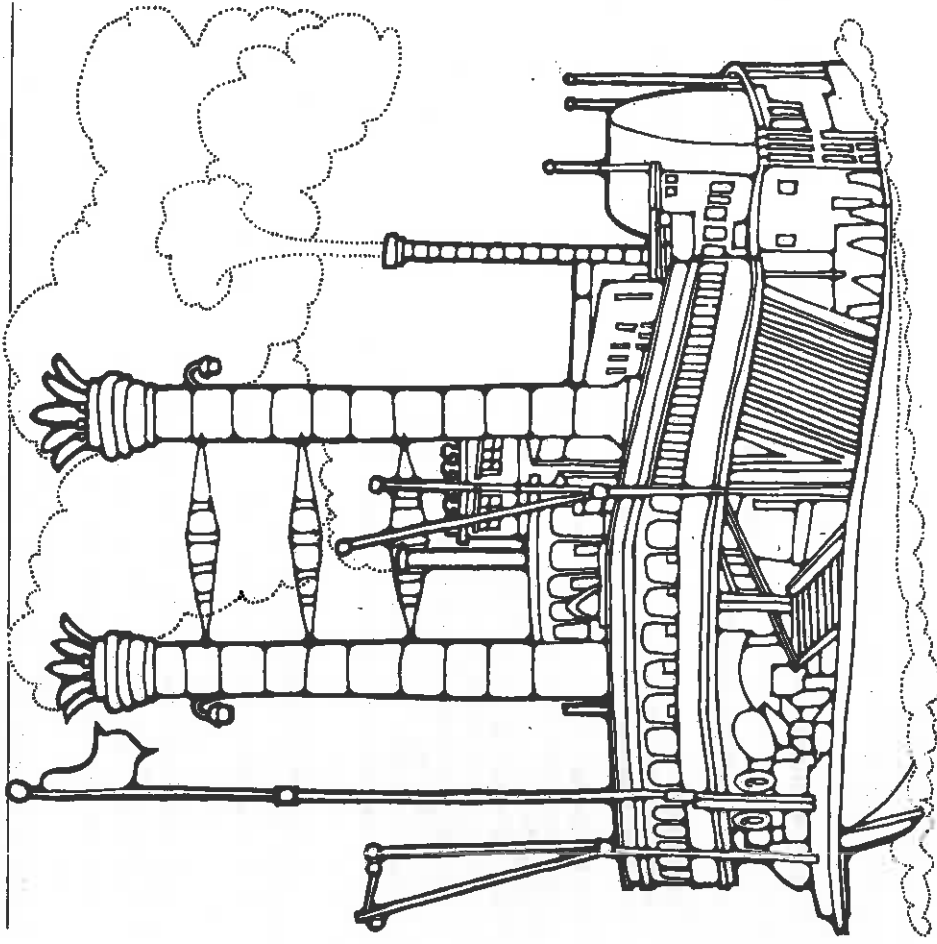


THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

AUGUST 1983



Gateway Clipper Lock and Dam Cruise:
Saturday, September 24 see pages 4, 5 and 6

Mahoning Dam Tour and Picnic:
Sunday, August 28 see pages 1 and 3

Meeting:
Tuesday, August 23

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 Vair" however, is far from a common car. They are now quite rare, gaining in value, and have so many sensible features when compared to todays 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 Communiqués".

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)325-2508

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

Minutes of the WPCC meeting of July 26, 1983

by Sandy Burrows, Secretary
 Meeting was called to order at 8:14.

Present were President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members, H. Horn, B. Ashworth, and I. Krouse.

Treasurer's Report: read and approved New Balance \$553.41
 Secretary's Report: read and approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Wayne Jones spoke on Kenneywood, 40 cars and 150 people attended. A good time was had by all, especially those that received the 'No show car show' trophies!

