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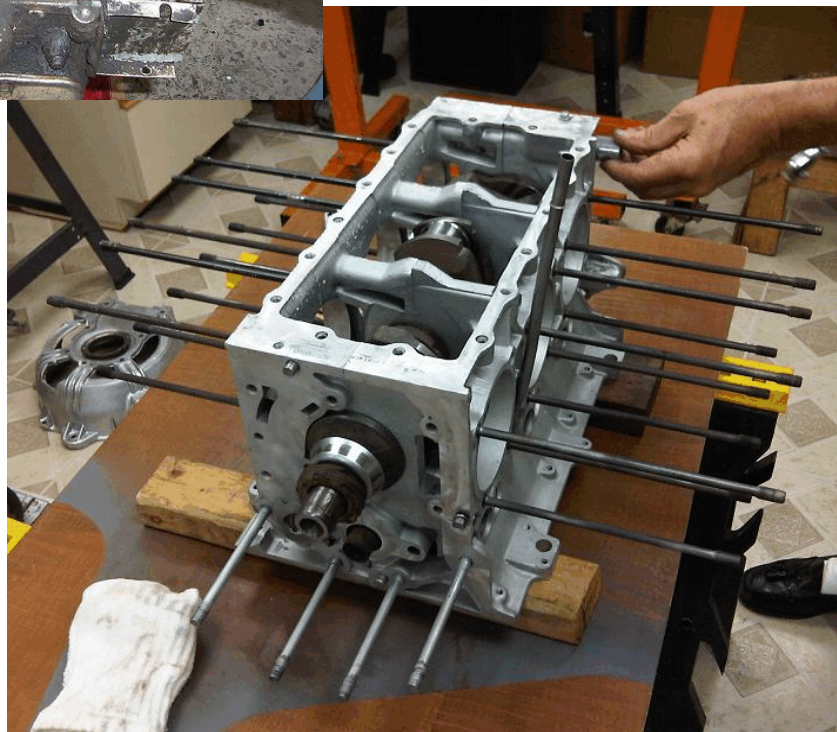


Last month, we disassembled the dirty, rusty Corvair engine shown at left...

This month, we will begin to re-assemble a clean Corvair engine like the one shown below.

Plan on attending our tech session, following the monthly breakfast on November 5!

PLUS: Nominations for 2012 club officers are open... Our annual elections will take place in December... Read on...



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Happening This Month:

- Breakfast Meeting, November 5
- "Gazinta" Tech Session, November 5
- Convention Planning Meeting, November 19

Happening Next Month:

- Breakfast Meeting, December 3

Free Breakfast?

You bet! Every month, one member wins a free breakfast at our monthly gathering at the Pronto Deli on Ridgedale Avenue in Cedar Knolls. It could be you!

But it can only be you if you are there. We draw a member's name from a hat, and if that member is there, he or she wins! But if that member is not there, we draw again – and again and again until we have a winner.

So come on out this Saturday morning, November 5, for breakfast with your NJACE friends. It might just cost you nothing!

Again, I ask "Where ya'll been?"

The October Fall Foliage Tour was another fun event and a chance to drive your Vair in beautiful weather. We ordered a brisk, sunny day and although it was a tad windy the weather was perfect for a drive in the country, wine tasting, and pumpkin picking.

Details of the event are in this newsletter. But again I have to ask, "Where ya'll been?" We had a nice turnout but still too few of our members participated in this event.

You are missing some great times. Come on out and join us for future activities.

–Brian O'Neill, President



Didja Know?

On your Corvair, if the same basic part is used on either side of the vehicle, but configured differently for left and right, the left-side parts have even part numbers and the right-side parts have odd part numbers.

So, for example, that little plastic cap on the rear top corner of the door opening on a late model Corvair 2-door is part number 4484814 on the left and 4484813 on the right.

Just another piece of Corvair trivia in case you are ever invited on *Jeopardy*.

