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New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

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From the Editor...

Well, the results are in and based on club members whose renewals expired in 2006, overwhelmingly this is a group that wants a paper newsletter. The good news in all of this is that most club members have promptly responded and renewed their membership for another year or two. For those of you that haven't yet responded...this is your last chance to continue your membership without interruption. Renewal forms are included with your newsletter this month.

Back to converting to an electronic newsletter...The Club officers see many benefits in moving into the electronic age...efficiency, an ability to include color photos, and links to other sites of interest, and of course expense control. With the cost of postage rising so often, if we continue with only a paper newsletter, the cost will have to be made up somehow and unfortunately that generally means a dues increase. Besides, if you get your newsletter electronically, you can still print it out if you want to experience turning the pages on real paper. By the time you receive this newsletter, if you have given us an email address you should have received it electronically. For now this is a test to find the right format. More to come over the next few months.

Speaking of the electronic age...have you taken a look at the NJACE website recently? Al Lacki does a great job as our webmaster and the site has a bunch of good information and great pictures. Go out there and take a look.

See you at a future club event – Kathy

Activities Roundup...

Once you finish reading this issue of the Fanbelt, I guarantee that you will need to take a rest after hearing about all of the Corvair related activities that are taking place in the next few months.

We've mentioned numerous times over the past few month's information about a caravan to the Corvair Convention in Buffalo and that's not what a want to talk about here...we can cover that at the Business Meeting that will take place at Famous Dave's Restaurant on Rt 22 in Mountainside on **Wednesday, May 17th**. We have a private room set aside for the club, if you like BBQ of any kind, the food is great and we can catch up on official business and talk about the Convention. There are directions to the restaurant in the Calendar. Remember we will gather at 7:00, have some dinner and talk about Corvairs, what could be better.

We also have a Tech session coming up on **Saturday, May 20th** at Ashley's Body Shop in Flanders. Thanks to Larry and Donna, we have a great facility in which to conduct a tech session. And, we believe we have a great program lined up that will be informative and allow lots of hands on interaction. We will gather at 9:30 and end when the job is done! For an interesting perspective on this event, check out the article on page 4. Directions to Ashley's body shop can be found at the end of Bob's column on page 3.

There are also a few driving events that are happening in May...for you racers among us there's the NECC Time trials at Pocono Speedway on **May 11th and May 12**. Also, If you've never been to the Corvair Ranch, now's your chance. Jeff is having an open house on **Sunday, May 7th** and we are planning a caravan. My plan is to leave from the Cracker Barrel at Exit 15 off of I-78 at 8:00 AM sharp Sunday morning. If you are interested, let me know. Jeff has been a big supporter of NJACE, let's go and support him! There are also a few AACA car shows that may be of interest. The **June 4th** show in Old Westbury NY will feature the Corvair. There are more details in Bob's column this month.

Finally, there are plans afoot for a winery tour **Saturday, June 17th**...we've identified a few wineries in Central NJ, now we have to firm up the details. We will share more about this at our Business Meeting on the 17th.

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The View Through the Windshield

by Bob Marlow, President

First, this important date notice: Our Quarterly Meeting for the second quarter will take place on Wednesday, May 17. The wrong date was erroneously listed in last month's issue.

With the beautiful Spring weather of May comes a busy month. We kick off the month on Saturday, May 6, with our monthly breakfast meeting at the Pronto Deli in Cedar Knolls. These monthly gatherings aren't really meetings because there's nothing formal about them. Just a good old-fashioned neighborhood breakfast in the company of Corvair friends. And, now that the warm weather is here, bring your Corvair!

Then, the very next day, a number of

NJACE members are traveling to the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for the Ranch's big Spring Open House. If you've never been to the Ranch -- or even if you have -- this is a great opportunity to visit this all-Corvair boneyard and full-time Corvair repair facility. Jeff Stonesifer, the owner of the Ranch, has been a loyal supporter of NJACE over the years and so we wish to return the favor by supporting his Open House. Activities VP Ray Coker has more details in this issue.

As noted above, on Wednesday, May 17, we'll have our quarterly business meeting for the second quarter, at Famous Dave's BBQ restaurant on Route 22 in Mountainside. Famous Dave's is a popular chain, and it is popular for good reason. You can learn more about this chain at <http://www.famousdaves.com>. Directions appear in the Calendar.

Next up, our follow-up Tech Session on Saturday, 20th, at Ashley's Auto Body in Flanders. Where in March we had our "Roving Wrenches" visit members' home to assess the needs of the members' Corvairs, this tech session will be the opportunity for those members -- and you

-- to get some direction and assistance in effecting repairs. You'll find more details on page 4 and directions to Ashley's Body Shop at the end of this column.

