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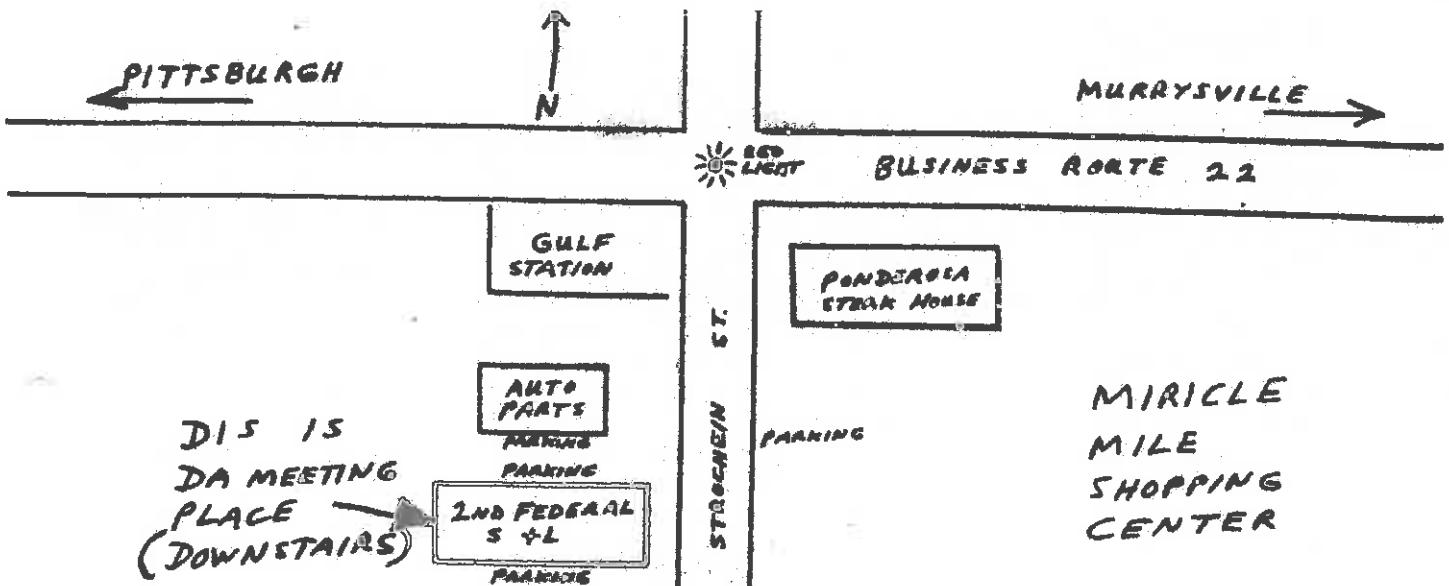
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CORSA renewals will be mailed to you prior to your anniversary date. Fill it out and return it to CORSA, along with a \$12 check, payable to CORSA, Inc. New WPCC members will receive a CORSA application from our treasurer. CORSA MEMBERSHIP IS MANDATORY. CORSA's address is: P.O. Box 2488, Pensacola, FL 32503.

★ IF I AM TO GET OUR WHITE 64 READY IN TIME FOR THE NATIONAL, THIS NEWSLETTER HAS GOT TO BE SHORT & SWEET. ★

OUR NEXT MEETING TUESDAY AUG. 28 8PM 2nd FEDERAL S & L MONROEVILLE, PA.

If you can't get to the national, then the next best thing would be to attend the meeting and hear all about it. Bring something interesting for show and tell. Bring your tech. questions, to be answered, and bring an extra half dollar, so you can win the 50/50 drawing. BE THERE!!!



The following article appeared in G.M.'s Friend's Magazine, which goes out to all of their customers, at least until they pay off their car!

THE CORVAIR CULT: CAN 7,000 REAR-ENGINE FANS BE WRONG?

More than 1,500 Corvairs are expected to haul their little rear engines into Detroit this month for the 10th annual Corvair Society of America (CORSA) convention.

The Corvair cultists at the convention will represent some 7,000 national CORSA members. The organization is dedicated to preserving more than just the memory of the Corvairs built by Chevrolet in the model years between 1960 and 1969.

Most of the CORSA members at the convention will have to make a choice of which model to bring. National chairman Jerry Moons of Livonia, Michigan, says that the typical member owns at least two. Moons himself will have to decide between his six models, including a 1964 Greenbrier nine-passenger wagon. Don Schneider of Winesberg, Ohio, has 85 Corvairs in his collection including the 1977 CORSA show winner "The Black Widow," a 1966 convertible.

This year's convention—August 24 to 26—will be the

first held in Detroit. The 1978 convention drew 14,000 CORSA members in San Diego, and Moons is projecting between 1,500 and 2,000 at this year's meeting.

