

Dog Days of Summer?



Summer just seems to fly by every year, but we keep it interesting and engaging. This month, in addition to our regular **breakfast meeting on August 6th** we have our traditional **Summer Picnic on August 13th**. Join us for the fun!

That's Trixie in the photo, with her 1963 Monza convertible. Some think that it is Bill Stanley's car, and some think she's Bill Stanley's pet, but Trixie knows better.

Bill writes: *I like to say that dachshunds are the Corvairst of the canine world and Corvairst are the dachshund of the automotive world. Both are light, lean, and low to the ground!*

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Swimming Pool!

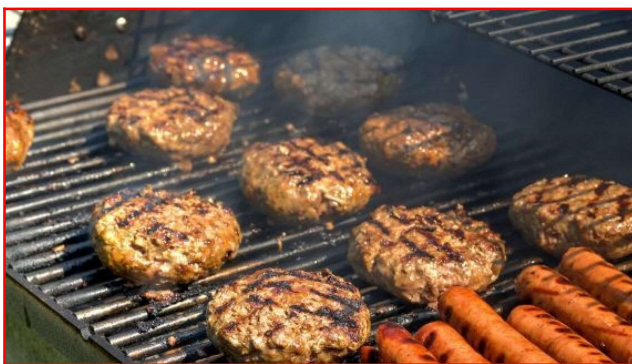
It's Summer Picnic Time

We are emphasizing that there is a pool at our Summer Picnic because, well, it's been hot lately.

Saturday, August 13th is the date. We are gathering in the spacious back yard of Donna and Larry Ashley in Succasunna one mo' time – Larry and Donna are planning a household move that will make this the last picnic at the current location.

In addition to the pool there is a deck, a gazebo, and a spacious lawn with both sun and shade. Oh, and there's Larry's massive grill.

The club will provide hot dogs and buns, burgers and rolls, soft drinks, water and fixins. You are welcome to bring other items for the grill, and you are invited to bring a side dish, munchie, or dessert.



The fun will begin officially at 12:00 Noon, and all club members, families and friends are welcomed! The yard is spacious, the pool is clear and cool, the food and drink is always good and the company is even better!

The start time of 12:00 Noon means it's a picnic lunch, and you will be able to hit the pool during the warmest time of the day.



Please RSVP to Donna to tell her that you are coming, how many of you are coming, and what food or drink you may be bringing. Contact Donna by e-mail at 726dashley@gmail.com or by telephone/text at 973-219-9903.

What: NJACE Summer Picnic
When: Saturday, August 13, rain or shine
Where: 3 Radcliffe Drive, Succasunna.
Time: 12:00 Noon until conclusion

If you have been to Ashley's Auto Body in the past for one of our tech sessions or auctions, the picnic location is just around the corner from the body shop. If you need directions (today, with online maps and in-car GSP, it seems that few people need directions) just send an e-mail message to Donna before the day of the picnic.

If possible, drive your Corvair to the Picnic, there's always a mini car show and usually an impromptu tech session!

Don't forget to RSVP to Donna! E-mail 726dashley@gmail.com, phone 973-219-9903.

Mark your calendar, gas up the Corvair, gather the family, and join us!



*Why is this picture here?
See Page 5*

NJACE on Wheels

by Steve Calandra

It was a hot day, a day on which temperatures reached 100 degrees. I usually brave the weather in a Corvaair and travel great distances, but a cool head prevailed and it made sense to me to join with Frank Hunter for a ride in Tim Schwartz's air-conditioned VW for our club visit to the America On Wheels museum.



We went to the Clinton diner and had breakfast with Neil Franks and Tony Gervasio. Brian and Roberta O'Neill, Nick Ford, and Tom and Phillip Ludwig arrived to join us in the trip to the museum.

Once at the museum we were joined by Tony Bermudez, Modesto Marquez, Ray and Kathy Coker, Bob and Sue Marlow, Larry Ashley, Pete Backus, and soon to be new member Bill Geary. Museum volunteer and Corvaair owner Rich Greene was our tour guide (and he brought his '66 Corsa convertible on this day).

We first took a tour of the RB Collection restoration shop across the street. Among the several cars there in the midst of restoration were a 19 58 Buick Super four-door hard top (with original turquoise paint), a rare Alfa Romeo, a Thunderbird, a '71 Charger, a '68 Chevelle, '69 Camaro a Rolls Royce, and a Volvo P1800.

