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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

On Memorial Day weekend this year, on Sunday, May 29, the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) will be their 41st annual Motorama Car Show. Many of you may know this as the Franklin Lakes show but since 2014 this show has been held in the adjacent town of North Haledon. Many NJACE members are regular attendees at this show, some with their cars and some as spectators.

While at the Franklin Lakes location, in 2010 the Corvair was the featured car of the show. We had a great turnout, which included the Fitch Phoenix. Pete Koehler brought a very interesting Corvair display, which included a cutaway engine, to the show that year.

This year we have been asked by the VCCA to assist them in presenting the show. The VCCA is requesting help on any of three days, Friday, May 27, from 10 AM to 2 PM; Saturday, May 28, from 9 AM to 2 PM; and Sunday, May 29, the show day, from 7 or 8 AM until noon. On each day, they can use 6 to 8 workers. On Friday and/or Saturday, the group normally erects fencing, assembles tent frames, and decorates and sets up the field for show car and vendor locations. On show days there are multiple tasks, but the tasks for which our help is requested are registration and parking show cars and vendors.

All NJACE members that help out on any day will be offered free registration to the show, which includes eligibility for a \$500 cash prize. In addition, NJACE members that help on Friday or Saturday are invited for a free gourmet lunch at Village Gourmet Café and Catering, which is very near the show field. Helpers are also welcome to a post-show meal at the BluAle House in Riverdale. Workers are provided a \$10 discount. The VCCA is also inviting all helpers to join them at their annual picnic in Brundage Park in Randolph in September.

I have attended two meetings with the VCCA Show Committee to get a better understanding of their needs. I told them that I believed that we would be happy to assist them. I requested and they agreed to various methods of publicizing

our involvement in the show. I intend to ask for a vote at our February breakfast meeting. I hope you all see the value in providing this support and will not only vote to support the show, but will actually volunteer to help with this project. Thanks in advance.



Here's the official logo for the 2016 convention of the Corvair Society of America. Thinking of attending? Act fast – hotel rooms are going fast. Information at www.corvair.org. (Convention registration is open to CORSA members, only.)



NJACE Corvair Parts Auction This Month! Saturday, February 13 “Snow Date” Saturday, February 20

Our annual Parts Auction, a club staple now dating back more than 30 years and one of our most popular events of the year, is all set for **Saturday, February 13**, indoors at Ashley’s Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders. (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, with a 10% commission of the sale price going to the club treasury. You may bring parts to sell, you may buy, or you may do both, or you may just come to enjoy the fun.

Here is what you need to know to fully enjoy the day: First, plan on making a day of it. Due to the nature of how the auction operates, it is not possible to process any buyers or sellers until the auction is completed. Doors open at 9:00 for set-up, we begin the bidding at 10:30 AM, take a pizza break at 12:30, resume the bidding at 1:00 PM, and finish up typically around 2:30 PM. Only at that time can we tally the sales, collect from the buyers, and pay the sellers.

Second, plan on getting there early. We’ll open the doors at 9:00 AM, to allow time to tag and display any parts you are selling, and to allow you to peruse the parts being offered. If you’re selling, you will need to fill out an Auction Lot Card for each part or group of parts being sold as one, so please allow sufficient time to do this before the start of bidding. The Auction Lot Card form is included with this newsletter, just print as many as you need. Lot cards are also available on the NJACE website so you can print what you need and fill them out in advance:

www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/Auction_Lot_Cards_2016.pdf

But you can also get blank lot cards that day.

Each attendee will be issued a Bidder Number by which the auction desk will track all purchases.

We ask that items being offered be limited to Corvair parts or Corvair-related items, only. Also, we ask that you not bring more than one of the same item to sell. You can, however, sell multiple items in a “lot.” You could offer, say, one lot of six oil filters, instead of six individual oil filters.

Remember that only quality items sell easily. Greasy, rusty, bent and broken pieces have limited appeal.

The club will deduct a 10% commission on all sales. You may also donate items for the full benefit of the club.

Did we mention that lunch is included at no charge?

Now, what about that “Snow Date?” We will invoke the Snow Date only if the weather makes traveling difficult or if accumulated snow has rendered the Ashley’s parking lot inaccessible. Generally speaking, you can assume that the event is “on,” but if it is necessary to postpone we will get the word out via email.

Ashley’s Auto Body is located at 274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, NJ 07836.

See you there, and bring a chair!



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Holiday Party

Eating, Drinking, and Being Merry!

Our annual Holiday Party on January 17 was, well, a party! We enjoyed an outstanding buffet meal provided by the Cannon Gate Conference Center, we enjoyed two of "Pennsylvania Joe's" NJACE-centric videos, we honored members with our annual awards, we had another riotous gift exchange – we even had music and dancing!

I am a veteran of innumerable group meals, having been to countless business conferences, racing awards dinners, and CORSA banquets through the years. And I say without reservation that the quality of the meal by the Cannon Gate Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal beat them all by a wide margin. And I've had plenty of meals at upscale restaurants that failed to achieve the quality of what we enjoyed on the 20th.

