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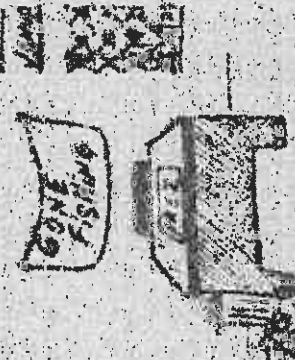
PREZ SEZ

Due to this being my last article as prez, I would like to cover a variety of topics.

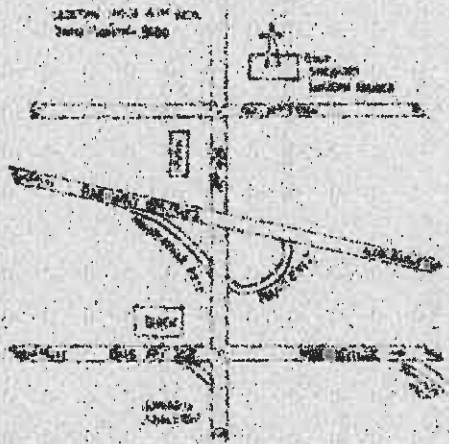
First, I want to thank you all for sitting through some of the rather lengthy meeting's over the past few months. I had planned for more "free time" but somehow it didn't always work that way. There were a change of the meeting night & place, which I know didn't arise with everyone's schedule, however, there wasn't much we could do about it. The fourth Wednesday was all that was available & incidently, anyone who hasn't seen the new meeting place should try to make a meeting. It is so much nicer than the old place. Here, I want to thank Dave & Jan Patonic for their extra effort in finding this meeting place. It took alot of leg work which most of us don't think about or appreciate.

Second, I want to thank my fellow officers for their support over the last 12 months, and all the people who either arranged a meeting program, or put one on themselves.

Finally, I want to thank Al Friend and Wayne Jones for their continual effort in getting the newsletter together and mailed 12 times a year. There are two jobs which are certainly not appreciated as much as they should be. Incidently, Al tells me he has unsuccessfully called some members a number of times asking them to send in their article for our "Featured Member of the Month". We started this alphabetically and are now in the 'C'. All of the articles printed so far have been interesting, and I'm sure we all enjoyed reading how our members



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FOR SALE

65 Corvair sp. turbo, body - windshield rust, a sp. good black int. needs engine. \$109 John Saeth. 363-3822

61 Ford Van 60,000 mi. 3sp. Very clean Fla. vhc. w/ white paint. exc. runox. damaged, partially panelled & carpeted. Have everything needed to finish including wire caps, new exhaust. Karl Wolf, Apollo (412) 277-5822.

69 Mazda sp. auto. 52,000 mi. new battery, good 2-number, runs like a top but rusted body.

66 Honda sedan, auto. great body, bad engine. trans. overhauled. 2-number just replaced.

1971 for \$500. Dave Harrison, New Len. 332-2050 ev. 644-6891 wk.

71 Honda 350 motorcycle - cheap - Wayne Jones 352-7169

WANTED - To a good home - late model cv. head liner & sun visors. ref.

WANTED - Late steering wheel & shaft assembly. complete. Rich Leary, Ryeport. 468-8609

LETTER

For those of you that complain of exhaust fires in the car when using the heater and are basic that it's not hot working oil. Perhaps you should check the fan fuse and heater fuse on the engine. During acceleration, or hill climbing, the engine works harder and emits more exhaust that vents around under the car. If one of the hoses has broken or fallen off, the heater will be able to suck up exhaust fumes from under the car. We seem to look for a blown regulator or complicated malfunctions such as blown head gaskets or exhaust manifold leaks and overlook something simple like the heater hose. Temporary repairs of a heater hose can be made by cutting the spiral reinforcing wire in the hose and sealing the pieces out of it. Join the break with a quart size metal oil can with both ends cut out. No need to use elope. - Ray State Treasurer, Newburgh, NY (204)

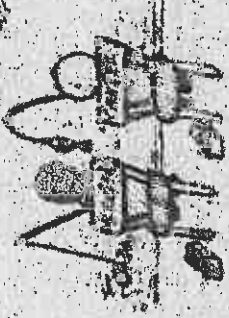
acquired their Corvairs. Lets try to keep this going. Write an article about your Corvair and send it to Al Friend regardless of your initial. He'll keep them on file, and use them in order received. Like I said, Al puts in a lot of time on the news-letter. Don't make him put in more by avoiding his request.

