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CORSA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL:

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.

DID YOU PAY YOUR WPCC DUES YET????? IF NOT YOU ARE OVERDUE BY ALMOST TWO MONTHS!!
FOR INSTRUCTIONS, SEE WPCC MEMBERSHIP BLOCK ABOVE. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT NOW!!

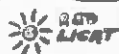
OUR NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 26 8PM 2nd. FEDERAL S & L MURRYSVILLE, PA.

At our next meeting we will cover a variety of subjects as usual. Included on the agenda will be the question of mandatory CORSA membership, the upcoming CORSA board elections, possible by-laws revisions, the Falling water tour, the national convention, and the gymkhana that we are in charge of. You might even win the 50/50 drawing, and for heavens sake, bring something for show & tell.

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UPCOMING CORSA ELECTIONS

There are two board openings in the eastern region this year. After the recent turmoil in CORSA, it is most important that you carefully read the words of the various candidates, that will appear in the June Communiques, think about it, and vote for your choice. CORSA is on the move again, but let's make sure it stays on the move by electing the best possible people to the board. Bring your views to the next WPCC meeting on June 26 also, since we plan to discuss the various candidates in great detail. But, above all VOTE.

DO YOU BELONG TO CORSA???

Thirty of our ninety-two members do not!!! We plan to debate this sad situation further at the upcoming meeting. We hope to have a copy of the blanket chapter insurance policy on hand. At this point, it appears that we are giving the insurance company a possible out, should we have an accident during an event, by not enforcing the chapter agreement, which states that all chapter members should also belong to the national organization. The \$12 CORSA membership dues has got to be one of the best bargains left in the world today!!! That's less than a tank of gas!!! The monthly CORSA Communiques is a high quality magazine just packed with info. about Corvairs & Corvair people. If you love your Corvair - Join CORSA!

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF THIS WHOLE ISSUE COULD BE DROPPED BECAUSE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WERE ALSO CORSA MEMBERS? HOW ABOUT IT??

OUR LAST MEETING:

Our last meeting was again well attended with several new faces. Let's hope that this good trend continues. Dave Lovejoy, the club attorney and Corvair convertible owner, presented Carole Friend, the club secretary with the WPCC, Inc. corporate seal. Our incorporation is now complete, except for filing for tax exempt status. The necessary forms are on back order by the state.

We discussed the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicle Clubs of Pa. of which WPCC is their newest member. The council has hired a full time lobbyist to forwarn us on proposed "off the wall" legislation in Harrisburg that could be harmful to the old car hobby. As the council grows, the more influence we will have. This will undoubtedly prove to be valuable in the future as the bureaucratic monster in Harrisburg gets into air quality, noise abatement, emission inspections, etc. etc. You may be asked to write letters to legislators, in the future when the need arises.

The problem of CORSA membership was discussed as mentioned above. Walt & Hazel Moore told of their trip to the Dunkirk auto flea market. They reported that interest in Corvair parts has become huge, and so are the prices. Walt mentioned that our own John Cossy should be considered first when you need a part or two. It was mentioned that members who plan to attend the national should also plan to help with the gymkhana on Sunday afternoon. Other chapter's events were mentioned, and members were urged to attend as many as possible. KEN GOOD WON \$12.50 IN THE DRAWING.

Show & tell again was the star of the show: Our president, Walt Moore passed around the main shaft which broke on the return trip from Scio. The Rampside spent the night in Ohio, while Walt, Hazel, & their tools came home in three separate Vairs! Vaughn Hamlin discussed the new Chevy Citation & passed around the publication of the Automotive Service Councils. Al Friend passed around a copy of the book "Stop Corvair Oil Leaks" written by Fred Johnson, member of the North Texas Corvair Club. The book is excellent and is highly recommended. See ad, later in the newsletter.



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THE BREIERS BRING HOME A TROPHY.

The Versailles Boro Lion's Club car show featured four WPCO Corvairs owned by: The Breiers, the Buffers, the Krouses, and the Pezels. It was a nice show with a lot of top quality collector cars. Our V.P. took a third and probably would have done better had he removed the spider webs from the front suspension!!! It's great to see a nice turnout of Vairs at these local outings.

