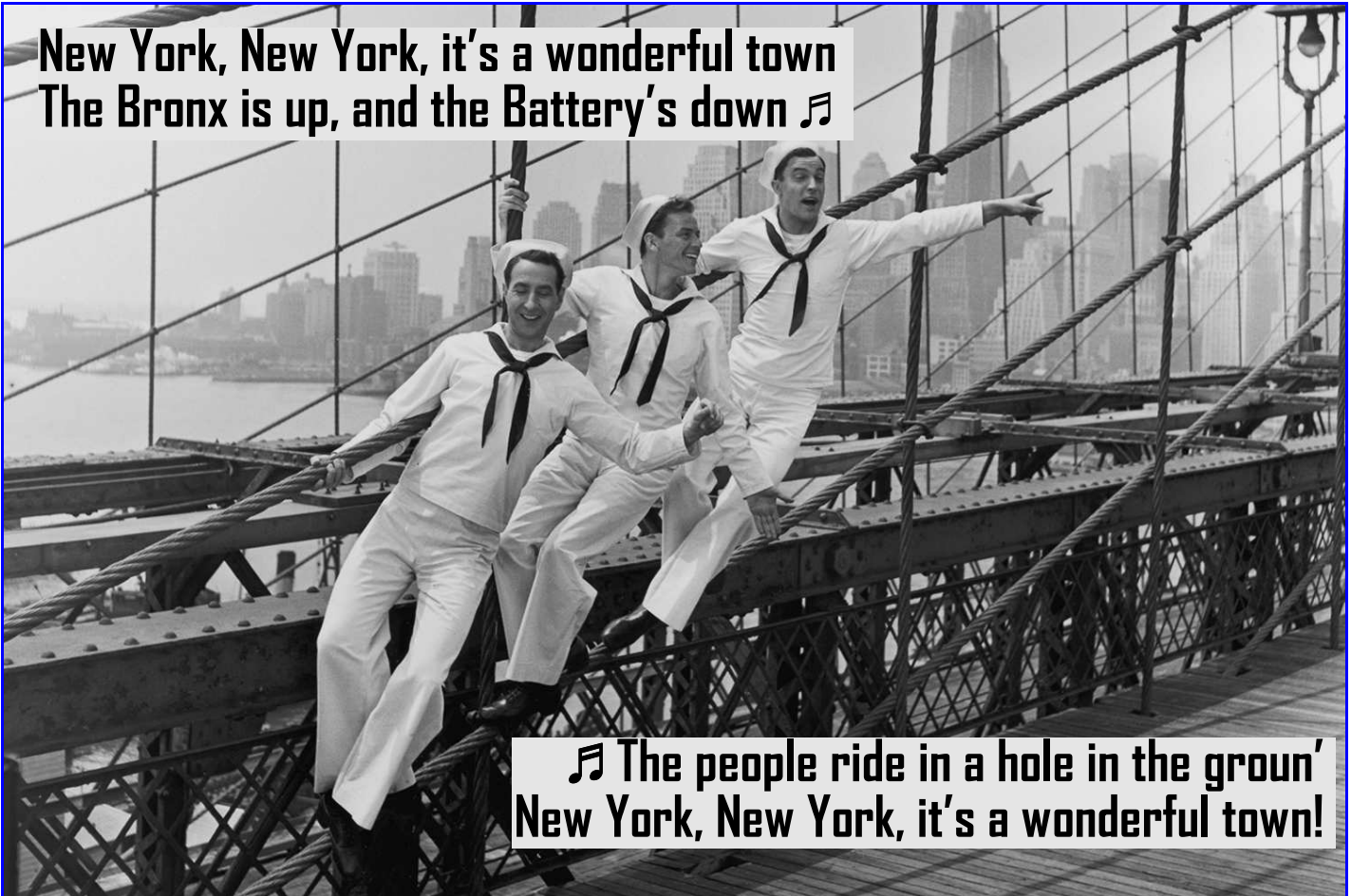


April 2019

the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

**New York, New York, it's a wonderful town
The Bronx is up, and the Battery's down ♪**



**♪ The people ride in a hole in the groun'
New York, New York, it's a wonderful town!**

**That hole in the groun' will be our focus this month
as we visit the New York Transit Museum in Brooklyn,
on Saturday, April 27**

**NJACE Activities VP Rob Wanhouse will be our guide.
(He's well-qualified for this, he works for the Port Authority!)**

***And don't forget our regular monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner on April 6,
which will also be one of our quarterly business meetings.***

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Going Underground with NJACE

by Rob Wanhouse

On Saturday, April 27, NJACE will visit the **New York Transit Museum**, often referred to simply as the “Subway Museum.”



