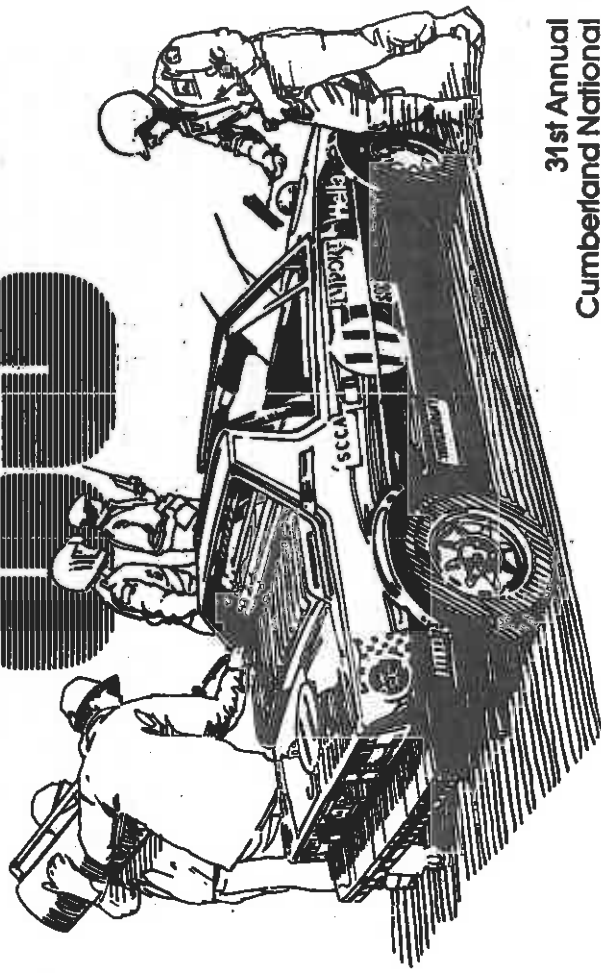


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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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31st Annual
Cumberland National
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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 _____
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 April 26, 1983

by Sandy Burrows, Secretary
Present were the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Board Members C. Friend, B. Ashworth, J. Krouse, and H. Horn.
Treasurers report - new balance: \$993.48
Secretary's report - read and approved.

Old Business:

Jim Lane spoke on the Anchor's Away Parade. The parade starts in South Side and ends at Station Square. Convertibles are needed. Cars will be displayed after in the Gateway Clipper Lot.

Wayne Jones has info on the Syracuse trip anyone interested in events or prices should contact him. The Jones', Artzberger's, Sweet's and Friend's are planning on attending.

Wayne also spoke on Kenneywood. The event will be in the May/June issue of Corsa. Those coming in on Saturday will stay at the Quality Inn near the County Airport. Trophies will be given - Bill Artzberger will be giving out awards. Isadore added that some West Virginia members he talked to at Meyersdale are planning on attending.

Bill Brill will soon be getting the finalized plans from W. Virginia Hullabaloo he will keep us posted.

Isadore reported that eight Corvaire made it to Meyersdale. All had a good time despite the return trip home was in a snow storm.

Vaun Hamlin spoke on the Arden Trip. In spite of the bad weather, the trip was great. The event was run perfectly thanks to Bob and Betty Ashworth. The museum tour and trolley ride was impressive. The shop owners at W. Alexandria were glad to see the club members since the business was low key that day. Dinner at the Buttery was excellent and on time (except for Vaun who was caught napping). 43 members pre-registered. All were asked to remember the trolley event July 2 and 3 this includes old cars - see Bob Ashworth for info.

New Business:

Corvaire/Corsa sneakers - see the secretary for details.

Bob Larison has info on a Corvaire Show - May 27-29 in Cherry Hill, NJ (15 minutes from Philadelphia) at the Hyatt.

Al Friend spoke on the Seattle Convention - July 27-30. Roundtrip air fare is \$374. Al and Carol, and John Sweet are attending. See Al, if interested.

Bob Ashworth introduced new members Clarence and Betty Judson from Butler. Bill Brill introduced returned member Bill Howard. Vaun Hamlin introduced Bob McGregor not a Corvaire member (yet) who worked at GM.

Dave Fabyonik spoke on the new Corsa insurance. An extra dollar will be charged for all non-Corsa members.

