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Photo by Frank Hunter

Did It Run?

Details – and much more! – in this issue

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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

Did it run?

Yes, it ran.

Briefly.

Last month's tech session at Ashley's Auto Body proved that the newly-built Corvair engine would indeed run, but that there are many details involved in making an engine run properly.

It took a while to get it set up. Fortunately, a lot of people pitched in. The exhaust headers were mounted while the engine hung from a cherry picker. Once the engine was mounted on the run stand there were a few false starts. The first distributor was not producing any spark. The brand-new fuel pump leaked like crazy. The idler pulley was found to be misaligned. But finally everything was set up and ready to go.

We rolled the run stand outside so we did not asphyxiate ourselves. Some gas was poured down both carburetors. With final look around and a fire extinguisher at the ready, we turned on the ignition and hit the start button. The engine barked to life so quickly that Larry jumped back – his leg was right next to the muffler!

Unfortunately, it didn't run for very long. No problems with the engine, just two carburetor issues. Gasoline bubbled up over the top of both of them and posed a very real fire hazard. So we shut it down quickly. By this time it was late in the afternoon and we decided to take off the carburetors for a postmortem and try again on another day.

The autopsy on one of the carburetors showed that the needle and seat valve had fallen off the float. The second one had a bad power enrichment valve. It's a complicated system much easier shown than described. To see it, come out to our next tech session after this Saturday's breakfast.

Yes, again this month there will be a tech session at Ashley's after the monthly breakfast meeting, and the main focus will be a

continuation of the "Will It Run?" project.

It's a new engine so it has to be broken in the correct way. The procedure is to run it at about 1,800 to 2,000 RPM for about twenty minutes then change the oil and filter. Sometimes valves need to be adjusted. Any other small problems are cured then it can be run at speed.

As usual, projects are always needed for our tech sessions. Often there are two or three jobs in progress. Collectively, NJACE has a wealth of knowledge about our favorite cars. So if you have an issue with your 'Vair bring it the meeting and then on to the tech session. But what if your Corvair is not ready to be driven? In that case, we have...

The Return of the Roving Wrenches

A few years ago, well, Okay, more than a few, there was a gang of hardcore Corvair guys from NJACE known as the Roving Wrenches. With prior coordination, this gang would show up at a member's house to help with a Corvair project. The goal was to get and keep the cars on the road. Most of the projects were for cars that were temporarily non-running and couldn't be brought to a tech session.

The gang was a big success. So much so that there weren't any projects left to do. But time marches on. So now there might be a 'Vair or two languishing out there that needs help. The good weather is here and it's time to hit the road so if you have one of these project and want a visit from the Roving Wrenches, let Larry Ashley our Tech Session honcho know. He'll get the visit set up.

Contact Larry at lashley327@optonline.net, or myself at 973-729-5586.





Time to *GET OUT THERE!*

If you are happy to see Spring arriving and anxious to get out, we have a rain-or-shine activity for Sunday, April 10:

The AACA Watchung Mountain Chapter is conducting its 50th annual Swap Meet & Flea Market on Sunday, April 10, and we're going to go.

It takes place at the Long Hill Community Center, located on South Warren Avenue in Stirling NJ (across from Jaeger Lumber).

The event hours are 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM, but we're going to be fashionably late. We will meet at the Stirling House Diner at 7:30 AM for breakfast, then go over to the event. The Stirling House Diner is at 1079 Valley Road, Stirling, NJ 07980).

(If you are a die-hard swap-meeter who just has to be there early to get the good deals, you are of course welcome to skip the breakfast and go directly to the event.)

There will be vendors of all varieties, not just old car parts. The event takes place rain or shine, and admission is just \$2.00 per person – children are free. Food is available with seating inside, and there are indoor restrooms.

So meet us on Sunday, April 10, at 7:30 AM at the Stirling House Diner, 1079 Valley Road, Stirling, NJ 07980.

NJACE Classified Ads

April, 2016



Car Trailer (open), manufactured by Owens, 7000-lb capacity, beaver tail, twin axle with 4-wheel electric brakes, enclosed carry extend-able ramps, removable fenders. Recently painted and serviced. Very good tires. Includes tie downs, electric winch, hitch head with equalizer bars. \$1600 Firm. Contact Dave Cavagnaro, email djcav@ptd.net, phone 908-362-5775.



