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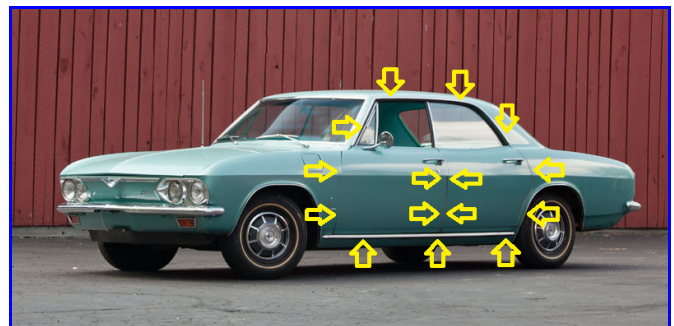
C'MON IN AND HAVE A BEER!

**This month we're visiting
one of New Jersey's best craft breweries
The High Point Brewing Company
Saturday, March 21.
Complete details in this issue!**

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**Club breakfast is this Saturday,
March 7th**



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I Like Beer, It Makes Me a Jolly Good Fellow

by Ray Coker



Tom T. Hall had the right idea when he wrote that song. If you like beer or even if you don't like beer you should enjoy our trip to the **High Point Brewing Company** in Butler NJ on **Saturday March 21st**. This will be our second visit to the brewery, the first visit took place more than a dozen years ago.

The High Point Brewing Company is an award-winning craft brewery specializing in German wheat beer made with Bavarian yeast, marketed under the name Ramstein. Our visit will include a tour of the facility and a chance to ask questions and see the very large brewing vats and the brewing process but I don't believe they will tell us what their "secret" ingredients are.

The brewery does not serve food so we'll meet first for lunch. We have identified two restaurants very close to the brewery where you can have a choice of food. Our first pick is **Quinta De Reyes** which is a popular Mexican restaurant. But if Mexican cuisine is not to your liking, just a few steps away there is the **Butler Family Restaurant & Diner** which offers a variety of American food.

Of course, you are welcome to enjoy lunch wherever you wish which is a good idea if you'll be having a beer during the brewery tour. Safety is always on top of the list during any of our club activities.



We will meet for lunch first at 1:00 PM, then make our way to the brewery for a 2:15 PM tour.

The restaurants are on Main Street in Butler, two blocks from the Brewery. Parking is available throughout the town. **Quinta De Reyes** is at **98 Main Street**. The **Butler Family Restaurant & Diner** is at **134 Main Street**.

The **High Point Brewing Company** is at **14 Kiel Avenue**. The brewery has a parking lot that you enter via what looks like an alley.



Ramstein products will be available for purchase during our visit.



The building in which the brewery is located has a history with bowling balls. Hmmm, what can that be?

Mark the 21st of March on your calendar and please join your fellow NJACE club members for what is sure to be an entertaining club activity.



NJACE Classifieds

for March, 2020

For Sale: 1964 Monza convertible, 110-hp, Powerglide. Have owned the car for 32 years, kept in heated garage. Exterior paint Cadillac silver, interior color light blue. All new tires, rebuilt carbs, cotton car cover. Options include bumper guards, wood steering wheel, wire wheel covers, radio with cassette (have original radio), chrome engine top cover and air cleaner cover. Price \$10,000. Lawrence Dombal, phone 973-271-4701.

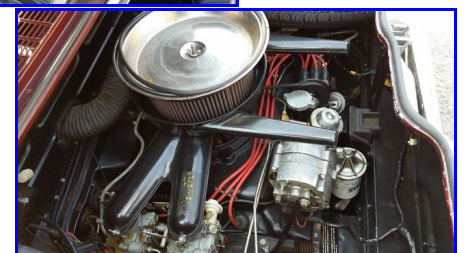


Silicone), turned drums. New rear e-brake cable. Rebuilt Clark's rear wheel bearings/hubs (both sides), Rebuilt drive axles, new inner and outer universals, fully balanced.

New fuel tank, new fuel sender. New steering idler arm and bushings, new Clark's pitman arm bushing and bolt. New Clark's thermostat (passenger side). New Clark's high volume heating fan motor, fan rotor and PVC flex hoses. New Clark's Quartz clock (keeps perfect time). Front lap seat belts, newer headliner, newer sun visors, newer carpet. Rebuilt shift linkage (thanks to Al Lacki and lots of Clark's parts). Custom Autosound brand AM/FM radio model: USA-230, with aux-in and RCA to Mini stereo cable for cell phone connection for music or GPS.

