

August 2017

# the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

***It's August.  
It's hot. And humid.  
But it could be worse...***



**Keep cool in your air-cooled ride!  
Our monthly breakfast is August 5th.  
In this issue: Picnic Road Rally winners. Pocono tales.  
Ron's Big Show. Clark's show advance notice. And more!**

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## President's Message

by *Brian O'Neill*

The bi-annual Bay State Corvairs' Fall Classic will again this year be held on the grounds of Clark's Corvair Parts in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, on Saturday, September 16. This show routinely attracts more than 100 Corvairs with every year and body style being represented. A flyer for this show is included with this newsletter.



In addition to this spectacular field of vehicles, Clark's opens their facilities and gives tours of their manufacturing processes. Learning how they turn a blank sheet of vinyl in to fully embossed seat covers is alone worth the trip. Parts can be ordered for pickup at the show which can save a considerable amount of money for shipping. Parts can also be bought at the show with many show specials and a cash discount available.

NJACE will again attend the show. Because there is safety in numbers, we will convoy to Massachusetts on Friday, September 15, and back to New Jersey on Sunday, September 17. The show flyer has the hotel information. The actual starting time and location for the convoy will depend on those participating. Once the participants are known, the convoy information will be publicized. So, please let me know by Monday, August 31 if you plan to participate. You can reach me by phone at 973-729-5586 or by email at [bmoneill@juno.com](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com).



## Organization Man

by *Pennsylvania Joe*



Before going to the NJACE summer picnic and road rally, I stopped at the Annual Great Phillipsburg Car Show that Ron Peles helped organize. As I talked to Ron and Al Lacki, I reflected upon the management of this event. The oldies music was in full swing (excuse the pun), drivers with their classic cars were directed where to park, and vendors were setting up their displays in their designated spots. There was awe in some children's eyes as they searched a Corvair trunk for the missing engine. Hoping that my event would come off as smoothly as this one, I gave them a thumbs up, took two Tums, and nervously went off to Succasunna.

A two-hour early arrival at the Ashley's house was helpful in performing the final preparations. A Stars and Stripes trophy and two small participation gifts were arranged on the main table. I pounded in stakes so the rally participators could pitch horseshoes for bonus points and I mounted a photograph display board visualizing the rally answers in case of any dispute. Disputed answers from NJACE members? Duh... What could I be thinking? Of course that was kept covered until the drivers and navigators returned from the rally.

Next item was to post a question, "How many diamonds?" inside a port-a-john at a nearby school. Participants were directed to go inside "Johnny's house" to read that question. The answer seemed simple to me. The john serviced two baseball diamonds that were adjacent to it. However, "A Royal Flush" sign on the side of the "house" caused some disagreement to the answer. Some members calculated the number of diamonds in a royal flush poker hand. That was pretty cool thinking on their part and a few more Tums on my part.

It was just a week ago a dozen corrections to the rally sheets were needed due to home owners rearranging their landscape. All the rally packets

were recopied with new questions and updated pictures were added to the display board. Now with all the preparations completed, the only thing needed was to drive the course one last time. Did I find more questions that needed change? You bet! This became so frustrating. There was only enough time to cross out those questions on all the rally sheets. But I did have time to switch to Roloids, industrial strength.

At 2:00 PM the rally participants had arrived and enthusiastically I began the three-part orientation: rally terminology, directions and questions, and a speaking-to-each-other-upon-return speech. I then handed out a rally packet to each navigator, placed a rally number on each car windshield, wished them good luck and then sent them on their way. There were 21 people that participated: 10 drivers, 10 navigators and one freeloader named Frank. (I won't reveal his last name).

Congratulations to 1st place winners Ed and Lois Natale. Honorable mention goes to Tim Schwartz and Winnie Webster, Bob and Pam Newell, Curt and Pat Stone, Ann Mortensen and Bernice Fisher, Larry and Donna Ashley, Bob and Sue Marlow, Steve Calandra and Tony Nalasco, Brian and Roberta O'Neill, Ray and Kathy Coker. The shoe horn recognition went to our secretary, Frank Hunter, who, upon his return, needed to be pried from the back seat of a late model Corvair.

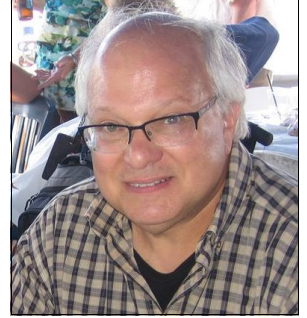
The day was filled with many activities. Between horseshoes, pool, picnic, rally, the beautiful weather, and a mini tech session, I hope everyone found something enjoyable at this rally/picnic event. I want to thank all of you for your participation, support, and comments. You gave me that warm fuzzy feeling with all your positive feedback. And let us not forget to give a special shout out to our gracious hosts Donna and Larry Ashley.



## Ron's Big Show

by Al Lacki

Last month's Fanbelt included a flyer for the Third Annual Great Phillipsburg Auto Show, organized by longtime NJACE member Ron Peles. It was scheduled for Saturday July 8. If you didn't attend, you missed a good one.



