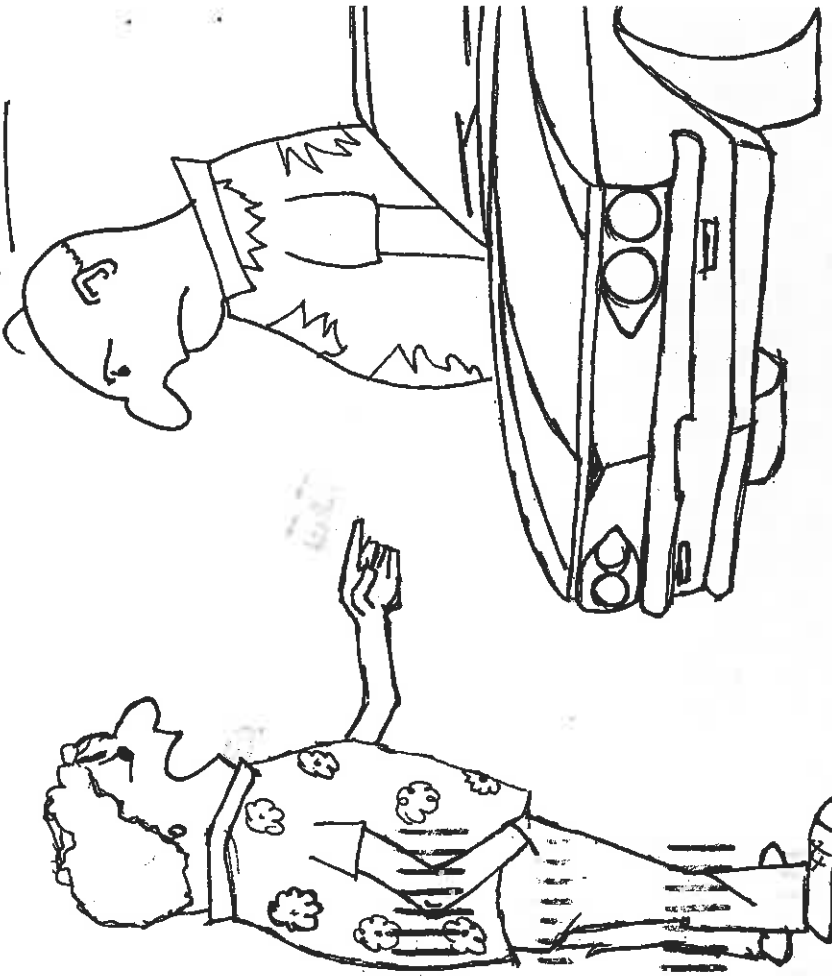


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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB AUGUST 1990

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

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**THE EASTERN 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 Vaire" 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. We encourage all WPCC members to maintain membership in 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 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 Shephard Lutheran Church, Montroeville, Pennsylvania.

DUES: LOCAL \$10 per calendar year or \$1 for each remaining month of the current year. Includes membership for immediate family members. Payable to WPCC.

J. DALE SMITH  
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MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 CORSA Member?  Yes  No. # Corvaire owned, yr., model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Other car clubs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF WPCC MEETING**  
**JULY 24, 1990**

1990 officers present: vice-president, and secretary.  
 board members present: Bob Donnelly, Vaun Hamlin, Bob Hiebre, Dale Smith, Wayne Jones, and Al Friend.

port was given by Walt Baldinger. As of July 24, 1990, we have a balance of \$1,034.93.

Glen Rhodes and his wife, Narida, have a lovely '65 Corvaire Coupe for sale. Glen and his wife visited us this meeting.

The treasurer's re-

**Old Business**

The Canonsburg Parade was attended by Bob Donnelly, John and Gayle Gundlach, and Ken Maglietta. WPCC members are disappointed with the Canonsburg Parade Organization. WPCC is the next to the last unit in the parade. This parade may be dropped from our calendar of events next year.

The Brentwood Parade was recapped. Bill and Irene Artzberger, Walt and Boots Baldinger attended. It was a good old-fashioned parade. Greg broke down in the Rampsides.

