

Monthly Breakfast Meeting
July 5th - 9 am at the Pronto Deli

This month [July] we will be heading to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Specific details are included in this issue.

We want a good representation of cars for this event. Corvair clubs from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will be present and we'd like a good representation from NJACE.

I've enclosed the membership roster for 2008 in this issue of the Fanbelt. Check the information in case I made any mistakes or omissions.

The August event will feature a trip to the famous Northlantz Train, Doll Museum and Art Gallery in Flemington, NJ. We will follow that up with a "picnic" at the Marlow residence in Clinton. Complete details will be in the August Fanbelt for those events.

We had a weak turnout for our Quarterly Meeting and we hope that there is better representation for the July events.
Greg Gorski

NJACE Rally to.....

...an "aircooled" event!



The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is a true "living" museum of antique aviation located in Rhinebeck, New York. It presents one of the largest collections of early aeroplanes in the world, many of which regularly take to the air in all their glory during our weekend air shows. The Aerodrome features aeroplanes, automobiles, motorcycles, early engines and memorabilia from 1900-1935. In addition to the air shows, there are four museum buildings displaying aircraft from the Pioneer Era, World War I and the Lindbergh/Barnstorming era. These were the golden years of aviation.

NJACE will be gathering on July 12th at the first rest stop on the NY Thruway north [after leaving NJ] at 7:30am.

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There is **NO GAS** at the first service area on the Thruway so folks should be topped up before that. If they come up Route 287, there are plenty of gas stations on the way. A suggestion would be to get gas in Pompton Lakes, Kinnelon, or Oakland. In a pinch, there is a service area further up the Thruway, prior to the exit for the Kingston-Rhinebeck Bridge for the forgetful types.

We will leave a 8:00am and "caravan" to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. For those going to the Rhinebeck area on June 11th (or sooner), you'll likely arrive before the NJ contingent; Brian and Roberta (and perhaps others) may also go up there the night before. The early arrivers [on Saturday] need to go about 200 feet past the main entrance and go to the "service" entrance on the left near one of the old hangars.

The main contact person is Neil Herman. He said the Aerodrome will have personnel there at about 9:00 AM. The main phone number is 845-752-3200. For GPS users, the location of the Aerodrome is "Stone Church Road, Rhinebeck, NY".

The rain date will be July 13th. If the weather is "mixed" we'll go anyway because sometimes they put on a reduced show. If it is raining, please call Ken Schiffner on his cell phone. The number is 201-248-9644, folks could call me and I'll let them know the latest.

We have had good responses from four of the area Corvair Clubs. About 15 cars will be coming down from MA and NY the night before (July 11th). They'll likely be at the Aerodrome before us. We are going to have a good turnout from other clubs in the surrounding areas of NH, MA, PA, NY, and NJ. Many have said they had been to the Aerodrome before. We are looking forward to an exciting event.

The cost is \$15 per person. Corvair folks will be given wrist bands for entry and that band would be acceptable for Sunday as well. Food will be available on site or you may bring a lunch. The return trip will take us down Route 9 to the Hyde Park mansions. If anyone cares to go to Hyde Park you are welcome to do so. There is no planned food stop on the trip back.

The lodging hotline for the Rhinebeck area is [845] 876-8626.

Restaurants in the area are: Fosters Coach House [845- 876-8052]; Four Brothers [845-876-3131]; Cappucino [845-876-1331] and Double O [845-876-7655].

Directions:

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is located in historic Rhinebeck, New York and can easily be reached by car using the Taconic State Parkway or the New York State Thruway. Picnic and parking facilities are free.

From the North, South, West: New York State Thruway Exit 19 to Rt. 209 North. Follow signs to Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Cross over the Hudson River. Right turn at the second traffic light onto Route 9G South. Next traffic light, turn left onto Route 9 North for 1/2 mile. Right onto Stone Church Road for 1-1/2 miles. Left on Norton Road.

