

May 2015

the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

Cherry Pickin'

at Branch Brook Park



“Rob hit a Home Run with this one... great time, great day, great food!”
–Ken Shiffner

Warm Weather is Here to Stay! We Hope.

“Car Season” is under way

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NJACE Events for May

Events Counted Toward
Our Annual Participation Awards

Saturday, May 2

Breakfast at the Empire Diner
Route 46 east, Parsippany

Sunday, May 24

40th Annual VCCA Motorama
Car Show, North Haledon

Additional May Events

Not Counted Toward
Our Annual Participation Awards

Saturday, May 2

Palmyra Community Day
Classic Car Show, Palmyra

Sunday, May 3

64th Annual AACA Spring Meet
Car Show at Automatic Switch
in Florham Park

Sunday, May 17

Open House at the Corvair Ranch
in Gettysburg, PA

Saturday, May 30

Bridgewater Raritan High School
Car Show

And In June...

Saturday, June 6

Northeast Corvair Council Track
Day at the New York Safety Track,
Harpersfield, NY

Saturday, June 6

NO Breakfast at the Empire Diner!

Saturday, June 13

“Drive Your Corvair Day”
Breakfast at Picatinny

Cherry Pickin’

by Frank Hunter

Our Cherry Blossom Tour was held on Saturday April 25th, a sunny and chilly day. After a nice breakfast at the Six Brothers diner in Little Falls, first up was Montclair State, which we know is a university, because of all the new buildings we saw. We had a nice drive through Cedar Grove to Eagle Rock reservation, and then on to Branch Brook Park.

The cherry trees were in full bloom and I never realized how large the park was. We visited the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred heart at the end of the park. There are 15 services held in this very large church modeled after the gothic churches in France. We then had a filling lunch with lots of leftovers lunch at Casa Vasca in the Ironbound section of Newark.

If you haven't been to the Ironbound section, I suggest you have dinner at Casa Vasa, as it has a supervised off street parking lot. Our president can tell you the restaurant is located on 141 Elm street which is not Elm Road, a few blocks away.

Among the new faces joining us for the tour were Rich and Diana Widman from Old Tappan in Bergen County, with their dog and their blue 1966 coupe.

Thank you to Rob Wanthouse and his brother for setting up a very nice tour.

Editor's Note: Photos in this issue are courtesy Frank Hunter, Ken Schiffner, Tim Schwartz, Rob Wanthouse and Richard Widman.



The “Franklin Lakes Show” is now in North Haledon

The Jersey Lakeland Region of The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) is holding their *40th* annual “Motorama” Car Show and Flea Market on Sunday, May 24, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend as always.

It’s our official club activity for May – come on out!

Taking place for decades in Franklin Lakes, last year this show made a successful move to the High Mountain School field in North Haledon. This is just a short distance from the former location. The address is 515 High Mountain Road, North Haledon NJ, 07508.

The feature car this year is the Ford Mustang (!) and while the show field will be open to all car makes 1990 and older, all years of Mustangs will be welcomed.

Advance registration is \$15 per car or truck, and vehicles 1931 and older are just \$5 each. Advance registration must be submitted by May 15, otherwise it’s \$20 on the day of the event.

Flea Market pre-registration is \$20 and \$30 on the day of the show.

Dash plaques and goodie bags will be given to the first 250 entrants. In lieu of participation awards, there will be one winner-take-all \$500 cash prize awarded at 3 PM. All owners of show cars parked on the field will be eligible. The winner must be present or a new number will be drawn.

Food will be available on site and this is always a well-run and enjoyable show. Bring out your Corvair and show those Mustang owners where sporty bucket seats and four-on-the-floor originated!

You can get a copy of the registration for from the Jersey Lakeland Region’s web site at <http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrvcca>

President’s Message

by Brian O’Neill

Breakfast at Tiffany's?

No, not breakfast at Tiffany's. Breakfast at Picatinny. Once again we return to the Army's Research and Development Center at Picatinny Arsenal.

Our June breakfast meeting will not be held at the Empire Diner. Nor will it be on the first Saturday of the month. It will be on Saturday, June 13 at Picatinny Arsenal at a very scenic location called Bucky's. The locale is right at the edge of Lake Denmark.

The folks at the Conference Center who did such a great job at our Holiday Party will present a breakfast buffet for our enjoyment. The price will be very reasonable but all the details are not yet settled. We'll let you know before the day what the cost will be.

To gain entry to Picatinny, you will need to provide your names and the names of any of your guests not later than June 8. Those of us who signed up for the Holiday Party know the drill.

Be sure you bring a valid picture ID on June 13. Directions on how to get to Bucky's will be provided in our next newsletter. There is a big open parking lot next to Bucky's so be sure to drive your Corvair.

Minutes

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 4, 2015, Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM by President Brian O'Neill. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Tim Schwartz presented the Treasurer’s Report, and upon motion duly made and second the Treasurer’s Report was approved as read.

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Minutes, continued

Activities: Bob Marlow reported on behalf of Activities VP Rob Wanhouse, concerning the upcoming Cherry Blossom Tour and added new details regarding a possible police escort through the campus of Montclair University and the availability of secured parking at the end point restaurant.

Ken Schifftner congratulated Rob Wanhouse for setting up recent tour of the Vintage Automobile Museum of NJ.

Publicity: Publicity VP Bob Marlow reported no new matters of publicity.

Old Business: Tim Schwartz reminded folks to renew their membership if they are on the list of those now due.

New Business: Brian O'Neill spoke of a possible group caravan to Knoxville, Tennessee for the CORSA Convention. Of the 24 persons in attendance at the meeting, six indicated their intention to attend the convention.

