

# The Vair Street Journal



The Official Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

March, 2017



## **THIS ISSUE:**

WPCC Holiday Party  
2017 Chapter Event Calendar  
Corvair Model Building

## **NEXT MEETING REMINDER:**

Tuesday, March 28<sup>d</sup>  
North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, PA  
"Arrive near 5", Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7:30pm

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(Or Just Google "WPCC Corvair")

THE VSJ RECOMMENDS THIS CORVAIR ARTICLE...

**["UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED? THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL CORVAIR"](#)**

### IF YOU WANT A GOOD DEAL, ASK YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER

We think we know what you'll hear when you ask around about Corvair. Praise for Corvair's independent four-wheel suspension. Comments on how Corvair turns, parks and maneuvers. Compliments for Corvair's one-of-a-kind styling.

Awe for its great rear-engine traction. Buy one now and you'll like it so well you might want to buy another one in '67!



The Corvair Monza Sport Sedan with eight safety features like seat belts, front and rear row standard. Always buckle up.



## ON THE COVER...

*Steve Puskas shared this photo of his '66 Corsa at home anxiously awaiting some warm Springtime temps for a little topdown driving.*

*Thanks for sharing, Steve. Hey, and just like that, it's that EZ to make the VSJ Cover! Who's next?*



## *the Prez Sez*

Hi everyone and welcome to 2017. It is our (WPCC) hope, that you are all in good health, and if not we wish you a speedy recovery. By the time

you receive this VSJ, your Board of Director will have met and planned out another next year's worth of exciting events. I say the BOD, as I was unable to attend, due to a prior commitment, which took me out of town. Please take advantage of the events that are planned.

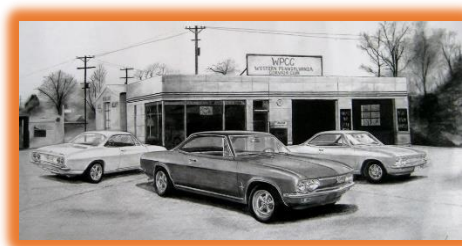
Even though "PHIL", has said 6 more weeks of winter, I would say that we have experienced a pretty mild winter...so far. Hopefully it will remain this way. Just think, as you read this, it's already MARCH. Now is the time to start planning for the year. Have you asked yourselves, "When is the first "TECH" session?" or "When are they going to have that Tune -up session"? I learned a lot last year, and they surely helped a lot of the members fix some nagging problems. "When is the national Convention and where is it?" - Well, it's in Kansas City, and I know a couple of our members are planning on attending, so give it a thought. How about the Wine trip, Blueberry collecting, the picnics - so why not attend or get involved?

Speaking of getting involved, our Convention Chair, Jim Weppleman, informs me that there are still a few Committee Chairs that need to be filled. Without your help, he will be forced to go outside the WPCC for these much-needed Committee chairs. So give him a call, text or email, expressing your interest. Should we have to go "outside" the WPCC for individuals to head up committees, it will be a sad day for the WPCC. We have the members and knowledge to succeed in these committees. Remember, this will be a FIRST for the WPCC,

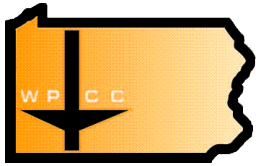
NEVER, and I mean NEVER, to be attempted again, at least in my lifetime. So let's show the world what the WPCC is really about, and make this the BEST convention ever.

As some of you already know, I am a pretty easy going kind of guy. BUT!! If you get my ire up - look out!!! Just ask Rod!!! Recently Rod made a simple suggestion to the CORSA Board of Directors to consider re-issuing the original chapter certificates issued by CORSA back in the 70's. This certificate is nowhere to be found in CORSA's archives, as a matter of fact several of the BOD members stated that they were unaware of such a certificate. Rod's idea was to re-issue said certificate. Well this is where I got involved. Several of the BOD, asked why we're submitting such a request, when in their minds it wasn't cost effective, nor do any of the other clubs care. Did they ask the other clubs - NO! We received a reply from a CORSA rep that they would have to go to a printer and "that costs money". REALLY!?! I replied that they could be done on a computer on good quality paper, times have changed, it's not 1970. Probably cost less than a ream of paper. Oh! it takes time to set up program - REALLY!?! It took Rod 35 minutes. I then asked, "What has CORSA done for the clubs lately?" I received several ideas that, in all reality, benefits CORSA but not the local clubs. The idea, presented, would benefit the local clubs and be extremely cost effective. Rod then forwarded his idea to another PA Corvair club and individual, who is well known within the the Corvair Clubs and has more influence. We will see, and my opinion remains the same!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Vairing,  
- *Jim*







## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

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

### 2017 WPCC Chapter Meeting Schedule

(unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at the North Park Clubhouse in Gibsonsia, PA)

