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the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

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It's time for the annual Corvair Parts Auction!

**Saturday, February 17
Indoors at Ashley's Auto Body
Hillside Avenue, Flanders, NJ**

Complete details in this issue!



A vast assortment of merchandise and attentive bidders at last year's auction

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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

[The president is busy working on his Corvairs! See Page 6. -Ed.]



The Parts Auction

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 17**, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders. (We'll use the following Saturday, February 24, 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 AM** 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. As we said 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.

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

The Auction Lot Card form is 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_2018.pdf

But you can also get blank lot cards that day.

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!



Activities Report

by Frank Hunter

For those who don't know me, I really don't plan anything, I have my wife Karen do the scheduling and sometimes I show up! After trying to figure out where 2017 went, January has already passed us by. Becoming Activities VP has forced me to look into the future months for 2018. Here is what the preliminary plan looks like, and it's highly subject to change!



- Saturday, February 3, Club Breakfast
- Saturday, February 17, Parts Auction
- Saturday, March 3, Club Breakfast
- Sunday, March 25, Theatre outing
- Wednesday, April 4, Officers' Meeting
- Saturday, April 7, Club Breakfast & Membership meeting
- April TBD, Something Sweet
- Saturday, May 5, Club Breakfast
- Sunday, May 27, VCCA show
- Saturday, June 2, Club Breakfast
- Saturday, June 30, Greater Phillipsburg Auto Show
- Saturday, July 7, Club Breakfast & Membership meeting
- July TBD, Annual club picnic
- Monday, July 23 to Saturday, July 28, CORSA International Convention
- Saturday August 4, Club Breakfast
- August Event TBD,
- Wednesday, August 29, Officers' meeting
- Saturday, September 1, Club Breakfast
- Sunday, September 16, All Air Cooled show
- Saturday, October 6, Club Breakfast & Membership meeting
- October TBD, Foliage Tour
- Saturday, November 3, Club Breakfast
- November TBD, Gilbert & Sullivan show
- Saturday, December 1, Club Breakfast & Membership meeting
- Wednesday, December 12, Officers' meeting

Thirty-seven NJACers enjoyed an afternoon of music and food at the Cannon Gate

NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 21

Our Annual Holiday Party! Complete details appear in this issue. RSVP required!

Saturday, February 3

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Saturday, February 17

Our Annual Parts Auction! Details in this issue!

Saturday, March 3

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Sunday, March 25

And the Winner Was... theatrical revue by the Bergen County Players

Conference Center on Sunday, January 21st, with twenty-four of them participating in the "Gift Game." This year the game had a new twist: Going first in the game is not an advantage, because unless the gift you choose gets "stolen" you just sit there the rest of the time. This year players 1 through 5 got an additional turn to "steal" at the end of the game. This added another chance to get the treasured gift!

This year there were puzzles, soup bowls, pasta pots lottery tickets and custom license plates. At the Club Breakfast meeting maybe our president will show off his Bluetooth jogging hat.

I am sure you're all coming to the annual Parts Auction on Presidents Day weekend. There are details in this newsletter. I plan on unloading an ashtray and cigarette lighter, with proceeds to benefit the club. Toni Gervasio is once again bringing a "box of stuff," which only the buyer will find out what's inside!

Our March activity will be a theatrical event. On Sunday, March 25th, at 2:00 PM The Bergen County Players will present an original musical revue, *And the Winner Was...* This is a unique

original revue celebrating the music from shows that have won the Tony Award as Best Musical, from *Kiss Me, Kate* to *The Music Man* to *Hamilton*. A talented company of singers/dancers/actors will lead you through a tour of Tony history in a casual, cabaret-like environment. Great songs... great entertainers... great fun!

Tickets are priced regularly at \$24 each, but we're hoping to get a group rate. Please e-mail me at fdhunter@juno.com or see me at this Saturday's Breakfast meeting. More information can be found at <http://www.bcplayers.org>.

Don't forget the Parts Auction is Saturday February 17th at Ashley's Auto Body!



48TH  **INTERNATIONAL CORVAIR CONVENTION**
JULY 23-28, 2018
 Hosted by WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

<http://www.corvairstpittsburgh.com>

Who Knew? Part 2

by *Bob Marlow*

Actually, many Corvair enthusiasts know this story, but in 2018 our membership includes quite a few people who are new to the Corvair hobby and who may not be familiar with some of the lore known by the long-time members.

