

September 2018

the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

Air-Cooled in September!



The Central Jersey Volkswagen Society's All Air-Cooled Gathering is this month!
Sunday, September 16 at the Swim and Sport Club of Flanders.
We're going to be there! Complete details inside.

Calendar of Events for the balance of 2018:

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Saturday, November 3

Regular Monthly Breakfast at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany

Sunday, November 18

Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Show

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And Coming Up in 2019:

On the first Saturday of every month

Regular Monthly Breakfast at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany

Mid-January

Our annual Holiday Party

Mid-February

Our annual indoor Parts Auction

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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

How It All Began

Every member of ENJACE has an affinity for cars. Certainly, there are different levels of this affinity but we all have it in one degree or another. Some members only have a soft spot for Corvairs while others are totally car crazy – in love with them all.

I've often wondered how this attraction got started. At what point in our lives did we realize that we have this attraction for cars? So, I decided to tell you my story and see if anyone is willing to share with the club the story of how they got started with cars.

My story about my love for cars starts way back in the dark ages when I was about 10 years old. On the corner of my street was a gas station that had been closed for as long as I could remember. Behind the station on a broken outdoor lift sat the hulk of an old car. Naturally all the boys in the neighborhood played in, around and on top of this car. One day while we were playing there the car caught on fire. I have no idea what started the fire. None of us were playing with matches and none of us wanted to see our special plaything destroyed. But burn it did and soon it was hauled away.

Shortly after the fire the gas station reopened. It was run by a man named Freddie. He was a likable guy who tolerated me hanging around the station and making a pest of myself. When I was about 12 years old he allowed me to go pick up coffee and doughnuts. Sweeping the floor was the next thing I was allowed to do at the station. I later graduated to being allowed to go on my bicycle to the parts store and pick up the items he had ordered. I watched everything Freddie did with keen interest and learned quite a few things about cars from him.

Just before I turned 15 years old he allowed me to work on an actual customer's car. To this



day I remember what happened. The job was to change the oil and filter on a brand-new Ford sedan. Everything went well until the customer started to back the car off the lift and out of the garage. As he backed out the car left a trail of oil. I hadn't tightened the filter.

The customer was very upset but Freddie earned my everlasting gratitude by calming him down and telling him it was not a big deal and we would fix it in just a few moments. The car went back onto the lift, Freddie showed me how to make sure the filter was tight, and a satisfied the customer drove off.

This incident did not dampen my love of cars. In fact, I continued to hang out at Freddie's all through high school. Although I worked in a grocery store after school on Wednesdays I would keep the station open from 6 PM until 10 PM while Freddie went for his trumpet lesson. Freddie gave me a key to the station and allowed me to put gas in my 1957 Chevrolet and pay him for it at a later date. I was always willing to do whatever ever he needed.

On Saturday nights after I had my license and access to my mother's car I would use it on dates with girls. Now girls had to be home at a certain time on Saturday night. So after I would drop my date off at her home I would drive to Freddie's, parked my car by the gas pumps, go inside and turn on the globe lights on the pumps. I would then sit on the fender of the car waiting to see if anybody would come by and challenge me to a race.

If I did get a challenge I would agree to meet them at an entrance to the Bronx River Parkway. In those days there was very little traffic at one or 2 o'clock in the morning. Yes, street racing was dangerous but the lack of cars greatly reduced the potential. I have a lot of stories about these races but I'll save them for another day.

So that's how it all got started for me. How about you? Write up your early experiences with cars. We would love to publish them in the Fanbelt.



Activities Report

by Frank Hunter



Bring your Corvair to the All Air-Cooled Gathering, sponsored by the Central Jersey Volkswagen Society on Sunday, September 16, at the Swim and Sport Club of Flanders. This is a large and largely hidden park located just a short distance from Ashley's Auto Body.

Corvairs – and all air-cooled cars – are welcomed at this well-attended and well-organized event. It actually covers both Saturday and Sunday but Sunday is the best day for Corvairs to participate.

The show is very hospitable to non-Volkswagens – in 2013, a Corvair, Allen Bristow's 1964 Greenbrier Camper, won Best-of-Show overall. Every year there is a feature vehicle, and this year it is oval window Beetles.

In addition to a show of more than 250 air-cooled vehicles, this event includes VW valve cover racing, kids games, 50/50, a swap meet, and the you-gotta-see-it-to-believe-it "Dub Push." There will be trophies, dash plaques, door prizes, on-site bar, kitchen, live music, special guests and a whole lot more.

Everyone is encouraged to enter the show, daily drivers to show cars, early or late model. As long as it's an air-cooled, it's welcome. A portion of the proceeds will go to help support Operation Jersey Cares, an all volunteer organization that provides care and support for past and present NJ Combat Veterans.

Entrance to the show on Sunday is \$15.00 per person, including your car. Kids 12 and under are admitted free, and since this is a family event, there is no BYO alcohol permitted. As for pets and all other details, check the event web site, <http://www.allaircooledgathering.com>.

