

the *Fanbelt*

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Although we don't change license plates annually in New Jersey (nor in most states these days), the New Year is a time for reflection and for fresh beginnings. As the calendar flips to 2023, we wish you and those you love only the best in the year ahead.

For NJACE, the year begins on January 7 with our first club breakfast of the year at the Empire Diner, and continues with our annual Holiday Party on January 29. Happy New Year!

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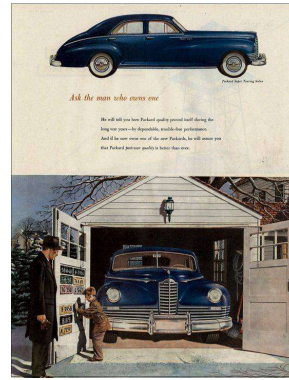
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On the Cover

The illustration, shared on Facebook by Bill Stanley, is a very well done mash-up of a 1947 Packard ad with a 1964 Corvair ad. We're not certain who did it, although Bill thinks it was done by a gentleman by the name of Billy Cannon.

Here are the original ads →

(The Corvair fits in the garage better.)



Our Annual Holiday Party

Where:

**Cannon Gate Conference Center
Picatinny Arsenal NJ 07801**

When:

**Sunday, January 29
1:00 PM**

There is a bit of a twist to the details of our Holiday Party this year. As above, we can tell you the place, the date, and the time. But we can't tell you the exact menu, nor the exact per-person cost... yet.

The Conference Center at Picatinny Arsenal is not able to confirm our menu and price until after January 1st, after this newsletter was prepared. We certainly expect the menu to maintain the high quality we have enjoyed in recent years, but to be candid we expect the cost to rise. Inflation does that.

But fear not! We will send notification of the menu and cost via email to the entire membership as soon as that information is known. You can also check the club's Facebook page for updates.

In the meantime mark the date and make plans to attend. This year's party will include great food, great friends, and good cheer. We're taking this year off from the Gift Game but adding musical entertainment to the festivities.

Those who have attended our past parties at the Arsenal know that the plans include the need to RSVP to club President Brian O'Neill. This so that he can add your name to the list of guests to

be admitted at the Arsenal gates. Picatinny Arsenal is not someplace where just anyone can drive in, it's a secure Army facility.

So, please, let Brian know that you're coming. You can sign up at the club breakfast on January 7, or by contacting Brian O'Neill via e-mail (bmoneill@juno.com) or telephone (973-729-5586). Please do so no later than Tuesday, January 24th. Don't wait, RSVP now!

But even with a reservation, you can't just drive in to the Picatinny Arsenal. You'll need to provide Brian with your name and the name of anyone coming with you. You need to make sure each person has good photo identification with them. You also must have a valid registration and insurance card for your vehicle and you have to know that you are going to the Conference Center.

The security people at the front gate will have a list of everyone who is authorized entry for the party. That's why it's absolutely necessary that Brian has your information no later than Tuesday, January 24th. If you just show up at the front gate without prior arrangements things will be very difficult and entry cannot be guaranteed.

Okay, but how do you find Picatinny Arsenal and the correct entry gate? That's easy, just follow Interstate 80 westbound to Exit 34B for New Jersey Route 15 North towards Jefferson/Sparta. If you're coming eastbound use exit 34 and follow the signs for Route 15 North. The Picatinny main gate will be on your right, just a short distance north on Route 15.

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Holiday Party, continued

Once you are at the gate, your destination is the Cannon Gate Conference Center, locally known as the club. After you have gone through the gate, continue straight on the main road, and as you come up to a blinking yellow traffic light bear to the right. Go on that road for only a short distance and then bear left. The Conference Center will be a short distance on your left.

Please do not wander around on the Arsenal. You'll attract unwanted attention.

Now call or e-mail Brian no later than January

24th to make your reservations.

