

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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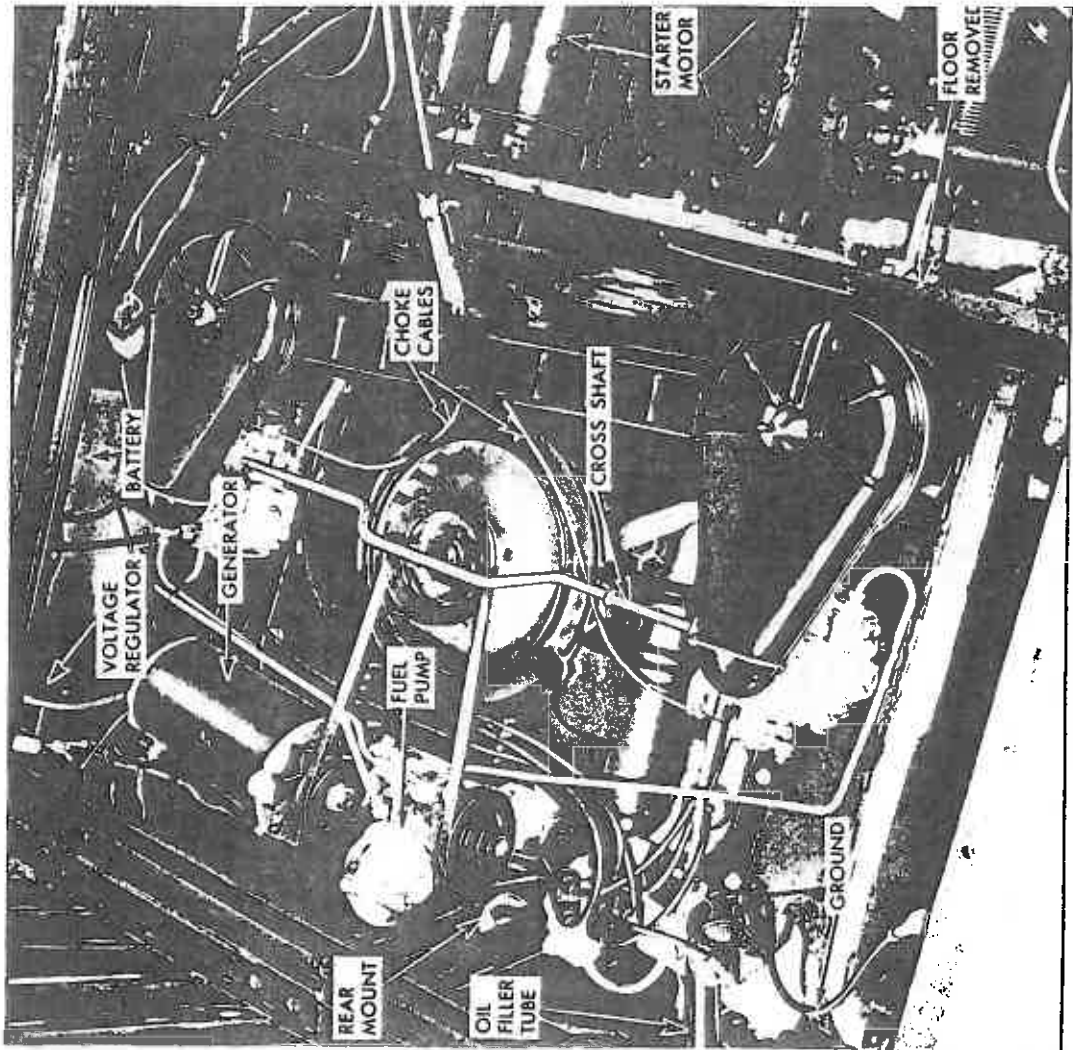


Fig. 6A-112—Corvaair 95 and Greenbrier—1200 Series

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 \$10 per calendar year or \$1 for each remaining month of the current year. \$1 each for two additional immediate family members. 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 \$22. 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: _____

NEXT MEETING:
Same Place:

May 28, 1985
Good Shepherd
Lutheran
Church
Monroeville
8:00 p.m.

