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Parts Auction Recap

By Chris Senegeto



On March 1st 2025 we had our Annual Parts Auction which was held at the Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge in Pompton Lakes, NJ. After all of the items, mostly NOS parts from the “Jack Rogers Collection”, were set up, the bidding began around 10:15am.

Our auctioneers this year were Brian O’Neill, David Main, Bob Marlow and John Sweet, who sat in for Ray Coker. Frank Hunter and Roberta O’Neill handled the bidding cards, bookkeeping and the delegating of the funds.

If you have been to one of the NJACE parts auctions, then you know just how much of a great time it is! Not only can great bargains be found, but the camaraderie alone makes it one of the best events of the year! Personally, I scored a nos early model turbo vacuum line for my 63. Thank you to The Elks Lodge, The Auctioneers, The Bookkeepers, The Sellers and of course The Buyers!

From Frank Hunter...

Our Annual Parts Auction held on a sunny Saturday March 1st drew 46 registered bidders (vs. 31 last year), and 8 sellers.

160 lots of parts were sold for \$ 6,241.00

The club realized a net profit of approximately \$ 216,00 plus \$ 2,001.00 from the Jack Rogers collection and \$ 280.00 of donations, for a total of \$ 2,497.00

Thanks on behalf of the club and the attendees, go to Pompton Lakes Elks club (our host), Frank Hunter and Roberta O’Neill (our bookkeepers), and Brian O’Neill, Bob Marlow, David Main, and John Sweet (our auctioneers).

Thanks also to the sellers and especially to the buyers!

The room...



The items...



The auctioneers...



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The van...



The elk...



The head honchos...



The whaaaaaat???...

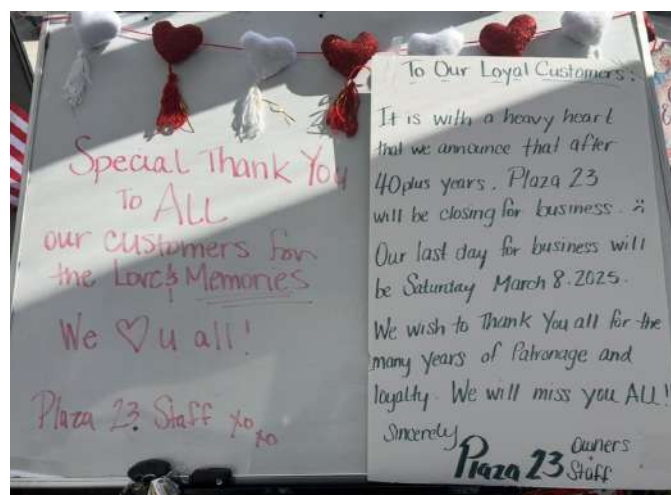


The End Of An Era

Last Plaza 23 Breakfast

By Chris Senegeto

On Saturday, March 8, we gathered at The Plaza 23 Diner for an informal breakfast meeting on their closing day. Thank you to all who came to our breakfast and a big thank you to the staff and owner of The Plaza 23 Diner, which has been our home for a good while.



Both Tim and Steve drove their Corvairs. Tim's Greenbrier with the camper interior was on its maiden voyage on its newly rebuilt engine!

So what is in store for us now?

Well, many members have been out scouting new places and on April 5 we will be holding our meeting at The Alps Diner.

The Alps Diner
1420 NJ Rt 23 North
Wayne, NJ
9am



From The Vault

The first recorded NJACE/not yet NJACE meeting minutes from June 30th, 1970, as recorded by Carol Jaech, temporary secretary.

FORMATION MEETING

Dean Jaech, acting as temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM on June 30, 1970. Carol Jaech, temporary Secretary, took the minutes.

Since this was the first meeting, there was no old business.