Isadore spoke on the Mahoning Dam trip - Aug. 28. WPCC will meet at Murphy's Mart/Wendy's parking lot in Hamarville at 11:00 AM. This lot is to your left after exiting Rt. 28 - Harmarville exit. If you miss the group here you can head to the Dairy Queen lot on 422 East at noon. This lot is located to the right on top of the hill after the 28n 66 422e split. We will also meet the Kitanning Antique Car Club there. We will drive thru the State Game Farm and then to the Dam. There is a picnic area reserved - so bring your lunch. Bill Brill spoke on his and Archie Miller's trip to Idlewild Park for Old Fashioned Days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vair Affair is set for Sept. 11 in New York - See Isadore for details.
 Corvaire Days - Sept. 10-11 in Lancaster, PA (Central PA Corvaire Club) 5 hr. drive - \$2.00 pre-registration \$12/person for dinner \$5.00/car in Concoars - See Bill Artzberger for details.

Friends of Corvaire Event Oct. 8-9 Atwood State Park (tour Don Snyder's collection) - See Wayne Jones for details.

Our Sept. Event - Three Rivers Lock and Dam Tour - See Herb Horn for the details.

Vintage Car Race - Sept. 3 Schenley Park (activities start at 8 AM) Cars up to 1959 are allowed to race - See Don Baker or Herb Horn for the details.

Isadore informed of the availability of 100 Corvaire (Purlator) filters to fit 60-69 \$2.00 a piece - must buy bulk. Motion by Rich Panizza to buy filters for \$200.00 2nd by Herb Horn and approved. They will be sold at \$2.50 to club members.

Discussion on ad - further discussion later.

Meeting adjourned 9:13

50/50 won by Frank Carcaise

Kennywood 1983

by Bill Artzberger

The riddle for August is: When is a Corvair Show not a Corvair Show? The Answer: When it's the "Kennywood Corvair Encounter".

We were not sure how this event would be accepted when we first thought up the idea. But as it developed it could not have been better.

Clubs were represented from S. New Jersey, Syracuse, N.Y., Erie, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, Morgantown, W. Va. and probably some other areas that we have neglected to mention. The parking lot was filled with Corvairs of all models, years and conditions, as a Corvair was the only requirement for the owner's entry to Kennywood.

We had the Pennsylvania Dutch pavilion for our private headquarters for the day. Although everything was low key, we had a general meeting at about 3:00 and some special "Designer" Trophies by Wayne Jones (the renowned auto trophy designer from Pittsburgh) were presented to some exceptional owners:

1. **Worst Corvair in the parking lot**
John Sweet
2. **Dustiest Corvair**
Judy Jones
3. **Rustiest Corvair**
John Pizatella
4. **Oldest Corvair**
Sam McWilliams
5. **Newest Corvair**
Jeff Alston
6. **Longest Distance Driven**
Dick Spring (Syracuse, NY)
7. **First Trophy Ever Won**
Betty and Bob Ashworth

8. Cleanest Corvair

Mark Kamp

Following the Trophy presentation and a Family Style Basket Picnic, a giant 42 Corvair paradesnaked through the Park while a crowd of more than 3,000 onlookers admired our cars.

"They should never have stopped makin' em" was heard from bystanders more than once!

Later all the clubs directed their attention to the Grand Prix (dodge 'em bumper cars) where we proceeded to avenge ourselves by battering each other in a "crash-em-up" battle.

Lots of food, amusement rides, and more than 20 live shows and circus acts added to the days entertainment. No one could deny not having a wonderful day, and the consensus was that we absolutely **must** do it again next year. And we probably will!!!

For Sale

Lots of new and used parts available. So many we can't list them on this entire page. All at low and realistic prices. Call us now while we still have what you need and can afford. There will not be a better time to buy good, cheap parts.

This month's "Blue Light" special... Several good front crossmembers, complete with springs, backing plates and drums — only \$125.

Several late coupe doors, complete with glass — only \$10 ea. Perfect blue interior for 1966 "500" 4-door sedan. \$30 takes entire interior. Other 4-door parts just as reasonable.

Call Wayne Jones at 882-2109 or Bill Artzberger at 364-6842.

