

Remembering Happy Times...



The late Ron Peles (center), who we lost in early January at the too-young age of 65, sharing a laugh with Bob Marlow (left) and Steve Calandra (right) in the parking lot of the Interlaken Inn during one of the Northeast Corvair Council's "Lime Rock" weekends in the mid-1980s. That's Ron's '65 Corvair serving as the backdrop.

Our remembrances of Ron appear on page 5 of this issue.

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A Strong Start

The new year is off to strong start, with well over two dozen members attending our first breakfast of the year at the Empire Diner, on January 7. Join us this Saturday, February 4, where you just might be the winner of our monthly free breakfast!



It's Auction Time!

Where:

Elks Lodge #1895
15 Perrin Avenue
Pompton Lakes NJ 07442

When:

Saturday, February 18
Doors open 8:30 AM for setup,
bidding begins at 10:30 AM

Our annual Corvair Parts Auction returns on **Saturday, February 18**, at the great venue we first visited last year, the **Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge** at 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. It provides a spacious and comfortable indoor space, with plenty of tables to display the auction wares, and 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. As we said we'll open the doors 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.

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. We're enforcing this, any non-Corvair-specific items will be accepted only if a full donation to the club. 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!)

Auction, continued

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!

OUR 50TH ANNIV - 2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year – Joan & Cal Clark

SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH- each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and list in a sale section on our Home Page www.corvair.com

FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023

LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE- sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE** – check website (Corvairs For Sale)

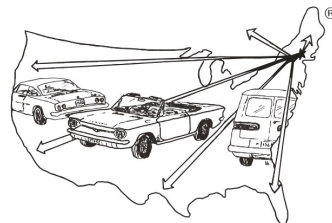
CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES- See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Slide show by Cal. Parts on sale!
SEPT 16, 2023 - rain or shine

2023 SUPPLEMENT- On our website or as a hard copy – many new repros & updates.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION – Wisconsin- We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates are June 19 - June 24

CATALOG- over 450 pages, free with an order, \$8 postpaid in USA

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Remembering Ron

We were saddened to learn of the passing in early January of Ron Peles, an NJACE member for more than 45 years. Ron waged a relentless battle with cancer, but regrettably cancer still wins far too often. Just 65 years of age, he left behind Gloria, his wife of 39 years, and many relatives and friends.



Ron was active in the Corvair hobby for virtually his entire adult life. He joined the NJACE in the 1970s while still a student at Rutgers. Through the years Ron served in several capacities within the club, including as an officer, a contributor to the newsletter, an event organizer, and notably as one of the key people who arranged the Corvair 50th Anniversary celebration in Cape May.

He entered his red '65 Corvair convertible in many of the annual time trials sponsored by the Northeast Corvair Council at Lime Rock Park, and more than once he won the John Fitch Award for best combined track time and car show score. Ron also served on the Board of Directors of CORSA.

In addition to NJACE, Ron belonged to the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club and was a founder of the Delaware Valley Corvair Club. Beyond his involvement with Corvairs, he was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Avanti Owners Association International, Studebaker Driver's Club and the Garden State Crew-zers, a PT Cruiser owner's club. He was a car guy, through and through.

But he wasn't just that. Ron was a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He was also Municipal Prosecutor for Greenwich, Pohatcong, Phillipsburg and Belvidere Townships as well as Attorney for Greenwich. His private practice areas were real estate, personal injury, municipal court, business law, civil litigation and estate matters. He was also a devout Roman Catholic who held several positions with the Knights of Columbus.

Ron was interred at St. Mary Cemetery in Alpha, NJ on January 8. Gone too soon, he will be long remembered.

—Al Lacki and Bob Marlow



Ron and his 1965 convertible at Lime Rock Park

Thinking of Ron Peles

As we know, Ron passed away in January. I first met him at an NJACE Christmas party in the late 80's. We talked a lot about Corvairs. In the ensuing years I saw him regularly at the Delaware Valley club meetings and of course at the NECC Lime Rock meets in Connecticut.

I also found out that we were born on the same day! August 29, 1957. He remembered the hour he was born but I didn't remember mine. We wondered which of us might be older by a few minutes. While writing this article I decided to go down to the basement and open my parents' cedar chest, which contains my birth certificate.