Parts not installed but included: Clark's Nylon window rollers, Clark's air vent door repair kit, new Clark's fan belt. Parts available at additional cost: 14" Steel wheels (black) with newer tires, very few miles. 1966 Chevrolet Impala wheel covers (14" for above wheels). 4-way flasher, GM "plug and play" period correct part. New lower door hinge, driver side.

Asking \$16,500. David Rothenberg, phone 973-809-9316, email enbergl@comcast.net.



For Sale: 1965 Corsa coupe, 140-hp, 4-speed. Not a clone, this is a true Corsa. LOS built, rust free. Madera Maroon over Black. 1976 15" Olds 442 color matched rims with BF Goodrich Radial T/A Tires installed in 2016. About 2500 miles on tires. New chrome lug nuts, new chrome valve stems, new McGuard Chrome lug nut locks with key.

New Clark's front seat upholstery and foam "buns" and cotton padding and bumpers. New lower door hinge, passenger side. New ignition system; correct Bosch spark plugs, Seth Emerson ignition wires, Clark's high performance distributor cap and rotor, Igniter II Flame Thrower coil, Pertronics II points replacement, custom made new engine wiring harness without resistor wiring.

Totally new brake system, Clark's Deluxe "B" brake kit, including dual master cylinder, slave cylinders, all new steel lines and rubber lines, new springs, new self adjusters, new brake shoes, synthetic brake fluid (NOT

Auction Recap

by Al Lacki

The Annual NJACE Corvair Parts Auction is an indoor February event that provides ample opportunity for Corvair enthusiasts to buy and sell Corvair parts. This year, it was held on Saturday, February 15. The venue was Ashley's Auto Body Shop as it has been for many years now – Thank you Larry and Donna!



Auctioneers Ray Coker, Bob Marlow, Brian O'Neill, and Tim Schwartz took turns drumming up business while Roberta O'Neill and Frank Hunter kept track of the transactions.

231 lots were offered, 185 of which were sold – a success rate of just over 80 percent, not bad! The parts ranged from greasy used parts to shiny NOS parts, plus a surprisingly high number of tools and publications.



There were good bargains, too. For example, a complete set of unused repro 1966-1969 wheel trim moldings went for \$105. Clark's price: \$179. A set of bare 140 heads, clean and ready for rebuild sold for an amazing but true price of \$55. Two sets of 1965 unused repro rocker panel trim sold for \$100. Clark's price: Out of stock at \$250. Two complete used engines, donated by Dave Cavagnaro, were sold for less than \$100.

The bargain of the day may have been a set for four FC wheels, rusty but not bent, for a mere \$4. That's \$1 per wheel!

Some items were offered at bargain-basement minimums but had no takers nonetheless. A used but certainly usable 1966 factory quick ratio steering box

sold was a no-sale at \$175, even though it's rare and very desirable in certain quarters.

And of course, there were all the usual service parts: Ignition kits, brake hoses, fan belts, AC spark plugs, tail light lenses – all new and ready for installation.

We had an unexpected surprise during the day when the electric power went out. The outage affected the whole community and, while there was plenty of daylight streaming through the glass garage doors at the body shop, there was some consternation in the rest rooms. (Ashley's Auto Body draws its water from a private water well which is powered by electricity, of course.) But the auction continued unabated and after a couple of hours the power came back.

As is the practice each year, we took a mid-day break and while the Dominos delivery was later than promised a hearty lunch was enjoyed by all. (Well, all except our host – Larry was so busy attending to other matters that by the time he got to the pizza it was all gone!)

Attendees came from five states, and one of our attendees did a live stream of the auction on Facebook, a cool new wrinkle! It certainly seemed to be another successful event for NJACE and Corvair lovers in general.

The Presidents Day weekend is our "traditional" date and so we expect to do it again on February 13, 2021.

Here are the numbers as reported by bookkeeper Frank Hunter and Treasurer Tim Schwartz:

Registered sellers: 19
 Registered bidders: 52
 Lots offered: 231
 Lots sold: 185
 Total sales: \$4,387.00
 Club gross income: \$670.00
Commissions plus donations
 Expenses: \$238.56
Coffee, water & soft drinks, and pizza.
 Club net income: \$431.44