Corvair Cover Art

by Seth Emerson
from Virtual Vairs

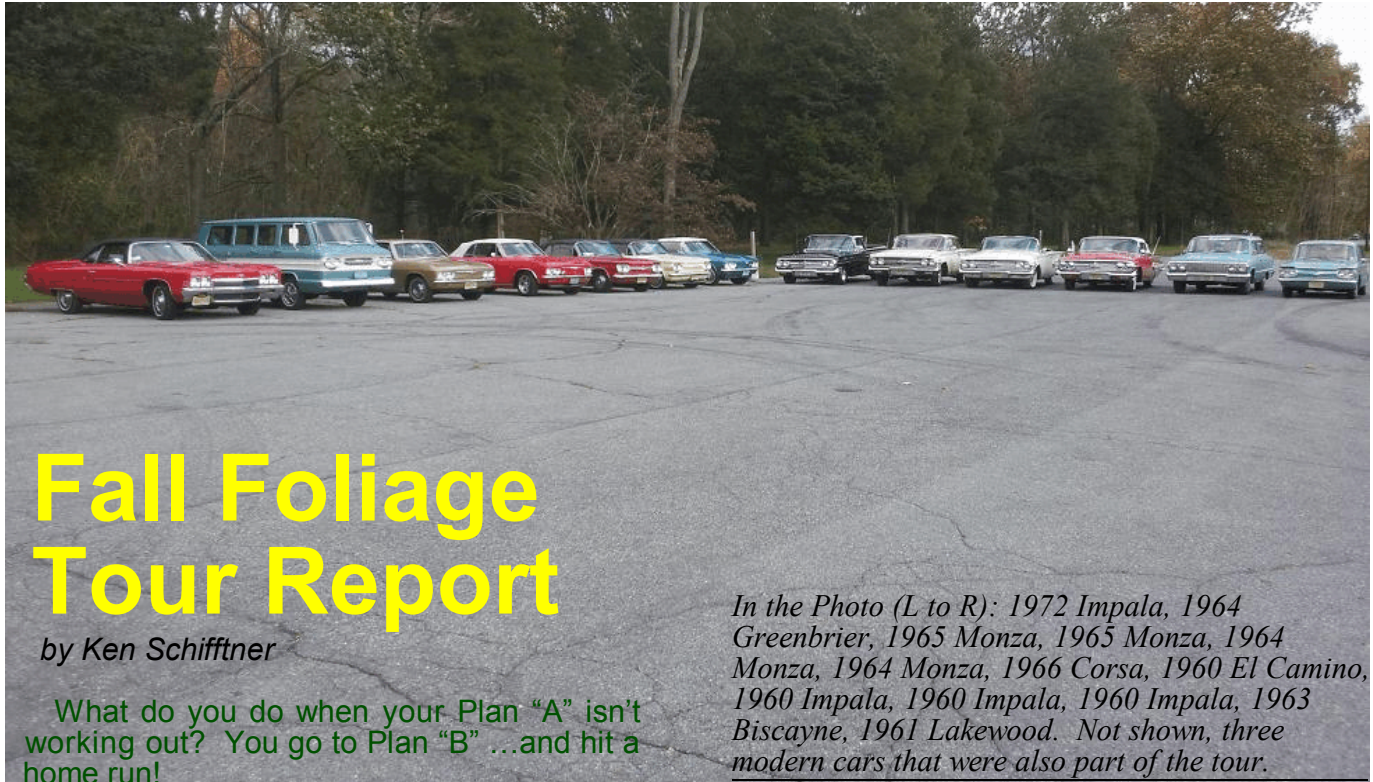
As transplanted New Yorkers, moving to California just before I was born, my parents left me mostly a legacy of California living. But the one thing they left me – and my brother – with a link to their New York heritage was a lifelong appreciation for The New Yorker magazine. I am a subscriber and reader – and not just the cartoons.

Bruce McCall is an ex-Auto industry illustrator/ad man, once a National Lampoon artist and now a frequent contributor to The New Yorker magazine. (And, once in a while, Car & Driver) His automotive background makes the cars in his illustrations more than just generic. You can always identify the make and model – sometimes the year as well. He is a self-described stickler for detail.

The cover of the November 7, 2011 issue of The New Yorker has a Bruce McCall cover illustration with the falling "leaves" of tan parking tickets showering a street of parked cars. Besides the easily identifiable Cadillac Escalade, the Volvo, the VW Bus, the Jeep and a couple of Ford Taxis, a pretty two-tone Corvair Greenbrier resides. There is no doubt of the make and model!



A Corvair on the cover! Thanks Bruce!



Fall Foliage Tour Report

by Ken Schiffner

What do you do when your Plan "A" isn't working out? You go to Plan "B" ...and hit a home run!

