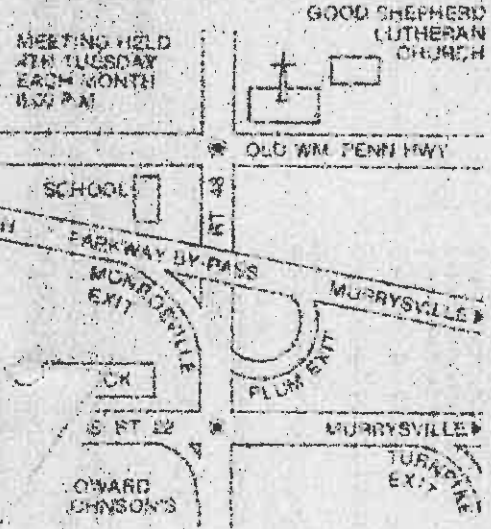


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Air Bags: After the Impact

If Ken Claybrook were actually in the business of manufacturing and marketing the air bags that make such a sales pitch for "New Frontiers, Circle Kwik to Clunk," on Oct. 10, 1973, the world surely have been in various states of general commotion. He would have been as well as fully of the vehicle's operation. Not nearly inspired, if only after a relatively good news, that air bags are the best possible protection we can have in a car, according to his research.

No one doubts that air bags provide excellent protection in frontal crashes (which are clearly the most dangerous), although they aren't nearly as effective when the impact comes from the side. But what is never clearly explained, or acknowledged, is that the air bag, in order not to injure the seat, deflates a split second after inflation. This requires the bag to—and so our purpose is) further protect the occupant. When the gas that is that the air bag, despite its capability of effectively saving lives in certain types of crashes, is re-inflated after.

Why doesn't Claybrook tell us what is going to happen to it after the initial impact, if it only inflates around and in front of the occupant, by whether one is seated or two after the air bags have deflated? What if the initial impact is only a glancing blow, the car veering off to have a second, far more violent, head-on impact with a tree or another car after the air has been deflated? What if... but why go on? The ways in which accidents happen in the real world that can defeat the ability of the air bag to protect us effectively are almost endless. Shaved hair on test dummies, with both vehicles moving freely and consequently to rest at the point of impact, which made such good TV and great publicity for Claybrook in the past, are not the way many real-world highway accidents happen.

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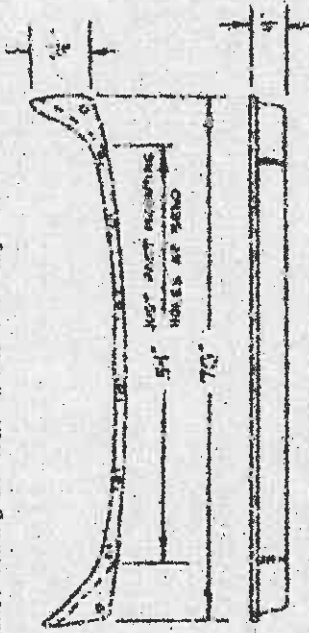
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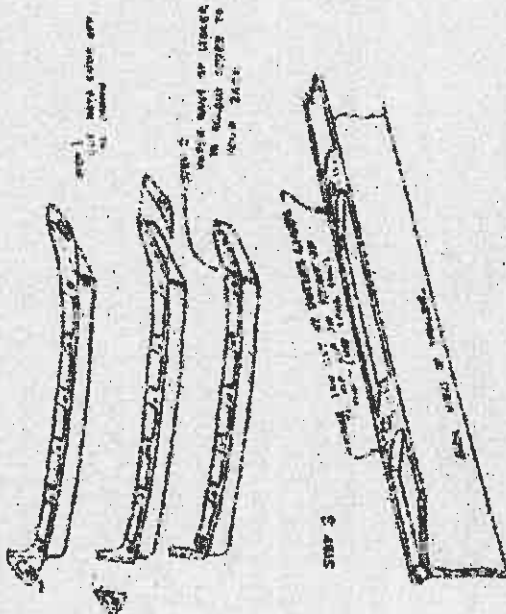
by Bruce Larson - 5000 Star C.O.

The sketch below is for a '61 Chevy 710000 truck spoiler. I purchased one and modified it to fit my Greenbrier. I have included the dimensions because it could probably be modified to fit both early and late Corvairs. Some of the advantages of this particular unit is that it fits for around \$12.00, it is very strong with several gussets across the back, and the corners curve around the sides, making it work on the van very well.



OR 41-01111 - DEFLECTOR

For this van I made the following modifications.
See step 1, 2, and 3



I did not want to drill holes in my van, so I made and used a clamp as shown below. I was forced to use the shorter metal screw on each side, but it was worth it and holds the ends in place.

