

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

MAY 1990

You are cordially invited to join the Western Pennsylvania Corvaair Club for an afternoon of friendly picnicing and racing at the Keystone Raceway in New Alexandria, PA. We will race against each other as a club, and will each get 3 or 4 time trial runs. Then the track will donate several trophies for our very own eliminator competition. Sound like fun? It sure beats a boring family picnic! The real dragsters and cycles will be racing, too, but not against us novices! Bring your cameras. Your car must have seatbelts and reasonably good tires. Before heading for the track, we'll conduct a simple briefing to answer all of your questions. We sincerely hope that you are interested. Your car would be an interesting addition to the field. The more varied the match-ups the more fun we'll have. Here are the vivid details:

DATE: Sunday May 27, 1990 (Memorial Day Sunday)

TIME: 11:00 A.M. (You can even sleep in)

MEETING PLACE: The mini mall lot near the Corner Restaurant, across Rt. 22 from Grabiak Chevrolet, just west of New Alexandria. Where routes 22 and 981 intersect.

PRICE: \$8.00 per carload of people

HELMETS: not unless your car does the quarter mile in 13 seconds or less

RACING FUEL: Turbo Blue sold at a nearby Amoco station

SNACK BAR: You bet, or bring your own goodies (no alcoholic beverages, please)

RAIN DATE: If it's raining, call (412)668-7600 for the track's recorded message. If racing is cancelled on May 27 the entire event is automatically rescheduled for the next Sunday, June 3.

BRING THE SPOUSE AND KIDS; THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL AL OR CAROLE FRIEND AT 325-2588.



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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

OLD WM. PENN HWY.

SCHOOL

RT. 48

PGH.

PARKWAY BY-PASS

MONROEVILLE
EXIT

BUICK

MURRYSVILLE

PLUM EXIT

PGH.

BUS. RT. 22

MURRYSVILLE

HOWARD
JOHNSON'S

TURNPIKE
EXIT



FRIEND AL&CAROLE
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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. 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 Communicatives."

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
634 ARDEN LANE
PITTSBURGH, PA
15243

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

APRIL 24, 1990

1990 officers present: president, secretary, and treasurer. 1990 board members present: Al Friend, Dave Fabyonic, Bob Hieber, and Ken Maglietta.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read. As of this meeting we have 59 paid members. The secretary's report was accepted as printed.

Old Business

Bill Brill reported that the Meyersdale event was poorly attended; the weather was cold and miserable. There were only three Corvaire. The adopt-a-highway

program was discussed and about 12 members show interest in helping.

The tour date for the Wendell August Forge will be set by Wayne and Judy Jones.

New Business

Dave Moore gave the details on the Loyalty Day Parade.

Several people attended the car show at South Park.

The Vintage Grand Prix on Saturday, July 21 is coming and Bill Artzberger reminded us that he needs volunteers.

Al Friend reported on the drags and distributed a letter of invitation.

Al also summarized the Johnstown event which is to be held August 26. We will meet at Ames in Irwin and travel on Rt 30. From there we will go to the Dam site. The tour of the museum takes about one hour. We can ride the Incline as a group and go to dinner thereafter.

Bill Artzberger spoke about the Turnpike's 50th celebration.

May 20 Rod Run
Scott Twp. Park

The 18th annual "Cops and Rodders" Rod Run sponsored by Vintage Tin of W. PA and by Scott Twp. Police, will be held on Sunday, May 20 in Scott Twp Park. Registration runs from 9:00 A.M. to noon with free coffee and doughnuts being served. Bring your own food; soft drinks are available. Admission is free and any donations will benefit the W. PA School for the Blind. There will be an area for Corvairs in the show!

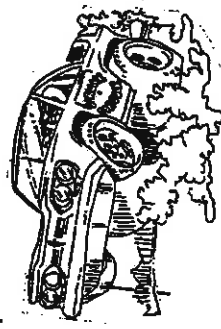
Directions to the Rod Run will be posted from the Rt 79 north and south Kirwan Heights exits.

NEXT MEETING

MAY 22

Upcoming Tech Session

For May's after-meeting tech session, Bob Hieber is presenting a visual production entitled, "Drama of Drag Racing."



Here are some tips for preparing your car for the drags!

Place 45 lb of pressure in your front tires and 36 lb in the rear. Put the tire with the least tread on the right rear. Change the oil, but put some miles on it before race day. Be sure the car is tuned. Set your dwell angle toward the high side of 30 to 34 degrees. Fill your tank with the highest octane gasoline you can find. Set ignition timing as high as possible without causing ping. Charge battery fully. Install a new air filter just before the race. Lighten the car as much as possible...remove mats, spare tire, jack, rear seat, etc. Soak a fan belt in silicone spray and install it loosely so it will slip at high speed. Back off the brake shoes so there is less drag. Use your smallest wheels and tires. Wash, wax, and powder your beast! Good luck!

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, WPCC supporters of the 1990 Pittsburgh Loyalty Day Parade! Ten families represented the club on a beautiful, beautiful, warm Saturday morning.