In the Photo (L to R): 1972 Impala, 1964 Greenbrier, 1965 Monza, 1965 Monza, 1964 Monza, 1964 Monza, 1966 Corsa, 1960 El Camino, 1960 Impala, 1960 Impala, 1960 Impala, 1963 Biscayne, 1961 Lakewood. Not shown, three modern cars that were also part of the tour.

Some background: Initially a tour that included a Halloween hayride was planned for this year. Bob Marlow had been setting this up but various problems, including cost, scuttled it. So what do you do? You yell for "Help!" At NJACE, help isn't far away.

To the rescue came Wynne Webster. The pieces started coming together. She lives near Hackettstown and suggested taking some of her favorite relaxing by-ways in rural western NJ, stopping by some orchards, a wine tasting and a restaurant oddly called Luigi's Ranch-O. Brian and Roberta O'Neil refined the tour and printed up directions. Steve Calandra invited the Late Great Chevy Club to join in.

The result? Near-perfect Autumn weather, scenic rural roads, historic buildings, more than a dozen vehicles (six from the Late Greats alone), nearly two dozen participants, wine tasting, delicious lunch, fresh apple cider, apple pie (ala mode if you so desired). Oh, and friendship.

Many thanks to all who worked on this wonderful Fall Foliage Tour!

[Editor's Note: A separate file containing photos from the Foliage Tour, taken by Mike Berry of the Jersey Late Greats, is being emailed to members.]

GAZINTA, THE SECOND ACT

by Brian O'Neill

The second act of the Gazinta Program takes place right after the November breakfast gathering.

In the first act last month, in the shop at Ashley's Auto Body, we tore apart a greasy old engine while showing some tricks that make reassembly easier. This month, in the "Garaj Mahal," using brand spanking new and clean parts provided by our own Ken Schiffner; we will begin the assembly of an engine case with crank and cam.

Lining up the timing marks, ensuring the crank turns freely and pre-lubing will be among the tasks. Also on the agenda will be the correct installation of valves in the heads. A simple way to measure and adjust valve installed heights will round out the day.

As an added bonus we will demonstrate the procedure for replacing a push rod tube O-ring, using David Main's 1968 Monza as the guinea pig.

All this fun and education begins approximately 11:00 AM in the "Garaj Mahal" at the O'Neill's. The actual start time depends on when we all get to

the Garaj Mahal. The place isn't hard to find. Many of our members have been there before but in case you're a "newbie" here are the directions.

☛ From the Pronto Deli using I-287 North and I-80 West; get yourself to Exit 34, Route 15 North.

☛ Drive about 16 miles up 15 North to the "Sparta, Lake Mohawk Business District" exit. Coming up the exit ramp, bear right onto Woodport Road. (Bearing left will put you into a business park and you'll know you're wrong!)

☛ Down the hill at the third light turn left down the divided street at the "Lake Mohawk" sign. At the bottom of the hill, you'll be facing the lake. Turn left and drive 3.5 miles with the lake on your right.

☛ Slow down as you pass the swimming pool on your right – it's below you and kinda hard to see. Just up a small hill, you'll see a very small brown log cottage on the right and a big, two story garage on your left. Turn right here onto West Shore Trail.

☛ There is a card controlled gate just after you turn. On the right is a small covered open shed with a key pad. The code to open the gate is "Clear, 4, 3, 2, 1."

☛ Drive through the open gate, over the speed bumps and just past the beach and dock area on the right turn a hard left up onto Whippoorwill Lane. Turn right at the "T" and come up to the brown house with the red Corvair convertible – #45 Whippoorwill Lane.

If you get lost the house phone is 973-729-5586.

P.S. The traditional lunch of pizza just might be replaced with something else depending on the good graces of the Lady In Charge. You will not go away hungry except maybe for Gazinta The Third Act. See ya at the Pronto Deli and at the Garaj Mahal.

I Got Lucky

by Ray Coker

For those readers who's minds went to the gutter with my opening remark turn your computer off and go to your room! I mean it! Thank you.

This article is about driving a 1967 convertible, automatic transmission, yellow in color with black upholstery and a black top on an eight-hour road trip. Before I go any further this article is not about a Corvair it's about a Plymouth Barracuda. I would have preferred to drive one of my Corvairs but they both were in some stage of repairs and the 'Cuda was ready and waiting so away we went.



