

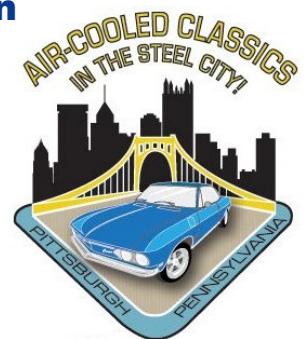
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the *Fanbelt*

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The Grandstands of Pittsburgh's Heinz Stadium loom over the Corvair Car Display during last week's CORSA Convention



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

It's August... The Dog Days of Summer!

No additional club activities (except this Saturday's breakfast) until September



Monthly Breakfast this Saturday, August 4, at the Empire Diner, 9:00 AM

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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

Roberta and I went to Pittsburgh for the 2018 CORSA convention. Originally, that wasn't the plan.



As many of you know my youngest grandson is now the proud owner of a 1965 Monza coupe. He lives in Columbia, South Carolina, and when he found out that the convention would be in Pittsburgh he was excited. He had a plan. He would drive up to Pittsburgh and his grandparents would meet him there and we would all would enjoy the convention.

Well, you know what they say about the best laid plans of mice and men. After we had made arrangements to go to convention and also worked very hard to make sure that the track event the Northeast Corvair Council was holding on Monday of convention week at Pittsburgh International Race Complex was a success; the grandson lands an internship for the summer and can't go to the convention. Well, maybe next time.

The track event was a success in spite of forecasts for rainy weather. At the drivers' meeting people were asking me what was the plan because they were convinced we would have rain that afternoon. I told them not to worry. I had sacrificed a chicken early that morning and there would be no rain. I was almost right.

As I left the pits to head out on the track as the last car of the day to take time I got a few raindrops on my windshield. I thought maybe I should have sacrificed a bigger chicken, but by the time I completed my warm-up lap the rain had stopped.

On Tuesday we moved to the convention host hotel. A really big place! Three towers with over 450 guest rooms. Unfortunately, the CORSA convention was not the big deal with the management that it has been at some other

hotels. Roberta and I did the dinner cruise, which was very nice. It was one of the longer dinner cruises and the food was good. I went to the Pittsburgh Pirates game against the New York Mets. I'm happy to report that the New York Mets beat up on the Pittsburgh Pirates with a final score of 12 to 6.

The best part of all convention was seeing old friends. I haven't been to a convention in a couple of years and I miss seeing them. It's amazing. You may see these folks only once a year, but it's as if you had just seen them last week. I've always believed that although I like the cars, it's the people who make this Corvair hobby what it is.



Activities Report

by Frank Hunter



On Saturday, July 14th, 22 NJACeRs gathered in Donna and Larry Ashley's spacious backyard in Succasunna for our 48th annual summer picnic. It was a warm, lazy and sunny afternoon. Most stayed in the shade of the gazebo but a few did take advantage of the pool. Once again Larry capably manned the ginormous grill and the side dishes were plentiful.

Max the dog attended to any leftovers. There were no tech sessions, but Bea Fisher was proud to display her old axle shaft that was recently replaced. There was lots of buzz about the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh.

Two weeks later, 20 folks from NJACE attended the CORSA international convention in Pittsburgh, which took place from Monday, July 23rd, through Saturday, July 28th. Although there were rainstorms to the east all during the week which led to severe flooding in central Pennsylvania, in Pittsburgh rain occurred overnight and the convention was not interrupted by the weather. The convention was held at a

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Activities, continued

very large Hilton hotel which was very spread out and involved a lot of walking to get to each event. The air conditioned inflatable "sports dome," home to the indoor vendors during the convention, was the place to be during the heat of the day.

NJACE was well represented in the Econo-Run by Al and Joan Lacki, the Road Rally by Tim Schwartz, and the Car Display by Ray and Kathy Coker. There were plenty of parts vendors outdoors (and plenty of bargains to be had) and as mentioned the sports dome allowed for a large indoor selling space.

Karen and I arrived late Tuesday evening. We had a nice dinner in the hotel restaurant. While looking at cars and parts occupied some time, culinary interests were also on our agenda. We are fans of *Diners, Drive Ins and Dives* on the Food Network. On Thursday we visited the Dor-Stop restaurant for lunch and Friday we went to Nadine's restaurant for the Brisket and Macaroni and Cheese special.

We decided to skip the Car Display held in downtown Pittsburgh on Saturday, opting to get a home a day early. There were many nice cars and a few "daily drivers," two-doors and four-doors, vans, pickups, station wagons, a Devin C and one ultra van. Next year's convention is near Chicago, Illinois, and if you haven't attended a convention I highly recommend it. I'm going to start working on Karen soon!



