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Clark's Show and Cruise

By Steve Calandra

This trip I decided not to drive one of my own cars to Clarks. Jean O'Day's car has hardly been driven at all, and needed a good run. It's a very nice Yellow 65 Monza convertible with a 110 and a powerglide. I filled the car with tools and parts just in case anyone in the caravan needed help, and of course my 8 track player for music. All of the cars in the caravan were late model convertibles. NJACE members were, Brian O'Neill, Gary Bullman, Nick Ford, Mark Lipkowitz, Ed Garfield, Jean O'day and myself. (forgive me if I forgot anyone).



There were a couple of minor issues with Jean's car. The top of the left rear shock absorber came loose and it was hitting the frame and sounded like a shifted belt on the tire. That was fixed once I got to the hotel. Also the right carburetor was starving at idle, I found the base gaskets, insulator, and balance tube hose were bad, all fixed in a short time.

There were no issues with anyone else's car. I bought a few small items from Clark's and a harmonic balancer for our new member Miguel Rueda, I saved him the shipping costs.

At the hotel, the welcoming party was the usual success. I ate to my heart's content. They offered some nice sandwiches and desserts. There was a blueberry compote that was to die for.

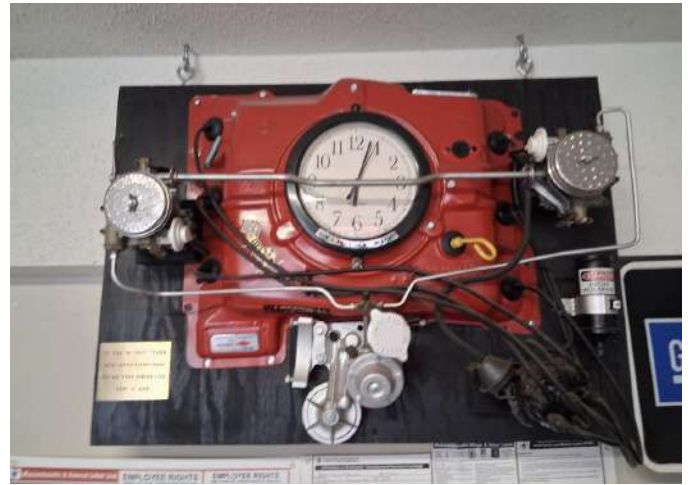
The show was a success. The DJ played some great music and some tunes I hadn't heard in a while. On the tours I was happy to find out that they were having new carburetors manufactured. Every once in a while I run into a carb with a bad idle circuit that I can't fix, that would solve that problem.

I missed the tour of the upholstery shop, but got to talk with Amy about the original fabrics and manufacturing process. And how thrilled I was about the job they did on the upholstery in my Lakewood and Corvan. There weren't as many cars on display as previous years, my guess is 75 cars.

Jean and I took some pictures. Everybody's car ran well on the way home.



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Continued...*From The Vault*

With this year's NECC Driving Events coming to a close, this month's From The Vault features Brian O'Neill and his convertible (pre roll cage rule) from Limerock 1988.



A Car Named Calvin Part 11

By Chris Senegeto



- For 3 years Calvin has sat in my driveway covered with various covers and tarps because the previous owner had pulled the windshield out of it (it was cracked) and never installed another one since he was trying to part it out.
- For 2 years I have had a windshield stored in my basement to go in.
- Last year I bought a brand seal and chrome trim.
- This year, a windshield was finally installed!

What was the holdup you ask? The padded dash was a mess and I had convinced myself I needed to install a new one before the windshield went in. Last month Steve Calandra convinced me to give restoring my old beat up dash a try. So, I purchased Firethorn Red SEM Vinyl Dye at my local auto body supply and some heavy duty degreaser. Is it perfect? No. Is it 90% better, absolutely!!!

I have used SEM Vinyl Dye before and have always said it was a fantastic product but I really thought my dash was too far gone. I started out by cleaning the dash with a heavy duty degreaser and then taped off the surrounding areas with masking paper. I sprayed the first coat lightly and then layered additional coats and I have to say, I am very happy with the results!

After the dash was painted, I moved on to painting the surround trim, which I had purchased from Jeff at The Corvair Ranch a month prior. I used some new stainless screws to finish it off and it looks fantastic!



Now it was time to finally move on to the windshield! I pulled out the carefully packed windshield and started cleaning it in prep for the install only to find a marked spot dead center that would not come off. A white film right in the driver's view. Only wanting to do this job once, I started the search for a new windshield. Club member Francis Westfield came to my rescue! I drove up to his house to pick it up and after some cleaning, the new windshield was ready to go!

For those who have never installed an early model windshield, I can tell you that the trim is the most difficult part. I spent many hours over the period of three days struggling to get it seated properly. Finally feeling it was close enough, Steve and I installed the windshield. On our second attempt, we got everything seated properly and called it a day!



The next day was spent on odds and ends like getting all of the lights working again as some issues had come up. The old carpet was put back in, new radio faceplate installed and a whole lot of cleaning was done. There is still a short list before the maiden voyage but this project has really come a long way!!

To Be Continued...