The Wife of the Prez Says

Kennywood Corvair Encounter
On behalf of the club, I want to thank Judy and Wayne Jones along with Irene and Bill Artzberger for the great day at Kennywood Park. It took a lot of time and work to organize such an event and make it the success that it was. Our "hats off to you". Many thanks!

If you weren't there you missed a good one. You may get another chance at it next year. Some of our fellow Vair members from out of town asked if it can be made into an annual affair. Who knows, maybe it will.

Of course the weatherman had to send a rain cloud or two to dampen our parade. We almost outfoxed him, with our meeting and awards presentation taking place during most of the rain storm. Our parade took place a few minutes late, but our enthusiasm was high with so many Vairs making the circuit.

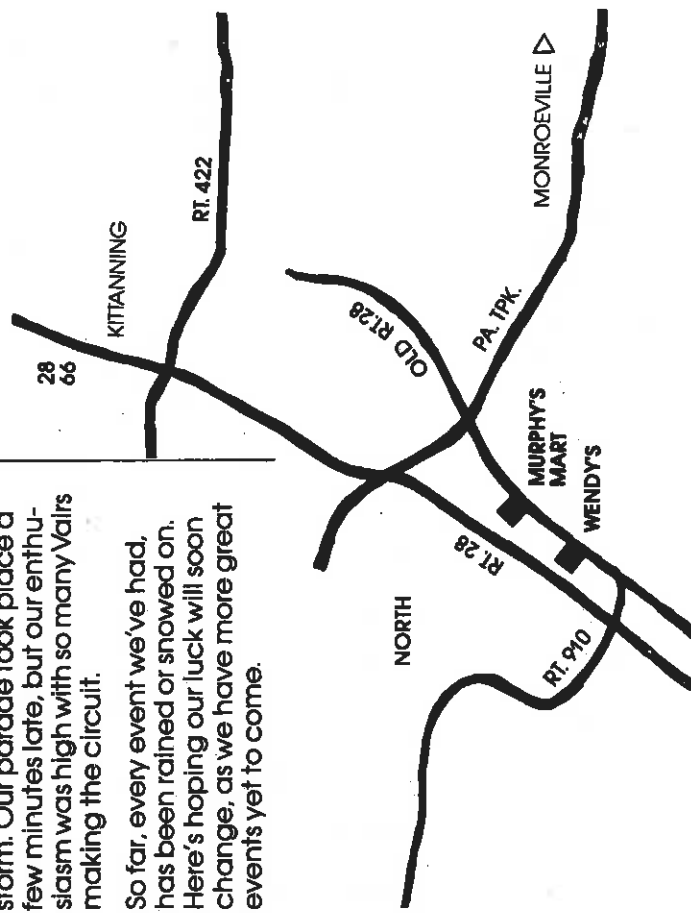
So far, every event we've had, has been rained or snowed on. Here's hoping our luck will soon change, as we have more great events yet to come.

