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Minutes of WPCC meeting August 26, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm by President, Bill Brill. He asked Ellen Smith to act as secretary in Gayle Gundlach's absence. Bill asked for new members or guests: Mike Ressler introduced himself and his guest. The group was told about Armin Abramson's surgery at Westmoreland Hospital. Vaun Hamlin suggested that a sheet be passed for people to sign and mailed with a card to Armin.

OLD BUSINESS

The CORSA National Convention was the first order of business. Seventeen WPCC members attended at least part of the Convention. All our members found the City and it's people very friendly and receptive to our group. There were 700 to 1000 people in attendance, with 100 cars in the Concours judging and nearly that many in the Car show. Bill Brill shared the pictures he had taken as well as some from the Fairmont outing. The prizes awarded to WPCC members were announced and there was a big hand for the winners who had worked hard, both early and late, getting their cars ready. Some of the other activities highlighted were the Sing-A-Long with free beer and popcorn, the vendor rooms (Fewer vendors than in prior years) and the Banquet where WPCC had confetti, an alarm horn as well as our "reserved" selves to answer the roll call. (Texas had mini fireworks!) The locations for future Nationals were announced as follows:

87 - Chicago (Not Salt Lake City as announced)

88 - Winston - Salem

89 - Kansas City

90 - Western region - not yet determined

People who attended various tech sessions found them informative. All in all, those in attendance had a good time and lots of Corvair fun.

Bill Artzberger thanked the WPCC members who came to help with the Vintage Gran Prix Car Show in Schenley Park. It was a good show of about 160 late model cars and 85 Jaguars. There was no rain! The show undoubtedly surpassed last year's donation of \$40,000 to the Charity. Irene Artzberger was thanked for again providing fruit and snacks at lunch time under our Corvair circled trees. Vaun Hamlin commented on the excellent shuttle-bus system they provided free of charge to all spectators.

Bob Larison reported on "Macungie in the rain." His 1-1/2 hour without rain let him see a lot. He also made comments about the interesting Mack Truck museum at the entrance to the Show.

Bill Brill thanked David Redding for the August Journal cover.

The next outing some of the WPCC members will be attending is the Corvair Days at the Old Strausburg Inn. Bill Artzberger and Vaun Hamlin discussed the Pa. Dutch Family Style Dinner offered at a reasonable price. The tech sessions are held on the lawn and the atmosphere of the historic Inn is pleasant. There will be an autocross plus a car show that has been fairly judged in years passed. Our Club has had a warmer welcome each time members go. Bill will be presenting his Old Cars Slide Show after the banquet, showing the transition from horse to automobile. Bob McCune has registration forms which he would mail to anyone interested. Century III Vintage Chevrolet Show is September 14 near the Allegheny County Airport.

Irene Artzberger reported on the picnic at North Park on Saturday, September 27 at Roosevelt Grove. There will be a map available. Bring your own picnic basket and enjoy an old fashioned picnic. There will be swings, slides and volleyball and also electricity. The time is noon until after dark.

Due to an unfortunate oversight, the Gundlachs were forced to arrive late, but once they arrived we proceeded: 1986 Officers Present: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

1986 Board Members present: Bill Artzberger, Bob Ashworth, Don Baker, Vaun Hamlin, Wayne Jones and Bob McCune. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's report was approved as read. WPCC now has 65 member families.

The Autumn Leaf Festival in Clarion was next discussed. The date is October 11 and 12. It is a pre-registration car show on Sunday with only People's Choice prizes. There is a parade on Saturday and craft shows and displays all weekend. Isadore Krouse invites us to come to this event. The Tech Session was announced for tonight as the Clark Interior Show. The September session will be presented by Bob Hieber; the October by David Redding.

Several upcoming shows and events were mentioned:

Star Chevrolet 9-13-86 In Greensburg near the Westmoreland Mall.

W VA show in Shinnston, WV. Bill Artzberger will get details.

Bridgeville Park 9-21-86 Vaun Hamlin has more details. Bill Brill read portion of Pa. Legislative Council Newsletter relating to Antique, Classic and Collectable plates.

There was a discussion on insurance for moving and non-moving events for our Club and CORSA. We shall be checking with other Clubs about this problem and about

coverages available.

The event at Vaun Hamlin's shop on Sunday, November 23 was again highlighted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Ellen M. Smith
Acting Secretary

The 50/50 drawing was won by Wayne Jones.