Wayne Jones informed all that those who have not paid their '83 dues will not receive their May newsletter. Dave Fabyonik will provide a list of unpaid members so they can be called.

Herb Horn reminded all of the excellent tech sessions held after meetings. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Jimmy Stewart Parade — May 21

Jimmy Stewart, who was born and raised in Indiana, Pennsylvania, made movies from 1936 thru 1973. To commemorate his 75th birthday, the town of Indiana is having a week long celebration climaxed with a parade on Saturday, May 21, with Jimmy as the honored guest. The festivities, along with bands, movie stars and television cameras, will be highlighted by the unveiling of a bronze statue of Jimmy.

The Parade will include two cars from each of the year's that Jimmy Stewart made movies. Past WPCC president, Isadore Krouse, who briefed me about this event, was unable to get his late model convertible into the parade. His son Alan, was a bit more fortunate and will be at the wheel of his 1970 Chevelle Convertible.

Nelson Ledges — May 22

If you recall, last year Bill Artzberger said about Nelson Ledges... "an unlucky day for those of our Western Penna. Convair Club who did not attend the event. They missed a great one."

We'll have a second chance to see what Bill was talking about come May 22. Tony Phelps is again extending an invitation to all WPCC members and their families to attend the 31st Annual Cumberland National Sportscar Races at Nelson Ledges, Ohio.

There will be seven SCAA sanctioned races, beginning at 9:30 am, and continuing till about 4:30 pm. Twenty-two classes of sportscars ranging from Austin Healy Sprites to Corvettes, will battle it out on the two mile course.

Again this year, those arriving in their Convairs will receive a special admission rate... \$8.00 per adult, children free and senior citizens, 65 and older, are also free. With an admission paddock pass you'll have access to all area except the working pits.

During the lunch break, the Convairs will again have an opportunity to drive around the track. (Bill and Jim raced around last year). Concession stands are handy if you don't pack a picnic lunch.

If you're ready for a day of great sportscar races within a two hour drive of Pittsburgh, follow these directions to Nelson Ledges.

- Take Ohio Turnpike to exit 14 (Warren)
- Go right after exiting toll booth
- Travel 100 yds, right turn onto Braceville-Robinson Rd.
- Note, odometer reading or set to zero at turn.
- 1.2 - Stay to left at "Y"
- 1.3 - Left onto Rt. 82
- 2.2 - (you will be passing a soap-box derby track to your left.)
- 2.5 - Right at 4-way STOP sign onto Rt. 534
- 3.8 - RR crossing
- 4.9 - Left onto County Rt. 127 (sign is small, so be alert.)
- 7.8 - Left at STOP sign onto Rt. 305
- 9.5 - Left into Nelson Ledges

A Date with Alice

by Betty and Bob Ashworth

The following is an excerpt from Alice Miller's diary (at least that's what Bob Ashworth told us following the dinner at the Buttery in ole West Alexander). To read this little

clitty, please write the correct name on the line provided. Choose from the list of names below. Have fun learning who attended the Arden/West Alexander event.

Alice Miller and her beau one day, _____
went riding in his _____

He shifted gears though they were worn
and sounded off his rusty _____

He drove at speeds she thought insane
and passed cars in the right hand _____

That Chevy sped around a bend,
and passed a cop, named officer _____

Friend's car was slow, but he was gamblin
that up ahead was deputy _____

Deputy drove an old souped-up Winton
he rented from Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and _____

The beau drove fast, tore up the street,
and ran right into Johnny _____

Their cars careened and took a spill,
they ended up on a stony _____

Al Friend ran up with pencil to book us,
we'd have to report to his honor, Judge _____

They looked around and checked their bones,
when up walked perky, turkey _____

Wayne picked through junk and found the grill;
he'd have that fixed by Billy _____

The cost would be a lot of cash-worth;
he'd need a loan from maybe _____

Grass stains on tires that sort of seemed bald,
those tires weren't white, but only _____

(If you think it was hard to rhyme Greenwald,
under this wig I have stretched my head cleanbald).

As Alice frowned and combed her hair,
up drove a shiny new Chewy _____

The ending to this gripping thriller...
she up and married Archie _____

Honey-mooned Europe, even took Paris in,
their chauffeur, none other than Bob _____

Ashworth	Convair	Hamlin	Lane	Miller	Sweet
Brill	Friend	Horn	Larison	Minton	
Chevrolet	Greenwald	Jones	Lucas	Rockhill	

SCCA/WPCC Autocross School and Trials

by Bill Artzberger

Sunday, April 10 was absolutely beautiful. A variety of 86 automobiles were signed in for the first autocross of this year. A not-to-difficult, but fairly fast and very interesting course was laid out on the North Park pool parking lot by the SCCA members.