While you are free to arrive when you wish

and depart when you choose, we are planning a pre-show meetup at Ashley's Auto Body so that we can caravan the one mile to the show site and all roll in together. If you want to join in the caravan, plan to be at Ashley's Auto Body by 8:30 AM. The body shop address is 274 Hillside Avenue, and the address of the show site is 272 Emmans Road, both in Flanders, NJ.

See you there!



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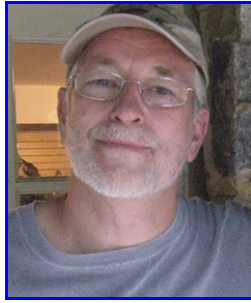
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Who Can Eat 70 Pizzas?

by Ray Coker

The Corvair owners who attended the 2018 Detroit Area Corvair Club (DACC) Homecoming, that's who.



The club and the hotel made sure no one went hungry with the hotel serving continental breakfast each day and the club serving lunches and dinners all of which were included in the registration fee. There was an outdoor movie night, a tech session, valve cover races, a model car contest, a DJ all weekend, a hospitality room, a tour to the GM Heritage Center, and more. A sold-out room full of people opted to spend an extra \$10 bucks and enjoy a Wine and Cheese tasting party and I think they got really happy.

Bob Marlow and I drove to Detroit on Thursday with his pickup loaded with Corvair parts which we hoped to sell. Bob had been to this event four times before, once for the very first one 38 years ago and again each year for the past three years so he had a plan. I helped him set up a pop-up canopy for shade, chairs to sit in while talking with old friends and a table with parts for sale ranging from a buck to 200 bucks.

We had to work through a couple of rain showers yet Corvair owners still came looking for "parts of unspeakable value." We saw buyers and vendors making trips to their cars with their hands full of parts they purchased then they would return for more. I didn't count the vendor spaces where people were selling parts but I think 15 is a good guess.

On Thursday and Friday there were around 70 Corvairs in the parking lot and on Saturday there were over 100. There is no formal car show at this event, well, yes there is but the 25 cars that got the most votes were all awarded as the Peoples' Choice and will be highlighted on the DACC's 2019 color calendar.

No trophies or plaques were given out but the people's choice cars were all driven through the portico in front of the hotel which was lined on

both sides with about 100 Corvair owners in their lawn chairs. Each driver and car were announced by the DJ giving the owners' name, car model, mileage and any other significant information while the crowd cheered and whistled loudly with approval. This list included early and late sedans, 4-doors, convertibles, FC's and an Ultra Van. It was a great parade of Corvair cars and trucks in one location.

By the way those 70 pizzas were not eaten over the course of the weekend, they were eaten all at once! A pizza buffet preceded the awards parade and it appeared that *everyone* there lined up for their slices.

It was my first time going to the DACC Homecoming weekend but it will not be my last. Going that far allows you to see new faces, make new friends, see Corvairs you probably have not seen before and hear stories you have not heard before. Corvair owners from OH, IL, PA, NJ, IN, WI (the guys from WI had a 4-hour drive and a 4-hour ferry ride), Canada and of course MI. As with every Corvair gathering there were Corvairs built and painted to the owners choosing, some V8 Corvairs, some with great paint jobs, some with low mileage, some needing continued work and many with smiling car owners behind the wheel.

In the year 2019 it would be nice to organize a caravan of NJACE members heading to the DACC Homecoming in suburban Detroit. Who wants pizza?



More Homecoming Photos...



NJACE Treasurer's Report August 23, 2018

Checking Balance as of May 31, 2018 \$4,509.14

Income:

Dues	\$ 93.00	
Checking Interest	<u>0.71</u>	
	\$ 93.71	+ \$ 93.71

Expenses:

Food & Refreshments	\$ 660.33	
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Checking Balance as of August 23, 2018 \$3,942.52

CD Balance as of May 31, 2018 \$4,766.53
Interest for the period \$ 16.59

CD Balance as of August 23, 2018 \$4,783.12

Grand Total as of August 23, 2018 **\$8,725.64**

Note: This report has been prepared early as the Treasurer will be away at the end of the month. August interest for the checking account and CD have not yet posted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Schwartz, Treasurer



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Yes, Free Breakfast!

You just might eat for free if you attend our monthly breakfasts. Each month we draw a member's name at random, and if they are there, their breakfast bill is paid by the club! If they are not there, we draw again until we have a winner! Just another reason to get up and join us on the first Saturday of the month.



Why is there a Picture of a Studebaker in the Corvair Club Newsletter?



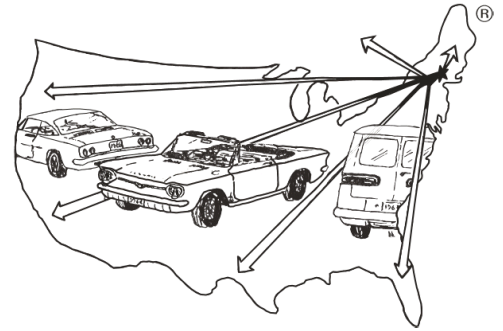
Specifically, a photo of a baby-blue 1961 Lark 2-door wagon?

Because this car figures in what could be the Editor's "How It All Began" story, as outlined by the President on Page 2. Submit your story to vairtec@optimum.net!

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