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## A Car Named Calvin Part 10

### By Chris Senegeto

So there I was... brakes finished. I turned the key and started the car. I stepped on the clutch pedal and.... there it was, the worst scraping noise I have ever heard. It was clear that I did not assemble something correctly and the engine was going to have to be pulled.

A few weeks passed and Steve Calandra drove down to help me pull the engine and fix the issue. He actually did most of the work while I dove back into the rust repair on his Corvan. We found that I actually had a few things out of place and within two days had it all straightened out with all things adjusted and working as they should be. We also removed the rear seat in Steve's Corvan and I patched up the floor and finished the section that I had started previously.



Now with many more issues resolved it was time to start a list and start getting all of the little things done to be able to actually have this car legal for road use. I ordered a new set of mirrors from Amazon for a whopping 59.00. They fit well but I can not attest to their quality quite yet as I haven't done the wind test to see if they actually stay adjusted at 55 mph. I installed the lower shrouds with good thermostats and new clips. I painted the left side block off square thingy (non technical term) and decided to finally do an oil change.

The oil change..... Glad I decided to do that! After scraping all of the sludge off the oil pan and patiently prying the old gasket off with a razor



blade, I did a pass with a wire wheel to get off the remaining gasket material and did a final cleaning.



The new gasket I purchased is from John Sweet and I purchased it last year at the Lehigh Valley All-Corvair Swap Meet. It is a top quality gasket!

Since I was changing the oil, I also installed a brand new oil filter from the Jack Roger's collection and the bolt I purchased from Ray Coker (at that same swap meet) that allowed me to then install the sending unit for the oil pressure gauge that came with the car and is mounted in a special under dash panel. Check that out when you see the car. Very interesting piece.

With the oil changed and the gauge working, I moved on to the reverse lights. While working on the trans I had installed a new reverse light switch and wired it up. I wired up the lights in the engine bay and both tested working. Now I can let people know I am reversing AND also see where I am going when I do so! As Mater is fond of saying.....rear view meers!

Although it has nothing to do with the actual drivability of the vehicle, I went ahead and sanded and painted the floors of the car to protect them and reinstalled what little bits of carpet that came with the car. I then moved on to the trunk which had a lot of surface rust in the usual places. I sanded all of the rust down to bare metal the best I could, sprayed the Opho I always use and then primed it with rusty metal primer. I had a much cleaner and nicer looking trunk that was now prepped for the factory splatter paint soon to come. **To Be Continued...**

## Road Trip!

### By Brian O'Neill

NJACE is on the move! The destination is Clark's Corvair Parts in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. The bi-annual "Fall Classic at Clark's" all-Corvair car show presented by Bay State Corvairs will be held on Saturday, September 13.

In addition to being host to a very large field of our favorite car, Clark's also conducts guided tours of their facilities. These tours are not to be missed.

Using the concept that there is safety in numbers, on **Friday, September 12**, NJACE will convoy to the overnight hotel location in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

**We will meet at the I-84 Diner in Fishkill, New York, from which we will depart as a group at 1:00 PM. The diner is right alongside I-84 and is a great place to have lunch and meet up. Located right off exit 12 on Interstate 84, the address of the diner is 853 Route 52, Fishkill, New York, 12524.**

We will depart the diner and head northeast on Interstate 84 for a short period of time. Then we will take the Taconic Parkway North through some very scenic country until we hit Interstate 90 just over the New York/Massachusetts border. I-90 Eastbound will take us to the intersection with Interstate 91. We will then go north on I-91 to Exit 24 for the Red Roof Inn at 9 Greenfield Road which is also Route 5.

This is not the shortest route but it is the most scenic and the most Corvair-friendly. It skips the heavy traffic around Hartford and skirts past Springfield. The trip from the diner is estimated to take about three hours. We will arrive in time to check in, make dinner plans, and join the welcome party thrown by the Bay State Corvairs.

The show at Clark's is one of those must-see events. Typically there are over 100 Corvairs with every year and body style being represented.

In addition to this spectacular field of vehicles, Clark's opens their facilities and gives tours of their manufacturing processes. Learning how they turn a blank sheet of vinyl in to fully embossed seat covers is alone worth the trip. Parts can be ordered for



pickup at the show which can save a considerable amount of money for shipping. Parts can also be bought at the show with many show specials and a cash discount available.

The show flyer is included with this newsletter and contains hotel information. If you have not yet made a room reservation it may be too late to get the special group rate, but call and ask anyway.

To help us ensure a successful convoy, please RSVP to me, Brian O'Neill, by phone at 973-729-5586 or by email at [oneill1258@juno.com](mailto:oneill1258@juno.com). Please include your cell phone number because we will use cell phones to communicate within the convoy if there are any situations or changes.

Be sure to join us for this fun weekend.