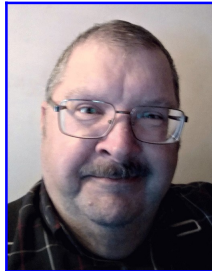
Please note, if you RSVP that you are coming, NJACE is on the hook for your dinner. If for some reason you have to cancel you are still responsible for the cost. We know unexpected things happen but please be considerate of your fellow club members and don't burden them with the cost of your meal.

Once more, Brian's phone number is 973-729-5586 and his email is bmoneill@juno.com. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Balboa Blue

by *Steve Calandra*

In November of 1997 somebody told me about a Greenbrier that was tucked away in a garage in Bergen County. It belonged to a guy named Bob Bishop. His father bought it new and stopped driving it because it had no brakes due to rusted lines. I don't remember how long it sat unused. His dad passed away and the house was getting cleaned out so everything had to go. Bob Bishop was moving to Georgia.



I bought it for \$500 and began to work on it. It had the original wheels on it and they were body color. First I had to figure out how to get the tires pumped up or just remove them and install better tires on the rims. I remember the truck was so close to the right side garage wall that I had to squeeze in to get the wheels off and install jack stands.

Next, getting the engine to run so I could pull it out of the garage, I re-did the carburetors, and hooked up a gas can to the fuel pump, added some oil and got it started. All this work took several days of running back and forth to my house for parts and such.

After I pulled it out I was one happy camper. I got it home and started to clean it up, get the lights to work and so many other things.

Bob Marlow got a look at it and told me it was

Balboa Blue with a rare light blue and white deluxe interior. The seat vinyl was white with cloth inserts (no rips). The deluxe door panels were in excellent shape. It was an 80 HP PG, It had fog lights on the front bumper from a 50's Studebaker. It also had a manila folder full of every receipt for work that was done on it.



After I got all the bugs out, polished it, put a set of '61 full wheel covers on it, I drove it all over, even upstate NY, and got great fuel mileage, though it was very sluggish for an 80 HP. Later I found out why.

In October, 1998, I took it to a Corvair event in Raleigh, North Carolina. On the way down it was misfiring. I put Marvel Mystery oil in the oil and gas tank, and for some reason it got better.

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Balboa Blue, continued

But that wasn't the problem. When I got to Raleigh, it ran very bad and I realized it had dropped a valve seat. The seat never broke into pieces, it would go back into place and run good for a while.

I pulled the right head off then, I met Ken Hand and his RV full of machine shop equipment. He was a big help. My head was not fixable. Word got around that I needed a head and a very nice gentleman who's name I can't remember said he had two NOS 80 HP bare heads at home and he would bring them the next day.

Ken and I realized that the heads had been replaced on my engine during a rebuild at the Chevy dealer in the mid 60's. They were '64 110-hp heads and though they fit on the 145 ci engine the compression ratio was very low. That explains the lack of power all this time.

There was also another problem. The valve springs didn't fit from my heads to the new ones. I searched all over and finally found a set of NOS springs and valves right next to the vendor space I was at. Ken did his magic and I got the head on just as the convention ended.

What was also happening during this fiasco was that I brought my Cousin Christine with me and we were both going to stay at her son's house a few towns away. Well with no vehicle to get back and forth. I stayed at the host hotel in the hospitality room, since I didn't have enough money to get my own room. Once again the host club was very generous to me.

I drove home with no incident and replaced the other head at a later date.

End of story. Whew!



Wait a minute! There's more! If you remember, I'm a record collector. Balboa Blue was also the name of a song by the Marketts released in 1962. You can hear it on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRwgroRTuR0>



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NJACE Parts Auction 2023

New Rules

by *Bill Maher*



The date for our annual Corvair Parts Auction, returning to the Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge, is Saturday, February 18, 2023. Mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event!

This year, there are New Rules for the Parts Auction. Well, one new rule, actually. But don't worry, it's really a small change.

Our Parts Auction dates back to 1982, and stands as one of our club's longest-running events and without question our club's most popular event. But if there is a problem, it is this: Too much stuff!

