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Show 'Nuf!

NJACE Members Collect the Hardware at Clark's and Elsewhere



Read all about it in this issue!

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Fall Colors, Four Doors, and Fair Maiden

Our annual Fall Foliage Tour, a bit different this year!

Read about the plans for the event on Page 4.

On the cover: Top left, David Main with the Best-in-Show trophy earned at the Rockland Rodders car show in Pearl River, New York. Top right, Bernie “not Bea” Fischer receives an award from the Bay State Corvair Club’s Ray Bombardier at the Clark’s show in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. Bottom left, Steve Calandra receives his award at Clark’s. Bottom right, Michael Stone receives an award at Clark’s. The Clark’s show had more than 100 Corvairs, and the Rockland Rodders show featured over 200 cars of all types. Congratulations!



A Part of Our History

by Nick Ford

As my 1967 Monza is celebrating its 50th birthday, I reflect on my history of owning Corvairs, and their contribution to our history and culture.

I bought my first Corvair when I was 17, a '64 Monza 110-hp 4-speed coupe. My father looked it over with me. He was a Corvair expert, working at Chevy dealers from 1958 - 1968, and then starting his own auto repair shop, which is still here today. He even attended the official training in Lime Rock, Connecticut, for the dealer-installed Fitch Sprint package.

My '64 Monza, and later a '68 Monza 140 were my daily drivers to school from Morris County to Hoboken. Not a trip for the faint of heart back then. So Corvairs are a part of my history too!

Fast forward to today. I somehow found my way to NJACE, and now have another Corvair. I never stopped liking them, just took a 30-year hiatus.

Getting to the main point of this article, I've noticed a phenomenon since owning my latest Corvair. I've taken it to quite a few car shows in the last three years. Most of these shows have a wide range of vehicles, including vehicles much more rare and/or expensive than Corvairs. To my surprise, my Corvair gets more attention and enthusiasm than most all other cars at the show.

So many people walking by the cars, stop and come over when they see the Corvair. Many have a story. Some say their parents, or their aunt or uncle had one, or they had one as their first car. Many have and share fond memories of them, even if they didn't own one. This interest isn't limited to car shows. I get stopped no matter where I am and people tell me how rare it is to see it, or how they sat in the folded down rear seat watching a drive-in movie with their siblings.

The Corvair is forever linked to our history and culture of the 1960s, more than any other car of the period. So much that many movies made that are set in the 60s are sure to have a Corvair on the street.

Now, at NJACE, we are the guardians of this important piece of history. Kudos to us for maintaining, keeping, and passing our examples on to future generations.

Yes, the Corvair is a part of our history, and now, we at NJACE are a part of its history!



President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

The Road Trip Report

Thirteen and a half NJACE members made the trip to Clark's Corvair parts for the bi-annual Baystate Corvair's car show. Our group met at a diner on Interstate 84 just outside of Newburgh, New York, on Friday, September 15. After a delicious lunch and time spent answering bystanders' questions about our Corvairs in the parking lot eleven and a half of us left by convoy for Clark's.



Bob Marlow, our erstwhile newsletter editor, and his lovely wife Sue did not join the convoy because of a previously planned stop, and in their commercially-registered truck they couldn't use the convoy route. Ray Coker and his copilot Kathy in their 1961 Rampside were the first Corvair in the lineup. Bernie Fisher and her son Mark rode in her newly restored 1965 Corsa convertible. Curt Stone in his 1969 convertible was followed by his son Michael in a 1966 four-door sedan of somewhat murky ownership.

Joe Maurella a.k.a. Pennsylvania Joe followed along in his blue '66 Corsa convertible. Steve Calandra drove his '66 four-door and Roberta and I brought up the rear in the gold 1965 Monza coupe owned by Tim Schwartz.

After just a few miles on Interstate 84 the convoy, led by our redoubtable veep, Nick Ford, exited onto the scenic Taconic State Parkway. It was an absolutely beautiful trip through some spectacular early autumn scenery. We took the Taconic to its end where it joined Interstate 90 and then east to Interstate 91. We followed 91 to the host hotel only a few miles from Clark's facility.