Everyone was walked thru the course and then encouraged to drive thru with a very competent instructor. Instruction included driving tips and constructive criticism, with each driver being permitted up to three trial runs with an instructor. By 1:30 pm, all contestants were confident they could wind their way around the course as fast as possible. Once the trials started, each driver was able to get on the clock three or more times.

Of the 86 cars entered, only two were Corvairs. Tom Kress was driving his beautiful, freshly painted, concourse early model coupe and Bill Artzberger was behind the wheel of "Tiger 1".

Tom did a near perfect job of wheeling his coupe around the pylons. Nader would have hung his head in shame after watching him. The best that can be said about Bill and the Tiger car is that things really improve with age. "Tiger 1" now has over 108,000 miles on it and Bill's time improved with each run. (Incidentally, both Corvairs bettered more than one half the times of the sporty cars... Datsun 280 Z's, Mazda RX7's, Porches and you name it!!!)

The Prez with his son, Steve, showed up. Mrs. Prez brought the part of

the coffee thermos that Bob left at home. The coffee was never better.

There will be at least six or eight more autocross events this year. Come on out and try it! Maybe you'll like it as well as Tom and Bill. It's even fun to watch!

The Prez Says

Here we are started on a new season and nothing but Bad Weather! Our first two events at North Park were auto crosses for those who have interest in racing. But the weather was really bad, especially the second week, Snow. Nevertheless we wish to thank Tom Kress for the work he did in setting this up.

Our thanks again to Bob and Betty Ashworth for all the work put into planning the Trolley Museum and dinner in West Alexander. Everything was just great, except the weather.

There are many summer programs planned, so keep an eye out for details in the Vair Street Journal. Plan to attend. You'll enjoy them. Don't forget to send in your dues, they are past due.

The Nut Behind the Wheel,
R.L. Larison

Wanted

Late model trailer hitch. Factory issue of Valley Tow Rite or both.
Don Baker 863-3770

Double Bypass for Vair (or Keeping it Alive and Well)

by Herb Horn

While driving home from shopping, Gae smelled a burning plastic odor for a brief period and thought no more of it. However, the heater motor would not work thereafter. Since it was still winter, this is a vital item in order to survive. But worse, the windshield wipers stopped working also. Now there existed a crisis. So rapid action was needed. Several hours of investigation revealed the following:

- Both fuses blew.
- Replacing each fuse separately still blew each in turn.
- The blower motor would run with a jumper wire.
- The blower switch was working properly.
- The wiper motor would run with a jumper wire.
- The wiper switch would short out when used.
- Every other electrical unit and light worked properly.

Wiring harness schematic diagrams and the actual harness are both nightmares. Horror stories tell of ruining more items than are fixed once the harness is disturbed! Since time and practicality was paramount, a double bypass provided a reliable fix to keep Gae's Vair on the road. Running a primary wire direct from the Blown Motor to the Heater switch using the proper fuse block restored the heater on high blower.

The Wiper Switch was replaced with a toggle switch which in turn was not wired with an in-line fuse

for protection. This second bypass wire went to the wiper motor and would run the motor fast when engaged.

The ignition switch in the off position would stop the Heater Motor. The Wiper Motor could hardly be left running and ignored when leaving the car without turning the Wiper toggle off.

The Double BYPASS has worked fine. Some warm Sunny Saturday will be the time to investigate further. However, for now the VAIR is going through the AIR!

New Members

by Al Friend

Clarence & Betty Judson, Butler, Pa. (412) 283-3091. Clarence is a 56 year young steelworker who owns a 68 Corvair coupe. Clarence & Betty were introduced to WPCC by Bob & Betty Ashworth. We all had the pleasure of meeting Clarence at the last meeting.

Eddie Eisele, New York, N.Y. (212) 757-2375. Eddie is a 36 year old actor who owns 3 Corsas' and is into SCCA racing. He gets into the Pittsburgh area on occasion and wants to receive "The Journal". Hopefully he'll be able to attend some of our events. Eddie is already a member of CORSA

Kay Calley, Monroeville, Pa. (412) 327-2486. Kay is retired & owns a 65 Monza. She is very interested in showing her Corvair. We have a lot of nearby shows coming up. Kay, watch "The Journal" for details. Welcome to WPCC.