NJACers at the convention banquet

On The Road Again

by Bob Marlow

Sue and I were among the 20 NJACers (21 if you count Rob and Lisa Wanhouse's grandson) who attended the recent CORSA convention in Pittsburgh.



The hotel, while more than large enough to accommodate the more than 650 Corvair people who showed up, was a disappointment due to non-functioning elevators, expensive food, and a non-caring attitude on the part of management, but that shortcoming was offset by the always-upbeat attitude of Corvair folk.

We caravanned to Pittsburgh with Bill & Judy Doerge and Frank & Patty Schmitt from the Bayshore Corvair Association near our home. We drove through several heavy rainstorms en route, storms that continued to soak central and eastern Pennsylvania for the week but which happily spared the western portion of the state.

I spent my convention week inside the structure I named the "bounce house," the inflatable sports dome used for the indoor vendors, and my vendor table became home not only to the items I was seeking to sell but also to those from NJACE lifetime member Ken Klingaman, Connecticut's Norm Latulippe, and Virginia's Allen Bristow. (Didja see Allen and his Greenbrier on the TV series "Sticker Shock" recently?)

Sue, on the other hand, took advantage of amenities such as the hotel pool and midweek she joined the Doerges and the Schmitts on a trip to Fallingwater, the house designed in 1935 by renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright that today is designated as a National Historic Landmark.

On Thursday of convention week we both joined two busloads of convention-goers and visited PNC Park, the modern and funky ballpark alongside the river in downtown Pittsburgh, where on the night of our visit the New York Mets beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 12-6. Yay!

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On the Road, continued

Tim Schwartz was one of many people who signed up for the convention's river cruise on Tuesday evening, so he lent us his Greenbrier and with six other people we went to dinner at a recommended local restaurant that proved to be a winner. Our dinner companions included Corvair enthusiasts from California whom we had not met previously. Making new friends is always a highlight of any convention. The following night it was Frank and Karen Hunter who lent us their car for a dinner outing, and on Friday we piled into Ray and Kathy Coker's "Fast Orange" for a return trip to Tuesday's restaurant.

(Why didn't we use our own car? Because it could only carry two people, being a pickup truck filled to capacity with Corvair parts.)

The Friday evening awards banquet included a brief speech by our own Brian O'Neill (on behalf of the Northeast Corvair Council), followed by an all-NJACE get-together in the hotel bar (at which I failed to convince Dr Howard Horne to write a prescription for me). Sue and I skipped the Car Display on Saturday, in order to head home in time for a granddaughter's birthday party that evening. We're making plans for Chicago next year.



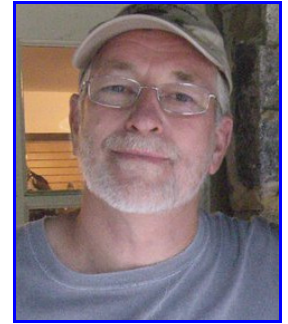
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It's Too Loud

by Ray Coker



If the mufflers on your Corvair don't allow you to use the radio... it's too loud. If the mufflers on your Corvair don't allow you to use a cell phone... it's too loud. If the mufflers on your Corvair don't allow you to talk to your passenger without leaning over... it's too loud. If the mufflers on your Corvair make all the neighbors' dogs bark, drown out emergency vehicle sirens, make you not notice jets doing low flyovers near you or drown out guns being fired at you for waking the baby... it's too damn loud.

Some of the examples above relate to the current exhaust system on my Corvair. It's too... you got it, LOUD.

When I purchased my Corvair 14 years ago it had a nice custom dual exhaust that fit and sounded great. It was also ceramic coated which promised a long life and a constant silver color with no tarnishing. About eight years ago I noticed it showing some signs of use and decided to have it ceramic coated again. The company that coated it the first time would not warranty it because I was not the original purchaser. No big deal, I had it coated again.

After 14 years it was beginning to get louder with each use and even though the outer finish was still somewhat okay I felt the mufflers inner gizzards were wearing out so I decided it needed a whole new exhaust system, a system matching the one I was replacing because it was PERFECT. The hunt was on for mufflers matching the ones I had in length, width and thickness.

I spent a couple of months searching high and low, turning over every rock I walked by, calling and visiting muffler shops, doing internet research and finally buying two mufflers at Surplus City that were labeled "quiet" and could be made to fit my Corvair. Guess what... they are too loud.

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Too Loud, continued

I recently searched Summit Racing for mufflers and found two that I knew I could make fit even though they were not the exact ones I have been searching for. I placed an order for them. A couple of hours later while still searching the internet I found a muffler guy in Henderson, Nevada, who advertised that he has been in the business for 46 years. I sent him an email describing the exact mufflers I wanted by length, width and thickness. Much to my astonishment he replied he could get what I was looking for, all I needed was to stop by his shop and he would get them for me.