The Christmas Party was attended by a little over 50 people. I wish more could have made it, but realize that the Sunday before Christmas is not always open to everyone.

The January meeting is our annual meeting. This will be election night for next year's officers. There will be lots of things to discuss, such as the Corsa Insurance Coverage. Here I would like to ask each member to read: "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Corsa Insurance" in the November 1980 Communique, on pages 9 & 10. Before you come to the meeting.

Our demonstration this month will be conducted by John Sweet, who almost lost his complete home by fire this month. John is planning on giving a demonstration on how to obtain more heat from your Corvair heater. Here is an extremely dedicated member, so lets show him a good turn out, besides benefitting yourself from Johns knowledge.

Finally, I want to say that I enjoyed the honor of being PRES, & again thank the many people who supported me through out the year.



PREZ

FIVE YEARS AGO IN "THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL"

The annual meeting was planned for Jan. 3 at Dewey in Prosper. Several new meeting places were under consideration in the Mauriceville area. Ivan Clever turned 54 years young. Yours truly agreed to edit the newsletter. But best of all - Walt Moor told us that the Vair was only getting 8 MPG, but that fixing the leak in the gas tank improved the mileage quite a bit!!!

NEED PARTS

We need just two more orders to meet our 24 jacket winter order. Don't be out of order at this year's Corvair events. Put in your order at this meeting or mail your \$5 deposit to Wayne Rockhill. Prices, sizes, etc. in the last "Journal". We will probably pick the colors at this meeting.

PARTS FINDER

There is an outfit that specializes in "trading down" rare parts for all make cars. Also, if you have any rare parts for sale, they will gladly add your name to their listing. Contact: R.V. Performance, 30 Plains Rd. E. Burlington, Ontario, Canada. (416) 632-5755.
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NEED TECH TIP FOR THE MONTH BY BILL ARBERGER

Here's an easy fix that anyone can do in a few minutes. It may make the difference between driving in comfort or breathing all these whiffs using the heater.

Crank your oil dipstick. It must fit tightly into the tube. Check the rubber gasket. If it has deteriorated, replace it. (A temporary quick fix would be to wrap it with a thin strip of cloth... anything to make it air tight). The dipstick must fit snugly.

Next, twist off your oil filler cap. Hold it in your hand & gently pry out the thin cardboard gasket. Use this gasket as a pattern to make another just like it from a piece of cardboard approximately of the same thickness. Slip the gasket you made between the old one & the brass spring plate in the cap. It should require some extra force to twist it back into place. It must be airtight also.

Now, you may ask... where will the fumes go?... Near the right rear of your engine, between the fan & the right carburetor, there is a pipe. In theory, these fumes are forced through this pipe, a PCV (Positive Crankcase Ventilation) valve, & into your air cleaner. There is also a vacuum line, (Cross-Over Pipe) between your two carbs. The fumes are also directed into your carburetor intake system, via the cross-over pipe. Supposedly, the fumes are then burned up with the water/air/gas mixture.

And that's a lot better than having them in the front seat with you!!

TOURNAI MECH TIP
(Courtesy of Don Miller, Rally Cross Canada)

If your transmission fluid keeps disappearing and is not leaking, if your engine begins to ping, set the timing and dwell are probably off. You notice white smoke coming out the tailpipe during acceleration. Check the vacuum regulator in the transmission for a leaking diaphragm. This is a good part to replace and is relatively inexpensive.

I have another suggestion relative to the vacuum regulator. If your transmission does not appear to downshift properly under normal operation, try experimenting with a higher basket under the vacuum regulator. A basket in the range of 5.5p to 9.2p should help. It worked on car and one other one I know about. It's worth a try.

Thanks to Vair Club, Chasselas Corvairs Nov 1991

EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE CHRISTMAS/STAMBUKIAN PARTY.

The Fred, a first lady did a fine job of planning this years party. The Dequesne Camp Club proved to be a delightful facility, complete with a Christmas tree & a roaring fire. The warm fire place seemed particularly nice since it was right next to a window overlooking the icy Allegheny River. It might have been better cold outside, but there was a lot of warm holiday cheer & fellowship inside. The turnout was tremendous. In fact, it was a full house. The food was delicious, & the mood was festive. Rick & Carol devised a number system for the gift exchange, that allowed each gift to be opened individually, with much fan fare. Several members brought pictures of past events, that were the focal point of such discussion and caused us all to yearn for the warmer Corvairing days ahead. Let's all hope that Pennsylvania Fall does NOT see his shadow on Feb. 2!!!

