

January 2019

the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts



Our personal odometers are rolling over to 2019, the year in which the newest Corvair will reach 50 years of age, and the year in which NJACE will reach 49 years of age.

Happy New Year!

We will kick off the New Year with our regular monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner on January 5, followed by our big Holiday Gala on January 13.

All the details are in this newsletter.

And please note that the Holiday Gala has a January 7 deadline for reservations!

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As announced last month, this year's NJACE holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, 2019, and this year we are calling it **The Holiday Gala**. The Gala will of course include our traditional NJACE annual awards and the great food at the Cannon Gate Catering & Conference Center on Picatinny Arsenal, but there is much more this year!

For a change of page we are giving the Gift Game the year off and we're adding a special treat for our members. The professional group called **The Belle Tones** will perform for our entertainment. These three lovely ladies are extremely talented with a wide repertoire. I have seen them perform on more than one occasion and I know they will knock your socks off. We also have other treats which are being kept secret until the event.

The big Holiday Gala is open not only to club members, but as always families and friends are invited, too! We are also inviting other Corvair clubs.

The date is Sunday, January 13, starting at 1:00 PM. The cost for the Holiday Gala is just \$29 per person. You can sign up at our January breakfast on Saturday, January 5, or at any time prior to Monday, January 7, by either e-mail (bmoneill@juno.com) or telephone (973-729-5586). All reservations must be in hand no later than the 7th, so don't delay! On the next page you'll find additional information, including what is necessary to gain entry to Picatinny Arsenal. This event promises to be one of our best. Don't miss it!

—Brian O'Neill



How to Attend the Holiday Gala at Picatinny Arsenal:

If you are coming to the party (and we sure hope you do), there's a couple of things you need to do. First of all, you need to RSVP. You do this by contacting club president Brian O'Neill to sign up. Brian's phone number is 973-729-5586. Or you can e-mail him at bmoneill@juno.com. The deadline to do this is Monday, January 7.

The second thing you need to remember is that you cannot just wander into Picatinny Arsenal. It is absolutely necessary that you provide Brian with your name and the name of anyone coming with you. You need to make sure each person has good photo identification with them. You also must have a valid registration and insurance card for your vehicle and you have to know that you are going to the Conference Center. The security people at the gate may ask you to pull over so they can inspect your vehicle.

You'll need these documents at the front gate entrance. The guards there will have a list of everyone who was authorized entry for the party. That's why it's absolutely necessary that Brian has your information no later than Monday, January 7. If you just show up at the front gate without prior arrangements things will be very difficult and entry cannot be guaranteed.

Okay, but how do you find Picatinny Arsenal and the correct entry gate? That's easy, just follow Interstate 80 westbound to Exit 34B for New Jersey Route 15 North towards Jefferson/Sparta. If you're coming eastbound use exit 34 and follow the signs for Route 15 North. The Picatinny main gate will be on your right, just a short distance north on Route 15.

Once you are at the gate, your destination is the Cannon Gate Conference Center, locally known as the club.

After you have gone through the gate, continue straight on the main road, and as you come up to a blinking yellow traffic light bear to the right. Go on that road for only a short distance and then bear left. The Conference Center will be a short distance on your left. Please do not wander around on the Arsenal.

You'll attract unwanted attention.

Now call or e-mail Brian no later than January 7 to make your reservations. Once more, his phone number is 973-729-5586 and his email is bmoneill@juno.com.



President's Message

by Brian O'Neill



As I sit here pondering what to say as 2018 comes to a close, the first thing that comes to mind is the need to say thank you to all our members for once again putting their trust in the club officers. I also think that NJACE is very fortunate to have such dedicated people willing to go the extra mile to make sure our club has great activities. And I want to thank Rob Wanhouse for once again stepping up to be our Activities VP. In his previous stint in this position Rob came up with varied tours and activities and I know we all look forward to seeing what he comes up with for 2019.

2018 was once again a very successful year for the club. Our monthly breakfasts are well attended and have given us the chance to get to know new members. The only thing that disappoints me a little bit is that we do not get enough participation for our other activities. As I mentioned, our activities are varied. We have road tours, museum visits, tech sessions, our annual June breakfast by the lake, the summer picnic, and the holiday party. If you haven't routinely attended these events you don't know what you're missing. So make a New Year's resolution to come out in 2019 and participate.

