

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

JANUARY 1983

What to Expect in '83.

by Bill Artzberger

We plan to make it the best year yet. There will be many events and plenty to do. Tech sessions are being planned that you won't want to miss. Information sheets will be available to those present. Collect these each month and you'll nearly have your own factory parts manual by the end of the year!

There will be some auto-crossing early in the spring, some combined get-togethers with other clubs, some touring trips, some picnics, the Mini-

Convention in Syracuse, a three day event at Morgantown, W.V. in June and enough summer events to wear out your Corvair. Then in the fall, we'll get back to auto-crossing, perhaps a canoe trip and a few more auto shows.

We forget to mention the tentative plan for a Corvair Day at Kennywood Park...More about that later!

Pay your dues early and be a W.P.C.C. Corvair person, now!!

Meeting and Election Night - Tuesday January 25.

Nominees:

President:
Bob Larison
Bob Smith

V. President:
Herb Horn
Tom Kress
Rich Panizza

Secretary:
Sandy Burrows
Bob Larison

Treasurer:
Bill Brill
Giovanni Cimino

Come to the meeting and vote! (Nominations are still open.)

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 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 Shepherd 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 _____
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 CORSA MEMBER? YES NO CORVAIRES OWNED, YR.: MODEL _____
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 OTHER INFORMATION: _____

November Event - The Autocross by Tom Kress

North Park was the sight of a fantastic Autocross and cookout this past November 21st. WPCC members from a wide area were on hand, despite the everpresent rain. A total of 17 cars (15 Corvaire and 2 water pumpers) participated. Both street machines and concours cars were driven by men as well as women. Times for both were pretty good. The event was videotaped by Bill Artzberger, Jr. and later shown at the November meeting. Trophies were awarded in each division and happy drivers accepted the unusual trophies at the presentation.

The wives of the club members prepared the food. Everything was just great. (Even my wife's brownies were good.) Our Prez turned out for the event in a car with a bad engine...or was that a diesel car?

The people listed below helped me with this event. Thanks to:

Bill Artzberger - Running for equipment
 Bill Artzberger, Jr. - Videotaping
 Irene Artzberger - Food organizer
 Jim Artzberger - Autocross set-up
 Al Friend - Information and insurance
 Wayne Jones - Trophies
 Edie Kress - Chief cook
 Lou Miller - Autocross set-up
 Steel City Sports Car Club - Equipment

Maybe this year we'll have an even bigger turnout for the autocross. Remember, once you Autocross, it's in your blood.

Holiday Party at Kricks by Bill Artzberger

The W.P.C.C. Holiday Party was great, but the weather, at least for some of our members, caused enough of a threat to nearly cancel plans to be there. Those to the North of the city started out in a blinding snow storm with second thoughts about getting to the Krick's Country Kitchen. The Corvaire plowed through and as we approached the PA Turnpike, the weather was more forgiving. There was a good turn out of faithful club members. A few stimulating refreshments put the weather out of our minds and we went on to eat the usually delicious Party Dinner. There was the gift exchange and Hazel Moore led the carol singing by playing the piano.

Some of the club members spent the time discussing plans for 1983. A collection was taken for Children's Hospital Fund. Our total donation was \$100. Rich Panizza made the presentation via Jack Bogat and KDKA radio.

Thanks to Jean and Bill Brill for making the party arrangements.

The 1.35 Meter Dash

by Charles J. Lucas, Editor

Continued from the October Vair Street Journal.

The Corvair's dashboard looked a lot better. It didn't have brush strokes and it wasn't glossy black. But then again it didn't look like or feel like a factory finish either. It simply wasn't black enough!

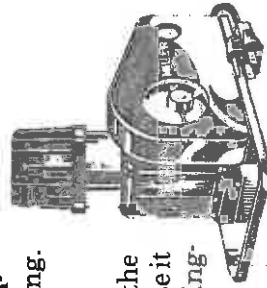
Several days later, as I browsed through a shopping center auto parts store, I came upon the paint catalog and started flipping through the pages. Up to this point I hadn't dreamed it was possible to find interior paints for an eighteen year old car. But there they were, right under my nose. I asked the clerk if he would mix a pint of 4428L. "It's an interior color for a '64 Corvair," I said. "Can do", he answered, and went off to mix the paint. I was ecstatic, but not for long. He returned a few moments later to tell me that the base material for the paint was old and hard.

On Monday I called a nearby parts place, and asked if they could mix an interior color for a '64 Corvair. A long minute or two later, the voice on the other end of the phone said, "Sure, we can mix it." (There was a familiar ring to that line.) At lunch time I arrived at the parts store, a little apprehensive about the base material...afraid it would be like me, old and dried up, but after a ten minute wait I was holding a can of 4428L.

After dinner that evening, I entered the garage, hurriedly laying paper and masking off the dashboard. In twenty minutes I had it ready for painting. On that first attempt, aerosol cans were easy to handle in tight spots...like shooting through the steering wheel spokes to reach the under part of the dash surrounding the instrument panel. Of course it would have been a lot simpler to remove the steering wheel, but I didn't have a steering wheel puller.

Maneuvering a large gun in that area would be difficult, if not impossible. So I opted to use my "toy" compressor and gun. (It really isn't a toy, but I'll bet Vaun Hamlin wouldn't be caught with one in his body shop.) It's a very compact little unit manufactured by Miller. With one cylinder, it puts out 20 ps. I believe the terminology used to describe the type of guns (it came with three) is bleeder syphon feed. The compressor can be modified to use with an artist's airbrush by adding a valve that limits the bleeding of air.