OUR NEXT EVENT: SCENIC RALLY. SCENIC TOUR COORDINATION THIS SUNDAY OCT. 25 1 PM AT JOHN SWETS'S FARM

John & Charlotte live on a beautiful farm outside of beautiful downtown Portersville!! If you blink as you pass through town, you probably will miss it! Just follow Interstate 75 north, from Pittsburgh, past Zellenople to the Route 486, Portersville Exit. Turn left on 486 and in a short distance you will merge right into Route 19 North for a few blocks right in the middle of town. Rt. 486 then takes off to the left again, from this point it is about 2.9 miles to Studebaker RD. left on Studebaker (a gravel road) and you will soon see their light blue farmhouse with Corvairs all around it. You gals are in for a real treat when you see the remodeling job Charlotte has done on this old house. It is quaint, rustic, and just plain beautiful.

It's easy to get to, but let's plan a nice departure, departing from Howard Johnson's lot in Mountsville, anyway. We'll travel the Turnpike west, then I 79 North if you want to meet us enroute.

Each car should have a driver, naturally, & at least one navigator. John & Char will have easy detailed instructions and map. NO TRICKS!! The route will be a scenic tour through their area, & will include McDowell's Mill State Park with its breathtaking glacial gorge, dam, old mill, & covered bridge; Hell's Hollow with its beautiful waterfall; and Lake Arthur. **DO NOT - I REPEAT - DO NOT FORGET YOUR CAMERA AND EXTRA FILM!!** Like our last event, wear comfortable walking shoes, since several short walks through nature will be required.

First set off at 1 P.M. You will pull a playing card from a deck as you depart, and will pick up six more enroute. The car with the best poker hand at the end of the rally wins. It is not a timed event, and the cars will depart every five minutes so we don't all end up on the covered bridge at the same time!! The fall foliage just may be at it's peak on Sunday. The rally will terminate at either a buffet or home style restaurant. Meals should be in the \$6 range. Let's show our appreciation to the Swets with a big turnout for this super event.

FANTASTIC FALL GOING IN ARCHIE & ALICE MILLER COUNTRY.
OVER 50 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE!!!

How long will our luck hold out, another beautiful day for a very nice WPOC event!!! Actually, we got off to a rather rocky start; First of all Pat Greenwald and the kids showed up in their waterpumper, of all things! The RED CORVETTE wouldn't start. (It must have been tired from it's parade performance two weeks earlier!). Next, we missed connections with the Jones' and Treiers' at the Bev Stanton exit. We thought they were ahead of us, but were really behind us. Finally, Tom Patterson's Vair decided to just quit on him, about a mile short of the Donagel exit at the Turnpike!

But alas, finally the breaks began to even out. Just as Tom was about to give up on his Vair, and sell it to the next passerby, along came the Corvair caravan to rescue him. Bob Schwartz repaired his fuel pump on the spot, and the Vair started right up and we were all on our way to Archie's Place. (BOB PROMISED TO WRITE UP THE FUEL PUMP REPAIR PROCEDURE FOR THE NEWSLETTER. I'LL RETURN YOU TELL YOU DO IT, BOB!!!)

Our luck stayed good as we found Archie's Place, and boy did Alice, Jill, and Kay Thompson have a nice tableful of delicious snacks waiting for us. It was so nice of the Millers to open up their very interesting home and shop to us. The sale really enjoyed the interesting goodies in their craft shop, and us guys enjoyed seeing all of the Vairs Archie has stacked away. He even has a plant growing in his mountainside back yard that looks like a very rusty Lazewski!!! I believe that it is a very old and stationary form of vegetation, since there were several trees growing through it!!!

We finally managed to tear ourselves away from the goodies in Alice's dining room long enough to take a nice drive through the mountains to a portion of the Laurel Highlands hiking trail. Archie led us on a very nice two mile hike, then to Tom's Family Restaurant for a fantastic dinner. A great outing, many thanks to the Millers, and it was good to have so many new members join in.

PARADE OVERVIEW

that proclaimed "CORVAIR TOMORROWS Car Built yesterday".

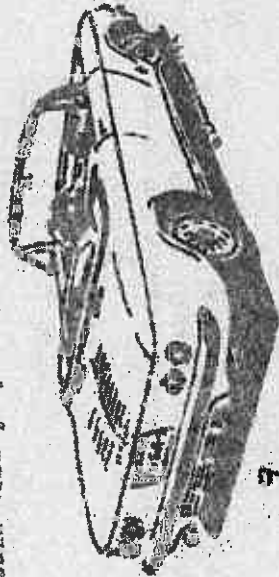
Needless to say we had a great time and certainly enjoyed all of the favorable comments from the throngs jamming the streets. In fact, most of the time, the crowd overflowed onto the street forcing us to change our formation to two abreast, which made us look like a drill team as we crawled free our formation to another!!!

