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## Back to Bucky's!

## The Hat Boys



## Trophy-Winning Corvair

## Ken Stands Tall!



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## On the Cover

The photo at the upper left is **Bucky's on the Lake**, where our June Breakfast will take place, on Saturday, June 11. See the President's Message in this issue for all the details!

"The Hat Boys" at the upper right are (L to R) David Hunter, Frank Hunter, and Joe Maurella. Joe is presenting David and Frank with the coveted Oiler Award for their having earned the best score on the Jim Thorpe quiz. (More on the Jim Thorpe Tour later in this issue.) Frank and Joe turned their hats in solidarity with David.

At the lower left is Frank Hunter again, this time with his award for second place in the category of "Best Interior" at the recent Ramsey High School car show. In his acceptance speech Frank was quick to credit Dave Main, from whom he purchased the front passenger seat now in his '67 four-door.

Just visible to the right in this photo is Tim Schwartz's 1958 BMW Isetta, which won first place in the "Exotic Car" category. Tim notes that this show benefitted the Ramsey High School's auto shop program, further noting his pleasure that the Ramsey High School still *has* an auto shop program!

The photo at the lower right shows club president Brian O'Neill according appropriate respect to Ken Schiffner, on the occasion of Ken's last visit with us prior to his relocation to Colorado. Ken has good-naturedly endured years of ribbing over his failure to grow taller, but Ken has been a giant among NJACE members.



**Breakfast is on the lake on June 11th!**

## President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

Summer is here! It's time to enjoy the fine weather and our Corvairs. A great opportunity to do this our June Breakfast, which will take place on **Saturday, June 11**, one week later than usual.

Again this year we have gained permission to use a facility on Picatinny Arsenal called BUCKY'S, named for a long-gone pet deer. It is a beautiful lakefront setting.

We will be having breakfast on the patio at the end of Lake Picatinny. The buffet menu includes scrambled eggs, egg whites, Canadian bacon, sausage, home fries, assorted pastries, bagels, chilled fruit juice, orange and grapefruit sections, cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon and of course coffee and tea.

The fun starts at our usual breakfast meeting time of 9:00 AM. The cost per person for the breakfast buffet is \$15 and is all-inclusive.

The setting demands that we bring our significant others and our Corvairs. Finding Bucky's is easy. BUT to gain entry to Picatinny there are a couple of things you need to do. One can't just wander in to Picatinny Arsenal.

First of all it's absolutely necessary that you provide me your name and the name of anyone coming with you. My phone number is 973-729-5586 and my email is [bmoneill@juno.com](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com).

Next, 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 that you are going to Bucky's.

To get to the Picatinny Arsenal gate is easy, just follow I-80 west to Exit 34B for NJ Route 15 north toward Jefferson/Sparta. The Picatinny gate will be on your right just a short distance north on Route 15. (Don't follow your GPS, it will take you to the wrong gate.)

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President's Message, continued

The gate personnel will inspect your vehicle. The guards there will have a list of everyone who is authorized entry for the party. That's why **it's absolutely necessary that I have your information by June 8th at the latest.** You can either call, email, or tell me in person. Once again, My phone number is 973-729-5586 and my email is [bmoneill@juno.com](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com).

Once you go through the main entrance of the Arsenal, drive to the traffic light – it may be blinking then – and bear right. Proceed a very short distance and make a slight left hand turn. Follow this road past the Conference Center on your left and straight through the stop sign. Continue on this road as it curves to your left. You will soon come to the lake and see Bucky's.

Please note, NJACE is subsidizing this event so if you say are coming and then do not show up, you will be liable for the \$15 per person cost.

This breakfast will be a great way to start our summer activities. Don't miss it!



Thanks to an unfortunate convergence of events, including a physical move and the recent Verizon strike, CORSA's server was offline for a substantial number of days. This meant that CORSA's web site, as well as the web sites of CORSA chapters such as NJACE and the NECC, were offline as well.

Also unavailable during this period were all the online features offered by CORSA, including the ability to register for next month's convention and the ability to vote online for CORSA's election of Directors.

Because of all this, the deadline for online

convention registration and online voting in the CORSA election has been extended by five days, commencing when the server is back in service. As this is written (Tuesday, May 30) it is expected that the server will be back online this week. So if you are a CORSA member who has not yet voted, don't delay.