Why the Corvairmania? "It's simply a fun car to drive," says Moons. "This little car is a lot better than it was ever given credit for," adds Schneider.

Schneider bought his first Corvair—a '63 Monza—in 1972 when he was looking for "a small car to go back and forth to work."

"The first time I took it down a country road it impressed me the way it smoothed out the bumps," he says. "Soon, one good Corvair led to another, and I told somebody they were cheaper by the dozen, so I felt I had to live up to that statement."

But Corvair owners, Schneider says, have more in common than a mutual affection for the car. "Corvair owners are a breed all their own," he says. "They're warm, friendly, and I think if I lost all my Corvairs tomorrow, I'd remember the people in the club the most."

And what will the Corvair cultists do at their convention?



One of the first and one of the last Corvair convertibles (the latter with 27 7 miles on the odometer) owned by Pinky Randall of Houghton Lake, Michigan.

Well, beginning on Friday, August 24, they'll tour the Willow Run Assembly Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where the Corvair was built and talk to some of the people who worked on them. Then, they'll stage a Corvair road rally that will wind through metropolitan Detroit.

On Saturday, August 25, they'll meet at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan, and tour the facility as well as hold a show car competition on the Tech Center grounds. That night the conventioners will attend an awards banquet where prizes for the show cars and road rally winners will be given.

On Sunday, August 26,

they'll stage an autocross competition and a gymkhana event at a local shopping center, followed by a flea market where a number of the Corvairs will be for sale.

"Any Corvair in better than average condition—no rust and in good mechanical condition—is worth at least its original sticker price," Moons says. Schneider has turned down offers as high as \$5,000 for some of his choice models.

"I just can't seem to part with them," he says.

For more information about CORSA and this month's Corvair Convention, contact the International Office, 428 Kilbee Lane, P.O. Box 2488, Pensacola, FL 32503.

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HERE IS THE PLAN:

Many CORSA members from chapters to the east of us are planning to stay over in Pittsburgh Wed. night. They will then meet our chapter in the Howard Johnson's parking lot, at Routes 22 & 48, in Monroeville, for a 6:30 AM departure. THAT'S RIGHT 6:30 A.M.!!! The combined convoy will travel west on the Pa. & Ohio Turnpikes, picking up other members along the way. IF YOU PLAN TO MEET US ALONG THE WAY, ENTER THE TURNPIKE AND WAIT FOR THE CONVOY TO PASS BY YOU, THEN CAREFULLY JOIN THE CONVOY FROM BEHIND. THERE WILL BE NO HURRY SINCE WE WILL BE IN CONSTANT C.B. COMMUNICATION WITH EVERYONE. WE WON'T SPEED UP UNTIL EVERYONE IS JOINED UP - SO DO IT SAFELY.

We will then pick up members from the West Virginia & Erie chapters along the way. Our next goal will be to make the plaza just past the Sandusky exit by 11A.M. where all of the Ohio clubs will be waiting for us. At this point we will follow the Ohio chapters to a pre-arranged plaza in Michigan where the Detroit chapter will lead smaller Corvair convoys through the congestion to the Michigan Inn.

Sound like fun - YOU BET - IF YOU WANT TO MAKE LAST MINUTE PLANS TO ATTEND, GIVE ME A CALL, I'LL HELP YOU GET RESERVATIONS.

If you can't get away until Friday, call Bill Artzberger or Walt Katenkosky, they are leaving on Friday also. "SHINE EM UP GANG".

OUR LAST MEETING

Our last meeting was informative & interesting, but do to my lack of time, you'll have to attend the next meeting to hear the minutes.

OUR LAST EVENT

Bill & Irene Artzberger did another superb job, with help from Jim Artzberger and Sandy Burrows. In spite of an early morning shower, the sun came out and we all had a great time. After getting plenty of exercise playing volleyball and running pass patterns, the group settled into the fan belt tossing competition, which was won by David Fabyonic Jr. I think!! The Artzbergers had lots of really fun games, both for the kids, and for us older kids. In order to round out the activities, we polished off a keg of beer, and ate mountains of burgers, dogs, and every kind of salad & desert imaginable. As special guests of WPCO our good friends from Ohio, Bill & Velma Klotz, and Don & Alice Schneider brought huge slabs of real swiss cheese & delicious bologna from Ohio's Amish country. It gave everyone a big moral boost to see Bill in such good spirit after his very serious operation. We also were very happy to see Pat Greenwald and the kids. We all want you to stay active with the club, Pat.

Again, a big WPCO thankyou to Bill, Irene, Jim, & Sandy for a wonderful Sunday afternoon with Corvaair friends.

NEW MEMBERS

Bob & Betty Ashworth, Pgh. 793-1784. Bob is a 49 yr. old industrial designer with U.S. Steel Research. They are the proud owners of a 61 Greenbrier. & were recommended by their good friend Bob McCune.

