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# The Vair Street Journal



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The Official Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

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**THIS ISSUE:**

WPCC Holiday Party Wrap Up  
"Corvairs Exposed!"  
1954 Motorama

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER:**

Tuesday, March 22nd  
North Park Clubhouse, Hampton  
Dinner 6pm, Mtg 7:30pm

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**WANTED:** VSJ Segment Editors for the following:

- **Member Profile Articles (1 page)**
  - o Responsible for selecting member and coordinating VSJ article & photo(s)
- **WPCC Chapter History Articles (1 page max)**
  - o A simple "good ol' days" column. Activities, members, pics, light & fun.

Contact the VSJ Editor if interested. Thx!



## ON THE COVER...

*January's winter storm dumped anywhere from a few inches to a few feet of snow across western Pennsylvania. This great photo of a "Corvair Exposed" is courtesy of Fayetteville resident and Corvair enthusiast Lavender Gooms, who regularly posts beautiful photography of his Corvair 500 daily driver on his Facebook page. Thx for sharing Lav!*

*See more "Corvairs Exposed" in this edition of the VSJ!*



## *the Prez Sez...*

The Prez sez,

Well, our club's Executive Board and Board of Directors met in early February with the main purpose of setting the agenda of events for

2016. HOWEVER, yours truly set a monkey wrench into the program after two issues were brought to my attention that I felt needed to be addressed. The first being our chapter By-Laws, and the second being our chapter's Incorporation papers.

It turns out the by-laws, after being found by Don Cekus, had not been revised since 1973, which is the timeframe we believe our club was founded. After many hours of reviewing these "old" by-laws, I presented both boards with suggested amendments – from there a number of additional corrections, updates, and/or additional amendments were made. After several attempts to come up with the correct amendments, I believe we have succeeded, and the amended By-Laws will be presented for a vote at the March meeting.

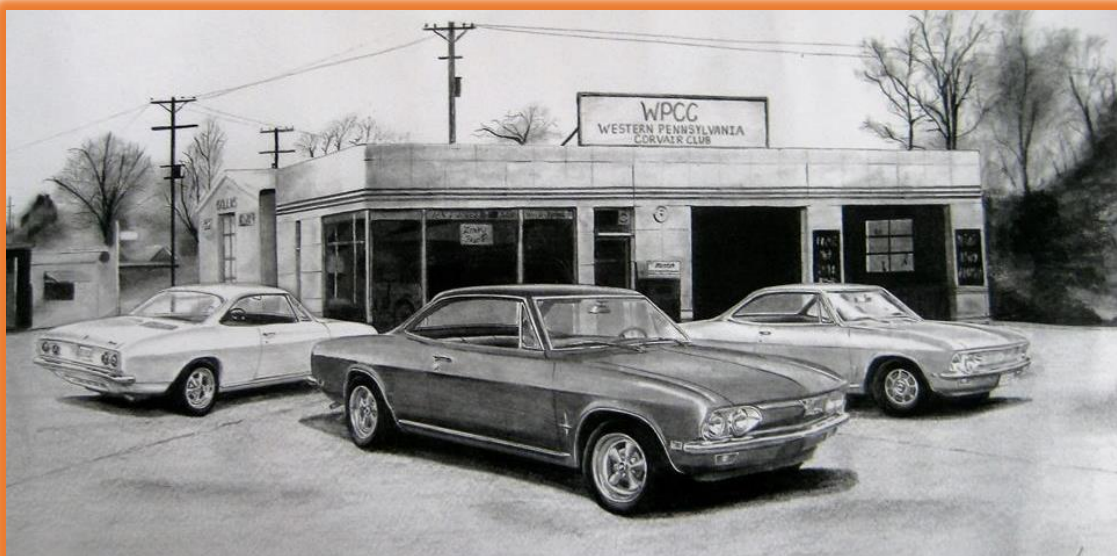
Re: the incorporation papers, the first problem here was actually locating them. Why does this matter? Well they are 1<sup>st</sup> very important to the club, and should be routinely passed from the "old" to

the "new" regime. But probably more important now, is that since we are taking on the awesome task of sponsoring the 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION, we need to have crossed all our "T's" and dotted all our "I's". Having said that, we started the task of finding the papers. Several inquiries were made of present and past members with "No Luck". With the help of your Secretary JAMES WEPPELMAN, (I love that), a letter was sent to the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club asking for assistance – in this regard, a "Big Shoutout" and a bigger thanks is due to LHCC Secretary AL Lacki. Without getting into further detail, I have started the process of obtaining a copy of our chapter incorporation document, which was on 02/05/1979. Further changes have to be made to it in order to establish WPCC as a "Tax Exempt" organization both at the State and Federal level. This will take some time and money, but a plan, I think, is well worth our combined efforts.

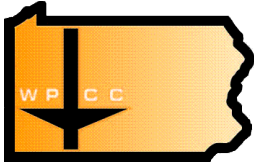
As for this year's agenda, we discussed several events and activities which I think you will enjoy, IF you attend. These events can be found on our VSJ Activities Calendar.

