

Will your Corvaire be back together this Spring?



We are busy! Since our last issue we have enjoyed our Holiday Party (photos in this issue), February's well-attended breakfast (another happens on March 4), and our Parts Auction (stories and photos in this issue).

This month, in addition to our monthly breakfast we'll have the Roving Wrenches tackle a drivetrain R&R (see page 8). Then in April (ahh, Spring!) we'll head to the Lehigh Valley Corvaire Club's All-Corvaire Swap Meet (see page 9).

Check it all out – *and more* – in this issue!

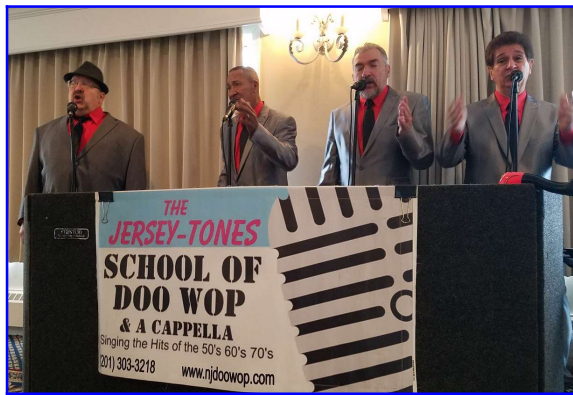
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The Holiday Party in Pictures



Kathi and Jean



The Jersey Tones entertained



The First Lady and the President



The President sang? Say it ain't so! (It ain't so, he lip-synched, thankfully)



Dance to the music!



Your club officers. Don't worry, we can change this in December...



Women don't need men to dance



Steve practices Safe Sax



This is just a small sampling. If you weren't there, you missed a fun time!

Parts Auction Review

by *David Malcolm*

The NJACE annual parts auction was held on Saturday, 18 February, at the Elks Lodge in Pompton Lakes, NJ. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great event.



This is the second consecutive year the club has held the auction at the Elks Lodge, and we think many would agree that it is a great venue for the auction. Yes, many of us miss the event at Ashley's; however, Larry Ashley said that he is thrilled to simply be a guest and enjoy the proceedings.

The auction had 44 registered bidders and the crowd totaled approximately 60 enthusiastic participants. We had attendees from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Elks set up tables and chairs ahead of the event, and Liz and I brought the tables covers saved from last year. Two additional tables were set up during that auction's proceedings and there was enough space available for every seller to set out their merchandise.

The Elks kitchen opened at 8:30 AM offering a variety of cooked breakfast items, and all the coffee (or tea) one might wish. The auction officially commenced promptly at 10:30 with introductions by Bob Marlow. The club's four regular auctioneers were on hand: Ray (Julio) Coker, David (Clean Dave) Main, Brian (Yes Sir!) O'Neill, and Tim (the Tightwad Treasurer) Schwartz.

At 12:30 we broke for a 40 minute lunch break, with the Elks kitchen now offering a varied hot lunch menu. Then the afternoon auction began.

The usual wide variety of Corvair parts and related items was on display filling the tables, boxes under the tables, and a pickup in the parking lot. A sampling of items sold included: a NOS clutch cable for \$55; a box of seven carbs for \$55; cast fin valve covers for \$110; a set of 140 heads modified for Weber carbs for \$50; and a 140 passenger side muffler and pipe in like new condition for \$35.

If you remember the bidding war last year for the LM radio delete plate (impressively auctioned by David Main) this year we had two similar items that would also fit Camaro and other GM cars: a 1968-69 driver's side remote mirror went for \$110 and a locking gas cap in the original AC box for only \$25.

There were several great deals that didn't sell,

including a complete LM front suspension with a reserve of only \$50 and a set of tinted EM glass for a coupe with no reserve!

A total of 151 lots were sold for a total of \$3,425, and the 50-50 raffle awarded \$94 to the winner.