Housed underground in an authentic 1936 subway station in Downtown Brooklyn, the Transit Museum’s working platform level spans a full city block, and is home to a rotating selection of twenty vintage subway and elevated cars dating back to 1907.



Founded in 1976, the New York Transit Museum is dedicated to telling and preserving the stories of mass transportation – extraordinary engineering feats, workers who labored in the tunnels over 100 years ago, communities that were drastically transformed, and the ever-evolving technology, design, and ridership of a system that runs 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

We will be able to board the vintage cars, sit at the wheel of a city bus, step through a time tunnel of turnstiles, and explore changing exhibits that highlight the cultural, social and technological history – and future – of mass transit.

So how will we get there?
We’ll take the Subway, of course!
Here is the plan:



We will meet at 10 AM at the Panera Bread in the Newport Centre Mall in Jersey City. The mall offers indoor parking, and the Panera Bread is located on level 1 next to Lenscrafters. The mall’s address is 30 Mall Drive West, Jersey City, NJ 07310.

From the mall we will take the Light Rail Trolley to Exchange Place, where we will board a ferry to the World Trade Center. We will then take the Subway to Brooklyn.

The approximate round trip cost is \$12 per person; museum admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 2-17, and \$5 for seniors age 62-up.

Saturday, April 27 – See you there!



Years from now
the Corvair club will visit this train.
How'm I doin'?



NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 6

Monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner,
Rt. 46, Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
Quarterly business meeting, too.

Saturday, April 27

Our visit to the New York Transit Museum.
Details on Page 2 in this issue.

Saturday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 19

North Jersey Auto Show at Bergen
Community College, rain or shine! See the
additional details on this page.

Saturday, June 1

Monthly breakfast *not* at the Empire Diner;
It's our annual visit to Bucky's on the Lake!

May Car Show

by Frank Hunter



Next month, our club activity will be participating in the Restored Rusty Relics' annual North Jersey Auto Show, taking place on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Bergen Community College in Paramus, near Routes 4 and 17. Mark your calendar!

This show routinely draws up to 350 cars and 80 or more vendors selling car parts, clothing, collectibles, memorabilia, and food. All pre-registered cars will get dash plaques; there will also be trivia contests and a DJ playing music. Show time is 8:00 AM through 3:00 PM, and takes place rain or shine.

This is a "classic car" show, only open to vehicles from model-year 1994 and earlier. Our Corvairs fit right in! Pre-register online for just \$15 per car (before May 1); \$20 afterward. Spectators can visit for \$5 per person or \$10 per carload.

We will have more details next month, but in the meantime you may wish to take advantage of pre-registration. Not only do you save \$5 but you speed right through the registration line. Sign up online or print out a registration form at

<https://www.northjerseyautoshow.com/>

Quick Tech Tip

by David Malcolm

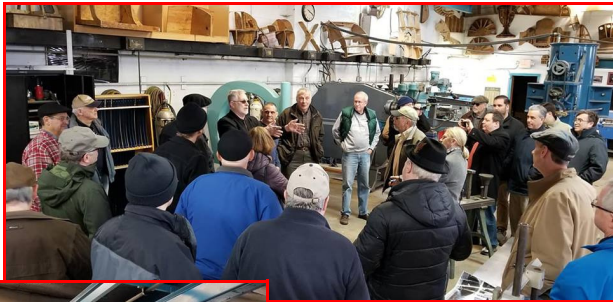
I installed one of the "one wire" internally regulated alternators on my '69, following the wiring in the CORSA Tech Guide, it all works as it should, including the GEN-FAN light.



The only thing I did differently was at the regulator. I tried removing it and installing jumpers per the Tech Guide but there's a lot of harness there and it just kind of hung. So I took a dead regulator, gutted it, installed the needed jumpers internally. All is and looks well.



Our visit on March 23 to Contour Metalshaping in photos



We've used photos
because words fail us.
We were in the presence
of a creative genius!

A master craftsman in
metal and in wood!

If you missed this you
missed one of our most
fascinating events ever!