In the showroom was a 1955 GMC pickup with a Hydramatic transmission, (you should have seen the shift quadrant, there was no D for drive). I do have some booklets at home on it. There was also an impeccably restored mid-30s Chrysler Imperial. Clark Gable would have looked exactly right standing next to it!

Back to the museum where we saw the "Making Life an Adventure" exhibit, which included Tim's Greenbrier camper, the amphibious "Corphibian" Loadside, a VW Campmobile, a Scotty travel trailer, a befinned boat with '56 Chevy taillights, and a Studebaker Wagonaire sliding-roof wagon.



There was a Nash Hollywood Hornet, (which Dick Cashion would term a "Hash"), complete with vanity plates reading "CORNBEEF." Allentown is home to Mack Trucks and the museum has an entire wing with many of them. There was a Corvette dedicated to the US Marine Corps, several beautiful pedal cars, and tons of other great cars there but I can't remember them all.

After the tour we stopped at the local Panera Bread, and had good food and conversation for at least an hour. This was definitely another successful event.



*Hop in my Chrysler
It's as big as a whale
And it's about to set sail*

President's Message

by *Brian O'Neill*

On behalf of the Sparta Historical Society Car Show Committee, I am inviting all NJACE members to participate in this year's Seventh Annual Show. **This year the featured vehicles will be Chevrolet Corvairs!**



The show will be held on **Sunday, September 25, 2022**. In keeping with our traditions, the show will have **no entry fee, no admission for spectators, and the biggest treat of all, free lunch for all participating car owners.**

The show will run from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Sparta Historical Society property, at **336 Main Street, Sparta, NJ**. Sign-in will start at 8:30 AM.

In order for us to plan and anticipate how many cars will participate, we ask that you fill out the entry form included with this newsletter. You can either print it and send it to me at 45 Whipoorwill Lane, Sparta, NJ 07871, or scan it and e-mail it to spartacarshow@gmail.com.

Rocks in My Head?

by *Bob Marlow, FANBELT Editor*

On My 28, NJACE visited the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg. It was a very rainy day but a nice group of members came out and went underground.

But... I cannot report further because as the tour was about to begin I experienced a, um, medical issue. So instead of seeing the mine I saw the EMTs.

Nothing serious, just an unpredictable onset of extreme low blood pressure, something that has happened to me previously (and to my father before me). But I never got to take the tour nor get any photos.

So, sorry, this is as good as I've got for a report on the mine tour.

Tank Tech

by *Bob Marlow*

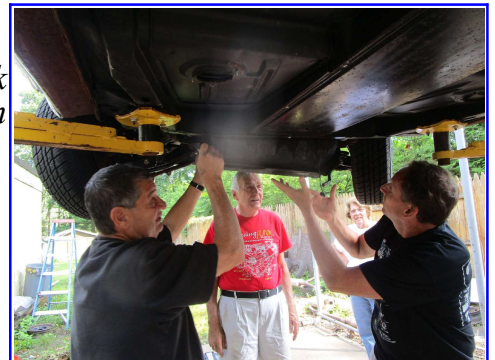
On Saturday, July 9, a small group of NJACers met up at Ashley's Auto Body for a gas tank tech session. The "patient" was Bernie Fisher's 1965 Corsa convertible, in which the existing gas tank was improperly installed and which had a crude repair.

The session went smoothly and successfully! Larry has provided a few photos from the day:



The patient on the open-air lift

The old tank comes down



The new tank is prepped for installation

At the same time, a drooping sunvisor was also repaired in the car. An easy and fun session! (For news on future sessions, check out "Roving Wrenches" on Page 7.)

NJACE Members on the Road

by Bob Marlow

The photo on Page 2 shows Tim Schwartz's 1963 Greenbrier, at last month's **CORSA convention** in Peachtree City, Georgia. Tim drove his Greenbrier to Georgia and back – and you're afraid to drive your Corvair?