Upon entering the show field, each entrant received a big goody bag plus free coffee and doughnuts. Later in the morning, the local Knights of Columbus cooked up burgers, dogs and sausage sandwiches with all the fixin's. Substantial door prizes were given away throughout the day. Although there were 64 cars in all, the judging was completed without a hitch and all the awards were presented by 2:30 PM.

Seven pretty Corvairs were on display. The show took place on the same day as our club picnic, but NJACE was represented by both Ron's 1965 Corsa clone convertible and my 1966 Monza coupe. Additional Corvairs on hand were a 1963 Monza sedan belonging to Tom Hambel, a 1964 Spyder convertible owned by Larry Lewis, a very clean 1963 700 sedan brought to the show by Warren Minchin Sr., a dramatic mid-engine V8 Corvair exhibited by John Shoemaker, and a turbocharged 1963 Rampside owned by Jay Corley.

Ron's show is special because it is a judged show that includes a Corvair class. Larry walked away with a 1st place trophy, Ron with 2nd and myself with 3rd. But the scoring was close and, aside from the Rampside (Jay's daily driver), all the Corvairs placed with a few points of each other. Naturally, there were dozens of other cars at the show and trophies were awarded to the top three cars in each class. There were nineteen different classes in all.

In addition to the usual Corvettes and muscle cars, there were some unusual entries including a 1933 Packard 1006 phaeton, a 1929 Model 75 Chrysler four-door sedan, a 1930 Ford Model A



3-passenger coupe, a 1914 Ford Model touring car and four competition vehicles including a very rare 1958 Gemini Formula Junior race car made in England.

Of course, the Corvairs were the nicest of all.



Ron Peles' 1965 convertible



Al Lacki's 1966 coupe

## NJACE CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR AUGUST, 2017



**For Sale:** 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Sport Coupe. 110/PG. Very solid original car. Nice patina (mostly original paint). 35,000+ original miles. Window sticker and Protect-O-Plate. Second owner. Artesian turquoise with black interior. No leaks and clean heat. Runs and drives very well. New Maxxis tires. New Clark's oil pan. Recent brake overhaul. Also comes with original wheel covers with NOS centers installed. Car is located in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Asking \$8,500. Contact Ron Peles by phone at 908-479-1777 or by email at [ronaldpeleslaw@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldpeleslaw@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** I have four brand new 13-inch tires (never used, labels still on them). PrimeWell PS850 All-Season Radials, blackwalls, size 175/70-R13. Asking \$300 for the set. I'd be glad to bring them to the breakfast for anyone interested. Russ Shaver, email [linntwin1@juno.com](mailto:linntwin1@juno.com).

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## NJACE Calendar of Events

### Saturday, August 5

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

### Saturday, September 2

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

### Saturday, September 16

The every-other-year Corvair Car Show at Clark's Corvair Parts in Massachusetts. See the President's Message in this newsletter for more information, including a Friday convoy to Massachusetts.

# NECC at Pocono

by Al Lacki

Sunday July 16, 2017. Northeast Corvair Council d/b/a NECC Motorsports at Pocono Raceway, South Course. 12 turns. 1.3 miles per lap. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Perfect weather.



Terry Stafford's Spyder on the track at Pocono

Thirty-one drivers went out for the High Performance Driving option. 16 for timed laps. Several more for the Taste of the Track option. The course consisted of Turn #1 of Pocono's "Tricky Triangle" – a 14 degree banked turn allowing truly high-speeds – and a twisty combination of quick left and right infield corners.

And now, for some Corvair talk... All the Corvairs broke except for Brian O'Neill's – although he experienced a problem also. The cars of Terry Stafford and Dan Schmidt suffered internal engine damage. John Egerton's car blew a main crankshaft seal. Joe Salmastrelli wiped out the pinion gear in his diff (he's running a small-block V8 through a Corvair transaxle), and the former Gurdon Horner / Al Hilderbrand Corvair – Old #22 – had extra-wide front tires that were rubbing the bodywork under hard braking, enough to peel rubber off the tire like a potato peeler.

Brian went out for the timed laps and completed all three, although, due to an oversight for which he is still kicking himself, he neglected to activate his car's electric fan and the engine started to overheat, registering over 500 degrees of cylinder head temperature before Brian shut it down and coasted back into the pits.

A bunch of non-Corvairs broke down, too and weren't able to go out for timed laps. I drove my Toyota Yaris and my lap times were third from slowest, but my engine only has 105 hp, so that was expected when competing against 600+ horsepower Corvettes, Camaros and Mustangs. And I had fun!



I took my Cobra down to the track  
Hitched to the back of my Cadillac  
Everyone was there just a waiting for me  
There were plenty of Stingrays and XKEs



The Presidential Limousine





### Scenes from our July 8<sup>th</sup> Picnic and Road Rally:



*Diabolical Rallymaster Joe Maurella addresses the victims participants*



*The picnic deck*

*The picnic lawn*



*Just some of the air-cooled machines on hand*



*Ed Natale receives the "award of unspeakable value" for winning the road rally. Apparently Lois is camera-shy*



*[Above] Curt and Pat Stone got lost on the way to the picnic but not on the rally.*

*[Right] Smile, Tim!*



*The picnic tech session, as required by law. The beautiful '64 Spyder convertible of Robert and Pamela Newell was the subject.*





**BAY STATE  
CORVAIRS**

**&**

**Clark's  
Corvair Parts**



Present...

