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President's Message

By Brian O'Neill



It has been a couple of months since I've written anything for the Fanbelt. Our new newsletter editor has been kind to me. Our previous long serving, award-winning newsletter editor was a little tougher. He would harass me every month. Well, I've been very busy but I realized I was derelict in my duty by not writing something. So here goes.

First thing I'd like to talk about this month is our upcoming holiday party. As you know from previous published information we will be returning to the old mill. It's been many years since we had our holiday party there but it was a giant success. To be very candid about it we need support from the membership. We have a requirement to have at least 50 participants. If we don't we pay for 50 regardless of how many show up. I think you also know that the club is subsidizing our members. Tim Schwartz, our treasurer, has done the math. The total per person including tax and tip works out to be \$73 a person but we are only asking our members to pay \$49.00 for what will be a great event. I would also like to encourage our members to invite guests. In the past we have had some very interesting people as our guests.

One other thing about the holiday party this year we are again by popular demand having the gift exchange. This has always been a hilarious event. I say that even though one year I ended up with a pair of Bunny slippers. There will be more details in this month's fan belt about how it all works and the limit you should spend on the gift and other details.

Now I want to give you an update on the Jack Rogers parts project. Members of NJACE continue to work to dig out, identify and ultimately sell what Jack has had for many years. We have had two Sunday sales which were extremely successful. As I have mentioned in the past when our share of the

money made on these sales and other transactions is coupled with the money we received from selling the car the Jack donated to the club, NJACE will be more than \$20,000 richer than when we started this about 5 months ago. This is one of the reasons we are able to subsidize our holiday party..



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Editor's Year End Recap

By Chris Senegeto



Well... This is it! This is the last newsletter of 2024, my first year as the NJACE Publicity VP. Maybe my only year depending upon how you vote! 😊 Elections are in fact this month and you can cast your vote at this month's breakfast meeting or by filling out the ballot form located in this newsletter and either mailing it in or scanning it and emailing it in. You will find all the info on page 12.

Not to get too personal, but I'd like to share a little story with you. This year I made a New Year's resolution, as I am sure a lot of us probably do year after year. As I find myself getting older, as we also seem to find ourselves doing year after year, my resolution was to spend more time with my family, friends and doing the things I really enjoy doing. Being more active in NJACE was on the list, as I have many good friends in the club and in the Corvair hobby in general. Of Course at that time, I had no idea I was going to be THIS active in the club haha.

When I decided to volunteer to take on the Publicity VP position, I had no idea how to put together a newsletter and although I had been heavily involved in planning activities for my local scooter club, this was a whole new thing that I had never really done before. However, having The Fanbelt as one of my few ties to the club over my many inactive years, it was very important to me that the club have a great newsletter every month.

I would like to thank Bob Marlow for showing me the ropes, Brian O'Neill and the other officers for voting me in and helping me along the way and most of all... All of the members for the kind words, for submitting these fantastic articles and reading this every month. It is an absolute joy

putting this together, getting to spend more time with the friends I already had and making new friends along the way! Ok, on to the recap!

This has been a great year for NJACE! The holiday party, which took place in January at The Chimney Rock Inn was a blast! I put the camera lens cases that I got in the gift game to good use! Thank you to Donna Ashley for coming up with that and leading the way. What fun that was!

The annual parts auction held on the snowy Saturday of February 17th at the Pompton Lakes Elks was a great success. Frank Hunter and Roberta O'Neill were our bookkeepers and Brian O'Neill, Bob Marlow, David Main, Ray Coker and Tim Schwartz were our auctioneers. They kept both the parts and the humor going for most of the day! Thank you to all who participated!

In April, some of us traveled out to the Lehigh Valley Club's All-Corvair Swap Meet, which was not only a great time, but also a great success! If you didn't attend this year, I highly recommend you try and make it in 2025.

June saw many members heading to the NECC NY Safety Track event, which was fantastic as always! The NECC can use our support again in 2025. We also went to the Thomas Edison House and Museum where we got a private tour of the home as well as walked through the many buildings and labs where the work took place. Thank you to Steve Calandra for planning that. Not only did Steve plan it, he skinned his knee badly as well as getting some other bumps and bruises just days prior while there doing a pre visit visit.

July saw some of us at the second NECC event, this time at Pocono Raceway, and also some of us at the Corsa Convention which took place in Dayton, Ohio. It was also in July that NJACE started the "Jack Rogers Project".

