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**Monthly Breakfast Meeting
March 3rd - 9 am at the Pronto Deli**

Greetings to our NJACE members. I'd like to say that it has been most enjoyable being the newsletter editor so far this year. I know that the club officers would like to continue the tradition of keeping the club a vibrant and enjoyable experience for all the members. I'd like to invite any and all suggestions for monthly activities be sent to Ken or one of the officers so we have a variety of ideas to select from. The best club involvement is everyone in the club be involved. Email is the most efficient method to communicate with all of us - so keep the information flowing in!!!!!!

Also, the newsletter is best viewed in email form. The text and pictures are more richly presented and it's more cost effective for the NJACE treasury. So, if you have been receiving the newsletter in the mail and would like to switch to email let me know.

Greg Gorski

NJACE Quarterly Meeting

March 14th at the Mt.Olive Grill - Route 206

Flanders, NJ



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Vintage Tin

by

Ron DeYoung

There aren't many places in NJ where you can still get parts for your Corvair. Friendship Auto Parts, near Vincetown, NJ is one yard that refuses to part with any car from the seventies on down. There are 2000 cars and trucks on a 12 acre lot ranging from 1930 on up. The majority of the autos are from the late 40's to the 60's. One area has about fourteen early model Corvairs and some late models scattered throughout the yard. You are free to browse and pull your own parts. In parts of the yard there is heavy vegetation that makes finding some cars difficult. early spring and late fall are the best times to go. Approaching a 12 acre salvage yard to search for parts to start or complete a restoration project is overwhelming and exciting. Packing up your tools and traveling to Friendship is a worthwhile experience because chances are good that the yard has the hard to find part you've been trying to find. Friendship is located at 58 New Road in Tabernacle, NJ. Take I295 to Rt 70E for about 15 miles, cross over Rt 206 and make a right at the 1st light onto New Road. Stay on New Road for a mile, bear right at the "Y" intersection and the yard is about 1/4 mile on the left. The hours are M-F 8am - 5pm and Saturday 8am-3pm. [609-268-0365]



Veep-Veep!-by Ribs

It's either the road runner, Fiat horns, or one of those bizarre articles from a resurgent VP. Charlie Dye has relatives!

Want fame and attention? Construct a Corvair-based Art Car. What the ! is an art car anyway? you ask. Call it any rolling personalized expression of your character, taste, or lack thereof. (No, choosing to drive a Corvair even in this day and age does not in itself make it an art car, nor you a Cartist!) Nor does planting a bunch of Cadillacs in your wheat field in Amarillo (The Cadillac Ranch) constitute art cars --- that's just sculpture. Instead, you have to do something really inspired, like Amarillo businessman Jay Battenfield's "Jewel Box."



Mr. Battenfield seriously transformed a '60 Corvair with over 160,000 gemstones, jewels and beads as a tribute to his wife Jean, who was killed in an auto accident in 1980. "You take your problems and fasten them to something, and you get rid of them." - Jay Battenfield. No problems left here.

Appreciate strange? Come out to the March 14th NJACE Quarterly Madness meeting at the Mt. Olive Grill, grab some grub, then critique all species of (unemployed) Cartists. The after-meeting program will be a slide show presentation of the 2006 Houston Art Car parade, where you will experience Americana at its finest, like this specimen:



This parade got its start in 1986, with about a dozen cars, and has expanded to a 250+ art car display by folks with too much time on their hands.

Get in on the 50/50 drawing, and the consolation prize will be a 1992 PBS art car documentary, on DVD.

This will be one of those loaner videos we try to get someone to take home on rotation. For an art car primer, navigate to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_car

NJ Late Greats Junk Yard Run - 2007

This year's JYR will be Friday March 23rd at Leon's Auto Parts, Rt 29 South Leon, Va. The run will start at 8am and is about a 6-7 hour ride from Atlantic Highlands, NJ. If interested call Steve Calandra or Mike Berry [732-614-0783]

email-berrym@comcast.net.



