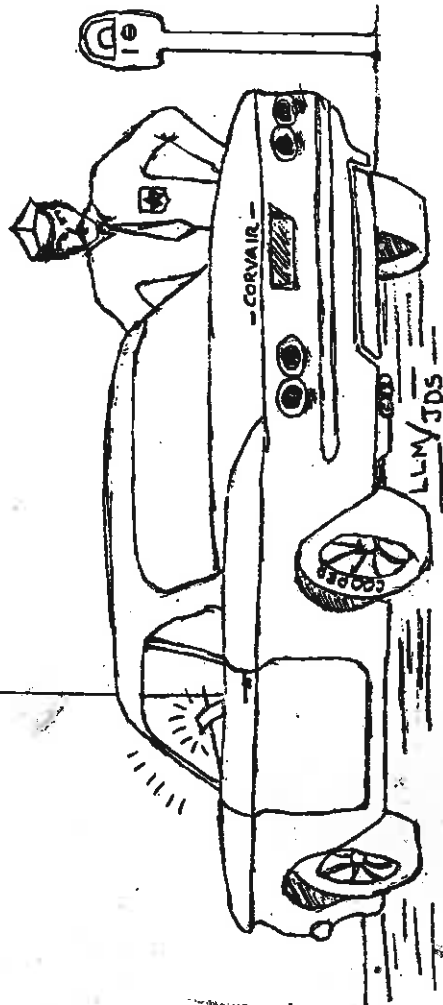


THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

"These kids with hot rods... will they ever learn to park the correct distance from the curb?"



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Western PA. Corvair Club
634 Arden Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

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

GOOD SHEPHERD
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PLUM EXIT

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JOHNSON'S

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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 Corvair is probably the most creative, and potentially the best engineered automobile to come out of Detroit in 17 years. 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 Corvair 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 Corvair 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. 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, Monroeville, 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
MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o
634 ARDEN LANE
PITTSBURGH, PA
15243

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
JUNE 26, 1990**

1990 officers present: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

1990 board members present: Al Friend, Bob Donnelly, Vaun Hamlin, Bob Hieber, and Dale Smith.

Last month's minutes were accepted as published

in the June Vair Street Journal. The treasurer's report was accepted as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,048.23.

Larry Pizer was a visitor for the meeting. He and his 1965 convertible may soon be members.

Old Business

Bob Hieber announced that the Crafton Parade is scheduled for June 30. We are to meet between 11:00 and 11:30. The parade begins at noon.

The Brentwood parade

is July 4 and starts at 10:00. We need to assemble at 9:15 at Brownsville Rd. and Sankey Avenue. The Canonsburg parade is also July 4. It starts at 10:00.

New Business

Bill Artzberger talked about the car show at Station Square also on June 30. There will be old bicycles to ride, a Stanley Steamer, and hit-and-miss engine on display.

Bill also reminded us about the VINTAGE GRAND

PRIX on July 21. We need to be there at 8:00 AM. The Corvaire will be on display at Flagstaff Hill. There will be a party at the skating rink at 8:00 for all of those donating their time to parking and security for the car show.

Don Baker talked about a rally on Sunday, July 14 at Craig Street in Oakland.

Idlewild Park day is July 18 with an antique car parade at 7:00 PM. You can get free rides all day if you come in an old car. Plan to take a picnic lunch. All participants will receive a plaque.

Dale Smith talked about the Steel City Classic show with which WPCC is involved. It is September 9 at West Mifflin. There is a five dollar entry fee. The W.V. and Ohio Corvair clubs have been invited. There will be a cruise and dinner afterward.

Al Friend talked about the Johnstown event on August 26. We will visit the dam site, take a half-mile hike, see a skit, tour the visitors

center, and see a movie. We will walk to the flood museum where we will see the oscar-winning movie about the flood. We will also be able to ride the incline. We will then eat a buffet-style meal at the restaurant at the top of the incline. Our tour guides will show us the mansions and cemetery. The meal is \$14.00 for advance reservations. WPCC will provide meals for the guides and is looking into security for our cars.

Instead of a tech session, Ellen Smith held a Mader Nickel Auction. It was fun. Lots of interesting comments were heard. WPCC made \$28.05 from this game. Bill A. had a raffle of Corvair parts in bags for \$2.00 per bag as a fund raiser. This event brought in \$38.00 for our club.

Members of WPCC extend their sympathy to Al Friend and his family on the passing of Al's mother.

Trillium Concours d'Elegance

Dick and I decided to go to the Trillium Concours at Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines, Ontario, for our anniversary this year.