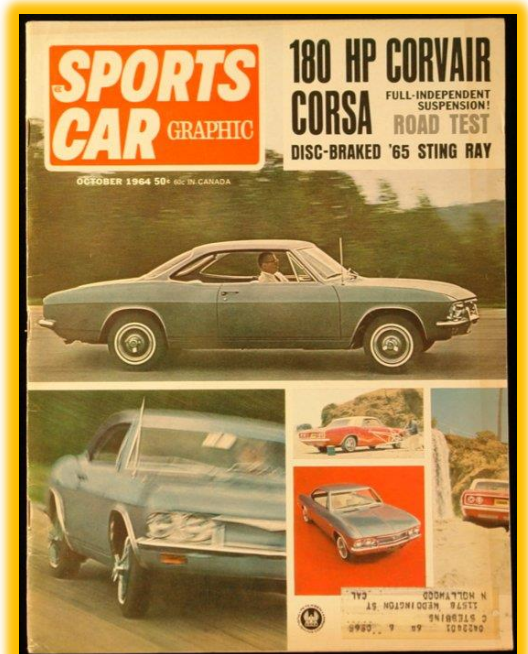
If you have an event you'd like to see added to the calendar, drop a note via our website email.

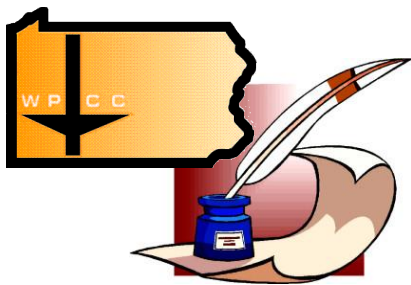
<b>March</b>	28th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
<b>April</b>	27-29th		Helena GA Corvair Meet
<b>May</b>	13th		Fallingwater Memorial Tour and Picnic/Lunch
	20th		Ivan Clever Memorial Spring Tuneup
	23rd	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
<b>June</b>	3rd		Ivan Clever Memorial Spring Tuneup Rain Date
	24th		WPCC Picnic, Jim Madden's home, Evans City, PA
	27-30th		2017 CORSA Convention, Independence, MO
<b>July</b>	2nd		Vintage Grand Prix Rally, Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube
	7-16th		Vintage Grand Prix, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh
	25th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
<b>August</b>	18th		Week of...Corvette Club of Western PA Rally
	24-25th		Detroit Corvair Homecoming
<b>September</b>	9-10th		Wine Tour Weekend
	26th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
<b>October</b>	1st		Corvair Heritage Day Road Rally
	21st		Steel Valley Tour of Western PA Steel Mills
<b>November</b>	19th		Blue Ridge Road Rally
	28th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
<b>January</b>	14th		WPCC Holiday Party

### *This Spring...*

Members like to:

- Give their Corvairs a good Spring wash and wax!
- Shake off the winter dust with a warm afternoon drive!
- Get to the Spring Tuneup!





## WPCC Meeting Minutes

### Call to order

A meeting of **Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club** was held at **Grants Bar, Millvale, PA** on **January 8, 2017**. Officers present included: President, Jim Steigerwaldt; Vice President, Don Cekus; Secretary, Jim Weppelman, and Treasurer, Darlene Kady. Board members in attendance: Honorary Board member, Jim Artzberger, Al Friend, Steve Puskas, Don Baker, Pat Greenwald, Jim Madden, Les Walter, and Bob Hieber. 38 members in attendance.

### Approval of minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt. Jim stated that because the meeting was also the annual Christmas party, that things will be moved on quickly. Jim Steigerwaldt motioned for meeting minutes of November 22, 2016 be accepted. Jonnie Weppelman accepted the motion, Dan Butchko seconded.

### Reports

Jim asked nominating chairman, Don Baker, to submit officers for election. They were as follows: President, Jim Steigerwaldt, Vice President, Don Cekus, Secretary, Jim Weppelman, Treasurer, Darlene Kady. Nominations were then opened to the floor. Being none, Jim Steigerwaldt asked the secretary to cast the ballot. Pat Greenwald seconded, and Don Cekus closed.

Jim Steigerwaldt asked treasurer, Darlene Kady, to give an update at March meeting because of time constraints with the Christmas party.

### Announcements

Pat Greenwald was in charge of the Chinese auction that went quite well. Carole and Al Friend proceeded with the gift exchange. Many of the people were walking around looking to exchange gifts.

Vice President Don Cekus presented Don Baker with member of the year, for all his hard work with the club as WPCC's photographer. Don Baker was worried that maybe he wore the same clothes as last year, and would show up in the photographs.

Al Friend presented President Jim Steigerwaldt with a wallet for his hard work during the course of last year.

Jim Steigerwaldt mentioned the recognition that WPCC's website received recently in the last edition of CORSA's communique newsletter. He thanked Helen Butalla and Rod Murray for their efforts.

Don Cekus mentioned that members should try to grab as many "freebies" from Harbor Freight as they can for the upcoming convention.

### Adjournment

President Jim Steigerwaldt mentioned the Board of Officers meeting to be held February 18, 2017 at the North Park clubhouse in Gibsonia. Jim called the meeting to be adjourned, Kurt Foltz seconded.