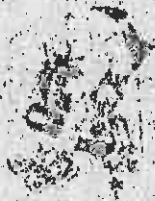
THIS MEETING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF THE YEAR
WED. JAN 28, 9 PM, 6600 SUFFERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

This is the meeting each year that we take actions to revise the by-laws, and to elect our new officers. The new officers then appoint the new board. All of this follows any additional nominations. We will also be taking actions regarding the raising of dues, and re-examining our CORSA membership policy. EVERYBODY!!! Everyone, please re-read everything you always wanted to know about CORSA Insurance on page 9 of the by. 80 CORSA CONSTITUTIONS, prior to meeting night. It will open your eyes, & you'll agree that we had better re-examine our policies now!!!

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, THEN MAIL THIS BALLOT TO YOUR EDITOR, A.S.A.P.

I vote; IBS BY on the proposal to delete the amendment to the by-laws that states that the president cannot succeed himself at that office.

Signature _____



General Edm. Madsen - Tech Editor

Year	Ball Number	Description
1962	117289	50 hp w/ manual trans
	117290	50 hp w/ auto trans
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	117292	100 hp w/ auto trans
1963	117293	80 hp w/ manual
	117294	50 hp w/ auto trans
	117295	100 hp w/ manual or auto
	117296	100 hp w/ auto trans
1964	117297	95 hp w/ manual
	117298	100 hp w/ auto trans
	117299	100 hp w/ manual or auto
	117300	100 hp w/ auto trans
1965	117301	95 hp w/ manual
	117302	100 hp w/ auto trans
	117303	100 hp w/ manual or auto
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1966	117305	95 hp w/ manual
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	117312	100 hp w/ auto trans
1968	117313	95 hp w/ manual
	117314	100 hp w/ auto trans
	117315	100 hp w/ manual or auto
	117316	100 hp w/ auto trans
1969	117317	95 hp w/ manual
	117318	100 hp w/ auto trans
	117319	100 hp w/ manual or auto
	117320	100 hp w/ auto trans

NOTE: The total number of votes distributed is always on the order of the number.

Courtesy "Dear View", Valley Corsa, Oct. 1980.

MEMBERS DUES, DUES - DUES IS LIFE!!!

In past years, we have carried unpaid members until after the March meeting for we pulled out. We will discuss this at the annual meeting, and I'm sure that due to the fact that the Insurance Institute update is April 1, and we must verify to CUBA prior to this date, that we are 100% CUBA members, the cut off date will be moved up to the Feb. newsletter. Remember, a separate provision is paid to the Insurance Institute for each of us.

In summary, 1981 dues was due before Jan. 1. If you haven't sent it off to the treasurer, you are due three weeks late!!! You are no share in a time of the hard working officers, and your overworked editor who has to type articles like this, and you are responsible for insurance coverage for yourself & the entire chapter. Please, call your dues in today, or pay at the meeting. It is not such a rare thing just as I mentioned to those members doing all of the work of keeping the club operating. Please keep your dues membership current, and remember, it's almost a sure thing that dues will go up for every one paying after this meeting.

The part of belonging to WHO is the same as driving one letter of a mile per month!!!
It's a part of belonging to CUBA is the same as the total cost of driving two letters of a mile per month!!!

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DUES - WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HAVE HAD A TOWN, TIP TILLING, TEEB VALUABLE SPACER???

1981 NOMINATIONS - SO FAR

- PRESIDENT - Wayne Rockhill
 - 1. PRESIDENT - Bob Fort, John Graf, Isadore Krouse
 - SPONSORING - Hazel Moore, Carol Graf
 - TREASURER - John Sweet
- Remember - nominations are still open at this meeting.

THIS A THING (Continued)

The Jan. 1. 68 "Old Cars Weekly" had a very informative article concerning the mixing of regular & to lead better guidelines, with the resultant higher octane rating than either of the components, and what I'll bring a copy to be passed around at the meeting. "Old Cars" is a very interesting weekly newspaper, all about the Old Car hobby. I have been subscribing to it since 1968. Write to: Old Cars, 100 S. State St., Littleton, CO 80120.

Also, I had a letter from a very booklet an opportunity to Don Norman, 3415 South Grant Blvd., write to: Mario M. Kubard, Product Manager, Flint & Bentonite, Marketing, Inc., 10000 Old Car, Madison, WI 53704.