One of the great things about the size of the Elk's room is that it is wonderful for socializing – before the auction, during lunch, and post auction – while waiting to pay (buyers) or to be paid (sellers). One can really move around the room. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to chat with people one might see at a club breakfast, for example, but never have an opportunity to speak at length. How many members know there is a large cat lover contingent among members (and apparently a sole dog lover)?

The camaraderie at the auction is perhaps what makes this NJACE event an annual favorite, if not the favorite annual event. Folks pitched in to help clear up. Liz had a chance to catch up with Al Lacki as they were stripping the tables after the auction. Another gentleman, whom Liz did not know, also pitched in, which she truly appreciated.

A great big NJACE thank you to all those who make this one of the Corvair club events of the year and our special thanks to Frank Hunter and Roberta O'Neill who keep the records and handle the money.

PS: We have to take a moment to remember the late Ed Natale, who just prior to his passing last year made the contacts that got us into the Elks Lodge. Ed was a loyal NJACE member and an all-around good guy. And we are pleased that his widow, Lois, has chosen to renew her NJACE membership!



Showing with the AACA

Ed Garfield has tipped us off that the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) has a judging class that now specifically includes turbocharged Corvairs: Class 36b, Factory High Performance, Chevrolet and Oldsmobile, 1957 - 1969.

While the class itself has been around for some time, factory turbocharged Corvairs (Spyders and Corsa) are now listed as eligible for judging in the class, alongside such cars as 1966-1969 Camaro Z/28s, 1968-1969 Nova Yenko Deuces, and 1964-1969 Oldsmobile 442s.

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)

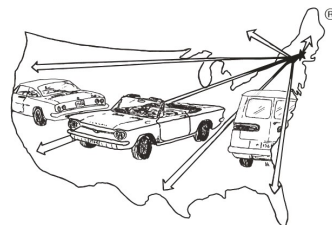
CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES- See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Slide show by Cal. Parts on sale!
SEPT 16, 2023 - rain or shine

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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Auction Statistics

Our annual Parts Auction drew over 50 attendees, with 44 registered bidders (the same as last year), 12 sellers, and the usual 200+ lots.

Of those lots, 151 were sold for a total \$3,425.00, an average price of \$22.68 per item. The highest priced item was an original Kent-Moore engine cradle, which sold for \$125. 35 lots sold for \$5 or less, including ten lots that sold for \$1.

Total income for the day, including sales, the 50/50 raffle, and a cash donation, was \$558. Total expenses, including the Elks Lodge room rental of \$600, was \$629.47. This resulted in a net loss of \$71.47 for the event. Not positive, but not bad!

Thanks on behalf of the club and the attendees go to Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge (our host), Ray Coker, David Main, Bob Marlow, Brian O'Neill, and Tim Schwartz (our auctioneers), and to bookkeepers Frank Hunter and Roberta O'Neill (shown below). Thanks also to the sellers and especially to the buyers!



Retro Petro Presents...

METRO GAS PETRO 2023

*Indoor/Outdoor
Rain or Shine*

Join us for our 25th Anniversary!

METRO VINTAGE ADVERTISING COLLECTORS SHOW

Sunday, April 2, 2023 8am - 1pm

Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge - 1 Perrin Ave, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442 - Easy Access from I-287 Exit 57

Filling Station Collectibles- Gas Pumps, Globes, Oil Cans, Road Maps; Automobilia; Old Toys; License Plates; Vintage Advertising Signs; Country Store Antiques; Barber Shop, Soda Fountain, Drive in, Amusement Park Items; Breweriana; Tobacciana; Dairy Items; Garage Art; Roadside Americana; Rec Room Decor; "Man Cave" Stuff; Coin Operated Machines; Pedal Cars; Hot Rod/ Racing/ Motorcycle Collectibles; Car Culture Memorabilia; & Lots More Fun Nostalgia!!!