Happy Vairing,

- *Jim*







## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

*(Look for more event details in the latest Vair Street Journal)*

<b>March</b>	4-6 <sup>th</sup>	Corvair Performance Workshop, Kokomo, IN
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	WPCC Meeting, North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, 6pm
<b>April</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Meyersdale Maple Fest Car Show
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Corvair Spring TuneUp, Rod Murray's Home
<b>May</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	Corvair "Last Day" (1969), "Drive Your Corvair" Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Corvair Ranch Open House, Gettysburg, PA
	24 <sup>th</sup>	WPCC Meeting, Kings Restaurant, Harmarville, 6pm
<b>June</b>	tbd	WPCC Picnic, Steve Puskas' Home
	>>>>>>	10 <sup>th</sup> "Chevy Night" at Starlight Car Cruise, 5-9pm, Wexford
<b>July</b>	7-17 <sup>th</sup>	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (Various activities)
	12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2016 CORSA International Convention, Springfield, IL</b>
	14-18 <sup>th</sup>	Yenko Stinger Reunion, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
	26 <sup>th</sup>	WPCC Meeting, North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, 6pm
<b>August</b>	19-21 <sup>st</sup>	Dayton Air Force Museum Tour w/ AACA, Dayton, OH
<b>September</b>	tbd	WPCC Rally & Picnic, North Park
	17 <sup>th</sup>	WPCC Wine Tour, Geneva-On-The-Lake, OH
	27 <sup>th</sup>	WPCC Meeting, Kings Restaurant, Harmarville, 6pm
<b>October</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Corvair "First Day" (1959), "Corvair Heritage Day"
<b>November</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	WPCC Meeting, North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, 6pm

### *Ongoing:*

Members also like:

- Starlight Car Show, Wexford
  - o Every Friday 5-9pm
  - o May 27<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Weekend Donut Runs
  - o Name the time and place!

### *Fun Tip:*

Grab some Corvair friends and put together a casual outing! Represent WPCCC!





*aka JIMMY <<< all caps!...*

HELLO MEMBERS,

BY NOW MOST OF YINZ HAVE RECEIVED THE LIST OF COMMITTEES WE NEED TO CHAIR FOR THE CONVENTION. IF

INTERESTED IN CHAIRING, OR EVEN HELPING OUT WITH ONE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO I CAN PENCIL YOU IN.

IN TRYING TO COME UP WITH IDEAS TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP, AND THE FUN THAT GOES WITH THAT. I HAVE TRIED TO REACH OUT TO PREVIOUS MEMBERS. THE ONE THING THAT I DID NOTICE IS THAT A LOT OF THE PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP (THAT FELL TO THE WAY SIDE) SEEMS TO BE FROM THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF OUR AREA. THERE ARE PROBABLY SEVERAL REASONS WHY. WITH THE RECENT CHANGE IN THE V.S.J., THE WEBSITE (THANKS ROD!!!), AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE (THANKS HELEN!!!), WE MAY BE ABLE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A NEED FOR US TO THINK ABOUT REACHING OUT TO THE SOUTHERNERS. IT

MAY BE POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE TO HAVE MEETINGS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION ON THE MONTHS BETWEEN OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE. EVEN PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE A "SOUTHERN CHAIRMAN". THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF SHARING THIS GREAT CLUB WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND THEIR IDEAS OF FUN. FAR AWAY ACTIVITIES (FOR US NORTHERNERS) COULD BE VISITING NEMACOLIN, OR FALLING WATER, OR JUST ENJOYING SOME OF THE CAR EVENTS THAT WE TYPICALLY DON'T GO TO WITH FELLOW MEMBERS.

JUST MY THOUGHTS.

JIM WEPPELMAN

SECRETARY, W.P.C.C.



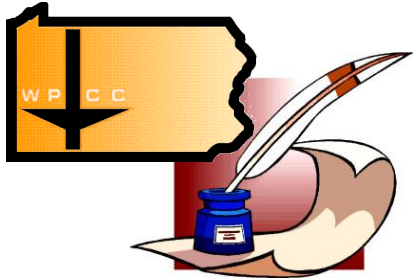
### Are you IN?

**WPCC encourages all Corvair enthusiasts to support our parent chapter, The Corvair Society of America (CORSA).**

**CORSA is the #1 Corvair group in the world, boasting over 5,500 registered members worldwide as well as 130 regional chapters. In addition to their ongoing dedication to Corvair preservation, CORSA supports all sanctioned Corvair**

**clubs and their events with a wealth of benefits, including event insurance, the national convention, and their award-winning monthly newsletter "The Communique". For more information visit CORSA's website at... [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org).**





## BOD Meeting Minutes

A meeting of **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB OFFICERS**, was held at NORTH PARK CLUBHOUSE, Route 8, on 2/13/2016.

Officers and Board Members in attendance:

President: JIM STEIGERWALDT  
Vice President: DON CEKUS  
Treasurer: DARLENE KADY  
Secretary: JIM WEPPELMAN  
Board Members: DON BAKER, AL FRIEND, JIM MADDEN, STEVE PUSKAS, PAT GREENWALD, BOB HIEBER, ROD MURRAY

Four additional WPCC members were present.

### Reports

President JIM STEIGERWALDT called the meeting to order...JIM S appointed JIM WEPPELMAN as committee chairman for the 2018 CORSA convention...JIM S also appointed himself (JIM STEIGERWALDT), DARLENE KADY, ROD MURRAY, and KURT FOLTZ, as to what is to be known as the 2018 CORSA convention "steering group". There were no objections.

JIM STEIGERWALDT passed out copies of the by-laws, and had areas highlighted that needed to be addressed, or changed. Some of the items in question were incorporation status concerns with the tax laws. Discussion from those present proceeded, and was noted that JIM WEPPELMAN would make due changes and report back to JIM S.

Treasurer DARLENE KADY presented the latest Financial Report, listed separately in this issue.

DON BAKER showed a picture of John Black's v-8 powered Corvair that was on last month's

Communique. DON had seen and met John at some car shows.

JIM WEPPELMAN passed out information concerning the committees that need staffed for the 2018 convention. JIM W went over the highlighted areas that were of concern. JIM W also asked all present to get back to him if any changes were forthcoming.

AL FRIEND talked about the new wing at the Dayton Air Force Museum. AL relayed information about the tour that WPCC would be pairing up with the AACA to tour the facility August 19-21, 2016. AL also spoke about some of the sights and events that will be going on.

