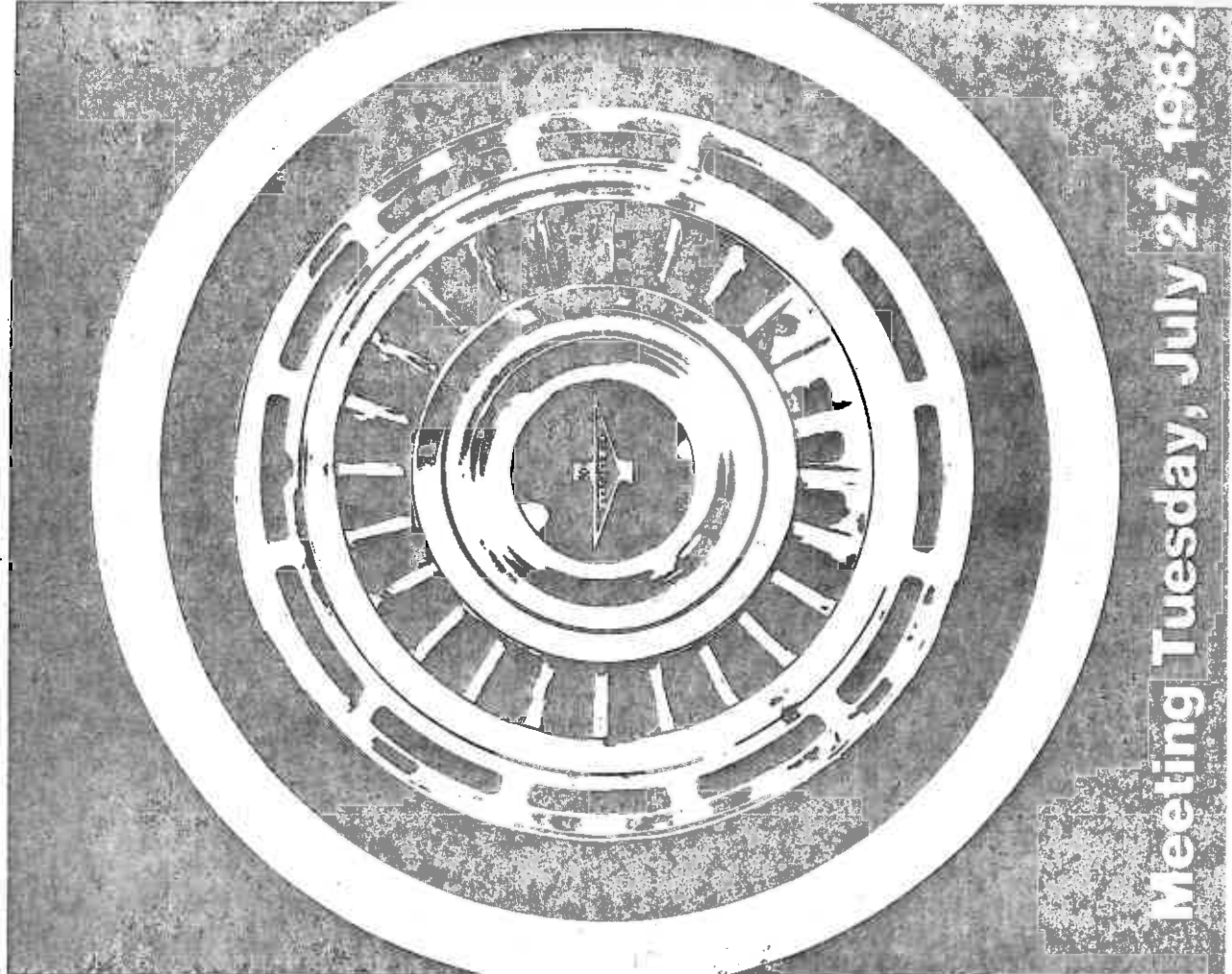


THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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Meeting Tuesday, July 27, 1982

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB WANTS YOU!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

That sure is a great little car you're driving. In fact the Corvaire is probably the most courageous, creative, and potentially the best engineered automobile to come out of Detroit in modern times. As you may already know, a two year study conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, and suggested by Mr. Ralph Nader, concluded: "The Corvaire quantitatively meets or exceeds standards set by contemporary automobiles in stability, cornering, and roll-over tests." It is also the only car ever proven safe in a court of law!!!

Next time a fellow Corvaire driver waves to you, hold your head high and wave back, since you have something in common. "The Vaire" however, is far from a common car. They are now quite rare, gaining in value, and have so many sensible features when compared to today's plastic and cardboard cars. Isn't it great not spending money on antifreeze and snow tires for example!

