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President's Message

By Brian O'Neill

It's been a good year for the club. We had some very interesting activities to include a car show at our breakfast meeting. The diner staff continues to be top notch and our attendance at the Saturday meetings continues to be good. We always would like to see more members at our monthly breakfast meetings. When you come to the breakfast meetings, you'll hear all the latest news about club activities.

Now, our newsletter editor does a great job of making sure that everything is covered in the monthly newsletter but that's only once a month and things change in between. For example, talk about the details for our upcoming holiday party. So, I urge you to come to the January meeting and also to the holiday party. You will have a great time, I guarantee it.

During this past year, probably our biggest thing was the project to organize, inventory, and sell off what we call the Jack Rogers collection. Thanks to the efforts of a number of Starwood club members this project, which by the way is ongoing, has produced a significant monetary windfall for the club. We just closed out this year's accounting of the project and the club's share of the sales was \$16,000. Jack Rogers also graciously donated a Corsa coupe which we have sold and realized another \$5000. We are using some of this money to subsidize our holiday party. This is another one of the benefits of belonging to the club.

At our December meeting we held our officer elections for next year. The current slate was reelected. On behalf of all our officers I would like to express our appreciation and the honor that you give us when you trust us with the club for another year.



NJACE MILEAGE CONTEST 2025 !!!!



What is the NJACE MILEAGE CONTEST OF 2025 you ask and how do you participate? Such great questions and thank you for asking 😊

Here is how it works.....

You email your name and the current mileage of your vehicle (or vehicles) to me @ chriss.corvair@gmail.com by the end of January and I am going to put it into a spreadsheet. I will reach back out to you in December of this year and get your then current mileage (no cheating!) and the one who has driven their Corvair or Corvairs the most in 2025 will be announced and receive a box of NJACE goodies at the 2026 Holiday Party!

Thanks to Steve Calandra for the idea and Happy Motoring!

FROM THE VAULT



This is my own personal From The Vault, as I came across this photo the other day of my most favorite Corvair I have owned. This is a picture taken in the early 2000s of my 1963 Corvair 700 Sedan with red interior that I purchased from Steve Calandra and drove for quite a number of years.

NJACE At Work



On December 11th, 2024 this brave group of NJACE and non NJACE members spent some time at Jack Rogers place cleaning out the garage. Thanks Jean for the great picture!

Editor's Message

By Chris Senegoto

Welcome to the first 2025 edition of The Fanbelt! A special hello to all of the new members of the club, in which there are several. Going to make this short and sweet.

I am looking forward to putting together some great newsletters this year, as well as writing some new articles about the progress I plan to make on the 63 Spyder this winter. Calvin is closer to being on the road than ever before! Hope everyone had a great holiday and Happy New Year to you all!



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 Hunterfrankd@gmail.com

NJACE December 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 9:32am

Tim: Tim stated last month November 30 there was \$7485.78 total in account which includes checking account, CD and interest totaling in account as of Nov 30th, 2024. Tim has not yet included the money we raised from Jacks car parts sales. Brian made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Steve Calandra and Mark L, 2nd it and all accepted.

Chris: Chris stated he's excited and looking forward to the Holiday Party in January and mentioned the illusionist/magician would be a great entertainer for that party. Brian congratulated Chris on his good work and his contributions to the club.

Brian: Brian said Roberta has been keeping a close record of all of Jack's car parts sold. That Roberta has received the 5K from the sale of one of Jacks cars and that the total from all car parts from Jacks sales so far Roberta has about 32K which half will go to NJACE and half will go to Jack. Brian asked for help to continue to go through Jack's car parts. He also stated that John Sweet would be coming this Wednesday to help inventory and sort out what Clarks may want to purchase from us. John Sweet also offered to help us price some items. Brian said there are a lot of totes and crates to go through. Brian said he and Ed Garfield took two trips to the metal scrap yard already and figured there would be a few more trips there in the next few weeks, as we continue to sort through more of the car parts.

Brian made a motion to accept the October and November minutes as they arrived late into The

Fanbelt for the months of Oct and Nov from Jean the Secretary, as they were posted late in the December issue of the Fanbelt. Brian reminded at the November meeting everyone accepted a motion to delay the minutes until the next meeting which is why the minutes were accepted today at the December meeting.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Brian said for everyone to Rsvp to Frank about the Holiday Party. Frank said he only received 30 responses of attendees so far and that we must pay for at least 50 people. Brian suggested we treat and pay for John Sweet's dinner at the party, as he has helped us a lot at the two sales at Jacks. With John's 30 plus years experience in pricing parts we were able to get more sales. The holiday party location is at the Grain House restaurant in Basking Ridge. It is the same location where NJACE had the Holiday party many years ago and the date of the party this year will be on SUNDAY JAN 26. The entertainment is going to be the illusionist and Steve Calandra, who will be the DJ. Brian asked that anyone who wants to participate in the Gift Game bring a wrapped gift to the Holiday Party. Brian joked about receiving Dr Horn's fuzzy bunny slippers in the past and that Dr Horn responded as attending to this year's party and so we should be looking forward to some more funny gifts. Donna Ashley is in charge of the gift exchange this year.

Tim Schwartz: As some new business Tim handed out paper copies of the member Roster but they will not be posted online to protect everyone's privacy. Tim did the Breakfast drawing and announced Dave Stone as the winner. Dave Stone gladly accepted his winning breakfast.

New member : Dave Whodak, was introduced as our newest member and welcomed by all.

Brian closed the meeting at 10:01am.



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



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**



**NJACE T-Shirts (available white or black) All sizes
\$23.00 + shipping**



**NJACE Embroidered Polo
All sizes \$42.00 + shipping**



NJACE Pen \$4.00 each + shipping



**NJACE Hoodie
All sizes
\$ 47.00 + shipping**

Calendar Of Events



- 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

Newsletter Submissions

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

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

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

- March 1** Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
Plaza 23 Diner
411 NJ Rt 23 Southbound
Pompton Plains, NJ

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