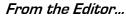




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## The New Sheriff in Town



Who says Corvair owners are a shy bunch and always have their heads buried under car hoods looking at greasy old car parts? From the reports I'm getting about the recent picnic at the Ashley's and the pictures I've seen, not the NJACE bunch.

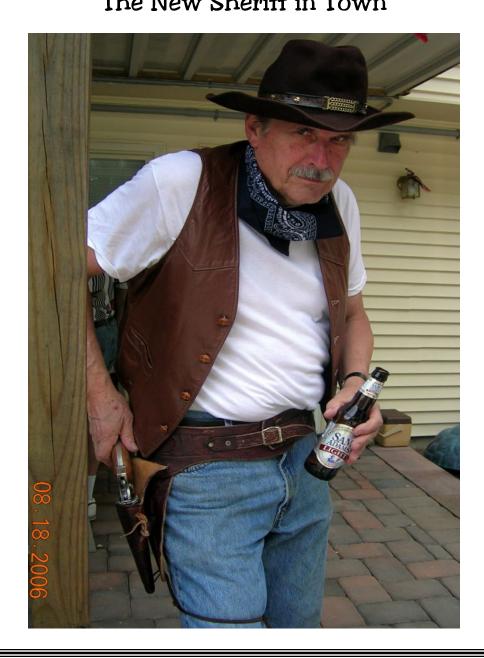
Pictures are worth a thousand words and the photo of Ron DeYoung says it all. Now this is fella that knows how to dress for a Western party!!!

Larry and Donna Ashley were the gracious hosts for yet another fabulous summer picnic. Everyone that attended had a great time and I'm sure are all looking forward to next year's gala event.

As Bob points out in his column this month, the word of the month is GO...and boy do we have a list of events that you can take advantage of from business meetings to a car show with the DelValVairs to a trip to Lime Rock Park to see Corvairs on the road course. And, there are others, just take a peak at the Calendar of Events on Page 3.

Finally, I'd like to mention how glad we are to know that Ken Klingaman is doing well after his recent surgery. Ken you are certainly in our thoughts.

See you at a future club event Kathy



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# The View Through the Windshield

by Bob Marlow, President

The word of the month is GO. Actually, it's the word of the next two months, as during September and October NJACE will give you several opportunities to get out and GO someplace interesting in your Corvair.

First up, on Wednesday evening, September 6th, GO to the club's quarterly business meeting. It takes place in the smoke-free back room of the Mount Olive Grill on Rt 206 in Flanders, where the menu offers a nice selection of casual dining choices



and the parking lot, now completely re-done, offers plenty of room for all our cars. The meeting starts at 7 PM so as to allow plenty of time to get there after work, but you can come early and kick tires and swap lies in the parking lot if you wish. Bring your Significant Other, too, so that you may both enjoy dinner and so that you may both enjoy the PowerPoint presentation of photos **CORSA** from this summer's convention.

Then, on Saturday, September 23, GO to the "Cruisin' with the Vairs"

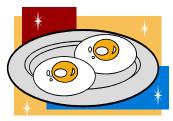
car show taking place at the Amwell Valley Diner on Rt 31 in Ringoes. This all-makes car show is being conducted by our friends in the Delaware Valley Corvair Club, and benefits the Amwell Valley Fire Company. It runs from 2 PM 'til dusk, and it includes awards, door prizes, and meal discounts. It also includes music by NJACE member Steve Calandra and even a flyover by Phil Maxson in his Corvair-powered aircraft! Registration is \$10 in advance, or \$12 on-site. If you wish to sign up in advance, give Ron Peles at call at (908) 479-1218.



October kicks off right away on the 1st, when we invite all members to GO to the annual NECC All-Corvair Show at Lime Rock, taking place at the Paradise Garage in Lakeville, Connecticut, on Sunday, October 1st. This year's show includes the usual awards but also some games (such as "fan belt toss," similar to horseshoes but utilizing something more familiar to all Corvairs owners) and a shopping trip to the boutiques of nearby Kent. You are also invited to GO to the barbeque that evening the Wake Robin Inn, the headquarters hotel for those persons staying the night so as to drive on the Lime Rock Park race track the next day, October 2nd, the Corvair's birthday.



On Saturday, October 7th, GO to the NJACE Breakfast at the Pronto Deli on Ridgedale Avenue in Cedar Knolls. This laid-back gathering is sure to put you in the right mood for your weekend -- no stress!



There's sure to be something for you among this list. You can GO to the dinner-meeting on September 6th, you can GO to the DelVair show on September 23rd, you can GO to the Lime Rock Show on October 1st, and you can GO to the breakfast on October 7th. Don't just sit home -- GO!