The auction has, typically, somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 lots. That's a lot of lots! And as a result, the auction lasts just a little too long.

We kicked around several ideas to try to streamline the event. Should we put a limit on the number of lots? Should we limit the number of items any individual seller could offer? Should we simply set a time limit and cut off the bidding?

None of these ideas were appealing. But then we realized: While the auction has always been for "Corvair and Corvair-related items," we have been very liberal with this definition. So we have seen such items as generic tool sets, gas cans, timing lights and so on.

While it can be said that tools and gas cans and timing lights &c are all used with a Corvair, none of them are specifically "Corvair related." So are we going to prohibit these items?

No!

Instead of a blanket prohibition on items that are not expressly Corvair-related, we are going to continue to accept them, *but only if they are full donations to the club*.

The intent of this change is twofold: First, by accepting non-Corvair items only as full donations, instead of including them in the usual 90/10 seller/club split, we expect that there will be fewer of them. This should result in fewer overall lots and a faster auction. Second, items that are offered but not Corvair-related will provide a greater benefit to the club treasury.

And perhaps best of all, the decision whether to offer a non-Corvair item rests with the seller. The club is not prohibiting such items.

Still, there could be some grey areas. For example, wheels and tires, of which we usually have some each year. Are these Corvair-related? If they are stock Corvair wheels, with or without tires, the answer is yes. If they are tires, only, without wheels, the answer is no, even if they are the stock Corvair size.

If they are aftermarket wheels that fit a Corvair, the answer is no. It's true that many Corvairs these days are equipped with aftermarket wheels, often so as to facilitate a better choice of tires, but such wheels are not Corvair-specific.

We often have magazines at the auction. *CORSA Communique* back issues? Yes, these are Corvair-related. *Old Road & Track* or *Car & Driver*? No, these are not Corvair-related. Exceptions will be made for publications that have Corvair cover stories, such as the October, 1964, *Car & Driver* shown here.

There may be other grey areas. So how can you know whether the item you wish to offer at the auction is considered Corvair-related? Just ask ahead of time. If you have a question concerning any item, contact Bob Marlow by email or phone, rmarlow4040@gmail.com, 201-444-1859.

On the following page Bob will review all the old, familiar, and long-established auction rules.



NJACE Parts Auction 2023 Old Rules

by *Bob Marlow*



Here is everything you need to know for our indoor Corvair Parts Auction on Saturday, February 18th, at the Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge, 15 Perrin Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442.

The Elks Lodge has easy access from major highways for an easy drive and has a large parking lot. There will be a large number of tables to display your "for sale" items and there is comfortable seating. No need to bring a chair!

The Elks will have **breakfast and lunch** items for sale which will benefit the charities they support including Veterans, Youth, and Community Programs. Come hungry!

We will of course have our usual entertaining auctioneers for your enjoyment. Get all those parts and cash ready and be sure to join us for a great time.

As in the past, at the auction our shameless auctioneers will offer Corvair parts and Corvair-related items to the highest bidder, with a 10% commission of the sale price going to the club treasury. You may bring parts to sell, you may buy, or you may do both, or you may just come to enjoy the fun.

Plan on making a day of it. Due to the nature of how the auction operates, it is not possible to process any buyers or sellers until the auction is completed. Only when all lots have been offered and the bidding is complete, typically around 2:30 PM, can we tally the sales, collect from the buyers, and pay the sellers.

Plan on getting there early. The doors will open at 8:30 AM, to allow time to tag and display any parts you are selling, have some breakfast, and to peruse the parts being offered. The bidding will begin at 10:00 AM. We'll pause for a lunch break mid-day, then complete the bidding.

If you're selling, you will need to fill out an Auction Lot Card for each part or group of parts being sold as one, so please allow sufficient time to do this before the start of bidding.

The Auction Lot Card form is available on the NJACE website so you can print what you need and fill them out in advance. Just use this link:

http://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/Auction_Lot_Cards.pdf

But you can also get blank lot cards on the day of the auction.