Same Time:

MINUTES OF WPCC MEETING - April 23, 1985
1985 Officers present: President, Vice-Presi-
dent, Secretary, Treasurer.
1985 Board Members present: Dale Smith, Don
Baker, Dave Fabyonic and Archie Miller.

Secretary's Report was read and approved.
Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Old Business: Details were given for our June
event. A visit to Hartwood Acres is planned
for Sunday, June 16. The Club will tour the
mansion at 3:00 p.m. A jazz concert will follow
in the evening.

The Braille Rally is set for Thursday, May 30
at 6:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.
Our April event is a Three Rivers Stadium tour,
lunch and a tour of the Cathedral of Learning.
The date is April 27.

Jim Lane will handle the Club's registration for
the Canonsburg Fourth of July Parade. Our Club
will receive a check for participating in the
Parade. All members were asked to support the
event.

New Business: The CORSA roster was discussed
as a possible source of help if a break-down
occurs when traveling.
Corvaire problems were discussed at the end of
the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Gayle Gundlach
Secretary
Bob McCune

The 50-50 drawing was won by Bob McCune.

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PLEASE SEND GET WELL WISHES by Carole Friend

Our first lady, Mary McCune, had a very unfortunate accident on the way to the Corvair event in Helen, Ga. Bob called and told us that they didn't make it to Ga. as Mary fell in their motel room, shattering the femur bone in her leg. She has undergone surgery twice, due to difficulties. I'm sure that our fine first lady, and the Prez. too, could use all of the cheering up that we can send their way. Flowers were sent to Mary on behalf of the club. Cards and letters can be sent to their home: 4185 Ivanhoe Dr. Apt. 105

Monroeville, Pa. 15146

NEW MEMBERS

David & Jodi Dantonio, Trafford, Pa. (412)373-2196. Dave is 21 years old and Jodi is 19. Dave works for Sun Carpet, and they own a 65 sedan, and a 67 convertible. They were recommended by one of our members, but I know not whom!! Welcome aboard.

David Moore, Pittsburgh (412)364-4888. Dave is a 56 year old designer who has bought a Corvair a month so far this year. (He now owns four)!!! Dave attended the April meeting and was recommended by Jim Lane.

Robert & Donna Hieber, Coraopolis, Pa. (412)264-4648. Bob is a 39 year old instrument supervisor who owns a 65 Monza convertible and a 66 Corsa convertible. He has owned Corvairs since 1970 and was recommended by Dale & Ellen Smith.

TECH. TIP by Al Friend

One of my Vairs had the nerve to continually acquire a pool of oil under the coil, of all places. after extensive investigation, I determined that it was coming from the dip stick grommet. A cheap & inexpensive fix, indeed!!

NEXT MEETING:
Same place:

Same time:

MINUTES OF WPCC MEETING: March 26, 1985
1985 officers present: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
Board Members present: Dale Smith, Don Baker, Archie Miller.

Secretary's Report was read and approved.
Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Old Business: Bill Brill reported on the PA. Maple Festival at Meyersdale on March 24, 1985. There were 8 Corvairs present. Four trophies were awarded to our Club members. Car show officials stated that if we could guarantee that many cars again next year, they will have a Corvair class. Everyone in attendance had an enjoyable time.

The tentative April event had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Many other suggestions for an April event were discussed with a trip to Meadowcroft Village chosen as a possible event. Details will be published in the Vair Street Journal.

The informational packet concerning the Recall '85 at Syracuse, NY, was received and reviewed. A group of our members have expressed interest in going.

The Helen, Georgia, Corvair event for April 26, 27 was discussed. Some members are planning to attend. Bill Artzberger is handling details.