John Tessaro, Pgh. 363-8327. John is a 30 yr. old musician who also owns a Greenbrier, but a 62. (HERE COMES COMPETITION, WALT MATENKOSKY). John also has artistic ability & is making a WPCO sign that will hold Jean Brill's Corvaair rug, to be displayed by our cars at Detroit. John was recommended by Wayne Jones and he knew John Greenwald.

Tom Patterson, Jr. Belle Vernon. 929-6797hm. 929-5717 wk. Tom is a 41 yr. old owner of Belle-Price Builder's Supply in Belle Vernon. Tom drives a 66 Corvaair convertible & already belongs to CORSA. Welcome to WPCO Tom, hope to see that 66 at some events.

THE CORVAIR CONVOY SURVIVAL KIT

Jim Stokes has been working to put a kit together that will go on all long convoys that we make. he still needs the following items. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK IN YOUR EXTRA PARTS PILE AND BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE MEETINGS AS DONATIONS:

Fan belt, spark plugs, sp. plug wires, distributor cap, rotor, points, coil, condensor, clutch & emer. brake cables, or cable repair kit. fuel pump, fuel & brake lines, misc. tools, jumper cables, battery terminal cleaner, oil spout, funnel, rope, chain, windshield wipers, electric & tie Wire, nuts, bolts, cans of oil, auto. transmission fluid, gear lub. brake fluid, grease gun, coveralls, rags, hand cleaner, AND ANTI-FREEZE!!!!!! (THE KIND THAT YOU TAKE TO THE STEELER GAMES, STUPID!!)

FOR SALE

468-8324

61 Monza sedan, auto, 70,000 mi. inspected, rust, radio. Viola Larese, Export, \$200

60 Corvaair. ex interior & mechanics, needs paint, inspected, 64,000 mi. \$850.

Sam Hoke, Myersdale, Pa. (814)634-5677 anytime.

64 Monza conv. red/black, 110/4 sp. sealed, radials, exc. cond. will send picture.

\$1950 Lee Fleshood, Nashville, Tenn. (615)356-6879.

67 Monza good condition. Mrs. Robert Hemphill, RD #2, Mercer Road, Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010

THIS & THAT

I got a call from our old friend, Al Thomas, of GM Training Center fame. He now has a position in the GM Building in Detroit. Al & Peg send their regards to everyone in the club, and they plan to see us at the gymkahna on Sunday.

Speaking of the gymkahna, if you are attending the national, plan on helping out, at least in the early morning on Sunday. We are in charge of it, and Bill Artzberger is the chairman of the committee. Plan to help out. Our reputation is at stake!

For our trip to the Tech. Center on Saturday, for the Concours, the entire 12 mile route will be closed for the 3 mile long Corvair parade, which will be led by our friends from Zenobia Temple & their beautiful parade Vairs, along with several Corvair pick up trucks with a band pronouncing our arrival. I wonder if the "Motor City" is ready for the Corvair Club??

Looking for stainless steel connectors, **THAT NEVER RUST!!!** Well, send 25¢ to: Tioga Stainless, 6 Deborah Drive, Apalachin, N.Y. 13732, and ask for their catalog.

TIRE SIZES

*FROM "THE FRIENDS OF
CORVAIR" CLUB'S NEWSLETTER*

For those of you who asked, these are the tire sizes permitted in CORSA Concours for Pure Stock Class:

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>LOAD RATING</u> @ 32 psi	<u>BELTED BIAS & BIAS</u>	<u>RADIAL</u>
6.50 light	1060	A-78 -13	AR 78-13
6.50 - 13 exact	1150	B-78 -13	BR 78-13,175R-13
6.50 heavy, 7.00 light	1230	C-78 -13	----
7.00 - 13 exact	1270	----	CR 78-13,185R-13
7.00 heavy	1320, 1370	D-78 -13	195R -13
7.00 light	1320	D-78 -14	DR 78-14
7.00 - 14 exact	1340	----	----
7.00 heavy	1360, 1400	E-78 -14	ER 78-14,185R-14

Remember that any other whitewall other than a single stripe will count as an alteration, but an incorrect width is only a no-points accessory. (Tire size comparisons courtesy Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.)

PARTS SUPPLY TIP: I realize that, for some people, the brand of shock absorber to use on your Corvair is an "emotional" item, especially when it comes to Sears' shocks. I have used Sears brand, and can't really say whether they are any better or any worse than other similar priced shocks. Anyway, Sears has removed all pre-1970 listings from their parts books. However, their "Heavy Duty" grade is still available, if you know the part numbers, which are as follows:

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Rear</u>
1960-64	79238	79269
1965-69	79278	79279
1961-64 FC	79223	79223

Jack Coe FROM:

THE NORTH TEXAS CORVAIR CLUB