The four-hour drive to my destination was without issue, the return trip was a little different. The temperature gauge begin to rise which was making me wince with despair. What the heck was going on? Normally I do all my own repairs but here I was four hours from home, with no tools and in a town where I knew no one. It was late in the evening so I decided to check into a hotel for the night and tackle the problem in the AM.

The next morning I opened the hood and found antifreeze all over the upper radiator hose and engine. A visual inspection provided nothing but the fact the radiator was low on antifreeze. I

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purchased a gallon of antifreeze and topped the radiator off then went for another drive. [Editor's Note: What's a radiator?] Sure enough the temp started to rise again. I need a garage... I almost never go to garages because as I said before, I do most of my own repairs. Which garage, where, owned by who, will they understand this 44 year old car? All of these where questions rolling through my mind.

After passing several garages I pulled into one and found not only a clean reputable appearing working establishment but a place where their main passion was older cars. They make their living repairing anything coming in off the street but at home each mechanic had their own toy. Chevies, Pontiac GTOs, Dodge Darts etc. "Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while."

It was incredible, they were very familiar with the car, the engine and understood my passion for wanting to drive it. A coolant pressure test resulted in a minor drip leak at the water pump gasket. Although this needed to be addressed it was nothing that would have caused the major leak on the upper part of the engine. Running the engine and looking at the water flow in the radiator showed us the thermostat was working properly. When the radiator cap was tested it was faulty. It was no longer holding the pressure of the coolant system in the radiator.

A new radiator cap, a pill to seal minor coolant leaks along with topping off the radiator once again resulted in normal operations. A test drive by the mechanic confirmed their diagnosis and their repairs. Soon I was back on the road and finding it hard to believe that I needed help and by some incredible chance I turned into the perfect repair facility for my needs.

Lohr Auto Repair in Johnstown, PA, and their reputable crew saved my day. The owner, Rob Lohr, operates a first class repair facility. I just might drive my 1965 V8 Corvair Convertible or my 1965 140 Coupe, "Fast Orange," there someday and show them what a REAL classic car looks like.



Judges for the Concours

by Ken Schiffner

It is never too early to begin recruiting judges for the Concours d'Elegance to take place during the 2012 CORSA Convention next July in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. We will be needing judges and back-up judges. Since we don't know how many vehicles may enter the Concours, we need to have some extra judges just in case. Volunteers are needed.

The Concours judges just judge for condition and cleanliness... they do not judge for originality or any other standard... and they get a free lunch! If you haven't done this it is a great experience. You can do it even if your have a car in the Concours, you just won't be judging your own vehicle or those in your vehicle's class..

What happens is that in late December I must send a list of names of potential judges to Don Wagner who coordinates the judges. Don then mails a form to these folks. This form asks them what areas they might want to judge (interior, wheels, trim, undercarriage, etc.). You just fill out the form and send it back to Don. Don then sends a return letter to you.

At the Convention, there will be a Judge's Meeting where the details will be provided. If you are a novice, you'll be paired with a "veteran" judge. You may or may not be called upon to judge... depends upon the number of vehicles.

If you are interested, please send your name, address, phone number, email address to me and I'll compile the list for Don. You can respond by mail or email, your choice. Thank you!

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Speaking of the 2012 Convention...

by *Brian O'Neill*

It's now official. The next convention planning meeting will take place at the Sturbridge Host hotel on Saturday, November 19th. All persons interested in helping with the convention are welcome to attend.

The meeting will start at 11 AM, and for this meeting, CORSA Executive Secretary Harry Jensen and CORSA Convention Coordinator Larry Claypool will be in attendance.

The Sturbridge Host hotel is located at 366 Main Street (Route 20), Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Call for Nominations!

Under the By-Laws of NJACE, at this time of year we receive nominations for officers for the coming year. Please take a moment to submit your nominees for 2012.

We are accepting nominations for the positions of President - Vice President - Secretary - Treasurer - Activities VP - Publicity VP. You may submit nominations for any or all of these positions. You can even nominate yourself! Please indicate for which position you are placing a member's name in nomination.

When you submit a nomination we ask you to include your name as all nominations must come from members in good standing. When any individual receives a second nomination, the nomination will be considered to have been "seconded" and will be valid.

