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NJACE Holiday Party

By Chris Senegeto

A large thank you to all who attended the Annual NJACE Holiday Party on January 26th at The Grain House in Basking Ridge, NJ. A special thank you to Frank Hunter, Roberta O'Neill, Donna Ashley, Steve Calandra and our guest entertainer, Mike Paldino! In this editor's opinion, this was one for the books!



We started out the afternoon with music, played by Steve Calandra, as well as tricks done by Illusionist Mike Paldino as he mingled with club members. I personally got to witness one of Mike's slight of hand card tricks as he showed my son Finn a little bit of what we were all in store for later on in the day.

Around 1pm, as we all sat down, President Brian O'Neill and Bob Marlow greeted the crowd and gave thanks to those who helped out with the Jack Rogers project and filled us in on some info for the NJACE Annual Parts Auction, which is coming up on March 1st. We were treated to a surprise from Frank Hunter, as a few members found 10.00 Clark's Corvair Gift Certificates taped under their chairs! One of those happened to be Finn. Will my family see a third generation of Corvair owner? He did just get his license. Only time will tell. We then got to experience what the Grain House Restaurant is best known for... their fantastic buffet style meals!

After the meal, Steve announced the winners of the Mary Paxton and Bill Abelson awards. The Mary Paxton Award, won by Dave Stone, is handed out to the person who attended the most NJACE events. The Bill Abelson Award, won by Frank Hunter, is handed out to the club member who drove a Corvair to the most events. Those of us who went to the Thomas Edison House last year, myself included, got the chance to ride in Frank's blue Corvair sedan both to and from the house from the lab.

After the awards, Illusionist Mike Paldino entertained us with a really fantastic show. I could really go on and on about this show, as it was really just phenomenal. Several club members were

chosen to participate. The show included card tricks, the burning of a dollar bill...at one point Mike had two people, eyes closed "on stage" while he touched one with a feather and both felt it. The swallowing of sewing needles and thread and then pulling the threaded needles back up out of his mouth... if you were there, I am sure you will be talking about that for a long time.

The party ended with the ever popular Gift Game run by Donna Ashley. This is always one of my favorite parts of the Holiday Party. This year's highlight for me was the Brian O'Neill wrapping paper!

What a great way for NJACE to start out 2025!



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NJACE Out And About

This month several NJACE members gathered at President Brian O'Neill's house to install the engine going into the Jack Roger's car that was donated to and sold by NJACE for its new owner. Thank you to Francis Westfield for the great photos!



NJACE Breakfast Meeting



Thank you to all who attended last month's meeting. As always, a great time was had by all. A few members drove their Corvairs and Steve Calandra showed up in his new to him Kia Soul. Congrats Steve on the new set of wheels! Also, a big thank you to The Plaza 23 Diner, our fantastic host every first Saturday of the month!



My Corvair History

Corvair Odyssey

By Dave Rogers

The opportunity was there in 1960 to look at the new realm of compact car offerings. The new rear-engine Corvair compact was technically interesting, but the lure of a Tri-power Impala drop-top prevailed for this High School Junior. Not until 1964 did life and wife become a two car family. A popular Pennsylvania car lot offered a '63 Monza Spyder. Sold!

Starting it the next morning was an event, or rather a non-event. It wouldn't start! The choke cover was gone. Moral – look at the engine before driving it away from the dealer's lot! What next? Popular mods were put on the Spyder. Michelin X tires, camber compensator bar, wrap the exhaust to add another three psi boost. Really nothing extensive, but the handling improved and the boost kick at 3400 RPM was thrilling.

Onward to the '61 Lakewood - but that's another chapter.

The black '62 Monza had had a fire intentionally set by some locals– not much damage. It went on to be a reliable commuter car after some repairs and paint.

Little brother's garage band needed a van so my newly acquired '63 Corvair van served that purpose.

A '60 coupe was intended to be a drag car or small block Chevy conversion to copy the first conversion of this type by friend, Bob Sotto in Elizabeth, NJ but ultimately too much rust plus the work and \$ needed ended that project. (Family needs and the new house may have been a factor.)

The mid 1960s found few shops who were able or willing to do Corvair work. I would do a de-leaking job or a clutch replacement almost every weekend for good money.

Enter the second generation.

A '66 Corsa 140 gold coupe became a passion in spite of the bullet holes in the door. It was such a thrill to drive that the lure of a cousin's '65 convertible, affectionately known in the family as Old Redd-y can't be denied. He's doing the installation of a '66 drive train into a '63 model 95 van, plus a '48 Jaguar restoration. There's no time or garage space for the Corvair restoration.

