

July 2015

the **Fanbelt** 
new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts



**What do you think of on Independence Day?
Freedom? Parades? Cookouts? Fireworks?
All of the above, plus**

Breakfast with NJACE!

**Yes, our regularly-scheduled monthly breakfast
at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany is a 'go' for July 4th**

Also this month: Hot Dogs, Baseball, Apple Pie and Chevrolet



Sussex Miners Baseball

**Sunday
July 19**

Details inside



Chatterbox Drive-In

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Take Me Out To the Ball Game



by *Brian O'Neill*

On **Sunday, July 19th**, the Sussex County Miners will host the Rockland Boulders. The NJACE crowd will be there.

Baseball starts at 2:05PM so we should arrive at 1:30. Arrangements are being made for group seating and parking.

After the Miners beat the Boulders, we will make a very short hop to the Chatterbox Drive-In for food.

As the date approaches we will be sending additional detail via our email list. Don't miss this fun outing and be sure to bring your Corvair. It's another chance to show our beauties to the public. Let me know if you plan to attend by calling me at 973-729-5586 or sending an email to bmoneill@juno.com.

The Pack Rat Sale is July 11 & 12

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" on **Saturday and Sunday, July 11th & 12th, 9 AM - 3 PM** each day.

On those days 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.

Questions? Call or text 201-444-1859 or send an email to Vairtec@comcast.net.



People are Busy! NJACE Summer Picnic Saturday, August 8

We're trying a new twist for this year's club picnic: A deliberately late start – 4 PM – so that members can attend to the many things they must on a summer Saturday before heading over to the pool in Larry and Donna Ashley's spacious back yard in Succasunna.

The summer picnic is one of the club's most durable traditions. The picnic and the annual Holiday Party are the only activities that we have conducted every year since the club was founded in 1970. Every year!

Recently we got a sneak peek at the all-new deck Larry and Donna are having built, and it's a beauty. We'll have complete picnic details in next month's newsletter. Mark the date!

2015 CORSA Convention

Take One: by Ken Schiffner

The Knoxville Convention was certainly worth the two-day up and back travel. I got about 25 mpg and burned/leaked about 1/2 quart of oil. The host hotel, the Marriott, was very modern and the service was excellent. Having to pay for in-room Wi-Fi when Comfort Inn (and many others) provide it as part of the fee was a bit much. They did have free Wi-Fi in the lobby however.

Nearby, a restaurant named Calhoun's offered excellent barbecue and other items...including their "famous" ribs. I went there four times.

At the Convention, there were 48 vehicles in the Concours and I believe 45 of them got some sort of award. The quality was outstanding IMHO. A featured vehicle was the Lambrecht Auction 1963 Coupe with less than 500 miles on it. It caused quite a stir because it wasn't classified as "Stock" since it had radial tires on it (to get it there) and the buzz was that the white wall was too wide. But rules are rules. I heard that the owner said next time he'd swap out the original tires just for the Show. Still, very impressive.

Problems? Well, I forgot to have my wheels balanced so as of about Maryland, my memory returning, I stopped blaming the road surface for the shake. In Roanoke, VA, I had the wheels balanced and while waiting I heard great stories of the South from two gentlemen in the waiting area. One was the son of a West Virginia coal miner (the father died at only 54 of black lung disease) and the other was the son of a scrap metal scavenger who hunted the South.

Just before entering Virginia, my temperature gauge dropped by about 200 degrees (it normally reads high). Not wanting to stop, I convinced myself that the problem must be a loose temperature sending wire. I drove for about 150 miles before stopping to find out that a spark plug wire had popped off the distributor. I was running on five cylinders. Two cylinders were firing and the other was trying to be an air compressor. I pushed the wire back on and, while at the Convention, bought a set of Seth's wires. No problem thereafter.

At the convention, my jumper cables and voltmeter came in handy to help jump Chuck Leonard's convertible and diagnose the car's generator problem. (The battery was nearly drained of electrolyte and took time to recover).