NEXT MEETING: September 23, 1986 8:00 sharp
Hostesses: Carole Friend

Anyone who would like to volunteer

Tech Session: A method for reproducing a factory finish on engine sheet metal will be presented. This procedure produces a very durable finish using material which is available at any discount store. Bob Hieber

PREZ SEZ

Again I wish to express my thanks to Bill Artzberger for bringing his projector and sound equipment to our last meeting so that we could enjoy the slides sent to us from Clark's Corvair Parts. I thought the slides and samples of materials made for an interesting tech session and trust it will enable some of our members who are having interior problems with their Corvairs.

The warm weather of Summer is just about over and the cooler days of Autumn are moving in. With this change of weather, we expect more rain, falling leaves, fog and shorter daylight hours. It is necessary NOW, to check your tire windshield wipers and washing fluid, keep the lenses on all your lights clean and whatever it takes to make your driving safer. And, please remember to just drive a little slower when the above conditions prevail. It just takes a few minutes longer to reach your destination being cautious.

As "The September Song" says, we have a few precious days left to get into our Corvairs and enjoy some of the Ca shows still on the calendar. Also, remember the picnic at North Park as well as Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival in Oct. We've had a super WPCC year thus far with excellent tech sessions, superb outings, lots of good food and best of all great fellowship. So join us for the upcoming events. We like seeing you.

Bill Brill

PS: Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Archie Miller and Armin Abramson (and whoever else may be ill.)

AND THEY SMILED THE WHOLE WAY HOME!!

Marlene Moran

There were a lot of grins on the faces of four of our WPC members following the awards banquet in Grand Rapids.....and we also want to give credit to the wives of those Concourse winners.....they helped spit shine and polish every nook and cranny of those winning Vairs!!

Speaking as one of the wives of a winner, I can only say that you sit there with your fingers and toes crossed, hoping you will hear at least one familiar name....but until that moment actually arrives, it is impossible to believe that you have actually made it!!

The Grand Rapids Club did an excellent job on each event we attended, and the banquet was no exception. Each table was numbered on a cutout of a Corvair, different models at different tables. The hotel provided excellent service throughout the meal.

At roll call, our table provided a shower of confetti (Charmin was the brand, I believe) courtesy of Dale Smith, who also accompanied our verbal cheers with a business-like briefcase which emitted ballpark brand two-finger whistles!!

When we finally got down to the important stuff (like who won what), we were thrilled to be able to report that our winners were (in increasing order of importance.....we save the best until last):

PEOPLES CHOICE:
Late Model

CONCOURSE:

THIRD PLACE:

Michael & Marlene Moran
"Shamrock Special" '66 convertible

SECOND PLACE:

Vaun & Charlotte Hamlin
Bright Red Lakewood wagon (1961)

SECOND PLACE:

Al & Carol Friend
"Ling-Ling" white convertible (1965)

FIRST PLACE:

John & Gail Gundlach
Black 1963 Spyder convertible

It's amazing how much work went into these cars, John Gundlach has had his torn down since Kenywood last year!! He put untold manhours and toil into the engine and it paid off on his first outing. Vaun Hamlin was still finishing his up the night before we left for Grand Rapids into the wee small hours and was testing some of the computer systems he had installed on the way out. Carol and Al said they just started cleaning up Ling-Ling and were surprised how good it looked (but I must add that we did not see the Concourse registrants all day before they showed their cars)! Michael can take credit for that shine on our car.....I was busy checking out the local walking mall with Jean Brilliant!!

EDITOR ERRORS

As I have frequently heard Myron Cope clean out his "shirt pocket notes", I found recently that I have some cleaning out of my own to do: The following article was given to me by Armin Abramson at the July meeting-I put it in the pocket of my folder and promptly forgot it! I apologize to Armin.

HILLBILLY HULLABALOO

Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20 was the staging of the Third Annual Hillbilly Hullabaloo in Fairmont, WV at the parking lot of Anthony's Chevrolet Dealership.

Some hearty souls braved the heat and went on Saturday. They enjoyed a picnic and theatre presentation.

Sunday brought heat and humidity but a fun time was had by the 2 dozen or so WPCC members.

The kids got to throw darts at Ralph Naders face, door prizes were awarded and several prizes went to WPCC members for their works of art.

The program was well planned and very well run. The weather was great and this time no one got too much sun.

The day ended with the crowd going to dinner at Sizzlin' Steak House and then a drive through the RAIN.

Armin Abramson

FALL PICNIC, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

WPCC has had a very busy summer, so let's all take some time out for an old fashioned picnic at North Park, Roosevelt Grove, September 27 from noon until the last Corvair disappears into the night. This will give us all some time to relax and talk over all the 1986 Corvair Happenings. For a little excitement, there will be Volley Ball, Horseshoe pitching and fan belt tossing Contest. It is a "BRING YOUR OWN BASKET" picnic, (There is electricity at the grove.)