FOR SALE

65 Corsa, 140/4sp. one owner, 61,000 mi. maroon/black. Eng. rebuilt 3600 mi. ago.
\$1995 Gary Loser, 1 Ragged Hill Rd. Milford, Mass. 01757. (617)473-8544.

Ivan Clever's clearance sale. Call Ivan at 353-2656 on any of the following:
62 Rampside, 4sp. Runs, needs battery; 69 "500", 3sp. runs, needs battery & coil;
69 Monza P3, Runs, needs battery; 52 Ford flathead V-8 cattle truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ full of parts
plus 2 engines.

65 MONZA P6, 4DR BLUE, 37000 MI, RECENT PAINT, SOME NEW BODY PARTS, SOLID \$2500 NEG.
CAR WILL BE AT THE NEXT MEETING. VINCE BANELA, PGM, 963-7637.

NEW MEMBERS

Donald Boyce (Joan) Fitzcarrn, 372-8721. Don is a 25 yr. old chef who owns a rare
63 Spyder. Don was introduced to WPCO by Frank Collingwood.

COMING EVENTS

Jun 23 - 24 "Corvair Days" at Gettysburg, Pa. Bus tour of battlefield, banquet, flea
mkt. Concours. Central Pa. Corvair Club, Joe Darinsig, 1751 Chesley Rd.
York, Pa. 17403. (717)845-9347.

Jun 24 - KIT-HAN -ME Antique, Classic & Special Interest Auto Show. At the Super 66
drive-in theatre on Rt. 66, South of Ford City, Pa. Reg. 9AM - noon.

Jul 6 - 8 Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama, Butler Fairgrounds. Rt. 422 Auction Sat. &
Show Sunday. (Ivan will be at S185 - 187).

Wed. Jul 11 Old Fashioned Days at Idlewild Park. Park opens at 10 AM, Parade at
7 PM. Free amusement & refreshment tickets to participants. Let's
all go together, so we can park together. Noon departure from the
Howard Johnson lot in Monroeville. We'll go Turnpike to Irwin, then
Rt. 30 to the park. Meet us along the route if it is more convenient for
you. Take a days vacation and enjoy a nice day.

Jul 25 - 29 Vintage Chevrolet Club Central Meet, Seven Springs Resort.

Jul 29 WPCO picnic & powder puff tech. clinic, North Park.

Aug. 23 - 26 CORSA National Convention, at the Michigan Inn, Detroit Mich. For
reservations, call (800)228-3000 after 9 PM (\$36 single, \$39 double).

OUR FANTASTIC WEEKEND AT AQUA MARINE LODGE ★ TIME TO SEND IN YOUR \$30 DEPOSITE ★

That's right - it's time to send your \$30 deposit to: Mrs. Lamoyne Holderbaum
3200 Township Road
N. Huntingdon, Pa. 15642

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WPCO

If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. There are still some openings.
This will be a club event, just for the members relaxed enjoyment. No car events, no
kids, no cooking, no housecleaning. Nothing but delicious food, our own party room,
tennis, golf, hiking, saunas, and you name it. Come on gals, talk that old miser of
yours into spending \$129.90 total, for everything!! Don't you deserve a weekend
away from the kids & the kitchen???? Get that \$30 deposit in the mail today, then
he can't back out of it!!!

OUR LAST EVENT

Because of our vacation plans, this newsletter was typed up prior to the June 3 convoy to Falling Water & Fort Necessity. Thankyou in advance to the Millers and the Brills. Hope that graduation parties don't cut too deeply into the turnout.

TECH. TIPS

Bates Murphy reports, that if you are considering switching to 14" wheels, Chevy wagons use a wider wheel than the Chevy passenger cars, these should be perfect for your Vair.

The tip to the right by Larry Claypool of the Chicagoland Corvaire Club is the best solution I've heard yet to combat the leaded premium gasoline problem.

A few other thoughts as the octane gets lower: Less heat - less ping, so gunk the underside of your engine & clean the upper shrouding. All that oily crud holds in the heat. Also switch to a turbo or 140 oil cooler. How about smaller tires such as Michelin's 15", it's just like a gear ratio change.

