

We're Going to a Show!

Sunday, March 25th, at 2:00 PM

The Bergen County Players presents

"And the Winner Was..."

A unique original revue celebrating the music from shows that have won the Tony Award for Best Musical...



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Great songs... great entertainers... great friends... great fun!

Complete details in this issue – don't miss out!

Our regular monthly breakfast takes place on Saturday, March 3, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM. This month will include one of our quarterly business meetings which, for formal meetings, are pretty informal!

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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill



Last month I wrote about the mystery of why a number of our members never attend any of our meetings or activities. So far that mystery has not been solved. This month's mystery has to do with the newly rebuilt engine in my '65 red convertible.

After denying reality for two years and pretending the car ran as it always did, about two months ago I gave in and decided I really needed to fix it. A postmortem showed that the exhaust valve on the number 5 cylinder leaked and I had zero compression on that cylinder. Because I had first rebuilt this engine 26 years ago and it had been in four separate cars and even run hot laps on the track, I decided I would do a complete rebuild.

I ordered all the usual parts and had a friend of mine who does great machine work and has an affinity for Corvairs redo the valves and valve seats. I reassembled the engine and with the help of Al Lacki installed the engine. Once we got everything hooked up, we attempted to start the engine. It fired instantly and as long as we gave it a significant amount of throttle it ran and ran strong. But, and here's the mystery, it would not idle, regardless of how far in we turned the idle speed screw.

We checked everything. Valve settings, ignition timing, carburetors and anything else we could think of all to no avail. I finally gave in and admitted that there was nothing to do but remove the engine and do a very careful disassembly.

Now, as many of you know I built a number of engines over the years, both ones for the street and ones for the track. In the past, I degreed the camshaft on all the engines to make sure I did not have a mis-indexed cam. But I had stopped degreeding the camshafts on street engines

because I was so good at assembling engines that I didn't need to check. As they say, pride goes before the fall.

After confirming the opening and closing settings on a stock 304 cam I broke out my trusty degree wheel, pointer and dial indicator. After I got everything set up, I rotated the engine expecting the intake valve would start to open at 3 degrees before top dead center on the exhaust stroke. Well, after a couple of tries I still ended up with the opening at 17 degrees. And then it hit me – 17 degrees equaled the 3 degrees I should see plus 14 degrees out because I was one tooth mis-indexed on the cam and crank gear. Complete disassembly of the engine proved that was the case.

I have now made a vow to always degree every camshaft on every engine I built. So it wasn't really a mystery. It was the result of overconfidence.

So that mystery was solved. But guess what? I have two more. I have misplaced an engine case and the crankshaft and two chrome carburetor linkage pieces. I've looked everywhere and cannot find them. Now the carburetor linkages are small so maybe they're hiding somewhere but an engine case and crankshaft? I wonder what new mysteries or solutions this month will bring? Stay tuned.

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*[Brian has admitted to an embarrassing error while working on his Corvair, and it is a lesson for all of us. What mistakes have you made while working on your Corvair – and will you share them with us? Send your newsletter contributions to [rwmarlow@optimum.net](mailto:rwmarlow@optimum.net)]*



## Activities Report

by Frank Hunter

Here are all the details on our March Activity:



**What is it?** *And The Winner Was...* 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!

**Where is it?** The Bergen County players theater is located at 298 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ 07469. If you arrive early you can have lunch at Cool Beans, located right next to the theater.

**When is it?** Palm Sunday, March 25th, at 2:00 PM.

**How much is it?** \$24.00 per ticket.

**What's the deadline?** Email me at fdhunter@juno.com, by Sunday March 5th or sign up at the Saturday breakfast meeting. That's the deadline so I can purchase the tickets and hopefully get a group discount.

**When do I have to pay?** You can bring your dough the day of the show.

**Where do I park?** Important warning! Do not park behind the bank/office building directly next to the theater. Do not park in the lot behind the stores across the street from the theater. The owner of both lots has refused to allow theater patrons to park in the lots, even when the lots are empty. The owner regularly has cars towed, so do not park there.