Each attendee will be issued a Bidder Number by which the auction desk will track all purchases.

We ask that items being offered be limited to Corvair parts or Corvair-related items, only. Also, we ask that you not bring more than one of the same item to sell. You can, however, sell multiple items in a "lot." You could offer, say, one lot of six oil filters, instead of individual oil filters. (Bulk lots often sell very well!)

Remember that only quality items sell easily. Greasy, rusty, bent and broken pieces have limited appeal, and we don't want to bring them into the Elks Lodge, anyway.

The club will deduct a 10% commission on all sales. You may also donate items for the full benefit of the club. We ask everyone to consider donating some items, to help defray the costs of the rental of the facility.

What if the weather is bad? Because this is an indoor event, it will take place regardless of the weather. Only an out-and-out blizzard, or similar curveball thrown by Mother Nature, will cause us to cancel. Generally speaking, you can assume that the event is "on," but if it is necessary to cancel we will get the word out via email and Facebook and the Corvair Center Forum.

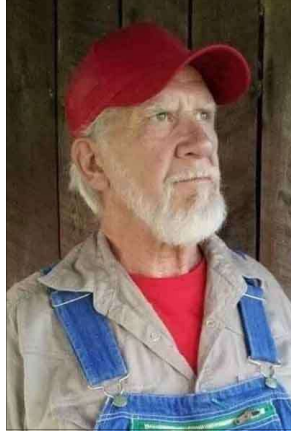
Historically, the auction is our most popular event of the year and draw participants from far and wide. Don't miss it!



Dean H. Jaech

We learned only recently of the passing last year of Dean Jaech, pictured, one of the founders of NJACE.

In 1970 Dean Jaech and Joe Petrella were Corvair drivers who did not know each other but who passed each other every day during their commute, and they waved to each other when doing so. One day they stopped and introduced themselves, and NJACE was the result. The club's first meeting took place in June of 1970.



More than 30 years ago Dean moved to the midwest, bringing to a close his time as an active NJACE member. But he remained proud of the club and his role in establishing it, as is obvious in his official obituary:

LORDSTOWN — Dean Howard Jaech, age 78, of Lordstown, passed away Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, while in the Louis Stokes VA Hospital in Cleveland.

Dean was proud to have served in the United States Navy, during the war in Vietnam. Dean had a passion for restoring and racing cars and was proud to be the founding father of the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts.

Dean loved to drive and spent most of his life as a professional truck driver. He used to say, "If you bought it, I brought it!" He also worked over the last nine years as a driver for O'Reilly Auto Parts in Cortland.

Some of the proudest moments of his life came in his retirement years, when he was a member of the Northeast Ohio Dukes, playing the role of the "venerable Uncle Jesse" in the Hazzard County Stunt Show. He was extremely proud and honored to be included in this talented group of men and women.

Survivors include his son, David (Nikki) Jaech of South Lyon, Mich.; his two daughters, Kathleen Marie Jaech of Mebane, N.C., and Amanda Orchekowski of Waupun, Wis.; and his four

grandchildren, Derek, Dalila, Alyssa and Penelope.

Dean is also survived by his brother, Dale (Rebecca) of Florida; and his sister, Lou Brady (Paul Stieber) of Summerfield, Fla.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dean was laid to rest beside his parents, in St. Paul's Cemetery in Wonewoc, Wisconsin, only a short distance from where the 2023 CORSA convention will take place in Wisconsin Dells this summer.

On a personal note, in the late 1970s I bought a 1975 Ford Ranchero from Dean, a massive cab-based pickup which served my family's business as well as towing countless Corvairs and hauling tons of Corvair parts.

Rest In Peace, Dean.

—Bob Marlow

Dean Jaech in his role with the Northeast Ohio Dukes.



Fortunately for Dean, his role with the Dukes did not require his active participation in this stunt, although he did help prepare the cars.