Genuine 1960s aluminum drinking glasses, two of which have had their bottoms cut off so as to be used as velocity stacks on Corvair Rochester carburetors! I used these two on my 1964 track car when it had a two-carb engine in it, and was going to modify the other two when I put a four-carb engine in it, but never did prior to the car being sold. Asking just \$10 for the set of four. Bob Marlow, e-mail rwmarlow@optimum.net, phone 201-444-1859.

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NJACE Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2016
Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 AM by President Brian O'Neill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. [Editor's Note: The Treasurer's Report is included in this issue.]

Publicity:

In the absence of the Publicity VP no report was presented.

Activities:

Activities VP Rob Wanhouse discussed trips to Papermill Playhouse in Milburn and to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.

Old Business:

Members were reminded that dues are due for those on the list as printed in the newsletter.

New Business:

Upon motion duly made and seconded

payment of \$20 annual dues to the Northeast Corvair Council was approved.

Guests Mike Cassiello and Gale Peterson, co-chairs of the VCCA's 41st annual Motoramma show, were introduced. Mr Cassiello requested our club's help with the show, to be held on Sunday, May 29th, in North Haledon. Members who volunteer to help with set-up on Friday, Saturday or Sunday will receive lunch and free registration for their car in the show. The show presents two cash awards, for \$300 and \$200. This year's featured car is convertibles.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was closed at 10:10 AM.

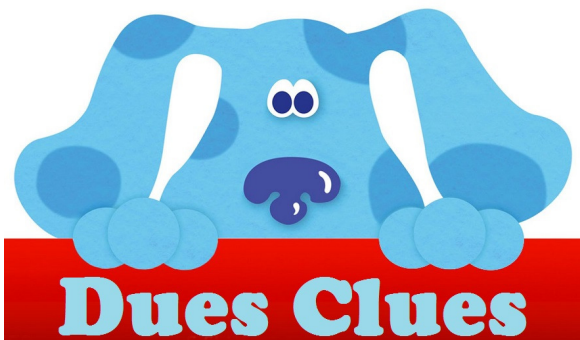
Respectfully submitted,
Frank Hunter, Secretary

Following the meeting, two drawings were held for both the monthly free breakfast and the monthly Clark's Gift Certificate. For the free breakfast, the winners were Roberta and Brian O'Neill, and Larry & Donna Ashley. For the Clark's Gift Certificates, the winners were Howard Horne, and Frank Hunter.

NJACE Treasurer's Report as presented at the March 5 meeting

Checking Balance as of 12/31/15	\$3,878.93
INCOME:	
Dues	\$ 276.00
Parts Auction	600.00
50/50	99.00
Checking Interest	0.69
	<u>+ \$ 975.69</u>
EXPENSES:	
Food & Parties (net)	\$ 349.97
NJ State Annual Filing Fee	25.00
P.O. Box Annual Rent	200.00
	<u>- \$ 574.97</u>
Checking Balance as of 2/29/16	<u>\$4,279.65</u>
CD balance as of 12/31/15	\$4,532.99
Interest for the period	<u>15.52</u>
CD balance as of 2/29/16	<u>\$4,548.51</u>
Grand Total as of 2/29/16	<u>\$8,828.16</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Schwartz, Treasurer



[Okay, this is the third month of these bad puns on dues. Stop the madness – renew!]

Is your name on the list that follows? If so, our records indicate that your membership is 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 the form and payment to our breakfast this Saturday. Thank you!

David Carney	Tom & Liz Ludwig
Philip Hack	Richard & Barbara Kellner
Al & Joann Kotkin	Ginger & Michael Sharp
Nick Mirabella	Robert Wanhouse

NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 2

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

Saturday, April 2

Corvair Tech Session, at Ashley's Auto Body in Flanders, following the breakfast meeting. Continuing topic, starting a freshly-built modified Corvair engine. See page 2 for details.

Sunday, April 10

ACA Watchung Mountain Chapter's 50th annual Swap Meet & Flea Market, Stirling. Complete details on page 3.

Saturday, May 7

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

Saturday, May 14

Driving Tour to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. More details on page 6 of this issue.

Sunday, May 29

VCCA NJ Lakeland Region's 41st annual Motorama car show, North Haledon. NJACE has agreed to help – mark the date! Set-up help needed Friday and Saturday, also.