Corvair Trivia

1. The Corvair was first introduced to the public on this date _____.
2. The initial Corvair offering was
a. 90HP w/ 4 speed
b. 110HP w/ a 3 speed
c. 80HP w/ a 3 speed
d. none of the above
3. The last year the Greenbrier was produced.
a. 1965 b. 1967 c. 1964 d. 1969
4. For predictable handling of the Corvair, you should maintain a _____ PSI tire pressure differential between the front and rear tires.
5. What model year was air conditioning offered on the 140HP engine?
6. Over a ten year period, how many total Corvairs were produced in the US and Canada?
7. What model years was the convertible not offered as a body style?
8. The Corvan was the "working" version of the Greenbrier.
9. The upper case "letter" on the vin number indicated the body style of the car.
10. The damper doors on the Corvair engine open when the engine temperature reaches _____ degrees.

NJACE Parts Auction

They came by car....by truck.....by late model coupe....by Greenbrier....they even came in kitty litter buckets! Some came from as far away as Arizona! Hundreds of Corvair parts (and other stuff) converged on Larry and Donna Ashley's Auto Body shop on Saturday February 17th for the Annual NJACE Auction.

As luck would have it, about 50-60 Corvair nuts also were there to eat pizza and find parts (and stuff) at bargain prices. Aided by skilled auctioneers Bob Marlow, Brian O'Neill, Greg Gorski and Tim Schwartz, in the span of a few hours, nearly all of those parts/stuff found new and happy owners. There were nearly new tires (with rims), beautiful late model headlight bezels (or is it beeeezuls?), carburetors, tools, back seats, a fancy automobile theme liquor bottle, shroud pieces, hardware, bumpers, heck there even was a toy model of an antique Studebaker pickup truck with a Lennox* furnace in the bed. (*Not to be confused with the makers of fine chinaware of a similar name).

Jeff (Corvair Ranch) drove all the way from Gettysburg, Pa (with kids) to attend and offer some unique parts for sale (including some from Yenko 003). Charlie Dye sent some parts from dry Arizona (you could watch some rust in the New Jersey air right before your eyes).

The day was sunny and clear, the bargains were great, the pizza was delicious, and the hosts were gracious as usual. Thanks Larry and Donna for helping to make the 2007 NJACE auction a successful event! And thanks to the NJACE members who helped set up and clean up! And thanks to the Corvair folks from the Tri-State area who attended!

Hope to see you there next year! Below are a few pictures from the Parts Auction held at **Ashley's Auto Body**.



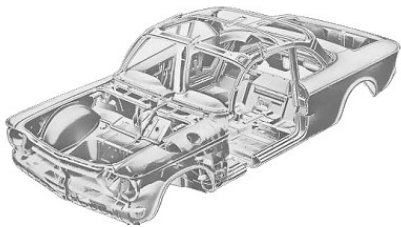
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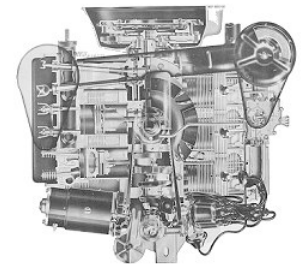
Greg



Tim



.....present items of interest to the anxious bidders!



Do You Need Tech Help?????

You Need the NJACE - ACE

"Turbo Man"

He has all the answers to your Corvair questions and problems. Just send an email question to the editor [gragmgorski@comcast.net] and the answer will be in the next months newsletter - be safe driving your Corvair trust -

"Turbo Man"

New Members Attend NJACE Parts Auction

A new feature of the newsletter will be a brief biography of the members of the NJACE club. This month we welcome three new members who were present at the February parts auction.