Municipal Lots (free):

- Park Ave. just off Kinderkamack (closest to

- theater right behind the Conoco gas station)
- Between Center & Church, behind the Municipal Building
- Between Martin & Cooper just off Kinderkamack
- Between Center & Oradell just off Kinderkamack

Street parking in lined spots (free):

- Center & Church west of Kinderkamack
- Prospect between Park & Church
- Carolina & John just off Ridgewood Ave
- Ridgewood Ave. east of Kinderkamack
- Maple except one side between Center & Oradell
- Center east of Kinderkamack
- Brookside – one side

More information about the theater can be found at <http://www.bcplayers.org>

After the show we'll head approximately two miles south on Kinderkamack Road to the River Edge Diner for dinner.

Next up in April: Maple Syrup!

## Party Report

by Elizabeth Malcolm



I thoroughly enjoy accompanying my husband, David Malcolm, aka Scotty, to NJACE events throughout the year. Two of my two favorite annual events are the holiday party, celebrated in January, and the parts auction, in February. Two very diverse events that I always look forward to, knowing I am going to have a blast at each!

I doubt that a better venue can be found than The Cannon Gate Conference Center, locally known as The Club, at Picatinny Arsenal, conveniently located just minutes off Route 80, where NJACE members enjoy the holiday party. In addition to the charm of the facility, we are the only group there so it affords a pleasant intimacy.



The start of the afternoon is a relaxing time to socialize and chat with people one might ordinarily not have an opportunity to get to know if you only meet occasionally, perhaps at the monthly breakfast, while in the background Steve Calandra is working music magic.

At the sit-down meal this year David and I were at a table with, among others, Al and Joan Lacki, whom I had not met before. Joan's enthusiasm for all things Corvair was both interesting and infectious. While I have the enthusiasm I don't have the knowledge, and chatting with Joan was a happy learning experience. Conversely, at the same party, who would have thought I would find a fellow Skiffle enthusiast? Yup, Steve Calandra was sitting to my left. I don't recall how we got on the subject of Skiffle, music that was part of my innocent childhood, and soon we were swapping songs and tales.

Those are two of the pleasures of the holiday party: you don't know who you are going to run in to or what you are going to chat about and learn! And the food? The buffet offers an excellent bill of fare and the staff are to be commended for their care and attention to every detail.

Another fun part of the holiday party is the famous (infamous?) gift exchange. Starting the previous November, the club's intrepid president gently suggests to potential party-goers to "Think outside the bottle." However, bottles seem to change hands the most at the NJACE holiday party (although clearly members were listening as I only counted one alcoholic libation gift this year). The gift exchange is always entertaining. Who gets what and who would really like what? I've figured out who I think loves lottery tickets; however, the booze can change hands so quickly, that's a more tricky question to answer.

David and I always ask ourselves what would that rare bird, a Corvair owner, will enjoy and try and come up with an appropriate Corvair gift. That's our way of thinking outside the bottle and we've got 12 months to think about it and try and come up with a winner.

The annual auction...

## Auction Report

by Bob Marlow

On the morning of the auction, Brian O'Neill and I were looking around and saying, "we're in trouble." This because there was so much stuff arriving that we knew we'd never be able to get to it all and we were worried that the sheer volume of merchandise would suppress the bidding.



We weren't wrong, yet the situation was not as dire as we feared. Even with two additional auctioneers (Tim Schwartz and David Main) we did not get to everything before the self-imposed deadline of 2:30 pm. But we did get to more than 260 lots, the highest number ever, and we had more than 45 bidders, also the highest number ever. While bidding was not as hotly contested as we have seen in the past, according to bookkeeper Frank Hunter the total sales figure was higher than any of the prior five years – more than \$5,200.00 overall. With the regular 10% cut for the club and the benefit of donated items, the club treasury took in over \$600.00.

"Free Lunch" is a staple of the auction, and although Larry Ashley feels that he ordered too few pizzas I think everyone got some, just maybe not as many slices as they might wish. Our expenditure for lunch and beverages, as well as the donuts and coffee in the morning, came to a little more than \$300.00, so when the dust settles and Treasurer Tim can complete a final accounting (as of this writing there are a few small-dollar loose ends to be tied up), the auction will have boosted our treasury by over \$300.00.