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In August we had our Cruise-In at The Plaza 23 Diner which was well attended by members and non members alike. Steve Calandra Djed the event and you really could not have asked for a more beautiful day. Thanks to all who came and helped set up, take down and just lent a hand in general.

In September we had our annual club picnic, this year held at Jersey Girl Brewery in Mt Olive, NJ where we got a nice tour of the brewery, repaired Jean's car in the parking lot and just had an overall great time!

In October and November we had the two sales at Jack Rogers place, which was just a tremendous effort by many club members, specifically Brian O'Neill, Bob Marlow, Tony Gervasio, Frank Hunter, Ed Garfield, Mark Lipkovitz and Jean O'Day who I know spent many many hours at Jack's place over many days and months cleaning, arranging, lifting, moving, transporting, categorizing, then cleaning, arranging, lifting, moving, transporting and categorizing AGAIN!! As of today, one of the two donated cars has been sold and most of the parts as well! This was a HUGE effort on the part of NJACE. Thank you to all who helped in the efforts thus far and will help in the efforts moving forward as well!

There were of course so many other things that I haven't even mentioned here.... So many cars were worked on, discussions had, breakfast meetings enjoyed, car shows gone to, articles submitted and more!


Looking forward to 2025....

The Holiday Party on Jan 26th 2025 is going to be fantastic! I truly hope you can make it, as the venue and entertainment lined up is really great and its going to be a really fun time. You can RSVP to Frank Hunter at HunterFrankD@gmail.com

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TWICE AS NICE...

The Great Sell Off Part 2

By Bob Marlow

On Sunday, November 3rd, our second big sale of Corvair parts at Jack Rogers' place was a surprising success. Why



Surprising? Because we expected a second sale to be less well attended than the first, and we thought that the Sunday date would limit attendance. Wrong on both counts!

Not only was the sale equally well attended as the first sale (which was on Saturday, October 19th), but the total sale proceeds exceeded that of the first sale! We had chosen a Sunday for the second sale so as to reach people who might otherwise have to work on a Saturday, and apparently that was a good idea.

Gary Weber came all the way from Virginia and went home with TWO 140-hp engines. Larry Asheuer, from suburban Philadelphia, and a regular supporter of our midwinter parts auction, picked up a truckload of parts including a complete Spyder turbo engine and an NOS gas tank. Our own Nick Ford obtained a solid gas tank for his Greenbrier. Wait - which Greenbrier? Nick has two!

Entire Greenbrier doors were sold. Longtime club member Tom Ludwig found some pieces that he needed for his newly-acquired 1965 Monza four-door. Greg Dittrich, a certified "parts hound," had a large stack of wheel covers among the parts he selected. Jeff Stonesifer from the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg made the trip as well. Waiting until the end of the day so that club members would get first dibs, Jeff then picked out a vanload of new-old-stock and used parts. John Sweet did the same, although he was limited by the capacity of his SUV. Both plan to come back for more.

The weather was perfect for both sales and we hope that you were among the majority of NJACE members who attended one or both. A substantial dent was made in the size of Jack's collection, but there is still a long way to go. A crew of NJACErs under the supervision of club President Brian O'Neill visit Jack's place weekly to dig out and sort out the remaining parts. Interested? Contact Brian to learn more. His contact information is in this and every newsletter.

And thanks must again be given to Jack! After decades of Corvair parts collecting, has donated a majority of the sale proceeds to the club's treasury. That generous act is why this year's Holiday Party cost is being subsidized in a big way. At the party, you'll enjoy a day of great food and fun entertainment for nearly half of the actual cost. Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, January 26, and plan to join us at the Grain House Restaurant in Basking Ridge. Please contact Frank Hunter to confirm your attendance, by phone at 201-934-0244 or by e-mail at hunterfrankd@gmail.com.



I Spy.... (The Lakewood Edition)

1961 Lakewood in the movie The Fablemans from 2022.



Another 1961 Lakewood as seen in the T.V. Series Crime Story, which ran from 1986 through 1988.



A Lakewood in the T.V. Series Why Women Kill, which ran from 2019 through 2021.



A Car Named Calvin Part 7 He's ALIVE!!!!