That convertible got my 176 cid four carb engine with all of the Bill Thomas, Grumpy Jenkins, Bill Fisher, etc. mods and some of my own experiments from building performance engines. Was it strong? You bet! But a two-year storage in a damp garage while I was overseas left the bodywork mostly rust. After all, it was a New Hampshire car. That engine went to the West Coast, I cried.

Three decades later my restored 1912 Overland was sold and the '29 Studebaker restoration nearly finished, Rod and Custom magazine ran a Corvair powered T- bucket illustration. Very interesting?! Along came a '66 twin to old Redd-y and it would yield its total drive train and a slew of parts to a totally custom twin Corvair engine, yes, a 'Flat 12" hot rod. As this is being written, the project is five years in the making but what better thing to do in retirement?

A model version of Dave's current project!



NJACE January 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



Meeting started at 9:40 AM.

Brian opened with discussion about the parts auction, which will be held on March 1st, to sell most of the remainder of Jack's stuff. The number of lots of items we will sell will be about 200 plus. Bob Marlow is now labeling the parts for the auction. We plan on having special dollar tables, which will include a \$1 table, \$2 and a \$3 table of items.

Some of the sales, which we already made at Jack's house were \$8000 from the first sale. And \$10,000 from the second sale.

Roberta and Frank will handle all the money at the auction.

The next agenda discussed was about the upcoming Holiday party, which will be held on Sunday, Jan 26th. Larry Ashley's wife is in-charge of organizing the gift exchange for this party. We ask everyone who brings the gift to make it non-gender specific. The club will subsidize all but the first \$49 for each person. Without the club subsidizing the price would be about \$85 per person. This all includes entertainment which will be music by Steve Calandra and also an illusionist, which has been recommended by Chris Senegeto.

We must have 55 people attend this party as we are required to pay for 55 people.

Brian mentioned we need to get more people, not many people responded or paid yet. Jean

suggested we send out personalized invitations to all the club members on the roster to get more members to attend the Christmas party. Brian made a motion for Jean to send out the invites. Tim seconded it. A vote was made by the club to cover the cost to purchase the invites and mail them out as soon as possible. Tim said he will send Jean a roster today.

Brian asked anyone who is interested in participating in the Corvair Mileage contest to please send in their miles.

The meeting ended around 10 AM.

Just For Fun

Answers will be on the March Newsletter

Holiday Party Word Search

VYTKSINGGIKVCORVAIRA
 QCSPNSIAHDTUPPZYRBIK
 BUFFETLQOLFDRYVYSTPF
 BUNNYSLIPPER SOLZDGLA
 DOHSCHUHLELQVTQQGOKQ
 UBOSWASCHWAUCAHDDJMY
 YULBQKIIOWGSZLSSRSN
 HRIFEEOVTCARDTRICKSF
 MNDJXZNOIJRDROTJLJSZ
 GZANNQIBOTBSEZWFGBHB
 DGYJJESRVVTAUKVUPHHK
 LRP IAWTVFQZJYCLPBK
 CAAJCTNWXXYFECZJJXDO
 RIRHEGIFTCERTIFICATE
 INTYIZLIQLEHEFUPFBR
 AHYYXEUXCVDVLUUVKFA
 ROZWIGHMRNEFPMZLMYF
 HUBRMXVEWWJRDGGAKEPJ
 TSFMVNSPBJPFNJBJSXK
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Gift Certificate	Bunny Slippers	Gift Exchange	DJ
Grain House	Illusionist	Buffet	
Card Tricks	Corvair	Awards	
Njace	Holiday Party		

Annual NJACE Indoor Corvair Parts Auction

Saturday, March 1st, 2025
Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge
15 Perrin Avenue
Pompton Lakes NJ.

Time: 9 AM for setup, bidding begins 10:30 AM.

Ends approximately 3 PM.

Admission: No charge. All Corvair enthusiasts are welcome.

Staged by our member-auctioneers, this indoor wintertime event provides ample opportunity to get hot deals on Corvair parts and is consistently one of our most popular activities.

At the auction our member-auctioneers 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, you may do both, or you may just come to enjoy the fun.

There is always ample entertainment with jokes ranging from bang-zoom to awful groaners as the auctioneers hawk the many parts being offered for sale. Breakfast and lunch are available on-site by the members of the Elks Lodge.

As is the case every year, it's impossible to predict the kinds of parts that will be offered, but there is always a good selection and many of them go for prices that are way, way below those being charged by the big Corvair vendors.

This year we have a special consignment of many, many NOS parts from the collection of longtime club supporter Jack Rogers. As a result, we will have limited space for additional *consignments*. We ask sellers to be selective in what they bring. Clean parts in good condition, parts that are less common, and new-old-stock *parts*



are best. Greasy, broken junk has little or no value. Leave the dirty, bent, rusty stuff at home. Corvair and Corvair-related items, only, please. No general automotive items.