New Business: To see if there was an interest in forming a local Corvair Club which would become a chapter of CORSA. A motion to form such a club was made and seconded. Discussion of the following then took place:

There must be a minimum of 25 members to become a CORSA region, however any number of members can form a zone (which is entirely independent but affiliated with CORSA). Our only obligation as a zone would be our CORSA dues. We will be sponsoring events. Suggestions were made for rallies, concours, and related sports car events. Gimmick rallies were recommended as requiring a minimum number of workers. A committee of volunteers was assembled for the task of drawing up a Constitution and By-Laws. These volunteers are John Cornell, Dean Jaech, Jeff Pultorick, and Paul Gerenser. A motion to establish a regular meeting time of the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30-8:00 PM was made and seconded. Carl Peterson stated that he may be renting a building suitable for Club meetings and Corvair storage. The motion was set aside for a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

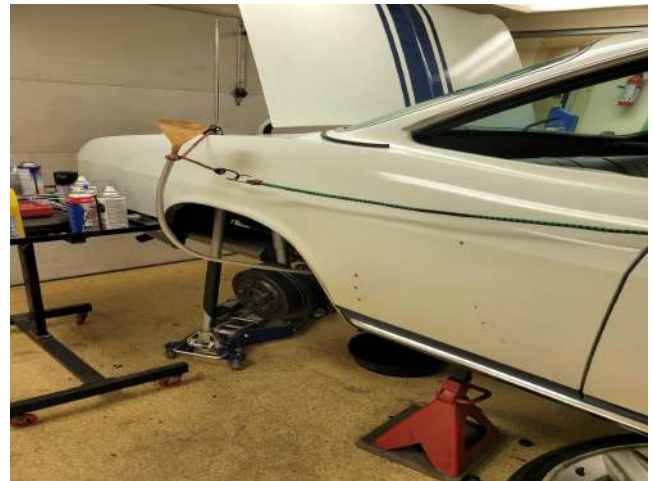
Respectfully,

Carol M. Jaech

NJACE Out And About

The preparation of the vehicle donated by Jack Rogers to NJACE (that was sold a few months ago) to go to its new owner continued at Brian O'Neills house this past month. Thank you to Ed Garfield for the picture!

Aluminum hose with funnel used to fill the transmission



Ribbons from the NJACE hosted 1984 Corsa National Convention in Parsippany, NJ



Also this past month, I headed to Steve Calandra's house to weld a lower left section (next to the grill) into Ed Garfield's late model.



For Sale

1965 Monza Coupe

65 monza coupe 110 PG. Maroon/ Black interior.

Shows 52,189.0 on the odometer

I'm sure it is over 100 K miles.

One owner. Purchased in 1965 By Dorcey Winant when She bought it when she was 21 and worked for the Navy in Boston. Dorcey passed away some years ago. Rick Winant (her husband) is looking for a good home and someone who will take care of it.

The car is in good mechanical shape. It has been maintained by me since the early 90's. The engine had been rebuilt before I started maintaining the car.

I have documents showing the work I've done to the car. (I have to gather them together) It has Maxxis tires, a new PG cable and a Custom Auto Sound cassette radio. No rips in the interior, clean rugs, no holes in the floor and no mice.

It runs and drives well. You can trust this car to go anywhere. It has been garage kept for most of its life. However The paint job that was done about 25 years ago is chipping and cracking and the paint along the roof line is bubbling. It also has a few scrapes and dents. But the paint shines. It resides in Easton PA now, but will be coming to my house in New Milford soon. a steal at \$8000.

Steve Calandra 201-921-3645



1968 Corvair 500

Branchburg, NJ \$ 3,950.00

VIN: 1 01 37 8 W 109254

#1-----Make- **1= Chevrolet**#2 & -----Trim Series- **01=500**, 05=Monza, 07=Corsa#4 & 5----Model- **37=Coupe**, 39=Sedan,
67=Convertible#6-----Year- 5=1965, 6=1966, 7=1967, **8=1968**,
9=1969#7- -----Plant- **W= Willow Run**, K= KC, 0= Oakland,
L= LA

#8 - 13--Sequential Production Number

2 Speed Powerglide Transmission

Mileage: 36,095 indicated - Probably 136,095??

My nephew purchased this car early in 2021 while he was studying automobile tech at the high school. It needed a bunch of work, but was roadworthy after fresh rubber and a few other key parts were installed. A couple of years passed, not being a practical car, and more work needed, he decided to abandon the project.

Let's go with the good first.

The car started and traveled confidently while he drove it to school for his senior year (2022-23.) I never drove the car, so I have no info as to the quality of steering, brakes, and gauges. I did ride in the car, and was not scared. It has been parked inside.