Steve Calandra, in addition to being our DJ for the day, was the recipient of both the Mary Paxton Participation Award and the Bill Ableson Corvair Driver Award for 2015. Tony Gervasio was recognized as our Member of the Year for 2015. Steve was a repeat winner, being one of our few member who drives a Corvair nearly every day. Tony was surprised at being named Member of the Year but nobody else was, as we

have all enjoyed Tony's active participation and his generous spirit.

Brian O'Neill was rendered speechless – imagine that! – when presented with an appreciation award by Howard Horne.

Joe Maurella presented a "command performance" repeat of his "A Year in NJACE" video and he brought along a second video named "The Last Ride," shot in May of 2015 just before I sold the Greenbrier that my father had bought 49 years before.

The gift exchange once again underscored the appeal of adult beverages to the group, but a lone bottle of genuine maple syrup proved to be a hot item also. Thanks to Donna Ashley for again supervising the game despite having to attend solo – husband Larry had to stay home with a bad cold.

Thanks also to Steve Sassi for making the trip from Long Island to represent the Long Island Corvair Association.

A light dusting of snow that fell once the party was underway lent just the right additional touch of holiday cheer. This was the 46th annual party, and it was a good one.

The Spirit of St. Louis Flies Again!



In 2008, NJACE visited the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, New York, for a memorable day of an air show, biplane rides, and a fly-by by one of the Corvair-powered aircraft built by hobbyists in recent years. This is the story of another hobbyist aircraft, one with quite a distinction.

RHINEBECK, N.Y. (Associated Press) — Charles Lindbergh would instantly recognize the plane with "Spirit of St. Louis" painted on its nose rumbling above treetops in New York's Hudson Valley. There's a 9-cylinder engine similar to the one used in his historic flight, an identical cockpit under a 46-foot wing and a look-alike of his wicker pilot's seat.

The just-completed doppelganger is the very spirit of the Spirit of St. Louis. But unlike the plane Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic in 1927, there will be no flights to Paris for this Spirit. It will join other vintage planes and reproductions that buzz and dive for weekend crowds at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, fulfilling decades of planning and toil at the not-for-profit attraction.

"It's a great feeling of accomplishment and a lot of pride. A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into it," Ken Cassens said as he prepared to fly the plane the week of Dec. 6.

Cassens has spent about 10 years making the plane, working on and off since 1996. It has required leg work, some scavenging and countless hours of tinkering in a hangar 80 miles north of New York City. But it's a job the 71-year-old had been primed for since he was a boy reading Lindbergh's memoirs and building Spirit of St. Louis models. The retired flight engineer now fixes and flies planes for the

aerodrome.

Cassens inherited the job after the 1993 death of aerodrome founder Cole Palen, whose own Spirit replica plans never got fully off the ground. With money tight, he volunteered his time in the last year. Cassens said the project honors his old friend, and he carried Palen's beret and pilot wings in the cockpit on the replica's maiden flight.

There has been a small squadron of Spirit reproductions made over the decades, and the original remains prominently displayed at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington. The museum's chief curator, Peter Jakab, said the enduring interest in Lindbergh and his airplane speaks to the "singular moment" of the epic 1927 flight.

"It came at a time when there was great focus on the sort of the beginnings of aviation really becoming an industry and becoming something more pervasive in daily life and in business," Jakab said. "And he had this great story of this relatively unknown pilot doing this thing with minimal resources, on his own."

Making a precise Spirit replica is tricky, because the original was a one-of-a-kind built on a shop floor. To fill in missing details, Cassens studied old photos and peeked into the original while perched on a cherry picker at the Smithsonian. Antique parts such as the tachometer were donated and the aerodrome bartered with a museum for the propeller.



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Spirit, continued

Cassens took pains to make sure the control panel would be the same as the one Lindbergh looked at for 33½ hours on his trans-Atlantic flight. There's even a small round compact mirror, like the one a woman supposedly provided to Lindbergh just before take-off to help him read a compass over his head.

Still, this Spirit is not exactly like the original. The fabric skin stretched on the replica's wings and back fuselage is Dacron, not cotton, because it's more durable and less flammable. And although Lindbergh packed his plane with five gas tanks for his trip, this replica has a single, 55-gallon tank.

The new Spirit will fly for crowds beginning in May, 2016, on the date Lindbergh started his historic flight. Cassens has taken the plane up a few times to get a feel for it before winter sets in. In the air, he is mostly concerned with technical details, but he's still cognizant of the link to his old hero.

"While you're in the flight you don't really think 'Oh hey, Lindbergh flew one of these and this is the Spirit of St. Louis.' That doesn't go

through your mind right away," he said. "But after the flight, when you have time to reflect on all of it, it comes out."



Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! Yes, it's Joe Horton's Corvair-powered airplane buzzing the field at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome during NJACE's visit in July, 2008.



**Two
Chances
to Win!**

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

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!

Make it a point to attend our monthly breakfasts, for a great time with your fellow Corvair enthusiasts and for your two chances to win!