#### Directions:

NJACE Quarterly Business Meeting, Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 PM, at the Mount Olive Grill, Flanders. The Mount Olive Grill is located on Rt 206, roughly 3.5 miles south of I-80, and roughly 13.5 miles north of I-287, opposite The Golf Zone.

Cruisin' with the Vairs car show, Saturday, Deptember 23, 2 PM - dusk, at the Amwell Valley Diner in Ringoes. The Amwell Valley Diner is located on Rt 31, roughly two miles south of where Rt 31 splits from Rt 202.

NECC All-Corvair Show, Sunday, October 1st, at the Paradise Garage, Lakeville, CT. The Paradise Garage is located on Rt 112, across the street from the Lime Rock Park race track.

NJACE Breakfast Meeting, Saturday, October 7, at the Pronto Deli on Cedar Knolls. The Pronto Deli is located on Ridgedale Avenue, south of Rt 10 and north of Hanover Avenue.



by Jim Burkhard

It's either pre-ignition or detonation (spark knock). You can have both, but that is when prolonged spark knock heats up the chamber enough to cause pre-ignition. At that point, you may have wrecked something, anyhow.

Does the problem occur at low engine speed (say 2000 rpm) and high load (foot deep into the pedal)? Such would be the case if you were

gently cruising around town and then it knocked going up a hill at low engine speed. If so, it is probably spark knock. Start thinking better gas or ignition overadvance.

Does the problem occur at high engine speed with a hot engine? If so, it is probably pre-ignition. Start thinking hot spots in chamber.

Does the problem get at all better when you retard the ignition timing? If so, it is spark knock.

Is there any evidence of engine runon (dieseling) after shutdown? If so, you've got pre-ignition and retarding the timing will not help, because the chamber lights off BEFORE ignition (under PRE-ignition, messing with spark timing doesn't help, because the chamber autoignites before the spark ever happens ... it doesn't need a spark!)

Ask these questions:

- 1. Under what conditions (be very specific: engine speed, load, temperature) does this occur?
- 2. What sort of spark plugs are you running -- the wrong plugs will easily cause pre-ignition.

Once you know better exactly what sort of abnormal combustion you have, it gets easier to solve.



#### **NJACE**



#### of Events...

\*Wednesday, September 6, 2006 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2006 Business Meeting at the Mount Olive Bar & Grill, Rt 206 in Flanders, NJ beginning at 7:00 pm. Drive your Corvair...come for dinner and the meeting! Need directions, see Bob's column on page two.

\*Saturday, September 23, 2006 - DelValVairs Cruisin' with the Vairs All Makes Car Show at the Amwell Valley Diner 400 Rt 31 N, Ringoes, NJ. 2:00 PM until dusk. Contact Ron Peles at 908 479-1218 to register in advance. Check out Bob's column on page two for information and directions.

**Sunday, October 1, 2006 – NECC All Corvair Show, Paradise Garage Lakeville, CT** It's the car show the day before the NECC sponsored racing event at Lime Rock Park road course on Monday, October 2nd. For all you Corvair racing fanatics, this is a great opportunity to see Corvairs running on a local road course. For any of you not so inclined to spend the day watching cars on a race track, there's great shopping in the towns and villages close to Lime Rock Park!!!

\*Saturday, October 7, 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.

\*Sunday, October 15, 2006 – Fall Foliage Tour. Ray Coker's been drivin' the back roads of New Jersey planning our October driving event and he's not saying much except stay tuned for a surprise ending. We'll publish all the details, for starting location time, etc. in next month's Fanbelt. But mark your calendar for this always enjoyable event.

Saturday, November 4, 2006 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM.

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





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For Sale: 1963 Corvair Convertible runs! 81,000 miles/6 cylinder engine maintained. This car can use some re-upholstery patching in couple spots (driver seat) and little tear top of rear seat...Red interior has rare clock on dashboard...Exterior needs re-paint, but for an antique enthusiast this car makes a great project and worth restoring...I drive her daily locally and few times back and forth between NJ/Nyc...She was transported from L.A. (the previous owner was a radio station manager who collected vintage cars).I must sell asap-moving. Asking \$2500 or best offer. Call Susan (917)549-9109 and please leave info and best time to be reached. Thanks!

#### NJACE Member News...

We are sorry to report that long time member; Ken Klingaman had a heart attack on August 17<sup>th</sup> and underwent quadruple by-pass surgery at Morristown Hospital on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fortunately, Ken is otherwise in good health and in great shape and was scheduled to be released from the hospital last weekend.

Ken, from your NJACE family, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you a club event very soon!