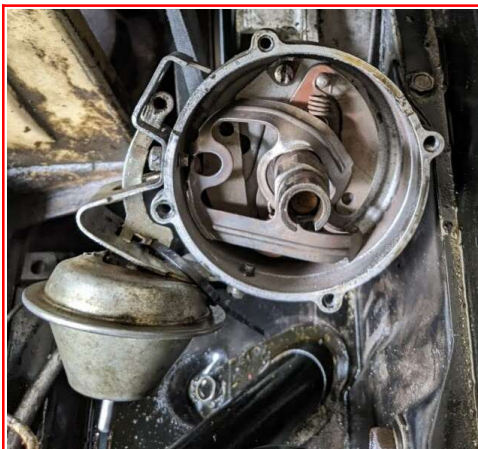


Also at the Georgia convention was Michael Stone with his 1965 Corsa convertible, shown here being scrutinized by the concours judges:



Michael's car is sporting its NJACE front license plate. (Michael did, however, trailer his car to and from the convention.)

In the interest of honest reporting, Tim did suffer a mechanical problem during his trip. On I-287 in New Jersey, only a few miles from home on the return trip, the Greenbrier's engine suddenly stopped. Here's why:



Despite the carnage inside the distributor, Tim was able to make a quick roadside repair and complete his trip.

By all reports this convention – the first since 2019 thanks to the pandemic – was very much a success, with props going to the hosting chapters. Next year's convention will take place in Wisconsin Dells, WI. I plan to be there. You should, too.

But the week before the convention, I headed not to Georgia but to Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the 42nd annual **Detroit Corvair Homecoming** conducted by the Detroit Area Corvair Club.

The timing of the Homecoming, dictated by hotel availability in the greater Detroit region, was unfortunate in that it was so close to the convention, but a number of persons made an odyssey out of the back-to-back schedule and attended both.

At the Homecoming I continued my “unhoarding” efforts and set up a table in the vendor area. I came home with a much lighter truck!.

Here's a shot taken in the vendor room in Ann Arbor:



I'm in the blue shirt, longtime *CORSA Communique* Executive Editor Mike McGowan is at the left, and former NJACE member and Detroit club sparkplug Pete Koehler is seated.

One of the key features of the Homecoming is that your registration includes, for lack of a better description, all you can eat! The DACC serves a buffet lunch each day, plus a barbeque supper Friday evening and a pizza party Saturday evening.

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On the Road, continued

Given that the hotel had a free breakfast buffet each day, I never had to pay for a meal during my entire visit.

Ray Coker, Al Lacki, Brian O'Neill, and Tim Schwartz are among the NJACE members who have visited the Homecoming over the years. For 2023, you should consider it!

The Saturday lunch buffet at the DACC Homecoming



Tim's Greenbrier tries to hide behind a Subaru 360 van...

An In-Garage Tech Session

by Tim Schwartz

[Editor's Note: On July 2nd, Tim Schwartz hosted a half-dozen or so NJACE members in his air-conditioned garage to help with a last-minute fix before his trip to the CORSA convention. The diagnosis was a failed transmission mount, so with new parts delivered from Clark's and the van on jack stands, we went to work.]

A huge THANK YOU! to all of you who came to my tech session.

As is often the case, I don't think the problem was the transmission mounts that I had diagnosed it as, but the missing 7/16th bolt on the drivers side of the transmission mounting bracket that Bob spotted.

Had it been noticed before the project was started, I might have just replaced the bolt and been done with it. However, having new transmission mounts can't hurt.

The initial test run by going to the Dairy Queen was great too.

Photos by Nick Ford 🙌



The boys contemplate the shims for the transmission mount...



It appears that Jose is telling Mark about his most recent fishing trip...

The Return of the



The In-Garage Tech Session story on the preceding page brings us to **The Roving Wrenches**. The Roving Wrenches were NJACE members going to other members' garages to help with Corvair projects.

But – “were?” Yes, it has been years since we did this on an organized basis. But now, as we look ahead to Fall and Winter, we want to resurrect the practice.

So, if you have a Corvair project or a maintenance puzzle or vexing mystery, or just need a little help with something, let us know!

As with Tim's Greenbrier on the preceding page, many hands make things easier, sometimes a second set of eyes will see something that has been overlooked, and of course we have many members with cumulative decades of Corvair experience.

Now, we not going to restore your car nor are we going to undertake massive projects. But if you need some help with any aspect of your car's needs, or any portion of an otherwise massive project, well, just ask! We'll find a mutually-agreeable day and time and get the word out.

The cost? As with long-standing NJACE tradition, you'll have to buy the pizza and soft drinks. Oh, and you'll also have to buy any needed parts, whether ahead of time because the problem is known, or in follow-up after we have diagnosed the car.

But the object is simple: Friends helping friends, getting more Corvairs in running condition, and enjoying the hobby.