Respectively submitted,  
**Jim Weppelman**  
2017 Secretary  
January 8, 2017

**ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE...**Typeset is a bit dated and grainy, but nonetheless a very interesting introspective drafted by long-time WPCC member and chapter historian Al Friend way back in 1992 re: the 20-year history of our club at that time...How much correlation do you see between his thoughts then and how it applies to our chapter today?

***"Those who do not learn from the past are destined to repeat it."*** – George Santayana

A TWENTY YEAR REFLECTION ON THE WFCC by Al Friend

FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH!

About 5% of our members are really good leaders, four star generals, if you will. (Far better than the average group).

Approximately 35% of our members are reasonably active. (Again far better than the average group).

This Corvair thing, that we all love, is just a hobby, and not the primary activity in the lives of the majority. (This folks, will never change).

We are all busy and getting busier every year. (Unfortunately, the busiest people are always the best leaders, and always will be).

Many people who own Corvairs are not going to join a club no matter what we do. (We do, and should, however keep trying to attract some of them).

When new people show up at our meetings and events, do we trip over ourselves to introduce them around? Do we write them up in the journal? Are we careful to be sure that they are never left standing alone with no one to talk to? (Could we do a better job here)?

Do we frequently thank the people who are doing most of the work? (Gee, I wonder if it's the high pay that motivates them)!

We have far too many events considering our number of active members. Other obligations do come up to keep us from attending. Doesn't this overexposure guarantee poor attendance at most events? (Let's try fewer but better events this year and see what happens)?

We need a more central meeting place. (Let's find one).

Like it or not, Corvairs are a limited subject. There are only so many tech. topics available. (We do need some, even if repeated year after year. Let's reinstate them).

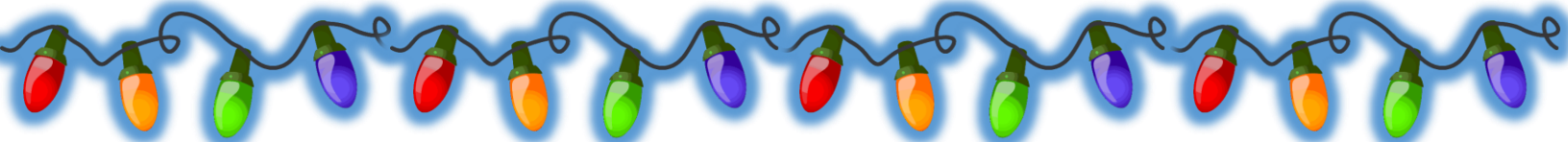
All clubs are social. The car or whatever is the excuse to get together. (A great opportunity to meet people like, and unlike, yourself).

We must hear about other old car organizations. We must be right on top of changes in old car events, museums, etc. that will have an impact on our hobby, community, and ourselves. (Isolationism was a primary cause of the great depression)!

What makes Corvair clubs so unique? Is it demographics? We have younger, older, and middle aged members. We have white collar, blue collar, and no collar members. We have student, working, retired, unemployed, rural, and urban members. Is it interests? We have people interested in racing, concours, parties, touring, rallying, community service, other old cars, jap cars, museums, sports cars, cheap transportation, restoration, picnics, nothing, and just sitting around talking about anything that comes up.

THE CORVAIR IS AN OLD CAR THAT IS BLISSFULLY AND CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING REASONABLY WELL! It should and does attract people from every walk of life, with incredibly varied interests. Is this surprising? Isn't it amazing that we have all gotten along and tolerated each others views for twenty years? Would you really want it any other way? (I wonder if a group made up of people who all thought alike could survive and have fun together for twenty years)????????????????????????????





