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NJACE Dinner & A Movie

By Chris Senegeto

On July 19th NJACE held its Dinner And A Movie event. Several members met up at The Galloway Grill in Warwick, NY for a fantastic dinner on what ended up being a beautiful summer evening.



Personally, my drive there from my home in Pa was via Steve Calandra's house. Since my convertible was not ready as planned, Steve graciously lent me his Corvair sedan for my son Finn and I to take to the event. My drive from Steve's house included a little bit of highway but mostly fantastic twisty back roads like Skyline Drive.

Finn and I got there early and the rest of the attendees came trickling in right behind us. The Galloway Grill had a great menu and their outdoor seating was very nice. Dinner was fantastic and the conversation was great, as always!

After dinner a few of the members headed home while others went to the Bellvale Farms Creamery and others to the Warwick Drive-In. My apologies to those who were not able to get a ticket. That night's showing of Superman was a hot seller and sold out within a day and a half of going on sale!!

Finn and I pulled in right up in the front row at the theater, next to Dave Rothenberg and his wife. The movie started a bit late after some fantastic vintage reels. Finn and I really enjoyed the movie. I hadn't been to the Warwick Drive-In in many many years and it was great to go back. Dave Rothenberg mentioned he hadn't been to a drive-in since about 1984!

After the movie was over we headed out along 17A back to Steve's house to drop off his sedan and eventually arrived home around 3am having had a fantastic night!

The Galloway Grill



View From The Bellvale Farms Creamery



Continued...

Warwick Drive-In



NJACE Out And About

By Chris Senegeto



On July 12th I ventured out to The Corvair Ranch to pick up some parts for the repair of Neil Frank's Corvair and also for my convertible. It had been a few years since I had been to The Corvair Ranch and it was great to catch up with Jeff and walk around the yard.



A Part Of Our History....

By Nick Ford

As my 67 Monza is celebrating its 50th birthday, I reflect on my history of owning Corvairs, and their contribution to our history and culture. I bought my first Corvair when I was 17, a 64 Monza 110 Coupe 4spd. My father looked it over with me. He was a Corvair expert, working at Chevy dealers from 1958 – 1968, and then starting his own Auto Repair shop, which is still here today. He even attended the official training in Lime Rock CT for the Dealer installed Fitch Sprint package.



My 64 Monza, and later a 68 Monza 140 Coupe were my daily drivers to School from Morris County to Hoboken. Not a trip for the faint of heart back then. So Corvairs are a part of my history too!

Fast forward to today. I somehow found my way to NJACE, and now have another Corvair. (I never stopped liking them, just took a 30-year hiatus). Getting to the main point of this article, I've noticed a phenomenon since owning my latest Corvair. I've taken it to quite a few car shows in the last three years. Most of these shows have a wide range of vehicles, including vehicles much rarer and / or expensive than Corvairs. To my surprise, my Corvair gets more attention and enthusiasm than most other cars at the show. So many people walking by the cars, stop and come over when they see the Corvair. Many have a story.

Some say their parents, or their Aunt or Uncle had one, or they had one as their first car. Many have and share fond memories of them, even if they didn't own one. This interest isn't limited to car shows. I get stopped no matter where I am and people tell me how rare it is to see it, or how they sat in the folded down rear seat watching a drive-in movie with their siblings.

The Corvair is forever linked to our history and culture of the 1960s. More than any other cars of the period. So much that many movies set in the 60s are sure to have a Corvair on the street. Now, at NJACE, we are the guardians of this important piece of history. Kudos to us for maintaining, keeping, and passing our examples on to future generations.

Yes, the Corvair is a part of our history, and now, we at NJACE are a part of its history!

NJACE Breakfast Meeting

Our NJACE breakfast meetings are the club's monthly event currently being held the first Saturday of each month at The Alps Diner in Wayne, NJ at 9am. If you are a new member, come out and join us!



Roving Wrenches...

On Sunday July 6th the “Roving Wrenches” went out to club member Frank DeBlasi’s house in Pompton Plains, Nj to install a rear grill on Frank’s 1965 Convertible.



From The Vault

In the spirit of the NJACE Annual Picnic, this edition of From The Vault takes us back to 1999 (the year I joined NJACE). These photos are labeled “hoedown at HoJos”. I remember this location like it was yesterday.



Big thanks to Francis Westfield for the photos...

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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.

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Body Style (Check One) ☐ FC / Station Wagon ☐ Convertible ☐ 2 Door ☐ 4 Door

Please make checks out to Long Island Corvair Association and mail to above address.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Calendar Of Events



Aug 2 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
The Alps Diner
 1429 NJ Rt 23 North
 Wayne, NJ

Aug 9 The NJACE Annual Picnic
Oxford Furnace Lake
Recreation Area Pavilion
 12 Jonestown Rd
 Oxford, NJ 11am-3pm
 rsvp chriiss.corvair@gmail.com
 by Aug 3rd

The club is supplying... Hotdogs, Burgers, Buns, Silverware, Plates, Napkins, Cups, Condiments, Coolers with Ice, etc...

Please bring your own beverages of choice (no alcohol allowed in the park)

If you would like to volunteer to bring something, we are looking for people to bring the following for the group...

sides, deserts, box o joe aka coffee, etc...

Please let us know what you would like to bring when you RSVP (by Aug 3rd)

Sept 6 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
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Sept 13 Clarks Corvair Car Show
 NJACE Cruise
 More details to come...

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