

June 2015

# the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

## Breakfast at **Bucky's** on the Lake Saturday, June 13, 9:00 AM

**Drive Your Corvair!**  
**Bring the Family!**

**Full Details Below**

### *Al Fresco!*

by Brian O'Neill

No, Al Fresco is not a new member of Italian extraction. It's the setting for our June Breakfast, which will take place on **Saturday, June 13, one week later than usual**. Mark your calendars!

We have gained permission to use a facility on Picatinny Arsenal called BUCKY's, named for a long gone pet deer. It is a beautiful lake setting. We will be having breakfast on the patio at the end of Lake Picatinny. The buffet menu includes scrambled eggs, egg whites, Canadian bacon, sausage, home fries, assorted pastries, bagels chilled fruit juice, orange and grapefruit sections cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon and of



course coffee and tea. The fun starts at our usual breakfast meeting time of 9 AM.

The cost per person for the breakfast buffet is \$15 and is all-inclusive.

The setting demands that we bring our significant others and our Corvairs. Finding Bucky's is easy, directions appear on page 2. BUT to gain entry to Picatinny there are a couple of things you need to do. One can't just wander in to Picatinny Arsenal. First of all it's **absolutely necessary** that you provide me your name and the name of anyone coming with you.

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Al Fresco, continued

Next, you need to make sure that each person has good photo identification with them. You have to have the registration and insurance card for your vehicle, and you have to know that you are going to Bucky's.

To get to the Picatinny Arsenal gate is easy, just follow I-80 west to Exit 34B for NJ Route 15 north toward Jefferson/Sparta. The Picatinny gate will be on your right just a short distance north on Route 15. (Don't follow your GPS, it will take you to the wrong gate.)

The gate personnel will inspect your vehicle. The guards there will have a list of everyone who is authorized entry for the party. That's why it's absolutely necessary that I have your information by June 10th at the latest. You can either call, e-mail me or tell me in person. **My phone number is 973-729-5586 and my email is bmoneill@juno.com.**

Once you go through the main entrance of the Arsenal, drive to the traffic light – it may be blinking then – and bear right. Proceed a very short distance and make a slight left hand turn. Follow this road past the Conference Center on your left and straight through the stop sign. Continue on this road as it curves to your left. You will soon come to the lake and see Bucky's.

Please note, NJACE is subsidizing this event so if you say are coming and then do not show up, you will be liable for the \$15 per person cost.

This breakfast will be a great way to start our summer activities. Don't miss it.



## Wagons, Ho!

(and coupes, sedans, convertibles, FCs and water pumpers)

by Ken Schiffner

If you plan to drive to the 2015 CORSA Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee (and back) and want to join a caravan, the following is the plan.

Departure Sunday, June 21, 9 AM. Departure point is the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Exit 15 on Route 78 in Clinton, NJ.

Travel Route 78W to Route 81S. Pretty simple, really.

Stay overnight in Roanoke, VA. (If it matters, the author is staying at the Hampton Inn, Roanoke Hollins, 540-563-5656, but many alternate hotels are in the area).

Breakfast in Roanoke.

Drive rest of the way to Knoxville.

Return? Who knows? Most likely a reverse of the way down departing Sunday, June 28, AM.

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## Take Advantage of Us!

by Bob Marlow

As I was putting this newsletter together I realized how good we have it in NJACE. For example, in April we had a driving tour to the Cherry Blossom Festival, in May we had a big car show to attend, and this month we have a lakeside breakfast gathering. This may not sound all that special, but many other car clubs struggle to do much of anything.

Having willing and energetic volunteers is of nearly incalculable value to NJACE. As one of those volunteers, I want to invite all members to take advantage of us! Come on out and participate in the club activities. In many cases our healthy club treasury makes participation more affordable, so by staying home you miss out! Enjoy what the club has to offer.



by Brian O'Neill

Usually when I write something for the FANBELT, I talk about club activities. I use my articles as a way to keep members up to date about past activities and also our plans for future events. This time it's a little different.

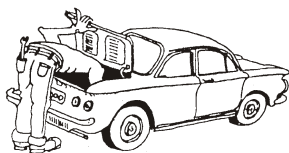
As you all know, I do a lot of work on my car and those of other members. When I'm working on a car I always have stressed safety. I make sure the jack stands are solid by bouncing up and down on the car first and I never put my body under something that could fall. I always tell people reach your arm up in there. Don't put your body in a position where something could fall and hurt you.

Well, recently when Ken Shifttner and I were working on a car in my garage, I didn't really violate one of my rules but I wasn't careful.

The goal for the day was to get the engine mated to the transaxle which was already in the car. Before you can do that you have to make sure that the throw out bearing fork is correctly installed and snug on the ball mount of the differential. I slid under the car to install it and I followed one of my basic rules; I didn't put my body completely underneath. I reached my arm up and put everything together. The fork snapped right into place.

Congratulating myself on how quickly I installed it, I started to slide out from underneath the car. But I wasn't careful enough. My arm hit the clutch rod and the entire assembly fell out striking me in the head and giving me one fantastic black eye. I was fortunate that it didn't hit me in the eye and cause any vision problems.

So I want to say again, when you're working on your car, be careful.



## Farewell to an Old Friend

by Bob Marlow

In January, 1966, my father bought a Greenbrier. Not his first Greenbrier, and in fact it was the sixth Greenbrier he had purchased, starting with a showroom-new '61 in the Fall of 1960.



January, 1966  
Ridgewood, NJ



All of these Greenbrier were used for business purposes – with the exception of this last one. This one was a lightly-used and heavily-optioned 1964 model, with the Deluxe Equipment package, and became a family car. One of the earliest trips I remember our taking in it was a vacation with the entire family, including grandparents.