Breakfast is on the first Saturday of each month at the Empire Diner, Rt 46 eastbound, Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

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NJACE Classified Ads

January, 2016

Did you know? Classified ads of interest to Corvair enthusiasts a FREE in the Fanbelt newsletter. Whether it's an item for sale, an item wanted, a service offered, a service needed, or anything for an audience of "Corvair people," contact newsletter editor Bob Marlow, phone 201-444-1859, email rwmarlow@optimum.net.

As of the new year, our club has over 60 member households. Because we offer both one-year and two-year memberships, not everyone is due for renewal at the same time. The following 24 memberships are now due for renewal.

Dues are \$19 for one year or \$36 for two years. Use the Membership Renewal Form included as part of this newsletter. You can mail the complete form with your dues payment to the address on the form, or bring them to our breakfast on February 6 or our Parts Auction on February 13. Thank you!

- Larry & Donna Ashley
- David Carney
- Bill & Marguerite Cohen
- Frank & Michele DeBlasi
- Lawrence Dombal
- Jim Dunn
- Gregory & Rita Gorski
- Philip Hack
- Howard & Sherri Horne
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- Russ & Linnea Shaver
- Robert Wanthouse
- Richard & Diana Widman
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NJACE Treasurer's Report FULL YEAR 2015

Checking Balance as of 1/1/15:		<u>\$2734.18</u>
INCOME:		
Dues	\$1137.00	
Checking Interest	3.25	
Parts Auction (net)	479.00	
50/50	58.00	
Transfer from CD	<u>1190.20</u>	
	\$2867.45	+ \$2867.45
EXPENSES:		
Food & Parties (net)	\$1450.70	
NECC dues	20.00	
CORSA chapter fee	35.00	
Post Office Box rent	192.00	
State filing fee	<u>25.00</u>	
	\$1722.70	- \$1722.70
Checking Balance as of 12/31/15		<u>\$3878.93</u>
CD Balance as of 1/1/15		<u>\$5601.45</u>
CD interest for the year	+ \$ 121.74	
Transfer to checking	- <u>1190.20</u>	
	- \$1068.46	
CD Balance as of 12/31/15		<u>\$4532.99</u>
Total in all accounts as of 12/31/15		<u>\$8411.92</u>
Operating GAIN for the period 1/1/15 through 12/31/15		\$ 76.29

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Schwartz, Treasurer

NJACE Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 5, 2015
Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 AM by President Brian O'Neill. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

In the absence of treasurer Tim Schwartz a treasurer's report was read by the president. Upon motion duly made and seconded the report was approved as presented.

Publicity VP Bob Marlow reiterated that membership contributions, in the form of articles, stories, or classified ads, are needed for the monthly newsletter.

Activities VP Rob Wanhouse discussed the plans for the January 17 Holiday Party to take place in the Cannon Gate Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal. Brian O'Neill reminded members that RSVPs with payment are needed before Tuesday, January 12.

Old Business:

None was brought forth.

New Business:

None was brought forth.

Elections:

With a full slate of uncontested nominees, the secretary cast an affirmative vote and the slate was elected. Officers for 2016 are Brian O'Neill, President; Nick Ford, Vice president; Tim Schwartz, Treasurer; Frank Hunter, Secretary; Rob Wanhouse, Activities VP; and Bob Marlow, Publicity VP.

The winner of the monthly drawing for a free breakfast was Steve Calandra, and the winner of the monthly drawing for a Clarks's gift certificate was Bob Marlow.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Hunter Secretary

Hot Air from the Editor

by Bob Marlow

If you read the meeting minutes to the left (and I'll bet you didn't), you'll see that the entire meeting lasted *less than twelve minutes!* This, despite our being at the Empire Diner for the better part of an hour and a half.

This is one of the strengths of NJACE: We have long since figured out how to conduct the formal business required under our by-laws without turning the meetings into boring, drawn-out affairs.

The bulk of our time together is spent socializing, talking Corvairs, and generally enjoying each other's company. This is why we keep seeing more and more members, and more and more spouses, each month.

The officers meet separately, several times per year, to attend to some of the more mundane matters. But these officers' meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend – we have no secrets!

So if you have been skipping the business meetings that are conducted at our breakfasts four times per year because you think that will be loooong and boring, they're not!

NJACE Calendar of Events

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!*



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Membership Form

Date _____

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[] Individual or [] Family*

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Name of 2nd Adult Family Member _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

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[] Two Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$36.00

Membership expires on March 31st

Total Remitted:\$ _____

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Tell us about you and your Corvairs

Your Corvairs (year, model, color, equipment, condition etc) _____

Your other cars and trucks _____

Your other hobbies and interests _____

Your profession _____

Your birthday (and your age, if you wish) _____

Your anniversary (and year married, if you wish) _____

Your children/grandchildren or other family _____

Your pets _____

When and why did you first buy a Corvair? _____

Anything else you'd like to tell us _____

NJACE Auction Lot Card for 2016

<p>Instructions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Complete a copy of this form for each item or lot of items to be sold as one. "Seller's Item Number" is a number that you assign, 1 - 2 - 3 etc. Place each completed Lot Card with the item(s) for use by the auctioneers. Thank you!</i></p>	
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