We are a chartered chapter of "The Corvaire Society of America" (CORSA), a rapidly growing international organization now boasting over 8,000 members. Like all automobile marque clubs of international stature, CORSA requires all chapter members to also belong to CORSA, the international Corvaire club.

The long range goals of both clubs is simply to increase the enjoyment and preservation of the Corvaire automobile. We provide technical and historic information, parts procurement, professional publications, and an international classified ad service. We sponsor and participate in - Corvaire shows, rallies, time trials, autocross events, mini conventions, and national conventions. We love driving to local points of interest, touring style, in Corvaire convoys. We have parties, picnics, and dinners, there's always plenty of Corvaire talk, and all of our events are family affairs. Our membership includes people from every imaginable age group, background, and profession. Our chapter provides a twelve page monthly newsletter, and CORSA provides a beautiful monthly magazine named "The CORSA Communiques".

We would love to welcome you, your family, and your Corvaire into our club. Simply complete the attached application and mail it to Al Friend, WPCC Liaison. Remember, the nicest people drive Corvaire, and "You're Always Ahead With Your Engine Behind." Hope to see you soon.

MEETINGS: The 4th Tuesday of every month, 8 p.m. at the Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Pennsylvania

DUES: LOCAL \$9 per calendar year, of 75¢ for each remaining month of the current year. Half price for immediate family. Payable to: WPCC.

CORSA Our charter requires that all WPCC members, also belong to CORSA, our national organization. New members must enclose a completed CORSA application and a check payable to CORSA, Inc. for \$14. If you already belong to CORSA, then send only WPCC information.

MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o Al Friend, 3677 Forbes Trail Dr.
Murrysville, PA 15668 (412)325-2588

NAME _____ AGE _____ OCCUPATION _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____ DATE _____
 CORSA MEMBER? YES _____ NO CORVAIRES OWNED, YR.: MODEL _____
 RECOMMENDED BY _____ AMOUNT PAID _____ OTHER CAR CLUBS _____
 OTHER INFORMATION: _____

Convention News

If you're planning to leave on Tuesday for the Convention, then you might want to call Al Friend at (412) 325-2588. He and several others are planning to caravan up on that day.

Another group of us are planning to depart on Wednesday. You'll find us at King's Restaurant located in the Cranberry Shopping Center on Rt 19, just north of the Perry Highway Turnpike interchange, and just off the I-79 Mars interchange. Join us there for breakfast at 8:00 am. We plan to leave promptly at 9:00. More details at Tuesdays meeting.

New Members

Frank Carcaise, Rochester, Pa. (412) 774-7407. Frank is a 53 yr. young building contractor who owns a 66 Gorsa Convertible. Frank belongs to CORSA and was introduced by John Sweet.

Randy Shaylor, Pittsburgh (412) 422-0113. Randy is a 31 yr. old recruiter who owns a 65 Monza Convertible. He has also joined CORSA.

Bill Reichold, Bethel Park. (412) 835-1453. Bill is an 18 yr. old dieticians assistant who owns a very clean 65 Monza sedan, that he calls the "The Red Rat"!!! Bill has also joined CORSA.

John Tessoro, Pittsburgh, (412) 821-8814. John is a 33 yr. old photographer who owns a 62 Greenbrier. John was recommended by Bill Artzberger. He also belongs to CORSA.

For Sale/Wanted

65 Gorsa Cp. 180 hp Turbo. White, wood steering wheel. Engine, turbo, f. suspension rebuilt. New paint and rubber. Negotiable. Pete Evert, 205 Jackson Ave. Ridgeway, Pa. 15853. (814)772-0212.

FREE !!! 64 cp. red/black 110 hsp. restorable. Many extra parts. Now it away and it's yours. Dave Lovejoy 563-1190 hm. 391-2079 work.

WANTED

Van Rear Axle, Differential and bearings. Herb Horn 1120f, Chatam Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. (412) 563-3046

Five Years Ago in the Journal by Al Friend

An extensive writeup about Steel City Concours II, told of a tremendous rain storm right in the middle of our second extravaganza. Oh well !!! There were a mere 13 Corvaire for sale in that issue, including one with 20,000 original miles. The new members section sounds like a Who's Who of today's WPCC: New Members included John Graf, Vaun Hamlin, Bob McCune, and Archie Miller. We were also preparing for our first Gymkhana at the Butler Fair Grounds, and Ben Rawson was getting ready for Corvaire Days at the drags in New Alexandria.

The Prez Says

The picnic held July 4, 1982 at John and Carol Graf's ranch was simply terrific. First I would like to thank John and Carol for being such gracious hosts. They did a super job, as all those lucky enough to attend will agree. I would be rewiss if I did not thank all the lovely ladies who worked so hard to prepare such a wonderful meal. It was a delight! The best cooks in the country are the wives of the WFCC members. Thanks again to all who made the picnic such a success.

