

November 2022

the *Fanbelt*

new jersey association of CORVAIR enthusiasts



NJACE...

**The
New Jersey Association
of Constant Eaters,
apparently**



We enjoyed *three* gastronomic activities during October:
Our monthly club breakfast on the 1st, our Octovairfest on the 8th,
and our Roving Wrenches session on the 16th.
But we found time to slip in some Corvairstuff, too!

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On the cover

(Upper left) Ray Coker mans the grill during our “Octovairfest” outing at the High Point Brewery on October 8. Beer and Bratwurst!

(Lower right) The Roving Wrenches crew enjoys lunch at the home of Gary Cohen on October 16. Pizza, subs, salads and more! Clockwise around the table, starting with Frank Hunter (standing), are Tom Ludwig, David Malcolm, Dick Kellner, Bob Marlow, Tim Schwartz, Ed Garfield, Gary Cohen, and David Rothenberg. Hidden behind David Rothenberg is Phillip Ludwig.

Treasurer's Report as of September 30 2022

Checking Balance as of May 31, 2022		\$3,164.56
<u>Income:</u>		
Dues	\$146.00	
Checking Interest	<u>0.10</u>	
	\$146.10	+ 146.10
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Food & Parties	<u>\$611.68</u>	
	\$611.68	- 611.68
Checking Balance as of Sept 30, 2022		\$2,698.98
CD Balance as of May 31, 2022		\$5,023.51
CD Interest	\$ 4.84	+ <u>4.84</u>
CD Balance as of Sept 30, 2022		<u>\$5,028.35</u>
Grand Total as of Sept 30, 2022		<u><u>\$7,727.33</u></u>

Note:

Food and Parties consists of the June 4th tech session (\$124.70) the club picnic (\$211.46) and rental of tables, chairs and grill for the upcoming Octovairfest (\$275.52).

*Respectfully submitted,
Tim Schwartz, Treasurer*

Minutes

General Membership Meeting Saturday, October 1, 2022 Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM by Vice President Nick Ford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Minutes of the prior Business Meeting as printed in the *FANBELT* newsletter were approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report by Tim Schwartz was approved.

Activities Report: Nick Ford reminded members of our two upcoming events: the “Octovairfest” on Saturday, October 8th, at the High Point Brewery, and the Roving Wrenches on Sunday, October 16th at the garage of member Gary Cohen. Those who wish to attend either event need to let Bob Marlow know. Details of the activities are in the October newsletter.

Publicity Report: As reported by Nick, Bob Marlow would like members to consider writing an article for the *FANBELT*. Possible articles might include tech topics, how you got started with Corvairs and any other stories involving you and your Corvair to share with the membership.

Old Business: None was brought forth.

New Business: None was brought forth.

Nominations were opened for 2023 NJACE Officers with the election to be held at the December breakfast meeting. Members may make nominations at a breakfast or by contacting the club Secretary. Nominations received so far have been Tim Schwartz for Treasurer and David Malcolm for Secretary.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

The breakfast drawing was won by Bill Cohen.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Malcolm, Secretary*

On the Road Again

A Roving Wrenches Report

by David "Scottie" Malcolm

After a hiatus of well over a decade the NJACE traveling mechanics hit the road to the garage of Gary Cohen on a beautiful October Sunday morning.



We were off to help sort out some issues Gary had on his 1965 Corsa convertible. The car had no functioning brake lights, issues with the idle, and deteriorating fiberglass insulation on the engine lid. Gary had ordered the parts from Clark's that would, hopefully, address these issues.



The Wrenches arrive, including Ed Garfield and his 50-year-old VW

The group decided that getting the brake lights in working order came first. Gary had purchased a new engine compartment harness as the 57-year-old wiring was a possible culprit. Working on the principle of checking the easiest-to-fix first, the problem was quickly diagnosed as the switch at the brake pedal.

Gary also had a new switch which Tom Ludwig installed and the brake lights worked. After examining the engine compartment harness it was decided that the current harness was in good condition, not needing immediate replacement.



Tom Ludwig installs the new brake light switch

Next up was the fast idle condition. Gary's 140 is equipped with the Roger Parent aftermarket linkage. This linkage has ball bearings on the cross shafts and is fully adjustable. Several sets of eyes and hands later, it was diagnosed that part of the linkage on the passenger side secondary was hitting the engine sheet metal preventing the carburetor from closing fully.

While diagnosing the fast idle some fuel leakage from the carburetor was also noticed.

The group discussed ways to fix the linkage. Hitting the engine shroud with a BFH was quickly dismissed, as was filing or grinding a small amount off the linkage. It was decided to remove the carburetor, solve the fuel leakage issue, and increase the thickness of the spacer between it and the intake to remove the interference.

