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It's That Time of Year...



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**We'll "wrap up" the year
with our club breakfast
(and last business meeting of the year)
on December 4**

Happy Holidays!

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NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **Saturday, December 4:** Monthly breakfast meeting at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM. Our final business meeting of the year and elections for 2020 club officers.
- * **Saturday, January 8:** Monthly breakfast meeting at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM. One week later than usual since the first Saturday of the month is New Year's Day!
- * **Sunday, January 23:** Annual Holiday Party, at the Cannon Gate Conference Center on Picatinny Arsenal.
- * **Saturday, February 5:** Monthly breakfast meeting at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

*Items marked with * are official club events.*

Party Time!



Our annual Holiday Party, like so many things, fell victim to the pandemic in 2021, but it's back for 2022!

We are returning once again to the Cannon Gate Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal, and we'll have full details in next month's newsletter. But for now, mark the date: **Sunday, January 23, 2022.** Plan on it!

A Cautionary Tale

*from Rich Ribble
NJACE Ex-Pat now living in Texas*

Recently, Rich needed to remove the gas tank from his red 1963 Spyder convertible for the first time in 33 years. He did so because he had determined that the fuel return hose connection at the top of the tank was dripping fuel. "33 years of ethanol turned it into mush," Rich reported.

At the same time, Rich decided to investigate why, for most of those of 33 years, the fuel gauge would stop moving a bit below the one-quarter mark. "If you wiggle the wheel and the needle no longer moves, you need to visit a fuel dispensary." This was a lesson learned from a one-mile walk he once took.

So he removed the fuel sender, and thought something did not look right. Sure enough, the float was installed facing in the wrong direction.

It hit the side of the tank at about the one-quarter point. This caused him to remember a scratching sound at the front of the car sometimes, which he now realized was not suspension, not sway bar bushings. It was the float hitting the side of the tank.

So while the fuel float can be installed facing in either of two directions, only one of those directions is correct. But Rich didn't tell us how to tell the difference. We'll let this photo, found online, be our guide. Hey, if it is on the internet it has to be correct, right?



A Moving Story

by Bob Marlow

Recently, Sue and I moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania. But no, we did not do it to “escape” New Jersey’s high taxes and high real estate prices. In fact, because we lived in the town with New Jersey’s third-lowest property tax, our property tax is in fact higher in Pennsylvania than it was in NJ.

We moved because we needed a “55-plus” community with one-floor living, lawn care and snow removal included, and several other features important to us at this stage of our lives.

It was a big move for us because we have both been lifelong residents of New Jersey.

But we have plenty of company. Aside from the many new neighbors we have met, more than ten percent of NJACE members live in Pennsylvania! Some members are Pennsylvania natives, some moved here for job-related reasons, and some moved here for distinct personal reasons (like, say, buying a campground!)

Looking at the club roster, in Pennsylvania I find Larry Asheuer, Ray & Kathy Coker, Bill Dittrich, Greg & Becky Dittrich, Frank & Chris Johnson, Ken Klingaman, Al & Joan Lacki, Joe & Helen Maurella, Chris Senegeto, and Joshua Wilkinson.

That’s ten member households out of the current 86 member households that make up the club. (And that’s not considering the members we have elsewhere, which include New York, Florida, and Colorado.)

Here is my Rampside, snug in its new Lehigh Valley garage:



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There’s Still Time

At our October breakfast meeting, the entire slate of officers listed in the box above was re-nominated for next year. No other nominations were made.

But that doesn’t mean that you cannot still submit a nomination, or volunteer as a candidate yourself. We would love to have some new blood, some fresh perspective, some different viewpoints.

We are certain that YOU have talents that you could bring to the officers’ table. Won’t you consider stepping up to help your club? Volunteer to run for any of the positions. From President down the list to Publicity VP, all spots are eligible.

At our club breakfast on December 4 we will be soliciting additional nominations before conducting a vote. Please consider stepping up to help guide your club!



New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts December, 2021, Ballot

Use this ballot to vote for NJACE officers for 2022. Our annual election meeting will take place during our breakfast meeting on **Saturday, December 4, 2021**.

You may vote at the meeting or you may vote by mail by sending your completed ballot to **NJACE, P.O. Box 631, Ridgewood, NJ 07451**.

Alternatively, you may scan your completed ballot and send it to club Secretary David Malcolm at david.s.malcolm@verizon.net.

Ballots must be received by December 4, 2020.

As an alternative to any of the nominees shown, you may write in the name of any eligible member. You may write in your own name if you wish.

Please participate – thank you!



President: Brian O’Neill	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-in) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President : Nick Ford	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-in) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer: Tim Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-in) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary: David Malcolm	<input type="checkbox"/>
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