There was a wild softball game, and I think Carol Graf's team swamped the others. There was a nice swimming pool to add to the fun. And let's not forget a lot of technical chit chat that was going on.

PS. Here is a recipe that was given to me by the gal who made the famous brownies for the John Sweet Picnic. It should be as good as the brownies.

Isadore

RECIPE FOR ELEPHANT STEW

Ingredients: One elephant, salt, pepper, two rabbits (optional). Dice the elephant into small pieces. This should take about two months. Add enough brown gravy to cover, and season. Cook over a kerosene stove about four weeks at 465 degrees. This will serve about 3,800 people. If more are expected, two rabbits may be added, but only if necessary, because most people do not like hares in their stew.

To the Editor

One has doubts about keeping a love-life alive with a 1960 Corvair whenever it is so difficult to find the person who knows the car.

My inner-city Pittsburgh contacts left me without a hope for my ailing 1960 Corvair. Through the Corvair Club, I was put in contact with John Sweet. Although he had many routine pre-occupations and responsibilities, his devotion to the Corvair-cause occasioned his rebuilding of a 1960 Corvair into a 1982 total pleasure.

It is difficult to say "thanks" to a person who so much loves to work with Corvairs. But I must confess that it is a real joy to find such a talented person so ready to help others to keep their Corvairs alive.

Sincerest thanks to this artist of restoration who has renewed my driving joys of the '60s during this decade of the '80s.

Katharine Morobitto
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Parts for sale from Club car -- 1962 Monza Coupe
Full set of tinted glass for 2 door (make offer), Engines
lid--\$10, Trunk lid--\$10, Two rear axles (good bearings)--
\$10 each, Steering box--\$10, Shifter & Shift tube--\$7,
Interior-Black back seat OK, buckets need some repair--\$15,
Dash, glove box door & radio bezel--\$7, Backup & Taillight
assemblies (all 4)--\$5, Plus numerous other parts.

From the Editors Desk

As a member of this club for a little over a year, I would hardly regard myself as any kind of expert. As a matter of fact, I'm still learning peoples names. I'm very aware that the people in this club, whether I know their names or not, have worked to make it what it is today...and for a fair number of years before I came along.

If it sounds like this is leading up to something, you're right! WFCC is a great club, but I believe it can be even better, when a problem is recognized and solved. Because we as a club have created the problem, we can also solve it as club. My hope is that no one will feel personally offended by what follows.

PROBLEM: Business Meetings. I believe that they can be more productive as well as shorter, allowing plenty of time for socializing afterward. Let's talk about what happens during a normal business meeting.

1) While the president, another officer or someone from the floor is addressing the membership, some of the members are carrying on conversations amongst themselves...this includes the officers at times. This is annoying, and to be blunt...extremely rude. I don't believe anyone does it maliciously, but it's thoughtless just the same.

2) A lot of materials are passed around during the meetings. Everything from "For Sales", Corvair brag books, Old Cars Monthly to club newsletters. This is all done with good intentions, and we all enjoy looking at them. This, like the talking, disrupts the meetings.

3) 50/50 ticket are sold during the meetings, and they are perhaps the worst disruption of all. Why not sell them after the business meeting?

Now I'm not suggesting we get straight-laced or stuffy, or take the fun out of meetings that are about a fun car. But I honestly believe we need some order in our meetings. As they are now, the meetings flounder, are unbusinesslike and are needlessly long. At times they can even be boring because of all the disruptions.

We can not afford to have this continue if we want to attract new members; keep them and current members attending meetings, getting them involved and attending club events.

SOLUTION: Without disruptions, meetings will be shorter. If we want to read Old Cars Monthly, get a cup of coffee, buy a 50/50 ticket or talk to a friend, why can't we do it after the meeting? If we have something to say during a meeting, say it to the whole club, or save it for later. Let's be thoughtful and courteous. We owe it to each other, to the officers and to the success of the club as a whole. ed.

Address comments:

To the Editor - 236 Marigold Street - Munhall, Pa 15120

June Event - Nelson Ledges by Bill Artzberger

If you're superstitious, then Sunday, June 13th was an unlucky day for those of our Western Penna. Corvair Club who did not attend the event at Nelson Ledges. They missed a great one.

Nelson Ledges is one of the SCCA approved road courses, and a sanctioned sports car race was scheduled that day. Hundreds of sports cars from every part of the U.S. were competing on the two mile road course for a trophy and points toward a National Championship in their respective classes.

WPC member and host, Tony Phelps (who owns a Stinger), is one of the track Stewards. He kindly invited the membership to attend the races as his guests.