As noted last month, among the candidates for our Division is our own Al Lacki. There is no need for me to tell you how much Al has contributed to our local club and the Northeast Corvair Council. There just could not be a more qualified person to represent us.

## Dave's Not Here!



Faithful readers of this august publication will remember the article last month concerning the multitude of "Daves" in our club. It had become obvious that some system to differentiate between these members had to be developed.

After careful consideration names were assigned to each member named David based on certain characteristics known to all club members. Two of the David's had objections to the names as assigned.

David Main was assigned the nom de Corvair of Clean Dave. This name was selected to reflect his almost pathological devotion to the cleanliness of his blue 1968 Monza coupe. Clean Dave's objections were not based on any denial of this obsession but instead he claims that this name does not accurately reflect his sunny disposition.

At our last breakfast meeting he calmly and quietly suggested some alternatives. Consultation

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President's Message, still continued

among the club officers has decided that we will grant Clean Dave's wish and use one of the names he suggested. So henceforth, he shall be known as **Dave Maniac**.

The other David that objected to his club name was Dave Malcolm, whom we dubbed English Dave. He considered it a slur on his ancestry. English Dave's father came not from England but from Scotland. He and his lovely wife, Elizabeth, came to the May breakfast with Scottish flags and wearing a tie and the scarf bearing the Malcolm Tartan.

English Dave lodged his protest and said that if anything he needed club name that reflected this ancestry. Well, in the interest of accuracy and good feelings your club leadership has decided that henceforth he will not be referred to as English Dave. But what should he be called? Scottish Dave? Yes, we could call him that and so **Scottish Dave** will be his club name. However, there is little doubt that this will be shortened quickly to Scotty.

## Wow, What a Lunch!



The rejuvenated Roving Wrenches program paid a visit to Dave Maniac's house on Saturday May 21st. The day started with coffee and doughnuts purchased at the local doughnut chain store. The doughnuts were exceedingly fresh and the coffee was not bad either.

But later the group was treated to a gourmet lunch. David Maniac works for a seafood supply company, so this gourmet lunch consisted of tasty lobster rolls and goodly sized chunks of crabmeat. The night before, David had broiled the lobsters, removed the meat, and added seasonings.

The result was spectacular. In fact, many of

the Wrenches ate two of the lobster rolls. Chips and soda, served casually, completed the meal.

The usual joking and fellowship made this meal memorable. And yes after some historic struggles the Wrenches were able to replace David's rear brake shoes and wheel cylinders.

Don't forget to contact me to reserve your place at the June 11th breakfast!

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## Roving Wrenches Report

by Larry Ashley



Back by popular demand (or maybe nostalgia) the Roving Wrenches of NJACE are back in business! For those that don't remember or weren't in the club back in the early to mid 2000's, Roving wrenches was the brainchild of Ray Coker. The plan was to get together a group of NJACE "techs" have breakfast at a diner and go look at Corvairs needing work in North Jersey.

On that Saturday many years ago, there was one car that we looked at that made the whole trip even more worthwhile. On that day we met Dave Main (who is now one of the five Daves in NJACE). He had just purchased his 1968 Monza Coupe and didn't know where to start. We gave him the thumbs up on his purchase and he immediately joined NJACE.

Dave has been working on that car ever since,

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Roving Wrenches, continued

upgrading it and getting it to where it is today. He has a room full of trophies to reward his efforts. He has been one of the "techs" at our tech sessions and has since helped others get their cars under way.

It was the nostalgia I mentioned that pushed us to have Roving Wrenches return after a break of over ten years. Dave's '68 was in need of a complete rear brake job, and it was set up ahead of time for Saturday May 20th. We were sweating out the weather as the work would not be possible in his one-car garage. The driveway was the plan so rain would have washed us out, no pun intended. The weather certainly cooperated as the rear brakes were replaced, but not in record time. Just the opposite in fact.

Tony Gervasio was the guy right on the ground handling most of the work. Pennsylvania Joe was right there with him, as the "under car" guy. My job was photographer and moral support! Behind the scenes work was done at the same time by Brian O'Neill and Dave. Unfortunately, some of the brake hardware, springs, pins and even one of the new wheel cylinders had some issues. You shouldn't have to modify NEW parts, but this is what we are faced with today in a world where all modern cars have four wheel disc brakes and drum brakes are only on vintage cars!