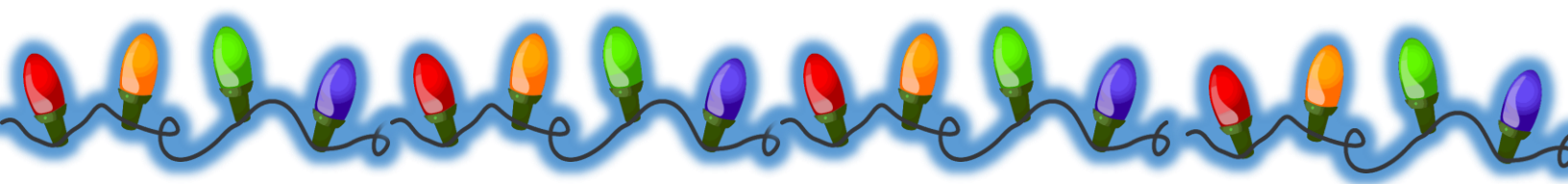
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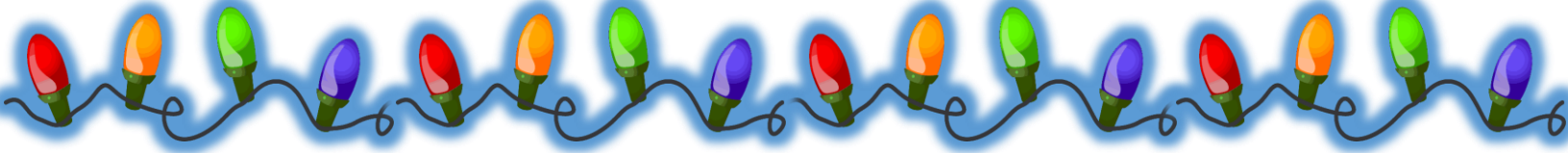
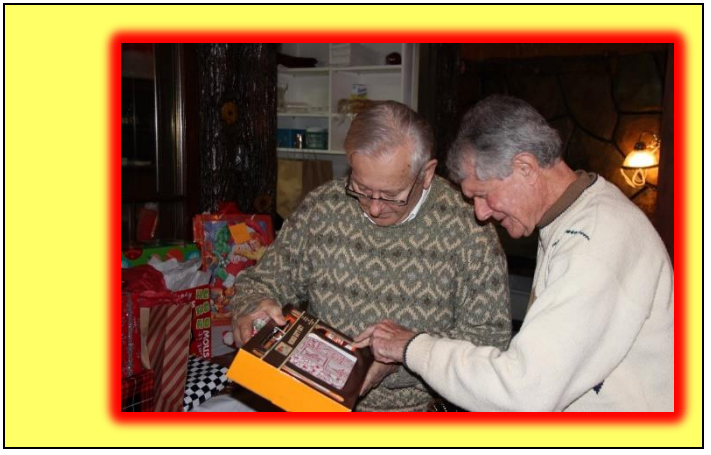
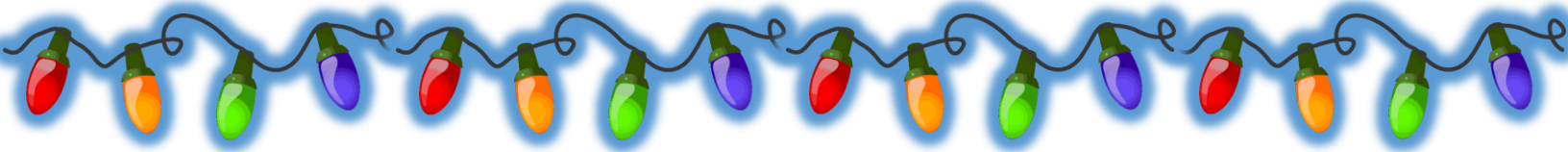
WPCC held our annual holiday party January 8<sup>th</sup>, once again at Grant's Bar in Millvale.

See the Secretary's report for the closest thing to an event recap. Word is it was another fun get together with a short meeting, good food, good fun, a good turnout, and lots of smiles...did we mention the meeting was short?

(Here's a few select snaps, and, as always, special thanks to Don Baker for providing the festive event pics!)









## 2018 CORSA CONVENTION UPDATES

During the remaining Vair Street Journal's leading up to the 2018 CORSA convention here in Pittsburgh, I'll share some details re: some of the events that we are required to have at the convention. Some people will know these events from previous conventions they have attended. But for those who haven't been to a convention, or those who have just have a curiosity of how these events work, I hope these articles will shed some light. Any CORSA event rules can be accessed in their entirety on CORSA's website. To participate in any convention event, you must be a registered convention attendee and a current CORSA member in good standing. You can be pre-registered, or register on site at the convention. – Jimmy ALL CAPS



## MODEL CAR CONCOURS

The model car contest is broken down into 5 classes. **Stock**, **Modified**, **Diorama**, **Promotional/collectibles** and **Scratch built**.

**Stock** is any plastic Corvair kit. It can have mild changes as color, detailing, etc. As long as it looks stock. This class can be divided into late model and early model Corvair if more than 3 competitors in each group...**Modified** is a plastic Corvair kit that has substantial modifications, different engines, or locations, extreme body work, dune buggies, etc. are in this class...**Diorama** is a model that tells a specific theme or story. These must contain some form of Corvair, or Corvair parts...**Promotional/Collectibles** are pre-assembled vehicles based on the Corvair. These must not be modified from their original appearance. If so they need to be in Modified or Scratch built class...**Scratch built** class is any Corvair-related item that its original form is no longer recognized. Valve cover racers can be in this class.

Judging of all the classes is based on both overall craftsmanship and degree of difficulty. The Stock class also judges attention to detail. The Diorama class has Scale and Originality/Theme. The Promotional class has Uniqueness. And the Scratch built has Originality/Theme. The models are divided into two divisions. One for 16 years and older (Senior class) and 16 years and younger (Junior class).

Our Model Concours Administrator is WPCC member Bill Clapper. Bill he has expressed some new ideas to make this event really stand out from previous conventions. Bill also mentioned "If someone is not sure where to find one, there are many unbuilt kits among club members (I have a few) and they are available on the forum and eBay as well. This would be a great time for members to either build one themselves or have a great bonding moment to build one with a grandchild, niece/nephew, and bring them along to the convention!"