From the East: Mass. Pike or I-84 to Taconic State Parkway. Exit at Rt. 199 Rhinebeck/Red Hook. Rt. 199 west for 6.8 miles. Left onto Orlich Road, then an almost immediate right onto Norton Road for 1-1/2 miles.

Ken Schiffner

Join Me in the Fight Against Cancer from Greg Gorski ***Donation Deadline is July 25th***
NJACE Members- I participated in the 50 mile bike ride on June 8th beating the heat [95*] and the hills to complete the course in 3 hours in Simsbury, CT. You can still contribute by sending me a check [tax deductible] made out to the "UConn Foundation, Inc."

Send to: Greg Gorski 624 Carleton Rd. Westfield, NJ 07090

I have an original rear windshield from a '62 Corvair in excellent condition. Any reasonable offer accepted. Contact Patrick at patrxmail@verizon.net

Too Hot for Air Cooling? By Bob Marlow

Activities VP Ken Schiffner set up a tour to the New Jersey Botanical Gardens for Sunday, June 8. Little could Ken know at the time that he was making the arrangements that the day would bring record-breaking high temperatures. With virtually all of the day's activities set to take place outdoors, I am confident that the forecast for oppressively hot conditions caused members to stay home. But eight members braved traveling in five un-air-conditioned Corvairs that day, while two more opted to support the club from the relative comfort of a modern air-conditioned car.

Ken drove his '64 Monza convertible, with Rich Ribble riding shotgun. Tony and Helen Gervasio traveled in Tony's '65 coupe. Steve Calandra, Joe Maurella, and Sue and myself all had 1966 Corvairs at our disposal, Steve's a four-door, Joe's a convertible, and ours a coupe. Ron and Gloria Peles kept the windows up and the A/C on in their outrageously modified Chrysler PT Cruiser.

Note that the convertible drivers did not seek the relative shade of their convertible tops, both convertibles were top-down all day.

From the starting point at Ruppert's, Ken plotted a trip that ran up Route 23 for a few miles before branching off onto the back roads of upper Passaic County, and there was a noticeable drop in temperatures as soon as we got under a canopy of trees. But such a drop was of small comfort on this day. There was no escaping the heat, not on the roads, not at our picnic lunch, and not at the Botanical Gardens.

Still, a little heat (okay, a lot of heat) will not stop a group of NJACERs from having a good time. The drive complete, we found an unoccupied picnic table at Shepherd Lake and enjoyed our lunches. Nearby, a large group from a Korean Presbyterian church conducted their Sunday worship before enjoying their own lunch. It was the first time any of us ate a picnic lunch while listening to "How Great Thou Art" sung in Korean. New experiences always await NJACE members!

Most of our group enjoyed a walk of the Shepherd Lake grounds after lunch while the rest made sure that the lawn chairs remained anchored to a shady spot. We then reconvened, and when a small snake made its appearance the decision to move on to the Botanical Gardens was sealed.

Skylands Manor, the site of the New Jersey Botanical Gardens, sits within the same park as Shepherd Lake so it was a two-minute drive from one to the other. Once on the Manor grounds we entered the visitor center and gift shop, where we learned that the next guided tour of the gardens would begin in 45 minutes. At the recommendation of the host at the visitor center, we spent those 45 minutes walking to a section of the gardens not on the official tour.

Well, most of us did. Ron and Gloria headed from home once we departed Shepherd Lake, having had their fill of the near-100-degree temperatures. At the Botanical Garden I began to feel the effects of the heat and opted to sit in the shade under a tree with a bottle of water rather than walk around. As the time for the guided tour approached, most of us came to realize that it was just too hot to continue. And so it was that the organized portion of the day came to a close earlier than planned. It was simply too hot.