Driving Tour to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Activities VP Rob Wanhouse believes in driving the cars, and so "Pennsylvania Joe" Maurella has put together a driving tour for us next month. Here's an overview of the plans:

We will depart from the Perkins Pancake House parking lot in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, at 10:15 AM. To get there, just follow I-80 west through the Delaware Water Gap into Pennsylvania. Continue on 80W and Exit 305.

If you want to have your breakfast at the Perkins, please get there early so that we can leave on time at 10:15.

A 45-minute drive from the Perkins will take us to the Jim Thorpe Memorial and the Jim Thorpe Historic District.

Jim Thorpe, if you do not know, was an athlete who came to be considered one of the most versatile of modern sports. He won Olympic gold medals in the 1912 pentathlon and decathlon, played American football (collegiate and professional), and also played professional baseball and basketball.

He was stripped of his Olympic titles after it was found he was paid for playing two seasons of semi-professional baseball before competing in the Olympics, thus violating the rules concerning amateur status that were in place at that time. But in 1983 the International Olympic Committee restored Thorpe's Olympic medals.

The town of Jim Thorpe, so named in his honor following his death in 1953, has a curious story because the athlete, while buried there, had never visited the town when alive, and the circumstances that brought his remains to the town are quite the tale.

The town and its surroundings are distinctively picturesque, and while there you will have the choice of such things as visiting the Asa Packer Mansion, which is a National Historic Landmark. Asa Packer was a philanthropist, railroad magnate, and founder of

Lehigh University.

Other opportunities include the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway, the Big Creek Vineyard, the Old Jail (where the four Molly Maguire's were hanged), and more.

Or you can simply tour the town. Stroll up Broadway and explore the many shops with unique treasures. Enjoy the atmosphere, the rich history, and the narrow streets as you ponder how do they handle snow in the winter?

During the day we will enjoy a group lunch and we'll compete for "prizes of unspeakable value" in a quiz prepared by the always-diabolical Joe.

So put this one on your calendar and bring family and friends along. The date is Saturday, May 14, and once again we will be departing as a group from the Perkins Pancake House parking lot in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, at 10:15 AM.

Of course we want you to drive your Corvair but any car is welcome. See you there!

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How To Tell If Your Fan Bearing Is Bad

by Brian O'Neill

Knowing what a strange sound from your engine is, is a very useful skill. After many years of working on Corvair engines, I'm often able to tell the source of strange sounds coming from the engine compartment. This skill came in handy this past week – or so I thought. I was to be proven wrong.

I keep my 1965 Corsa convertible in my next door neighbor's garage. It's a swell deal. Because I help them – he has medical problems – the storage is free. I have the keypad code so I can retrieve the car any time.

The convertible was recently repainted so I was faced with the tedious job of reinstalling all the chrome trim and emblems. As I was moving the car to the Garage Mahal, I heard a strange rattling noise from the engine compartment. At first, it was faint so I thought it was just the cold. After installing much of the trim, I moved the car back to the neighbor's garage and didn't hear the noise. Good news, right?

Nope. The next day, I again brought the car back to my place and this time the noise was loud. Using my extraordinary detecting skills, I carefully listened to the engine running. Aha, I thought, that sure sounds like a bad fan bearing. Removing the fan belt stopped the rattling. A time consuming but simple job or replacing the bearing awaited me.

I usually replace just the bearing using the hot and cold method but this time I was impatient so I ordered a unit from our well known parts supplier.

The next day I began the task of removing all the stuff on top of the engine. Carbs, alternator, fuel lines, the turkey roaster aka top engine shroud – everything. As I wrestled the turkey roaster off, I found the source of the noise. I slowly rotated the fan bearing to be sure I was correct in my finding. Yep, I was. It was the small flashlight that I had left lying on top of the cylinders on the driver's side of the engine when I last worked on the car.

Why it took over a year to finally start to rattle

I'll never know. I think the air movement from the fan finally caused the flashlight to move.

Of course the new assembly was already in transit so now I have a complete replacement. Anyone want to buy it?



TWO Chances to Win!



We don't mean to harp on this, but at each of our monthly breakfasts, we conduct two drawings, one of which awards a free breakfast and the other of which awards a gift certificate from Clark's Corvair Parts.

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!



Editor's Note: To avoid bad puns in the newsletter, members should submit material of their own. Operators are standing by!



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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_____