

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL.

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PREZ SEZ

As you know this big event of the January meeting is the election of new Officers and the selection of a new Board of Directors. Before I introduce you to these people, I would like to lead the applause for last year's Officers and Board members for a job well done and an encore to Dick Braier for his meeting programs. By the increase in attendance, it is obvious Dick has instilled additional interest for the membership. This will be a tough act to follow; however with your continued support, this year's Officers, Directors, Volunteers and I will make this year's meetings and monthly activities the BEST YET. SO YOU BETTER BE THERE!

WE ARE:

- President - Wayne Rockhill; Vice President - Isadore Kibuse; Secretary - Hazel Moore; Treasurer - John Sweet.
- Board of Directors - Dick Braier, Jim Stokes, Herb Horn, Bob Halderbaum, Wayne Jones, Bill Artzberger, News Letter Editor - Al Friend; News Letter Publication - Wayne Jones; Club Library - Voun Hamlin.

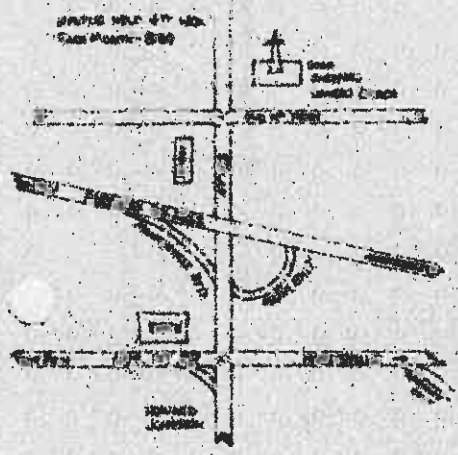
The Officers and Board have met and formulated a tentative plan for the year's events and monthly activities. These will be presented to the membership at this month's meeting. Plan to attend and bring your itinerary calendar, you won't want to miss any of this year's EVENTS!

See you at the meeting.

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Western PA Corvair Club
3877 Frisco Trail Dr
Murrysville, PA 15668



FOR YOUR MANUAL.

Your editor has surveyed comments on bits for Corvairs for a year, at least. This assessment comes from newsletters I've scanned of trial and error horror stories. Here goes:

Acceptable
Gates Industrial 3056 Gates 7500
Gates notched 8561 Dayco 15360
Gates 8330XS Gates 8560
Gates 3V560 Gates 8552
K-Mart 750 Texaco 403
GM 3960981
Atlas 690-56

Prices range from \$8.50 to \$12.00

From Cincinnati come an oil filter listing:

A C FF-4
NAPA 1038
Atlas (Exxon) G-66
Motorcraft FL-13-A
From PH-4
Texaco T-10
Purolator FER-14
and you can add:
Wizard (Western Auto) R-5836
MIX PC38F

PROLONGED MUFFLER LIFE.

Your muffler's greatest enemy is the condensation which collects in it after the car is left parked and the muffler is allowed to cool. The condensation is apt to be greatest in winter, especially after frequent short trips. The life of a new muffler can be prolonged; however, if you drill a small hole in the bottom portion in order to allow the condensation to drain out. Contrary to what many believe, this will not materially affect the safety qualities of the muffler.

Popular Mechanics

FROM CURTAIN ATLANTA

V.P.C.C. meeting January 28, 1981, 8 P.M. held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Monroeville.

Our annual meeting to elect and announce the new officers was held, with the following results:

President: WAYNE ROCKHILL V. Pres: ISADORE KROUSE
Secretary: HAZEL MOORE Treasurer: JOHN SMYER

WPCC 1981 dues should have been sent before Jan. 1, 1981. By gentlemen's agreement, dues received by the date of this newsletter, will be honored. The new yearly dues voted in will be \$9.00.