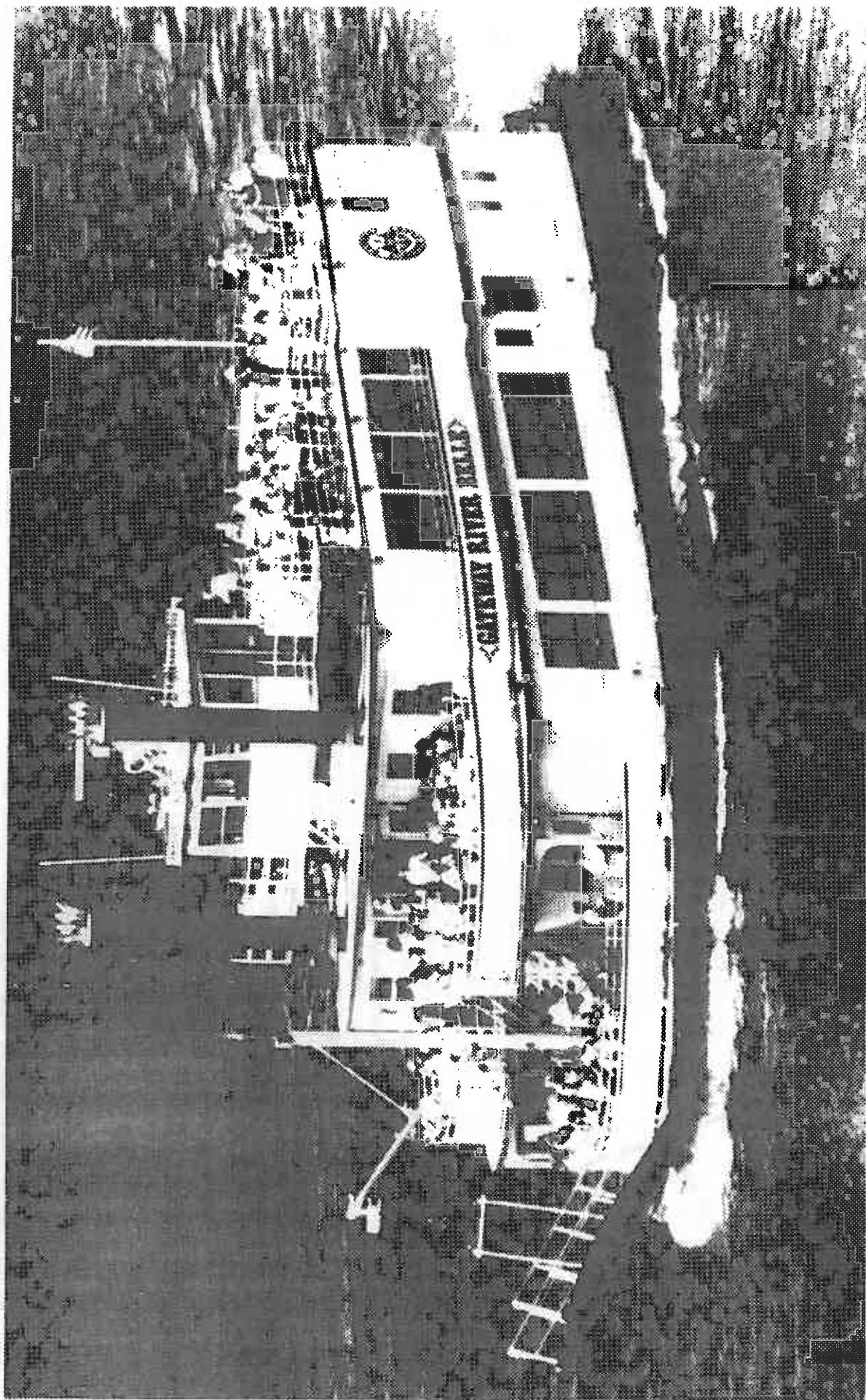
Mahoning Dam Tour and Picnic
Mark Sunday August 28th on your calendar for our Mahoning Dam Tour and Picnic. An invitation was extending to WPCC through Isadore Krouse from his AACA organization to join them at Mahoning Dam. So pack your picnic basket and meet at the Murphy's Mart parking lot adjacent to Wendy's on Old Rt. 28, off Pa. Turnpike Exit 5 at 11:00 AM. Or be at the Daily Queen in Kittanning at 12:00 noon, where we will join with AACA for the tour. Let's have a good turn out! See you there.

The lady sitting beside the nut behind the wheel.

Jean Larison

Editors note: Be sure to read the minutes of the last meeting. pg. 1.





Gateway Clipper Lock & Dam Cruise

see page 6

Photo, courtesy of THE GATEWAY CLIPPER F1111

Lock and Dam Cruise, September 24

Boat leaves Station Square, Pittsburgh, at 1:00 p.m. on a lock and dam cruise for 2½ hours. This promises to be a fun filled trip. Bring your own snacks or use the snack bar on board. \$4.75 for Adults, \$3.25 for children. For further information, contact Herb Horn. (412) 563-3046.