We made it in the late afternoon and had plenty of time to get ready for the welcome party that evening hosted by Bay State Corvairs. Those folks really know how to put on a party. There was enough food and pizza for everyone.

On Saturday morning, after finding that our favorite breakfast place had ceased to exist, we ended up having fast food at Mickey D's. Not exactly gourmet dining but we really didn't care because we were anxious to get to the show.

The weather that day was absolutely gorgeous. There were one hundred and three Corvairs on display. Three of our members took home trophies at the show. Bernie Fisher for her convertible, Michael Stone for the four-door and Steve Calandra for his four-door.

That evening we all went out for dinner and had a great time teasing the waitresses who teased right back. Then it was back to the hotel for some more schmoozing before hitting the sack. The next morning it was back to the same restaurant for an early brunch before hitting the road. Apologies to Steve Calandra who somehow didn't get the word about the breakfast plans.

The great drive up and back, the fabulous looking cars at the show, the informative tours of Clark's facilities and a chance to renew old friendships made this one of the best events of the year.

Postscript: What is meant by "thirteen and a half members" and "eleven and a half of us?" We were joined this weekend by 5-year-old Michael Stone, son of Mike Stone and grandson of Curt Stone, a third-generation Corvair enthusiast!

One of the Godfathers of Hot Rod Pinstriping

by Ron Zielensky

Hagerty Insurance has put together a brief video on a man that they describe as being "one of the Godfather's of Hot Rod pinstriping." I thought this might be of interest to the club. Watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/l4kI8wpdwls>

A New Twist on an Old Tradition Fall Foliage Tour 2017

by *Brian O'Neill*

For many years in the fall season we have taken to the road for what is often the last time many of our Corvairs get used until the following spring. During these Fall Foliage Tours we have visited wineries, state parks, scenic locations, museums, and other interesting places.

As interesting as these tours have been this year we are going to try something different. Mother Nature has not been cooperating. It has been hot. Some leaves are falling but they are brown with absolutely no color. It is questionable as to whether there will be any real color to see. Trying to guess when and if there will be sufficient color is just about impossible given the circumstances.

But we just could not let the year close out without one last driving event. So this year we will try something very different. On **Sunday, October 22, at 11:00 AM we will depart from the Empire Diner**, led by Nick Ford our tried and tested convoy leader, we will take a scenic route which ends at the **Sparta Historical Society's Second Annual Invitational Classic Car Show**.

We won't be entering our cars in the show, the show is by prior invitation only. But we can enjoy the cars on display and during the car show the **Van Kirk Homestead Museum** will be open to the public free of charge. This 1800s-era farmhouse contains numerous displays of local historical interest and has period correct rooms open for viewing, and the museum director will conduct a private tour for all NJACE members.

The main exhibit features the life story of Esther Deer, known as **Princess White Deer**, for whom the Lake Mohawk Plaza is named. Princess White Deer was the granddaughter of a hereditary chief and a talented and successful Mohawk entertainer. With a diverse career spanning from Wild West shows to the Russian stage to vaudeville, and to the footlights of Broadway, Esther Deer was a remarkable and

fascinating modern career woman. The exhibit includes many never before seen original photographs from the Historical Society's collection and objects such as performance blankets.

The car show ends at 4:00 PM after which those members who are interested will meet at the **Mohawk House restaurant** in Sparta, only a couple of minutes from the car show location.

To help in planning **please RSVP** for the road tour, the car show, the museum tour, and the restaurant. Please respond to both Nick Ford and Brian O'Neill:

Nick Ford, email mb05203-64110@yahoo.com,
phone 201-572-5797

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Phone 973-729-5586

If you wish to have breakfast at the diner, just arrive in time to be ready to join the tour beginning at 11:00 AM. The Empire Diner, where we have our regular monthly breakfasts, is located at 1315 US-46 eastbound, Parsippany. Our destination on the tour is the lower parking lot behind the Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum on Route 517, 336 Main Street in Sparta.

NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 7

Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9 AM. First nominations for 2018 officers!