Bob Boynton

In February, Bob Boynton joined the Club along with his 1966 Corvair Monza convertible (factory options including Powerglide, AC, front seat headrests, rear antenna, and deluxe seat belts). He's Executive Director of Alumni Relations at NJIT in Newark, NJ and lives on Staten Island. His other cars include a 1930 Model A Ford Town Sedan (driven back from Nebraska before restoration), 1952 Ford F-2 pick-up truck (long bed, 3/4 ton), 1957 Chevy Bel Air 4 dr. wagon (3rd owner), and a 1963 Triumph TR-4 (found in 1980, literally under a haystack in a barn). "Seat belts in all of my toys, all dependable transportation, and all perfect for holding passengers with ice cream cones -- when I'm not practicing shade tree mechanics." "I'm not into showing cars, just like to tinker and understand them. So many different ways designers and engineers have solved their problems and technologies have evolved over the last hundred years. ...Somehow I missed out on Corvair -- until now."



Roger Fedor

Roger came to the NJACE Parts Auction in February and signed up as a new member. Roger resides in Whitehall, Pa., which is about a fifty [50] mile drive to Ashley's Auto Body. Roger is the owner of a 1963 Monza Spyder that is black in color and is show quality condition.

Tom Molnar

I have been an Auto Mechanics instructor for the past 33 years, the last 15 years have been at the Burlington vo- tech. [day] and Burlington County College[night]. I first got started with Corvairs when I was in high school, I worked for a guy that bought all of the Corvairs that were traded in at the local Chevy dealers. He taught me how to fix them up and he later sold them at his gas station. In all I've owned about 5 corvairs. In the past my toys have included 2 fire trucks, 2 military vehicles, numerous Dodge Power Wagons, and I currently have a garage full of Gravely tractors. My wife thinks I'm crazy, but she has been with me for 30 years. I have a son in college and a daughter in high school. I look forward to participating in club activities, and I always enjoy talking cars.

The tech session revisited

By Larry Ashley

Last winter, at the first breakfast meeting of the year, Ray Coker and I had a conversation about bringing back the tech session. From that conversation, Ray hatched the idea of roving wrenches. A group of "crackpot" NJACE members made several visits to Corvair owner's homes. After this adventure, we followed with a tech session at Ashley's Auto Body in May.

Several projects were accomplished and one of our newest members, Dave Main, was able to complete several tasks on his 1968 Monza. I believe the list included new exhaust, oil pan, rear motor mount, and lower heater shrouds.

My place is an auto body shop, but we do have a two post lift that is great for working underneath a Corvair. We also have plenty of room in the main part of the shop for "topside" repairs to the cars (and trucks). I really enjoyed hosting the tech session and would like to start a new tradition.

We are planning a tech session following the March 3rd breakfast meeting . Space and time are limited, so sign up early if you have a job you'd like to perform. (Dave Main's Monza is scheduled for rear spring installation. His springs were purchased at the auction)

This first tech session of the year will involve troubleshooting and low key projects. If a more involved project is needed, a full Saturday session can be scheduled.

Call me at 973-989-5058 or email me at lashley327@optonline.net.

Secretary's Notes

By taking a look at the handy-dandy 2007 calendar that Activities VP Ken Schiffner distributed at the Parts Auction, I see that in March we have our first quarterly business meeting of the year, on Wednesday evening, March 14. Don't have a copy of this calendar? Well, you can get one at the March meeting.

Newly-elected as club Secretary for 2007, I'll get to hone my note-taking skills at the quarterly meeting, our first meeting of the year where formal business is conducted. But, don't let the "formal business" scare you away, the fact is that our business meetings historically are not the least bit stiff.

For 2007, we're moving all four of Mount Olive Grill on Rt 206 in (sur-the Golf Zone. We're doing this so as meeting place, and because the Mount our use, a good menu, and friendly

Looking ahead to April, I see that our largest event of the year, our annual "Garage Sale" to a new location was fabulous but the

attempt to please the weather gods, we're returning to Franklin but moving the event off its traditional first Saturday date to Saturday, April 21st. Plan on it! I'm looking forward to more of Ken Klingaman's farm-fresh eggs, and I'm looking forward to Spring-like weather!

Each month, of course, we also have our regular Breakfast Meeting on the first Saturday, at the Pronto Deli in Cedar Knolls.