By Chris Senegeto



November 17th was the day! Club member, Steve Calandra aka The Corvair Guru...its true, I've known Steve for a long time and there is nobody else that knows Corvairs better than Steve (in this editor's opinion anyway) drove down to lend a hand in getting Calvin running. THANK YOU STEVE!

We went down the list and one by one made the repairs and adjustments needed. First thing we did was clock the back of the alternator 45 degrees to get the brace properly lined up and bolted on. We added two ground wires and checked for positive power out of the new battery. I added some fuel to the tank, as it and all of the lines had been replaced. We had to adjust the accelerator rod as it was not the original one to the car and add a return spring. We lubricated a lot of the moving parts and then turned the key! It took a couple of tries but Calvin came roaring to life!

As the engine warmed up it sounded better and better. Some fine tuning was done to the carbs and he was purring like a kitten. We then got the lights working and I started making a list of things that were going to need to be addressed. Nothing major. Some grommets, turn signal housings, a new voltage regulator (as it was charging at 14.8 volts) and various other tid bits. All of this, the brakes and windshield install will be addressed over the winter. I think Calvin may be road worthy by Spring!

This was a very big day! A huge chapter to the story closed. It had been two years in the making! My best guess is that it had been at least three years since the car had had a running engine in it.

Of course no NJACE work day would be complete without dinner. Steve and I packed up the tools and headed down the street to my local Wawa where we ordered food, sat down and caught up over dinner.

So many NJACE, Lehigh Valley and PCA members have contributed parts and knowledge over the last two years to get this car to this point. Thank you!!

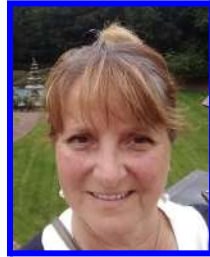
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NJACE October Meeting

By Jean O'Day

Officer's Present

President Brian O'Neill
Vice-President Tony Gervasio
Treasurer Tim Schwartz
Secretary Jean O'Day
Activities VP Steve Calandra
Publicity VP Chris Senegeto



Brian opened the monthly meeting at 9:40am

Old Business

Brian: Asked members to volunteer to help clean out and set up at Jack Rogers place to get ready for the first sale. First sale at Jack's is October 19 from 10am to 4pm. Also having a second sale on November 5th. Brian reminded everyone that 50 percent of all parts sales go to the club. We also sold one of the two donated cars for 5k and still have the second to sell.

Tim announced the treasurer's report and everyone accepted it.

Roberta reported how much money was made from the sale. Half goes to the club, so far around 7-9k.

Steve said he had no new updates.

Chris discussed the items for sale in the newsletter that members may want to purchase. May want to do a club sale of jackets.

New Business

Brian discussed the parts available at Jack's such as the telescopic steering wheels. They also fit corvettes and they are going for a lot of money on Ebay. Bob Marlow may take them to Hershey to sell.

Frank Hunter announced the Holiday Party will be at The Grain House in Basking Ridge, NJ on January 26th.

Brian asked for nominations of officers for 2025. All present officers were nominated. Bob Marlow explained how the ballots work.

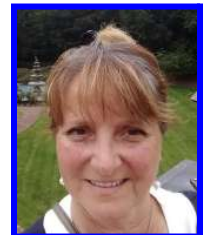
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NJACE November Meeting

By Jean O'Day

Officer's Present

President Brian O'Neill
Vice-President Tony Gervasio
Treasurer Tim Schwartz
Secretary Jean O'Day
Activities VP Steve Calandra
Publicity VP Chris Senegeto



Brian opened the monthly meeting at 9:40am

Tim gave the treasurer's report:

In October 8,130.63 including the CD with one new member and interest adding another 19.03

Chris said he was very excited about the holiday party in January and mentioned that the illusionist will be a great entertainer. Brian congratulated Chris on his good work and contributions to the club.

Old Business

Brian: First sale at Jack's October 19 from 10am to 4pm. Made over 6k in profit. Having the second sale on Nov 3rd. Brian reminded everyone that 50 percent of the sales of Jack's parts goes to the club. One car has been sold at 100 percent donation to the club. The second car has been sitting at Ashley's Auto Body for many years. Brian said the club

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should profit about 12 - 14k after the sales of Jack's parts and the two donated cars. Brian reminded everyone that because of the positive cash flow the club will subsidize costs of the holiday party exceeding 49.00 per person. We need a minimum of 50 people at the Holiday Party. Brian discussed the second sale, the engines for sale and the fact that Roberta has been keeping close records of all sales.

