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**March 2025**



***As predicted, it's been a **COLD** February!  
Warm weather is ahead and so are fantastic  
events that you will find listed in the  
NJACE Calendar Of Events page.***

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## From The Editor

By Chris Senegeto

Happy March!! I hope everyone is braving the cold as best you can. In this newsletter you will notice the start of a full calendar and I for one, am very excited for the spring!



We had a fantastic holiday party and are about to have an equally fantastic parts auction! This year we will be having another Cruise-In at the diner on August 2nd, as well as the annual picnic which will be followed by a nice caravan up to the Warwick, NY Drive-In Movie Theater on July 19th. Don't forget the NECC events, the All-Corvair Swap Meet put on by the Lehigh Valley Club and other things that are currently in the works. NJACE is known for its great club events and get-togethers and this year is not going to disappoint!

This year we may find the answer to that age old question...

### ***How many Newsletters Does It Take To Fill A Terabyte?***

This week I took a nice drive out to the home of Al Lacki to pick up decades worth of NJACE Newsletters! It was great to catch up with Al and check out his Corvair. This year I am taking on the task of going through past newsletters to scan them and put them into pdf files to use for the *From The Vault* section and eventually will have them available on external drives for NJACE members who want to take a trip down memory lane. Big thanks to Bob Marlow and Al Lacki for making this a possibility. I sure do have my work cut out for me!



## 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*

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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

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](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.-





## From The Vault

This edition of *From The Vault* was submitted by Bob Marlow.

Recently Cal Clark sent me some photos from a day in December, 1999, when Pete Koehler and I delivered a truckload of NOS Corvair sheet metal to Clark's Corvair Parts.

This photo, admittedly not award-winning quality because it is a scan from a 25-year-old slide, shows me with just a small portion of the parts as we were sorting them at Clark's that day.

It was a full truckload, a hoard that had been collected by Burt Nuener over several years. It was so much that a rented Penske box truck was necessary, as seen in the second photo, with Pete. Burt was able to buy a new 2000 Porsche Boxster with the sale proceeds!

While I am a lot younger in this photo, not much else has changed over the years. Burt Nuener is gone, having passed away just a couple of years ago, but Pete and I are still delivering NOS parts to Clark's from time to time. My most recent trip was to deliver parts from the Jack Rogers collection this past September.

--Bob Marlow



## Just For Fun

Had fun doing this one last month!! Did you notice that Dj was in there twice? 🤪



## Dues? Fuhgeddaboutit!

by Bob Marlow



Each year in March, we begin the process of collecting dues. But not this year! The club officers have Decreed that everyone's NJACE membership is being extended by one year with no payment needed.

This is just one result of the healthy state of the club's treasury because of the generous donation made by longtime club supporter Jack Rogers. In case you have been in hiding, in 2024 Jack engaged the club to help sell off his enormous collection of Corvair parts, and gave the club 50 percent of the sale proceeds. Plus, he gave the club all of the proceeds from the sale of his 1966 Corsa.

To date we have sold more than three-quarters of Jack's hoard, and so far we have accrued a sum that effectively quadrupled our treasury. So we subsidized heavily the per-person cost of the recent – and excellent – club Holiday Party, and the dues extension is the next member benefit to be realized from Jack's donation.

We'll have still more of Jack's parts available at the upcoming Parts Auction on March 1st. You are going to be at the Parts Auction, aren't you?

But wait, there's more! (Apparently, I've been watching too much late-night television.) In addition to adding a free year to everyone's membership, we are having a sale on new memberships! Every new member who joins between now and June 30, 2025, will receive an additional year of membership at no additional charge.

Join as a new member for one year (\$19) and get two years. Join for two years (\$36) and get three years. Tell your friends! Recruit new members at upcoming car shows this Spring!

## NJACE Out And About

### NEW EVENT!!!

On **Friday April 4th 2025 At Noon**, The First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey will host Retired Lieutenant Colonel Brian O'Neill, who will speak about his twenty-nine-year Army career. He has written a book entitled Footlocker Tales about his time in the Army. It ranges from humorous, to sad to frightening.

His service includes two one-year tours of duty in Vietnam. His awards include two awards of the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal and four awards of the Army Commendation Medal.

There will be a pot luck lunch starting at noon. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share with everyone. As usual we will provide coffee, tea and water. Please let me know what you will bring to share. You may email me at [Hunterfrankd@gmail.com](mailto:Hunterfrankd@gmail.com) or call my home phone at (201)-934-0244.

The event will be held in Fellowship Hall, which is below the main sanctuary. The Church is located at 15 Shuart Lane in Ramsey NJ.



## The Second Life of a '61 Lakewood

By Dave Rogers

The offer for my eight-year-old Impala convertible was too good to resist. Now, how do I commute to college classes in Newark at night? Well, a search is on for a companion to my wife's '63 Spyder.

The lonesome Lakewood was in the back row of the local 'used and abused' car dealer. A quick tune-up, belt (of course), and a brake job had it ready. The 1961 model 500 had no frills, but did have an AM radio, three speed trans, abused white paint with a blue interior, bench seats and door panels. But, no rust!

On that snowy hill out of town - what a delight passing all of the skidding sedans as the drivers amazingly looked at the Lakewood's progress up the hill - leaving those high-powered monsters behind. Traction and reliability? Unsurpassed.

But the blue interior had to go. The local scrap yard had a '64 Monza sedan, black interior with bucket seats, door panels, etc. Nice car. Too bad the tail end was crushed. I drove the Lakewood to school for a year with only the driver's bucket seat. The dog loved to wander around the interior. A couple of square feet of black vinyl, some glue, and two spray cans of black finished off the remaining blue and white interior - not great, but at least the same color.

On a fateful evening at a somewhat blind intersection, someone was speeding down the main street hidden by the parked cars. The Lakewood blessed the Caddy rear fender with a football size dent. The Lakewood suffered a mangled fender and hood. Being torchless myself, a series of screws

held on the blue '62 fender and the maroon '63 hood -- actual fit was just fine. Repaint? Give up that patriotic nose à la 'custom by crash'? Nada.

Nearing the end of my nightly classes car thefts were on the rise. The '61 was really, really worn out. If it's stolen, I don't want a wreck towed back to me.

The solution -- leave the signed title in the glove box. No 'takers', literally.

A year later I was offered \$300 (what I originally paid for it) and I accepted. The new Olds Vista Cruiser cushioned the loss. When last seen the faithful Lakewood was on its way to Maryland.



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# 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





**SAT AUG 2ND 10:30AM - 3PM**



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Cap (one size)  
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All sizes  
\$ 47.00 + shipping



## Calendar Of Events



**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!

**May 3** Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am  
*Plaza 23 Diner*  
 411 NJ Rt 23 Diner  
 Pompton Plains, NJ

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

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

**July 19** Annual NJACE Picnic with a cruise to the Warwick Drive-In  
 DETAILS TO COME...

**Aug 2** NJACE 2nd Annual Cruise-In  
*Plaza 23 Diner*  
 411 NJ Rt 23 Southbound  
 Pompton Plains, NJ

Event will take place after our monthly meeting which will start at the usual 9am. Plan to drive your car and stay for this fantastic event.

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