*Photos by the Daves:
David Main and David Rothenberg*

The Eagle Has Landed

From Jalopnik, 2014:

For an American car, the Corvair was delightfully strange. Any Corvair variant will be inherently strange, too, but I think it's hard to beat a Corvair-based vehicle named after a bird, with lots of overdone chrome ornamentation, focused on safety, and built by a company best known for tiny, child-sized cars you start with a rope.

The car is called the Eshelman Golden Eagle.

Eshelman was a company best known for selling really, really tiny "adult sports cars" that shared the same basic body with the kid's pedal cars they sold. These tiny runabouts were about the cheapest cars you could buy in the US, and used Briggs and Stratton engines of about 2.25HP.



The Golden Eagles were pretty much just new fleet-model Corvairs that Eshelman would dress up with delightfully overdone gold badging, including a massive golden eagle on the front. I imagine the grille-less Corvair was the only car that had a large enough unbroken metal panel on the front to house such a bird, which just may be why the Corvair was chosen. I'd like to think he found a huge stash of gold eagles and started wondering "what car can I stick these on?"

The Golden Eagles had a bunch of other gold trim bits, the Eshelman name on the hood, big, custom taillights, and possibly some interior "upgrades." Maybe eagle-down bolsters?

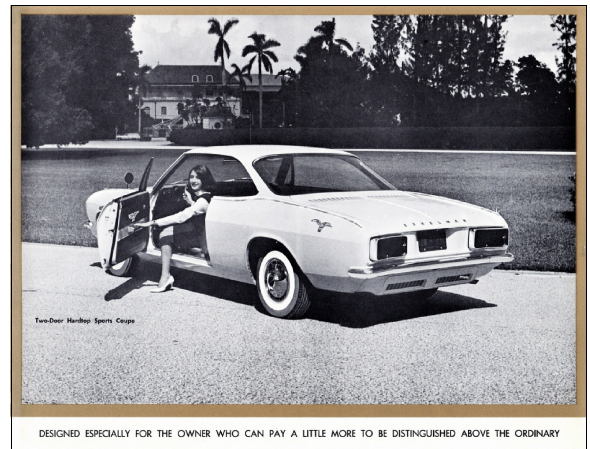
The car's tagline was

"Designed especially for the owner who can pay a little more to be distinguished above the ordinary."

So I guess the car was for rich people who wanted Corvairs, but really wanted you to know they had way more money than you'd need for a Corvair.

GM wasn't officially involved in any way, and when they found out about what Eshelman was doing, and presumably saw one of those massive eagles being pushed along by a Corvair down the highway, they demanded he knock it off, already.

Eshelman stopped, sort of, instead offering all that gold crap as a package current Corvair owners could apply to their cars, after, say, they'd been hit by lightning or something.



Postscript: Have you seen an Eshelman Eagle in person? If you were a member of NJACE in the late 1970s you could have, as one of our members at the time, Bill Hossfield, owned one and brought it to a club picnic!

Bill was and is a collector of oddball vehicles – he even has one of the dinky Eshelman cars!

President's Message

by Brian O'Neill



Recently I was reading the Sunday editorial section of the New York Times. I'm somewhat of a political junkie with a degree in Public Administration. So the Sunday editorial section is one of my favorites.

I guess you all know, the one thing I love more than politics is cars. You can imagine my surprise when in the editorial section I saw an article entitled *Bring Back the Stick Shift*. Yes, if anybody reminds me, I am currently restoring a 1961 four door which will have a Powerglide transmission, but I'm blaming that on my wife.

As I started to read the article I thought it would be all about the joys of shifting. About how great it feels as you upshift at just the right moment on a winding road. Or about how great it feels to downshift just as you enter a corner on the track. But it wasn't about that. The author made what I consider to be a very valid point about how technology is contributing to the lack of attentiveness on the part of many drivers.

Now I will agree that driving down to South Carolina with satellite radio, air conditioning and windows up makes the trip much more enjoyable. But on the other hand when I really want to have fun I take out my 1965 Corvair convertible and drive the back roads around my neighborhood. Life doesn't get much better.

The author of the article goes on to say that with things like automatic transmission, backup cameras, cruise control, the flashing warning lights on mirrors that show a car is in your blind spot have all contributed to drivers being less attentive. He also points out that recently there have been a number of accidents with these so-called 'self driving' cars with at least one of them being fatal. He points out that investigations have shown that although there was a person behind the wheel while the car was in the cell driving mode these persons made no effort to stop all correct the car's path. He maintains that they lost focus and had given themselves over into the hands of technology.