Remember the old cliché, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity?" It applied on this day, because the humidity was very high. Still, people lived through the years when most cars did not have air conditioning, and driving the Corvair on this day reminded me of one of the car's features that I like: With the engine at the rear, the engine heat is behind you, too. With the windows down and the floor vents open, the breeze through the car was brisk and pleasant. I just can't describe it as refreshing, simply because the ambient air was too hot.

But if it was too hot for people it was not too hot for our air-cooled cars. While my car hinted that it might wish to demonstrate some vapor lock, cranking unusually long on each hot start, it never failed to start and no one else had a problem, either.

The New Jersey Botanical Gardens can be a beautiful place and it is a shame that the weather prevented us from enjoying it fully. But, as always, nothing prevented us from enjoying each other's company and a day out with our distinctive cars.

Check out the pictures on page 4



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NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **Saturday, July 5, 2008 - 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.
- * **Saturday, July 12, 2008 - Rhinebeck Areodrome Drive/Fly In, departure from the state Line Diner - details on page 2.**
- * **Saturday, August 2, 2008 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 am.
- * **Saturday, August 16, 2008 - Northlanz tour - Meet at 10 am at the Wegman's/Home Depot Shopping Center in Bridgewater, 736 Route 202 to caravan to Northlanz [a 9 mile trip]. Followed by a picnic at the Marlow. Details on page 6 and in August Fanbelt.**

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

John Fitch and the DEP

Last October, 90 year old war hero and racing legend John Fitch suspected that the heating oil tanks buried under the lawn of his old farm house in Lime Rock, CT might be leaking. He told the state's Department of Environmental Protection [DEP] and was instructed to remove the tanks and excavate the contaminated soil. The tanks had been leaking for decades and at this time 3000 tons of dirt have been dug up with no end in sight. This is to be done at John's expense and the cost may reach up to \$350,000. The Vintage Sports Car Club of America offered to pay Fitch's legal expenses, and an ad hoc committee called Friends of Fitch established a fund to help defray his costs.

If you want to help you can send a check payable to "The Friends of Fitch Homestead Fund" to the Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, P.O. Box 1868, Lakeville, CT 06039.

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Treasurers Report from Tim Schwartz
Submitted May 31, 2008

Balance as deposited February 29, 2008	\$ 6800.00
Adjusted balance for expenses	<u>- 1591.81</u>
Actual balance	\$ 5208.69

Income:

Interest-	\$ 12.60
50/50-	30.00
Donations-	165.00
Swap meet-	170.00
Dues-	<u>1425.00</u>

Total	\$ 1802.60
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Expenses:

Printing-	\$ 62.61
Postage-	82.00
Donation-	150.00
Trophies-	347.75
Door prizes-	127.13
Rent-	200.00

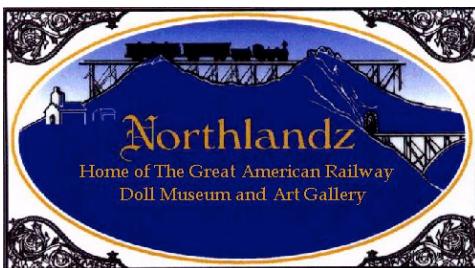
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Sub-Balance	\$ 6041.80
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CD #1	3588.24
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Final Balance	<u>\$ 11,124.29</u>
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Attractions at Northlandz

The Great American Railway - **Doll Museum** - La Peep Doll House

The Music Hall - Art Gallery - **The Raritan River Railway**

NJACE will meet at the Wegman's/Home Depot shopping center @ 10:00 am on August 16th [736 Route 202 on the southbound side]. The drive to Northlandz will begin at 10:30 am and is a modest nine [9] mile trek. We will tour the facility and upon completion caravan to the Marlow abode for a picnic, NJACE style. You just need to bring your "grillables" and any other specialty that might tickle your fancy. We'll update the information in the August Fanbelt.

Northlandz Prices: Adult - \$13.75; Seniors - \$12.50; Children [2-12] - \$9.75 Hours - 10:30 am to 5:30 pm.