We drove our '68 green convertible to Erie on July 6. Dick visited a friend who had retired from Keystone. From Erie we continued on to Hamburg, NY, where we spent the night at the Red Roof Inn.

Early Saturday morning we headed for St. Catharines. We arrived in time to follow the Corvairs to Port Dalhousie for the Concours.

There were a lot of lovely Corvairs from Canada, Virginia, Mid-Maryland, the Pottstown area and Lehigh Valley on the lakefront.

We took a double-decker bus tour of the Niagara Falls area in the afternoon.

Dinner and the awards banquet were held at the Parkway Complex at 8:00.

Sunday morning racing

was supposed to start at ten, however, the hotel manager wanted the course moved so we started for home at about eleven without seeing the race. "Elvira" from Syracuse arrived, so it should have been an interesting event.

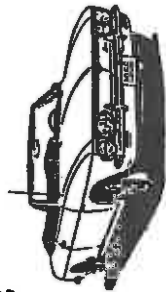
We stopped in Bradford, PA for about an hour to visit relatives and arrived back home about 8:00.

The trip was a lot of fun and we met some great people.

By the way, the water injecton system we put on "Goldie" really seems to work. She only pinged three or four times on the trip.

Next year the Ontario group plans to have a flea market. If you decide to include Ontario on the list of shows that you want to attend next summer, fill up with gasoline before you cross the border as it is over \$2.00 per gallon in Canada.

Marie C. Dandois





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P.O. Box 291
Hershey, PA 17033

Second Annual Wheels of Class
Car Show

We extend an invitation to WPCC members to attend the second annual car show of Wheels of Class in Indiana, Pa, on Sunday, August 19, 1990 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with judging starting at 12:00 noon. There will be food and beverages available on the premises. The location of the show is the YMCA on Rte. 422 West. Pre-registration is \$3.00 mailed by August 1. Day of show registration is \$5.00. If you are interested, send your name, address, car model, year, and whether your car is stock or modified with a check to "Wheels of Class", P.O. Box 1141,

Indiana, Pa. 15701. There will be dash plaques for the first 50 cars on the day of the show. New this year are oldies up to '53.

Wheels of Class were pleased last year to welcome some of WPCC members to their show and especially Gene and I enjoyed greeting our friends of WPCC. We would like to see more of you this year and extend an invitation to club members to have a bite to eat with us after the show. We live directly across the road from the YMCA.

A map to the show will be at the next club meeting.

Connie Rising

FOR SALE: 140 engine complete with 4 spd trans-axle \$100., also rust free late floor pan. Call Shawn at 561-7919.

FOR SALE: 1965 Monza 110/automatic, dark blue with light blue interior, 42,000 miles. A-1 shape, asking \$4000. Call Glenn Rhodes at 372-8460.

NEXT MEETING

JULY 24

Classified: Does Your Dampener Need Doctoring?

I'm happy that most of our club members feel confident that their vibration dampeners are in perfect condition. But after some twenty years, wouldn't it be reasonable that the rubber has deteriorated to a point where your dampener may be coming apart?

To check it, first fire up your engine and visually inspect it to see if it wobbles. If it even has the slightest wobble, it is bad. Turn your engine off and inspect it to see if the rubber seems to be bulging excessively. If it is, chances are that the dampener will soon fall apart. Next, with a flashlight, check to see that the two "chisel marks" on the inner and outer halves line up. If they are not exactly in line, you are in trouble and it will soon get worse.

So far, I have received only (4) dampeners from our club members. I need six more (at least) to make the project worthwhile. You'll get a rebuilt dampener that would cost over \$110 elsewhere for less than \$20. This is bargain month at WPCC!

Bill



Corvair Society of America

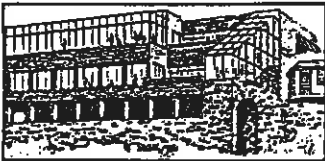
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THE GREAT JOHNSTOWN FLOOD OLD CAR CRUISE OF AUGUST 26, 1990

You and your old car are cordially invited to join the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club for an old car cruise and luncheon buffet to the Johnstown flood area on Sunday August 26, 1990.