JIM MADDEN, and TERRI WASHINGTON spoke about a new wine tasting tour in Geneva-on-the-lake. The price of lodging, and available dates were discussed. DON CEKUS mentioned the Meyersdale car show in April, and reminisced about previous gatherings there. DARLENE KADY discussed the Yenko Stinger Reunion that takes place after the CORSA convention this year. DARLENE also mentioned the Detroit Area Corvair Homecoming get together August 25-27<sup>th</sup>. The annual Corvair Ranch Open House on May15<sup>th</sup> was also discussed.

ROD MURRAY will be holding a "TUNA"(tune up) event again this year on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and mentioned that he will contact TERRI'S daughter (a professional Graphics Designer) re: design of a convention logo. ROD was also congratulated on the wonderful job he has done on the Vair Street Journal. STEVE PUSKAS stated that he will again host a club picnic at his home over the summer.

Respectively submitted,  
**Jim Weppelman**  
2016 Secretary





## Heiber Holiday Roadtrippin'

During a recent trip to the Pacific Northwest, Donna and I spent an afternoon with Jim Coleman who has been involved with Corvairs for 45 years. Jim has been a fixture in the Yakima, WA area for over 50 years. He operates a used car sales lot and a repair garage. He no longer does any Corvair work, but was best known for his engine rebuilding skills.

Sadly, Jim is suffering from ALS and will soon have to give up all automotive endeavors. He recently sold his entire Corvair inventory to a scrap dealer as he needed to quickly raise money for his illness.

- Bob Hieber



## **VSJ MEMBERS' SURVEY...**

*"Assuming our host bid is accepted, got a slogan idea for the Pittsburgh-based 2018 CORSA Convention?"*

Here's some of your suggestions...the approved slogan will be included on the event logo and in all PR materials!

<b>Vairs Steel the City 2018</b>	<b>Classic Corvairs At da Confluence</b>
<b>Corvairs n'at in da Burgh</b>	<b>Have You Heard? Corvairs in the Burgh!</b>
<b>Da 'Vairs in da Burgh (or da Point)</b>	<b>Air-Cooled Classics in a Hot Steel Tahn!</b>
<b>It's a Burgh thing.</b>	<b>Obviously, Pittsburgh</b>
<b>A Three Ri-Vairs Gathering!</b>	<b>Get to the Point!</b>
<b>Be a burgher for a week!</b>	<b>The 'burgh is the scene in 2018!</b>





## ...editorialisms n'at...

**January VSJ Thx...** The nice responses re: the VSJ's January issue were very much appreciated. Obviously the goal is to provide an enjoyable newsletter that we can all be

proud of, and I'm glad we're off to a good start. Your input with articles, pictures, and member forum participation helps keep the quality of content and reader interest high in every issue. Let's keep it going.

**Member Forum Replies...** So here it is...re: the above, member response to this newsletter's forums was pretty light. So much so that I removed "If my Corvair could talk" from this issue. I want to make topics fun and easy, but more importantly, the VSJ is **YOUR** newsletter – it will be what you help make of it. Hope to see more feedback next time.

**WPCC Website Update...** Over the past several weeks, Helen Butalla and I have arranged a handoff of our chapter's website responsibilities – basically I'll take the lead on site management moving forward. Thus far I'm just getting re-accustomed to web publishing and making sure our web content is updated. A bigger design refresh looms sometime down the road. On behalf of our membership, I'd like to thank Helen for initially building our site and establishing our web presence a few years ago. I recall when I relocated to Pittsburgh in 2010 how difficult it was to find this club due to its lack of online presence.



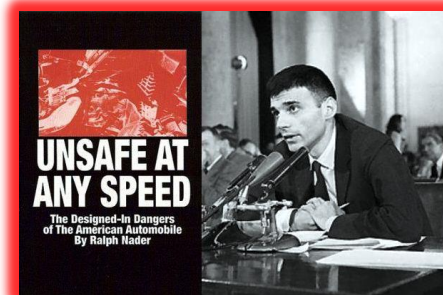
Aren't we lucky we found each other? ☺ One additional note of interest on this below...

**Clark's 2016 Supplement...** Got mine in the mail a few weeks back. Is it just me or is this like getting the old Sears Christmas Catalog before the holidays? So many parts I'd love to have.

**New Year's Resolution – One Down!...** I finally finished reading "Unsafe At Any Speed" this past month. This has been on my list of Corvair "to do's" for several years as I've wanted to get beyond the "blind faith" disdain for Ralph Nader within the Corvair community and better understand 1<sup>st</sup> hand

his purpose and perspective at the time this book was written (published in 1965).

As most of us are aware, prevailing opinion within Corvair circles is that Nader was a "Corvair hater" based on his book's notorious "attack" of the early-model Corvair, and specifically its swing-axle suspension, as a "one-car accident". While the book's opening chapter does, in fact, focus on the early model Corvair's designed-in suspension issue, the



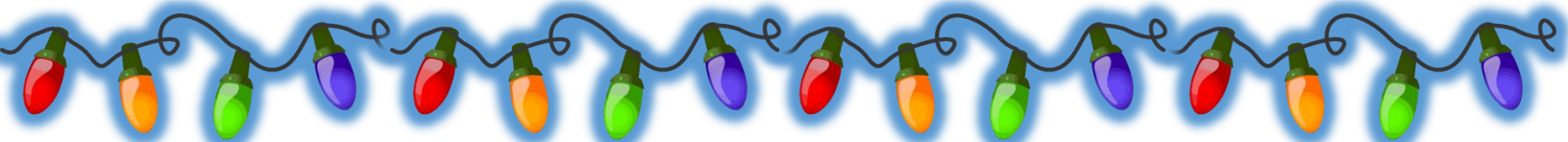
greater reality is that Nader's book presented an indictment of the American automotive industry as a whole for their focus on profit over safety. In fact, the book's remaining 7 chapters go on to target every American auto manufacturer, as well as a multitude of government agencies and a long list of vehicles, for their clear profit-first business strategies at the known expense of the consumer.