While a number of members pitch in every year to make the auction a success, the largest share of thanks needs to go to Larry, who opens his shop to us (and disrupts his business) each year and who smiles throughout.

In addition to the members who help set up

beforehand and clean up afterward, in addition to the auctioneers who keep the proceedings moving, in addition to the bookkeepers who keep track of all the sales, we have to thank our members and our guests who bring items to sell, and more importantly, who bid and spend!

NJACE has been doing the auction annually since the early 1980s, and it looks like we'll do it again next year!

## Who Knew? Part 3

by Bob Marlow

Most car enthusiasts are familiar with the four-door convertibles offered by Lincoln in the 1960s. But did you know that Chevy toyed with the same idea?



The 1966 Chevrolet Caribe show car was based on the four-door Impala. It had bucket-type front seats with a center insert so that it could also be a 6-passenger car. The convertible top folded flush into the body and was covered with a solid boot, similar to those on Cadillacs of the time.

The Caribe never made it to production, and is just another example of the countless product experiments and “concept cars” undertaken by GM during the Corvair’s lifetime.



## NJACE Calendar of Events

### Saturday, March 3

Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9 AM.  
Quarterly business meeting, too.

### Sunday, March 25

*And the Winner Was...* theatrical revue by the Bergen County Players, 2 PM.

### Wednesday, April 4

Officers' Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Empire Diner. Members are always welcome.

### Saturday, April 7

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

## Are You Due to Do Your Dues?

The administrative year for NJACE memberships runs from April 1st through the following March 31st. We established this many years ago so that renewal time does not come on January 1st, and so that memberships can be renewed before the warm weather “driving season” arrives.

As this March 31st approaches, our membership stands at 80 households, some 29 of which are now due for renewal. If your name is on the list on the next page, please use the membership form that is part of this newsletter to renew your membership. If your name is *not* on this list, you need do nothing.

Dues are \$19 for one year, and \$36 for two years, and are the same whether you are an individual or family. Dues have not increased in more than a decade, and we do not expect them to increase for years to come. The club’s financial footing is strong and stable.

Members due for renewal at this time are listed on the next page:

## Members Due for Renewal

updated as of February 20, 2018

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Phil & Mary Ann   | Androvett  |
| Jeff              | Beddow     |
| Charles & Lynda   | Brady      |
| Steven            | Breines    |
| Vincent           | Campanile  |
| Wm. & Marguerite  | Cohen      |
| Frank             | DeBlasi    |
| Bernice           | Fisher     |
| Gregory           | Gorski     |
| Barry             | Herman     |
| Howard & Sherri   | Horne      |
| Richard & Barbara | Kellner    |
| Hakan             | Kutlu      |
| Allan & Joan      | Lacki      |
| Mark              | Lipkovitz  |
| Robert & Joana    | Lohf       |
| Fred              | Lorenz     |
| Tom & Liz         | Ludwig     |
| Richard & Chris   | Luongo     |
| Bill & Karen      | Moore      |
| Ed & Lois         | Natale     |
| Robert & Pamela   | Newell     |
| Norman & Hope     | Preston    |
| Chris             | Senegeto   |
| Russ & Linnea     | Shaver     |
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## Two views of the Auction Mob:



## Holiday Party Update:

A popular gift in the gift game was a batch of scratch-off lottery tickets. After many steals and trades the tickets went home with Donna Ashley.

Of all those tickets Donna had one that proved to be a winner! While a rumor was started when she left for Florida shortly after the party, Donna did return in time for the Auction festivities. The winning ticket was worth \$20, not enough for a grand vacation but enough to cover the cost of Donna's own grab-bag gift.

—Frank Hunter



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Membership Renewal Form

Check to see whether your name is on the list on Page 6

Date \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] New Membership or [ ] Renewal

[ ] Individual or [ ] Family\*

\*Family Membership includes two adults and all children under age 21 living at a single address.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2nd Adult Family Member \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Our monthly newsletter and other updates are delivered via e-mail. Printed materials are mailed periodically, as needed. We do not share our mailing lists with others.

NJACE dues are payable as follows:

[ ] One Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$19.00

[ ] Two Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$36.00

Membership extends April 1st through March 31st, one or two years

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\_\_\_\_\_