TECH TIPS by Larry Claypool

A tip or so ago I told about gas requirements for the Vair. One item I overlooked was how to mix current grades of gas to achieve a satisfactory octane level. It seems that the now popular premium no-lead gas mixes quite favorably with the lead in regular leaded. According to Shell, a mixture of 80% no-lead premium (92 octane) and 20% regular leaded (89 octane) will give a result of 94 octane, or just about what Shell leaded premium used to be. By the same token, the same proportions using leaded premium rather than leaded regular should give an optimistic figure of around 96.

Admittedly, the no-lead premium ain't cheap (about 95¢ a gallon as of this writing) but it is getting pretty easy to get these days compared to leaded premium, particularly along interstates and expressways.

I've had very gratifying results putting in about \$3 of leaded premium from any of the discount stations that still carry it, then topping off the tank with premium unleaded from Amoco or Shell. The former 3rd & 4th gear ping from the turbo has all but disappeared so despite the higher cost, I'm pleased as hell about how it runs.

TWO MORE SUPER TIPS FROM THE CHICAGO CORVAIRE FOLKS:

A SHORT TECH TIP --

When the time finally comes when you've had it with jumper cables and push starts, you'll dig deep into your pocket and cough up the bucks for a new battery. If you go by the application charts you'll see the trucks and early Corvairs use a size 53 battery, while late models use a 22F. Never, of course, use that info, for you'll be getting less for the same price. A size 27F or 24F battery of the same guarantee costs no more than a size 22F, yet the chart I've made, using Sears batteries, tells the story. Since space is no restriction, buy the huge 27F and forget about cold or extreme hot starting troubles.

Early Corvairs and trucks ARE very limited in space restrictions, so here, a size 29NF battery does the job. Just a shade bigger in all dimensions, it still fits the battery box, but really delivers the power. (NOTE: I don't endorse Sears batteries, chart is for comparison ONLY.)

	(Based on Sears 48 month batteries)			(\$36 mo. guar.)	
BATTERY #	22F	24F	27F	53*	29NF
Height	8-1/4	8-5/8	9	8-1/4	8-3/4
Width	6-7/8	6-7/8	6-7/8	4-3/4	5-1/2
Length	9	10-1/4	12	13	13
Cold Cranking power amps for 30 sec at 0°F	360	410	485	280	375
Power reserve of 85 minutes at 25 amp output		107	130	66	95
# of plates	60	66	78	54	78
Weight (lbs.)	34	41	49	35	39

LOWER COMPRESSION RATIO TIP by Charley Biddle

Can you remember a time that when gasoline was rated at 96, the reference was to the octane, and not the price? As the octane rating of available gasoline goes down, the rate of ping in our Corvairs goes up.

The way to utilize lower octane gasoline is to lower the compression ratio of the engine. The easiest way to do this on a Corvaire is to add cylinder barrel gaskets between the cylinders and the aluminum block. These

should not be confused with the head gaskets which go between the barrel tops and the cylinder heads.

These gaskets, made out of stamped steel, are .014 inches thick each, and will lower the compression ratio of a cylinder by about .22 of a compression ratio. On a stock bore '64 or later engine, one of these gaskets will add .1299 cubic inches to the combustion chamber.

The following is a chart showing how a typical '64 110 hp engine's compression ratio changes when one or two extra cylinder barrel gaskets are added (total of two or three, respectively) to lower compression. Compression figures shown were mathematically calculated using data available in "How to Hotrod Your Corvaire" by Bill Fisher. Data shown is for a normal 164 cubic inch engine, and a +040 overbore (possible by using a kit from OTTO Parts) to get 167.5 cubic inches. The '64 110 hp engine is advertised at a 9.2 compression ratio, although the actual ratio is somewhat lower.

Bore	Number of Gaskets		
	Stock	1 Extra	2 Extra
Std.	8.332	8.106	7.857
+040	8.503	8.250	8.014

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With deep regret, we announce the passing of fellow club member, John Greenwald, on June 5, 1979.

John will be missed very much. His technical knowledge and advice of our Corvairs, will be missed. But John, as a person and friend, will be missed most of all.

John, like the Corvair, is gone but not forgotten. So if there are any Corvairs up there, John will help keep them running.

