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the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

**As Seen at the Holiday Gala:
The Belle Tones...
Three Beautiful Women**
(and a fourth one about whom we'll say nothing...)



**Yes, fresh from a successful Holiday Gala
we now turn our attention to what is consistently
our most popular event of the year,
the Corvairster Parts Auction!**

**Saturday, February 16.
Complete Details on page 5!**



**And don't forget
our regular monthly breakfast
at the Empire Diner on February 2.**

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President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

On Sunday, January 13, NJACE held its annual Holiday Party. This year we called it the Holiday Gala because we had a couple of special treats planned for our members. Not all of them worked out as planned but it truly was a gala because of the performance put on by the Belle Tones.



These three talented young ladies from New York City gave us two 30-minute sets. They got the audience involved, which heightened our enjoyment. Three NJACE wives, Donna Ashley, Helen Maurella, and Carol Rothenberg sang as a backup group for a couple of numbers. Who knew we had such talented folks here in NJACE?

The Belle Tones also had male members of the audience participating. During their rendition of a 1950s hit called "Lipstick on Your Collar" they vamped Ray Coker, Al Lacki, and Bob Marlow. One of the vampees will from now on be known as The Octopus. If you are there you know why.

Yours truly also was used as a prop by the ladies. Basically I was treated as a Christmas tree with presents on my lap and flower garlands draped all over me. People told me I never looked so good.

After another fine buffet dinner by the Cannon Gate Catering and Conference Center and the second performance by the Belle Tones, the annual NJACE participation awards were presented. Steve Calandra won the Bill Ableson Corvair Driver award for 2018, while the Mary Paxton Participation Award for 2018 was shared by Bill Cohen and Tony Gervasio.

Also presented was the our Member of the Year Award. While the participation awards are determined by points earned through the year, the winner of the Member of the Year Award is selected by the club officers. There isn't any numerical score, it's a matter of who the officers

feel made the most valuable long-term contributions to the club.

This year the co-winners were Donna Ashley and Roberta O'Neill. The contributions of these two ladies are well-known. I cannot think of two more deserving people.

Many thanks go to our own DJ Steve Calandra who in spite of a broken fan belt on his Corvan made it to Picatinny Arsenal, set up all the audio equipment and professionally supported the Belle Tones.

I owe an apology to Pennsylvania Joe who put together another of his hilarious videos about this past year's club activities. I thought I knew how to hook up his computer to the building's audio visual system. But I didn't, so Joe showed the video a couple of times the folks who gathered around his computer. Sorry Joe, but please do another one for this coming year.

This snowy weekend, I have spent some time digging through the basement looking for things for our upcoming small parts auction. This is another one of those "don't miss" events. Details are here in this issue of the Fanbelt. See you there.



The \$200,000.00 Yenko Stinger

by Al Lacki

In early January a Yenko Stinger sold at Mecum's Kissimmee collector car auction for (deep breath) \$200,000.00 – actually \$220,000.00 to the buyer when the auction company's buyer's premium is added.



This eclipses the previous high sale price for a Stinger by a very wide margin.

Naturally, this attracted much attention from people on the internet discussion boards including at least one former-owner of this very special car. Detractors complained that, although it's beautiful, it's not all-original.

Among other things, it's equipped with accessories that Yenko did not install, including Minilite mag wheels, 3-barrel Weber carburetors, bumper guards and wire-mesh headlight guards. Of course, it's been repainted and almost everything has been replaced or rebuilt.

Although Yenko Stingers were competitive in SCCA racing for a season or two, I've never understood why they command so much more money than a well-equipped Corvair Corsa. Apparently, it's the little Yenko serial number badge that makes all the difference.

Nevertheless, the fact that a Stinger sold for \$200,000.00 is an indicator of the respect Corvairs are attaining in certain quarters.



More photos on the next page

The \$70,000.00 Rampside

by Bob Marlow

Only a few days later, a 1962 Rampside was sold at the Barrett-Jackson's Scottsdale collector car auction for (another deep breath) \$70,000.00 – actually \$77,000.00 to the buyer when the auction company's buyer's premium is added.



The Rampside, also beautifully restored with only minor details not quite correct, kicked off its own considerable internet chatter, including comments by a number of owners of shabby Rampside's proclaiming, tongue-in-cheek, "I'm rich!"

You missed your chance, however. This very Rampside, which still bears a reproduction NJ State inspection sticker on the windshield, was for sale right here in New Jersey about two or so years ago, for an asking price closer to one-third of the auction price. With a little clairvoyance you could have been a very successful "flipper."

From a valuation standpoint, however, both the \$200,000.00 Yenko Stinger and the \$70,000.00 Rampside are outliers. Yes, the market determines value, but the market is not set by any one sale, and generally little influenced by any one sale. Asking prices for Stingers and Rampside's may be pushed upward by these auction results, but only documented sales will truly affect values. Still, as Al noted, it is nice to see Corvairs continuing to gain respect in the collector car arena.



More photos of the \$200,000.00 Stinger...