When the Corvair was being developed in the late 1950s, in order to maintain secrecy around the project Chevy built the first development mules with a body style completely different from that which became the production design. The photo shows one of these mules:



Several cars looking like this were used on public roads for cold-weather and hot-weather testing, and the substantial front grille was intended to disguise the car's engine placement from spying photographers. The cars were badged as Holdens (GM's Australian company) to further distract any media sources that might accidentally discover one of the prototypes.

It may be a strange-looking car from our 2018 viewpoint, but it really is not bad-looking when considered in its time. However, the final design of the 1960 Corvair proved to be a well-appreciated and widely-influential one.



Tim's Tray Tip

by Tim Schwartz

I just bought this cart (called RÅSKOG) from IKEA for my garage:

<http://www.ikea.com/us/en/catalog/products/90333976/>



They had a black, beige and a red/brown color at the store. It took about 20 minutes to assemble, with two notes:

- 1) I used a 8mm nut driver instead of the tool provided
- 2) what look like #2 Philips screws are actually #2 Pozidriv screws, and you could strip the heads using a Philips driver.

The trays measure about 16"x11.5" and 3.5" deep. The total height is 31 inches with the casters.

It is quite sturdy, and I think a handy thing for putting everything you need together for an afternoon project like an oil change or a tune up to roll around the garage. The bottom of each tray is a mesh, so it will not contain liquids.

You can buy it at IKEA for \$24.99, or Amazon for double the price.

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NJACE Treasurer's Report FULL YEAR 2017

Checking Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$3,669.09
INCOME:	
Dues	\$1,306.00
Checking Interest	4.08
Parts Auction (net)	549.00
Donation (jackets)	80.00
	\$1,939.08
	+ 1,939.08
EXPENSES:	
Food & Parties	\$1,335.08
NECC dues	20.00
CORSA chapter fee	35.00
Post Office Box rent	200.00
State filing fee	25.50
	\$1,615.58
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Checking Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$3,992.59
CD Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$4,628.48
CD interest for 2017	+ 97.23
CD Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$4,725.71
Total in both accounts as of January 1, 2017	\$8,297.57
Total in both accounts as of December 31, 2017	\$8,718.30
Operating Gain <Loss> for 2017	+ \$ 420.73

President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

[Yes, he really wrote one. It just came in at the last minute. -Ed.]

It's a Mystery

There are some things in today's world that are a mystery to me. Why are females in movies and on the stage now referred to as actors? What happened to the word actress?

Why are none of the highly paid TV personalities able to say the word mother? Everybody including women charged as criminals are referred to as a "mom." Not to sound like an old curmudgeon, but the list could go on and on.

This one other thing that remains a mystery to me. Our club always has very interesting meetings and special events. I know from personal experience that the activities directors we've had over the past years have worked extremely hard to come up with events that would appeal not only to our members but to our members' families. Most of our events do not include what my wife refers to as "looking at greasy old car parts.. We've had road rallies, trips to the theater, picnics, boat rides, and a whole host of other interesting activities. Our most recent one was the holiday party. As usual the food was great, the gift exchange hilarious, and the, camaraderie outstanding. So what's the mystery?

Well, the mystery is why do at least half of our members not participate in any of these events? Now don't get me wrong. We appreciate having them as members. They pay their dues. But we're spending their dues. I know this question has been asked before, but what do we have to do to get some of these long time members to come to our events? I guarantee they would have a great time.



Now I know that sometimes life gets in the way. Folks have other responsibilities. But I think with a little work people could rearrange things and come to our meetings and our events. Maybe not every one of them. But how about some? Now if you have any ideas as to how we could get these folks to attend please don't hesitate to let me know.



2018 Convention Hotel Reservations

The host hotel, the DoubleTree Hotel in Greentree, Pennsylvania, has 460 rooms. They are not blocking any for us. Instead they are releasing rooms as needed with no limit. If we take up the whole hotel so be it.

As of today there are 167 rooms reserved. With that said, sometimes they are slow to release more rooms for our convention. This is at the corporate level, not the people in Greentree. We have run into this unfortunately before, but gets cleared up rather quickly. Usually a day or two.

Hilton corporate says they will not take reservations if you call the front desk, the computer will show that there is no convention at all. That is why if you don't reserve online at <http://www.corvairpittsburgh.com> or call their reservation line, 1-800-222-TREE (8733) and use code CCA, there may be a issue.

If any other requests or problems exists please e-mail, call, or fill out the contact information on the website and I will surely get back to you.

Thank you,
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