## "PLASTIC FANTASTIC"

Growing up a lot of us got our first taste of car building and knowledge from putting together plastic models. Brand names like, Revell, AMT, MPC and more. The nose tingling smell of the Testors glue, and paints,



before people used them to get a buzz. The sharpness of your X-acto knife. Model building has almost been a right of passage of your youth, weather you were good at it or not. Today old and young still put together these small wonders. A matter of fact is that one of the events at the annual CORSA conventions is a model car show. A couple that I still have round that need built is a 1980 Z/28, and a model of a Corvair engine.



A model that I have kept around all these years is a model of one of the bicycles I owned. Story goes that I had a couple of nice semi-truck models made for a school model show. The day before, my mom was dusting my room and they fell to the ground in a million pieces. Not enough time to put them back together. So my resort was to take what I had already laying around, and the bike got a honorable mention badge.



A fellow that I have met over the years at car shows, Dave Smihal, has a



particular passion for building model cars. Dave's interest lies in custom building cars that no manufacturer has made. He will take different cars, parts of cars, or just custom make parts, to make these creations. The 61 Corvair Lakewood wagon is a very early model that was supplied and he made for past WPCC President Dale Smith.



Another couple of vehicles Dave has done is WPCC member, Peggy Morgan's, 1967 four door Corvair. He also made a white one for Dale Smith. No model manufacturer ever made a four door model. Dave used a LM two door model, and a Ford thunderbird super-coupe to make this one.



So I encourage you, if you are into plastic model building, to think about entering your pride and joy into the CORSA model competition. WPCC member Bill Clapper will be the chairman for this event at our convention in 2018. I know Bill's son is into model building, and Bill has suggested some neat ideas to make the event better than previous years. – Jimmy ALL CAPS



**WPCC encourages all Corvair enthusiasts to support the the Corvair Society of America. CORSA is the #1 Corvair group in the world, boasting almost 5,000 registered members worldwide as well as 80 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)**





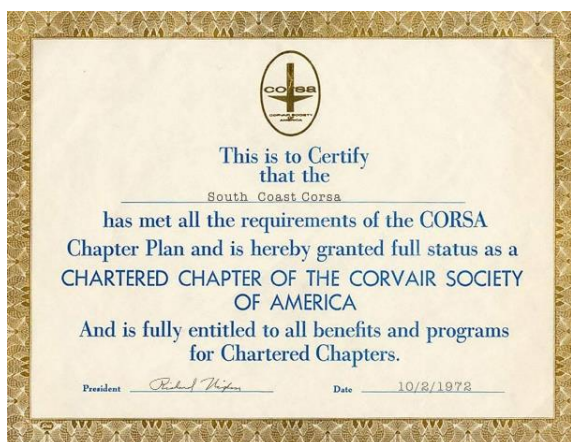


## editorialisms n'at

**My time would probably be better spent working on my van, but instead...**

### **CORSA CHAPTER CERTIFICATES...**

I recently came across a Facebook image of South Coast Corsa's chartered chapter certificate originally issued in 1972 (see below) – apparently these certificates were presented to local chapters by CORSA when they were originally chartered. I wasn't familiar with these so did a bit of online and CORSA BoD sleuthing and also sent a straw poll into the online chapter universe for more information - responses range from "I sort of remember these" to "yes we have ours" to "never heard of 'em" ... hmmm.



I'm hoping we can locate ours - it should be with our original chapter documents. Does anyone recall seeing ours and/or know its whereabouts? Our by-laws say these docs should have been in possession of and passed down over the years through the chapter secretary so perhaps some digging will help them turn up.

In the meantime, I also inquired with CORSA to consider re-issuing certificates to requesting chapters – there seemed to be a bit of pushback, so I took a few extra steps to locate the exact certificate paper, re-typed the master layout, and secured a bid cost of just \$60 for 100 pre-printed sheets to aid the process. Can't imagine it being a cost issue. Next step is CORSA's.

**CORSA WEB UPDATE...**In working on some convention tasks, I requested web visitor traffic statistics from CORSA for a) our chapter site, and b) for the last few CORSA-hosted convention sites. Stats like these help identify website user trends as well as determine value for

potential convention partners. While the technology to gather and use web statistics is nothing new, unfortunately CORSA has not thought to set this tracking function up for anything other than their home site, and, in fact, I was told I'm the first person who's ever asked for this info (yay for me...argh) . Again, hopefully we'll be able to nudge CORSA forward.

**2018 CONVENTION PREP...**Fortune favors the prepared. The clock is ticking with deadlines approaching as early as May 1, 2017, and we still have a number of committees without leaders or support teams...along with a lot of members that, as of yet, haven't yet committed to a role...we could use your leadership and help. just sayin.