The point I like the best was his observation that there is no way you can hold a cell phone in your hand while driving a stick shift car in traffic. All four of your limbs are occupied. Your focus level is high because you are feeling and listening to feedback from the car to tell you when to shift. I totally agree.

Now, I've been accused of being a Luddite. I don't even own a cell phone. Maybe 'self driving' cars are the way to the future. If they are count me out.

The Dead Lion is Here

Whoops, we mean the deadline.

In February's issue we published a list of 53 members due for renewal by March 31. Now, with that date upon us, the list is down to just 16. Thank you to all who have renewed!

But these 16 member households are at risk of being dropped, so now is the time to renew. Just use the renewal form that is page nine of this newsletter, or use the form that can be found under the "Join Us" tab at

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

NJACE offers one-year and two-year membership options. 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 and send it in with your dues payment.

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

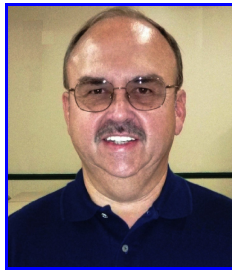
Due for Renewal:

Beddow, Jeff
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Herman, Barry
Moore, Bill & Karen
Speronza, Dom & Susan
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Winant, Dorsey & Rick

Studebaker Scholarship

by Ron Peles



The Studebaker National Foundation has scholarship dollars available, \$1,500 for each semester, trimester or quarter, upon successful completion of each, for college students studying a field related to automobile preservation or restoration. Contact Studebaker National Foundation treasurer Brian Millette, 41633 N. Emerald Lake Drive, Anthem, Arizona 85086, email abmillette@cox.net or phone 602-300-5313.

The student must have a sponsor who is a member of the Studebaker Driver's Club or Avanti Owners Association International. I am a member of both and would be willing to sponsor any NJACE or member's child.

Speaking of Scholarships...

by Bob Marlow



The Corvair Preservation Foundation, the 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliate of the Corvair Society of America, also offers a scholarship program, known as the Frank Winchell Memorial Corvair Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded annually to students planning to enter their first year of higher education, without regard to the chosen field of study.

The applicant must be a CORSA member in good standing or a child, grandchild or ward of a member in good standing.

In my view the program is staggeringly under-promoted, virtually a well-kept secret in the Corvair community. But you can find information about it on the CORSA web site, www.corvair.org.



Yes, NJACE still offers 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 on Saturday, April 6th!

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Richard's New Jersey Corvair

by Bob Marlow

Richard Lentinello, Executive Editor of Hemmings Motor News and the NECC's guest speaker for the 2012 CORSA convention in Sturbridge, recently came to Bergen County and bought a Corvair.



A 1963 convertible, black with a red interior and a white top – just like one of the first Corvairs he recalls seeing as a child.

This particular car appealed to Richard because it is a one-owner car being sold by the daughter of the original owner, and while it is showing 56-years of wear and tear, it is an unrestored and unmolested original in decent condition.

That the owner was able to provide documentation going back to the car's purchase when new was icing on the cake.

We've long known that Richard was a fan of Corvairs. It's no coincidence that Hemmings' publications treat Corvairs favorably, and Richard often has nice things to say about Corvairs in his columns for Hemmings Motor News and Hemmings Classic Car.

Richard, send us a photo of the car!



You Auto Go (and Save Two Dollars)

by Tim Schwartz

NJACE has received a supply of discount coupons to this month's New York International Auto Show, which begins on Friday, April 19, and ends on Sunday, April 28.

I'll have these coupons available at our club breakfast this Saturday.

Safe (fortunately) at Any Speed

Andrew Pardo fixed up this previously-wrecked '61 Corvair and was close to getting it finished when, on March 27, another driver ran through a stop sign. Andrew locked up all four wheels and T-boned the other car. No injuries, although Andrew has plenty of aches, and the damage is enough that the car may be a total loss.



That's Andrew's friend Steve Calandra (in the hat) surveying the scene.



Are you due to renew your membership? Check the list on page 6!



New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

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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 (_____) _____

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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:\$ _____

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You should receive your first newsletter within four weeks of our receiving your application.*

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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 _____

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