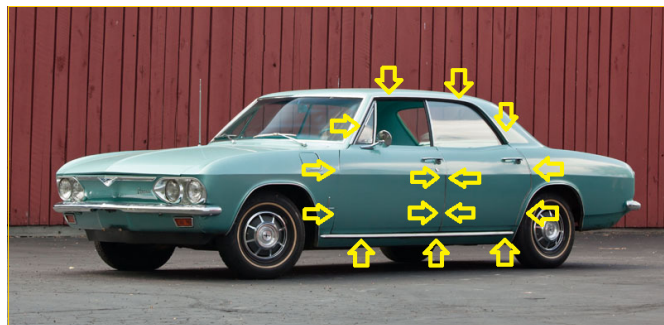
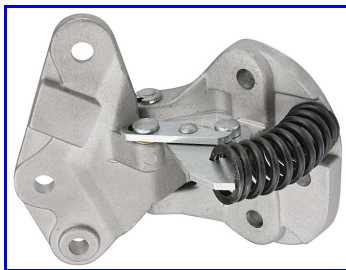
The club's net income was an improvement from last year. Last year we grossed \$625.00, and the expenses came to about \$350.00, so we netted \$275.00. The differences this year were that we used a different pizza vendor, made coffee in house, bought soda at a better price, did not provide donuts, and had some additional donations.

Tech Sessions Begin!

by Larry Ashley

This month we begin our 2020 tech sessions following the March 7 club breakfast, and we've added a new "bodywork related" topic to the agenda.

We will cover replacement of the speedometer cable, and replacement of a lower door hinge as originally scheduled. But in addition we have added replacement of door and window weatherstripping.



Each of these topics applies specifically to 1965-1969 Corvairs but much of what we will be covering will apply to the earlier years as well.

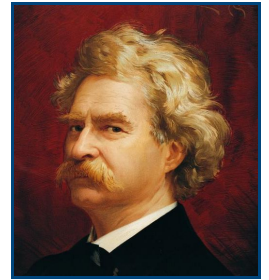
The tech session will take place at my shop in Flanders on March 7, following the club breakfast at the Empire Diner in Parsippany.

If anyone has anything that they would like to see addressed in a future tech session, either on their car or in general, give me a call at 973-584-7184, or better yet email me at larryashley327@gmail.com.

"I'm in favor of progress; it's change I don't like"

by Mark Twain

The quote is attributed to me, but change is necessary at times. Which is why there is another change to the NJACE calendar of events.



Where in last month's newsletter we listed our April road trip to the Eastern Auto Racing Historical Society for Sunday, April 26, it has become necessary to change it to Saturday, April 18.

Please make a note of it, and plan to join us on that day. We'll have all the details in next month's newsletter.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Saturday, February 1, 2020 Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by President Brian O'Neill

The minutes of the December 7, 2019, meeting as printed in the Fanbelt were approved.

Old Business:

Brian reminded the membership of the upcoming Parts Auction. Lot cards are available on line for printing. Please limit items to Corvair related. Multiples of the same part are discouraged unless you are selling them as one lot.

New Business:

The passing of Junkman Dan Heckel was noted, as was the passing of the Ashley's Max, our auction mascot.

The changes to our activities schedule in the Fanbelt were noted.

The VCCA "Motorama" show in May will be featuring the 60th anniversary of the Corvair.

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Minutes, continued

David Main expressed that we should make our best effort to be represented at the show. Your Corvair doesn't need to be perfect just so you can drive it there. Anyone with any Corvair related display items is encouraged to bring them for display. Registration information will be forthcoming.

The breakfast drawing was won by Steve Calandra.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

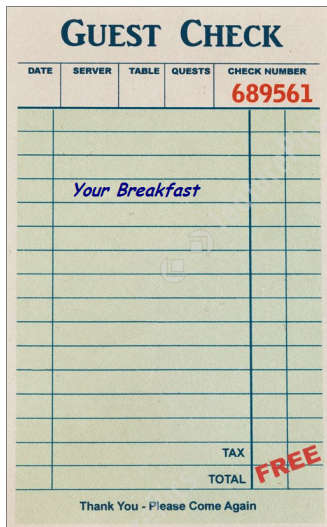
Respectfully submitted,
David Malcolm

Yes, You Can Win

As you know, our monthly breakfasts take place on the first Saturday of every month at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany. And as you know also, at each breakfast we have a drawing in which you could win a free breakfast.

Yes, free. No charge. Complimentary. On the house. Gratis. A freebie.

But to win you must be there! In February, the winner whose name was draw at random was **Steve Calandra**. This was not Steve's first time as a breakfast winner, because he is a faithful member who attends every month, thereby improving his chances. You can be a winner too – just show up!



Thank you to the more than a dozen members who have renewed their membership during the past month.