Numerous other "car-related" activities take place in May; far too many to even begin to list. But two that we wish to mention are the annual AACA Spring Meet in Florham Park on May 7, and the annual VCCA show and swap meet in Franklin Lakes on May 28. Faithful NJACE members are deeply involved in these two events, Larry and Donna Ashley with the AACA show, and Dave and Bennie Cavagnaro with the Franklin Lakes show. You can reach Larry and Donna at (973) 989-5058, and Dave and Bennie at (908) 362-5775.

Speaking of the AACA, we want to make note of an upcoming event on Long Island. The 40th annual Spring Meet of the AACA's Greater New York Region is taking place on Sunday, June 4th, and this year the Corvair is the "Spotlight Vehicle." Our friends in the Long Island Corvair Association are going all-out for this, and we're invited! Day-of-show registration is available at \$20 per car, however day-of-show registrants will not

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Cars & Parts

NJACE CLASSIFIEDS

Garage for Rent: 1 Bay Garage for rent \$120/month in the Wayne area. Contact Mrs. Cooper at (973) 956-0238.

Wanted: NJACE members interested in caravanning home from the Buffalo Convention. Leaving the host hotel on Sunday morning around 9:00 - 9:30, stopping for lunch around 1:00 and arriving home before dark. If interested, contact Tim Schwartz at (201) 447-4299 or toschwartz@att.net

For Sale: 1966 Corsa Convertible project car with quite a few parts, (new center mount Holley 4bbl, dual circuit master cylinder kit (still in the box from Clark's), new floor was welded in, recovered seats plus many, many more. Car is not currently in drivable condition. Looking to sell as a complete package. West Long Branch area. If interested or for more information, contact Neil Bristol (732) 483-0307(work) (732) 489-1222 (cell) or at neil_ljl@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1964 Corvair Convertible project Car (with 1965 engine) and other parts to complete the job, plus, many, many, more. N. Chatham, Mass area. If interested, contact Gail Tilton (508) 945-9012 or gmtilton@capecod.net

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be judged, the registration deadline for judging is May 1st. The show location is Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury, NY. If you'd like more information give me a call at (908) 730-8873, or e-mail me at Vairtec@optonline.net.

Finally, a look back at April, during which we conducted our "Garage Sale" Swap Meet on what proved to be a day not of the forecast rain or cold, but of snow and cold! Naturally, our participation and enjoyment suffered due to the weather, but the indomitable spirit

of Corvair owners prevailed. A hardy group of folks showed up, from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and thankfully we had the shelter of the large pavilion a Shuster Park to keep the snow off our heads and under which to display our swap meet wares. Even better, the pavilion's big kitchen was put to good use and hot breakfasts and lunches were served by our talented and skilled kitchen experts.

Clearly, Shuster Park is a good place for this event, and with better weather next year (and, perhaps, a propane heater or two to ensure better weather) I think

that we can enjoy the kind of swap meet success we've seen in years past.

Well, enough for now. I'll see you at the breakfast gathering!

Directions to Ashley's Body Shop: Take I-80 exit 27 onto Rte 206 south. Proceed about 3 miles south on Rte 206. At the 3rd traffic light, with the Old Mill Shoppe on the right, turn left onto Main St. In 1/10-mile bear left onto Hillside Ave, proceed 8/10-mile to Ashley's Auto Body, on the left. From the south: Follow Rte 206 about 5 miles north of Rte 24 in Chester. At the traffic light just beyond "The After" roadside restaurant, turn right onto Main St. In 1/10-mile bear left onto Hillside Ave. Proceed 8/10-mile to Ashley's Auto Body, on the left.

Lost? Call 973 584-7184.



NJACE of Events...

***Saturday, May 6, 2006 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM. Directions: Ridgedale Ave intersects NJ Rte 10 just west of I-287 and just east of US Rte 202. From I-287 take the exit for Rte 10 west. Proceed through the traffic light at Ridgedale Ave, to the U-turn at Dryden Way. Return east on Rte 10 to Ridgedale Ave and turn right. The Pronto Deli is about one mile down Ridgedale Ave on the left.

Saturday, May 6, 2006 - Lakeland Regional High School 1st Annual Car Show from 11:00 - 4:00 at Lakeland Regional High School, 205 Conklintown Road Wanaque NJ, Vehicle Registration Fee \$8.00, spectator admission fee \$3.00. For more information contact Rita Mazza @ rmazza@lakeland.k12.nj.us (973) 835-1900 ext. 754

Sunday, May 7, 2006 - Caravan to the Corvair Ranch Open House - leaving EARLY on Sunday returning later that day...contact Raymond Coker (201) 637-8535 for more information.

