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the *Fanbelt*

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Yes, a Fall Foliage Tour!



Saturday, October 10
Rain Date October 17

**A little different this year...
Socially Distanced!**



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NJACE Members at the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club's "Corvair Day," September 19 at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing in York Springs, PA

More than 40 Corvairs were there and the sun was shining all day



Al Lacki's 1966 Monza, a car named "Le Heap" years ago when it looked nothing like this!

Larry Asheuer and Ray Coker each say "I didn't do it!"



Bob Marlow in the swap meet with his worthless-crap valuable merchandise



The NJACE Fall Foliage Tour for 2020

Yes, *finally* we are getting out there in this most unusual of years!

Our Fall Foliage Tour, a staple of our club calendar for decades, will take place on **Saturday, October 10** (rain date one week later, October 17). Only slight modifications to our usual practice are necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The tour is inherently “socially distanced” since we’ll all be in our own cars. We have dropped the typical mid-tour visit to a place of interest in order to maintain that distancing. And instead of the tour ending at a restaurant for a group meal, it will end in a 400-acre park for a socially-distanced picnic.

We’ve cut the tour length since there’s no mid-tour break, but we’ve secured a very nice and historically significant location for the end point. Open fields and walking trails will greet us at **Natirar**, the massive County park in Gladstone that was once the New Jersey estate of the King of Morocco!



Natirar (Raritan, spelled backwards) is pronounced as if the name of the Corvair’s arch critic was spoken by a pirate: *Nader-arr*.



Originally the estate of Kate Macy Ladd and Walter Graeme Ladd, the property features extensive areas of lawn and woodland, river access and scenic views, and contains historic farm buildings and various other residential structures and out-buildings dating from the mid-18th through mid-19th centuries. The North Branch of the Raritan River and the Peapack Brook traverse the property.

Eventually, the property became a convalescent home for women. And in 1983 the property was sold to Hassan II, the King of Morocco. King Hassan died in 1999 and Natirar was inherited by his son, Mohammed VI. In 2003, Somerset County purchased the estate from Mohammed VI and established the park.

The park contains 1.3-mile and 1.0-mile trails that pass through beautiful wooded areas and across fields and meadows. The public can walk, jog, bike, or horseback ride along these trails.

The Park Rangers have indicated that we can park our cars together in a lesser-used parking lot that has been identified for us. Once there, we can all bring out our lawn chairs and picnic baskets for an alfresco lunch that still complies with COVID-19 protocols. No sharing, we each bring our own lunch and refreshments and we all take our own trash away. (Note, alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park.)

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Fall Foliage Tour Info, continued

The picnic plan is why for the first time our Foliage Tour has a rain date. If the rain date proves necessary we will alert the membership via our email distribution.

So, how do you participate?

Where: We will meet up to begin the tour in the parking lot of the Bernardsville Centre, located at 80 Morristown Road (Route 202), Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

When: The tour will depart at 10:30 AM, and we ask that you arrive a little early so that we can start on time.

What: A King's supermarket is in the Bernardsville Center, as is a Starbuck's and a Jersey Mike's Subs. So if you need to assemble your picnic lunch at the last minute you will have an opportunity to do so.

How: The tour will meander along the byways of the area so that we may take in the autumn scenery before arriving at Natirar. Each car will be provided with route instructions and a "help" phone number.

Who: You, and your family and/or friends. We encourage you to drive your Corvair, but non-Corvairs are welcome, too.

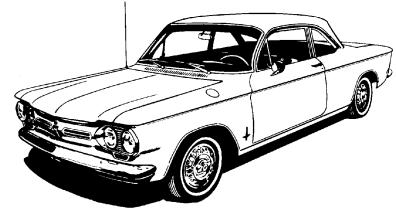
Note: The parking lot at the Bernardsville Center typically is a busy place on a Saturday morning, so be careful and considerate.

Another note: Experts have indicated that this year's Fall colors may not be as vibrant as typical, due to this summer's weather. We don't care! Some is better than none and the tour is better than another day spent at home!

Remember, the date is Saturday, October 10 (rain date one week later). Before the autumn leaves all drop and the cold weather sets in, enjoy an opportunity to spend a Saturday driving the back roads with your Corvair friends. See you there!

What You Need for the Foliage Tour:

1. Your Car



2. Your Spouse or Significant Other

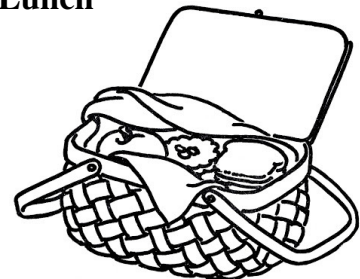
(and as many family members as you wish)



3. Your Lawn Chairs



4. Your Picnic Lunch



ZOOM with us



For October we will continue our series of breakfast meetings via the ZOOM online platform.

Our October ZOOM breakfast will take place on **Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 AM**. You can join on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

This month's ZOOM meeting will include another informal "formal" business meeting for the club, and will afford the first opportunity for nominations to be made for club officers for 2021.

As before, in advance of the meeting we will send a link via email. Just click on the link, or copy-and-paste it, to join the meeting at 9:00 AM that Saturday.

As we have done recently, we'll take a few minutes during the session to go 'round the horn, to give everyone an opportunity to speak, ask questions, and tell us what they're been up to lately.