New Business: Solving technical problems was discussed. It was suggested that problems be mentioned at the end of the meeting, and then interested parties get together for discussion. John Sweet suggested that a technical advisor be set up. The President asked for volunteers. A list of CORSA members not members of WPCC will be sent a copy of the Vair Street Journal to encourage them to join our club.

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All Friend encouraged members to write up tech-tips and send them to the editor by the 12th of the month.

The President received and read Bill Cotrcfeld's itinerary.

A listing of Corvair parts to be sold at an auction on May 4 was passed around for members to read. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. The 50-50 drawing was won by John Graf.

Gayle Gundlach
Secretary

NEW MEMBER

Ray Shuster, Pitsburgh, (412) 882-5909

Ray is a 57-year-young insurance adjuster who owns a 1961 "700" sedan. Ray was recommended by Bud Tinstman, and also joined CORSA.

NOTICE

Your 1985 dues are now payable!!!

Please make your check payable to: WPCG and send it to the Treasurer:

John Gundlach
RD #1, Box 246
Saxonburg, PA
16056

PREZ SEZ--

What an enjoyable slide show the Artzbergers presented at the March meeting! Really professional. We can look forward to their next show in May on Corvair Restoration. The rules will be reversed with Bill doing the talking and Irene running the projector. Better speak well, Bill, your gal is hard to beat.

Although the January meeting was almost snowed out, we still had a fair crowd, but the attendance at the February and March meetings was great. Good meeting too. Not much tech (we'll get to that at later meetings, some good discussion, good suggestions, good participation by the members, and a few laughs. That adds up to a fine meeting. You absentees--try it, you'll like it.

Note in this issue there are a lot of events in which you can participate as an individual even though they are not Club events.

The moral of Bill Brill's report on our participation in the Maple Festival is: Undertakers are nice people. They are willing to do the last thing in the world for you.

Membership Drive: This issue of Vair Street Journal is being sent to all members--current and past--and also to members of CORSA in the Western Pennsylvania area who do not belong to any local club. We want all our old friends to consider re-signing with us and would like to have any member of CORSA and not affiliated with a club to come try us out. If you belong to CORSA, why not have the advantages of club events where you can show off your great Corvair? Why not be a part of our club's representation at other Corvair Club meets? Visit us or write to us. We would like to hear from any interested Corvair owner or would-be owner.

Help for Individual Corvair Problems: Beginning with the April meeting, just before adjournment, you will have the opportunity to bring up your Corvair problems. If anyone in attendance indicates that they can help you, you can meet with that person after the meeting in one of the side rooms. Anyone interested in your problem might join you in the session. There is no limit to the number of problems that can be taken up as long as there are willing tech-helpers available. This is not meant to take the place of general tech sessions, but will hopefully help individuals with specific problems to get over a hump and get on with getting that Corvair on the road.

Upcoming Meeting Subjects:

- April 23 - Rich Enright, Manager of Monroeville Goodyear Auto Service Center, will tell us about tires. 7:30 p.m.
- May 28 - Bill Artzberger's now nationally famous slide show on restoration. Don't miss this. 7:00 p.m.
- June 25 - Boo Smith, member of WPCG and sales rep for Kent Industries, will talk about "water leaks" and how to solve them. 7:15 p.m.

Bob McCune

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS

Much has been written here and in CORSA about the removal of lead from gasoline. My objection has been that no one has ever proved that leaded gas really caused any harm. That proof has now been published. Two papers have appeared in Science magazine--one concerning the amount of lead which is released into the atmosphere by auto exhaust and the adverse medical conditions which result from it; the other a study of reduced IQ scores related to the amount of lead in the brain tissue.

Both studies make a clear-cut case for getting the lead out. Even the Ethyl Corp. isn't disputing their findings any more. Most Corvairs aren't being used for primary transportation any more and there are additives for valve stem lubrication, so my objections will disappear by the end of '85, just like 90% of the lead.

