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# the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

50th Anniversary 1970 - 2020



**NJACE was founded in the summer of 1970, when two Corvaair drivers who waved at each other each day stopped and introduced themselves. From that meeting came the formation of our club. We'll be celebrating all through the year, so join us for the ride!**



## **Steve's excited... You should be too!**

Steve Calandra became our club's Activities VP for 2020 and he and the club officers are assembling a great calendar of events! Check out the preview in this issue!

It all begins with our regular monthly breakfast on January 4, followed by our big Holiday Gala on January 26. Join the fun!

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## *A Magical Day!*

This year's NJACE Holiday Gala is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020. The event will of course include our traditional annual awards and the great food at the Cannon Gate Catering & Conference Center on Picatinny Arsenal.

We have tweaked the menu this year and the popular Gift Game is back! We gave this long-running favorite a year off, and the hiatus should have given everyone a chance to think of some new and exciting gifts for the game. Think outside the bottle!

This year we will have a new treat for our entertainment. David Corsaro has been a professional magician for over 27 years who, in addition to being a featured performer at "Monday Night Magic," New York City's longest running off-Broadway magic show, has performed his amazing feats of magic for Fortune 500 companies and with top music acts.



David Corsaro's brand of magic can be described as an enthusiastic blend of magic and comedy that will have you laughing while riveted to his every move. I have seen him perform and I know you will be amazed.

As always the food will be very tasty and we will have a good time telling car stories with our friends.

The big Holiday Gala is open not only to club members, but as always families and friends are invited, too! Your cost for the party is just \$29 per person. You can sign up at our January breakfast on Saturday, January 4, or at any time prior to Tuesday, January 21, by either e-mail ([bmoneill@juno.com](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com)) or telephone (973-729-5586).

All reservations must be made no later than the 21st, so don't delay! On the Page 6 you'll find additional information, including what is necessary to gain entry to Picatinny Arsenal. This event is guaranteed to maintain our high standards. Don't miss it!

*–Brian O'Neill*



## President's Message

by Brian O'Neill

**H**appy New Year everyone. I hope this season brings you and your loved ones joy. That's in spite of all the recent ice storms. The yards around my house look like World War III just went through.



It's been so cold here that when I went to start my convertible the other day the gas lines were frozen because it is stored in my neighbor's unheated garage. I got halfway down the street when it finally gave up the ghost. Fortunately some gas line antifreeze worked very quickly and allowed me to get it back.

2019 was another great year for NJACE. We had some great events. A big load of thanks goes to our outgoing Activities VP, Rob Wanhouse. Rob stayed the job for an extra year which we very much appreciate. He capped off his tenure with the trip to the subway Museum thanks for everything, Rob.

Steve Calandra has stepped up to the plate and is taking over as Activities VP. We know Steve will come up with great activities. Not to let the cat out of the bag but we already have a draft 2020 calendar with some fun activities on it, so stay tuned.

There is one issue that we are wrestling with right now. This year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of NJACE. And the question is, what exactly do we do to celebrate this monumental this event? It is hard for me to believe that twenty-five years ago we celebrated that anniversary. Where does the time go? For the twenty-fifth anniversary we had a special luncheon. Do we do that again? Any ideas and suggestions will be welcome.

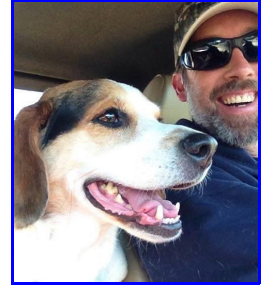
The success of NJACE is because of you, the members. So, again thanks and have a Happy New Year.



## 2020 Tech Sessions

by Larry Ashley

**A**t the request of club President Brian O'Neill I have been named the club's unofficial coordinator of tech sessions. This in part due to most of them take place at my shop in Flanders.



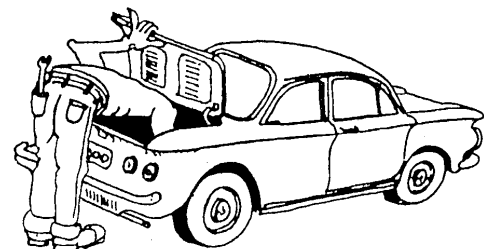
Over the years a number of cars have been looked at, repaired and even sold at our shop. For the new year, I am proposing that we try some tech session projects that either haven't been done before or haven't been done in a while.

