remember I was not one of those staring at one of the many available GPS units in the car... I was the designated driver.

We dutifully paid for the privilege to park and began to look for Boardwalk Hall, home to the race track. After wandering through the casino (looking like the Beverly Hillbillies) and out onto the Boardwalk we were hopelessly lost leaving four people pointing four different directions with several holding out their smart phones while saying "it's this way." Remember it was Jan 31st, its wintertime, it's nighttime, it's the Boardwalk near the Atlantic Ocean and its freezing outside.

AND it was the wrong Trump parking lot!!!

[Editor's Note: Apparently, the news of the various casino closings in Atlantic City failed to make it to Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. One of the first to close was the Trump Plaza, right next door to Boardwalk Hall...]

After asking some Japanese tourist for directions we flagged down a police car that was patrolling the Boardwalk. When we asked the police officers where the auto races were being held they chuckled and said "it's at the other end of the Boardwalk, and it's a long ways away." The officers pointed us in the right direction and some would think that was that was the end of this story... but it wasn't.

We thanked them and as a parting request I said "will you take us there" and surprisingly the officer who was driving said "yes, get in."

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What Happens in Atlantic City, continued

Now most people that get a ride in the back seat of a police vehicle are not there of their own will but you should have seen the speed at which we dove into that back seat. Bo and Luke Hazzard would have been impressed. Two of us entering through one rear door and the other two entering through the other rear door only to find it wasn't built to sit four adults side by side. So the two outer riders had one cheek in and one cheek out while they and their partners, their husbands who had the inner seats, held on to them and the rear doors. And off we go. A police car there to protect the innocent ends up transporting four lost freezing PA flatlanders down the Boardwalk with both rear doors partially open and held fast by people that had one cheek in the car!! What a sight.

To top it off a pedestrian strolling down the boardwalk flagged down our police car / taxi and introduced himself as a retired cop who wanted to stop them because he noticed the rear door of the cruiser was open. The officer, our driver, said "we know, while pointing to us, four happy hitchhikers in the rear of his cruiser, scrunched together, smiling and waving like the idiots we appeared to be.

We knew we would have no such luck returning to the parking lot after the races so we each paid \$2.25 and rode a Jitney bus back. A Jitney bus stops at about every corner in Atlantic City and one passes by about every minute so thankfully our wait was short and the ride back was quick.

Oh what an evening of fun we had!



Bob Marlow on duty in Boardwalk Hall
Photo by Lisa DiMario

Corvair Food Delivery

by Ken Schiffner

Thank you to the many NJACE members who made donations for the Center for Food Action during our Holiday Party on January 18. There was so much food, I decided to use a Rampside for the delivery:



Modern Times

Let it not be said that NJACE does not keep up with the times. The internet, social media, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, instagram...

Okay, not all of that. But we DO have both a web site and a Facebook page. Al Lacki does a great job of keeping our web site up-to-date, and while the Facebook page is underutilized at this point if you are a Facebooker you can check it out. In the meantime, from Frank Hunter with Donna Ashley, here is the first-ever NJACE Selfie!



Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, February 7

Breakfast at the Empire Diner;
Quarterly Business Meeting, too

Saturday, February 21

Annual Indoor Parts Auction

Saturday, March 7

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

Yes, It's Dues Time Again!

Our membership year runs from April 1st through March 31st each year, and we offer both one- and two-year membership options. This means that for a number of persons, their membership is due for renewal next month. Are you among them?

A renewal form is included with this newsletter, and we'll have forms at the Empire Diner on February 7 and at the Auction on February 21. Dues are \$19 for one year or \$36 for two years. If your name is on the following list, your dues are due.

Steve Calandra	David Carney
Dave Cavagnaro	Ray Coker
Greg Dittrich	William Dittrich
Jim Dunn	Nick Ford
Tony Gervasio	Phillip Hack
Barbara Hardcastle	Frank Hunter
Dick Kellner	Al Kotkin
Robert Lohf	Joseph Librizzi
Peter Louglas	Richard Luongo
Ken Lundy	Rick MacNamara
David Main	Joe Maurella
Brian O'Neill	Ronald Peles
Matt Posthumus	Rich Ribble
Ray Rodriguez	Ken Schiffner
Tim Schwartz	Dom Speronza
Ken Staats	Curt Stone
James Tripodi	Rob Wanhouse
Richard Widman	Dorcey Winant

YOUR classified ad can be here! →

Classified ad-style advertising in THE FANBELT is free for Corvairs and Corvair-related items.

NJACE Classified Ads

February 2015



➤ For Sale: **1964 Greenbrier.** Original, unrestored, licensed, insured, never off the road yet still under 70,000 miles. 49 years in our family but we are downsizing to a new home and the time has come. It's a five-figure price so inquire if interested. Bob Marlow, phone 201-444-1859, email vairtec@comcast.net



➤ For Sale: **Five-Car Garage with Living Quarters.** Seriously, it's a beautiful 3-4 bedroom ranch on 6.7 farm-assessed acres, with an attached two-car garage (heated and cooled) and a detached three-car barn – perfect for a car collector. We are moving closer to the grandkids and so we will be listing the house with a realtor in a few weeks. But before we sign with the realtor, if you or anyone you know may be interested, a no-realtor deal can be struck. Located in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, a mile and a half off I-78. Mid-\$500s. Bob Marlow, phone 201-444-1859, email vairtec@comcast.net

NJACE Auction Lot Card

Instructions:

Complete a copy of this form for each item or lot of items to be sold as one.

“Seller’s Item Number” is a number that you assign, 1 - 2 - 3 etc.

Place each completed Lot Card with the item(s) for use by the auctioneers. Thank you!

Seller’s Name:

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Description of Item or Items to be sold as one:

Reserve Price (minimum acceptable bid): \$

Remember that NJACE will collect a 10% commission on the selling price of all items

Is this a donation? (Full sale price to NJACE) Yes _____ No _____

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New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

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Ridgewood, NJ 07451

Membership Form

Date _____

[] New Membership or [] Renewal

[] Individual or [] Family*

*Family Membership includes two adults and all children under age 21 living at a single address.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name of 2nd Adult Family Member _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Our monthly newsletter and other updates are delivered via e-mail.

Printed materials are mailed periodically, as needed.

We do not share our mailing lists with others.

The membership period extends from April 1st through March 31st.

NJACE dues are payable as follows:

[] One Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$19.00

[] Two Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$36.00

Membership expires on March 31st

Total Remitted: \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to NJACE, Inc., and mail this completed form and payment to the address above or deliver it to the Treasurer at any club event.

You should receive your first newsletter within four weeks of our receiving your application.

NJACE is a Chapter of CORSA, the Corvair Society of America. CORSA membership information is available online at http://www.corvair.org/

Tell us about you and your Corvairs

Your Corvairs (year, model, color, equipment, condition etc) _____

Your other cars and trucks _____

Your other hobbies and interests _____

Your profession _____

Your birthday (and your age, if you wish) _____

Your anniversary (and year married, if you wish) _____

Your children/grandchildren or other family _____

Your pets _____

When and why did you first buy a Corvair? _____

Anything else you'd like to tell us _____