I emailed him back explaining I was in Pennsylvania and could he share the manufacturer and part number and I would see if I could find some near me. Sure, he said, just go to Summit Racing and look at part # AP 700068. WHAT????? I did and it's the exact muffler I have been searching for. I cannot believe it. After months of research all it took was one person to point me in the right direction.

It's too loud... NOT ANY MORE!

**Who Knew? Part 8**

by *Bob Marlow*

Many Corvair enthusiasts know about the Electrovairs I and II, the Electrovan, and some are familiar with the Calvair, a Stirling-engine prototype. The Chevelle in the photo below is a little different. It is a GM-authorized project powered by steam.



Bill Besler was a steam-power enthusiast who bought the remains of the Doble company when it went defunct, and continued to tinker with steam power well into the 1960s. Chevy, as part of its ongoing research into alternative powerplants, gave Besler this 1969 Chevelle, set some targets, and turned Besler loose.

By and large Besler hit the targets set by GM, as his steam engine, modified from the stock V8 in the car, started quickly, ran well, and returned fuel mileage better than the V8. But the project was doomed by cost and complexity, as well as by unfamiliarity.

By the way, the Chevelle still exists, in private hands.



Doble Steam Car

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NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 4

Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

Saturday, September 1

Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

Sunday, September 16

All Air-Cooled Gathering, in Flanders. Complete details in next month's newsletter.

Saturday, October 6

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

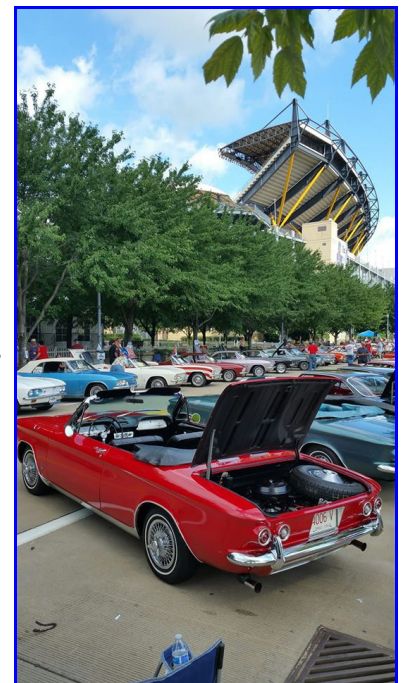


Part of the Bayshore gang, Bill & Judy Doerge, Sue Marlow, and Frank & Patty Schmitt at Fallingwater, the Frank Lloyd Wright house.

More Convention Photos...



Tim Schwartz and navigator C.J. Heckel show off their trophies for finishing third overall in the Road Rally.



Another view of the Car Display



A striking display of a Corvair engine



We don't know why the Wienermobile was there all week, but it was.



Concours judges looking for nits to pick.



Just a small portion of the hotel parking lot



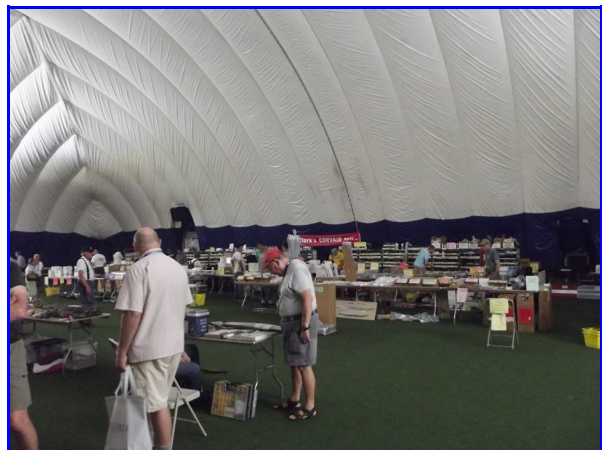
Sleeping on the job? No, Concours judges assigned to undercarriages.



The inflatable structure that housed the indoor vendors.



Two of the most rare: A 1962 Loadside pickup (above), and a 1960 "horn slot" car (right)



A portion of the "bounce house" vendor area.

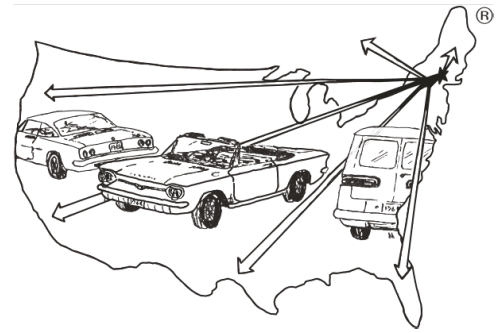


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