NJACE Classifieds

Late Model Corvair Parts

Contact Mark Lipkovitz @

201-444-9940 (landline - no texting)

Air filter housings for 140's x 2

Bell housings x 2 (powerglide)

Blower assembly (for heater)

Blower bearing & housings x 2

Body parts - hood, rear deck and a couple of others.

Brake shoes - used

Cams x2

Chrome body trim for corsa convertible

Dash - late model

Differentials x 2

Dipsticks x 2

Door hinges

Engine cases x 2, Codes "RB" & "RN"

Footwell vents

Front trunk chrome trim piece

Fuel tank

Fuel filler

Glass - various

Headlight bezels

Powerglide shift cable (NOS?)

Rear engine cover

Speedometer cable x 1

Tail light lenses - various + assemblies

Transaxle x 2 - power glide

Wiper motors x 2

Windshield

Wiring harnesses x 2

1961 Monza

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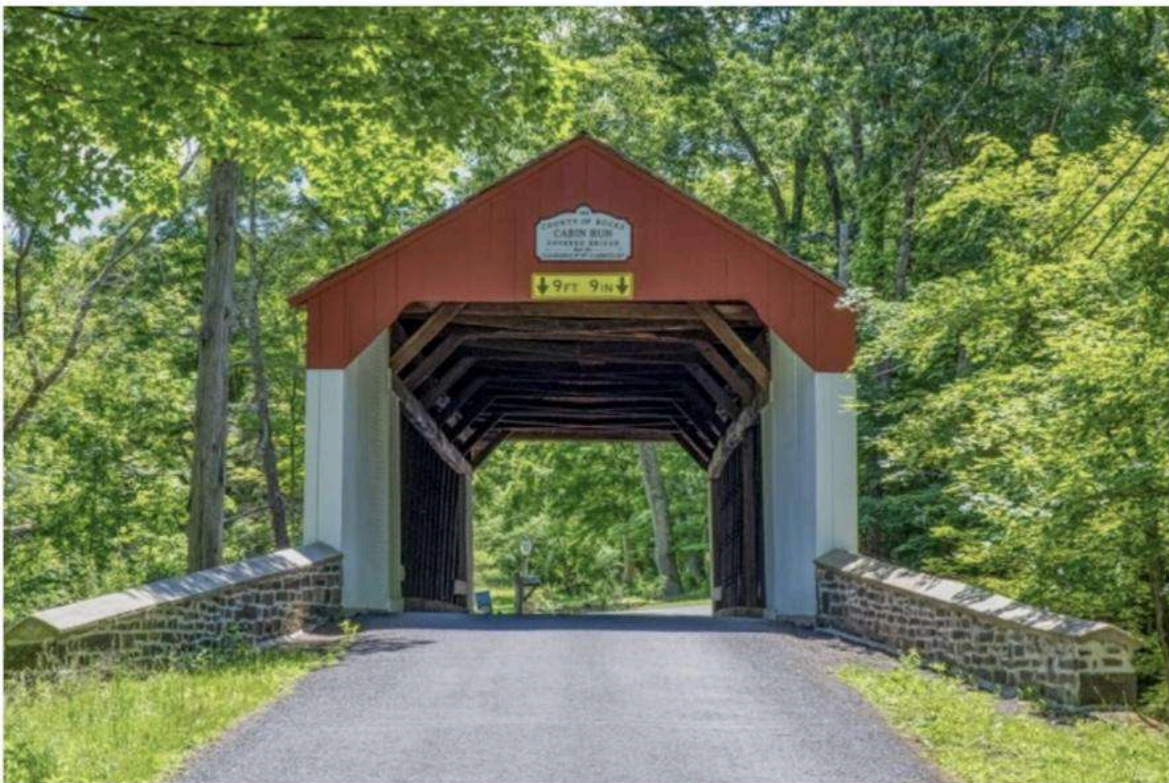
I have a 1961 Corvair Monza which I purchased in 1994 from Jack Stoltz, a long-time Corvair aficionado, and must now sell due to loss of garage storage space and declining ability to maintain it. I was wondering if you would know of someone in your club who would be interested in it—I would much prefer it to go to someone who can appreciate and enjoy it. This Corvair has always been garaged while in my care, starts easily, runs well and is a joy to drive. The previous owner rebuilt both the engine (transplanted from a 1964 Corvair) and the original transmission. I am attaching a copy of the flyer which I have prepared to advertise it. In addition, I have a wealth of spare parts, some even new old stock, which were provided by the previous owner upon my purchase in 1994. I would hope to include the spare parts with the car sale, but if anyone is interested separately, I would consider it.

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

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



Oct 4 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
The Alps Diner
 1429 NJ RT 23 North
 Wayne, NJ

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

If you would like to book a local hotel in the
 area, this is my suggestion...

Hotel For The Event :
www.newhopelodge.com

Nov 1 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
The Alps Diner
 1429 NJ RT 23 North
 Wayne, NJ

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

Jan 3 Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9am
The Alps Diner
 1429 NJ RT 23 North
 Wayne, NJ

Jan 18 NJACE Holiday Party
The Grain House Restaurant
Details to come...



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