These people participated in the parade: Don and Becky Ross in their new Rampside displaying the WPCC club logo, Al Friend in a late 'vert, Jean and Bill Brill in their red early 'vert, Mike and Marlene Moran in their green 'vert, Dick and Marie in their late 'vert, Bob Donnelly in his white early 'vert, Gene Rapp in a red late coupe, Ray Horn in a FORD THUNDERBIRD convertible, and Bill and Irene Artzberger in their Model A, and my late 'vert.

We couldn't have wanted nicer weather and the parade turnout in downtown was super. My hat's off to all who attended...excellent, dudes! BY THE WAY, Allegheny County Council, VFW gave us an EXTRA TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS for participating in the parade! How's that for gratitude?! Thanks to Dave Moore for all his help, too, and Dave says if the parade is

on next year, he can arrange for an after-parade meeting place. In other business, this weekend, Sunday, May 20 is the 18th annual Rod Run sponsored by Vintage Tin of W. PA and the Scott Twp. police. This is a great chance to see pre-1949 cars and trucks at their finest. There will be a place for the Corvairs, too, so why not come on out. The admission is free but all donations will benefit the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind. See the notice elsewhere in the Journal.

YES, YES, YES! The drag races will be here before you know it. On Sunday, May 27, WPCC will be putting its driving dexterity to the test. I guess last year's matchup between Al Friend's and Vaun's cars was an exciting one. I'll bet this year's meet promises to be even more exciting! Steel City Classics has put our drag event on their calendar. We want a good show-stone. See the article elsewhere in the Journal for a few racing preparation tips. Laurie Maglietta

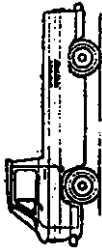
Wild Wonderful Corvair Club

Wild Wonderful Corvair Club has invited us to their 7th annual Hill-billy Hullabaloo Car Show to be held on Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 in Fairmont, WV at the Days Inn Motel off of 179.

Saturday's events include registration, rally/poker run, and picnic at Morris Park. Sunday's events include registration, games, car concours and awards presentation.

Pre-registration is by June 1, and costs \$8.00 per car. If you wish to spend a night or two at the motel, call Fairmont Days Inn at (304)367-1370 to make your own reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with the car show to receive a special rate.

There will be more information given at the May WPCC monthly meeting so if you would like to attend, we would suggest that you attend the meeting. There will be a schedule of events and registration forms available.



Five Years Ago In The Journal

Five years ago in the Journal our own John Sweet was running for the Corsa Board of Directors. Bill Artzberger was to present his slide show on Corvair restoration at the May 1985 meeting. Bill and Irene's four-door late model took second place trophies at Helen, Georgia, and Waynesboro, Virginia. Twelve members attended the April event to Three Rivers Stadium and the Nationality Rooms at Pitt. As Ellen Smith put it, "The unique part of this WPCC event... it didn't rain!"

The May '85 Journal also told us bad news--that first Lady Mary McCune had fallen in their motel room on the way to Helen, GA and broken her leg. We all sent get well cards. Dave Moore and Bob and Donna Hieber were new members five years ago.

Al Friend

Corvair Classified

FOR SALE: '69 Monza coupe, 65,000 mi., 140 4 spd, older restoration, clean interior, runs well, \$1,200 OBO, must sell. John Sweet 368-3922.
SPRING IS HERE! Time to get the Corvair ready for summer. Good supply of new and used parts. John Sweet 368-3922.

FOR SALE: '63 coupe, looks solid, can be seen along Campbells Run Road. Nick Kohman 264-1606. Asking \$1,500. Also has 2 parts cars.

FOR SALE: '66 Monza coupe, 34,000 mi, classic plates. This car sat in Batey Chevy showroom for 11 years. \$4,190. Call after 6 PM. 279-7201

FOR SALE: '68 Monza vert, stored for 12 years. \$39,000 orig mi., runs well. 140 4 speed, immaculate interior, \$4,000. Lower Burrell 335-0135.

FOR SALE: '65 vert, white/white/blue, \$4695. Billco Mazda rte 19 Wexford 935-4666.

FOR SALE: '65 Corvair 95 coupe, auto, 40K, good for parts or could be fixed for daily driver. \$200 OBO. 241-1529 ask for Kenny after 5 PM.

coupe, Camaro wheels, air scoop, needs cable, have spare bucket seats, interior nice, extra parts, needs little body work. \$1,000. Don Ross 242-9947.

WANTED: 1966 4 speed transmission (no transaxle necessary) in excellent condition. Call Bob Hieber at 457-9712.

Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama in Butler is on June 15, 16, 17. For more info call 366-7154 or 322-5757.

Crafton-Ingram Parade

The date for the Crafton-Ingram Parade this year is Saturday, June 30. Please make this change on your refrigerator calendar. We are to meet at the usual place between 11 A.M. and 11:30. The parade begins at noon. More details will follow.

Refreshments for the May meeting are being provided by Irene Artzberger and Boots Baldinger. We still need volunteers for the months of June, July, and October.