**\*NOTE THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT GOING ON THE CRUISE TO CLARK'S, YOU STILL CAN JOIN EVERYONE FOR LUNCH AT THE... I-84 DINER 853 RT 52 FISHKILL, NY AT NOON**


**BAY STATE CORVAIRS** & 
**Clark's Corvair Parts** Present...  
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**At Clark's Corvair Parts**  
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**Saturday, September 13, 2025 9am-3pm**  
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**Fall Classic**  
**PLEASE!!!**  
**NO PETS**  
**NO ALCOHOL**  
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**Cal wants to see your Corvair at the show!**  
**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT!**  
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**Clark's STRONGLY encourages pre-orders!**  
**Order upholstery AT LEAST 4 weeks ahead.**  
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**For more show information contact:**  
**Paul Botelho—508-822-9665—paulbotelho@verizon.net**

## The NJACE Annual Picnic

**By Chris Senegeto  
Pictures Jean O'Day**

On August 9th NJACE held its annual picnic. This time around it was held at The Oxford Furnace Lake in Oxford, NJ. Big thanks to Jean O'Day for setting up the club with this amazing spot! We had 21 members and guests in attendance.

Big thanks to the many members who brought side dishes, deserts, drinks and more to the event to share with all who came. Also a big thanks to Joe Maurella, assisted by Helen Maurella...(thank you Helen!) for operating the grill. We were also treated to Roberta O'Neill's world famous Baklava!

Those who came had the opportunity to check out Jose Casasnovas sound system in his late model convertible, which was all custom done. I also really enjoyed the chance to check out Tony Gervasio's Corvan in person, as well as see pictures of Ed Garfield's new Franklin. Towards the end of the day a few of the club members even got to enjoy a nice swim in the lake.

I am already looking forward to next year!



*Continued...*



## ***The Roaming Wrench***

Some NJACE members Rove, NJACE's own Mark Lipkovitz Roams... this time to the aid of Bernice Fischer. This past month Mark Lipkovitz installed some new sunvisor parts in Bernice's convertible which had to be modified by Mark to make function as they should. For any members who have never met Mark, he is very knowledgeable and always helps out in the Roving Wrenches sessions. Thank you Mark for all that you do!



## ***From The Vault***

Continuing our Picnic Theme....From the July 9, 1995 NJACE Picnic at the estate of the Lackis.



## **NJACE Classifieds**

### **1964 Monza For Sale**

Past President of LICA is selling his '64 Monza. Cold factory air, 110/auto, 42k original miles. Arizona car, no rot, 15" wheels. Mostly original. Comes with 14" wheels and tires and hubcaps. Asking \$13,500. Near Bethany Beach, Delaware. Email: [tymagliola@gmail.com](mailto:tymagliola@gmail.com)



### **Early Model Sedan Rear Glass For Sale**

Rear glass in excellent condition for an early model sedan. RARE. \$50.00 pickup or can be delivered to the NJACE breakfast meeting or event. Email: [chriss.corvair@gmail.com](mailto:chriss.corvair@gmail.com)



To place a classified ad in The Fanbelt, free of charge, email [chrissenegeto@gmail.com](mailto:chrissenegeto@gmail.com)



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# **NJACE FALL FOLIAGE TOUR**

## **Bucks County Version**

### **October 11 - 11am**

#### **Bucks County, PA Covered Bridge Tour**



**Meeting in the ACME Shopping Center 11am!  
480 N Main Street Doylestown, Pa  
Departure Time 11:15**

We will head down the street to the local WAWA to gas up and use the facilities. Paper directions will be given at that time. Tour led by Chris S. After tour late lunch will be had at The Wood Fire Pizza and Family Restaurant in New Hope.    **RSVP [Chriss.corvair@gmail.com](mailto:Chriss.corvair@gmail.com)**

## **NJACE STORE**

Here you can look at  an order different types of NJACE merchandise. All

prices listed DO NOT INCLUDE shipping. Please email Chris at [Chriss.corvair@gmail.com](mailto: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 T-Shirts (available white or black) All sizes  
\$23.00 + shipping



NJACE Mouse Pad \$14.00 + shipping



NJACE Two Sided Mug  
\$15.00 + 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



**Sept 6** Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am  
*The Alps Diner*  
 1429 NJ RT 23 North  
 Wayne, NJ

**Sept 12/13** Clarks Corvair Car Show  
 (see flier)  
 NJACE Cruise

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**Oct 11** NJACE Fall Foliage Tour  
 Bucks County  
 Covered Bridge version  
 Meet in Acme Shopping Center 11am  
 480 N Main Street Doylestown, PA 18901  
 Chris will be leading a 3-4hr tour of the  
 bucks county Pa covered bridges.  
 After tour late lunch will be at The Wood  
 Fired Pizza and Family Restaurant in New  
 Hope. RSVP chriss.corvair@gmail.com

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*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>

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