**I RECOMMEND...**A WPCC Membership Rep role be established to oversee new member initiatives and serve as a liaison for new enthusiasts as they become connected with our club. The time to invest in this effort is now.

**SUPPORTING THE CPF MADE EZ...** Between my daughter's efforts w/ a non-profit cat adoption group and my owning shopping habits on eBay and Amazon, I've been paying more attention lately to simple charitable group support opportunities (both PR and fund-raising), and am realizing how easy it is to support preferred 501c3 non-profit groups via new selective links and user settings on the above online shopping sites. Some more sleuthing revealed that, while the Corvaire Preservation Foundation is actually set up already as one of these selections on Amazon Smile (Amazon's clone site to supporting non-profits), it's not been well-promoted, at least to this point.



Perhaps that's changing as I'm told CORSA is now taking a few steps towards pushing awareness to members and chapters via the Communique' and the CORSA website. On my end, I've prepped a linkable logo and sent an e-blast out to our membership and the CORSA chapter list. Hopefully the word will continue to spread. Case in point you'll now find the Amazon Smile link on our website's home page – I encourage other chapters to follow suit, and I'm told the CPF is also pursuing a similar opt-in on eBay/PayPal.

If you do any online shopping at all, please consider setting your user options to support the CPF or your non-profit group of choice. It is super easy, it's no cost to you, and every dollar adds up. And if you're an eBay seller, stay tuned for the CPF to show up as a "donate to" option...for now I'm happily supporting a Monroeville Cat Adoption group. Buy a hubcap clock, help feed a kitty!

**MORE CPF FUND-RAISING...**Other CPF fund-raising concepts I've recently presented to CORSA via our East Region rep Allan Lacki are an annual online charity auction of items donated by CORSA members (everybody has something of value through their individual sources that would be worth something to someone else), and, of course, nationally-organized Corvair Heritage Day activities. I like both of these better than simply asking people to "donate now" ...but that's just me.

**OR HOW ABOUT...A HIGHER PURPOSE ALTOGETHER...** What's the first image that comes to mind when you hear the word "Shriners"? I think of happy old guys wearing fez's driving little cars in parades...and then I immediately connect them to their efforts creating awareness and support of Children's Cancer through their Shriner Hospital program. Well, in this same way, have you ever thought about our beloved little Corvair evolving into an icon for something greater than itself? I mean, what if the Corvair's permanent legacy actually stood for something more than just "that car Ralph Nader hated" or every other negative slant it's carried around for decades?

I've long thought about the importance of local chapters, and hopefully CORSA, aligning with a permanent, emotionally-charged, warm-blooded non-profit charitable group that carries a purpose of love and caring that goes beyond anything our Corvairs could ever stand for on their own. By doing so the Corvair's mere presence at events, parades, and car shows would take on a whole new meaning...and purpose...and reputation as a visible symbol of our partner's philanthropic efforts.

While I have an absolute appreciation for the efforts and purpose of the Corvair Preservation Foundation, it's not a warm & fuzzy partnership. Fortunately, it is possible to support both the CPF AND a life-purpose partner, especially if that alignment begins at the top, with CORSA. It's actually a bit of a life-cycle when you think about it with each segment benefitting the value and visibility of the other.

As I mentioned above, my daughter's efforts as an animal foster focused on helping kittens find their forever homes has inspired me to thinking of ways our Corvairs could be used to create awareness for a worthwhile non-profit cause. Be it Animal Rescue, Boys & Girls Clubs, or something else, the Corvair's wonderful established status as a 60's icon offers us a tremendous opportunity to create a lasting positive legacy...and that's a reputation I think we would all love to see.

**AND FINALLY...**

**OUR MILLENNIAL WORLD...IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BRAND...**  
A WEBSITE'S PURPOSE...To provide brand visibility and access

A NEWSLETTER'S PURPOSE...To share your brand activation efforts

SOCIAL MEDIA'S PURPOSE...To enable like-minded people to interact with your brand from a broad distance

A MEETING'S PURPOSE...Face-to-face brand interaction

So...What's our brand? Remember, WPCC's future belongs to the generations behind us. If we don't make our brand fun and purposeful now, we will be easily disregarded and passed over for something else.

Btw, did you know the millennial generation is very cause-motivated?

Editorially Yours, Rod



**Letters to the Editor...Got a comment, suggestion, or a contribution to a future VSJ issue? Drop an email to [rmurray8996@gmail.com](mailto:rmurray8996@gmail.com)**