I remember our dog, a German Shepherd, preferring to travel curled up in the passenger footwell, where he could keep an eye on my father.

I remember traveling with my father to the long-gone Reading Fairgrounds, with racing friends who went on to be principals in the CART IndyCar organization.

When I got my driver's license, I began to drive the Greenbrier and did so all through college. A memorable trip from that period

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### Old Friend, continued

included me driving the Greenbrier, a friend driving a 1960 VW bus, and 13 people collectively. All of whom had to cram into the Greenbrier when the VW gave up the ghost in Maryland. We had three across the front seat, four in each of the next two rows, and two sitting atop the engine compartment... for *hours!*

One of the most enduring memories has been the 1969 moon landing. My father and I were in the Greenbrier, driving southbound on the Garden State Parkway, listening to the radio. I can still point to the very spot we were passing when we heard "*Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed,*" and I think of that moment every time I drive by.

By 1976 the Greenbrier's ownership passed to me and I took the van to the '76 CORSA Convention in Valley Forge. In the 1980s, it appeared on the cover of the CORSA *Communique*.

Years passed, and the van stayed with me, always licensed, insured and running. It was driven infrequently but remained road-ready. I drove it to my 40th high school reunion, the only one out of more than 700 graduates in that baby-boom peak year who still had the car he drove in high school.

It had its 50th birthday last year and next year it would have been in my family for 50 years. Except – I just sold it.

For a long time I thought that it would never be sold. The van was very much a part of the family for all those years. It is the only car that *every* member of my family drove. Passengers through the years included everyone from my long-gone grandmothers to the late John Fitch.

But Sue and I are moving, downsizing, and as a keepsake a Greenbrier is rather large. I only drove it once in the past year. If I was not going to drive it, I could not see continuing to own it.

So on May 18 a gentleman from North Carolina brought came to New Jersey, paid my price, and took ownership.

Joe Maurella came by two days before that to make some videos of the van for me, and I found that I could not speak on camera without getting a catch in my throat. I had some conflicting emotions the evening before it was to leave, but on the appointed day I was comfortable with my decision and I remain comfortable with it.

The buyer is a multiple-Corvaair owner who promised to take good care of it and demonstrated his intent by coming here with an enclosed trailer in which to transport it to its first home outside of New Jersey.

I think that the buyer got a good deal. It is an all-original Greenbrier, original paint, original interior, original drivetrain. Although it has modern radial tires and I had put a newer spare in it, I still had the original spare tire on its original wheel and I included that in the sale.

Sue, who is by no stretch of the imagination a "car person," lovingly placed her hand on the van just before it went into the trailer and said to it, "Good-bye, we'll miss you." She's right. But it was time.



*The Greenbrier Departs, May 18, 2015*

## Dr. Phillip A. D'Alesandro

We are saddened to report the passing of Dr. Phillip A. D'Alesandro, an NJACE member for more than three decades and owner of the 1967 Corvair Monza that he purchased new.



Phil was a gentleman, in every sense of the word, who was a regular visitor to our of "Garage Sale" events in Midland Park, and we would see him regularly at car shows near his Bergen County home.

We will miss him. To his family and friends we offer our condolences.

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## From our Florida Correspondent:

In April, club member Al Kotkin took his Corvair to a 600-car show in Pompano Beach, Florida. His was the only Corvair there!



## Pack Rat Sale!

Sue and I are embarking on a move from a house to a condo, and I need to reduce drastically my Corvair parts collection. So I am having a "Pack Rat Sale."

Originally set for June 6 and 7, the sale will now take place in July. Once the exact date is confirmed you are invited to come to my 1400-sq-ft stone barn in Annandale and pick from among the parts I have accumulated over the past 40 years. To be candid, there are few pieces of gold in there, no quick steering boxes, no AM-FM radios, but among the many used parts are several NOS gems and quite a few desirable items removed from cars decades ago and stored since.

Cheap prices! It has got to go so most prices will be low and offers will be accepted more often than not.

I'll be sending out an email notice when the date is set. Questions? Call or text 201-444-1859 or send an email to [Vairtec@comcast.net](mailto:Vairtec@comcast.net).

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## M o t o r a m a

by Ken Schiffner

The Jersey Lakeland Region of The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) presented their annual "Motorama" Car Show and Flea Market on Sunday, May 24, in North Haledon, and it was well-attended. An estimated nearly 300 vehicles were on display on a beautiful, comfortable day.

Notable vehicles were a brass Pierce (no Arrow, just Pierce of about 1914 vintage), a Paige, a Jensen-Healey, an Avanti, and a wide variety of vintage, classic and newer vehicles (the Mustang was featured and as such included the newest version).

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Motorama, continued

NJACE was represented by Steve Calandra's Lakewood, Dave Carney's Early Coupe and Ken Schiffner's Early Convertible. Tim Schwartz drove his "Smokin' Hot" (i.e. 2 cycle, air cooled) Subaru 360 "Here Comes Lucky the Clown" vehicle which was an instant smile generator. A lot of folks enjoyed a photo-op in or near the vehicle. Dick Cashion stopped by to take in the event and chat with us. Of course, our own Dave Cavagnaro is heavily involved in this show as part of his duties with VCCA (thanks Dave!).

A few folks stopped by to ask about buying and restoring a Corvair. Perhaps we will see some new member interest....

Great show!

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## You May Already Be A Winner

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 on Saturday, June 13, at the Picatinny Arsenal.

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## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, June 6

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

*No club breakfast on this date!*

### Saturday, June 13

**Our club breakfast takes place at Picatinny – see page 1**

### Tues - Sat, June 23 - 27

**CORSA Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee**

### Saturday, July 4

**4th of July breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany**

### Sunday, July 19

**Sussex Miners Baseball and Cruise to the Chatterbox, Augusta, NJ**

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