As the possessor of a Classic Car plate, we got a letter from the State shortly after April Fool's Day. Primarily it related to the existing law concerning Antique and Classic definitions and the activities for which they could not be used. There was no mention of the new arrangement that the Legislative Council warned of. They did, however, remind us that commercial use was prohibited, including "delivery of products after a sale." Does that mean we can't haul groceries home from the store?

The Editor

LOOKING AHEAD

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB EVENTS

Saturday, April 27: Meet at Three Rivers Stadium by 10 a.m. at Gate C for a sports lover's dream. Our guided tour includes the "behind the scenes" areas, the Press Box, the locker rooms, the field and the Hall of Fame Museum. (adults \$2.50, children \$1.50). After lunch we'll caravan to the Cathedral of Learning at Pitt, where we'll enjoy a free guided tour of the Nationality Rooms. These are the first floor rooms designed and furnished to represent the various ethnic groups comprising Western Pennsylvania. For those who have never seen these two Pittsburgh landmarks or have never had a guided tour with detailed explanations, the day should be educational and fascinating.

Saturday, July 20: Greentree 100th Anniversary Parade. Participants should advise Dale Smith, and a map and times will be provided in the June Vair Street Journal. After the parade, we'll host a mid-afternoon picnic at the home of Dale Smith, 534 Arden Lane, Mt. Lebanon. Meat, buns, and beverage will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish for a potluck buffet and lawn chairs. Indoor and outdoor activities are planned as well as casual Corvair conversation.

Saturday, October 19: CMU Homecoming Parade and Ox Roast. Please let Dale Smith know at 563-4047 or 501-5050 if you'll be there with your convertible. Hard to believe, but this will be better than last year, but if we're only going to use all Corvairs, we must have a commitment by October 7. If you did not participate last year, ask those who did. Don't miss out twice!

Saturday, November 15: We'll have an indoor type outing which will provide educational entertainment and the opportunity to socialize over dinner.

NATIONAL CORVAIR EVENTS

- April 26-27 Helen, GA Show and Banquet Station Square
- April 26 Wayneboro, VA 'Vair Pair
- May 4-5 Frederick, MD Corvair Flea Market & Show
- May 18
- May 31, June 1-2 Syracuse, NY RECALL Mini Convention
- June 8 Mt. Lebanon Old Car Show
- June 15 Sewickley Old Car Show
- June 16 Oakmont Old Car Show
- June 21-22 Warren, MI Corvair Concour
- June ?? Hartwood Acres WPCC
- July 5, 6, 7 Butler, PA Parts-a-rama
- July 9 Canonsburg, PA Parade
- July 13 Kennyswood Parade
- July 20 Greentree Parade
- July 21 North Hills Corvair Corner Car Show

July 3, Aug. 1-3
August 2-4
August 17-18
Sept. 7-8

Texas National Convention
Macungie 16 Car Clubs
Schenley Car Show--Vintage
Park Race
Strasburg, Pa Central PA
Indianapolis Corvairs
Giant Flea
Market--Show
Cypress Gardens Show,
FL Banquet
Atlantic City Fall Auto Mart

September
October 25-27
November 1-3

THIS AND THAT

For anyone interested in attending the following events, I have information packets and will bring them to the next meeting:

May 18 - Mid Maryland flea market and
Corvair Show
May 31-June 2 - Central NY Recall '85.
June 21-23 - Detroit Corvair Club's "Silver
Caucours d'Elegance"

Do you know Corvair owners who should be WPCC and
CORSA members but who never seem to get around to
joining? Well, do as member Bud Tinstman did--
SIGN HIM UP AS A GIFT!

FOR SALE

"CORVAIR...A HISTORY AND RESTORATION GUIDE" I
have a few personal copies left. \$20.00 (I'll
even autograph it!) Get a \$2000.00 education and
own a beautiful Corvair--it's all in the book.
Bill Artzberger.