We encourage the selling of parts in "lots." For example, sell an instrument cluster and a glove box door together, not as separate items. And we discourage the selling of too many of the same thing. For example, if you have six pairs of cylinder heads to sell, consider offering only one pair at the auction.

How does the auction work? All Corvair enthusiasts are welcome and invited! All you need to bring is parts and/or cash. Doors open at 9:00 AM for set-up, we begin the bidding at 10:30 AM, take a lunch break at 12:30 PM, resume the bidding at 1:00 PM, and finish up typically around 2:30 PM. Only at that time can we tally the sales, collect from the buyers, and pay the sellers.

Due to the nature of how the auction operates, it is not possible to process any buyers or sellers until the auction is completed. For this reason we ask that you plan on making a day of it. We cannot accommodate those who may wish to settle up before the auction is completed.

If you're selling, you can set a minimum acceptable bid for your parts, or no minimum bid at all! NJACE will collect a 10% commission on the sale of parts. You may also donate items for the full benefit of the club. As a seller you should organize

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your parts at home, so that you can quickly fill out the Lot Cards that will be used at the auction.

You can download and print the Lot Cards from the NJACE web site:

https://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/Auction_Lot_Cards.pdf, and they will be available on-site as well. A Lot Card is needed for each part or group of parts being sold as one, so please allow sufficient time to do this before the start of bidding.

On the morning of the auction there will be time to set up your parts and tag them if you have not yet done so. By organizing in advance at home, setup will be easier. If you don't want to be bothered tagging your parts and you just want to donate them to the club, bring 'em and we'll handle everything for you. (Parts donations have typically been one of our club's largest fund-raisers each year.)

If you're buying, you will be given a Bidder Number which will be used to record your purchase whenever you're the successful bidder. You'll receive your purchases on the spot, but you'll need to pay for them (by cash or check, cash preferred) before leaving. For this reason we ask that you be prepared to stay for the full auction, so that the bookkeepers can record all the sales and tally the results without interruption.

Join in the fun! The NJACE Small Parts Auction is always a lot of fun because it gives us a chance to catch up with Corvair people from across New Jersey and the region. If you don't have any parts to sell come anyway -- there are always great bargains to be had and there are always plenty of laughs. The auction is a great way to see a lot of unusual parts and enjoy the competitive bidding. If you're looking for something in particular chances are good that you'll find it there. The best part about the auction is, a chance to get together with a great bunch of people.-

NJACE Mileage Contest

As most of you are aware, this year NJACE is holding the 2025 Mileage Contest!

What is it? It is a contest that starts January of 2025 and ends December 2025. The one who has put the most mileage on their Corvair, or Corvairs, will win a NJACE bundle of goodies! Winner will be announced at the next Holiday Party.

Below you will find the list of the contestants and their starting mileage.

NJACE 2025 MILEAGE CONTEST

Name	Car	Jan 2025	Jan 2026	TOTAL
Gary Bullman	66 Convertible	84,087.0		
Steve Calandra	66 Monza	67,278.1		
Steve Calandra	63 Corvan	87,701.2		
Steve Calandra	61 Lakewood	15,798.6		
Steve Calandra	65 500 sedan	71,590.1		
Frank Hunter	67 500	22,258.0		
Frank Hunter	66 Monza	86,581.0		
Tony Gervasio	65 Monza	50,023.0		
Dave Stone	64 Convertible	73,896.3		
Bernice Fisher	65 Corsa	50,928.0		



NJACE ANNUAL PARTS AUCTION

March 1st 2025



***Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge
15 Perrin Ave Pompton Lakes, NJ***

***9 AM For Setup. Bidding Begins 10:30 AM. Ends Approximately 3 PM
Admission Is FREE!!! Open To ALL Corvair Enthusiasts***

The Annual Corvair Parts Auction is conducted by the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts. Staged by our member-auctioneers, this indoor wintertime event provides ample opportunity to get hot deals on Corvair parts plus a few laughs! Food and refreshments will be available. See more details here...<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/auctions.html>

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club

All-Corvair Swap Meet

Saturday, April 12, 2025

rain or shine
9 AM to 3 PM

at 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
Lehigh Valley Corvair Club



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 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



Calendar Of Events



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

March 1 Annual Corvair Parts Auction
Pompton Lakes Elks
15 Perrin Ave
Pompton Lakes, NJ
 9 AM for setup,
 Bidding begins 10:30 am

April 5 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
Plaza 23 Diner
411 NJ Rt 23 Southbound
Pompton Plains, NJ

April 12 *LVCC All-Corvair Swap Meet*
Egerton Farm
2510 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014.

9 AM to 3 PM. Sponsored by
 Lehigh Valley Corvair Club, our
 neighboring Corvair club directly to the
 west of the Delaware River. 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!



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