Turns out, I was born at 10:57 PM, so it seems certain that Ron was older than me by several hours.

There are others who share the birthday, including Terry Stafford from the Long Island club, Tom Lang from the Restored Rusty Relics club, Michael Jackson (1958), and Dinah Washington (1924, one of my favorite jazz singers and who inspired me to sing).

Anyway, we all appreciate the fact that Ron added his knowledge, experience, and friendship to our club.

Someone sent me the picture on the front page, of Ron, me, and Bob Marlow at the Interlaken Inn during one of the Lime Rock weekends. I think it is inspiring to know we were having a good time just by the smiles on our faces, those were the days.

—Steve Calandra

My Rampside Ownership Story

#1 in a series

by Ray Coker



In October, 2014, Kathy and I were attending an annual Pennsylvania campground owner's convention where I found myself talking with a couple of people who were KOA (Kampgrounds Of America) representatives. We were familiar with these people because they had been trying for years to get us to join the KOA franchise which included roughly 500 other campgrounds in America. But we always declined their offers because we enjoyed our private campground ownership.

During this discussion, Linda, one of the KOA representatives, looked at her boss who was the third person in the group and jokingly said "If you can help Ray get another Corvaire maybe he'll join the KOA Franchise." He looked at me and said "You like Corvaire?" Yes, I said and he responded with "I know where there is a Rampside pickup truck no one knows about."

Linda had no idea her boss's father owned a Corvaire, much less a Rampside.

His father, who was 84 at the time, was still in possession of a 1961 Rampside that he purchased new from the Chevy dealership in Lubbock, Texas. He told me his father was getting ready to move to assisted living and had to get rid of the truck so gave me his dad's phone number.

I called his dad and told him who I was and how his son had given me his phone number and I wanted to discuss the truck. He sent me a few photos and within a couple of days he and I agreed on a price of \$1200 for the truck. He was a very nice gentleman and was happy to find someone to pass the truck on to.

I phoned his son who had given me his dad's phone number and said we have an agreed price for me to purchase the truck for \$1200 and was he OK with that. I wanted to make sure no one thought I was taking advantage of an elderly adult. His son said it was fine with him because no one in his family wanted it, so the deal was done.

The older gentleman warned me he had not used it in 12 years and it was sitting in a shed in his back yard. He said it needed to be moved ASAP because of his impending move to the assisted living facility so I made a few phone calls and made arrangements for a wrecker service to move the truck to a public storage facility until I could come get it.

Before the wrecker went to move it, I had contacted a Corvaire club in Texas and found a Corvaire owner who agreed to go and remove the wheels and have new tires installed on the rims so the truck could be rolled. The Corvaire family is always willing to help a fellow Corvaire owner. Within a couple of weeks, I made arrangements to go to Lubbock with my car trailer and bring the Rampside home.

After driving 1600 miles there I was in Lubbock and looking at every panel, bumper, headlamp, door, and compartment of my Rampside. That is when I noticed the Texas license plate and the windshield state inspection sticker were both 40 years old. The seller who at the age of 84 made a mistake, after a little math I determined he drove it for 12 years then it sat for 40 years in his shed. I winched it up on my trailer, secured it with tow straps and began my 1600-mile trip back the Pennsylvania.



The 84-year-old original owner helps liberate the truck from it's 40-year-old parking spot



continued

Rampside Story, continued

My first stop was at a self-service car wash where I spent many quarters washing away 40 years of Texas dust from the truck. My second stop was to get shoe polish so I could write on the back window of the Rampside MY WIFE'S XMAS GIFT. During my 1600-mile home I got many thumbs up and thumbs down and you can guess who gave each.

To be continued...



The Rampside arrives in Pennsylvania

It's That Time of Year!

Time for membership renewals, that is.

We have both one-year and two-year renewal options. Dues for one year are \$19, and for two years dues are \$36.

Our records indicate that you are due to renew this year IF your name is on the list at right →

To renew, print and fill out the form that is included with this newsletter, and mail it in with your dues payment or deliver it with your dues payment to club Treasurer Tim Schwartz at our breakfast this month or at the auction.