Sunday, October 22

Our annual Fall Foliage Tour, with a very distinctive and close-by destination. See the details in this newsletter.

Saturday, November 4

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

Note: NO Tech Session this month – It's October, and our tech session host Larry Ashley is making his annual pilgrimage to Hershey!

NJACE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR OCTOBER, 2017

For Sale: Set of 1960 Corvair Hubcaps. I live in Morris County, and I came across the NJACE web page and remembered that I have a set of four 1960 Corvair hubcaps in my possession. Is there anyone in the club who might be interested in purchasing them? I don't have any idea what they might be worth. Two have some scrapes on them, otherwise they are in pretty good shape. Thank you --Bob D, email delillo2@optonline.net



For Sale: 1965 Corsa Wheelcovers (quantity and price unspecified). Contact Fred Heller, email fheller60@yahoo.com



For Sale: 1964 Greenbrier/Corvair 95 Wheel-covers. A “deluxe” option on 1964 Greenbriers and Corvair 95 trucks, and the same as the full wheelcovers for the full-size Chevies of that year. I have six of them, offered at \$20 each or \$100 for all six. Bob Marlow, email rwmarlow@optimum.net



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corsa's new staff

by Al Lacki

Mike McGowan and Harry Jensen, CORSA's paid staff for operating the club's business office and publishing the CORSA Communique, are retiring at the end of this year. Here are some of the background and qualifications of our new staff that will take over on January 1, 2018:



Business Services

Our new business services contractor is PRB eMedia Solutions, LLC, which consists of Paul and Ramona Bergstrom of Maple Plain, Minnesota. Paul will be our new Executive Secretary and Ramona will be his assistant. Paul has eight years experience as Club Office Manager and Website / Internet Forum Manager for the Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI). He also worked for one year as the Commercial Advertising Manager for the Oldsmobile Club of America; three years as the Commercial Advertising Manager for the National Impala Association; and several years as editor of Prix Views, a bi-monthly publication of POCI's Grand Prix Chapter. Ramona has been there along with him, having provided eight years of club office support for POCI.

Publication Services

Our new publication services contractor is Keefe Media International, which consists of Don Keefe and Anna Haines of Palm Harbor, Florida. Don will be our new Executive Editor and Anna will be his assistant. Don has two years experience as Founding Editor-in-Chief of Poncho Perfection Magazine, a 64-page monthly, commercial magazine devoted to Pontiacs. He designed the magazine from scratch and produces both printed and digital versions of the magazine. Don also has nine years of experience as Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director of POCI's Smoke Signals magazine, a 100-page monthly club publication. In addition, he remains Creative Director of National Impala Association's Impala News, a 36-page quarterly

club periodical. These are just a few of the positions he has held in the world of journalism. Anna Haines has been there along with him for the past two years, serving as proof reader and copy editor. In addition, she has several years experience as an English teacher and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature.

Social Media

Our new social media contractor is Dr. Steve Spilatro of Marietta, Ohio. He will be doing business with us as VairFare, LLC. He is the webmaster for Corvanatics and the Marietta Natural History Society. He has also developed web-based pedagogical sites and software for molecular and biological modeling with online quizzes. In addition to his experience with web-based systems, he remains Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Marietta College, a position he has held since 1988 and where he has been accorded numerous grants and awards.

Convention Services

Harry Jensen of Management & Publications Services, Inc. will remain on board for the next two years as our Convention Services contractor. Harry's qualifications are well known to all of us and his vast knowledge of CORSA business methods will be a great resource for us.

The Selection Process

Our process for selecting these people was both formal, rigorous, and subject to attorney review. Using the existing M&P contract as a starting point, we developed specific lists of products and services expected of each contractor. Then, we developed a standard form of agreement (contract) with all the terms and conditions for doing business with CORSA. The product and service lists as well as the form of agreement were attached to a five-page request for proposals, which was made available last September through ZipRecruiter, all the major Corvair discussion boards, as well as the CORSA Communique.

More than 100 people asked for copies of the bid packages and several bids were received. Ken Hand, Mike Hall and I evaluated the top

nine bids to make the final choices. Since then, all the contracts have been signed. We're ready to go.