Corva Insurance anniversary date is April 1, 1981. We must verify to Corva by then that we are 100% CORVA MEMBERS. A separate premium is paid to the insurance company for each of us. Corva yearly dues are contained in application form in Newsletter, as are WPCC dues rates. Vaum Hamlin made a motion to send a letter to Corva to interpret more clearly our exact coverage contained in our policy. Second by Bob McCune, the motion was carried.

Dave Pabyonic made a motion to change the by-laws so that a officer can succeed himself & can serve a 2-year term. Al friend motioned and Walt Maten-kosky second. Motion was carried.

Bill Artzberger announced that the Corva Club of Clarkburg W.Va. invited us to share an event for June 18-19. Al Noll suggested Weynesburg as a midpoint. Bill also said that we are also invited to the Mountaineer Car Festival at Jackson Mills W.Va on May 10, an event at Hazleton, Rt. 80.

on May 16, an event at Fredrick, MD. Corva Show on July 31, Aug. 1-2, McCungie Fairgrounds.

July 31, Aug. 1-2 is also the date of the National Convention at Denver, Colorado.

Dave Pabyonic commented that joint car show ventures are usually a disaster. It provides better control for a club to do it alone.

Vaum Hamlin suggested Arden Trolley Museum for an event. It has good grounds, parking, and is well marked. Board of Directors will discuss the event issue and decide the dates.

A car show at General Motors was discussed, and it will be checked out as soon as possible.

OPERATION RESTORATION - MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Thirteen years ago, when gas was about a dollar a gallon cheaper, I was an art student in the market for a vehicle. Before settling for a souped-up 1964 Malibu SS I looked at many cars, & one which I vividly remember was a 1965 Corvair Corsa convertible 4-speed, turbocharged, with 13,000 miles on the speedometer--price \$1,500. What valve and power could a regular Corvair ever ascertain compared to the powerful fuel injectors? Well, many moons have come and gone. GREG hit the scene, and with age comes wisdom.

During a break at the school where I teach I mentioned the experience to a few of my students. One replied that his mother had a Corvair for sale. It didn't run, & she didn't want to put the money into repairs-- it needed some engine & body work, & from past experience she knew parts were hard to obtain.

Reluctantly, I made a trip to see the car. To my surprise, I found a basically sound, though faded out, maroon 1965 Monza, 110 hp, automatic, 2-door hardtop with an excellent black vinyl interior, & only 26,000 miles on the speedometer. Body damage was mainly minor surface rust, with 4 holes-- not bad for a 15 year old vehicle, compared to 1990 body standards.

After coming to terms and towing, the vehicle has had the following work done: engine dropped and a new harmonic balancer installed (a part you don't pick up at your local auto parts store, so this involved a bit of waiting time) complete tune-up, transmission fluid change, wheel cylinders redone and replaced--obtained from Chicago, more waiting and front bumper replaced.

Presently the vehicle is in the process of having body work done. One of the holes, unfortunately, was next to the window post, and under the front windshield chrome molding, which meant removing the front windshield, metal fabrication, brazing, and leading. The other two holes are on the lower rear quarter panels on the curved body section behind the rear fender wells, a place nearly impossible to fabricate if you don't want to use plastic.

Continued--

WPC is again being invited to Franklin Area Fair in Murrysville, Pa. on July 4, 1981. Vintage Chevrolet and other auto clubs have also been invited. The National Archery Championship is going to be held there that day.

WPC jackets were discussed at Jan. 28, meeting. The majority voted for black jackets, having gold lettering on the back.

Treasurer's Report

Old Balance	\$1387.55
Expenses	322.24
Income	586.13
New Balance	\$1651.44

John Sweet will have a demonstration next month. John, a technical advisor, is willing to answer any questions.

50/50 Raffle

Bill Ferrari won. & intends to put it toward new brake liners.

WPC member Ed Pezel died. We extend our sympathies to his family. His son's family are members of WPC. A basket of fruit was sent by our treasurer.

If you wish to send a card, the address is Ed, Ronnie, & Bryan Pezel, 203 Glenn Drive, Portvue, 15133.