Join us! Saturday, October 3, 9:00 AM.



NJACE Calendar of Events

For the first time since the onset of the pandemic in March, we DO have an activity this month! The Fall Foliage Tour! See all the details beginning on Page 3 of this newsletter.

And our monthly ZOOM online breakfast meeting will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, at 9:00 AM.

As always, watch our Facebook page, our periodic emails, and this monthly newsletter for updates.

NJACE Classified Ads for October, 2020

Now online! We've built a web page with multiple color photos of the cars being offered for sale, along with descriptions more detailed than what we usually publish in this newsletter. Parts and accessories too! Updated regularly! Go to <https://garagekey.blogspot.com> and scroll down each page to see everything. You can click on most of the online photos to enlarge them. If for any reason one of the contact links does not work, let us know!

New This Month:

- ▶ Larry Ashley is offering "Oscar," his 1966 Monza convertible. In addition to the email link on the *Garage Key* web site, you can contact Larry at 973-713-0340.
- ▶ Frank Johnson is offering his 1965 Corsa convertible. In addition to the email link on the *Garage Key* you can contact Frank at 215-943-8295.
- ▶ Glenn Greenwood is offering a 1969 Monza convertible. In addition to the email link on the *Garage Key* website you can contact Glenn at 856-829-2705.

Don't forget to check out the Parts and Miscellaneous pages, too!

**Minutes
of the
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 5, 2020
Conducted via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by President Brian O'Neill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Minutes of the July 4th meeting as printed in the August Fanbelt were approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, as distributed to the members via email, was approved.

Activities Report: Brian O'Neill discussed the Sparta Historical Society's 5th Annual Classic Car show to be held on Sunday, October 25th. Members received an email about the show with a registration form. There is no entry fee and free lunch for participating car owners. The show will follow all required COVID-19 requirements.

The next scheduled Tech Session dealing with door hinges and installing a blower bearing has been postponed at the request of Larry Ashley as he understands the difficulty of following the required social distancing/mask requirements at a Tech Session.

Bob Marlow suggested that the club might look into Facebook Live as a way to have Tech Sessions.

Nick Ford is going to explore the possibility of having our October breakfast meeting outdoors at the Empire Dinner. *[Note: Subsequent to this meeting the Empire Diner reopened for limited indoor dining and has an outdoor tent also, but the officers concluded that it is in everyone's best interest to continue to limit group gatherings at this time.]*

The officers have discussed the possibility of having a Fall Foliage Tour as a safe club activity. *[Note: See the Tour information in this issue.]*

Publicity Report: Bob Marlow reminded the members of our Facebook page where you can

follow the Corvair projects of Ray Coker on his major rebuild of a Rampside and Frank Hunter and other members' ongoing Corvair activities. Bob also reminded the membership about the classified ad website he has set up for the use of NJACE members. Cars and parts ads are welcome at <https://garagekey.blogspot.com>.

Old Business: None was brought forth.

New Business: Al Lacki reported that CORSA may be requiring information on our Not-For-Profit tax/form filings. Al and Tim will look into this for the club.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Malcolm, Secretary*

Is it time to replace these guys? First nominations for 2021 club officers can be submitted during our ZOOM breakfast meeting on October 3.

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One Fewer in New Jersey

by Bob Marlow

On September 2, Sue and I drove from Lavallette to Johnson City, New York, just outside of Binghamton. There we met up with a gentleman who drove over from his home in Brocton, New York.



The Johnson City location was almost exactly halfway between our respective homes, and it was there, in the empty parking lot of an out-of-business Macy's department store, that the transfer of our 1965 Monza Sport Sedan to its new owner was completed.

Arrival...



The buyer was gracious and affable. We had spoken on the phone several times and corresponded by email extensively. But this was the first time we had met and the first time he had seen the car "in person." He had committed to the purchase on the basis of photographs.

That commitment, and the down payment that he sent to me, was enough to make me comfortable with trailering the car some 230 miles. (The buyer had to drive 238 miles.) But even with his commitment, I was willing to give him an "out" if he did not like the car.

After he had looked it over, I said simply, "Are we good?" He gave an enthusiastic "Yes!" and we moved the car from my trailer to his.

We then sat in the cab of his truck and completed the necessary paperwork and payment.

Departure...



The buyer is a "Corvair guy," a CORSA member who currently owns several other Corvairs as well as a few other collectable cars including a '60s Corvette. Our meet-up was timed just before he would be entering a particularly busy period: Harvest time at his western New York vineyard!

Sue and I were sorry to see the car go, but selling it was the right thing for us to do. Living in a condo at the shore, we really did not have room for it, and it was too rust-free a car to expose to continued life at the beach. We still have our Rampside, and we plan to keep it as our only Corvair. Of course, I also said that even before we bought the four-door. I joke that I am in a 12-Step program to prevent me from buying another Corvair.

Along with the car the buyer got the spare engine I had for it and a trunkful of additional spare parts. From start to finish the entire transaction was as pleasant a car buying/selling experience as I have ever had – a credit to the buyer's character.

As I write the new owner is putting in long hours for the harvest, and the car rests in his barn under pale yellow bedsheets he purchased specifically for covering the car.

Pale yellow bedsheets purchased specifically for covering the car? That just confirms for me that he was the right buyer.

