

I'm BAAAAACK!

**Following a hectic few months surrounding our household move,
I am finally able to produce a proper newsletter once again.
(Now, in what box did I pack the spare keys for the Corvair...)**

—Bob Marlow, Publicity VP

November

President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

The leaves are starting to turn colors so I guess that means the end of summer. I didn't get to drive my convertible as much as I wanted to this summer because it's in the paint shop. In addition to a number of small dents and scratches, large sections of the clearcoat were starting to peel off.

To quote Popeye, every time I looked at it I would say to myself "that's all I can stand I can't stand no more." So finally I got serious and stripped off the bumpers, door handles, taillights, emblems, and the headlight bezels. All the bodywork is done now and the car is in primer so it shouldn't be long. There was frost on the windshield this morning so I want this car back in my garage before the snow flies.

Our next breakfast meeting is Saturday, November 7. Immediately afterwards a number of our members are going down to the museum

at Point Pleasant to retrieve their cars, which have been on display since early September. But before that there is a big open house at the museum on Sunday, November 1. The museum's publicity has emphasized that Corvairs are on display. That day the museum staff will be drawing the winning ticket for their 2015 raffle car, a Mustang. Look for more details in this edition of the newsletter.

At the November breakfast we will be taking nominations for next year's club officers. Don't be bashful. If you're interested get your buddy to nominate you for nominate yourself. We're always looking for fresh blood and new ideas.

There's another topic I wanted to cover right now. Most of you know that I build Corvair race engines. Will this summer has not been my finest hour. As I was getting ready for a track event in early August here in New Jersey I experienced what I thought was a starter issue on the on the

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President's Message, continued

engine in my racecar. Turns out the starter was good. But every time I went to start the engine the starter would make terrible banging sound and basically stopped spinning. I realized there was something wrong inside the engine itself.

After a lot of wasted hours I finally discovered that the issue was corrosion on the cylinder walls and piston rings. I had used this engine since last year and obviously some dampness got inside the cylinders while the racecar was stored over the winter.

The lesson here? Don't just let your Corvair sit over the winter even if it's in what you think is a dry garage. Periodically, start the car. Let it run for 15 or 20 minutes, varying the idle speed as you do. Or even better if there is no snow or salt on the road take it for a drive. You could be saving yourself a lot of work and money.

In. Out. And back In. At the Museum

by Bob Marlow

In early September, a group of NJACE members, along with members of the Bayshore Corvair Association and a member of the Philadelphia Corvair Association, moved nine Corvairs into the Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey for a 60-day exhibit highlighting the Corvair.



By the end of September, hurricane Joaquin was in the forecast and the museum staff, remembering clearly the flooding they suffered during Sandy, asked that the cars be moved out. The museum offered the use of their inland warehouse for storage, and so out the cars came.

As you know the hurricane then turned out to sea, and despite several days of nor'easter rain, no flooding occurred at the museum. So in October, the cars were returned to the museum and the display re-made.

Many people have stopped in to see the display, and comments have ranged from "we used to have one of these!" to "I never knew they made these!" A certain book and the crusader who wrote it seem to have been forgotten.



Now that the cars have been moved in and out and in again, it is time to prepare to move them out. On Saturday, November 7, the cars are to be moved out to make way for the next exhibit, which will feature British cars. So the car owners and other volunteers will be traveling to the museum immediately following our club breakfast on Saturday, November 7. The move-out hours are 12 noon - 3 PM.

But one week before that, on **Sunday, November 1st**, the museum is conducting a special open house, from 10 AM to 3 PM, which will culminate in the drawing for the winner of their 2015 raffle car. A large turnout is expected and so the museum is going to use that day to

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highlight the Corvair display. As a result they would like to have as many of the car owners and other Corvair enthusiasts on hand to interact with the museum visitors and tell the Corvair story.

Interestingly, the museum's raffle car is a Mustang. That might seem incongruous with a Corvair display but in fact it is a great opportunity to tell the story of how the original bucket-seat Corvair Monza inspired the Mustang. Without the Corvair, there would have been no Mustang.

Here is the museum's official announcement: *"The Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey proudly presents the Chevrolet Corvair and the Museum's Car Raffle Drawing on Sunday November 1st from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The raffle drawing of the Mustang Convertible will take place at 2:30. All Corvair enthusiasts are welcome to be a part of this celebration. Come join in the festivities and let the talk about these great cars continue."*

So, plan on visiting the museum on Sunday, November 1st. Bring your family and friends. Admission is free, and we would love to see your Corvair in the parking lot in support of the cars inside.

The Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey is located at 1800 Bay Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ.

2015 CORSA Convention

The Forgotten Member: by Joe Maurella

[Editor's Note: In our last printed newsletter there appeared two nice wrap-ups of the 2015 CORSA convention, one written by Ken Schiffner and one written by Brian O'Neill. There was, however, one small problem with both of these accounts.]

When I read the last Fanbelt, there was no mention that Helen, myself, and our son Matt were at the convention. It was as if we were

erased! But we indeed were there.

The trip started off quite hectic when our youngest son was now graduating early from Savannah Tech... on the same day that the convention started! That threw all of our plans and reservations into a tail spin. Our original plan for Helen and I to caravan with Ken changed to Plan "B" due to the fact that we had to hurry off to Georgia.