FIVE YR. ACC IN THE WIND STREET INN
At Thomas, manager of the Pittsburgh O.N. Training Center invited the club to have quarterly meetings at the center and asked us to put on some ball of a Corvair show in the spring. We were also busy planning a covered bridge front across town in the mountains of Somerset Co. with dinner at the Oakhurst Tea Room.

NEW MEMBERS

Mark Holliday, Elizabeth 384-7329. Mark is a 17 year old student who is restoring a Corvair. Mark also joined CORSA and was recommended by Ed Pesel.
Giovanni Liming, Pittsburgh 343-7581. Giovanni is a 27 yr. old self employed contractor who owns a 65 Monza convertible. Giovanni also joined CORSA and was introduced to WPC by Dick Zroter.

FOR SALE

50 F2000 GT. with 67 - 170 engine & 4 speed. Good body, \$550 as is - price will increase as restoration progresses. Tony Frains. Ph. 571-1840
67 4500 GT. 950.H. 2 speed, 90,000 mi. New clutch, battery, bad starter & needs bodywork. Wendy Sullivan, Shady Side (52-3160) atlat 5.

SOME EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Apr. 7 - 34th Annual Va. People Festival Antique Car Show (noon - 4) Myersdale, Pa. (814)634-0213.
Apr. 24 - 26 Spring Carolina
Apr 26 - May 2 Hershey in the Spring.
May 7 - 6th Annual Tri-State Corvair Swap Meet, autocross, & concourse. (412)676-7371.
May 10 N.E. Pa. Corvair Club, All Corvair show at Lancaster, Pa. Airport. WEPO, PO Box 56, Rock Glen Pa. 18246.
May 16 - 17 Mountaineer Car Show. Jackson Mills, W. Va. Two day event.

IN REMEMBRANCE

I am very sad to report to you that our good friend, Ed Pesel, Sr. has passed away. Ed was a long time WPC member, who contributed much during those formative years. When in good health, Ed rarely missed a meeting or an event, and took great pride in showing his Corsa coupe at local events. Ed's good nature and jovial attitude will be missed, but will never be forgotten.
Len Iabonick sent a basket of fruit, from the club, to Ed, Dennis, and Brian. Joe Buffer and John Reinin said their respects at the funeral home and Dick Zroter attended the funeral.
Ed and Dennis sent a very nice thank you card and note to the club. It will be read at the next meeting.
It's so hard to say good-bye to such a well liked member and friend.

Mike and Marilyn Sullivan sent the following note with their pass. They read to like Florida!
Hi Gary!

We are really enjoying the weather down here. Have seen several Alcos Vairs. The mayor of Coconino Beach has three. Also had a man driving a 450 Mercedes coupe on Arizona 75, 520, just as jokingly offer us \$800 for our Corsa. He also has three Vairs, which he loves. We don't have a chapter close by to join, the nearest one is up around Orlando. We think of you guys often and wish the club the best of luck in 81.

Looking for a new Chevy? Well remember our fine sponsors, and "Get a Chevy from David". Need Vair parts? Well give Freepart parts Mgr. & WPC member John Constantine a call. John will give you a WPC discount & may even deliver your parts to the next meeting or event.

WEBSITE: WPCMEMBERS - Freepart & Mallesport
295-2171 751-2800
224-9121

ANYONE WHO HAS EVER GIVEN THE LOCAL NEWS LETTER
WILL BE A COPY THIS MONTH.

If you are still out there and are still interested in the Corvair, why not re-join WPOC and/or COMGA? We would love to have you back, and I'm sure that you will be glad to know that we have made a lot of progress in the last few years and COMGA, now under professional management is on very sound financial ground and has surpassed 7000 members. This year's convention will be in Denver, and we will probably have a local Corvair show in conjunction with the Wild & Wonderful Corvair Club of West Virginia. Hey, there's a lot to catch up on. Why not drop by at the next meeting, or better yet - fill out that application form and drop it in the mail today. Here's hoping to hear from you.

