

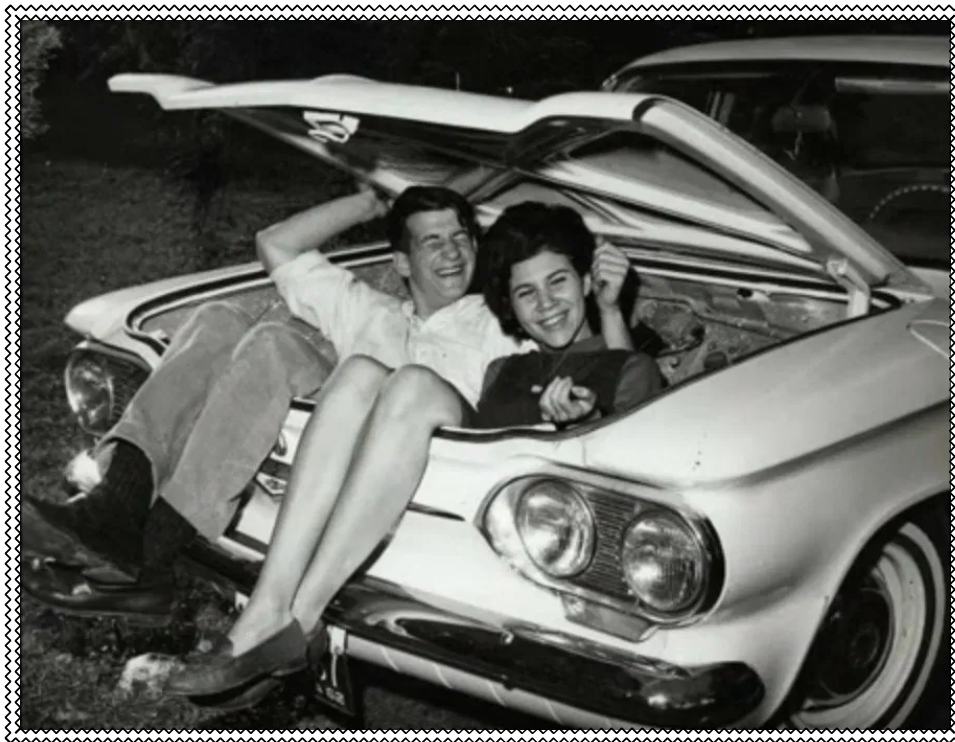
May 2020

the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts

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**There was a time
when no one had heard the term
“Social Distancing”...**



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ZOOM over to Breakfast with NJACE on May 2nd!



Thanks to the pandemic we cannot enjoy our regular monthly breakfast at the Empire Diner, but thanks to ZOOM, the online meeting platform, we can still enjoy breakfast together this month – each of us in our own homes.

That’s right, we’re going to give ZOOM a try this Saturday, following a successful online meeting by the club officers last week. Join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 2nd. It’s just like a regular breakfast, except you can still wear your fuzzy slippers!

ZOOM was largely unknown prior to the outbreak, but it has since – pun intended – zoomed into public awareness. It was launched in 2013 and has been successful (it had revenue of \$622 million in 2019) but it did not become a “household name” until the COVID-19 pandemic thrust it into the spotlight.

Some of that spotlight illuminated security concerns, many of which are being addressed currently by the company and most of which do not pose a serious threat to us.

Will it work? It will certainly work in the sense that members can log in and see and/or hear their fellow members. What may not work very well is conversation. ZOOM is best when one person at a time is speaking, and so our most

experienced ZOOM veteran, Vice President Nick Ford, will act as ringmaster and call on members as they raise their hands.

You can participate with a desktop computer, a laptop, a tablet, or smartphone. If you don’t have a device with a webcam, you can still participate, we just won’t be able to see you.

The free ZOOM platform that we’ll be using supports an unlimited number of participants but limits the session to a maximum for 40 minutes – just right for breakfast and then on to the rest of your Saturday.

If you have never used ZOOM previously, there are countless articles and Youtube tutorials available online.

We will send out an email invitation Saturday morning shortly before the scheduled start time. This email will come from the same source as this newsletter, the “NJACE Publicity VP” address. The invitation will include a link for you to follow to join the session.