Have my opinions changed? Maybe a little. From our perspective, we know how the story ends...the NHTSA is founded, designed-in safety features are now federally regulated, the Corvair is exonerated, etc. In these regards, it's fair to say Nader's efforts are actually worth applauding – if not him, someone else would have pressed the issue. For what it's worth, I found Nader's research to be sufficiently thorough and his findings and expectations reasonable. In fact, his tone is one of extreme exasperation that so little priority was placed on consumer safety when corrective opportunity was so readily available. Ultimately, I have no idea how many of our chapter members, or Corvair enthusiasts in general, have actually read "Unsafe At Any Speed", but, for those curious about the deeper story, I would recommend it if you have the opportunity.

**Preaching to the Choir...** An interesting column from Western Director Danny Davis in this month's Communique' about the importance of online communication to help ensure access, engagement, and awareness of our presence and activities.

- *Vairy Best, Rod*





# *The After Christmas Christmas Party*

My mom always said “the party’s not over til the last card arrives” (her way of apologizing for the belated birthday cards ☺). As a fitting comparison to this well-intended thought, WPCC’s annual Christmas party was held January 10<sup>th</sup> at Grant’s Bar in Millvale.



Sarah Lucas takes firm possession of her raffle prize!

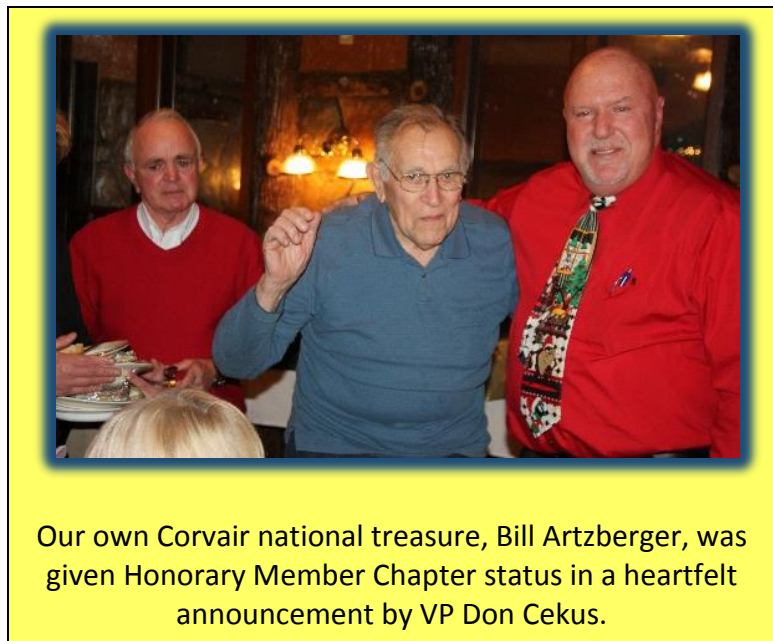
Beyond the official event details provided in our previous newsletter, this editor’s additional recollections include a delicious meal being served – the food just kept coming!; there were some neat Corvair-specific items amongst the many fine gifts and raffle prizes along with some fun gift swapping

(thanks for the Jack Daniels cider, Jim!); chapter officers were elected; gifts of appreciation presented; and Bill Artzberger was fittingly given Honorary Chapter Member status. So let’s commence with the event photos...

As always, special thanks to Don Baker for providing our event pics!



Retiring Secretary Pat Greenwald was presented a well-deserved gift of appreciation for 25 years of chapter service.



Our own Corvair national treasure, Bill Artzberger, was given Honorary Member Chapter status in a heartfelt announcement by VP Don Cekus.







**2016 Chapter Officers:** Darlene Kady, Treasurer, VP Don Cekus; President Jim Steigerwaldt; Jim Weppelman, Secretary.

(And I have it on good authority that new VSJ Editor Rod Murray bombed the photo when he heard someone yell "Free Cake!")



Kurt Foltz was the lone member to arrive in his Corvair. Well played, Kurt!



*Deck the Halls with fun and happiness...*

*...and just a little bit of business!*



Wade & Barbara Stull



Chas & Sarah Lucas



Darlene Kady & Jeff Grahovic





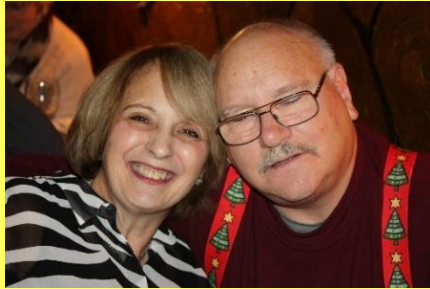
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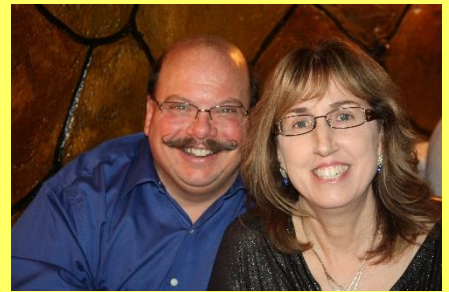
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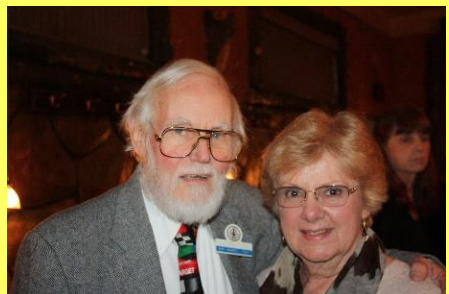
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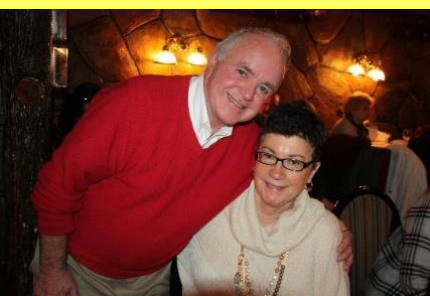
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Lee and Linda Williams