Locks and Dams

Historically the Ohio River had proved itself a vital roadway for settlement and commerce, but with its times of violent flood, alternating with periods of extreme low water, it was both hazardous and unreliable. From low water to flood stage the river could rise thirty to seventy feet in a matter of days. Winter ice conditions also impeded navigation.

Great coal tows which were assembled at Pittsburgh some times waited six months for a "coalboat stage" to make possible their heading down the river, and when they were finally on their way, disaster could await them at bars and bends and chutes.

At low water the natural river was obstructed by shifting sand bars, and snags were always a hazard. In dry periods a channel depth of a foot could hardly be counted on, especially in the upper course of the river.

Slackwater improvement of the Ohio River was begun in 1892 at Beaver, Pa with the first lock and dam. By 1929, 49 locks and dams were in operation. Locks are 600 feet long and 110 feet wide. Locks

and dams provided a navigable 9-foot channel, good in flood and good in drought. Little wonder that the riverusers of 1929 considered the accomplishment of a continuous 9-foot channel a dream come true.

The Emsworth Dam, on either side of Neville Island, (through who's locks our cruise may pass) were reconstructed from 1935-1938. These locks raise and lower boats 18 feet between the downriver and upriver pools.

The Monongahela River, one of the world's most heavily used waterways, presently has nine locks and dams with a navigable depth of 9 feet. Along the Allegheny River, are Lock and Dams 2 to 9, constructed between 1920 and 1938. Lock No. 2, near Highland Park, is the other lock through which our cruise may take us.

Lock and Dam 1, completed in 1903 at the Point, was removed after reconstruction of the Emsworth Dams.

The above information was excerpted and edited from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers publication, *Ohio River Navigation, Past-Present-Future* . . . ed.

Material for Publication

Articles, "for sales" etc. that you wish to have published in the Journal should be sent to arrive on or before the 5th of the month before publication to:

Vair Street Journal
Charles J. Lucas
236 Marigold Street
Munhall, PA 15120

Bidding Pace is Healthy At Newport Beach Sale

By Jack Scagnetti

Records were broken at the 12th Newport Beach Collector Car Auction, presented by Rick Cole Auction of Studio City Calif. Exactly 440 vehicles entered the three-day July 4th weekend event, which saw a 45% sale and about \$1,500,000 in sales. Favorable weather, an upturn in the economy and aggressive promotional work by the Cole organization all contributed.

Sales indicated that the cars of the 1950s and 1960s are selling the best, particularly muscle cars. Interest is increasing in Cougars, Firebirds and Camaros.

A 1953 Mercedes Benz 300 S coupe sold for \$50,000, while a 1971 Mercedes 280 SE went for \$34,250. A 1934 Rolls Royce Phantom Deville sold for \$37,000 and a 1967 Rolls Royce convertible changed owners at \$36,500.

A surprise, and probably a record for a Corvair, was the sale of a 1965 Corvair turbo-charged Corsa coupe that sold for \$12,500.

Interest in Corvettes continues high and a 1954 got its owner a \$19,000 sale.

Some high-priced bids—but no sale—included \$9,750 for a 1963 Avanti V-8 in very good condition and \$75,000 for a 1931 Chrysler LeBaron convertible.

Sports car sales included a 1955 MG TF for \$15,000.

Cars affiliated with films and/or movie stars attracted interest but no sale. A '65 MGB roadster used

by Richard Gere in the film 'Breathless' was a no sale at a \$2,900 bid.

A Maserati V-8 5-speed bought by Paramount in 1968 for actor Lee J. Cobb and later returned to the studio and given to Mike Connors (Mannix series star), who drove it for 13 years, was a no sale at a \$13,000 bid.

The auction attracted many convertibles and most of them attained handsome prices. A 1953 Cadillac V-8 convertible, formerly housed in an Arizona museum, sold for \$8,500. A 1979 Baron Rolls Royce replica roadster got a new owner at \$9,000. A 1955 Daimler convertible brought in \$6,100.