The Vintage Grand Prix was held July 21 and

22. The WPCC provided security. Bill Artzberger; Walt Baldinger and his son; Vaun Hamlin; Al and Carole Friend; Dale, Ellen, Jay, and Brian Smith; Dave Moore; Laurie Maglietta; and Dick and Marie Dandois braved the rain to help. The turnout was good despite the rain and a lot of interest was shown in the antique cars.

Don Baker gave us some background and high-lights of the racing on Sunday at the VGP.

Walt informed us that Bill Artzberger went to the hospital this evening with kidney stones.

### New Business

The planning of the Johnstown Cruise is in its final stages. A security guard has been hired to guard the cars.

Bob Boyd from Steel City Classics talked about the auto show on September 9. It is an all Chevy Show at the Hills Dep't Store parking lot at Century III Mall in West

Mifflin. Registration is 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be three classes of Corvairs.

Dick Breier has received bus confirmation for the Hershey trip.

The tech session was presented by Bob Hieber on how to convert an early Corvaair alternator to an internally regulated one.

### Prez Sez

First, I'd like to apologize to all of you for sending this newsletter so very late and so very messy. For the past two weeks I have been working my full time job plus interviewing with school district principals, assistant superintendents and superintendents for a teaching job for the 1990-1991 school year.

IT PAID OFF!! After three years of waiting for an opening, I finally got a second grade position with McGuffey Schools in Washington County. I received notice of my

hiring on Thursday, August 24. School starts on Monday, August 27. Can you see why I have been in such a scramble?

May I also mention the fact that I completely stripped my '65 coupe last weekend so that it could go to the body shop on schedule? My baby rode to Wexford cold and naked while I participated in the Spanish Inquisition. I have consumed two bottles of Pepto-Bismol and a bottle of Mylanta. I've had more coffee in the last week than Juan Valdez has had in his life... and I don't drink coffee.

Anyway, that's why your newsletter is so late.

I'd like to thank Bob Hieber for the fantastic tech session last month. The info will come in handy, I'm sure.

I'm not sure what happened last month concerning the meeting place and I'm not sure I want to know. However, we will be in the original Good Shepherd Lutheran Church meeting place this month or fur will fly. (Maybe we should bring lawn chairs?) Please try to be prompt. The meeting is supposed to begin at 8:00. If you want to socialize, come early or do it during refreshment time. I will try to conduct an expeditious meeting. (Especially since I will have only been in my classroom two days! I want to get home before

midnight!! I drive 45 miles one-way.)

Marie sent me a fantastic report on Macungie. Thank-you, Marie. I will save your article for next month's VSJ. (so I'll have something to print...) Thanks go also to Dale Smith and Bill Artzberger for this month's articles.

Refreshments are to be provided by Jean Brill and Jan Abramson at the August meeting. Thank-you ladies for volunteering!

Please don't forget about the September 9 car show at Century III. Our Corvairs are going to be in it...were you aware of that? I don't think that many of you have registered for this event. Dale Smith is anxiously awaiting your phone call--- that's all it takes.

Until we meet again,  
Laurie Maglietta

*It doesn't take much!*

*THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR YOUR ARTICLE!*

On September 9 we are looking forward to a great day with a lot of Corvairs on hand. The registrations are beginning to come in, and the cars being registered will truly give a representative flavor of the "Corvair Decade".

I am really hoping that we can con Don Ross into letting either Ray Horn, Bob Hieber or me bring the Kampside, since the show will not be complete without it!

At the meeting the question was brought up regarding pre-registration. There are a couple of important reasons. Although pre-registration is not mandatory, we would like to have it. The three Corvair classes (or more if necessary) are being determined from the pre-registered vehicles. We have gone to a lot of effort to have very special trophies, unlike any I have seen thus far in Corvair-ing. Each is going to be hand made for the class involved. Therefore, for your trophy to be the most meaningful, it would be great if we know in advance your car is coming. Additionally, after the show we are planning a very short back-road cruise followed by an inexpensive family dinner. This may have to be limited to pre-registered cars and, obviously, we don't want to exclude anyone.

I really feel this show is going to be a lot of fun and one that will be remembered pleasantly for years to come. Many years ago we had over two dozen Corvairs at North Hills. Since then, Pittsburgh has not seen a major showing of Corvairs. Let's make this the event that shows Pittsburgh Corvairs are alive, well, and fast becoming collectibles.