Don Baker and Pat Greenwald



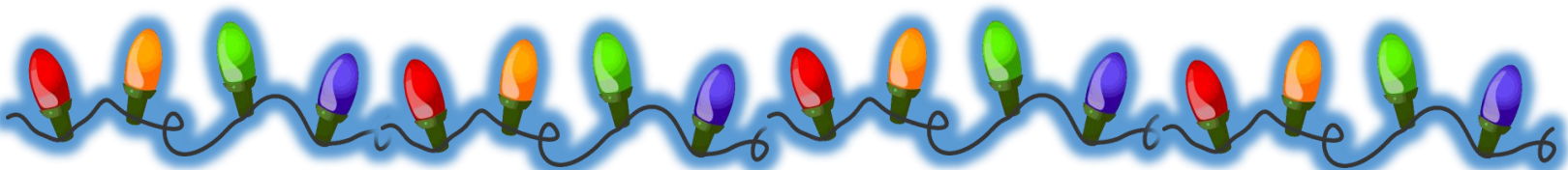
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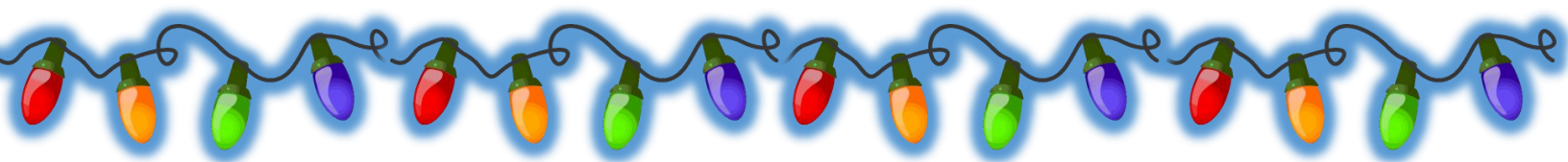
Terri Washington and Jim Madden



Franz & Helen Butalla







Joseph and Nora Puskas



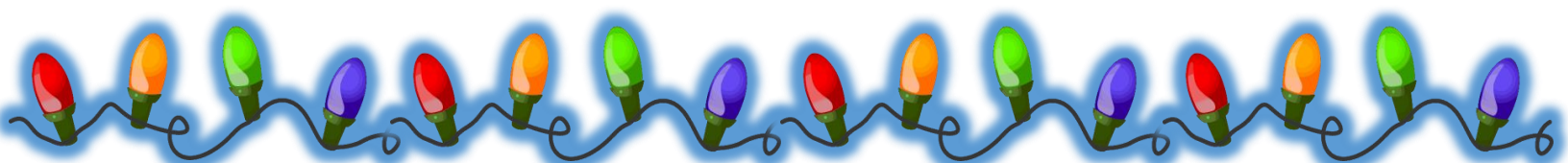
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Laurie Magliotti



Zeke Braun



WPCC is Western Pennsylvania's official Corvair Club, registered as Chapter 158 of the Corvair Society of America. Club membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Chevy Corvair. Annual chapter dues are just \$12/yr.

Bi-monthly chapter meeting dates, times, and locations, are available on our website. All are welcome. Our website address is <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/wpcc/>. If that's a mouthful, just Google us by typing in the name of our club.



Our award-winning chapter newsletter, "The Vair Street Journal", aka the VSJ, is provided to all active members. Guests can check out free on-line versions on our website and Facebook page. Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be included in the next available issue. VSJ classified ads up to 40 words are free to all members. Commercial advertisement rates are \$40 per year. All ads must be prepaid.



# *Corvair Spotting...*

*We know you're out there...*

*...and now we have proof!!!*

*- Check out these recent local sightings -*

Who's Corvair? Nice EM coupe on Rt488 - JIMMY



Well-known Virtual Vairs member Randy "Captain" Hook and his buddy Dean attended their 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Penguins hockey game on February 27<sup>th</sup>. They drove Randy's trusted 1960 winter steed, "Rusty", all the way in from Hopewell, PA, out near Altoona. Was great meeting them and getting a quick spin after the game - Rusty runs like a champ! I snapped a few pix of their visit to the "big Steel City" as they don't get to the 'burgh too often. A fun day! - Rod Murray

*Next time YOU see a mystery Corvair, snap a picture and send it our way...and if we happen to spot YOUR Corvair, give us a shout !*

**Don't forget to keep a supply of our handy WPCC Glovebox Fliers in all your vehicles! You never know when you'll come across someone who might be interested in Corvairs and/or checking out our club.**

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**All Corvair Enthusiasts Welcome!** 

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Visit our website for meetings and activities



**Welcome New WPCC Members!**

**ZEKE BRAUN**, Ross Township, PA  
**BOB & POLLY TEDESKO**, Pittsburgh, PA  
**EDDIE WILSON**, Bulger, PA

**We're proud to have you join our club!**







Hey, it's nice to know people are paying attention, even if they don't always agree! Here's a sampling of member (and non-member) correspondence since the last newsletter...don't worry, I can take it. Just remember, opinions are like \_\_\_\_\_, everybody has one! 😊 - *Rod*

**RE: JANUARY NEWSLETTER...**

(ED Note...Kind words from WPCG content managers that have been here)

"WOW, what a beautiful and interesting Journal. Thank you for taking on the responsibility, and for keeping the name. Many years ago, I gave it this name when I took over the job. It seemed a natural since I was a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch at the time and read the "Wall Street Journal" every day." - Al & Carole Friend