HERE'S THE PLAN:

1. Arrive at the Bob Evans Restaurant in the Ames Plaza on Route 30 in Irwin, Pa. about 7 A.M. for breakfast and old car talk.
2. Depart at 8 A.M. sharp.
3. Cruise to the Johnstown Flood National Memorial near St. Michael.
4. Where we will: (free of charge)
 - A. Tour the dramatic displays in the visitor center.
 - B. Watch a breathtaking movie.
 - C. Enjoy a skit put on by park rangers in 19th century costumes.
 - D. Take a guided $\frac{1}{2}$ hour walk to the remnants of the collapsed dam.
5. Cruise into downtown Johnstown, parking in our own professionally guarded paved lot.
6. Where we will:
 - A. Tour the exhibits of the Johnstown Flood Museum. (group rates)
 - B. View their Oscar winning documentary film.
 - C. Have a guided tour of downtown landmarks, leading to the base of the world's steepest incline.
 - D. Ride the incline to the spectacular new Incline Station Restaurant & Pub for our luncheon buffet with a view! (\$14)
 - E. Our guides will answer questions during the luncheon and then conduct additional tours in the Westmont area.
 - F. Ride the incline back down to our cars.
 - G. Cruise home or visit additional points of interest in the area.



VERY IMPORTANT: THE FIRST FORTY PEOPLE TO SEND OUR TREASURER \$14 WILL BE GUARANTEED A SEAT AT THE BUFFET. If you eat at the Incline Station Restaurant the incline rides will be free.



Payable to: WPCC

Confirmations will be mailed out.

MAIL TODAY TO:

Irene Artzberger, WPCC Treasurer
305 Golf Drive
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229

Press releases will be sent to the Johnstown media.

THIS IS MEANT TO BE AN OLD CAR EVENT, SO GET ER IN SHAPE!

QUESTIONS? Call Al or Carole Friend (412)325-2588
or Bill or Irene Artzberger (412)364-6842



Brentwood July 4 Parade

While one half of our Club was parading in Canonsburg, the other half was parading in Brentwood. I can only speak for our half in the Brentwood parade but I'm sure we all got recognition and the spectators enjoyed seeing our Corvairs, in both locations.

We could not have asked for a more favorable day, weather-wise. We had a very good variety of cars. Hamlins had their Lakewood, the Morans had their beautiful Irish Green convertible, the Baldingers drove their white four-door (with a sign on it that read "25 years old, only 10 more payments!!!) The Artzbergers had their Porsche red convertible, and Ray Horn was driving Don Ross' green and white Rampside. Little Mary and Melissa led the group carrying a large banner that said, "CORVAIR SOCIETY."

The parade was over three miles long and lasted over two hours. All the Corvairs poked along in the 90 degree temperature and never missed a beat. Great little cars and GREAT OWNERS AND DRIVERS. ... THANKS TO ALL.

Bill



In the News

WPCC members Gene and Connie Rising of Indiana are home from an Antique Automobile Club of America divisional meeting in Hagerstown, MD, where they garnered firstplace honors with a 1963 Spyder convertible and a 1965 Monza coupe.

M. C. Dandois

1990 Crofton Days Parade

Saturday morning, June 30th had picture-perfect weather, as promised. No...make that guaranteed.

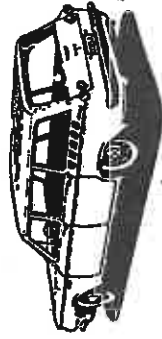
We had nine Corvairs turn out to participate, not as many as hoped for, but still a good showing, considering how easy it would have been to stay home and mow grass, play golf, or putter in the garden.

Six 'Vairs were used to transport VIP's in style. Myself driving Smiths' green Lakewood, Dale and Ellen Smith driving their blue Lakewood, Jay and Bryan Smith in Jay's early Monza sedan, Ken Maglietta driving Laurie's white custom late convertible, Bill and Jean Brill in their bright red early convertible and Dick and Marie Dandois in their sharp 140 late convertible.

The three remaining Corvairs, Vaun Hamlin's red Lakewood, Gene Rapp's red late coupe accompanied by Ray Horn, and Leo Mizinski and family driving his custom late four-door

filled out the parade. As an aside, when has WPCC ever had three Lakewoods in a parade? I think that's something special. Thanks to everyone who supported this parade and let's put it on the calendar for next year.

Bob Hieber



Trivia

Joan Baez, folk singer of the '60's, and her boyfriend, Michael, packed their belongings in a new Corvair and drove from New England to California in December of 1960 just as Joan's new record "Joan Baez" soared to number three on the top 100 best-selling albums in the country.

M. C. Dandois

Prez Sez

You know, I've just reached the "breaker" point.

Hey...am I the only member who takes razzing from her family members about the Corvair? I'm almost ready to sell my 'Vairs. I'm staggering under the weight of the jokes heaped upon me by my friends and family.

The worst wisecracks come from my mother. She HATES Corvairs.

Mom says that when the Corvair was introduced, she thought it was the ugliest car ever built. "It looks like a bathtub," she said. Today she insists the acronym C.A.R.T. (for Championship Auto Racing Teams) stands for "Corvairs Are Rat Traps!"