Here's an EPA cautionary for your bodily air cleaners: wear a painting mask!! Breathing in paint spray mist and vapors is harmful to your lungs, liver and heaven only knows what else. There are two types of paint masks that I'm familiar with. One type is inexpensive, disposable and ideal for the average person who does a paint job once or twice a year.

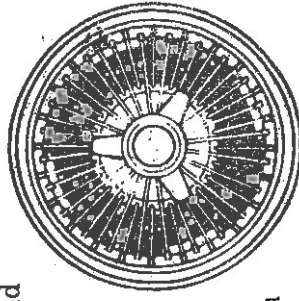


The other is a permanent type that is expensive and requires maintenance. i.e., cleaning, replacing elements, etc. This one is for the serious painter. Both types make use of activated charcoal as a filtering element.

Another point: the painting area should be well ventilated and *clean*.

The little gun was fine for close quarter work around the steering wheel to get at the underpart of the dash. With the painting done, I watched as it dried. At first it looked blotchy and uneven, but as it continued to dry, it flattened completely, taking on the gritty texture of stock Corvair dash-paint. When completely dry, the paint was sandpaper to the touch. I peeled away the masking tape, attached the trim strips and mounted the radio and its housing. It looked fantastic!

That's the story of the "1.35 meter dash", but it doesn't end there. I found another use for 4428L. In 1963, when GM introduced the three-pronged wire wheel covers, I bought a set (\$67 at the time) for my '62 Monza coupe. I used them only during the summer months until I traded the car in 1969. (I didn't trade the wire wheel covers though). They had been stored in an outside shed. About a year ago, I resurrected them, dismantled them, polished the wires and chrome, sandblasted and painted the rims. Two of them were completely finished. I had used the antiglare black for the black dish part on the front side behind the spokes. After painting the dashboard for the second time, I realized that I could use 4428L on the dish part of the wire wheel covers. I checked the two unpainted wire wheel covers...I'd be willing to bet 4428L is the paint that was used on those wire wheel covers by GM.



Rear Wheel Bearings Available

Isadore Krouse, WPCC president and owner of Krouse Auto Parts in New Bethlehem, PA says he can obtain the following rear wheel bearings:

1960-1962 (car)	AD11034-Z-18
1963-1964 (car)	AD11034-Z-20
1961-1965 (truck)	AD11154-Z-17
1965-1969 (car outer)	S6
1965-1969 (car inner)	M86649-M86610

If you have a need, see Isadore at the monthly meeting, write Krouse Auto Parts, New Bethlehem, PA or phone (814) 275-1055 or 1155 for details.

For Sale

1964 Corvair Pick-up "95" Series

4-speed, 83,000 miles, \$1,500
John Kusnirak, Jr. 266-2803

1967 2 door "500" coupe

Red/black recently painted. \$3,000
Also complete power top mechanism for late models. Plus a large selection of late model parts, including a black padded dash.
Dennis Paullet (412) 531-7767

1967 Convertible

On blocks 10 years holey garage. White upholstery. Condition, not bad.
Price negotiable. Located in Dayton, Ohio.
Leo Schulte (513) 848-2220

1965 Monza 4-door

White/Blue vinyl interior. 95 hp Powerglide. Tinted windshield, front bucket seats, 39,000 miles. 100% original stock. Second owner. Have original Kenny Ross bill of sale and window sticker. \$2,600.
Dick Brier (412) 563-4591.

Nickle Fix-It

by Herb Horn

For a cold weather fix, pry off the plastic grill on each side near your feet. Close vent tightly and stuff a clean rag in the hole to prevent drafts on your feet. Replace plastic grills.

Forward control Vans and Greenbriers can be more comfortable on long trips with a foot rest near the accelerator pedal. Better leverage is obtained by raising the foot with a six inch length of 2"x 4" piece of wood.

New Members

Sam McWilliams, Dunbar, Pa. (412)628-3218. Sam is a 60 yr. young musical instrument technician. Sam owns a mere 16 Corvairs covering the entire spectrum from 1960 to 1969. He also has many parts for sale, and was recommended by CORSA. Hope to see some of those Vairs soon, Sam.

Address all correspondence to:

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



Corvair Society of America

Formed in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Auto-mobile
CORSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Chapter _____ Chapter No. _____

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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 - \$*

TOTAL: _____

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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.

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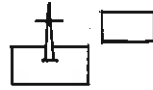
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- I own _____ restorable Corvairs.
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 - Concours - How Many? _____
 - Daily Use
 - Racing
 - Other _____
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 - Support my hobby
 - Fellowship
 - Increase the value of my investment
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 - CORSA governmental action



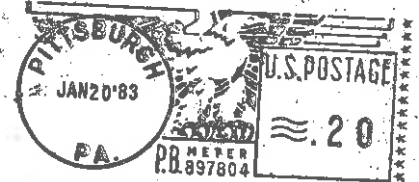
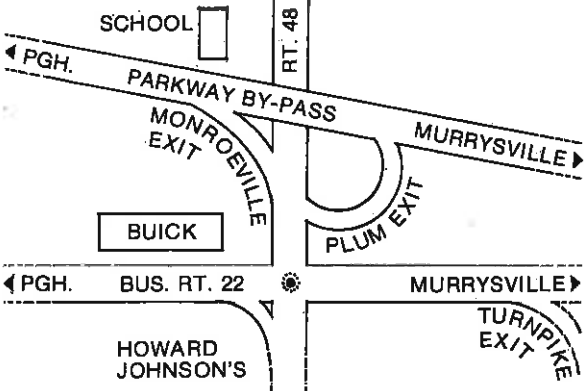
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EACH MONTH
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