It was a two hour drive from Pittsburgh with the sun shining all the way. Jim and I drove "TIGER 1" and "TIGER 2", arriving just as the Formula V races ended. (The races started at 9:30 am and continued until 4:30 that afternoon.) Tony gave us a grand tour of the facilities and the opportunity to "eye-ball" the machinery in the pit and garage area. Our "pit-passes" allowed us to roam at will, which we did for part of the day.

Jim A. combined business with pleasure by bringing along a Channel 2 photographer. They video taped about an hour of the action. It was later shown in part on several TV 2 News shows. We will have the complete tape available for a future meeting.

One of the highlights of the day was being permitted to drive our Corvairs around the track during the lunch break. Walt Matenkowsky guided us onto the track with his Greenbrier, and we were on our own. We drove a cautious first lap, but would resist no more. The foot was on the floor! While taking one of the progressively increasing radius turns at a risky 65mph in third gear, Jim smoked by me with "TIGER 2s" turbo screaming full on. I never caught him. Somehow I don't think it was my car so much as it was my driving skill.

Bob Larrison and his wife, and Dick Breir and his two sons arrived too late to drive the track, so we gathered our ranks, had a few Pepsies, and enjoyed the races from the main tower.

Seven races, each fifty miles long, filled the program. The cars with the larger engines (or fastest lap times) were in the final event. Needless to say, these fine cars and drivers put on a great high-speed show for us. Average lap speeds were 113 mph. The Corvettes and Jaguars were sensational.

After the races, Mrs. Phelps and her friends served us a delicious spaghetti dinner. We sat around their trailer, under a huge awning, acquainted ourselves with some new friends, and recapped each race all over again.

Abe Vestal, one of our younger members (age 72), led our Corvair caravan on the return trip to Pittsburgh in his newly restored MG TC, with huge wire wheels and right-hand steering. Not exactly a Corvair, but very appropriate for the day.



Corvair Society of America

Formed in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile

CORSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CHECK ONE: NEW RENEWAL

RENEWALS

My name and address are correct as printed

Make the following corrections to my name and address:

(Please Print) Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ Chapter No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Reason for joining CORSA _____

Activity Interest: _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

The following fee schedule includes your subscription to CORSA COMMUNIQUES, our monthly publication, for the number of months paid.

- 1 year U.S. membership - \$14
 26 month U.S. membership - \$28
 1 year Canadian membership - \$17
 26 month Canadian membership - \$34
 1 year Overseas membership - \$19
 26 month Overseas membership - \$38
 Museum Fund Donation - \$1
 Racing Fund Donation - \$1
 Family membership - \$1

TOTAL: _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO

CORSA, INC.

CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

P.O. Box 2488

Pensacola, Fla. 32503

MUSEUM FUND

A museum has been established to protect and preserve Corvair memorabilia. This fund has been established to perpetually finance the museum's growth and development.

RACING FUND

This fund provides cash prizes to winning Corvairs entered in national open class racing.

DO NOT WRITE IN BOX

Rec'd _____
 Amount _____
 Months _____
 Acct. No. _____
 Expires _____

SURVEY OF CARS OWNED AND INTERESTS

1. I own _____ running Corvairs.

2. I own _____ restorable Corvairs.

3. I own _____ parts Corvairs.

4. I use my Corvairs for:

- Concours - How Many? _____
 Daily Use
 Racing
 Other _____

5. My main reason for joining CORSA is:

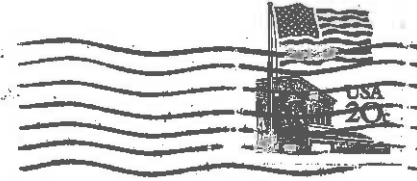
- Support my hobby Fellowship
 Increase the value of my investment
 Magazine - "CORSA COMMUNIQUE"
 To take part in () local/() national doings

6. What I like to read most in my magazine is:

- Technical Tips Open Forum
 Feature Articles Chapter News
 Convention information Local meet information
 CORSA governmental action



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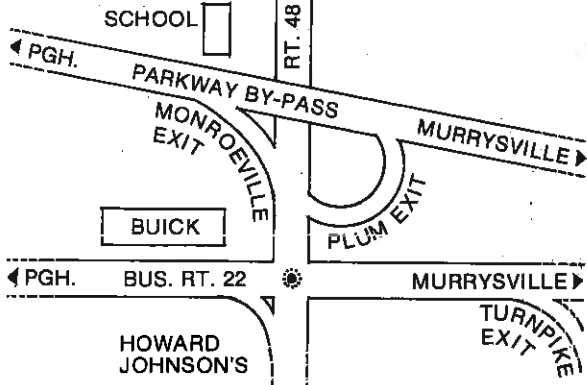


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EACH MONTH
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