"Nice job. Well done dude! Keep up the energy and the good work." - luke

"Jack forwarded the newsletter to me. It is great! Thank you!!!" - Joyce Bachman

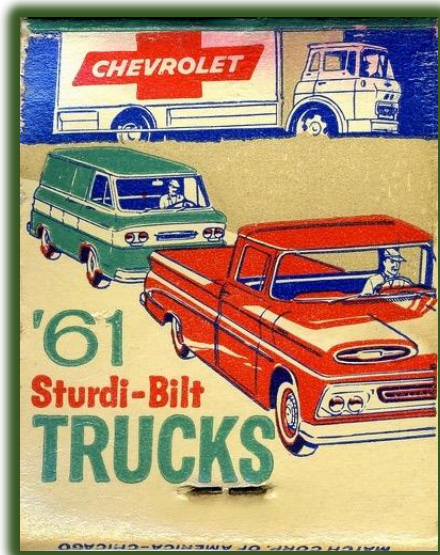
"Nice job with the VSJ. Might be nice to do an issue with pics of members' cars." - Helen Butalla (Agreed!)

"You spell my wife's name Celena" - GOD BLESS (< GREAT JOB)" - Dan & Celena Butchko (sincere apologies Celena!)

"YOU OUT DID YOURSELF!!! LIKE I SAID IT'S A MAGAZINE NOT A NEWSLETTER. - WOW!!!!!!!!!" - JIM

"Fantastic job. Is it available in print? I would like to give Mike Jacobs a copy." - Lenny (only if you print it Lenny!)

"I enjoyed reading your newsletter. It makes me want to get my Corvair started. It also makes me miss the 'Burgh. Yes, I still have the 69. I hope to have it a long time. I enjoy reading the occasional 1969 Corvair related articles and information that you send my way. I hope to see you the next time I am in town. Let me know if there is anything you need from California. I noticed in the newsletter your club is bidding on the 2018 Convention in Greentree. That's as close as can be for me. I need to come up with a plan." - Thanks, George Weaver (Happy to help motivate, George!)



**RE: CONVENTION SLOGAN MEMBER FORUM**

"...I hope you get lots of entries, this was fun." - Darlene Kady

**and my personal favorite...lol**

"Does Jim Weppelman have a vision problem? Why does he write in ALL CAPS?" - anonymous (Well, he definitely has issues, not sure if vision is one of them. 😊)

*If you have a comment, complaint, something to add, found a typo, or just need to vent, I'm at [rmurray8996@gmail.com](mailto:rmurray8996@gmail.com).*





## MEMBER'S GARAGE FORUM

*Here's this month's VSJ update on who's doing what with their Corvairs...Hey, if these folks can do it, than maybe there's hope for all of us!*

Just insulated my detached garage and installed a small heater this past year. Van and Rampside are in the garage (daily cars sit outside...crazy). Currently restoring the front end in the van. All parts are painted, just need to order the bushings, ball joints, springs, etc. Don Cekus and Bob Heiber have been a great help with all of my vehicles. - Bill Clapper

Working out some final fixes on the Monza's recent dash & LED bulb swap...also added a dash compass, floor console, rear seat ashtrays, glove box & engine bay lights, and oil pressure gauge. - Rod Murray



You can boost another Corvair owner's confidence by sharing your Garage Forum updates. In the meantime, keep on wrenching!

**REMINDER: CORVAIR SPRING TUNE-UP, SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 10am ---- 3pm'ish**

Rod Murray's Home; 476 Woodland Road, Pittsburgh PA 15237 (Ross Township); [rmurray8996@gmail.com](mailto:rmurray8996@gmail.com)

Corvair expert John Sweet will be our guide. Bring your Tools, and email me in advance re: any parts you need!

**TECH TIP...** Always carry a spare fan belt and the tools to change it (don't ask me how I know)...the editor.

## Nationally Speaking...



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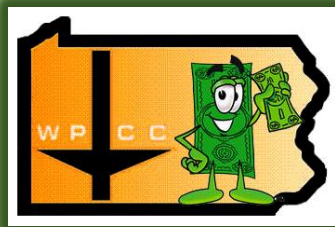


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*Darlene*

## Darlene's Treasurer's Report February, 2016

As of February 13, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$2,399.30
Income	\$1,250.00
2016 Dues	\$ 72.00
Expenses	-\$ 00.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,471.30



## WESTERN PA'S CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS

Spring is here and warm weather is next...time to clean out the garage or pick up a great deal! Got Corvair items to sell or want to buy? ...Share it here!



**For Sale by Owner:** 1966 Corvair Monza, 56K miles. PG, Power Top. Very nice shape. Asking \$8,900. Make offer! Export, PA, Text or call Barry Kistler @724-630-4687.



**For Sale by Owner:** 1968 Corvair Monza, restored by Mike Jacobs, includes his trademark "Impala" taillight treatment. 110, PG, Very Nice condition. Near Kennywood. **Price Reduced! \$5,500.** Also many parts for sale. Text or call Lenny @ 412-401 0864.

Ed Note: These look like great vehicles, and sellers are motivated! Note they have been posted for sale on national Corvair Forums. Let's keep these local!

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## ***WPCC New Member Welcome...Zeke Braun***

My family has owned and operated Adzema Prescription Pharmacy and lunch counter since my Grandfather, Robert Adzema, first set up shop just a few blocks from the current location in 1959. My grandfather was the kind of person who would much rather fix problems himself than call

someone. Utilizing this knowledge during the 70's and 80's he would purchase broken Corvairs, then disassemble and reassemble them into working cars. It was during this time that my family owned 16 Corvairs which could be seen sitting behind the store during the day.