Again, will it work? We won’t know if we don’t try, so join us on our regular breakfast day for a necessarily irregular breakfast!

My Engine Rebuild, Part 2

by Ray Coker

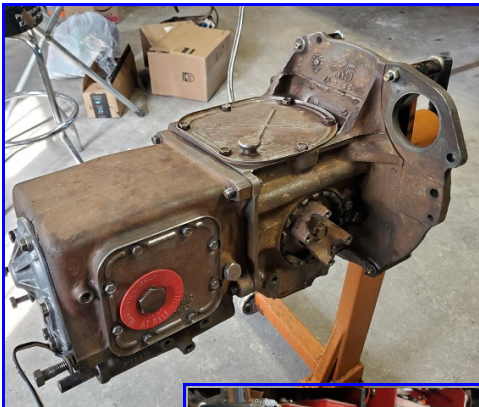
During the engine rebuild process I decided to clean and address everything in the driveline.

The 4-speed transmission was mounted on my engine stand and cleaned off 54 years of grease, mud, oil, road grime etc. Because the transmission was mounted on the engine stand it allowed me to rotate it upside down so it could drain and drip overnight. I then installed new cork gaskets on the top and side covers, new left and right axle yoke seals, the shifter shaft seal and the input shaft seal.



never knew existed that has a reputation for being operated by one of the best machinists around. Galen Snyder of Snyder Auto Machine Shop is the go-to guy. And he's a Penn Grade lubricants dealer.

If you are into watching or reading about dirt track racing including Sprint Cars, and Midget cars the name Mark Smith of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, may come up. Mark Smith has won five consecutive and six total USCS 360 Sprint car races so far in 2020 and he also ran in the recent Chili Bowl Midget Nationals in Oklahoma. Mark travels across the country racing in Sprint cars and guess what, Galen Snyder and his machine shop has been involved in the engine building for Mark for a long time.



A little cleaning...

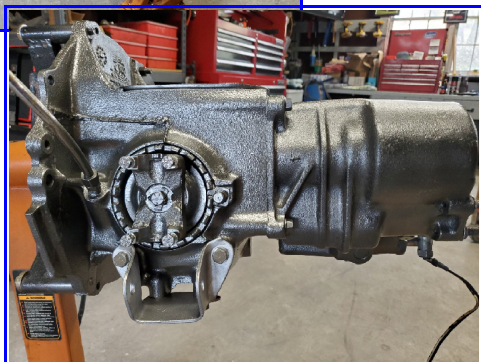


The first thing you see at this machine shop is Scout, the 14 year old gentle black lab who greets everyone with a smile.

When this project began I was hoping to take my Corvair to the Helen, Georgia, Springfest at the end of April. But since that was cancelled due the Coronavirus I've been given the opportunity to clean, scrape, prime, paint or powder coat many engine and transmission parts.

I realize if you ask 10 people what lubricants they use in their cars you will get 10 different answers. I wanted to use 80W-90 gear lubricant with a GL4 certification in the transmission and differential and I decided to go with Brad Penn / Penn Grade gear oil.

An internet search for Penn Grade products led me to a machine shop 14 miles from my home. A machine shop on a back road which I



and a little paint...





One of the activities that everyone is doing these days is watching movies, whether broadcast by channels such as TCM or streamed by services such as Netflix or posted on Youtube.

So we asked the club officers to come up with some suggested “car related” titles. The guidelines were simple: The movies could be specifically car-centric, like *Ford v Ferrari*, or have lots of cars in them, such as *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*, or include a good car chase, such as the one everyone mentions, *Bullitt*.

Here are this month's suggestions (we'll have more next month):

Car Centric:

Tucker: The Man and His Dream. Francis Ford Coppola's 1988 biography of Preston Tucker attempt to produce his eponymous – and rear-engined – automobile.

Winning. This 1969 film is said to have inspired Paul Paul Newman's love of racing. It may be the worst acting performance of his career but the racing sequences save the movie.