Minutes

of the
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 3, 2022
Parsippany, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 AM by President Brian O'Neill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Minutes of the previous meeting as printed in *THE FANBELT* newsletter were approved.

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

Old Business:

Brian announced that a date of January 29th has been secured at the Club at Picatinny for our Holiday Party. Further details will be forthcoming. Brian reminded members of the need to sign up in advance to be allowed to enter Picatinny. If you are uncertain that you will attend there will be a date set before the Party allowing you to cancel and have your payment refunded.

Our 2023 Small Parts Auction will be held on February 18, 2023 at the Pompton Lakes Elks Club.

New Business:

Election of Officers. As no additional nominations were received the Secretary cast one vote to elect:

President:	Brian O'Neill
Vice President:	Tony Gervasio
Treasurer:	Tim Schwartz
Secretary:	David Malcolm
Activities VP:	Steve Calandra
Publicity VP:	Bob Marlow

Bob Marlow, Al Lacki and John Egerton are working on revitalizing the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club. Al is now president, John is vice-president. They are working on activities for the club. The first of these is a Corvair Swap Meet to be held on Saturday April 15. NJACE members are encouraged to attend in support of the Lehigh Valley Club.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Malcolm, Secretary

**First club breakfast of the new year, Saturday, January 7,
 9:00 AM at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany.
 Will you be the winner of the free breakfast?**

NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **Saturday, January 7:** Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
- * **Sunday, January 29:** Our Annual Holiday Party – see page 2!
- * **Saturday, February 4:** Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.
- * **Saturday, February 18:** Corvair Parts Auction, indoors at the Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge. Full details in this newsletter!
- * **Saturday, March 4:** Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

*Items marked with * are official club events.*

What's Going On Here?



It's a teaser, that's what it is. Beginning next month we'll be publishing a series of articles about the restoration and refurbishment of this 1961 Rampside by club member Ray Coker.

Stay tuned!

Love Me Tender, Too

by *Bob Marlow*

In the June, 2019, issue of this newsletter I wrote about the battery in my Rampside and the Battery Tender® I had been using to maintain it. Here's a synopsis:

I bought the Rampside from the late Cliff Young in March of 2009. At that time, there was a NAPA battery in the truck of indeterminate age. Because the truck was driven infrequently, I put a Battery Tender on it from day one.

When I sold the truck in March of 2022, some 13 years later, the same battery was still in the truck, performing like new. As far as the Battery Tender is concerned, let's just say, I'm convinced.

To be fair, the NAPA battery in the truck was a top-of-the-line battery when new, so I don't know whether I'd get the same results with a cheapie no-name battery. And I had installed a 47-amp alternator in place of the original generator shortly after buying the truck. But still, 13+ years of service from an automotive battery is impressive.

For Corvairs, and for other cars not driven often, I am preaching the Battery Tender gospel.

Note, I am partial to the Battery Tender brand, and specifically the Battery Tender Plus model. In the past I have owned a few other models and

brands (there was a time when I had four Corvairs, all on battery maintainers) and the others did not perform well.

I kept the Battery Tender when I sold the Rampside, and I had another one that I had kept when I sold my Greenbrier in 2015. So, when the recent Christmas cold snap arrived, with overnight temperatures in the low single digits and our cars parked in a garage that could double as a meat locker, I decided to put the Battery Tenders to use again.

Our contemporary cars are a 2015 Honda CR-V and a 2019 Honda Ridgeline. Newer cars have a reputation for relatively short battery life, due to the parasitic draws that are present on virtually every modern car as well as to the quality and capacity of the batteries installed at the factory.

I was particularly concerned about the CR-V which still has it's OEM battery, now some seven years old.

So the Battery Tenders now tend to these two Hondas. I plan to keep using the Battery Tenders on the cars throughout the winter, and probably into the warm weather months as well. Because I used the Battery Tender on the Rampside year-round with success, I am applying that experience to the Hondas. Time will tell.