We have begun are planning for the year. The old standbys – holiday party, the parts auction, and the summer picnic – naturally are on the

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schedule. We also have some interesting new ideas for 2019 so stay tuned as we work out the details.

Speaking of the holiday party, you might have noticed that this year we are calling it the Holiday Gala. Once again it will be held at the Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal. The highlight of this year's affair will be in appearance by the Belle Tones, a professional singing group comprised of three curvaceous young ladies. I have seen them perform a couple of times and I can assure you they will knock your socks off.

As with our other activities at Picatinny Arsenal, we need to submit names to the Security Office prior to the event. So please either tell me at the January breakfast meeting on January 5, or call me or e-mail me with your information if you plan to attend, not later than Monday, January 7.

The Gala is going to be a great way to start off the coming year. Don't miss it!

NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 13

The Holiday Gala! Our annual Holiday Party is special this year, with great food, professional entertainment, and some surprises! See all the details in this newsletter.

Saturday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 16

Our annual Corvair Parts Auction, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body in Flanders.

Saturday, March 2

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

Minutes

of the General Membership Meeting Saturday, December 1, 2018 Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by President Brian O'Neill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. *[The report is published elsewhere in this issue. The report as updated with November and December interest will be published in the February issue.]*

Old Business:

None was brought forward.

New Business:

As no additional nominations were received the Secretary cast one vote to elect:

President: Brian O'Neill

Vice President: Nick Ford

Treasurer: Tim Schwartz

Secretary: David Malcolm

Activities VP: Rob Wanthouse

Publicity VP: Bob Marlow

The Tech Session scheduled to work on Derek Pike's LM 4speed was canceled as the car seems to have made a miraculous recovery. Instead those interested may meet at Brian's for the next installment of the Mystery of the Tapping Valves.

President O'Neill spoke about the upcoming NJACE Holiday Gala to be held on Sunday, January 13, starting at 1:00 PM. This year's party will feature a performance by the Belle Tones (and the usual excellent food and drink by Cannon Gate Catering). Tickets are just \$29. Please feel free to invite family and friends. A reminder was given that, because of security at Picatinny Arsenal, the names of all attending must be given to Brian by January 7.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Malcolm, Secretary*

Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2018

Checking Balance as of August 23, 2018	\$3,942.52
INCOME:	
Dues	\$ 19.00
Checking Interest (Aug-Oct)	1.00
	+ \$ 20.00
EXPENSES:	
none	- 0
Checking Balance as of November 30, 2018	<u>\$3,962.52</u>
CD Balance as of August 23, 2018	\$4,783.12
CD Interest (Aug-Oct)	+ \$ 25.13
CD Balance as of November 30, 2018	<u>\$4,808.25</u>
Grand Total as of November 30, 2018	<u>\$8,770.77</u>

Note: This report has been prepared prior to the posting of November interest by the bank. A full year report will appear in the next issue.

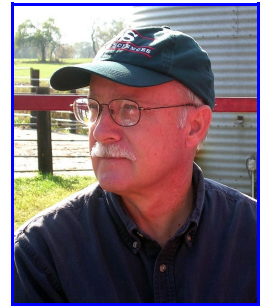
*Respectfully submitted,
Tim Schwartz, Treasurer*



If you attend our monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, you just might eat for free! Each month we draw a member's name and that member has their breakfast check picked up by the club! But you hafta be there to win!

Being Human

by Ken Schiffner



Some folks call their Corvairs "Time Machines." I know I get that feeling every time I drive mine. Doing so brings back memories. It also shows me how times have changed and how the separation between driver and vehicle has increased.

For example, when I listen to the radio in my Corvair (AM only) and my ears detect that the signal is weak, I move my hand over to the tuning knob and give it a few twists until the signal sounds better. If my ears detect little or no improvement, I go to another, hopefully better, station. With a "modern" radio, the signal seeking circuits do that for me. Lacking stereo on my AM, I don't have to worry if the signal is mono or not. I know mono is all I can get much like in the '60's. With a modern radio, often a little light illuminates telling me what my ears already know, "Stereo" or not. It is as if the radio doesn't trust my ears. The radio must think I'm dumb.