Lots of Cars:

The Italian Job. The 1969 original, not the Mark Wahlberg remake. A robbery flick where the getaway cars are a trio of original Mini Coopers driving through buildings, streets, rivers, rooftops and a host of strange places. Stars Michael Caine, Noel Coward and Benny Hill.

Opening has a great scene of a Lamborghini Miura driving through the Alps only to meet a bizarre end.

If I Had a Million. A 1932 “anthology” consisting of eight separate vignettes, one of which is “Road Hogs,” with W.C. Fields and Alison Skipworth portraying a motoring couple choosing to crash those they considered to be “great snorting road hogs.”

Car Chase:

Short Time. A 1990 comedy that is enjoyable in its own right but which includes a car chase that is every bit as harrowing as the one in *Bullitt*, albeit with a Wile E. Coyote ending.

Gone in 60 Seconds. Here again, the original from 1974, not the Nicolas Cage remake. The ultimate 45 minute car chase mayhem movie (93 cars are wrecked in this chase), made by producer/director/actor/stunt driver and all-around strange person Toby Halicki.

Films Featuring Corvairs:

The Outsiders. A 1983 film with a cast of unknowns who would soon be well-known, including Matt Dillon, Patrick Swayze, Tom Cruise and Rob Lowe. The film has some good car spotting of cars of the 1950s and 1960s, and one of the characters drives a Corvair.

With Honors. In 1994, when it seemed like Joe Pesci was in every movie, he starred as a homeless person intersecting with a Harvard student who gives him a derelict Greenbrier to live in.

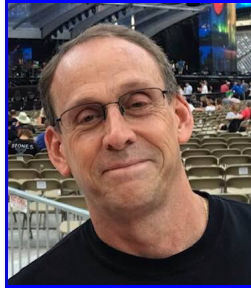
What movies might you suggest? Send your recommendations to the editor at rwmarlow@optimum.net.



The Other Transmission

by Clean Dave

Sometimes projects just take a little while to get around to. Back at my first NJACE auction in 2006, I purchased a complete set of Late Model "Windshield Wiper Transmission" linkages.



Typical of my behavior, I made the purchase solely based on the fact that the linkage was in the original NOS packaging.

These parts have been stored in numerous places in my garage as well as my basement. Every time I cleaned or did a reset, the linkage was moved to another area for storage.

As I do not drive the car in the rain (other than a return from Clark's in 2015), the workings of the wipers were not at the top of my list. Further, they (the wipers) would never sit in the "park" position on the windshield which led to the "turn on-turn off" repetition in order to get them to sit properly.

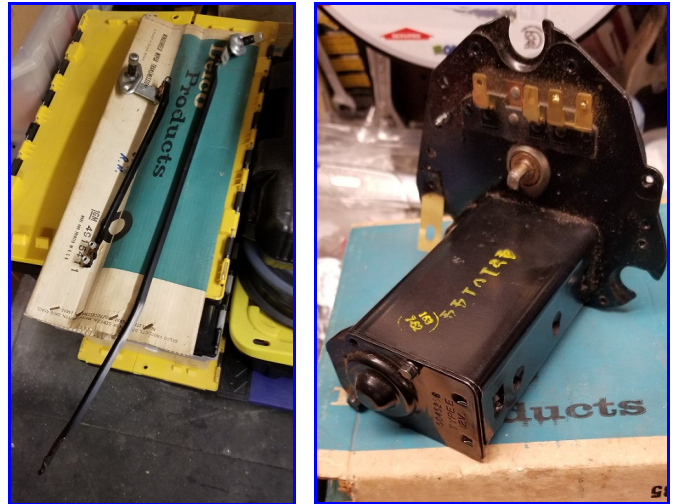
A few weeks ago, I happened to see an NOS Wiper Motor on eBay advertised under "NOS Chevelle Wiper Motor" at a heavily discounted price. As it looked just like mine and had the cool original part number painted on it, I could not resist the purchase.

Inspired by my arrival of the new wiper motor, I decided to take on the project of replacing the motor and the linkage. Although not particularly difficult, it is a "little bit fiddly" as the gents on Wheeler Dealer would say.