What we did:

Replace the gas tank with new (Clark's)

Replace the fuel sending unit with new (Clark's)

Replace the exhaust system from the manifolds with new (Clark's stock single muffler)

Replace all the flex heater tube with new (Clark's kit)

Replace the A/F, wires, points, cap with new

Replace the master cylinder with new (more on this later)

Replace all 4 tires - Ironman GR906 185/70R-13 (Date code 3820)

Installed spring loaded idler pulley - (Clark's kit)

New windshield wiper arms

New rear view mirror

New(ish) battery - date code 12/20

Dust Cover - of course it needs to be used to keep the dust off the car.....

What we have that is new, not installed:

Electric fuel pump kit with oil pressure sensor, and mechanical fuel pump delete plate (Clark's kit)

Carb choke kits (Clark's)

Might have a matching side view mirror for the passenger side - i bought it, but didn't see it in the parts box. He may have replaced the driver's side with it.

We have some shop manuals & the carb balancing tool(s)

I'm going to guess the tires have about 500 miles on them. COVID was still a thing, and he was only driving it to school. The tread looks good. I believe he had an alignment when they were installed - he was working as a shop-hand at the time. Also had access to a family car.

Let's get into the challenges:

The car will not start without priming the carbs with gas - the car sat for a long time. Once it starts it will run until it warms up, then it dies. If I prime the carbs again, it will run for a short time then die.

The master cylinder was bench primed until there were no bubbles. Instructions said to bench prime it installed, to avoid overextending the piston - which I did for 30 minutes. The pedal will not build pressure to bleed the lines. My guess is there is still air in the master cylinder because of the angle - perhaps a pressure bleeder? I don't have one, I'm not buying one. So the car has no brakes

The emergency brake holds the car still on somewhat flat surfaces, gotta chock it.

It will need to be towed

What it needs:

Thermostats - both sides

Probably carb rebuilds/replace

Brake diagnosis

Lots of interior work. Headliner is gone, side panels are in poor condition

Rust in all the lower quarter corners

Back of the car was "bumped" - looks a little pushed in between the tail lights, but not the bumper

Baffle-to-heat tube in the engine compartment.

Some window trim is missing - some is in the frunk.

What is good:

The hood and front of the car are in good shape

Glass is in good shape

It does not leak any fluid

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Windows all crank down/up
 Seats are in better than average shape
 Smog was deleted
 We have the hub caps for the 500, it has Monza wheel covers right now
 This is 1 of 7,200 '68 500s, of about 15,400 total 1968s.

My Thoughts from when I was a car guy a long time ago:

Someone into Corvairs could rebuild the carbs, and get the brakes working in a couple days. Throw in the thermostats, and the heater hose from the shroud to the firewall and you'd have a functional car. Rip out the aftermarket radio in the glove box, and start sourcing parts - and it becomes a driver. Start doing the body work and away ya go.

This car has some unique paint - let me know if you've seen it, or have any provenance. Has a Lead East sticker from 2013.

I'll be adding additional wide-angle pics shortly

Photo Album:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/uzCu6Yzqc3ZeMmaN7>



NJACE Out And About part 2

By Bob Marlow

NJACE Members Get Around

A number of club members are also members of AACA, the Antique Automobile Club of America. I am one of them. So when I received the March/April issue of *Antique Automobile*, the AACA's bi-monthly full color, 100-page magazine, I was only somewhat surprised to find an NJACE member pictured in it.

The picture shows Ed Garfield at the roulette wheel during the "Roaring 20s Speakeasy Casino Night," part of AACA's recent annual convention in Charlotte, NC.

Ed tells us, "I won \$2,000 playing poker... but it was play money." As explained in the photo's caption, Ed's "winnings" were redeemed in raffle tickets. No word on whether Ed won any of the raffle items.

NJACE has about 80 plus member households currently.

The AACA is slightly bigger, with some 50,000 members!



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



April 5 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
The Alps Diner
 1429 NJ Rt 23 North
 Wayne, 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
 TBD...

NECC Motorsports
 www.neccmotorsports.com

NECC Motorsports a.k.a. Northeast Corvair Council, Inc.

Performance Driving Days for 2025
 New York Safety Track: 5/17, 7/19, 9/27
 Pocono Southeast Course: 8/23
 Use this link to register:
<https://tinyurl.com/28fwhx2n>

June 7 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
 TBD

July 5 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
 TBD...

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

Aug 2 NJACE 2nd Annual Cruise-In
 TBD...

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