If you have any additional questions, concerns, or even if you just want to verbally say "We'll be there, make us a dinner reservation", feel free to give me a call any week end at home (563-4047).

Dale Smith

This is the press release that Al Friend prepared for the Johnstown event. We thought you might like to see what the whole world will see about the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club--THAT'S YOU!!

OLD CARS - CRUISING INTO JOHNSTOWN

Old collectable cars to grace the parking lot of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the morning hours of Sunday, August 26th. The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club has organized "The Great Johnstown Flood Old Car Cruise". Over 100 people are expected to arrive in 25 to 30 beautifully restored old cars in time to attend the 10 AM movie and a park ranger skit in 19th century costumes at the visitor's center. Park ranger Greg Zaborowski has worked closely with the Corvair Club to work out the details.

About noon the old car parade will hit downtown Johnstown, parking in the Zambias Building's lot thanks to Sam Zambias. While in town the vintage automobiles will be guarded by Bruce Rowe of Worken Bout Security.

Becky Kaleneze of the Flood Museum has arranged for guides to escort the group on a walking tour of downtown landmarks after their visit to the museum. An incline ride to the new Incline Station Restaurant and Pub for an early afternoon banquet will conclude the activities for the day.

Corvair Club organizers Al and Carole Friend and Bill and Irene Artzberger sincerely hope that many local old car buffs will drop by to view some of the finest antique and classic automobiles in all of the tri-state area.

NEXT MEETING  
AUGUST 28

### Corvairs in Video

A movie company from Hollywood recently ran an ad to find several automobiles from the mid-60's to play a part in a local-ly produced movie called "Unsolved Mysteries."

Kecksburg (near Greensburg, PA.) was the locatin of an unsolved UFO sighting in 1965.

Who showed up to play the part? You guessed it... Bill and Jean Brill with their '62 4-door, Don Ross arrived with his Rampside and Mike and Maureen Moran with their "Irish Green" '65 convertible.

The newspaper ad originally asked for a red convertible, but at the last minute the movie company changed their minds or the Artzbergers would have also been part of the cast!

While on the subject of Corvairs, the Clapper Brothers, long time WPCC members, picked up the club's CARE KIT (spare parts) and were on their way to California and the National Convention.

This may seem like an adventuresome thing to do, but we just received a

note from the Model A Ford Club stating that two of their members are on their return trip from San Diego. They have covered a little over 7500 miles to date and have not had any trouble at all! Not even a minor occurence!

Let's hope the Clappers will equal the Model A record.

This news note is being written in a motel room near Allentown, Pa. The Artzbergers made their annual trip there for the famous DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT (August Festival)...a mere 300 mile (one way) trip... Ho Hum!

Bill and Irene Artzberger

UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS INCLUDE: August: Clark's Corvair Parts slide show and special handouts; September: Clark's Corvair Parts interior program they offer...and how to do it right!; November: PM Magazine program which aired on the Corvair>.

### Thank-You

The Vintage Grand Prix Association and I want to express our thanks and appreciation to those members of the WPCC for their much needed assistance with the car show on July 21. Everyone must know that the autistic children who benefit from the V.G.P. would also thank them if they could.

The Corvair Club has gained a reputation for their part in the "Classic and Antique" and "Special Interest" shows.

Keep up the good work and plan to be there in 1991.

Bill Artzberger

I would like to thank all those members who came forth with those harmonic balancers that need to be rebuilt. I could use two more. Materials to repair them have been ordered.

Bill Artzberger

### Tech Tips

Every time you go to adjust your mirror, does it fall down like a limp dish rag? I found a quick fix that seems to work. Take out the screw that holds the mirror to the support. Put a thim 1/4 inch internal tooth lock-washer on the screw and let it slide to the screw's head. Put the screw back through the mirror support and mirror.

Marie Dandois

### Corvair Classified

FOR SALE: 1966 Monza cpe, 110/4 speed, very good body but needs painting, entire undercarriage is done, new springs, tank, brake lines, brakes, wheel bearings, new bushings, shocks and alignment. EMERGENCY...need money. Will sell for \$1200. Lou Rago 331-5608.

Have you tried GOO GONE? It's great for removing bumper stickers, labels, and pinstripe tape.