New Business

Brian made a motion to accept the October and November minutes when they arrive from Jean the secretary, as she needs to submit them to Chris to post in the November newsletter. Motion was made and accepted to delay until the meeting in December.

Frank stated the location for the holiday party is The Grain House in Basking Ridge, NJ where it had been many years ago. The party will be on January 26th.

Brian said the officers' elections will be in December and we can nominate anyone, including ourselves.

Brian motioned to close the official part of the meeting at 10:55.

Holiday Party Gift Exchange

Again this year we will be having the "Gift Game" at our Holiday Party in January. In the Gift Game each person or couple brings a wrapped gift valued at no more than about fifteen dollars, for exchange. Just remember the gifts you bring should be unisex. The ladies generally don't care for things like spark plugs, men's cologne or wrenches. Items such as spice assortments for the kitchen, 6-Packs of beer, perfumes, music CD's, cookies, wall calendars, games, mugs, bottles of wine, ugly vases, etc. are perfect gifts. Corvair-related items are okay, too, but think beyond Corvairs and car parts, be creative in the gifts, the crazier the better.

The rules of the Gift Game are:

Each gift should have a monetary value of no more than about fifteen dollars.

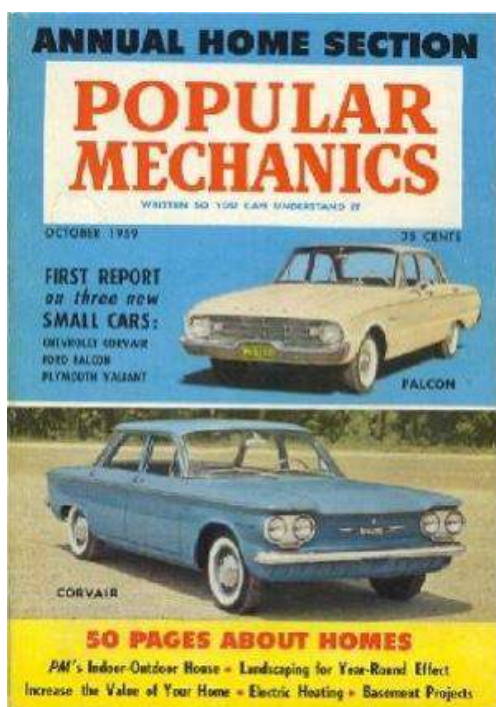
Each gift should be unisex.

Each gift has to be wrapped.

Donna Ashley has been our Gift Game coordinator in recent years and Donna promises some new wrinkles to keep the game moving and keep the surprises coming. One constant feature is, the game has always been great fun!

It is important to note that participation in the Gift Game is not required. If you bring a gift, you're in, but you have the option of not bringing a gift and just watching the fun if you prefer.

But whether or not you choose to participate, mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, January 26, and plan to join us at the Grain House Restaurant in Basking Ridge. Please contact Frank Hunter to confirm your attendance, by phone at 201-934-0244 or by e-mail at



NJACE STORE

Here you can look at 👁️👁️ and order different types of NJACE merchandise. All prices listed DO NOT INCLUDE shipping. Please email Chris at Chriss.corvair@gmail.com with your list of items and include the following...quantity of items, size (if applicable) of items, color (if applicable) of the items that you are looking to purchase. I will email you back with a total that includes shipping.

All items can be purchased using a credit card, or a check/money order.