Once the cowl air inlet grill was removed and as well as the original linkage, a quick vacuuming of 52 years of dust was in order. Disassembly and a wipe down with mineral spirits before a "dust" coating of paint was applied. Once the grill is reinstalled, very little of the linkage area can be seen. And now it probably far more detailed than GM ever intended.

So, it's all put back together and... it actually works! Amazingly quiet and the motor allows the wipers to go back to the "park" position without all of the trial and error.

Whenever the show season starts again, I will wait until the sun hits the highest position of the day. At that moment, there will be enough light to allow the NOS linkage to be seen through the grill. I'm sure crowds will gather to look and wonder in amazement.



Above, the new linkages and the new motor.
Below, before (left) and after (right).



NJACE Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2020

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| Checking Balance as of December 31, 2019 | | \$2,444.94 | |
| Income: | | | |
| Dues | \$ 649.00 | | |
| Parts Auction (net after expenses) | 431.44 | | |
| Checking Interest | 0.43 | | |
| | <u>\$1,080.87</u> | + 1,080.87 | |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Holiday Party (net loss) | \$ 635.00 | | |
| Food & Refreshments (Tech Session) | 50.00 | | |
| P.O. Box rent | 216.00 | | |
| | <u>\$ 901.00</u> | - 901.00 | |
| Checking Balance as of March 31, 2020 | | \$2,624.81 | |
| CD Balance as of December 31, 2019 | | \$4,926.35 | |
| CD Interest | 25.53 | | |
| | <u>\$ 25.53</u> | + 25.53 | |
| CD Balance as of March 31, 2020 | | \$4,951.88 | |
| Grand Total as of March 31, 2020 | | <u>\$7,576.69</u> | |

*Tim Schwartz,
Treasurer*

NJACE Calendar of Events

All group activities continue to be paused due to the coronavirus pandemic. In the meantime, watch our Facebook page, our periodic emails, and this monthly newsletter for updates.

In addition to the cancellation or postponement of events in our area, the 2020 CORSA Convention planned for San Diego, California, has now been postponed by a year, to July of 2021.

This in turn has moved the planned 2021 convention in Atlanta, Georgia, to 2022.

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I'll Be Art in a Minute

How are you keeping busy while under a stay-at-home order? Brooklyn-based club member Taylor McKimens expresses himself through art, including this cool sketch:



NJACE Classifieds

for May, 2020

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 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. See additional photos in the March newsletter. David Rothenberg, phone 973-809-9316, email enberg@comcast.net.



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. See additional photos in the March newsletter. Lawrence Dombal, phone 973-271-4701.



For Sale: 1966 Monza convertible. It has been sitting in the owner's driveway under a cover for about 7 years. When he bought it, it did run. He put in new brakes. He was going to re-do it but he has not touched it in a very long time. It is an automatic, and included with the sale is an extra engine and 4-speed. Located in Randolph. Contact Rick MacNamara at 973-464-1005 or Linda MacNamara at linmac07456@yahoo.com.



A One-Question Trivia Quiz

by Scotty

At the time when Coronavirus is on everyone's mind, here's a bit of trivia rooted in a health crisis from more than 40 years ago.



Q: Up to one fifth of the Legionnaires' Disease outbreaks in England were linked to?

1. Defective Tea Kettles
2. Moldy Humidifiers
3. Squirt Guns
4. Windshield Fluid Reservoirs

The answer appears below. But first:

Legionnaires' Disease is a form of atypical pneumonia caused by a strain of Legionella bacteria found naturally in fresh water. It's named after the famous outbreak of the disease caused by contaminated water that resulted in a huge number of infections (182 reported cases, 29 deaths) at the 1976 American Legion convention hosted at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The source of the bacteria was contaminated water in the cooling tower of the hotel's air conditioning system. Because of this event and subsequent cases, the disease is most closely linked with water systems in buildings.

Curiously, however, nearly one fifth of the Legionnaires' Disease cases in England (and Wales as well) were found to be caused by **windshield wiper fluid**. Specifically, the cases were caused by drivers who didn't purchase regular off-the-shelf washer fluid, but instead just put plain water in their windshield fluid reservoirs.

