

## They're Baaack!

It's a new year but the old guys – most of them, anyway – are back. We had our annual club elections on December 5<sup>th</sup> and the entire slate of incumbents was re-elected.

**With one exception.**

Vice President David Main chose to relinquish the position and so please welcome new VP **Nick Ford!**

By the way, NJACE remains the only Corvair club with both a Ford (Nick) and a Dodge (Jeff).

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## Let's put a Stop to this Right Now!

**We're going to kick off the New Year right away, on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a Tech Session focusing on BRAKES!**

**The Tech Session will take place at Ashley's Auto Body and will follow our breakfast at the Empire Diner.**

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## The Holiday Party – Not to be Missed!

**Our annual Holiday Party, a club tradition since 1970, is all set for Sunday, January 17.**

**But you MUST sign up in advance! Complete details are in this issue.**

## President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

In the Army when a new soldier joins the unit he is referred to as an FNG. The polite definition is "funny new guy." There is another meaning for the "F" but good taste as always found in our club prevents me from telling you what it is. However, I've just invented a new definition. It is "friendly new guy."

We have three new members, and they are extremely friendly guys. The first is Bill Dunn, the second is Charlie Brady and last but definitely not least is Dave Rothenberg.

Bill's Corvair is unique 1969 convertible, which I referred to as the mystery car. It's powered by 140-hp engine bearing a unique engine block identification number and VIN unlike any I have ever seen. The engine sheet metal shows that once upon a time it had an AIR system, but it is long gone.

Charlie bought his 1965 Monza coupe in 1966. It also has a 140-hp engine, and has been sleeping in his garage for 20+ years. It is now in the "Garage Mahal" to be brought back to life.

Dave is the proud owner of a 1966 Corsa coupe purchased recently. At the tech session that followed our December breakfast, the guys worked on both Dave's and Charlie's cars.

Ken Schiftner did his usual magic and synchronized the carburetors on Dave's car. Larry Ashley, Bob Marlow, Tony Gervasio, and Frank Hunter all pitched in to check out the entire car for any issues while Dave took notes. Not much work was required on the spot. A front wheel bearing was tightened and the tire pressures were adjusted, and a few other items, such as a worn pitman arm bushing and a broken muffler support, were identified for future replacement.

Bill's car proved to be more of a challenge. His passenger side primary carburetor would not completely close when the driver was off the gas. This made setting the idle speed and synchronizing the carburetors difficult, but with help and advice from everybody present, we got

it fixed.

Both these cars still need some tender loving care, but they are well on their way to being safe and reliable. We look forward to seeing all three of these cars on the road next summer. It's great to have three more friendly guys in the club.



## Give Him a Brake!

by Brian O'Neill

Yes, I know about spellcheck. So why did I use the wrong spelling for break in the title? It's because brakes are the subject of our next tech session.

After our breakfast on Saturday, January 2, once again we are decamping to Larry Ashley's shop for a tech session. This time we will be concentrating not on making cars go, but making them stop.

Dave Rothenberg's new Corsa will be our main project for the day. At our last tech session, we made his car run a lot better, but Dave reported that the drive home was scary. The brakes were erratic and pulled to one side. So, we are going to do a complete evaluation of his braking system. This will allow him to order the correct parts which we will help him install at a future tech session.

If there is any other club member who wants their Corvair's brakes checked out, please let me know.



## Holiday Party!

*Make Your Reservations Now!*

Our 46<sup>th</sup> annual holiday party is scheduled for **Sunday, January 17**, in the Cannon Gate Catering and Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal. The festivities begin at 1 PM and will last until 5 PM. There will be a buffet dinner, music, video entertainment, award presentations and our ever-popular Gift Game.

The party plans are a repeat of last year when the food and festivities were *fabulous* but the weather was lousy. This year, we have the same great time planned and we have placed our order for much better weather.