However sadly as he aged his ability to maintain our fleet dwindled as none of his children had the mechanical knowledge or drive fix the Corvairs. Through the late 80s into the 90s the number of cars fell to the point that only two remained. In 1995 as my Grandfather moved to Myrtle Beach he gifted the two remaining Corvairs to his children. The 1966 red Corsa 4 speed went to my uncle, Jay Adzema, and the 1965 blue Monza auto was given to my mother, Amy Adzema. The Corsa was driven by my uncle on and off for several years until his skill with a manual lead to him blowing both the clutch and the engine. Several years later he would sell the car leaving my family with only one.

The Monza sat in a garage for 16 years before I came along to bring it back to life. Working on the car was to me a familiar feeling as when I was young my grandfather would have me in the garage while he worked on the cars. I have also always been a very mechanically inclined person who had just discovered his loves for cars through the Formula SAE program at the University of Pittsburgh. After my first year working on a race car I gained the knowledge and courage to work to bring that car back to life.

Luckily the car had stayed in a garage that, while not climate controlled, was surrounded on all sides by 3 foot concrete walls. It was due in part to this that it had weathered very well for sitting fr 16 years. Then with help from assembly and shop manuals left by my grandfather and a resident Corvair expert Don Cekus I was able to get that car back in to driving shape. Since then I have not looked back and have spent plenty of time tweaking the engine and car to keep it running smoothly to this day. While at times it may not be the most smooth and it mostly definitely is not the best looking to me it is the last great connection I have to my grandfather.

Now every other Friday during the summers you can find me at the Starlight cruise with either my bike or my vair. Enjoying with friends the summer and cars.

- *Zeke*



## **GREAT NEWS!**

### **FROM AL FRIEND AND THE DAYTON TOUR COMMITTEE:**

**OUR LONG-AWAITED RETURN TRIP TO THE USAF MUSEUM IN DAYTON, OHIO, WILL BE FRIDAY, AUG. 19 THROUGH AUG. 21, 2016. BELOW IS THE LATEST PROGNOSTICATION FOR THIS JOINT EVENT WITH THE WESTERN PA REGION of the AACA:**

Our Aug. 19, "take off" date just happens to be "National Aviation Day" since Orville Wright was born on this date, in Dayton, Ohio in 1871. We again will be staying at the fabulous Hope Hotel (named after Bob Hope) just outside gate 12A of Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Here is a quick historical review for the benefit of our newer members:

We planned and executed this event in Oct. 2013. However, as we "flew" westbound on Interstate 70, a monumental thing happened, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN, INCLUDING THE USAF MUSEUM! Our plan A evolved into our plan B and our tour was renamed "The Fly by the Seat of your Pants Tour"! We did just that and thanks to the wonderful memberships of our two clubs, we had a great time visiting several other Dayton attractions. We also agreed to visit The Air Force Museum, after the opening of their new fourth building. Well the grand opening will be in mid-June, and our return trip will "take off" on Aug. 19.

### **WE NEED THE MEMBERSHIP'S HELP NOW!**

If you would like to join us, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, reserve your room at your earliest possible convenience, by calling (937) 879-2696, and requesting a room from the Corvair Club's block. No money is required up front, and you can cancel up to 4 PM on our day of arrival. Our room



rate is \$99 plus tax, per night, choice of one queen or two double beds, all rooms have a refrigerator, coffee maker, cable TV, tub, shower, and each of you will receive two complimentary coupons for their fantastic breakfast buffet. Four occupants per room limit. VERY IMPORTANT - RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY USING THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER ONLY, AND REQUESTING THE CORVAIR CLUB'S BLOCK. DO NOT RESERVE USING THE INTERNET OR RESERVATION SERVICES! If you do you will not be in our area of the hotel, and will not get the complimentary breakfast coupons.

### **WHY THE RUSH?**

We have a 25 room block, that can be enlarged if necessary. HOWEVER, the Hope Hotel is very popular, and may fill up fast as word spreads about the new fourth building at the museum. Our rooms will be on the same floor, and most will overlook the parking lot, which is patrolled by the Air Police. The committee also needs to have an early idea as to how many will be aboard, to determine our per person price. At this time it looks like our package price will be about \$65 per person, and will include: two delicious dinners (including tax & tips) hospitality suite goodies, and miscellaneous expense coverage. The USAF Museum has free admission and parking, 22 acres of exhibits, which include well over 300 aircraft, missiles, rockets, space vehicles, an IMAX theater, and a huge gift and book shop. It is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum.

**PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW, AND EMAIL AL FRIEND WITH THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY, at [a.c.friend@comcast.net](mailto:a.c.friend@comcast.net).**





# CORVAIRS EXPOSED (brrrrr!)

After January's winter storm we invited members to submit pictures of their Corvairs in the snow. Here's a few good ones...thx for sharing!



<<< Taken right in front of my house :- ) on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

- Bill Young



>>> NYC got 36" of snow in '09. I ACTUALLY drove my Corvair as a daily driver back then. I bought the car cover to try to keep the elements off and had to cut holes in it for the license plate and inspection sticker or else face stiff fines. I still have that



that

cover downstairs somewhere. It was a cheapie, and so big I would have to use those tie downs to get it to stay on the car. – Kurt Foltz, Ross Township

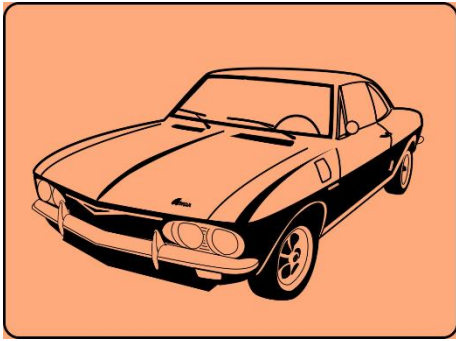


These two pics shared first by a SINGLE Miss Carole Glass next to her 1961 Corvair (photo year CLASSIFIED!), and then again as MARRIED Carole and Al Friend in 1978. – Al Friend



There's a Corvair over there somewhere! – Lavender Gooms >>>





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Puzzle below contains 21 "Corvair-centric" words. How many can you find?