Because we offer both one- and two-year memberships, not everyone's membership is due for renewal each year. Below is a list of those members who are due for renewal as of press time:

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| Ashley, Larry & Donna | Brady, Charles & Lynda |
| Breines, Steven | Davidson, James |
| Dittrich, Greg & Becky | Fisher, Bernice |
| Garfield, Eddie & Kathi | Gorostiza, Felipe |
| Gorski, Gregory | Grisi, Diodato |
| Horne, Howard & Sherri | Hornor, Gurdon & Heather |
| Kutlu, Hakan | Lohf, Robert & Joana |
| Lorenz, Fred & Mark | Ludwig, Tom & Liz |
| McKimens, Taylor | Newell, Robert |
| Pike, Derek | Rueda, Miguel |
| Ryan, Michael | Staats, Ken |
| Stone, Michael | Wanhouse, Robert |
| Winant, Dorcey & Rick | |

2019 memberships will expire at the end of this month, so If your name is on the list, please use the membership form that is included with this newsletter to renew. Please print it and mail it with your dues payment, or bring it to this month's club breakfast or tech session or brewery visit.

We recommend the two-year renewal option! Not only will you save two bucks, you won't be bothered with this again until 2022.

Thank you!



This month we welcome new members **Larry Asheuer**, from Lansdale, PA, and **Missy Rodriguez & Nick Conklin** from Hackettstown. All joined at our Corvair Parts Auction last month. Welcome!

NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 7

Tech Session at Ashley's Auto Body, immediately following the club breakfast. Details on page 5 of this issue.

Saturday, March 21

Club visit to the High Point Brewing Company in Butler. Details on page 2.

Saturday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 4

Tech Session at Ashley's Auto Body, immediately following the club breakfast. Topic to include replacement of door and window weatherstripping.

Saturday, April 18

Road Trip to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing in Orefield, Pennsylvania. Note the new date for this event!

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 24

VCCA "Motorama" Car Show in North Haledon. Corvair is the Feature Car!

An additional event of note: Sunday, March 29, 22nd Annual Metro Vintage Advertising Collectors Show at the Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge. This indoor and outdoor swap meet is coordinated by NJACE member Ed Natale, and includes automobilia, petroliana, and vintage advertising. For more info, see www.metropetro.weebly.com.



Corvair Music?

by Brian O'Neill



I like almost every type of music. If you have spent any time with me in the Garage Mahal you know this to be true. [Oh, we do, we do. – Ed.]

On any given day you might hear some opera, some classic country, some 1930s swing, early Rock and Roll, or anyone of a number of early country music stars. Recently I've been listening to zither music! Just before that I went through a ten LP box set of light operetta overtures. Today I listened to Louis Armstrong and his Hot Five band from the 1920s. Best of all I love live music be it classical from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra or vocal groups specializing in close harmony.

February was a great month for a music lover like me. The first treat was seeing a group called the Jersey Tones and then an opportunity to see my favorite girl group the BelleTones. I got to see the Jersey Tones because Steve Calandra, our *continued*

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Corvair Music, continued

Activities Wizard, called me and told me they were appearing near my house here in Sparta. And best of all Steve is part of the group! Let me tell you they were first-class knocking out songs from the 50s through the 80s. Smooth, professional and great harmony. I think Steve knows the words to at least one billion songs.

Following that a few days later I got to see the BelleTones who those of you lucky enough to attend the 2019 NJACE Holiday Party will remember. They have lost none of their zing. Amazing energy. I have known them for a number of years and it was great to see them again.

It's been a great month for this old music lover.



From left to right: A BelleTone, a Jersey Tone (Steve Calandra), a BelleTone, Brian O'Neill, Roberta O'Neill, and a BelleTone.



An Old Friend

by Bob Marlow



At our Corvair Parts Auction last month, Peter Lewnes drove in from Allentown, Pennsylvania, in his 1962 Greenbrier. My old Greenbrier, the one my then-girlfriend and I drove coast-to-coast in 1983!

We drove it from New Jersey to the CORSA Convention in Seattle that year, then down the coast to Los Angeles, then back to NJ – more than 8,000 miles in all. The van had nearly 200,000 miles on it at the time.



I sold the van in 1989 to an older gentleman in Bloomsbury, NJ, saw it once about a year later, and then it disappeared for nearly 30 years. I had no idea what had become of it, and I often wondered.

Peter discovered it in a garage in Easton, Pennsylvania, last Spring, where it had been sitting, unused and unchanged, for all those years. The odometer registered only a handful of miles more than when I had sold it! It still sports the “Marlow GMC” dealer badge I put on it in 1986.

Peter bought it and got it back on the road. What a kick seeing it after all this time!



Check the list on Page 6 to see whether it's time for you to renew your membership!



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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 _____

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[] One Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$19.00

[] Two Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$36.00

Membership expires on March 31st

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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 _____