*The* **FALL CLASSIC**

**At Clark's Corvair Parts**

**#400 Mohawk Trail (Rte. 2), Shelburne Falls, MA**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017 9am-3pm**

**Rain or Shine Preferably Shine!**



This is the **LARGEST**  
**Corvair gathering in New England!**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

We'll hold demos and tours throughout the day, trophies are awarded in many classes, dash plaques and door prizes to registered cars, a 50/50 raffle, a basket/ raffle, food and beverages for sale, and valve cover races!

Don't forget to bring your special valve cover racer!

For more show information contact either

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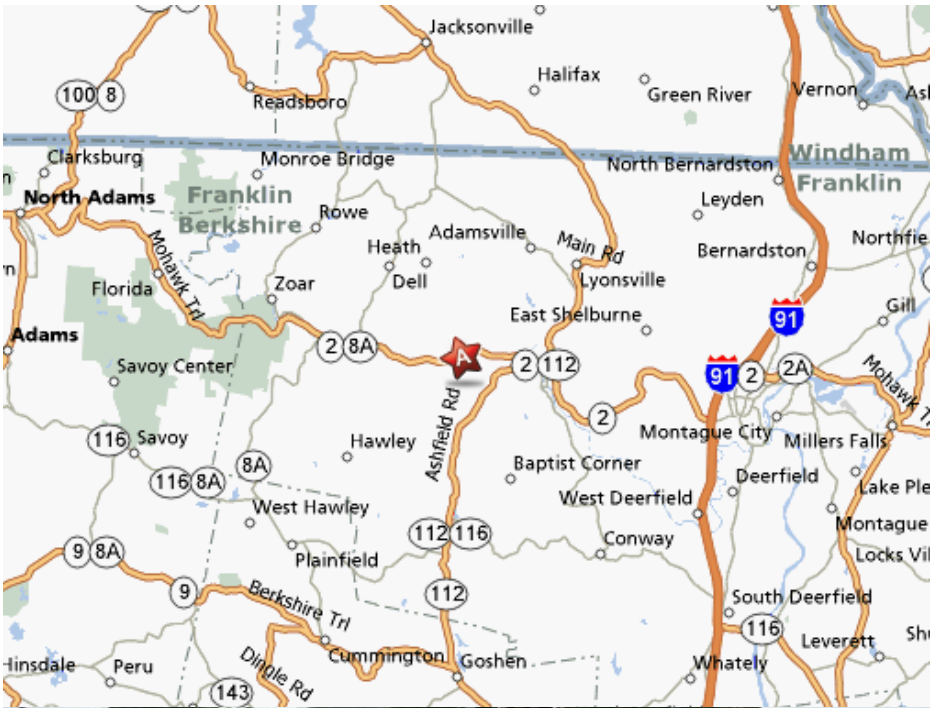
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Don't forget Clark's

**SPECIAL \$SHOW discounts!**

10% off with cash, 5% off with Credit Card or Check  
Please pre-order large orders! Clark's will have it ready for you!





**Host Hotel: The Red Roof Inn**  
**9 Greenfield Rd. (Route 5)**  
**S. Deerfield, MA 01373**  
**Just off I-91, exit 24**  
**(800) 733-7663**  
**Tell'em it's for the**  
**“Bay State Corvairs”**  
**for the \$83.99+tax room rate!!**

**Rates are good till August 11th.**  
**You can cancel up till 6PM on the day of your**  
**reservation with no penalty.**

**Additional Lodging at:**  
**The Hampton Inn**  
**413-773-0057**



## Bay State Corvairs/Clark's Corvair Parts' Fall Classic

Saturday, September 16th, 2017 This is a Rain or SHINE event!

### Pre-Registration Form

**(Get your Pre-registration by August 15th and save!)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Class letter (see list below): \_\_\_\_\_

Year of car: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Engine (HP): \_\_\_\_\_ Trans \_\_\_\_\_

Special Features \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Classes:**

- A**— Early hardtop coupe   **B**— Early convertible   **C**— Early 4-door sedan   **D**— Late hardtop coupe   **E**— Late convertible
  - F**— Late 4-door sedan   **G**— Rampside/Van (Forward Control)   **H**— Lakewood/Wagon   **I**— Modified/specialty
- Also to be awarded: Longest distance traveled, “Cal’s Choice”, “Hard Luck”**

**Pre-registration:** Vehicle show entry—\$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to *Bay State Corvairs*

Day of Show Fee   Valve Cover Race—\$5 \_\_\_\_\_   Mail to: Fall Classic, 33 Woodhaven Blvd.  
will be \$20   Total \_\_\_\_\_   North Providence, RI 02911