One day I took her for a ride in Bob Donnelly's early convertible, one of the nicest cars I have ever driven. While she sat in the passenger seat she informed me that it had just occurred to her why she hated to ride in a Corvair; the sound of the engine behind her

made her feel like someone was tailgating.

One of my brothers is a Corvair hater, too. When my first Corvair was registered, the license number began with the prefix SBP. I said it stood for "slow but pretty." Marc said it stood for "solid body putty."

Today at school my kids wanted to know where my grill was. After class I showed them the engine and explained about air-cooling. One student said, "IS THAT ALL THE BIGGER THE ENGINE IS?!" Another student asked, "Why the !?# is the spare tire in the engine compartment?" Defeated, I replied, "Why not!" and I sulked all the way home.

At dinner tonight, mom asked my brothers and I if we would pay to have her gravel driveway paved. Someone mumbled under his breath, "If there were a few more Corvairs parked in the driveway, it would pave itself." I glared.

That started a chain-reaction of sarcasm from

my ever-loving family.

Just then, the new Coors beer commercial came on T.V. In it, an early Corvair convertible sits amongst huge piles of snow at a ski lodge. I said, "Look! Look! The only car at that lodge is a Corvair because it was the only car able to make it through the bad roads." To that, someone responded, "No, it was the only one because other cars couldn't get there, for all of the oil on the road!"

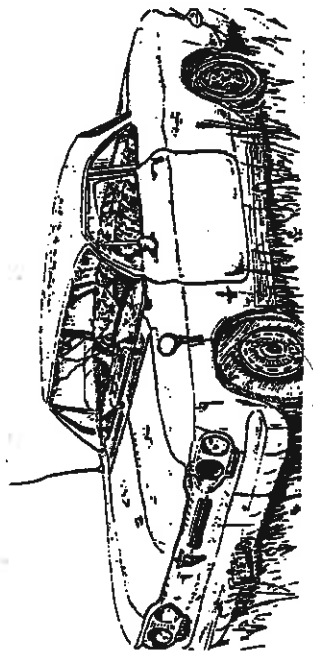
Mom said, "What's the big deal about Corvairs being so great...the motor is in the wrong end anyway, and water isn't expensive; why did they eliminate the radiator?" Robb, the brother with a slight affection for lates, tried to "bail" me out. "It's for weight reduction and the elimination of the cost of the

radiator." To that, Marc replied, "Actually, GM accidentally built the car backwards on the assembly line and then couldn't afford to put in 16 miles of radiator hose. You know...they should have put a steering wheel in both ends like a trolley and they would have had no need for reverse!"

Back to the commercial mom said, "They turned the Corvair upside down on the slopes and used them for sleds." Marc chimed in with, "No, fill it with water and use it for a hot tub; the "blower" will act as the aerator!" (There's that bathtub reference again.) "You should put HOT TUB on your license plate!" "No, you better not. Someone might think it refers to the driver."

HORRORS!

Laurie Maglietta



HOW MANY OF THESE SLOGANS CAN YOU REMEMBER?

1. The Heartbeat of America, that's today's _____
2. Have you driven a _____ lately?
3. This is not your father's _____
4. The Great American Road belongs to _____
5. Get on your _____ and ride.
6. The only way to travel is _____ style.
7. The new spirit of _____
8. _____ Who could ask for anything more?
9. Nothing moves you like a _____
10. _____ It just feels right.
11. _____ Suddenly. The obvious choice.
12. _____ Cars that make sense.
13. _____ The ultimate driving machine.
14. _____ What a luxury car should be.
15. _____ Engineered like no other car in the world.
16. _____ There is no luxury without engineering.
17. There's only one _____
18. _____ Built for the Human Race.
19. _____ The first car builders of Japan.
20. _____ We built our reputation by building a
better car.
21. _____ The most intelligent cars ever built.
22. _____ A car you can believe in.
23. _____ Precision-crafted performance.
24. _____ The relentless pursuit of perfection.
25. _____ A blending of art and machine.



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 _____

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year membership	\$25	Museum Fund	A museum fund is established to protect and preserve Corvair memorabilia.
<input type="checkbox"/> 26 month membership50		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year Canadian membership28		
<input type="checkbox"/> 26 month Canadian membership38	Racing Fund	This fund provides cash prizes to winning Corvairs entered in national open class racing.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year overseas membership78		
<input type="checkbox"/> Museum Fund Donation	min. \$1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Racing Fund Donation	min \$1		*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 curriculum 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.