Thursday/Friday, May 11-12 2006 - NECC Time Trials on the North Road Course at Pocono International Raceway - Registration and Tech Inspection on Thursday, Time Trials on Friday. For information, contact Brian O'Neill (973) 729-5586 or visit www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/index.html

Saturday, May 13, 2006 - Hot Rods & Harleys in Downtown Rahway - For more information contact the Rahway Center Partnership at (732) 396-3545 or visit www.rcpnj.org (Rain Date is Saturday, May 20, 2006)

***Wednesday, May 17, 2006 - 2nd Quarter 2006 Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Famous Dave's Restaurant, 1443 Rt 22 East, Mountainside, NJ. Directions: From I-287** at intersection of I-287 and US Rt 22, follow signs for 22 East. Proceed approximately 14 miles. The restaurant is on the right just past Lawrence Avenue. **From I-78** take Exit 41 following signs for Scotch Plains and Route 22 E proceeding south on Bonnie Burn Road past the Colorado Café. Cross over Rt 22, following signs for Rt 22 East. The Restaurant is approximately 2 miles east on Rt 22 just past Lawrence Avenue. If you get lost the restaurant's phone number is 908 232-5619

***Saturday, May 20, 2006 - NJACE Tech Session at Ashley's Body Shop, Flanders.** Please see Page 4 for details.

***Saturday, June 3, 2006 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM.

Sunday, June 4, 2006 - 40th Annual AACA Spring Meet at Old Westbury Gardens 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury NY (Corvairs are the featured vehicle) For more information, contact Michael Sussman 516-488-1880 mikesuss@verizon.net

***Saturday, June 17, 2006 - Save this date...**planning is taking place for a tour/tasting at a local NJ Winery. Details are still being worked out so stay tuned to this space for more information.

Events marked with an * count towards NJACE Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards

Tech Session with a Twist

by Ray Coker

It was delivered back to the owner and another successful Tech Session was wrapped up.

The car was taken for a test drive.

We all agreed the job was well done; we congratulated ourselves and closed the engine lid.

We checked for oil leaks, vacuum leaks, a loose fan belt and generally looked over the engine while it was running

The accelerator was pumped twice, we turned the ignition key and the engine started up and ran just fine.

The air breather was reinstalled and all the finger prints were wiped off all the parts that were touched.

All the wires, hoses, nuts and bolts that were removed were checked one last time.

The oil dip stick was reinstalled and the oil level was checked.

The battery negative cable was reconnected.

The heater hose and crossover tube were reinstalled.

The carburetors and carburetor linkages were reinstalled.

The spark plug wires and the distributor cap were reinstalled.

The new fan belt was installed and adjusted correctly.

The alternator was reinstalled.

The automatic choke rods were reinstalled and tightened to the same amount as when removed.

The engine shroud was washed and carefully reinstalled and all the bolts were reinstalled and tightened.

The cover bolts were tightened in a crisscross pattern to the specified amount of torque.

The cover bolts were cleaned on a bench grinder in the bodyshop and reinstalled.

The new gasket was set in place and the new top engine cover was carefully set on the gasket.

A tap was run through the engine cover bolt holes to clean out the threads.

The new gasket for the top engine cover was placed on newspaper and a light coat of oil was spread on both sides to moisten the gasket

making removal of the bearing housing easier the next time, if necessary.

The old gasket material was carefully scraped off the engine case/top cover mating surfaces. This allowed everyone to see the heart of the engine, the crank and the piston rods.

The engine cavity was carefully covered with paper towels so no old gasket material would fall into the engine during cleaning which could cause trouble later.

As always the cover was firmly stuck in place from 37 years of use. After a little persuasion with some tools the top cover came loose and was removed from the engine.

16 bolts holding the top engine cover were removed.

The top engine cover with the fan bearing being replaced was now visible.

The engine shroud was carefully removed from the engine.

The oil dip stick was removed.

All the bolts around the engine shroud were removed.

The crossover tube and heater hose was removed from the engine shroud.

The rods for the automatic chokes were unscrewed from the cylinder heads. The amount of turns it took to remove each rod was counted and recorded for easier installation later.

The fan belt pulley was removed from the blower bearing.

The spark plug wires and distributor cap were removed.

The fan belt and alternator were removed.

The carburetor linkages and carburetors were carefully removed.

The complete air breather was removed.

The battery negative cable was removed from the battery.

At the body shop the volunteer teams determined who would remove what and the necessary tools were identified. An NJACE Officer with mechanical knowledge in this area observed each step and offered advice when needed.

The job of replacing the blower bearing and top engine cover was explained in detail to the Tech Session participants.

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On the 20th of May the car was delivered to Ashley's Body Shop in Flanders for the Tech Session.

The car owner was very glad to hear about the Tech Session and readily agreed allow the car to be used and to pay for the necessary parts. It was explained that the bearing along with the top engine cover would be replaced.

The NJACE officers explained to the owner there was a Tech Session on the 20th of May and this car would be a good candidate for the session.

After a recent inspection by the NJACE Roving Wrenches the owner of the 1969 Corsa Convertible was informed the engine blower bearing needed replacing.