I have a lot of ideas but the membership needs to reach out to me with their ideas and suggestions so we can have a productive 2020. If anyone has anything that they would like to see addressed, either on their car or in general, give me a call at 973-584-7184, or better yet email me at [larryashley327@gmail.com](mailto:larryashley327@gmail.com).

I will say that as part of the tech sessions we will be addressing common issues and doing parking lot inspections to help members get ready for the what years ago I termed "car season."

With a lot of maintenance taking place at the shop and a new technician starting this month, the first tech session of the new year won't be until March 7th, following the breakfast meeting as has been the tradition in recent years. Details of this first one will follow in the February newsletter.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy New Year. See you at the meetings and the Auction!



## Out and About in 2020

In recent weeks the club officers have brainstormed on activities for this year, with the goal of having a solid calendar of varied events throughout the entire year.

Of course, our monthly breakfasts take place on the first Saturday of every month at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany. Four times throughout the year we include an official membership meeting as part of the breakfast gathering.

Plus we'll have a series of tech sessions as indicated by Larry Ashley's article on Page 2.

What follows is a draft of what we have planned so far. If you have any ideas or suggestions or recommendations, please contact Activities VP Steve Calandra and let him know. Steve's phone number and email address appear in the Officers' listing in this and every issue.

### ★ 2020 ★

#### January

*Saturday, January 4*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Sunday, January 26*

Holiday Gala, Cannon Gate Conference Center  
Complete details in this issue!

#### February

*Saturday, February 1*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner,  
with membership meeting

*Saturday, February 15*

Corvaair Parts Auction, Ashley's Auto Body  
Complete details in next month's issue!

#### March

*Saturday, March 7*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Date TBD*

Visit to a micro-brewery

#### April

*Saturday, April 4*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Date TBD*

Pennsylvania Road Trip! Possible destinations include the Corvaair Ranch and the Eastern Auto Racing Historical Society.

#### May

*Saturday, May 2*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner,  
with membership meeting

*Sunday, May 17*

North Jersey Auto Show, Paramus

#### June

*Saturday, June 6*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Date TBD*

"Drive Your Corvaair Night" visit to a Cruise-In

#### July

*Saturday, July 4*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Date TBD*

Summer Picnic

#### August

*Saturday, August 1*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Date TBD*

NJACE 50th Anniversary Celebration

#### September

*Saturday, September 5*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Sunday, September 13*

All Air Cooled Show, Flanders

#### October

*Saturday, October 3*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner,  
with membership meeting

*Date TBD*

Fall Foliage Tour

#### November

*Saturday, November 7*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner

*Date TBD*

Additional November event pending

#### December

*Saturday, December 5*

Breakfast at the Empire Diner,  
with membership meeting

*No additional December activity is planned*

In addition to these activities, for the truly adventurous there are such events as the CORSA Convention (July, in San Diego), a Corvaair Preservation Foundation mini-convention (June, in Springfield, Illinois), and the Corvaair Homecoming (August, in Michigan).

## NJACE Classifieds

January, 2020

Wanted: Looking for a solid late model. Drivetrain, suspension, wheels, tires etc. not important. Contact Jim Dunn at (914) 403-3162 or [J1M1SH@aol.com](mailto:J1M1SH@aol.com)

For Sale: 1964 Spyder coupe. All original, great running condition. New badging, gas tank and brakes. Interior is complete, clean, and very nice for its age. Body is straight with some cosmetic issues as expected on a car of this age. Some surface rust underneath but nothing too concerning. Overall very solid car. Engine runs smooth and shifts well. Last year for Spyder Model and body style. Best year for suspension, brakes and 150-HP turbocharged engine. Rare combination saddle tan paint and tan interior. Drive a piece of automotive history today! Contact Phil at [badnewz80@icloud.com](mailto:badnewz80@icloud.com) or 856-217-1741. Many pics available. Asking \$11,500.

For Sale: 1965 Corsa convertible, see full details and photos in last month's issue. Contact Derek Pike, 203-733-0205.

### NJACE Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, January 4

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

#### Sunday, January 26

Our annual Holiday Gala, in the Cannon Gate Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal. Full details in this newsletter!

#### Saturday, February 1

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

#### Saturday, February 15

Our annual Corvair Parts Auction, our biggest event of the year!

#### Saturday, March 3

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

Check out the proposed full year calendar on Page 3!

## Minutes

of the  
General Membership Meeting  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM by Vice President Nick Ford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Activities Report: Nick Ford reviewed briefly the recent club trip to the NYC Transit Museum, and spoke of the upcoming Holiday Party in January.