The passenger side went pretty smoothly, but the driver side was the difficult time-consuming side. That required the removal of the new wheel cylinder after it has been installed as it couldn't be compressed to put the new shoes on. After some lubrication and filing and cleaning it was back on the car. The big problem was the shoe retaining springs and pins that hold them to the backing plate. Either the pins were too short, or the springs too long or both, but finally using a combination of ingenuity and some of the old hardware, the job was finally done. The final stubborn spring was overcome by Tony's determined thumbs!



Dave treated us to a great lunch that was way

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**Roving Wrenches, continued**

better than the usual pizza and sub at our tech sessions. We got to see his trophy room and called it a day by mid afternoon. Dave was very prepared for this session with extra hardware kits (good thing), tools and Brake-Kleen which is essential to most of our projects.

The future of Roving wrenches is a bit more diverse than the original. My plan is to open it up to a number of things. One would be to go look at cars members and potential members would be looking to purchase. There have been a number of folks that could have been talked out of buying a junk car or something that needs way too much work and or investment. The other thing would be similar to what was accomplished on Dave's car. Time will tell, but I am thinking there is a lot we can do with it.

The Roving Wrenches team could be a large crew or small depending on the job and the availability of techs at the time. For this project the team was Dave Main (host), Brian O'Neill, Tony Gervasio (lead tech), Joe Maurella, Bill Cohen, Neil Franks (who came in his early coupe), and myself. Looking forward to more Roving Wrenches outings in the future.

**Saturday, July 9**

**Annual NJACE picnic – back in July!  
Details to follow.**

**Tuesday - Saturday, July 12 - July 16**

**CORSA Convention, Springfield, Illinois.  
Info at <http://www.corvair.org>**

**Saturday, August 6**

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

**Saturday, August 13**

**2nd Annual “Great Phillipsburg Auto  
Show,” Phillipsburg. There is a separate  
Corvair class in this show!**

**Saturday, September 3**

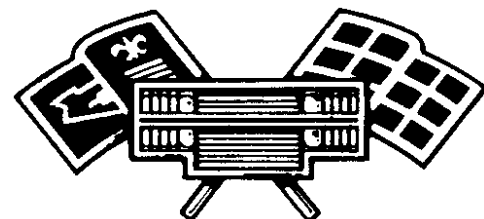
**Monthly breakfast at the Empire  
Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9 AM.**

**Sunday, September 18**

**All Air-Cooled Gathering, Flanders.**



The Roving Wrenches at work... or perhaps one of them is napping...




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## NJACE Calendar of Events

**Saturday, June 4**

**NO breakfast at the Empire Diner –  
see below**

**Saturday, June 11**

**Repeat of a winner from 2015, breakfast at  
Bucky's on Lake Denmark at the Picatinny  
Arsenal. Full details in this issue.**

**Saturday, June 18**

**Tech session at Ashley's, 9 AM. Brakes on  
Ferrari Dave's Corsa (postponed from last  
month).**

**Saturday, July 2**

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

# The Thorpe Troupe

by Bob Marlow

An intrepid group of NJACers made the trek to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, on a beautiful Spring day, and as the group photo below shows, a great time was had by all – even Max the dog!



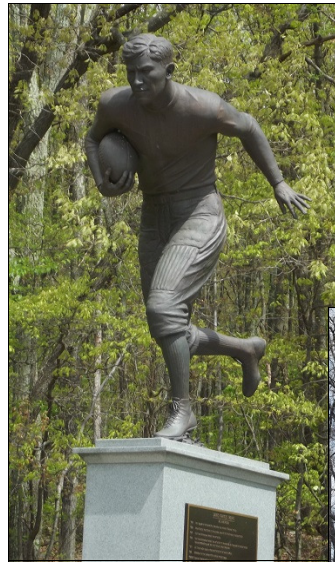
“Pennsylvania Joe” Maurella put together a fun trip, with scenic roads, an educational visit to the Jim Thorpe memorial, and plenty of free time to stroll the town, shops, and museums.

Jim Thorpe is in Pennsylvania coal country, and in addition to being home to eight buildings on the National Register of Historical Places, there is a massive piece of Anthracite in the middle of town – Rob Wanthouse is sitting on it in the photo above.

If you are not coming out for our club tours, you’re missing out on the fun!



Wine-Tasting in Jim Thorpe



Jim Carries the Ball



Jim Throws the Corvair Hubcap

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## TWO Chances to Win!

As if you didn’t know, 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. Don’t miss your chance!