All Are Welcome!
Free Parking/ Admission
Elks Kitchen Serving Breakfast & Lunch

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My Rampside Ownership Story

#2 in a series

by Ray Coker



One thing that still makes me laugh is while towing the Rampside from Texas to Pennsylvania I stopped one morning at a Waffle House restaurant for breakfast. I pulled into their parking lot, walked into the restaurant and overheard a man say "there is a guy getting a divorce right after Christmas" while sipping his coffee. Obviously, he had seen the sign I wrote on the back window of the Rampside which was *My Wife's Xmas Gift*.

The truck was complete with the original engine so I was hoping it would run once again after a little cleaning and tuning. It was no surprise to see the 40-year collection of varmint nesting material under the top engine cover. Once the mouse nests were removed, used carburetors were installed and a simple tune-up was completed, the engine started up but I could tell it had internal damage. That is probably why the truck was parked and sat for so long.

I was able to find a nice used 110 car engine to replace the knocking truck engine but in order to take the first test drive I needed to replace all the brake components. New brake drums, brake shoes, wheel cylinders, brake hardware kits, rubber brake hoses, steel brake lines and a new dual brake master cylinder along with new front inner and outer wheel bearings and four new shock absorbers allowed the truck to roll and stop upon command.

The engine ran well, the brakes worked but the transmission had a horrible internal noise and would not stay in gear so I had to install a transmission also. None of this work came as a surprise, after all most of it was probably original equipment that had been sitting unused for 40 years.

I purchased all new glass for it, a new windshield, a new back cab glass, new door glass and vent glass and all new rubbers and seals. I had the seat recovered and with lots of adjustments from front to rear and top to bottom

the truck was street legal and ready to use. It was ugly with all the bodywork and paint it needed but I was proud to know I had brought it back to life.

After many trips around town it was ready for a road trip so my wife and I drove it from our home in PA to a show at Clark's Corvair Parts, five hours and 342 miles each way. The only issue we experienced was one tire went bad, the cords inside the tire had separated which caused a terrible bounce. After a short stop along the highway the spare tire was installed and we continued our drive home.

The bodywork was next.

I completely stripped all of the original paint from every part of the truck. I accomplished that using a sandblaster a DA (dual action orbital) sander and a grinder. I was able to purchase an NOS (New Old Stock) ramp skin, an NOS left dog-leg/rocker section, a new left side panel from Clark's Corvair, two used quarter panels, and two used doors that had been removed from a van and put in storage 40 years ago so they had no rust at all, I replaced a section of the front end by the right headlight which I purchased from someone out west. I also had the two doors and the tailgate chemically stripped.

I did bodywork for a living most of my life so I was fully prepared to do all the panel replacement, welding, and metal fabrication. I never got rid of my tools so my garage is equipped with a welder, a cabinet sandblaster, a hydraulic press, a parts washer, a car lift and lots of air tools and hand tools. The garage also has heat and AC plus a large screen TV. Yeah, I am spoiled but ready to work in any season.



To be continued...



At our Parts Auction, David Rogers, a resident of Westfield, joined NJACE.

A retired engineer, David has two Corvairs currently, a 1964 Monza convertible (red) and a 1964 Spyder convertible (yellow). But he also

has a very interesting project under way: He is building twin '66 engines as one... a 12-cylinder! We look forward to learning more about this.

He also knows a story about what is likely the very first Corvair converted to V8 power, and it was right here in Elizabeth, NJ, in 1960. David, welcome, and do tell!

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.

To those who have renewed so far, thank you!
(The list below is shorter than it was last month.)