Publicity Report: Bob Marlow displayed the trophy given to the club for the Fanbelt newsletter having been voted second overall in CORSA's club newsletter awards at the 2019 CORSA Convention. He reminded the membership that Corvair-related classified-style ads are welcomed at no charge for publication in the Fanbelt. It was noted that all members are invited to submit material for publication in the Fanbelt such as Tech Tips, how you got involved in Corvairs and other material that would be of interest to our membership.

Old Business: None was brought forth.

New Business: None was brought forth.

Nominations and Election of Officers for 2020: The current slate of Officers has been nominated for reelection with one change – Steve Calandra was nominated for Activities VP, as incumbent Rob Wanhouse declined re-nomination. The floor was opened for additional nominations. As none were made the Secretary cast an affirming vote for the slate. Club officers for 2020 are Brian O Neill, President; Nick Ford, Vice President; Tim Schwartz, Treasurer; David Malcolm, Secretary; Steve Calandra, Activities VP; Bob Marlow, Publicity VP.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Malcolm, Secretary



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## PG Puzzle Solved

by *Bob Marlow*

In follow-up to last month's story about the difficulty David Main was experiencing in re-installing the Powerglide cable in his 1968 Monza, we have good news.

Dave took the car to a transmission shop near his home that is "old car friendly." With a special tool purchased from Clark's Corvair Parts, and with advice received from nationally-known Corvair expert Larry Claypool, the needed adjustment was made and proper operation was achieved.

As most members know, Dave's car is scrupulously clean. So much so that the owner of the transmission shop said, "That's the cleanest undercarriage I have ever seen!" Check out this photo of the bottom of the engine and transmission.



## Vital Details You Need for the NJACE Holiday Gala

As noted on Page 2, our big Holiday Gala on Sunday, January 26, is open not only to club members, but families and friends are invited, too! Your cost for the party is just \$29 per person. You can sign up at our January breakfast on Saturday, January 4, or at any time prior to Tuesday, January 21, by contacting club President Brian O'Neill either by e-mail ([bmoneill@juno.com](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com)) or telephone (973-729-5586).

But even with a reservation, you can't just drive in to the 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 front gate will have a list of everyone who is authorized entry for the party. That's why it's absolutely necessary that Brian has your information no later than Tuesday, January 21. 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](mailto:bmoneill@juno.com).

It's going to be a magical day!



# The Gift Game

If you wish to participate in the Gift Game during our Holiday Gala on January 26, here's what you need to know:

First, please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$15-\$20. The gifts you bring should be unisex, suitable for any member, spouse, family member or guest. Be imaginative! Let's try not to be inundated with bottles of wine and other adult beverages. Be creative!

If you're not familiar with the gift game, it goes as follows:

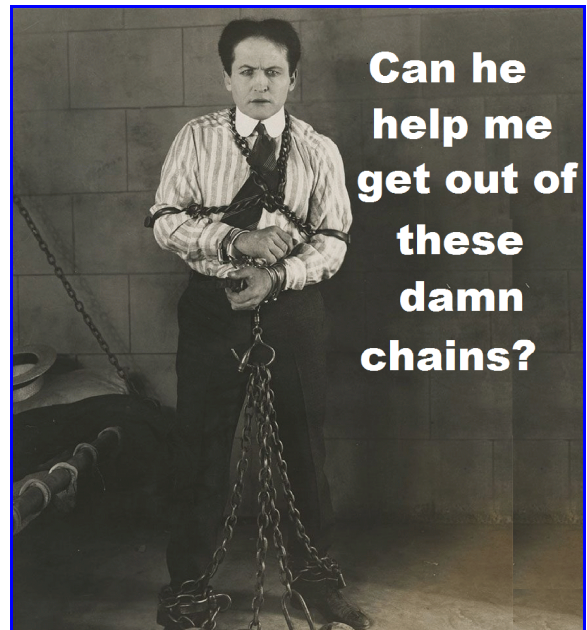
The gifts are placed on a central table, and numbers are drawn to determine the order in which participants will take turns selecting a gift. The first person opens a wrapped gift, and each subsequent participant can choose a new gift to open or can "steal" another person's gift. When a person's gift is stolen, that person can either choose another wrapped gift to open or steal from another player.

It has proven to be a great deal of fun which is why we have been doing it for years now.

Participation is optional – bring a gift if you wish to be a part of the fun!

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*Some totally reliable comments on David Corsaro, our entertainer for the Holiday Gala:*



*He must be good, he's got "Corsa" in his name!*

*-Nick Ford, NJACE VP*