While using plain water might sound like madness to anyone who lives in an area of the world with harsh winters (where water would freeze solid and damage the system), English winters are very mild and it's possible to skip using proper washer fluid altogether.

Because warm water is the Legionella bacteria's best friend, a reservoir made warm (but not boiling hot by any measure) right next to an engine is a perfect place for them to multiply rapidly. Turn on the windshield sprayers and boom, you've got a nice, nasty aerosolized mix of bacteria loaded water droplets to breath in. Notably, there were zero cases reported of anyone getting Legionnaires' Disease while using regular windshield washer fluid since the principle non-water ingredients kill the bacteria.

Notably, too, is that the windshield washer reservoir in a Corvair is not in the engine compartment, but in the trunk. (Or, in the case of the FCs, under the instrument panel). However, even the trunk or the passenger compartment can get warm on a hot summer day, so it's probably best to use store-bought windshield washer fluid even in a Corvair.



We welcome this month new members Corinne Benvenuto and Art Rummel of Waldwick. Corinne owns a yellow 1960 Monza. Her grandfather collected Corvairs, and previously she owned a blue 1965 Corsa coupe.

Welcome!

President's Message

by Brian O'Neill



Every month I sit before the computer screen trying to figure out what to write for the Fanbelt. Some months are harder than others. Sometimes it comes easy, other times not so easy. There are times when I want to say to myself, forget it but our newsletter editor is not to be denied.

This month was one of the real hard ones. At first I thought I would write about what I've been doing during this period of social distancing, self quarantine, lockdown, or whatever you call it. It would be easy to describe all the things I've done in rebuilding a 1961 Greenbrier engine. I could fill pages with the work I've done on the 1961 Monza four door that am restoring.

Fortunately, reality and common sense set in and I knew that is not really what I needed to say this month. It dawned on me that I needed to let all our members know how we are doing during this time of crisis.

The virus has touched NJACE but not as hard as it could have been. Richard Luongo has suffered the most. He lost his mother to the virus and our condolences and sympathy go out to him.

Others that were touched by the virus include Steve Calandra, our activities guy, who spent time in the hospital but now is recovering at a clinic. The report is that Steve will be able to go home soon.

Meredith Rogers, wife of Jack Rogers, is currently in the hospital but by all reports is stable and as I write this may soon be released.

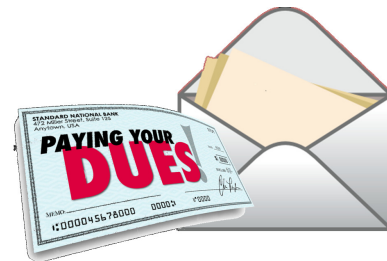
Ron Zielensky is also just home from the hospital. Fortunately, it wasn't the virus that put him there. He is recovering at home and we wish him well.

These are certainly some trying times. I applaud our club officers and others who are working to remain in contact with our club

members. The club is fortunate to have them.

There was a song popular during World War II with a title that expresses our situation right now. It was called *We'll Meet Again* and yes we will meet again. We will all be together working on Corvairs, laughing, joking, teasing each other, and having a great time. Until then, stay safe.

Editor's Note: Let us know how you are doing during this unprecedented time. Drop a note to the club President at bmoneill@juno.com or to the newsletter editor at rwmarlow@optimum.net.



The members listed below are now past due for renewal, but the grace period for renewal has been extended through June 30.

Please renew, as soon as possible! The membership renewal form is included as part of this newsletter.

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| Brady, Charles & Lynda | Dittrich, Greg & Becky |
| Garfield, Eddie & Kathi | Grisi, Diodato |
| Horne, Howard & Sherri | Hornor, Gurdon & Heather |
| Kutlu, Hakan | Ludwig, Tom & Liz |
| McKimens, Taylor | Newell, Robert |
| Pike, Derek | Rueda, Miguel |
| Ryan, Michael | Wanhouse, Robert |
| Winant, Dorsey & Rick | |

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



→ Check the list on Page 9 to see whether your renewal is past due! ←



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Date _____

New Membership or Renewal

Individual or Family*

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name of 2nd Adult Family Member _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

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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 _____