Cars were lined up in four long rows in the parking lot of the Marriott Hotel. Inside the plush hotel's ballroom, a large turntable was used to auction the cars before a capacity crowd.

Future Rick Cole collector car auctions include the fourth annual Sheraton-Universal event on September 11 at Universal City near Universal Studios and the George Barris Collection of 92 World Famous TV and Movie Cars in Gardena, Calif., in September. OLD CARS WEEKLY August 11, 1983

Upcoming Events

Sept. 11 (Sunday)

Vair Affair-Ellicottville N.Y.

Contact: Stan Light,

810 Mammot Rd.,

Alden, N.Y. 14004

Sept. 25 (Sunday)

Confederate Air Force

Fly-In of vintage aircraft at

Latrobe Airport, Rt. 30.

Starts at 1:00 PM.

Wanted to buy

Lafe model trailer hitch.
Factory issue or Valley
Tow rife or both.
Don Baker 836-3770

1966 Bucket seat/s

In good condition (blue)
John L. Sebbens 751-7774

For Sale

1965 Monza coupe and sedan
Both restorable or for parts.
Beautiful white interior.
Many other parts.
John L. Sebbens 751-7774

1965 Corsa

110 4-speed, IECO 4 barrel.
10,000 miles, 100% rust free.
Professional ground-up restora-
tion, showroom condition.
Over \$5,000 invested. Must sell.
Asking \$3,500.
Ricky Goga 744-3419

1964 2-door

Solid, '69 engine
Rich Panizza 221-3365

1965 Monza Convertible

Custom paint and other items.
Formerly Texas car. 140 HP/P.G.
About 60,000 miles. No rust ever.
Don Reese 761-2020

Wanted to buy

'64, '65 or '66 Turbo Block
with crank and camshaft or
camshaft only. No other parts
needed - just lower end.
Bill Artzberger 364-6842



Corvair Society of America

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

CORSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ Chapter No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Reason for joining CORSA _____

Activity Interest: _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

CHECK ONE: NEW RENEWAL
RENEWALS

My name and address are correct
as printed

Make the following corrections to my
name and address:

The following fee schedule
includes your subscription to
CORSA COMMUNIQUE, 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: _____

U.S. FUNDS ONLY

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO

CORSA, INC.

CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
2506 Great Point Road
Evanston, IL 60201

(312) 475-7530

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

Jiffy Walnut Bars

½ C softened butter or margarine
3 T. powdered sugar
1 C. sifted all-purpose flour
Cream butter or margarine until
soft and fluffy. Blend in sugar, add
flour a little at a time, mixing until
smooth after each addition.
Pat into **ungreased** 9-inch square
pan. Bake at 375° for 15 minutes.

Topping

2 eggs
2 T. all-purpose flour
1 Tsp. baking powder
¼ Tsp. salt
1 C. chopped walnuts
½ C. quick cooking rolled oats
½ C. flaked coconut
1 C. brown sugar-packed
½ Tsp. Vanilla

Toffee Topping

Beat eggs lightly in mixing bowl.
Sift in flour, baking powder and
salt. Stir in remaining ingredients.
Spoon over shortbread. Reduce
heat to 325° and bake 25 to 30
minutes longer. Cut into 1" x 3"
bars. Makes about 2 dozen.

Jean Larison

**Note to all: Drive your Corvair while there
is youth and life to spare!**



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Western PA. Corvair Club
3677 Forbes Trail Dr.
Murrysville, PA 15668

MEETING HELD
4TH TUESDAY
EACH MONTH
8:00 P.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



OLD WM. PENN HWY.

RT. 48

SCHOOL



PGH.

PARKWAY BY-PASS

MONROEVILLE
EXIT

MURRYSVILLE

BUICK

PLUM EXIT

PGH.

BUS RT. 22

MURRYSVILLE

HOWARD
JOHNSON'S

TURNPIKE
EXIT