Now, of course, we would need gaskets for the carburetor and spacer. Frank Hunter came to the rescue. Even though he has a garage, he keeps all his tools and Corvair parts in his trunk. He got out his fishing tackle box of needed tools, including an old grade school wooden ruler, and most surprisingly and necessary two carburetor rebuild kits.

Tom and David Rothenberg proceeded to remove the carburetor and try to diagnose the leakage problem.



David and Tom operate on the carburetor

While the carburetor work was in progress Tim Schwartz figured out an easy way to remove the metal clips – used only in 1965 – that hold the engine fiberglass pad on and the new one was installed quickly reusing the same clips.

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On the Road Again, continued

Tim installs the new underhood insulation while Ed holds the old one

Despite an otherwise perfect Fall day a brief rain shower saw the Corsa pushed back into the garage for about 15 minutes. While we had all looked at the engine compartment, Bob Marlow was the only one who noticed that the car had an incorrect battery installed. As the terminals were on the engine side rather than the fender side there was a possibility of the engine lid support shorting on the positive terminal. Until a correct 24F battery can be installed Bob put a piece of black tape on a section of the engine lid support.

The car was rolled out after the rogue rain shower and Tom and David had the carburetor diagnosed and reassembled. The floats were set using Frank's wooden ruler. The thickness of the insulator under the carburetor was increased allowing the Parent linkage to fully close at idle. With some adjustments on the primary carburetors and the car was idling well.

During the day, David Rothenberg's 1965 Corsa Coupe was brought into the driveway to serve as a guide, as nobody had brought a shop manual with them.

After the work was completed Gary showed us around his vehicle collection and large display of diecast cars. He certainly has some beautiful cars, my favorite being the 1978 Nova with a 305 and 4-speed that he had purchased new.

Mission Accomplished for the Roving Wrenches. Gary was a wonderful host providing a generous lunch break.

NJACE members Steve Calandra, Ed Garfield, Frank Hunter, Dick Kellner, Phillip and Tom Ludwig, David Malcolm, Bob Marlow, David Rothenberg, and Tim Schwartz had a very enjoyable day thanks to Gary's hospitality.



Gary photographs the crew as they work on his 1965 Corsa convertible

If you have a problem with your Corvair and would like the Roving Wrenches to descend on your garage to help, contact one of the NJACE officers.



NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **Saturday, November 5:** Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
- * **Saturday, December 3:** Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

*Items marked with * are official club events.*

President's Message

by *Brian O'Neill*

I just saw the first "Days To Christmas" sign. It was hard to believe because as I write it is only October. But it did remind me that the year is almost over, and given the circumstances it has been a good year for NJACE.



We are slowly clawing on way back to normal. Attendance at our monthly breakfast meetings continues to be good although we would like to see even more of our members there. We have held a number of highly successful events. Our recent brewery tour was a big hit. Our thanks go out to Ray and Kathy Coker and also to our vice president, Nick Ford for the work they put into this event.

Larry Ashley, our gracious host for many tech sessions, has had a very busy life lately and has been unable to host any sessions. So, we reactivated our Roving Wrenches program. Those of you who attended the recent session know what a great asset this is to our club members. We'll be doing more of them soon.

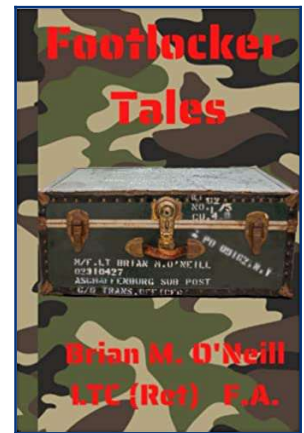
The turnout at the Sparta Historical Society's Seventh Annual Car Show where the Corvair was the featured car showed off our was another success.

It has been an up and down year for me personally. I am struggling with a mystery. I have had engines that I have built not wanting to run for any length of time. They would start and then with no warning shut off. It got so bad that I was unable to participate in the last NECC event at Pocono Raceway on October first. Solving this mystery is going to be my main challenge this winter.

On the upbeat side my wife and I have taken two really exciting tours this year. In March we went to Costa Rica. The weather was mild, our tour guide was truly knowledgeable and the group we traveled with was a lot of fun.

We're just back from a fantastic trip to Croatia. This nation of only four million has become the latest tourist hotspot. According to our tour guide, who was the best I have ever seen, last year 14 million tourists visited the country. That's absolutely incredible. We went at the end of the season, so the crowds were much thinner than they had been during the summer. We spent most of our time on a small ship going from one Adriatic port to another. Once again, we lucked out. Sunny weather, mid-70s temperatures and great food.