Thank you for renewing!

Due for renewal:

Androvett, Phil	Backer, Andrew
Brady, Charles & Lynda	Bullman, Gary
Calandra, Steven	Casasnovas, Jose
Cohen, Bill & Marguerite	Coiro, Michael & Carol
DeBlasi, Frank	Deutchman, Andrew & Eric
Dittrich, Greg & Becky	Dodge, Jeff & Monica
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Grisi, Diodato	Horne, Howard & Sherri
Kananeh, Fahad	Lacki, Allan & Joan
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Lohf, Robert & Joana	Ludwig, Tom & Liz
Luongo, Richard & Chris	Marinaro, Christine
Natale, Lois	Newell, Robert
Rothenberg, David	Senegeto, Chris
Staats, Ken	Stone, David & Kathryn
Wanhouse, Robert	Weiner, David
Wilkinson, Joshua	Zielensky, Trudy

NJACE Calendar of Events

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.

Saturday, April 1: Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

Sunday, April 2: 25th Anniversary "Metro Petro" automobilia show at the Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge. See the details on page 4.

Saturday, April 15: Lehigh Valley Corvair Club all-Corvair Swap Meet, Bath, PA. Complete details in next month's newsletter!



What About the Holiday Party?

Our annual Holiday Party on January 29th happened after the deadline for this newsletter. We'll have a full report in next month's issue.

GM Embraces the Corvair

from *GMAuthority.com*

GM has filed to trademark "National Corvair Museum," GM Authority has learned. The trademark will likely be used to rename the Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum in Illinois following the museum's official recognition by GM.

The new trademark was filed on January 19th, 2023 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The application was assigned serial number 97760955, and carries a Goods and Services description of "Museum services."

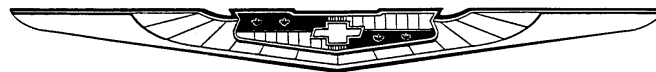
The new trademarked name will most likely be used in conjunction with a rebranding effort at the Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum. According to the Corvair Society of America, GM officially recognized the Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum in Illinois as the official Corvair museum in North America late last year, which would make this new trademarked name a perfect fit.

"It is with great joy and genuine excitement that we announce the official new name of our 'National Corvair Museum', which has just been approved by General Motors," said Corvair

Preservation Foundation President and Museum Curator, Mike Hall. "We look forward to a long and productive partnership with General Motors as Corvair will now have a national home for its display of historical vehicles, engines, artifacts as well as containing an archive for the history of this air-cooled wonder."

The Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum is located at 10041 Palm Road in Glenarm, Illinois. First opening in 2016, the museum contains a multitude of Corvair cars, trucks, and powertrain displays, as well as related memorabilia. The museum was also recently added to the Route 66 Historic Traveler's Tour Guide, making it a great destination for both Corvair fans and car lovers in general.

The Chevy Corvair nameplate was produced over the course of two generations between the 1960 and 1969 model years. The Corvair stands out as the only American-designed, mass-produced passenger car powered by an air-cooled, rear-mounted engine, and was offered in a variety of different body styles, including a four-door sedan, two-door coupe, convertible, pickup truck, and even a van.



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Membership Form

Date _____

[] New Membership or [] Renewal

[] Individual or [] Family*

*Family Membership includes two adults and all children under age 21 living at a single address.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name of 2nd Adult Family Member _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

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NJACE dues are payable as follows:

[] One Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$19.00

[] Two Year Membership, New or Renewal.....\$36.00

Membership expires on March 31st

Total Remitted:\$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to NJACE, Inc., and mail this completed form and payment to the address above or deliver it to the Treasurer at any club event. You should receive your first newsletter within four weeks of our receiving your application.

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Tell us about you and your Corvairs

Your Corvairs (year, model, color, equipment, condition etc) _____

Your other cars and trucks _____

Your other hobbies and interests _____

Your profession _____

Your birthday (and your age, if you wish) _____

Your anniversary (and year married, if you wish) _____

Your children/grandchildren or other family _____

Your pets _____

When and why did you first buy a Corvair? _____

Anything else you'd like to tell us _____