We were now taking our oldest son with us and since the convertible has only front seat belts, the Corvair was not an option. We switched to Plan "B" and took the Prius. I felt like I was in the movie "Smoky and the Bandit" where the Jerry Reed sang, "We got a long way to go and a short time to get there." Not bad gas mileage though. 63 mpg considering the car had three people, loaded down with luggage, and the air conditioner on full blast.

We left home at 62 degrees and arrived in Georgia with a smack in the face 95 degrees. We stayed at a great motel outside of Savannah that featured queen size beds along with an in room refrigerator and wifi. It also included an excellent breakfast. Gasoline was 40 cents a gallon cheaper than Pennsylvania.

The commencement key note speaker had that fantastic southern accent. He was a fixin' to put us in the mood of some down to earth Southern hospitality as he welcomed "Y'all to the ceremony." I do have to say, that's he gave a mighty fetchin' speech. We had to leave for Knoxville the next day. The scenery really became breathtaking as we crossed through the Smoky Mountains with the sun glowing on the mountain tops. It seemed so surreal. Now that was a sight that we wouldn't have seen if we stayed on I-81.

We arrived at the Marriott a day and a half late. Missed the welcome ceremony and some events. The room sported double beds. Not queen size but they seemed to call out and say I've been waiting for you. As Helen and I collapsed onto the pillows, my mind quickly recalled an old *I Love Lucy* episode. The one where Lucy and Desi try to sleep in a bed that sagged in the

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Convention, continued

middle. It was a challenge not to roll and smash into each other. But this was the convention and we were here to have a great time.

The air conditioner was on a union siesta, so the room became quite toasty. The repair man came the next day and got the room temperature to a cool seventy five degrees; but, what the hey, this was the convention.

Had a great dinner at Calhoun's with Ken Schiffner as a tour guide and the guest of honor. However, the train ride with the NJACE crew was booked as well as the dinner cruise. Not sure of our arrival date, it made it quite difficult to plan ahead. We went to Plan 'B' again and booked the next day dinner cruise. Had a chance to sit in the wheel house and talk to the captain who was also the owner the boat. Excellent dinner while the drinks left me with a flying sensation.

We also went with Plan "B" and drove two hours to Nashville. Purchased a backstage pass to the Grand Ole Opry. Pretty amazing to walk on a stage that is filled with so much history of famous singers. After visiting the dressing rooms and seeing the high water mark (flood of 2010), we took the RCA Studio B recording tour. We saw the studio where Elvis recorded many songs with the Jordanaires.

Our excursion ended at Demos', a great Italian Restaurant. To our surprise there was not much traffic on the return trip. It took only four hours to get back to Knoxville. Yea, can't put it pass most of you. We crossed from central time back to eastern time. So we got back to Knoxville later than we planned.

The trip back home took us past ten, yes ten auto accidents. Even when it was a down pour, people don't slow down. Passing the Lincoln Highway, I suggested to stop in at the Corvair Ranch. You know, just to stretch the legs. Need I say that went over like a Corvair with a real bad lifter. Getting there would not be a problem, but I would have to "listen to it" all the rest of the way home!

All in all, it was the memories that made this

a worthwhile trip. Do it again?, of course! Spending time with my family, sharing Corvair stories, shopping at the parts vendors, and eating breakfast and dinner where the locals recommend were some of the other memorable activities. I give thanks for a safe journey and a special thanks who ever fabricated Plan "B".

Eat. Shop. Spend No Money. (You can do it with NJACE!)

At our each of monthly breakfasts, we conduct a drawing in which one attending member wins a free breakfast. And during 2015, we have been conducting a second drawing at each breakfast in which a second member wins a gift certificate from Clark's Corvair Parts.

But the winners must be there. If we draw the name of someone who is not there, we draw again. And again and again, until we have a winner. If you're not attending our monthly breakfasts, you're missing out!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 1

Open House featuring the Chevrolet Corvair at the Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey, 10 AM - 3 PM

Saturday, November 7

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

Saturday, December 5

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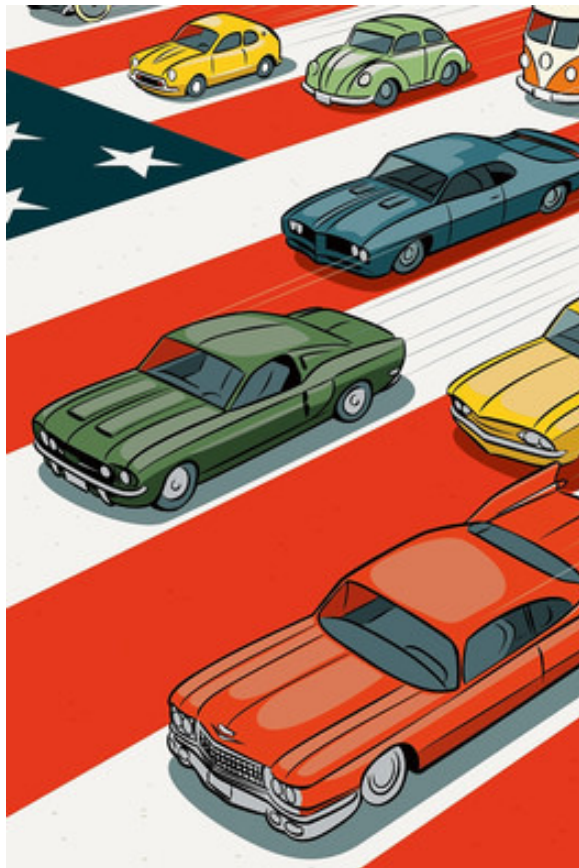
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