To set up a Roving Wrenches visit to your garage for the upcoming months, contact any of these members (listed alphabetically):

Larry Ashley, 973-713-0340
 Bob Marlow, 201-444-1859
 Brian O'Neill, 973-729-5586

Any member is welcome to join in as one of the “wrenches,” the only qualification is that you be a Corvair enthusiast. Even if you're not a “YouTube Certified Mechanic,” you'll be able to help and you'll be able to learn.

Shameless Commerce NJACE Member Advertising

For Sale – **1969 Monza coupe**, 110-hp, Powerglide, I have really enjoyed the car as a driver and most of the work done was with a goal of making things more enjoyable and safer. David “Scotty” Malcolm, phone 201-635-9696. See photos and full details on our club's “Garage Key” page, linked below.

For Sale – **Deande steel dual axle open car trailer**. Tilt fender, concealed ramps, spare tire, sway control, weight distributing hitch, 10,000 lb tie downs, New silver paint in 2021. \$3,500.00 Ron Peles, 908-479-1218.

For Sale: **Flywheel & Pressure Plate** for 1964-69. These are used, but barely. They were brand-new and in my 1964 '500' for less than 70 miles when the engine went blooey. I replaced the engine with a 140, so these came out and the heavy-duty ones for a 140 went in. New cost was more than \$400 for the pair (and rebuilds are more than that today). Asking \$100. Bob Marlow, voice or text 201-444-1859.

Your Ad Here. Send your Corvair-related classified-style ad to rmarlow4040@gmail.com. No charge for NJACE members! You can also have Corvair-related items listed on our online “Garage Key” web pages. Visit the “Garage Key” at <http://garagekey.blogspot.com/>

NJACE Calendar of Events

Print this page and post it on your 'fridge!

- * **Saturday, August 2:** Monthly breakfast meeting at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
- * **Saturday, August 13:** Our annual club picnic, a tradition dating back to the club's earliest years. Full details on page 2.
- * **Saturday, September 3:** Monthly breakfast meeting at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
- * **Sunday, September 25:** Sparta Historical Society Car Show. Corvairs are the Featured Car this year! Details are in the President's Message in this issue, and a copy of the registration form is on the last page of this issue.
- * **Saturday, October 1:** Monthly breakfast meeting at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
- * **Saturday, October 8:** Club visit to the High Point Brewing Company in Butler. Details to follow!

*Items marked with * are official club events.*

Found on the Internet More Dog Days



Brew News

by Ray Coker

Our visit to the High Point Brewing Company in Butler, NJ, was the first club event to fall victim to the COVID-19 pandemic, in early 2020.



But, now, it's back on! We're all set for a fun **NJACE Octoberfest Event on Saturday, October 8th.** Mark your calendars!

Kathy and I are making a trip to the brewery as you read this to get the "lay of the land" in order to provide more details in upcoming *FANBELT* issues. Greg (the owner) has been brewing beer at this location for 25 years.

We need to talk this up and get the best turnout possible for not only our club but for this business also which is welcoming us as friends.

Don't forget to RSVP for the Picnic!
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We're Number Two! (Again)

At the CORSA convention this past month, the NJACE *FANBELT* was presented with second place in the annual Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Awards.



This has happened before, as our newsletter has been honored several times through the years.

So... who was number one? One of our own! Longtime NJACE member Al Lacki edits and publishes *THE FIFTH WHEEL*, the newsletter of our neighboring Lehigh Valley Corvaire Club, and it was *THE FIFTH WHEEL* that earned to top spot.

Al, too, has been producing an excellent newsletter consistently, as this was not the first top finish for *THE FIFTH WHEEL*. Al also contributes to the *FANBELT* regularly, and he uploads each issue to our website monthly.

Second place is sometimes referred to in sports as the “first loser,” but we don’t think of it that way. Instead, we see it as continuing to be one of the best among the more than 100 CORSA chapters and special interest groups.

And NJACE is one of the best of those chapters!

But there is a way that this newsletter can become better. Tired of seeing all those photos of Tim’s Greenbrier? Send in photos of your Corvaire! Whether show car or project car, we’re interested. Tell us a little about it, too.

Tired of reading my writing? Send in your stories! You fellow club members are interested in your car and your stories.

Maybe you can help us be Number One next year!

One more photo from the Detroit Homecoming. A fun shot!



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7th ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
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Car Make: _____ Year: _____

Body Style: _____ Color: _____

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