On the drive back, I followed Brian and Roberta who were traveling in Tim's coupe. Had a nice ending to a great Convention experience. Next year it is Springfield, Il (Land of Lincoln...or is it the Simpsons?)

2015 CORSA Convention

Take Two: by Brian O'Neill

Hot. It was hot. 95 to 96° hot. But it was the 2015 CORSA International Convention so who cared about the heat.

Roberta and I left Monday morning after meeting Tony and Helen at the Cracker Barrel just off Route 78. I was driving Tim's gold '65 Monza coupe. It's a 110-hp automatic. Obviously no air conditioning. It was hot. At 65 to 70 miles an hour with the windows down and the coolers open we got blasts of hot air. We stopped for the night in Roanoke Virginia and had a fun filled Mexican meal near the motel.

Hitting the road early the next morning we took advantage of cooler weather and overcast skies so when we arrived at Knoxville, Tennessee, we were not as wilted as we had been the day before, Both cars performed without a hitch.

The convention staff was organized and friendly as all convention staffs are. We had registered late so we didn't get to stay in the host hotel. Our hotel was about a mile away with great free bus service provided by the city of Knoxville which allowed us to jump off and on anyplace we wished. So Tim's car spent a lot of time in a hotel parking lot.

We took the morning excursion train tour and the evening boat cruise. Both were a lot of fun. To me the best thing is not so much the tours or even the cars but the people. I reconnected with many folks that I've seen at previous conventions and NECC events. There's a lot of good-natured

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2015 CORSA Convention, continued

bantering going on and jokes swapped back and forth.

The cars as usual were mostly drop-dead gorgeous. You have to admire the skill and time it takes to bring a 50-year-old car to the kind of perfection you see at the convention.

One the best things about this convention was the number of times I was complemented about our Sturbridge convention. Folks really appreciated our attempts to do some different things. I had many comments about things like the slow drags (thanks Pennsylvania Joe), and the backseat driver contest. Folks also commented that our host hotel in Sturbridge, while not some mega place, was very friendly and the setting by the lake was very, very beautiful. I walked around with a swelled head. But in reality the thanks I got was really meant for everyone who worked on the convention in 2013 at Sturbridge. Thanks all you guys.

The Knoxville convention schedule had the awards banquet on Friday night and the only activity on Saturday was a car display. Because of work commitments we had to be back Sunday evening. So after thinking it over I said to myself I've seen a lot of Corvairs in the last few days I'm not sure I really need to see them again in a car display. So with Ken Shiftner we hit the road Saturday morning after a gourmet breakfast at McDonald's.

The trip home was basically uneventful with only scattered light rain showers during the day. We stopped in Winchester for the night and just as we did we could see up the Interstate very, very dark clouds. As we ate dinner we looked out the restaurant window to see an absolute deluge with heavy wind. We congratulated ourselves on our fantastic travel planning. Sunday morning we hit the road and after an eventful four-hour trip were back home.

Who from our club was at the convention? Well as I said Tony and Helen, Roberta and I, Tim, Ken Shiftner and Al Lacki and his daughter. Congrats to Al who trophyed in both the Econo Run and the autocross. Al was driving the famous Le Heap. Nice going, Al.

Next year the convention is in Springfield Illinois. If you have never been to a Corvair convention made plans to go. Again we'll try our best to set up a convoy. There's safety in numbers.

Ken Ate For Free (You could, too!)

At our June breakfast, Ken Schiffner did not pay his bill. Is he some kind of cheap freeloader? Well, he's a Corvair owner, so we know he's frugal, but Ken did not skip out or cheat or otherwise beat the system.

Ken was the person whose name was drawn for our monthly breakfast giveaway. Not only that, Nick Ford's name was drawn for the monthly giveaway of a Clark's gift certificate.

If you're not attending our monthly breakfasts, you're missing your chance to win either a free breakfast or a Clark's gift certificate. You can only be a winner if you're there, so join us for breakfast this month and every month!

Calendar of Events

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**

Saturday, August 1

**Monthly breakfast at the Empire
Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany**

Saturday, August 8

**Our annual Summer Picnic,
Succasunna, NJ**

At the CORSA Convention:



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