West Mifflin Car Show Sunday, May 29

The West Mifflin Baseball Association is once again holding its Annual Car Show at the Allegheny County Airport Parking Lot. Cars will be judged in the following classifications:

Antiques • Street Rods • Classics
Trucks • 4-Wheel Drive Trucks
Street Machines • Stock Corvettes
Modified Corvettes • Special Interest Vehicles

Dash plaques and 27 trophies will be awarded.

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Trophy Presentation: 3:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$5

Spectators: \$1

Children: \$.50

Families: \$2

For more information call: 466-6838

For Sale

1961 "900" Coupe — Restorable

1962 Convan — Restorable

1963 "900" Coupe — Restorable

1964 Rampsides (2) — For parts
or make one good one

1965 4-door — Restorable

1965 Corsa — Good condition

1966 140 Coupe — Exc. condition

1966 Monza Convertible —
Being restored

1969 "500" Coupe — Good cond.

1969 Convertible — Needs a little
more work.

Lots of parts — engines, cross-
members, interiors, etc. Cars and
parts must be sold June 15, 1983 —
moving out of state.

Walter W. West 267-4452

RD 1 Box 211A

Fredricktown, PA

For Sale

1987 Coupe - Fitch Sprint.

140 engine, 4-speed. Driven daily.
Original gold with Fitch fast-back
roof. Body solid. Never wrecked.
Interior black — very good. 8 radial
tires, wire wheel covers, 4 aluminum
slot wheels. Plus a truckload of
parts, including engines, trans-
axles, windshield, crossmembers,
bumpers, engine parts. Also, shop
manuals for all years, and other
books. \$1,800 or offers.

Roger Schmiel 364-6822

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1964 4-door Convair Monza.

Excellent mechanical condition,
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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

Hillbilly Hullabaloo — June 25 thru 26

The Wild and Wonderful Convair Club will present the Hillbilly Hullabaloo on June 25 thru 26, 1983 at the Vo-Tech Center in Morgantown West Virginia.

Trophies Awarded in the following classes

- A: Stock Early Open
- B: Stock Early Closed
- C: Stock Late Open
- D: Stock Late Closed
- E: Production Early Open
- F: Production Early Closed
- G: Production Late Open
- H: Production Late Closed
- I: Modified Early Open
- J: Modified Early Closed
- K: Modified Late Open
- L: Modified Late Closed
- M: Forward Control

Stock: Up to two changes from showroom condition.

Production: Up to four changes from showroom condition.

Modified: Over four changes from showroom condition.

Misc.:

- Special Interest Trophy
- Peoples Choice Trophy
- Hard Luck Trophy

Motel Accommodations:

Ramada Inn

Morgantown Motel

P.O. Box 1242

Rt. 73 and 119

Morgantown, WV 26505

(304) 292-3431

Holiday Inn

1400 Saratoga Ave.

Morgantown, WV 26505

(304) 599-1680

Vendors attending Meet:

Bill Carrafield

European Auto Parts

E. Arlington VT

Waynesboro, VA

John Sweet

Pottersville, PA

Registration Form

Registrant Name _____

Other Family Members Attending _____

Address, City, St., Zip _____

Pre-registration Deadline is June 8, 1983.

Car(s) Registering: _____

Registrant Phone # _____

Autographs?



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 _____

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RENEWALS

My name and address are correct as printed

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- 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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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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Months	_____
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SURVEY OF CARS OWNED AND INTERESTS

- I own _____ running Corvairs.
- I own _____ restorable Corvairs.
- I own _____ parts Corvairs.
- I use my Corvairs for:
 - Concours - How Many? _____
 - Daily Use
 - Racing
 - Other _____

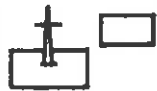
- My main reason for joining CORSA is:
 - Support my hobby
 - Fellowship
 - Increase the value of my investment
 - Magazine - "CORSA COMMUNIQUE"
 - To take part in () local/ () national doings
- What I like to read most in my magazine is:
 - Technical Tips
 - Feature Articles
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 - Open Forum
 - Chapter News
 - Local meet information



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