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**WORDS TO FIND...**

CORVAIR, ONEFOURTY, ONETEN, CORSA, REARENGINE, AIRCOOLED, RAMPY, CORVAN, LAKEWOOD, TURBO, POWERGLIDE, GREENBRIER, WPCC, CAVEMAN, CONVERTIBLE, NADER, YENKO, FITCH, WILLOWRUN, FLATSIX, SPYDER

Puzzle "handmade" courtesy of Jimmy "ALL CAPS" Weppelman (He has since learned there's an app that will do this! lol)





# WPCC ACTIVE ROSTER

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**This Month in Corvair History...** The 1954 General Motors Motorama rolled into San Francisco. This event featured the debuts of such novel concept cars as the Chevy Nomad and the original, front-engine, Chevrolet Corvair concept car.



## A Trio of Corvette Motorama Cars for 1954

### The Corvettes for '54

For the 1954 Motorama shows, General Motors Styling Section created not one but three distinct Corvette dream cars: the Corvair fastback coupe, the Nomad station wagon, and the convertible coupe. All three shared some recognizable Corvette features, such as the front grille and fascia treatment, but were given certain unique styling elements in order to set them apart. The Corvair and the convertible coupe maintained the same wheel base and overall length as the 1953 Corvette. The Nomad wagon had a longer wheelbase and was approximately two feet greater in overall length.

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### The Convertible Coupe

The Corvette Convertible Coupe was the closest in styling to the production model. It was painted in a muted yellow hue and its main distinctive was a fiberglass removable hardtop that gave the sports car new "all-weather utility" as touted in the Motorama brochure. This feature would appear on production models as an aftermarket accessories beginning in 1955 and would officially become an option for the 1956 model year.



### The Nomad

The Nomad combined the sleek styling of a sports car with the versatility of station wagon. Built with a "glass fiber reinforced plastic" body, the Nomad was two-door with space for six passengers. It was built on modified 115-inch Chevrolet wagon chassis to give it the extra space necessary for this seating capacity. The Nomad also had an electrically operated rear window that automatically retracted into the tailgate when unlocked or could be remotely controlled by a button on the instrument panel. The Nomad was most lauded of the three Corvette dream cars for 1954. A larger version of this concept appeared for the [1955](#) model year and the nameplate would appear on concepts in the late 1990s and 2000s.

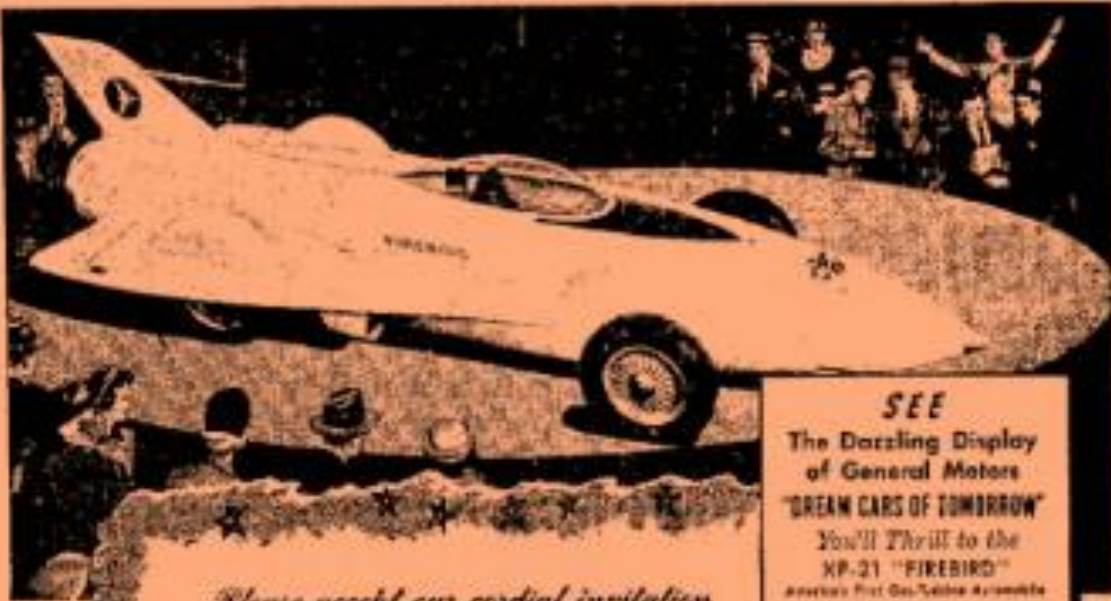


### The Corvair

The [Corvair dream car](#) was an experimental two-passenger fastback. It was built with a fiberglass body and was touted as a "new aerodynamic design" for the closed sports car class. The streamlined roofline swept back into the jet exhaust-type rear opening. It was originally a ruby-red color for the New York City Motorama in January but had repainted in a lighter hue by the time of the Los Angeles show in March. Sluggish sales of the 1954 production model Corvette deterred GM management from moving forward with the fastback coupe. Hence, the Corvair was the only one of the trio of designs not to make it to production in some form. Of course, the nameplate would be recycled later for the infamous [1960 Corvair](#) rear-engined compact car.

**ADD NOTE:** The Corvair was at all the '54 Motorama show locations. It was dark red when it appeared at New York but pale green everywhere else. There are two theories: 1) That it was repainted & re-trimmed between shows 2) That there were two cars built. There's no proof at all that 2 were built though. Not even one of them has ever surfaced but at least one relic has been built. Because of the Corvair name I collect everything about the 54 Vair and have an actual hood emblem! - *Corvair Historian Dave Newell*





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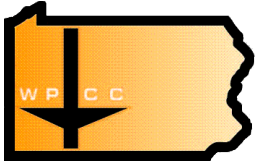
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