Brian O'Neill said that June's breakfast meeting is being planned to take place at the Picatinny Arsenal instead of the Empire Diner that month. Details to follow.

Ken Schifftner reported that he is working with the Bayshore Club to show Corvair vehicles at the Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey during the September through November period. The goal is to lend up to ten vehicles for display.

Brian O'Neill reminded folks about the Fall Classic @ Clark's Corvair show in September.

Brian reported that the Tech Sessions are suspended for April but will resume in May.

Upon motion dule mad and seconded the meeting was adjoured at 10:06 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ken Schifftner
for Frank Hunter, Secretary*

Tech: Make your own Throttle Adjuster by Ken Schifftner

You say you're tired of removing the clip to adjust the left carburetor on your Corvair? Fed up with the darn clip cutting your fingers? Or dropping it? Need better adjustment than one full turn either way of the linkage? Is that what's troubling you, Bunkie? *

Now, you can make your own throttle adjuster. With the simple turn of a nut you can adjust the left carburetor and make balancing the carburetors a "piece of cake".

You'll need:

A piece of 3/16 unthreaded rod about 1" longer than the existing link

Five (5) washers for 10-32 rod and throttle link
One (1) thick washer (at least 1/8" thick) for 10-32 rod.

Square shoulder Rod End (McMaster-Carr 3796K28, stainless steel, about \$10.00)

Spring (McMaster-Carr 1986K3, stainless steel, about \$1.00, or a compression spring that will fit over a 3/16 rod)

One (1) or Two (2) Nyloc nuts, 10-32

One (1) optional knurled thumb nut

(McMaster-Carr 95150A160, about \$4.00)

One (1) die to cut 10-32 threads.

(McMaster-Carr, 609-689-3000,
<http://www.mcmaster.com>)

The photo on page 7 shows the adjuster. Basically, the lower clip is retained but instead of using a threaded swivel and clip at the top, a smooth bore rod end is used that slides up and down as you adjust. To allow the movements yet hold position once adjusted, a compression spring is used to restrain the rod end. To make it "deluxe," you can even use a knurled adjusting nut (as shown in the photo).

You start with a unthreaded 3/16 rod (available at hardware stores). The existing link is measured and the rod is cut about 1" longer than the existing rod. The new actuator rod is then bent to approximate the offset of the

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Throttle Rod Tech, continued

existing rod (that offset allows clearance for the tang on the carburetor throttle arm). The lower end is bent 90 degrees so that the end will fit into the lower link at the carburetor. A little emery cloth rubbing may be needed to allow the rod to fit loosely into the carburetor lower link.

Using a 10-32 die, the rod is threaded so that the rest of the assembly can be installed. The lower end of the treaded portion is landed by double 10-32 nuts. The length of threading depends upon what spring you use. These nuts allow an adjustment (preload) of the spring so that enough pressure is applied to the rod end so that the rod end can be adjusted but also be able to push down on the carburetor pivot.

A washer above the double nuts allows the spring to be seated. At the top of the spring, a thicker washer is used (so that the rod end slides rather than “racks” and get caught on the threads. (I used a Teflon washer that I happened to have.) Above the thick washer is the rod end. Above that is either another washer and the knurled nut or a washer and Nyloc nut.

The threaded portion of the rod end gets a washer, the throttle actuator arm, another washer and another Nyloc nut. You leave that connection “sloppy) so that everything moves smoothly.

To adjust, just turn the knurled nut (or Nyloc nut) in or out. If you use the knurled nut, after adjustment the nut is secured with the additional Nyloc nut.

No more upper clip. Fine tuning of balance. Full throttle is maintained even if the right carburetor “lands” full open before the left carburetor (the spring compensates).

I have a drawing of the complete assembly available for anyone who may want it, I can send it as a PDF file.

Ken Schiffner
scrubbr@ix.netcom.com

*NJACE members will remember the inspiration for this line either from its use in advertising through the years or, if they are of a certain age, from its creation by largely-unknown comic Eddie Lawrence’s 1950s comedy recording “The Old Philosopher.”

Saturday Tech Session

This month’s tech session will be an informal affair this Saturday, taking place at club president Brian O’Neill’s garage in Sparta. The topic? Yours! Brian will be seeking help in preparing his Corvair race car for the upcoming NECC track events, but if there is something on your car with which you’d like some guidance, give Brian a call at 973-729-5586.

A busy schedule at Ashley’s Auto Body has precluded our going there this month, but we will return at a later date.

The tech session will follow our breakfast at the Empire Diner, and lunch will be available. (We’re really an eating club with cars.)

We mentioned last month that we were planning a great tech session for May, but the need arose to advance that project and get the car back on the road. So on April 18 several members gathered in Ken Schiffner’s one-car garage and replaced the axle seals in Ken’s ‘64 convertible. Many hands make light work, and in this photo Frank Hunter is performing the important task of comforting the left rear fender...



Winner Winner Chicken Dinner

Not quite, But you CAN be a winner if you attend our club breakfast this and every month this year. Following the breakfast we have a drawing, and the winner gets his choice of a gift certificate from Clark's Corvair Parts or having their breakfast check picked up by the club! A second name is then drawn and the winner received the remaining prize.

YOU could win this month – all you have to do is be there this Saturday, May 2, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany.

Thank You for your Renewal

We have completed our membership renewal process for the year – thank you!

Our membership year runs from April 1st through March 31st, and we offer both one- and two-year membership options. Virtually all members renewed and we picked up some new members also.

We have learned recently of some local Corvair clubs elsewhere in the country that have disbanded due to lack of support. Thanks to you, NJACE is strong and healthy.



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Throttle Adjuster
as per Ken Schiffner's Tech Tip
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And, below, from Rob Wanhouse:
"Proof that music soothes the savage beast!"