Former CORSA President Ken Hand and Norm Witte, Esq. initiated this process and our thanks go out to them. Mike Hall and the rest of the Board were deeply involved in the preparation of the RFPs, the standard form of agreement and evaluation of the bids. All said, countless hours were spent on this effort and we did the best that we could.



Cal Clark, with the '65 Monza coupe of Tim Schwartz in the background

More Photos from the Clark's Show



Ray Coker's '61 Rampside



Bernie Fisher's '65 Corsa



Joe Maurella's '66 Corsa



The Stone Family '66 Monza

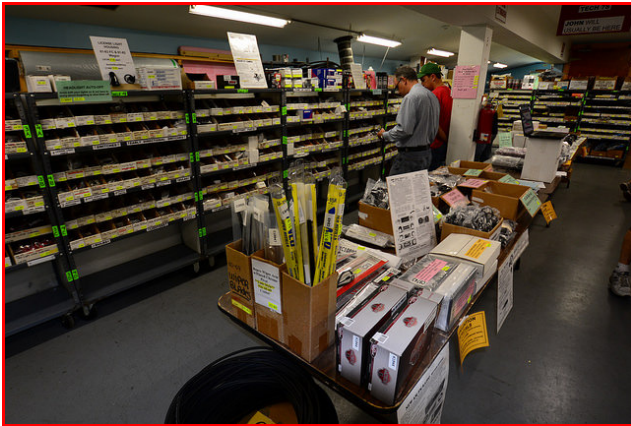


Steve Calandra's '66 Monza



Ray Bombardier, President of Bay State Corvairs, and Brian O'Neill, President of some other Corvair club...

Still More Photos from the Clark's Show



Parts...



Parts on the move...



Cal Clark makes one of several presentations during the day



Parts...



This gentleman drove his Corvair from New Hampshire to the show. He is 99 years old! What was your excuse again?



... and more Parts!



Door Prizes were plentiful

Membership Update

As of September 15, 2017, NJACE membership stands at 76 member households. We have been blessed with a good number of new members in recent months, one of whom is pictured below.

Aramis and Rita Bermudez, of Fair Lawn, joined recently, and club Treasurer Tim Schwartz stopped by their home shortly thereafter. Tim describes the family's Corvair as "a really nice 1962 Monza coupe in white with a red interior."



In the photo is one of the Bermudez offspring, Thomas, with the car. He'll be getting his license in the next year. Because the NJACE Family Membership option includes two adults and all children under the age of 21 living at a single address, Thomas is a member in good standing, as are his siblings.

By the way, the Corvair is not the only interesting older car in the Bermudez fleet. Keeping the Corvair company is a 1950 Pontiac Chieftain Deluxe.

While on the Subject of Members...

In response to frequent requests, we will be publishing an updated NJACE Roster soon. Our roster lists each member's name, address, phone number, and e-mail. It also has the membership expiration date.

If for reasons of privacy you would like us to withhold any of your information, please contact Tim Schwartz by email (tim@bristolnj.com) or phone (201-447-4299) no later than October 25th, 2017.

The updated roster will be distributed as a separate item from the Fanbelt and will *not* be available on the club web site.

NJACE Treasurer's Report August 31, 2017

Checking Balance as of May 31, 2017		\$4,336.55
INCOME:		
Dues	\$ 91.00	
Food (June Breakfast)	630.00	
NJACE Jacket donation	80.00	
Checking Interest	<u>1.05</u>	
		+ \$ 802.05
EXPENSES:		
CORSA Chapter dues	\$ 35.00	
Food & Parties	<u>1,002.30</u>	
		- \$1,037.30
Checking Balance as of August 31, 2017		<u>\$4,101.30</u>
CD Balance		
as of May 31, 2017		\$4,668.46
Interest for the period		+ <u>24.53</u>
CD Balance		
as of August 31, 2017		<u>\$4,692.99</u>
Grand Total		
as of August 31, 2017		<u><u>\$8,794.29</u></u>