Sincerely,
The Entire Western
Penna. Corvair Club

A WPOC CORVAIR SHOW THIS YEAR!!!

It is a definite possibility. The West Virginia club has suggested a joint venture in Morgantown or Waynesburg. The manager of the Pittsburgh G.M. Training Center mentioned the possibility, and finally Van Kaulin is going to inquire at the Kragen Trolley Museum in Washington, Pa. A possibility - yes, but at this time it's still in the pre-planning stage. Of necessity, it will be low key and fun. In the meantime - get that Vair into show condition.

DUES IS NOW \$9 PER YEAR. I WANTED YOU!!!!

That's right folks. It was voted on and passed at the annual meeting. If you have not sent in your dues and you are reading this - make your check out for \$9, instead of \$6. Immediate family membership remains at \$3 per year however. With the extra income, Wayne Jones can do a better job with the Journal and include more pictures of events etc. You are now two months overdue, and we must send our notice to COMGA for insurance coverage. If we don't get your check in the next day or so... you will not be covered under our blanket insurance policy!!!

WPS. TIP BY BILL SWITZER, W. Pa. Corvair Club

Here's something that you can do for either early or late models. It'll save your car drive you money if you'll take the time to do it.

It is in reference to the air inlet grill just in front of the windshield. This has always been a gathering place for dirt, leaves, snow, & ice. It is probably the most vulnerable spot for accumulating rust on your entire Corvair. Dirt & leaves collect there & finally deposit at the bottom of the door posts, fenders & rocker panels, thus clogging the factory built in drain holes. Needless to say, prolonged dampness in this area has ruined many Vairs.

So, here is what you can do about it. First, remove the wire mesh. (Use the hooked end of a pair of Channellock pliers. Place a rag or piece of cardboard under the pliers so you don't scuff the paint. Manipulate the little spring clip & pry up with the pliers. Next, lift the hood & remove the several screws that hold the grill to the body. Carefully remove the grill. Fashion some sort of flexible hose to a vacuum cleaner & try to reach as far down the door posts as possible, to remove whatever has gathered there through the years. When you are satisfied that you have cleaned these areas as well as possible, spray in some rust preventative so it will run down the door posts & air-vent area. (G.M. never painted this area & every surviving Corvair will be rusty there. So don't use rust proofing, tar, or undercoat.) Use JFS, WD-40, penetrating oil, or crankcase oil.

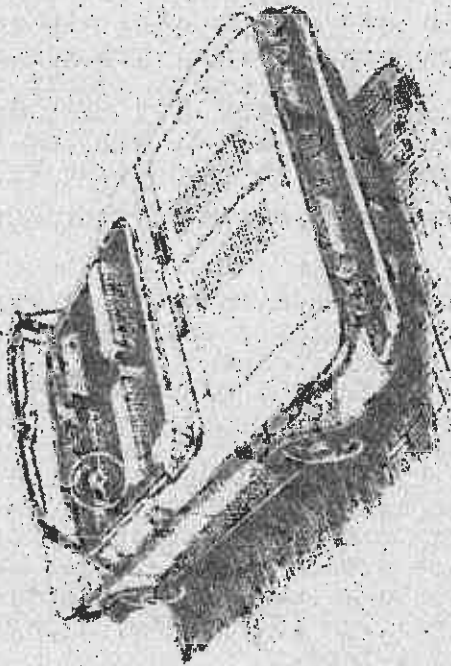
If you want to do a concourse job, get some paint that matches your car & paint the entire trough. Don't forget to paint the underside of the grill as well as the top, if you get that far. While you have everything apart, wash off, clean, & paint the area of the body where the grill will fit. If you own a late model, lubricate the wiper mechanism. When you have finished, carefully replace the grill & replace the wire mesh.