NJACE Mouse Pad \$14.00 + shipping



NJACE Two Sided Mug
\$15.00 + shipping



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\$23.00 + shipping



NJACE Pen \$4.00 each + shipping



NJACE Embroidered Polo
All sizes \$42.00 + shipping



NJACE Embroidered
Cap (one size)
\$20.00 + shipping

NJACE Hoodie
All sizes
\$ 47.00 + shipping

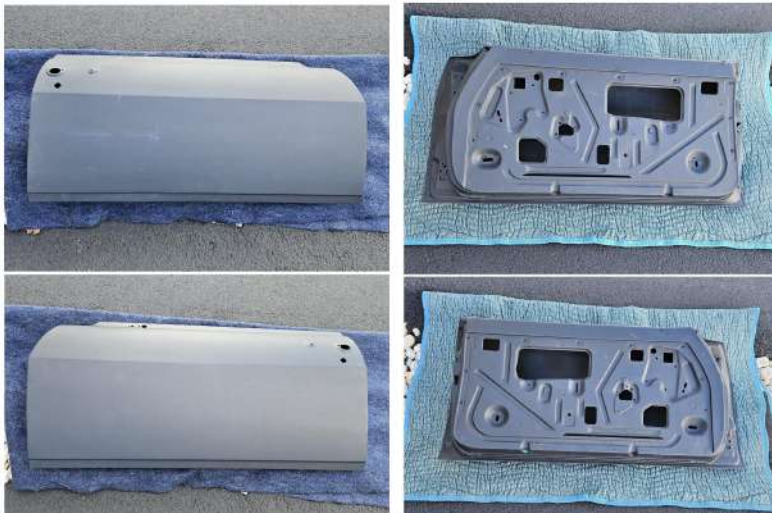


NJACE Classifieds...

FOR SALE

1965 PG POSI differential "AH" 3.55 \$250/offer; 1965 4 speed complete transaxle, 3.27 ratio \$150/offer; 1965 Powerglide \$75/offer; Powerglide cores \$25. many other good used parts. Located in Brick, NJ. Contact Bill Doerge, email bjdoe2@gmail.com, phone 908-910-0131

NEW 1967 coupe & convertible doors from the Jack Rogers collection. New-old-stock complete doors for LESS than the price of new door skins from Clark's. Asking \$600 for the pair. Contact Bob Marlow, email rmarlow4040@gmail.com, phone 201-444-1859.



1965 "Corsa" convertible. A 1965 Monza, fully updated to Corsa specifications. 140-hp, 4-speed. Extensive performance modifications, including center-mount 4-bbl carburetor, Recaro seats, roll bar, electric fuel pump, and much more. Comfortable street cruiser, capable track car. Multi-time Fitch Award winner at Lime Rock. Owned by the LVCC member Ron Peles who passed away earlier this year.. Being offered on behalf of the late owner's estate. Located in Stewartsville, just off I-78 near Phillipsburg, NJ. Asking price is \$16,000. For further information, email Allan Lacki (allanvlacki@gmail.com) or call (610) 927-1583 between 9 AM and 5 PM Eastern Time.





HOLIDAY PARTY

JANUARY **26** NOON - 5PM

THE GRAIN HOUSE - 225 MORRISTOWN RD BASKING RIDGE, NJ

Illusionist Mike Paldino
Dj Steve Calandra
Food & Drinks

RSVP FRANK HUNTER 201-934-0244



Official 2024 NJACE Officer Election Ballot

For our 2025 NJACE Officers

Use this ballot to vote for the NJACE 2025 officers. Our annual election meeting will take place on Dec. 7th at 9am at the Plaza 23 Diner in Pompton Plains, NJ.

You may vote at the meeting or by mail by sending in your completed ballot to:

NJACE, PO BOX 631, Ridgewood NJ 07451

Alternatively, you may scan your completed ballot and email it to club secretary Jean O'Day at greenjean2020@gmail.com

Ballots must be received by Dec. 7th, 2024.

As an alternative to any nominees shown, you may also write in the name of an eligible member, including your own name if you wish.

President :

- ☐ Brian O'Neill
☐ _____

Vice President:

- ☐ Tony Gervasio
☐ _____

Treasurer:

- ☐ Tim Schwartz
☐ _____

Secretary:

- ☐ Jean O'Day
☐ _____

Activities VP:

- ☐ Steve Calandra
☐ _____

Publicity VP:

- ☐ Chris Senegeto
☐ _____

Calendar Of Events



Dec. 7 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
Plaza 23 Diner
 411 NJ Rt 23 Southbound
 Pompton Plains, NJ

Jan. 4 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
Plaza 23 Diner
 411 NJ Rt 23 Southbound
 Pompton Plains, NJ

Jan. 26 NJACE Holiday Party Noon-5pm
Grain House Restaurant
By Old Mill Inn
 225 Morristown Rd
 Basking Ridge, NJ

Feb. 1 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
Plaza 23 Diner
 411 NJ Rt 23 Southbound
 Pompton Plains, NJ

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit an article to The Fanbelt, feel free to contact me @ chriss.corvair@gmail.com

Roving Wrenches (2025)

If you would like to sign up for a 2025 Roving Wrenches session, feel free to contact Brian O'Neill @ oneill1258@juno.com

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