**Btw, have you noticed that our VSJ has very few pictures of our members' Corvairs? If you send 'em, you'll see 'em!**

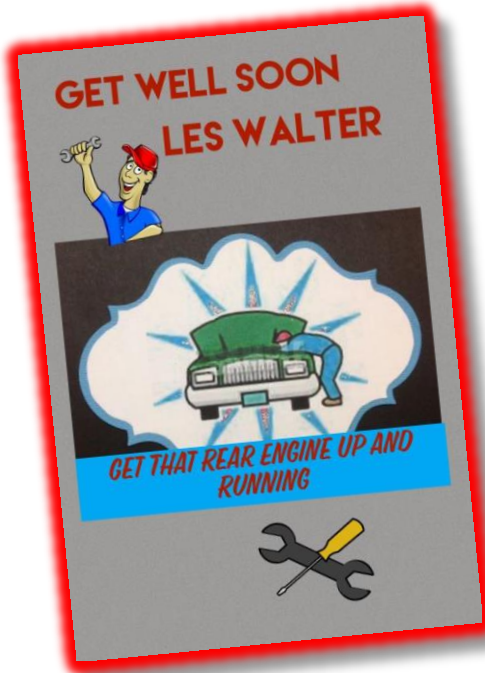




## *Tidbits from WPCCC's Facebook page...*

*The best place to share and see updates on what members are up to!*

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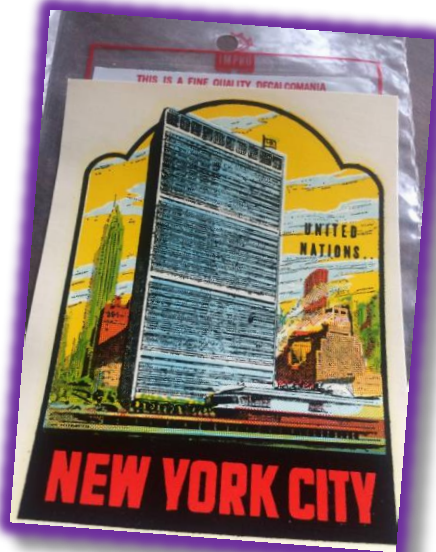


*Donna Heiber shared some sneaky snaps from the holiday party...*

*...Les is on the mend after an unplanned hip surgery... Reports are good, so hope to see you soon Les!*



*Rod kicked off 2017 with a thread celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 Corvair...*



*...and Kurt was going through his stuff at home and came across these neat old water transfers...who remembers these?*

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*Check our Facebook page for these posts and more!*



## MEMBER'S GARAGE FORUM

Here's this month's VSJ update on who's doing what with their Corvairs...

On January 21st, 2017 Jeff acquired his very own Corvair. Thanks to Dan Butchko for alerting us to this 1969 Monza for sale in Toronto, OH. Jeff and I took a ride and after a test drive, Jeff drove the car home. Since attending Meet the Makers in 2015 Jeff has wanted a 1969 - preferably a late built after finding out that they were called "Green Room built" meaning hand built off the production line.

Brandy, as the car is now known to us, is a 1969 Burgundy Monza 110 3-speed coupe. Since buying the car we have changed both front wheel bearings and seals, front brakes, and front brake hoses. We still have a laundry list of small repairs to tackle but she will see ya soon! - Darlene Kady



I've been focused on getting my '64 Spyder on the road. Now I can finally say that outside of a few small things, the 'Vair is road-worthy! Check out the attached pic. She was running as I took this pic. - Jim Loomis

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



**May 20<sup>th</sup> MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*WPCC's newly-named 1<sup>st</sup>-Annual*

*"Ivan Clever Memorial Spring Tuna"*

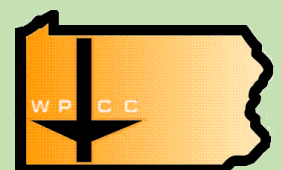


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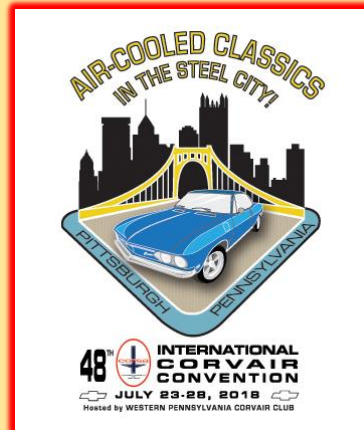
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## Treasurer's Report February, 2017

*Financially Submitted, Darlene*

**Treasurer's Reminder:** Hello members, I want to Thank everyone for sending in their dues and remind those that have not paid to please do so. Dues are just \$12 per year for single and \$15 for family. Thank you in advance!

As of February 12, 2017	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,125.09</b>
Income:	
- 2016 Dues	\$303.00
- Chinese Auction	\$140.00
- Dinner	\$860.00
Expenses:	
- WPCC Holiday Party: Grant's Bar Dinner	\$1,690.84
- WPCC Holiday Party: Door Prizes	\$100.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,637.25</b>





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Allan Lacki  
One of four Eastern Division Directors  
Corvair Society of America

***WPCC REMINDER: Members list your Corvair items here for FREE here every issue!***



### **WPCC BoD Meeting Minutes**

#### **Call to order**

A meeting of **Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club Board of Directors** took place on Saturday, February 18 2017, at the North Park Clubhouse in Gibsonia.