Due for renewal:

Androvett, Phil
Calandra, Steven
Coiro, Michael & Carol
Deutchman, Andrew & Eric
Dombal, Lawrence
Grisi, Diodato
Levy, Craig & Stacy
Ludwig, Tom & Liz
Newell, Robert
Senegeto, Chris
Wanhouse, Robert
Zielensky, Trudy

Backer, Andrew
Cohen, Bill & Marguerite
DeBlasi, Frank
Dittrich, Greg & Becky
Fisher, Bernice
Horne, Howard & Sherri
Lohf, Robert & Joana
Marinero, Christine
Rothenberg, David
Staats, Ken
Weiner, David

NJACE Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 4: Monthly breakfast meeting, at the Empire Diner on Route 46 eastbound in Parsippany, 9:00 AM.

Saturday, March 25: Roving Wrenches session to replace a bellhousing seal in Jean O'Day's car. See all the details on page 8

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 5.

Saturday, April 15: Lehigh Valley Corvair Club all-Corvair Swap Meet, Bath, PA. Complete details are on page 9.



The NJACE Roving Wrenches are returning to action this month, with a project to replace the bellhousing crankshaft seal in Jean O'Day's convertible.

It is a big, but not difficult job. It requires the entire engine and transaxle assembly to be removed from the car, split, re-assembled, and re-installed. But experienced Corvair owners can complete this task in a day, and that's our goal.

Unlike most Roving Wrenches sessions, where we go to the car owner's garage, Jean is bringing her car to Brian O'Neill's garage in Sparta, where we have all the necessary tools and equipment, and where we have a heated floor (!) to ward off any March chill.

The date is **Saturday, March 25**. We'll start in the morning, we'll take a midday lunch break, and we'll finish up in the afternoon.

The address is **45 Whipoorwill Lane, Sparta, NJ 07871**. Questions? Contact Brian at 973-729-5586 or bmoneill@juno.com.

And if you want to get the Roving Wrenches to help with a project on your Corvair, contact Bob Marlow to set it a date.

Fin Fans!

*A Message From Your Activities VP
by Steve Calandra*

Greetings Folks! As reported in this newsletter, the NJACE Parts Auction was a screaming success! Our five auctioneers expressed a lot of witty humor. Thanks to Tim, Brian, Ray, Bob, and Dave. The volunteers at the Elks Lodge treated us well and kept us fed and watered. A splendid time was had by all.



This get-together, similar to our own monthly breakfasts, will give us a chance to talk cars and coffee and get the two clubs to know each other.

So far we don't have plans to do anything afterwards, but that may change!

The next club event we are having is the Roving Wrenches noted above, but we also have an informal activity that involves the **Cadillac Club of New Jersey**. We have been invited to join them for breakfast on **Saturday, March 25**, at 9:00 am at the **Maple Valley Diner**, 1116 Route 46 West in Clifton.



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Lehigh Valley Corvair Club

All-Corvair Swap Meet

Saturday, April 15, 2023

rain or shine
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

at the Egerton Farm
👉 2510 Community Drive 👈
Bath, PA 18014

FREE for sellers
FREE for buyers
FREE admission
FREE parking

REFRESHMENTS (okay, they're not free)
50-50 Raffle (that's not free, either)

Corvairs, Corvair Parts, and Corvair-Related items only, please.
Sellers, bring your own tables or tarps or canopies.
Buyers, bring cash!

See our Facebook page for details

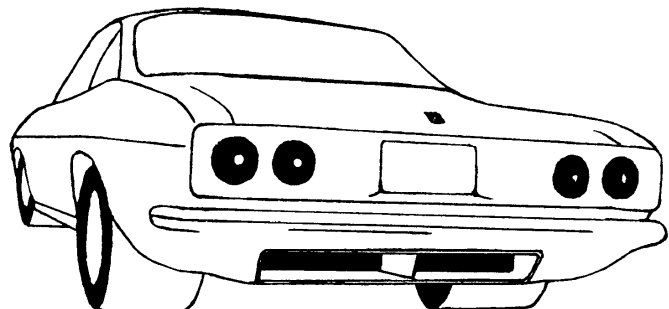


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Membership Form

Date _____

- Membership options: 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 _____

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Membership expires on March 31st

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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 _____