John Setlur was not his while he found some articles were featured in full color on the cover of "Old Cars", which is a Sunday magazine in the Greenburg Tribune - Berlin. He has, in coverage also included a new page article titled "Old Car's Survival Guide - Don't Forget It", and the book & photo pictures of John and his wife. I'll bring a copy to the meeting.

In this edition of the Journal you will read Bill Artzberger's "Tech Tip For The Month". It is very educational and best of all, Bill is going to try to make it a regular feature. I appreciate the help, and I hope that you all express your gratitude to Bill.

LEAVE YOUR CUBA MEMBERSHIP CURRENT

Stay on top of this matter, since by letting your membership run out, you will cause our chapter to lose its liability insurance coverage. Remember 1980 CUBA membership is mandatory. Our policy provides liability coverage for each member, a great of our chapter. (BY THE WAY) Chapter subscribers, who do not belong to CUBA cannot be guests! They are therefore, not permitted to attend events or even meetings. We should a warning even consider running for an officer if the club's liability coverage can be jeopardized, by people who don't think that their fair is worth paying \$14 per year? Read the insurance article in the Nov. 80 Communique, & let's discuss the entire issue at this meeting.

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THIS & THAT

As is our custom, we passed the hat at the party and collected \$30 for the Children's Hospital fund drive. Irene Artberger was nice enough to take the contribution down town where she ended up standing in line for 2 1/2 hours to get up to the NKKA microphone. Needless to say, this was a very cold experience, so Irene & the lady next to her began taking turns going into the department store to thaw out their feet. This caused Irene to be accused of jumping in line!! After weathering that storm, she finally got to tell a certain lady D.J. about the Corvair Club. Wonderful, except for the fact that the lady D.J. didn't know a Corvair from a flower pot, and is probably still wondering what it is that the Corvair Club collects!! Everybody, be sure to personally thank Irene for this frustrating effort!

On Dec. 14, the Pittsburgh Press ran a story on WCC member, Joe Scary Sr., his son, Joe Jr. and his grandson Patrick Joseph. It seems that the Scary's have been into model airplane building (from scratch) and flying for three generations now. And it was all storied by our own Joe Sr. who was inspired by Charles Lindbergh. In 1934, he won the Pittsburgh area model airplane championship. I'll bring a copy of the article to the meeting for those who missed it.

We were saddened to hear that John & Charlotte Sweet's home partially burned. They are all safe & sound, even the cat! Their home is going to be rebuilt, and they will be living in a trailer provided by the insurance company. The club was quick to offer help, but it seems that they are O.K. at this point. Several members are planning to help John move items from the house to the trailer, and Kate Murphy offered free storage, and even a free apartment, if needed. Please feel free to call on us, if there is anything at all that we can do to help, we know how hard you have been working to restore that beautiful old farmhouse.

Have an idea for a 1981 event? Write it down on a postcard & mail it to your editor. I'll see that it gets to the new officers prior to the Feb. board meeting.

FEATURED MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

YVON CHILBERS

I am a computer system designer for U.S. Steel and have lived in Pittsburgh since 1964.

My wife Dorothy, is a school teacher for the Baldwin - Mitchell School Dist. We have two children, Ellen, who is a junior in education at Bowling Green State University, & Scott, a freshman studying Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University.

I first considered buying a Corvair during July 79. We were returning from vacation in N. Carolina when we spotted a 66 convertible in a used car lot near Jumontown, Pa. Half an hour later, my wife had "bought the money and we were the owners of this "rat's little car".

Unfortunately, that car suffered from teenage submissions (totaled by my son).

I am currently rebuilding a 66, 110 automatic coupe, which really was owned by a little old lady who drove it only on Sundays. For the last 24 years, she had neither car insurance or a valid driver's license.

I use our Corvair every day and want to thank all of the club members who have helped me with their suggestions on how to repair and maintain these marvelous cars.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR ME. MY SONG - THAT'S WHAT THESE LITTLE AUTODIAGNOSIS ARE ALL ABOUT. KEEP THEM COMING & KEEP ON CORVAIRING.

Zylich Chesnik - you're next, try to get your article, a possibly a black & white picture of your Volt to us as soon as possible.

Ivan Claver, our founder - You're on deck.

I still need articles from Mike Kozlowski, Don Baker, & Don Bigger. Come on fellows, don't break the chain, we would all like to know you better too!