BOD members present; V.P., Don Cekus, Secretary, JIM WEPPELMAN, Treasurer, Darlene Kady, Al Friend, Bob Hieber, Jim Madden, Pat Greenwald, and Don Baker. 13 members present with two Corvairs outside. Member George Wilson was in attendance with his 1964 Convertible. Nice seeing George its been a while. Don Cekus called meeting to order. It was mentioned by Don Baker that member Les Walter is doing well after falling and going through hip surgery. The board went through

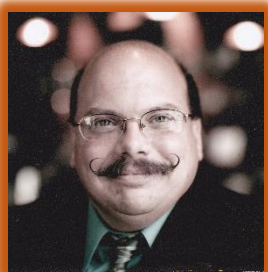
the event calendar for 2017 to be posted in the next VSJ. Al Friend read some old VSJ papers about founding father Ivan Clever, and Al's article in 1992 VSJ about the 20th anniversary of the WPCC. With this information the board decided to name any future "tuna" events "The Ivan Clever memorial "Tuna". Ivan was also a lifetime member according to Al's documents. Some discussion on the upcoming 2018 convention was discussed, goody bags, need for volunteers, etc. A list of questions from missing member Rod Murray was read. He needs some past club history facts filled in for the publicity program for the convention. People who had the answers where steered to contact Rod. Jim Madden and Terri talked about the wine tour again this year to be in Ohio again with the layover at the Lodge In Geneva again. All events will be discussed at the next WPCC meeting on March 28th, 2017 at the North Park Clubhouse in Gibsonia.

Don Cekus called for end of meeting, Don Baker seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM WEPPELMAN , WPCC Secretary

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



## "ANTICIPATION"

WEBSTER DICTIONARY DEFINITION OF THE WORD 'ANTICIPATION' AS FOLLOWS:" the act of looking forward; especially: visualization of a future

event or state"

WITH LESS THAN 500 DAYS BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, THE 2018 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE UPON US. THE ANTICIPATION OF THIS EVENT WILL RAMP UP WITH THE CONTINUAL COUNTDOWN TO JULY 23RD, 2018. BUT AS THE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES THAT WE ALL ARE. WE ANTICIPATE IN DIFFERENT WAYS. THERE ARE THOSE THAT ANTICIPATE MAYBE THEIR FIRST CONVENTION. MAYBE JUST THE ANTICIPATION OF SEEING FRIENDS AGAIN FROM LAST YEAR. THE ANTICIPATION OF NEW CARS, DIFFERENT EVENTS, NEW THINGS TO LOOK AT AND TRY. THE ANTICIPATION OF FINALLY GETTING THAT CAR ON THE ROAD, OR MEETING AND GREETING LIKE MINDED PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER. I HAVE NOTICED RECENTLY THAT THE ANTICIPATION FOR THE EVENT IS GROWING ALL OVER CORVAIR LAND. THERE WAS A POST ON CORVAIR CENTER FROM SOMEONE IN

FLORIDA ASKING WHERE 2018 WILL BE. I E-MAILED HIM SOME INFORMATION IN HOPES THAT THEY WILL MAKE THE TRIP. I ALSO NOTICED IN A RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB, THAT A COUPLE OF MEMBERS MENTIONED AT THEIR LAST MEETING, THAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO DRIVE DOWN TO ATTEND THE PITTSBURGH EVENT NEXT YEAR. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT OUR LOCATION, WITHIN A 6 HOUR DRIVE FROM 11 STATES AND CANADA, AND ALSO THERE HASN'T BEEN A NORTHEAST CONVENTION SINCE STURBRIDGE IN 2012, WILL BRING A LARGE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONEERS TO OUR CONVENTION. JUST LIKE THE OLD HEINZ KETCHUP COMMERCIAL SUNG BY CARLY SIMON "ANTICIPATION, KEEPS ME WAITING"

JIM WEPPELMAN

WPCC SECRETARY



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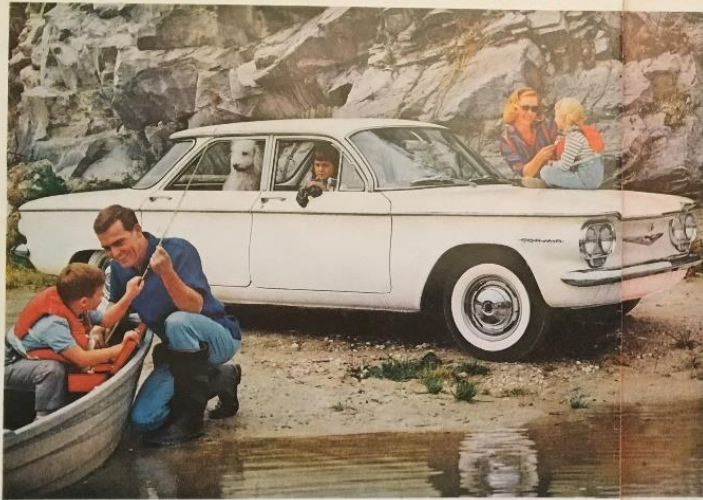
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