If you're coming there are a couple of things you need to do. First, you need to RSVP. If you are planning to attend the party we need to know and we need your commitment for the per-person cost of \$25. So, please, contact club president Brian O'Neill to sign up. His phone number is **973-729-5586** and his email is **bmoneill@juno.com**.

Second, you can't just wander in to Picatinny Arsenal. It's absolutely necessary that you provide Brian O'Neill your name and the name of anyone coming with you. 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 where you're going. The gate personnel will inspect your vehicle.

You'll need these documents at the front gate entrance. The guards there will have a list of everyone who is authorized entry for the party. That's why it's absolutely necessary that Brian has your information no later than Wednesday, January 13. If you just show up at the front gate without prior arrangement things will be very difficult.

Again, Brian's phone number is **973-729-5586** and his email is **bmoneill@juno.com**.

Okay, but how do you find Picatinny Arsenal and the correct entry gate? That's easy, just follow I-80 westbound to Exit 34B for NJ Route 15 north toward Jefferson/Sparta. (If coming eastbound use Exit 34 and follow the signs for Route 15 north.) The Picatinny gate will be on your right just a short distance north on Route 15.

Once you are at the gate, your destination is the Cannon Gate Conference Center, locally known as the club.

Okay, now you're inside Picatinny. How do you get to the club? Well, after you come through the gate continue straight on the main road and as you come up to a blinking yellow traffic light bear to the right. Go on that road for only a short distance and bear left. The club will be a short distance on your left. Please don't wander around on the Arsenal. You'll attract attention and they'll call Brian.

If you wish to participate in the Gift Game, please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than ten to fifteen dollars. Just remember the gifts you bring should be unisex. Be creative in the gifts, think outside the bottle!

If you are not familiar with the Gift Game, it goes as follows: Each participant brings a wrapped gift. The gifts are placed on a central table, and numbers are drawn to determine the order in which participants will take turns selecting a gift. The first person opens a wrapped gift, and each subsequent participant can choose a new gift to open or can "steal" another person's gift. When a person's gift is stolen, that person can either choose another wrapped gift to open or can steal from another player.

It has proven to be a great deal of fun which is why we have been doing it for years now.

Now call or e-mail Brian no later than January 13 to make your reservations. Once more, his phone number is **973-729-5586** and his email is **bmoneill@juno.com**. Don't forget your photo identification and come up with a great gift for the Gift Game. See you there!

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Coffee & Tea

Cost is \$25 per person. Contact club president Brian O'Neill to sign up. His phone number is 973-729-5586 and his email is [bmoneill@juno.com](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com).

## NJACE Corvair Parts Auction Coming Up!

It's not too soon to be thinking about our annual Parts Auction, a club staple now dating back more than 30 years and one of our most popular events of the year.

This year's auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders. Mark the date! (We'll use the following Saturday, February 20, as a "snow date" if necessary.)

At the auction our shameless auctioneers offer Corvair parts and Corvair-related items to the highest bidder. Where do they get these parts? From you! Members and guests bring parts to sell, and the club keeps a ten percent commission on all sales. Items may also be donated for the full benefit of the club.

We will have complete details in next month issue, but don't miss the auction – mark your calendar now!

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**Calendar of Events****Saturday, January 2**

**Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9 AM**

**Saturday, January 2**

**Indoor Tech Session at Ashley's Auto Body, Hillside Avenue, Flanders, 11 AM. See page 2 for details.**

**Sunday, January 17**

**Our Annual Holiday Party at Cannon Gate Catering and Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal. Full details begin on page 3 in this issue.**

**Saturday, February 6**

**Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9 AM**

**Saturday, February 13**

**Our annual Corvair Parts Auction, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body. Full details in next month's newsletter.**

**Saturday, March 5**

**Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9 AM**

***and tentatively planned for March:  
The NJACE indoor go-kart  
racing challenge!***

**Two Chances to Win!**

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

Well, Clark's has renewed the program and given us an additional supply of gift certificates to take us through the next several months. So, be sure to attend our monthly breakfasts to get your two chances to win!

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!