We will bring a map of North Park to the September meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, call Bill Artzberger 364-6842 for directions to the grove.

Irene Artzberger

WANTED

Volunteers to help with the Holiday Party, Saturday, December 6. Help is needed for setting up, decoration, arranging food (catered) for buffet and of course, clean up. Drop a note or call Bob & Mary McCune 4185 Ivanhoe Drive, Apt 105 Monroeville 15146 856-9392. Party is at our house, remember.

Bob McCune

CORVAIR DAYS AT STRASBURG

CPCC's Ninth Annual Corvair Days at the Historic Strasburg Inn was attended by Bill and Irene Artzberger, John and Gayle Gundlach, Vaun and Charlotte Hamlin, Bob and Mary McCune, Gene and Connie Rising and friends, and John and Charlotte Sweet. (John flew home from San Francisco just to make this event and sell a few fleas.)

A good time was had by all with the high point of the social side of the meet being the Saturday night banquet. Here we stuffed ourselves with good old Pa. Dutch victuals and thoroughly enjoyed the running "feud" between Bill Artzberger and Dick Spring, our CORSA representative from Syracuse, NY. Dick gave some facts and figures about CORSA, including the possibility of a dues increase, and then proceeded to give some facts and figures about Bill from a roll of toilet paper which, as he read, unrolled across the banquet hall. Of course, Bill had some rejoinders for Dick when he got the floor for the main entertainment which was his slide show about the evolution of the automobile from the very early years to now. An excellent show with the usual accompanying Artzberger talk. But Dick Spring got in the finale by coming up around the projector and Bill's feet with a broom and shovel. All in all, a great show with two fine characters furnishing a lot of laughs with their antics and repartee.

The concours on Sunday was well attended, I don't know how many there were, but personally I have never seen so many beautiful and lovingly cared-for Corvairs, nor so many proud but disappointed owners. Cars that were truly magnificent didn't place because of the tightness of the class. We had some winners: Bill Artzberger, First-Place Altered; Vaun Hamlin, Third-Early Altered; Gene Rising, Third, Early Stock; Bill Artzberger, People's Choice.

For me, the best part of the whole show was the attention by so many people given to Mary as she walked, with her cane in one hand and me in the other, around the Strasburg Inn, and at the Saturday and Sunday session in the lower parking lot as she wheeled around in her wheelchair (did you know that a wheelchair fits nicely into a Corvair trunk?) She didn't miss a thing. We have missed a lot of events but this weekend sure helped to make up for some of what we missed in the past sixteen months. Thanks to all who helped to make it so.

Bob McCune

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David Redding

Crystalline blue skies made for a beautiful day at the Vintage Chevrolet Club's Annual Show at Century III Chevrolet (formerly Spear). John and Gayle Gundlach's show stopping Spyder received first place. Ellen and Dale Smith's 4 door and Lakewood took second and third respectively. In the highly competitive model division, Brian Smith received first place honors. Next weekend (9-21) is Super Chevy Sunday at Four Seasons Centre (Southland Shopping Center). See you there.

Editor's note: David Redding was awarded first in class for his 1960 Impala. Congratulations.

CMU

Carnegie Mellon University again asked that we participate in their homecoming festivities. Again they intend to force all the fun and enjoyment of the day on us as participants as well as their scrumptious buffet luncheon. This year we'll need about 10 Vair Convertibles and I'll be sending a letter to those who helped in past years. The driveway HAS BEEN graded to accommodate us. Please help out and advise me of your participation by October 1.

Dale Smith

CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS FOR SALE

- Instrument panel, glove box door & trim-65 Monza Automatic-Finish is very nice & clean \$10.00 264-4648
- 66 Monza Convertible interior, bright blue, Material is poor but everything is there. Make offer. 264-4648
- 1963 Corvaire Monza 2 door 29,800 miles Automatic, White, red interior \$3950 Marian Hughes 795-0990
- 1963 Spyder Turbo Disassembled-incomplete; 63 Transaxle Spyder; 67 transaxle 4 speed; 66Corsa engine 140-Rums, 66 Corsa dash 922-4455 after 6
- 1963 Corvaire Classic 56,553 miles New battery, Blue with Blue interior \$3000. Many extras Sam Gentile, Sr. 412-832-3783
- 1963 Monza Convertible, Automatic, Power top, Ermine white white top with red interior. Nice Southern car with excellent mechanical condition. Second registered letter forces immediate sale due to eviction from storage. No reasonable offer will be laughed at or ignored. David Redding 563-3121
- 2-700X13 decent summer treads, 1-new Snow tire. Dale broke down and bought me radials! Make offer Dale Smith 563-4047