Elections will take place in December. Please participate in this very important process.

Submit your nominations by e-mail to the Secretary, FDHunter@juno.com, or by postal mail to

Frank Hunter, Secretary
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Thank you!

Beer and Naked Women

Okay, now that we have your attention, please go back and read the previous article, the one about submitting nominations for club officers for 2012.

The business of running the club is not very exciting but it is important, and too few of our members participate in the process. So, please, give the matter some thought.

Of course, the fact that so few of our members participate in the administration of club business can be viewed as a compliment to those who do. Apparently, most members are perfectly satisfied with how things are. But we need fresh ideas and different viewpoints.

So again, please go back and read the previous article, *Call for Nominations!*

NJACE Classified Ads for November, 2011

For Sale: **1966 Corvair Corsa convertible**, 140-HP, 4-Speed. All mechanical systems are rebuilt. Many new parts! New windshield. Need to finish body & top. Too many projects, this car must go. Call Dave C at 908-362-5775, email djcav@ptd.net

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Classified Ads, continued

For Sale: A wonderful **Devin C** – the Corvair-powered car built by Bill Devin.



This car is a old drag car that ran in Pennsylvania and Ohio. The car is complete with its impossible-to-find windshield and frame, it even has the original top and bows with side curtains, plus the extremely rare Devin face gauges.

I was fixing it up to run vintage but ran out of time and money. It now has a Cobra type roll bar to replace the one that is shown in the pictures. A new set of Panasport type wheels are also with car as well as a Lexan racing windscreen. Corvair brakes all around and a Corvair rear suspension. The engine is totally fresh and out of the car for inspection. I also purchased another 140 engine to use as a backup.

This is all really neat stuff and can make one helluva race car or just enjoy on the street, your choice. I have spent way too much money and my loss is your gain. Price of \$28,500 is firm so do not bother to ask for a better price – not going to happen – at this price you will never lose.

These cars were Pikes Peak and autocross champions in their day with lots of power and great handling. They are really cool cars, highly sought after and very rare, you do not see many for sale. Call for more info, 973-714-3175, Dennis, Califon.

[Editor’s Note: The photo above is of the specific car for sale. The photo in the next column is of a different but similar Devin C and is provided to give you a little more perspective on this unique American-made sports car.]



52 Years and Counting

The group shown below is celebrating the anniversary of the Corvair’s introduction.

The Corvair appeared on October 2, 1959, and so during our “Gazinta” tech session on October 1 of this year we took the time to raise a glass (okay, a plastic cup) and toast the anniversary.



In the photo (standing, left to right) are Frank Hunter, Tony Gervasio, Brian O’Neill, Joe Maurella, Dick Kellner, Ken Schiffner, and Bob Boynton. Crouching in front are Bob Marlow and Nick Mirabella. Not in the photo is our host for the day, Larry Ashley, nor the photographer, Roberta O’Neill.

On the table in front of the group is the birthday cake we shared, a whimsical creation just perfect for the occasion.



As is typical with NJACE activities, lunch was enjoyed prior to serving the cake. (See what you miss when you don't come to NJACE events?)

So... Where were you when the Corvair made its debut in 1959?



Roll Out!

by Ron Peles

There is a great car show on November 6 in Riegelsville, PA, the "Fall Roll Out." There is no registration fee. Only one thing – you must get there early, e.g. 8:00 AM. or earlier. More than 500 cars attend each year and late arrivals wind up parked in the street!

The show is at the Riegelsville ball park just off Rt. 611 in Riegelsville. Riegelsville is right along the Delaware River, midway between Easton, PA, and Frenchtown, NJ.



Just some of the parts and pieces that we will see at this month's tech session

Joke of the Month



submitted by Greg Gorski

A guy is reading the newspaper when his wife walks up behind him and smacks him on the back of the head with a frying pan.

He asks, "What was that for?"

She says, "I found a piece of paper in your pocket with 'Betty Sue' written on it."

He says, "Jeez, honey, remember last week when I went to the track? 'Betty Sue' was the name of the horse I bet on."

His wife shrugs and walks away.

Three days later he is again reading the newspaper when his wife walks up behind him and smacks him on the back of the head again with the frying pan.

He asks, "What was *that* for?"

She answers, "Your horse called."