LOOKING BACK

...at the Pennsylvania Maple Festival, Meyersdale.
The day began with a cold rain which I'm sure dis-
couraged many WPCC members from making the trek to
this Somerset County community.
But, some of our hearty members did brave the
weather and took their beautiful, clean Corvairs
to the annual event. About 1 p.m. the skies cleared
and immediately you could see everyone out wiping
off wet cars and preparing for the judging.
Corvairs were in 2 classifications--early and late
models. WPCC can be proud of its entries as we
came away with four trophies:

Early Models:
Class 9 John Gundlach - 2nd
Archie Miller }
Bill Brill } - tied for 3rd

Late Models
Class 10 Al Friend - 3rd

Everyone enjoyed the pancake and sausage lunch
served by the Kiwanis Club--especially Walt
Baldinger. Did you say he ate 8 pancakes?
Stores were open selling pure maple syrup,
antiques and flea market items.
Attending were George and Ruth Flenniken, Al
and Carol Friend, Archie and Alice Miller,
John and Gayle Gundlach, Bill and Irene Artz-
berger, Dave and Terry Stankus, Walt and Boots
Paldinger, Pat and Mary Geyer, Don Baker, Ken
Brown and Dan Cekies.

Bill Brill

FIVE YEERS AGO IN THE JOURNAL
Then President, Dick Brefer, in his "Prez Sez"
article mentioned that rooms were still
available for the Atlanta CORSA Convention.
Dick also mentioned that Bill Davis from DuPont
was scheduled for the April meeting. Isadore
Krous had lined him up to give a paint and
metal prep seminar. (Thanks to Bill, this
proved to be one of our most informative meetings
ever.)

The April event was to be our first Billy
(Artzberger) and Herbie (Horn) Econo run. It
was to be a 60 mile run, starting and ending
at Holderbaums Sunoco Station in Irwin, with
dinner and ridiculous awards afterward
We were running autobiographies of our members.
This issue featured Bill Artzberger and family,
as follows:
April, 1980

If someone were to ask me how, when and why I
got mixed up with Corvairs, I'd have to go back
to 1960 when I viewed the first Corvair in a
local dealer's showroom.

Even then, in my sparse knowledge of automobiles,

I was impressed with the rear engine, independent suspension and air cooling. My first thoughts were that it would be the ideal car for winter driving in Pittsburgh.

In 1961, I had our first Corvair. It was a light green 700 4 door sedan with automatic. It gave us 27,000 trouble-free miles at an average of 25 miles per gallon before we traded it for a used 1962 Greenbrier--the one I like to brag about. (I know..you have heard all the Corvair stories and don't want to hear any more!) But I'll be brief with this one..how about 100,000 miles on only 3 fan belts and a broken shift fork--it only started to leak oil when it was sold to its new owner.

From the time my boys were old enough to hold a wrench, our garage was always a busy one. We built several kit cars with fiberglass bodies and always used Corvair parts and engines if they were applicable. It was through one of our kit cars that we first discovered WPCC. We timidly attended some of the club meetings and discovered there were other enthusiasts for the Corvair.

For better or worse, we again got hooked on Corvairs. It is a family hobby with us. While our oldest son has married and left home, our youngest son Jim remains. We are not happy with stock Corvairs and really enjoy modifying and up-dating our cars. Generally, Jim does the mechanical and electrical work, while I do the body work and painting. Mom (Irene) does the interiors and upholstery.... The two creations which were on the January 1979 issue of CORSA COMMUNIQUE, Tiger I and Tiger II, began as "throw-aways." Our main occupations are not auto-oriented but through CORSA and WPCC we have managed to restore two more old Corvairs for a second breath...

Some of our club members have heard me say it before. If you haven't, then I'd like to repeat it here..."I have been a member of several auto clubs. I think the WPCC is the best. Mostly because no one is pretentious. How can they be? We all have used cars!"

FOR SALE

Two 69 Corvairs. Monza and a "500". Low miles, restorable or good parts cars. \$800 for both. (412)884-7454.