In February our activity for the month was the ever-popular Parts Auction, wherein we use the auctioning of Corvair parts as an excuse to break the midwinter blahs and have a lot of laughs. While the total dollar volume was down this year (Corvair owners have a frugal reputation to protect, after all), the club still turned a profit and everyone had fun.

It's not too early to be thinking about getting your Corvair ready for this summer's trip to greater Detroit for the 2007 CORSA Convention. Afraid to drive your Corvair that far? Don't be! There are many club members who will be willing to help you get ready, and who would be willing to travel in a strength-in-numbers caravan. Come on out to the meeting to discuss the plans.



the quarterly business meetings to the (prize!) Mount Olive, right across from to have a consistent, regular quarterly Olive Grill has a nice private room for service.

we'll again stage what has long been annual "Garage Sale" Swap Meet. Last new location, in Franklin, and the weather was hideous. This year, in an

Announcements & Ads

- The Delaware Valley Corvair Club, Inc. will host a car show on Saturday, May 5, 2007, rain date May 12 at the First Baptist Church grounds, 6131 Emilie Road, Levittown, PA. All cars are welcome & the time for the show is 9 am to 3 pm \$12.00. Trophies, door prizes, food and fun. Contact Ron Peles [rpeles@earthlink.net]

- For Sale; 4 beautifully preserved American Racing Vector Wheels [14"x7"] 4 3/4" x 5 GM bolt pattern from my Monza coupe show car. All chrome hardware and center caps included. NO disappointments. Contact me for other information and pictures. Will consider trade for vintage "correct" luggage rack or vintage AM/FM Delco "correct" radio. Also, NOS bumper guards with all necessary hardware. Price \$150 plus shipping. Bruce Levitch [BLevitch@cox.net] [480-786-1767]

- Central Carolina Corsa Car Show, Myrtle Beach, SC. March 9-11 at the Sea Mist Resort on Ocean Blvd.; Contact - Carol Mullen [803] 236-266 Email [csh1150@yahoo.com]

NJACE Events: 2007

By Ken Schifftner



-NJACE Activity Calendars were available at the Parts Auction last month. If you didn't pick one up come to the breakfast at the Pronto's Deli this month and get yours. A handy reminder of future NJACE events.

- There will be a brief Tech Session after the March 3rd breakfast at Ashley's Auto Body Shop. See Page 4 of the newsletter.

-Plans are for presentations or discussions at each of our quarterly meetings. (If you have an idea or want to present something, please contact Ken Schifftner). The next quarterly meeting will be March 14th at the Mt. Olive Grill. The festivities will begin at 7:00 PM. Rich Ribble will have a special presentation for us to enjoy. The Mt. Olive Grill and Bar is located on Route 206 in "The Mall on 206" directly across from the "Golf Zone".

-NJACE (New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts) will host its regional Corvair Swap Meet at Shuster Park, Franklin Borough, NJ, on April 21, 2007 starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 3:00 pm, rain or shine. Food and refreshments will be available on site. GPS coordinates [N-41 degrees 0.07.208' W-074 degrees 34.991'].

-A trip to the Northlandz model train display will be the featured event in Flemington on May 20th.

-June 13th there will be the 2nd quarterly meeting and the July is the CORSA Convention in Detroit.

-August is Ladies Theme Month - lets get the requests sent in for this special event!!!!

-A fall foliage tour and dinner on a steam train in October. Some folks will be going to Detroit in July for the CORSA Convention in July. There will be Tech Sessions thrown in here and there....please stay tuned!

NJACE Calendar of Events

* *Saturday, March 3, 2007 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting* at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 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.

* *Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - NJACE Quarterly Meeting* at the Mt. Olive Grill, Route 206, Mt. Olive, NJ

* *Saturday, April 7, 2007 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting* at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 am.

* *Saturday, April 21, 2007 - NJACE Swap Meet at Shuster Park, Franklin Borough, NJ*

Events marked with an [] count towards the NJACE Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards.*