... and the \$70,000.00 Rampside





Dayton Allen says . . .
Why Not?
 Plan to attend the
**NJACE Corvair
 Parts Auction!**

Our annual **Parts Auction**, a club staple now dating back more than 35 years and one of our most popular events of the year, is all set for **Saturday, February 16**, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders. (We'll use the following Saturday, February 23, 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. Just go to

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace>

and click the "2019 Parts Auction!" tab near the top of the page, then scroll down to the Lot Card link.

But you can also get blank lot cards on the day of the auction.

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 individual oil filters. (Bulk lots often sell very well!)

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? It is!

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 and Facebook.

Ashley's Auto Body is located at
 274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, NJ 07836

See you there, and bring a chair!

Editor's Note: Don't know who Dayton Allen is? You're probably not alone. He is a comedian from the early days of television, who billed himself as "Author, Lecturer, Traveler and Bum," and whose humor was, um, offbeat. He also provided the voice for the cartoon character "Deputy Dawg," itself probably just as obscure today.

Thank You for Your Service

by Joe Maurella

I am working on another project that would acknowledge all the men and women in NJACE who served in the armed forces. To facilitate this, I am asking all members who served (or who may be serving currently) to please email me at maurella4@verizon.net with their name and which branch of the service they were in.



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Treasurer's Report

Full Year 2018

Checking Balance as of January 1, 2018		\$3,992.59
INCOME:		
Dues	\$ 921.00	
Checking Interest	4.07	
Parts Auction	649.00	+ <u>1,574.07</u>
EXPENSES:		
Food & Parties	\$1,430.98	
P.O. Box rent	200.00	
State filing fee	25.50	- <u>1,656.48</u>
Checking Balance as of December 31, 2018		<u>\$3,910.18</u>
CD Balance as of January 1, 2018		\$4,725.71
CD Interest for the year		+ \$ <u>99.27</u>
CD Balance as of December 31, 2018		<u>\$4,824.98</u>
Grand Total as of December 31, 2018		<u>\$8,735.17</u>
Grand Total as of January 1, 2017		<u>\$8,718.30</u>
Operating Gain for the year		+ \$ <u>16.86</u>

*Respectfully submitted,
Tim Schwartz, Treasurer*



Yes, we're still offering a chance to win a FREE breakfast each month at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany. Each month we draw a member's name at random and that member has their breakfast check picked up by the club! But you can only win if you are there! Come on out this Saturday, February 2nd, Groundhog Day!

Is it Time to Pay Your Dues?



Maybe.

All NJACE memberships expire on March 31, so we begin the renewal process in February.

But NJACE offers one-year and two-year membership options, so not every member is due for renewal every year. Is this your year?

If your name is on the following list, our records indicate that you are due for renewal. So, please, print and fill out the renewal form on the next page, and send it in with your dues payment.

You can also find the form on our web site, <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/>. Just click on the "Join Us" tab.

Please take the time to fill out the form completely, as we need up-to-date records for everyone.

Thank you!

Beddow, Jeff
 Bermudez, Aramis & Rita
 Boynton, Robert
 Cavagnaro, Dave & Bennie
 Cohen, Gary
 Coker, Ray & Kathy
 DeBlasi, Frank
 DiCosimo, Michael
 Dittrich, William & Janet
 Dittrich, Greg & Becky
 Dombal, Lawrence
 Dunn, Jim
 Dunn, William
 Ford, Nick & Barbara
 Franks, Neil
 Garfield, Eddie & Kathi
 Gervasio, Tony & Helen

Greenwood, Bruce
 Herman, Barry
 Kuhles, Jr., David
 Kutlu, Hakan
 Librizzi, Joseph & Annette
 Lohf, Robert & Joana
 Lorenz, Fred & Marianne
 Louglas, Peter & Lillian
 Lundy, Ken
 Main, David
 Malcolm, Elizabeth & David
 Marlow, Bob & Sue
 Maurella, Joe & Helen
 McKimens, Taylor
 Mirabella, Nick
 Moore, Bill & Karen
 Natale, Ed & Lois
 O'Neill, Brian & Roberta
 Peles, Ronald & Gloria
 Pike, Derek
 Rothenberg, David
 Rubin, Gary
 Schiffner, Ken
 Schwartz, Tim
 Shaver, Russ & Linnea
 Speronza, Dominick & Susan
 Stone, Curt & Pat
 Stone, Michael
 Sullivan, Brian
 Vanderpoel, Jim & Joann
 Vogel, Kevin
 Wanhouse, Robert
 Weiner, David
 Westfield, Francis
 Wilson, Vincent
 Winant, Dorcey & Rick

NJACE Calendar of Events

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.



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Membership Form

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 (_____) _____

E-mail _____

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 expires on March 31st

Total Remitted:\$_____

Please make your check or money order payable to NJACE, Inc., and mail this completed form and payment to the address above or deliver it to the Treasurer at any club event. You should receive your first newsletter within four weeks of our receiving your application.

NJACE is a Chapter of CORSA, the Corvair Society of America. CORSA membership information is available online at http://www.corvair.org/

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_____