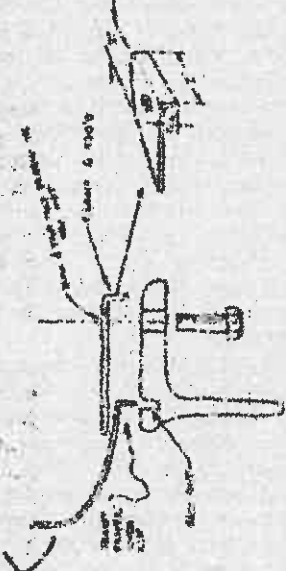
Many people were impressed by the quietness of the Corvair. AS WE DRIFTED ON THE DOWNHILL PORTIONS WITH OUR ENGINES OFF!!!!!!!

After arriving home, we were delighted to see the parade was on TV with a two hour delay. Finally, a diamond shaped formation of shiny Corvairs burst onto the screen. The announcer, Don Blagg, gave us coverage like you wouldn't believe! He proclaimed that he absolutely loved our group, and was so pleased to see us in the parade. He explained that he used to own two Vairs, and they were the best cars that he has ever owned. He bawled briefly on the fact that G.M. should have continued development of the car, and then concluded with: YOU CAN BUY HEADER'S BOOK, ANYWHERE, AT 95¢, MARKED DOWN FROM \$5.95!!!!

I called Don and thanked him in the club's behalf, sent him our Sept. Journal, will send him a copy of this Journal, and had Coras send him a complimentary CUBSA Souvenir. Should any of you have occasion to talk to Don, anytime in the future, be sure to express your gratitude.

Most important of all, thank new member Jim Lane when you meet him. Jim was in charge of the parade, and invited us to participate. He also recorded the parade on his Panasonic System, and I'm sure will play it for us at a future meeting.





I side no class as so better gas mileage or better stability.
 This modification only helped to make the front of the
 car look better by hiding some of the front suspension.

TEN MOMENTS PARADE THEIR VALES IN SHANNEL MILEVIA'S
 CELEBRITY DAN PARADE THROUGH DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH.

Saturday Sept. 12 dawned clear as a bell
 and not too hot. An absolutely perfect day for
 a parade. Gradually, WPCO Convertibles arrived at
 the Preaky cleaned and shined silver does know
 as the Divic Arena. By 10:30 ten Convertibles had
 arrived, along with 25 or so searching bands, The
 Pirate Patrol, The Terrible Fan, a squadron of
 varied vehicles all dressed up in the black and gold
 colors of "The City of Champions", convertibles
 full of TV celebrities, etc. etc. along with 50 to
 70 thousand people. I believe that it was the
 biggest parade in the city's history, and the
 best attended since the Steeler's first Super Bowl
 victory parade.

We started the parade in a diamond formation,
 led by Pat Greenwald and the kids in their bright
 red 64 convertible, with our banner draped over the
 hood. New member Elizabeth Lane headed up the
 diamond with a blue early sedan, the Artzberger
 wiggers" were next, followed by three 1. Green
 convertibles owned by the Breiers, Rockdills, and
 Millers. The Jones 64 "Jerkey Turkey" and the Horn's
 late sedan came next, while yours truly brought up
 the rear in the "Silver Bullet" with a bumper sticker

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THEY, TOOK A WHISTLE

F.P. leaders Krosser and Starley attended Niagara
 Premier Occasion Club's Vair Affair 81 at Allcott-
 ville, N.Y. They had a great time and enjoyed the
 hospitality and friendships that they made.

The Artzberger wigger I'm took a first place while
 competing against a bunch of strange Chevy's with
 their engines in the front, of all places!!! This
 took place on Sept. 26 at The Super Chevy Steel
 City Classics show in McKeesport.

If you want a trophy, or know of another club
 member who did, it could have been printed right
 here for us all to enjoy. IF YOU WOULD HAVE ONLY
 TAKEN TWO MINUTES, TO CALL AND TELL ME!!!!!!!

The Pioneer Cars Exhibit at the Carnegie Institute
 right in the Marble Mason Hall is one car show
 that I, for one, will never forget. FANTASTICAL

Event idea for next year - The Vintage Chevy Club
 had a garage tour, of members car projects. It
 sounded like a good event.

NEW MEMBERS

Ken Silveira, Pkn. 833-7191. Ken is a 36 yr. old
 stock broker who is rejoining WPCO & GORSA. Ken
 owns a 67 700 sedan that has been in his family
 since 1967. It's good to have you & Ginger back
 in the club, Ken. See you on the rally!

Jim Lewis, Pkn. 564-0991. Jim is a 57 yr. young
 retiree from WPI 77, here in Hills Town. Jim was
 instrumental in our appearance in the Channel 11
 parade downtown. Jim's charming wife, Elizabeth
 was nice enough to drive their sharp early sedan
 in the parade with us. Jim met Archie Miller at
 a local car show & Archie introduced him to the
 club. Thanks again for the tremendous exposure,
 Jim, and welcome aboard.

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68 Nova, auto 41,000 mi. exc. cond. original
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