The best thing that happened to me this year was the completion of a book I wrote about my 29 years in the United States Army. I started this project about five years ago and worked on it relentlessly for about a year, then I let it slide for the next three and a half. This time last year I realized that it was now or never. If anybody is interested in reading this book, titled "*Footlocker Tales*," let me know and I'll tell you how to get a copy.



I sincerely hope that everyone has had as interesting a year as I have had. Your continued support of our club is critical to our success. Don't forget club officers' elections are coming up. Don't hesitate to nominate yourself if you're interested, we can always use new thoughts.

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Brews & Brats

by Steve Calandra

I don't know if anybody else had a tough time finding the place, but my GPS took me 'round and 'round and didn't tell me where to turn soon enough. Anyway I was a little late but I was greeted by Kathy Coker and Lisa Wanhouse at the entrance who cheerfully pointed me in the right direction.



Absolutely perfect weather graced the day for a good group of NJACers and guests and a nice lineup of Corvairs alongside the brewery's parking lot biergarten. Ray Coker set up the grill and made awesome Burgers and Bratwurst sandwiches. There was a lot of good conversation going on. I spoke with a newer member of our club, Gary Bullman. We shared stories about cars we had in the past including his first car, a '55 Chevy Bel Air. He sold it a few years back. I told him about my '58 Impala that I've had since 1973.



Fun Corvair Fact from the day: The club rented a large grill, five 6-foot tables, and 26 chairs, all of which fit in Nick Ford's Greenbrier with plenty of room to spare!

As I mentioned, I don't have a taste for beer but I know that the Ramstein Beer brewed at High Point is good stuff because everyone was smiling and Frank Hunter returned to the brewery a week later to buy more.

As can be seen in the photo at left, late model Corvairs were dominant, with two-doors, four-doors, and convertibles on hand.

A good time was had by all. Outings such as this are part of what makes NJACE membership a great deal of fun and an absolute bargain. Keep an eye on the *FANBELT* for upcoming events.

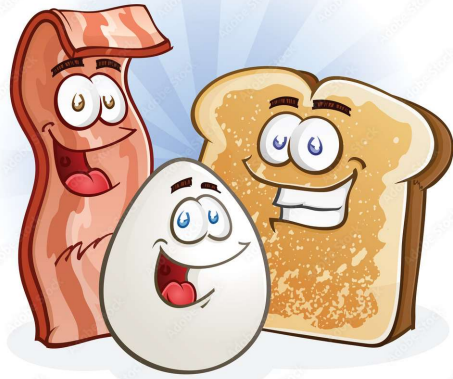


The group took a short tour of the facility and were told that the owner went to Ramstein Germany for three years to learn the brewery business. I did a little taste testing but I don't have a taste for beer. I brought my friend Red Castner with me who didn't eat much but didn't have a problem sucking down three or four beers.

There were some new faces that joined us for the festivities. Lauren and Andy Hewins do not have a Corvair yet, but they're planning to buy one. Ed Stanch won the 50-50 drawing, and then donated \$20 of his winnings back to the club. Thanks, Ed!



Breakfast Drawing



That's a drawing of breakfast items so technically, yes, it's a breakfast drawing. But we're talking about the drawing we have at each

monthly club breakfast, whereby YOU could WIN having your breakfast check paid by the club!

But you have to be there to win! Each month, one member's name is drawn at random, and that member wins a free breakfast! Join us at the Empire Diner on Route 46 in Parsippany this month (and every month) for your chance to win!

(For those of you keeping track, that's four exclamation points so far.)

This month's breakfast will include an opportunity to place nominations for club officers for 2023. Please think about who you'd like to see in our officer positions, and please consider volunteering yourself.

👉 Late-Breaking News! 👈

On Sunday, November 13, NJACE members are invited to attend a performance by the Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Company of **The Pirates of Penzance**, Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular show.

Why this show? Because our own club Treasurer, Tim Schwartz, is among the cast members. Tim sings! Longtime friend of NJACE Wynne Webster is also among the cast.

The Pirates of Penzance is a rollicking tale of a band of soft-tempered pirates, bumbling police officers, and a bevy of beautiful maidens. Popular since its premiere in 1879, The Pirates of Penzance is a classic farce that is fun for all ages.

This will be the second time that NJACers have, as a group, attended one of the Ridgewood G&S productions. Join us!

The show takes place in the Fair Lawn Community Center, located at 10-10 20th Street, Fair Lawn, NJ. Tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Show time is 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 13.

We anticipate having an informal group dinner at a nearby restaurant following the performance.

Want to join the fun? Just go to the Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Company website to buy tickets, or buy them at the door. It is less expensive to get them in advance, but at the door allows the flexibility to decide to come at the last minute. There is no reserved seating, but there are plenty of seats available.

To buy tickets or for more information, visit

<https://www.ridgewoodgilbertandsullivan.org/pirates>