Marie Dandois

**FOR SALE:** 1967 Corvair Monza convertible, 110; auto. 27,500 miles. Maroon with black interior and black top. Body shows no repair patches but trunk floor and internal floor have been patched. New inspection. Asking \$2500. 681-3336 Pgh.

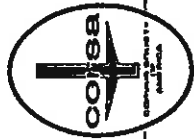
**PACKAGE DEAL!!** 1 '64 Corvair convertible, red, 110, auto, relatively nice, needs minor bodywork and paint. AND 1 '64 4 door, blue, auto, nicer. AND 1 Greenbrier filled to the gills with parts like late coupe and convertible doors, lots of engine sheet metal and 4 engines. The whole package, complete with titles is \$1,500. Contact Van Lundy at 717-998-2038.

**FOR SALE:** Red '63 coupe, absolutely excellent, 110, 4 speed, perfect for driving or parades, very little needed for show condition, rust-free Louisiana body and undersides. Call Josh if you are looking for the best 531-6178.

**FOR SALE:** 2 summer radial whitewalls, correct size for Vairs, 1500 miles on them, new condition. Call Dale Smith 563-4047.

**FOR SALE:** 1962 Spyder with 110 engine (not supercharged) back window out, good engine, 4 speed fair. ALSO 1969 coupe floor rotted, auto, engine and trans fair. AND approx. 6 engines in various states (some partial), approx 3 auto trannies, one four-speed, 10 bezels, steering gear, some chrome, gas heater (good). Dominick Battistone, Jr., 226 Crestvue Dr. Bridgeville Pa 15017, office: 412-279-0700 X246, home: 412-221-5909. Best reasonable offer.

**FOR SALE:** 1963 Monza coupe white, red interior. (This man sent a list as long as your arm of parts replaced on this car and the dates on which the services were performed; too much to mention here.) Comes with the car: 2 windshields, trim, rubber, pair UNPAINTED NOS FENDER SKIRTS, some shocks, taillight lenses, carbs, idler, fan, 4 disk wheels, plus much, much more. Asking \$3850 obo. Also willing to trade American Flyer Trains, etc. Edward Blend, 802 Eighth Ave, Irwin, PA, 15642. Phone 412-863-7624.



# Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile  
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## Membership Application

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

- Fee Schedule**
- 1 year membership . . . . . \$25
  - 26 month membership . . . . . 50
  - 1 year Canadian membership . . . . . 28
  - 26 month Canadian membership . . . . . 56
  - 1 year overseas membership . . . . . 38
  - 26 month overseas membership . . . . . 76
  - Museum Fund Donation . . . . . min. \$1
  - Racing Fund Donation . . . . . min \$1
- Museum Fund**  
 A museum fund is established to protect and preserve Corvair memorabilia.
- Racing Fund**  
 This fund provides cash prizes to winning Corvairs entered in national open class racing.
- \*Must be paid in U.S. funds.

Please make check or money order payable to CORSA, Inc. and mail to: CORSA, Inc., P.O. Box 550, Midlothian, IL 60445-0550. There may be a four to six week delay before you receive your first "CORSA Communique".

CORSA's Board of Directors welcomes you to the Corvair Society of America. To help us better understand your needs and desires, and to aid in charting the direction of future CORSA growth, we request that you take a few moments to answer the following questions.

1. How did you hear about CORSA? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your primary interest in Corvairs? (Transportation, restoration, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many Corvairs do you have? Running \_\_\_\_\_ Restorable \_\_\_\_\_ Parts cars \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you a long time owner? \_\_\_\_\_ First time owner? \_\_\_\_\_ Previous owner who has reacquired a Corvair? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Approximately how many Corvair-miles do you drive in a year? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you do your own mechanical work? \_\_\_\_\_ Body work? \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_
7. What other cars do you own or use for daily transportation? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What do you hope to gain from membership in CORSA? (Technical information, parts availability, competition information, social information, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a current list of the CORSA chapters (over 120 throughout the world). If you would like further information on the CORSA chapter nearest you, please check the box and write the number of the closest chapter. If you already belong to a CORSA chapter, please indicate the chapter number so that we can add it to our records.

I would like to be contacted by the closest CORSA chapter.  I belong to # \_\_\_\_\_ CORSA chapter.

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ CORSA ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation and, again, welcome to CORSA. Please feel free to contact us or any of your Directors if you have additional questions or suggestions.