Our 1961 Concord has 4" wire mesh under this grill that does a tremendous job of catching leaves etc. before they drop out of sight. You might try fabricating this for your Vair. Also under the rear grill of the late models, Again - Thank You Bill. We all appreciate these common sense tips.

After obtaining lists of all the major body panel makers in the U.S. & making many calls, I learned that panels are available for pre-1965, but from 1965-1969 I couldn't find anyone who made a metal panel.

Thanks to a friend, I found two, cut them off and sandblasted them. Only the one for the passenger side was salvageable.

This is where the project now stands. With a little luck in acquiring or fabricating a driver's side panel, finishing the body work and a new interior lacquer paint job, I hope to be able to provide an "after" photo in the near future.



OUR NEXT MEETING FEB. 25 8 PM
LAWREN CHURCH MORRISTOWN, N.J.
GOOD BY PAID

We started out the new year with a tremendous turnout for the January annual meeting. Let's make it a habit to 1981. This meeting is just about as important as the annual meeting, since the officers and board present their proposals for the year's activities to the membership. We will also continue our discussion of the subscription issue. This has proved to be tabled until wording clarification can be obtained from COMSA. See you wed. evening.

PRESENTING YOUR NEW 1961 OFFICERS:

Wayne Rockhill - President
Lesdore Krauss - Vice President
Hazel Moore - Secretary
John Sweet - Treasurer
CONGRATULATIONS YA'LL

TECHNICAL ADVICE

John Swartz has volunteered his services as a technical adviser. If you have problems with your Vair, give John a call and he will try to assist you in finding a solution. John you're a hell of a guy to make such an offer!! We sure appreciate it. As Dick Bering said "I think that you are spending up a big bag of money!!"

John can be reached at home at 368-3922, but it's easy on him for another month or so while their home is being rebuilt. Thanks again, John.

NEW VAIR JACKETS ARE ON ORDER

The new jackets, took down well over the minimum order needed for our reduced price, and the membership voted for black with gold lettering. Gee, we might look like we're organized next spring!!!

81 Corsca Convention News

"Rally to the Rockies"



BALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY

If you have not been on a fun rally for awhile (or maybe never), plan now to rally at the 81 Corsca Convention, Summer sessions in 1960-61. We are usually bright and clear, perfect for an enjoyable, pleasant week rally in the foothills of our magnificent Rockies. We've planned the horse carefully, so that you will not miss out on any of our scenic beauty. The rally will take place on Friday morning, July 31. It will be a simple time-speed-distance event. This year we will be running only one class, with trophies awarded to all the top five finishers. The only equipment needed will be a time of day watch, tent, oil, paper and maybe a clipboard. Leave your rally tables, chairs and on-board counting gear at home. They will not be permitted. Now, you might want to bring your camera.

*We're Phillips and Fred Parilla rally co-chairmen

Let your driving skills as well as Western stamens, and a steady hand at the flykahn. The actual course will not be disclosed at this time but let me suggest that you practice somewhat, horseback, riding and get your timing act in shape as well as knowing your automobile and how to park. Now all of these above skills will be applied to you at the start of the "RALLY TO THE ROCKIES" flykahn. There will be plenty of parking for spectators and crowd control and safety will be utmost in our minds. There will be two classes, men and women (no matter what type of cowboy).

*Steve Goodson, flykahn better rider

SWAN MEET
 The swan meet should be a very large gathering here in Denver. The number of people locally who had in used parts as well as all of you attending should present a real market place for buyers and traders of used parts. The swan meet will be held in an underground parking area and should be free of the hot sun and dirty ground. Space allotments will be following the striped markings of the park- ing area, about 8:30 and will be held on a per day basis. There will be no security after hours so you must plan on picking up your hoodies in the evening. All spaces will be numbered so that you may have your same spaces for all three days if desired. To parking of vehicles will be allowed. Any questions on the swan meet will be answered by calling (303) 934-5007 after 5:00pm Denver time. To collect parts please.

*Steve Goodson, Rally meet chairman