Then there is the seat adjuster. If I'm too close (or too far) from the steering wheel, I just reach down and move the little seat adjustment lever (below). A push or pull on the seat here and there and, like a miracle, the position is adjusted. No motors, sensors, wiring, etc. Just me doing a little thinking and then applying some muscle. On some modern vehicles, sensors and motors move the seat electrically into a new or even memorized position. Heck, to further reduce thinking, various positions can be programmed. One only needs to enter and sit. Does the seat think I can't do this myself?

The heater controls are another connection I make directly with my Corvair. Too cold? Assuming the engine is warm enough, my brain tells me if I'm too hot or too cold and I just slide the "Heat" control. Most humans can do this. Too hot or not enough outside air? I just move the kick panel vent control (below). On a modern vehicle, sensors, wiring, motors, etc. do this for me. In the Corvair, if a front seat passenger

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would like more air, I just point out the kick panel control on their side. Most humans know "push-pull" to make the adjustment. If they are too cold, however, I'm in control of the Heat regulator (unless the passenger has very long arms). Ask politely and I'll oblige the adjustment. Many modern vehicles have "comfort" controls for both passenger and driver. No need to talk, the vehicle will control.

How 'bout the rear-view mirror. If my eyes look into the mirror and are partially blinded by the high beams of the driver behind me, my brain tells my hand to reach up and flick the little lever that tilts the mirror. On some new vehicles, that happens automatically. No human intervention needed, or apparently wanted.

On my water pumper, there are sensors attached internally to the wheels that sense tire pressure. A little light illuminates on the dashboard to tell me if I have low tire pressure (even for the spare tire). With my Corvair I have a tire pressure gauge (value, about \$2.00) that rattles in the glove box. My human brain tells me that every now and then I should check the tire pressure and check the tire condition. On the "modern" vehicle, I don't think about pressure or tire condition until the little light reminds me.

And finally, with the Corvair, we have manual steering. You can actually "feel" the road. On modern vehicles, the steering is likely to be power assisted. In a Corvair, the amount of "assist" is brain and muscle controlled. I like that.

Yes, the Corvair can be a "Time Machine." Over time, devices have replaced what we used to do for ourselves using our brains and muscles. Driving the Corvair reminds me that I am human.

[Ken Schiffner is a longtime NJACE member now residing in Colorado, where he drives his Corvair to keep from becoming ossified by modern cars.]

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Remember, NJACE is on Facebook!

Connect with your NJACE friends (and the larger Corvair community) via the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts' Facebook page.

Members Dick Kellner, Curt Stone, David Main, Tim Schwartz, Robert Boynton, Ray Coker, Robert Newell, David Kuhles, Larry Ashley, Greg Dittrich, David Malcolm and Al Lacki are just some of those who have posted photos and comments there in recent months.

Plus, Facebookers from outside our membership contribute also. Check it out!



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Don't forget NJACE's web site, too!

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/index.html>



or



unexpected things happen but please be considerate of your fellow club members and don't burden them with the cost of your meal.



Just some of the more than 400 photos on the NJACE Facebook page:



For the upcoming Holiday Gala, the cost is \$29 per person, which we know from past experience is a bargain for the quality of the meal served at the Cannon Gate Catering and Conference Center. You have several options for making your payment.

- You can give your payment to club treasurer Tim Schwartz at the January 5 breakfast;
- You can mail your payment to the club address, as long as it arrives by January 9;
- You can submit your payment at the event itself.

Cash is acceptable (but don't mail cash!), and checks should be made payable to "NJACE."

The club's mailing address is NJACE, P.O. Box 631, Ridgewood, NJ 07451-0631.

Please note, once you indicate to Brian O'Neill that you will be attending the event and Brian submits your name to the caterers and the security personnel, NJACE is now on the hook for your dinner. If for some reason you have to cancel you are still responsible for the cost. Unfortunately in past years we have had some members either cancel or not show up. We know