63 Monza convertible. Emmy Sacco, Bridgeport, Pa. (near Phila.) (215)275-8575.

67 Monza sedan. 40,000 miles, yellow/black, solid car. For info. ask for Jeff Backus at Castrionta Chevrolet. (412)343-2100. Jeff is trying to sell it for a friend, it is not on their lot.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL

Then prez. Dick Breier was fighting mad since our insurance coverage had just been cancelled because so many of our members had not joined CORSA. Then board member John Benvin scored a double win with his two Vairs at the Meyersdale event, and some guy named Tony Phelps was listed as a new member!! The results of the first annual Herbie & Billy econo run were in: Jim Stokes and his amazing 63 "700" ran away from the competition with an amazing 37.03 MPG.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

It's that time again CORSA members, and WPCOs own John Sweet is running for the board again in the eastern division. We all know how qualified John is for the position, and he certainly is motivated toward CORSA. Not to mention all of those times he saved your hide by having that rare part that you needed at his fingertips!!!

Well now it's your turn to repay John for his efforts, and it is very little effort on your part. Simply tear the ballot out of your last Corsa Communiques, vote for John and one other candidate from the eastern division, remove your mailing sticker from your magazine, & put it on the ballot, Stick on a 22¢ stamp and mail it in.

Al Friend, Campaign Manager

The WPCC event for the month of April was an informative day at two attractions in the city of Pittsburgh. Saturday, April 27 was the beautiful day be began with a tour of Three Rivers Stadium. Unfortunately the ever-present problem of attendance that plagues the Stadium overcame us that day. The twelve of us thoroughly enjoyed seeing the locker room, press areas, different vantage points of seating, including two of the \$25,000. per year private boxes -what a way to see a game-. We sat in the dugout and went out onto the field. It was a very interesting behind-the-scenes view of the stadium and the Hall of Fame.

Next, we caravanned to the Oakland section of the City. The caravan was small- one Corvair (Mc Williams) and three water-pumpers (Jones, Stankus, and Smith). After lunch we toured the Nationality Classrooms in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh. We were given a fascinating description of 19 of the unique rooms, each being designed and created by individual nationalities to interpret particular facets of their culture and education philosophies. Each person had a special interest in the rooms of his own background, but the workmanship, peculiar crafts and beauty of all the room will long be remembered.

Those of you who missed this event missed a good one. Eventhough these places are so close at hand, most of us were first time visitors. The unique part of this WPCC event- IT DIDN'T RAIN--

Ellen Smith

DUES CORNER

We are now in the fifth month of 1985. Have you paid your 1985 dues? We havw 73 members who have yet to send in their \$10. Give your Treasurer a call if you are not sure if you are paid up--(412)352-2666. John Gundlach, Treasurer, RD 1, Box 246, Saxonburg 16056.

NOTES FROM ARTZBERGER

Bill Artzberger will present his slide show on Corvair Restoration at the May meeting. WPCC members should try to make the Mini-Con-vention in Syracuse, NY on May 31, June 1-2. See Bill Artzberger at the meeting. Keep July 12 in mind for our very own KENNYWOOD ENCOUNTER and parade (with trophies for nearly everyone).

We have a date for a Corvair Car Show at North Hills Village in conjunction with the North Hills Historic Auto Club. We need you members to make it our best attended show.

Bill Artzberger recently attended the Corvair show in Helen, GA. More than 80 Corvairs were there and Bill came home with a second place trophy in the LATE CLOSED division and competed with a four-door. Thw next week, Bill attended the show in Waynesboro, VA against 40 more Virginia concours cars and again brought home a second place trophy in the LATE CLOSED division, with a four-door. Who says dfour-doors can't win against coupes?

FOR SALE: 1969 MONZA Coupe. Motor will not turn, body poor, but includes a truck load of parts--an engine or two, doors, hoods--whatever. Only asking \$100 for the entire collection. Make your money back at the first flea market and still have parts left! Bill Artzberger--364-6842. Also a few copies of Bill's book--CORVAIR...A HISTORY AND RESTORATION GUIDE. See Bill.



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MEETING HELD
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