Thanks to the efforts of CORSA, Condon & Skelly will now write stated amount insurance on Corveairs, up to & including 1966. Corsea is reportedly very close to obtaining coverage up to 1969 with another company. TIP: You don't drive your car more than 2500 miles per year!!! ANOTHER REASON TO JOIN CORSA. THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.



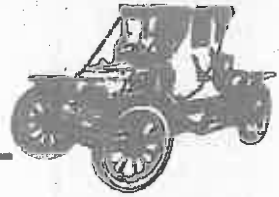
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Total number of cars owned
Are vehicles garaged Where?
Name Address City State Zip Code

PART I List vehicle to be insured. (Use separate sheet if necessary)
Table with columns: Veh No, Year of Model, Left Hand Drive, Serial/Motor No, Has Mfg H.P. rating been increased?, Old H.P., New H.P., No of Cyl, Coach Divider, Present Value, % of Restoration

PART II Annual Rates and Premiums. (Other A-B Limit Available)

A. & B. Liability for Bodily Injury & Property Damage.
Table with columns: LIMITS, 1, 2, 3, No-Fault, provided where mandatory for add'l premium

C. Medical Protection
Table with columns: 1,000, 3,500, 6,000, 7,500, 5,000, 7,000, 13,000, 17,000

D. Uninsured Motorists
Table with columns: Limits, Excess per veh, \$50,000, \$3,000, Other limits available subject to state law

E. Physical Damage - Comprehensive Including Fire & Theft

- Including Collision - Rate Per \$100 Value \$250 Spare Parts cov provided at no charge
Excluding Collision - Rate Per \$100 Value \$35 each veh (\$1.00 for veh 25 yrs old or newer)

F. Additional Spare Parts. Submit for Rates (Amount \$)
Table with columns: Minimum Premium, Annual Premium, 1 Veh, 2 Veh, 3 Veh

PART III Vehicle Data. (Use separate sheet if necessary for each vehicle)

Total Annual Mileage driven for all Antique/Classics for:
A. Exhibitions or Club purposes
B. Pleasure use
C. Other purposes Explain
D. Long Short wheelbase E. Stick Automatic
F. Air Conditioned Yes No G. Type Radio
H. Present speedometer reading
I. Describe changes in Horsepower and original appearance
J. Most last competed and Location Points scored Prize won
K. What Clubs do you belong to?
L. Upholstery: Leather Vinyl Cloth

PART IV Driver Information
Table with columns: Driver's Name, Driver's Lic Number, Sex M/F, Date of Birth Mo Day Yr, Married or Single M S, % of Use by Each Driver Veh 1 Veh 2 Veh 3, Date of Accident or Violation Mo Day Yr, Describe the accident or violation, Year Co Paid Claim Yes No

PART V Applicant's Statement. It is hereby warranted by the undersigned that the vehicle(s) described in the application qualify within the following categories

A. Antique vehicle(s) 25 years of age or older or B. Classic, Special Interest, Limited Production and/or Postwar Vehicle(s)
The vehicle(s) insured must be maintained primarily for use in Antique, and/or Classic, and/or Milestone Society car club or similar type club activities, exhibits, parades or functions of public interest, and only occasionally used for other purposes, subject to the following conditions or restrictions: (1) Occasionally used for other purposes, does not include driving to and from work, or school, etc. (2) Club activities, exhibits and functions do not include Racing Rally(es), Gymkhana, or any other type of speed or timed vehicle participation. (3) The word "vehicle(s)" does not include Hot Rod(s), and/or Street Rod(s), and/or customized type show car(s), or any other non-authentic altered vehicle. (4) Annual mileage may not exceed 2,500 miles. Additional mileage for special sponsored club tours or other similar unusual excess may be permissible only upon prior authorization by the Company underwriter. Any breach of this warranty voids this contract.

All information on the Application is true, correct and complete. You are authorized to check this information, to get a consumer report to obtain information from my neighbors, friends or anyone else acquainted with me or my driving record. You may ask questions about my character, general reputation, driving record, personal characteristics and my life style. The outside investigative source used may keep and otherwise use the information they supply us. After I have given you proper identification and information necessary for you to locate my file you will inform me about any written personal information you have collected and how I may correct any inaccuracies.

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